

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Twentieth
Annual Session

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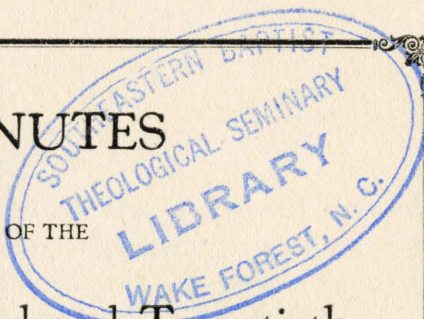
Elk River Association of
Primitive Baptists

HELD AT THE

Grace Chapel Church
Huntsville, Alabama

September 9, 10, 11, 1927

PYLANT PTG. CO., FAYETTEVILLE



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Of the One Hundredth and Twentieth Annual Session of the Elk River Association of Primitive Baptists held with the Church at Grace Chapel, Huntsville, Ala. Sept. 9th, 10th, 11th, 1927.

1. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. G. Byrom.
2. The Association was called to order by the Clerk.
3. The Association was organized by electing Elder J. E. Stewart, Moderator and C. L. Stone, Clerk.
4. The names of the churches were called and the messengers names enrolled. (See table)
5. By motion and second Brethren of our faith and order were invited to seats with us.
6. Appointed committees as follows:
 - (a) ON PREACHING: Bros. Jim Bramblett, W. S. Flemmings, and Walter Quick.
 - (b) TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES: Bros. Tom Galloway, W. B. Chilton and J. B. Stewart.
 - (c) TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION:
Bros. W. S. Flemming, Jim Bramblett, Tom Galloway, W. B. Chilton and J. B. Stewart.
7. On motion it was voted to have 400 of these minutes printed and mailed to the different churches of the Association.
8. It was voted that the next meeting of this body be held with the church at Mt. Moriah, Lincoln County, Tenn., the nearest railroad station being 10 miles away, beginning Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in Sept. 1928.

ELDER J. E. STEWART, Moderator.
C. L. STONE, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M. Elder C. G. Byrom and J. T. McArthur
 Friday P. M. Elder Lytle Burns
 Saturday A. M. ... Elders M. E. Petty and J. T. McArthur
 Saturday P. M. Elder T. W. Mitchell
 Sunday A. M. Elders Lytle Burns and T. W. Mitchell

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder M. E. Petty, Thomasville, Ga.
 Elder J. T. McArthur, Cordele, Ga.
 Elder Lytle Burns, Florence, Ala.
 Elder T. W. Mitchell, Fayetteville, Tenn.

NOTE: We heard a good sermon from each of our preachers and their preaching was enjoyed and appreciated very much.

Motion made and seconded that the thanks of this body be tendended to the citizens of this community for their hospitality.

Motion to adjourn to meet at the above named place.

Prayer by Elder J. G. Woodfin.

ELDER J. E. STEWART, Moderator
 C. L. STONE, Clerk

CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elk River [Betsie Willis School House] ... J. R. Bramler, Hillsboro, Tenn.
 Arbor G. C. Smith, Mulberry, Tenn., Rt. 2
 Flat Creek E. L. Philpot, Shelbyville, Tenn.
 New Hope J. A. Chilton, Wartrace, Tenn.
 Mt. Pisgah Not Represented
 Union J. G. Woodfin, South Pittsburg, Tenn.
 Buckeye Charlie Johnson, Fayetteville, Tenn.
 Concord C. L. Stone, Fayetteville, Tenn.
 Mt. Moriah J. D. Cunningham, Mulberry, Tenn.
 Mt. Olivet Joe Green, Petersburg, Tenn.
 Shilo Buck Simmons, Kelso, Tenn.
 Corder Cross Roads Buck Benson, Kelso, Tenn.
 Grace Chapel Rebecca Stewart, Huntsville, Ala.
 Pleasant Grove Howard Fanning, Fayetteville, Tenn.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Elder W. D. Bostick Huntsville, Ala.
 Elder W. L. Taylor Winchester, Tenn.
 Elder J. G. Woodfin South Pittsburg, Tenn.
 Elder C. G. Bryom Estell Springs, Tenn.
 Elder J. E. Stewart Huntsville, Ala.
 Elder A. N. Towery Huntsville, Ala.
 W. R. Chilton, Licentiate

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there is a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and there are not three Gods, but only one.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only true rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam and by his transgressions all his posterity fell and were made sinners. We believe in the corruption of human nature and in the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.
4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of our gracious state.
5. We believe that the saints will persevere in grace and that none of them will be finally lost.
6. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general and universal judgment and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
7. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have given themselves to the Lord, and have obtained fellowship with each other and have agreed to keep up Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.
8. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government is with the body.
9. We believe the water baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel, and to be continued until His second coming.
10. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects for baptism and immersion is the only gospel mode.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized persons have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God and that no work or worldly business should be transacted thereon—works of piety and mercy necessarily excepted.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1927

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Confs'n	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Money for Minutes
Arbor	J. W. Owens, T. H. Galloway, W. D. Bostic, G. M. Smith	4	--	--	--	--	2	86	1 Sun.	2.25
Buckeye	S. W. Flemming, Sam Ashby, Iliff Warden, James Jennings	2	--	--	--	3	2	94	1 Sun.	2.00
Concord	J. W. Cunningham, Sister Mattie Cunningham, B. C. Parrain	2	--	--	--	--	--	77	3 Sun.	2.00
Corders X Roads	Not Represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Elk River	J. R. Bramlett	2	--	1	--	--	--	30	--	2.00
Fiat Creek	Frank Womack & wife (Fannie), Sister Ada Sholner, C. F. Shofner, E. L. Philpot	2	--	--	--	--	2	66	4 Sun.	2.00
Mt. Moriah	J. D. Cunningham, J. H. Tolley, C. D. Parrain, C. T. Cates, E. C. Shofner	2	--	--	--	--	2	58	3 Sun.	2.00
Mt. Olivet	A. S. Leadford, J. F. Tate, Will Ervin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
Mt. Pisgah	Not Represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
New Hope	W. B. Chilton	2	--	2	--	--	1	20	--	1.00
Shiloh	J. M. Walker, W. J. Simmons	2	--	--	--	--	--	20	--	--
Union	Not Represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Grace Chapel	T. B. Towery, W. H. Seagroves, J. B. Stewart	1	1	--	--	--	--	28	--	1.50
Pleasant Grove	A. N. Towery, J. W. Quick, G. M. Bain, Howard Fanning	4	1	3	1	3	9	32	1 Sun.	2.00
	Total	17	1	3	1	3	9	511	--	16.75

