

MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and Eighteenth
Annual Session

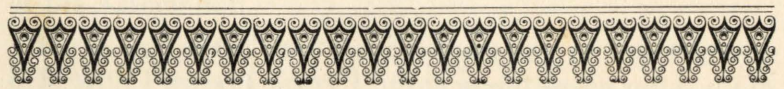
of the

Elk River Association of
Primitive Baptists

Held with the Church at

Arbor Church, Moore County, Tennessee

September 18, 19, 20, 1925.



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Of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Session of the Elk River Association of Primitive Baptists held with the church at Arbor Church, Moore County, Tennessee, September 18, 19, 20, 1925.

1. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Woodfin.
2. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
3. After which the Association was organized by electing Elder J. G. Woodfin, 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 committee as follows:
 - (a). ON PREACHING: Brother Jim Boaz, Brother Jim Bramblet, Geo. Smith and Moderator and Clerk.
 - (b) TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES: Elder C. G. Byrom, Brother Frank Womack. Collected \$17.00.
 - (c) COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR THE EXPENSE OF THE ASSOCIATION: Brother Frank Womack, Brother Jim Bramblet and Geo. Smith. Collection \$98.45.
7. On motion it was voted to have Five Hundred 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 Pleasant Grove Church about seven miles south

of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tenn., on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1926.

9. Elder A. N. Towery was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder C. G. Byrom, alternate, at the above named place.

By ballot Grace Chapel Church at Huntsville, Ala., and Pleasant Grove Church in Lincoln County, Tenn., were admitted into the Elk River Association.

ELDER J. G. WOODFIN, Moderator.
C. L. STONE, Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS.

Elder J. T. McArthur Cordele, Ga.
Elder M. J. Towery Taft, Tenn.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday A. M. Elder J. G. Woodfin
Friday P. M. Elder C. G. Byrom
Saturday A. M. Elders McArthur and M. J. Towery
Saturday P. M. Elders W. D. Bostick and J. G. Woodfin
Sunday Morning... Elders Joe Stewart and J. T. McArthur

NOTE: We heard a 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 tendered to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality.

Motion to adjourn to meet at above named place. Prayer by Elder C. G. Byrom.

ELDER J. G. WOODFIN, Moderator,
C. L. STONE, Clerk.

CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Elk River (Betsie Willis School House,
J. R. Bramblet, Hillsboro, Tenn.
Flat Creek E. L. Philpot, Shelbyville, Tenn.
