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FAITH AND ORDER

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Through the kind mercies of God the New Hope Association of Primitive Baptists met with St. Union Church, three miles north of Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi, on the Frisco R. R. at Bigbee switch.

Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1929.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. W. Shackelford, from the 10th chapter of John and 30th verse.

Intermission of one hour was given after which the messengers met at the house with singing and prayer by Elder S. E. Reed.

The former moderator and clerk, being present, proceeded to organize.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Called for letters from different churches and appointed two brothers to read same, to-wit: Elder G. N. Gober and J. M. Bullard.

2. Letters read and enrolled names of messengers. (See Statistical Table.)

3. Messengers from Sister Associations invited to seats with us.

4. Appointed ministers to fill the stand this afternoon, to-wit: Elders W. V. McDonald and J. A. Burcham.

5. By move and second, and a unanimous vote, the former moderator and clerk were selected to serve this session.

6. Opened the door of the Association for the reception of churches. (No applicant).

7. Called for correspondence from Sister Associations.

(a) Regular Baptists not represented.

(b) Predestinarian—Represented by Elders S. E. Reed and J. A. Burcham.

(c) Little Vine—Represented by Brethren S. T. Britnal, S. E. Mixon, and Elder G. W. Conwell, with minutes.

(d) Little Black—Represented by D. F. Wilson, with minutes and letter.

(e) Tombigbee—Represented by minutes. And adopted all the brethren from that association as delegates.

8. Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by the moderator.

9. Appointed committee on arrangements to-wit: R. A. Pace, Frank Burcham, C. T. Elliott, Will Sartin, J. F. Clouch, J. M. Bullard, J. W. Rine, R. M. Culp, Audie Whitley, R. F. Tubbs.

10. Appointed a committee of three on preaching, to-wit: W. E. Nash, M. O. Hardwick and R. D. Palmer. They met and appointed to preach Elders M. Hardwick and S. E. Reed in the A. M. and J. C. Huddleston and W. T. Stegall in the P. M. on Saturday and Elders W. T. Smith, W. V. McDonald on Sunday with the moderator to close.

11. Appointed a committee on finance, to-wit; J. M. Bullard and T. W. Rinehart.

12. Recessed until Saturday A. M. The committee on arrangements to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. Association to meet at 9:30 o'clock A. M., preaching to begin at 10 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY

1. The Association met pursuant to former arrangements, called roll, quorum present.

2. Called for report of committee on arrangements. We, your committee, decide that we take our former minutes with the proper corrections as our guide.

3. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that we accept the report of the committee and discharge same.

4. Moved and seconded that the clerk be appointed treasurer, and that he have 600 copies of these minutes printed and reserve 100 copies for corresponding purposes, which was carried by unanimous vote.

5. Moved and seconded that we allow the Clerk the balance of funds left after paying for printing of minutes and distributing same, which carried by unanimous vote.

6. Agreed to hold the next Association with New Providence Church, one and one-half miles south of Dennis, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on the I. C. R. R., commencing on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1930. Elder J. W. Hardwick to

preach the introductory sermon and Elder E. B. Gober, alternate.

7. Called for report of finance committee, which reported received from all the churches \$33.50. Extra contribution, \$3.05.

8. Messengers called for to go to our Sister Associations:

(a) Regular Baptists—Elder E. W. Shackelford, S. A. Owens, Elder Coy Wallace.

(B) Predestinarian—Brethren W. E. Nash and T. W. Rinehart.

(c) Little Vine—Elder E. B. Gober and Brethren E. W. Riddle and R. A. Pace.

(d) Little Black—Elder E. W. Shackelford and J. M. Bullard.

(e) Tombigbee—Elders J. W. Hardwick, E. B. Gober and Brethren R. M. Culp, S. A. Owens.

9. Agreed to hold the next Union Meeting in the first district, with Little Flock Church, one and one-half miles east of Leady, Mississippi, Tishomingo County, commencing on Friday, before the third Sunday in August, 1930. Elder G. N. Gober to preach the introductory sermon.

In the second district, with the New Hope Church, eleven miles east of Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1930. Elder E. W. Shackelford to preach the introductory sermon.

PROMISCUOUS BUSINESS

1. By move and second, and a unanimous vote, that we have our corresponding letter to our Sister Association printed in our minutes, the clerk to write the letter.

2. Moved and seconded, that we have the Obituary of our beloved Brother, J. W. Carter, printed in our minutes, with Elder J. W. Hardwick to write the Obituary.

The minutes were read and adopted and ordered signed by the moderator and clerk and adjourned to meet at the place appointed for the next session of this body.

Adjourned in order. Singing and prayer by Elder G. M. Gober.

ELDER JAS. E. SHACKELFORD, Moderator,
Paden, Mississippi.

JAS. W. BARNETT, Clerk.

R. F. D. No. 2, Paden, Mississippi.

OUR CORRESPONDING LETTER

The New Hope Association, while in session with the St. Union Church, Monroe County, Mississippi.

To our Sister Association, with whom we are in correspondence:

We would thank the God of all mercies, that He has blessed us again to meet in love and that our churches report peace and union.

Our hearts have been made to rejoice in spirit and our souls have been comforted by the Gospel which has been preached by the true servants of God.

We, being desirous to continue our friendly correspondence with you, we hereby notify you that our next Association will be held with the new Providence Church, one and one-half miles south of Dennis, Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

Commencing on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1930, at which time and place, we wish to meet your messengers, with the letters of correspondence. May God's richest blessings rest on each of you until we meet again next year at the place mentioned above, so fare thee well in the Lord.

CLERK.

ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder Jas. E. Shackelford, Paden, Miss.
Elder E. W. Shackelford, Booneville, Miss., R. F. D. 7.
Elder Jas. A. Miller, Booneville, Miss., R. F. D. 6.
Elder John T. Robinson, Iuka, Miss.
Elder Jas. W. Hardwick, Burnsville, Miss., R. F. D. 2.
Elder N. Hardwick, Burnsville, Miss., R. F. D. 2.
Elder G. M. Gober, Iuka, Miss.
Elder R. W. Owens, Tishomingo, Miss. R. F. D. 1.
Elder J. R. Thomas, Booneville, Miss., R. F. D. 6.
Elder E. S. Rinehart, Rienzi, Miss.
Elder E. B. Gober, Fulton, Miss.
Elder Coy Wallace, Baldwyn, Miss.
Elder B. A. Carter, Amory, Miss.
Elder David Holder, Holcut, Miss.

LICENTIATES

E. E. Huddleston, E. W. Riddle, J. M. Bullard, S. A. Owens, Audie Whitley, Finus Bellamy and C. C. McCreary.

ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elder M. Hardwick, Meridian, Texas.
Elder J. C. Huddleston, Caledonia, Miss.
Elder W. V. McDonald, Coffeerville, Miss., R. F. D. 3.
Elder D. F. Hawkins, Ratliff, Miss., R. F. D. 1.
Elder J. A. Burcham, Bath Springs, Tenn.
Elder S. E. Reed, Henderson, Tenn.
Elder W. L. Smith, Oxford, Miss.
Elder G. W. Conwell, Rava Avis, Ala.
Elder J. A. Owens, Fulton, Miss.
Elder W. T. Stegall, Pontotoc, Miss.

OBITUARY

In loving memory of our dear Brother, J. W. Carter, who was born January 17th, 1858, and died May 18th, 1929, making his stay on earth 71 years, 4 months and one day.

He was married to Virginia Bell Cox, on March 15, 1881. To this union was born six children. Three died in infancy. He leaves an aged companion, two sons and one daughter, one sister and seven grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Brother Carter joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Sardis, near Rienzi, Mississippi, Saturday, before the first Sunday in June 1901, and in May, 1904, moved his membership to Little Flock Church, where he lived a faithful member until death claimed him. He served the church as Clerk, from 1904 till 1914.

On Saturday before the third Sunday in July, 1912, he was ordained a deacon, and lived faithful till death.

We feel like we lost a man of God, but God knows best for us. He is gone but not forgotten.

May God bless the family till we meet him again.

Written and printed by order of the Association.

Written by a brother who loved him.

JAS. W. HARDWICK.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to membership.

Article 2. The letters from the different churches

are to express members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated or dead, since last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the New Hope Primitive Baptist Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the Union; but merely be considered as an advisory council in respect to their internal rights and concerns of all such churches, but the Association shall have the power to exclude any church from the Union who shall violate or deviate from the rules of the Orthodox principles of the gospel.

Article 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to not exceeding three delegates and should any church neglect or refuse to represent herself, she shall state her reasons in her letter to the next Association.

Article 5. New churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and if, upon examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received into the Association, and a reception thereof manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by the regular proper Rules of Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

Article 7. The Association shall appoint a Moderator from among themselves, for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the opinion of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be appointed, whose duty shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

Article 8. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in their letter certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but could not, in which case the Association shall take it under consideration and give its advice.

Article 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of same, which may be supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of their respective messengers, which money, so sent, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, to be appointed by the Association for that purpose who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received, and pay out the same as the Association may direct.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book provided and kept, in which the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by the Clerk.

Article 11. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

Article 12. The Association may correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed upon while in session.

Article 13. The Association, at its first session, shall appoint one of its ministers to preach an introductory sermon at its next session, which rule shall be observed at every Association hereafter, and may, in its discretion appoint some person at each session to write a circular letter for the next Association.

Article 14. The Association shall endeavor to furnish churches with printed minutes of her proceedings.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Association.

Article 16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 17. We do jointly engage in the strength of the Lord and through His assistance, to keep faith as it was once delivered to the saints which we believe to contain the following sublime and important doctrine, viz:

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and those three are one. Duet. vi 4; John xvii 3; 1st John v7.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed and written will of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice. 2nd Timothy iii 16; Romans xv 4; 2nd Peter i 20-21.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace according to knowledge of God, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Ephesians i 4; 2nd Timothy i 9; 1st Peter i 2; John xv 16; Ephesians ii 10.

4. We believe in the fall of man, and that he is incapable of recovering himself therefrom. Romans iii 9; x 23; Psalms xiv 3; John vi 44; Ephesians ii 8-9; 2nd Timothy 1-9.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the

sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Romans v 6-8; iv 25; Titus iii 5, 6.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Romans viii 28, 30; ix 16; 1st Peter ii 9; Ephesians i 4, 7, 9.

7. We believe that the Saints shall preserve in grace and never fall finally away. Colossians ii 3, 4; John xiv 19, 20; x 27, 29.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Acts xxiv 15; John v 28, 29; Acts xvii 31; 2nd Corinthians v 10; Matthew xxv 32, 34, 41, 46.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper, and washing the Saints' feet are ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion in water is the true mode. Matthew iii 15, 17; Luke ix 35; Matthew xxviii 19, 20; Matthew xxvi 26, 27; Luke xxii 19; Acts ii 41; viii 36; x47; John iii 23; Acts viii 38.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly baptized, called and come unto the imposition of the hands of the presbytery. Acts xiii 2-3; John xv 16; Acts xiv 23; Titus i 5.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized persons have the right to commune at the Lord's table. Luke xxii 14; Acts ii 41, 42; 1st Corinthians x 21; xi 29.

12. We believe from experience that no good can result to the Church of Christ from any secret organization; therefore, we declare non-fellowship with any church of this Association who has any member in fellowship who has membership in any secret organization, under any name, whatever they may be called. 2nd Corinthians vi 14, 17; Revelation xviii 4.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. But one person shall speak at one time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject in hand or use words of personal reflection.

4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except with-

drawn by him that made it; and, if there are two or more motions before the Association, on the same subject at one time, the first motion shall be the first in order.

5. Every case taken up by the Association, after allowing time to debate the Moderator shall take the question, those in favor of the thing proposed shall rise to their feet, and those against it shall keep their seats; the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.

7. No person shall depart from the service of the Association without leave.

8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave obtained, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debaters have gone through.

9. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our addresses to one another.

10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member provided he appoint some other member to fill the chair while speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

11. Any person violating the Rules of Decorum shall be reprov'd as the Association may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Exp. and Ba t.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership		Contributions
									Sunday Meeting		
Friendship.....	A. J. Craue, Tishomingo, Miss	Adopted Elder E. B. Gober, D. Harrell. R. A. Pace.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	4	\$2 90
Mt. Pleasant.....	Not Represented										
Sardis.....	J. O. Palmer, Rienzi	T. W. Rinehart, W. E. Nash, Adopted F. Burcham	11	0	2	0	0	3	65	1	4 90
Little Flock.....	J. L. Nagle, Leedy, Miss	Elders Jas. W. Hardwick, C.T. Elliott, G. N. Gober, M. O. Hardwick	8	2	0	1	0	1	68	3	4 35
Antioch.....	M. C. George, Gorinth, Miss	Represented by Letter. No Messengers	0	0	1	0	0	1	26	3	1 50
New Providence..	W. L. Cranford, Dennis, Miss Second District	L. R. Davis, William Sartin, Andrew Criddle	5	0	0	0	0	1	91	3	4 00
McKeys Creek	A. L. Riddle. Paden, Miss., R. F. D. 2.....	Elder Jas. E. Shackelford, J. F. Clouch.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	26	2	1 15
New Hope.....	Jas. W. Barnett, Paden, Miss., R.F.D. 2.....	Elder E. W. Shackelford, J. W. Barnett, J. M. Bullard	1	0	0	0	0	4	115	4	7 25
Hopewell.....	V. B. Searcy, Baldwyn, Miss., R.F.D. 5.....	Elder J. A. Miller, J. W. Ryan, Adopted V. B. Searcy..	1	0	0	0	0	0	44	4	2 75
St. Union.....	R. D. Palmer, Amory, Miss., R.F.D. 3.....	Elder B. A. Carter, R. M. Culp, R. D. Palmer.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	2	2 00
Booneville.....	H. A. Nix, Booneville, Miss	S. A. Owen, Audie Whitley	3	0	0	0	0	1	27	2	2 00
Bethany.....	W. T. Bailey, Ingomar, Miss	W. T. Bailey, J. H. Wise, R. F. Tubbs	5	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	1 00

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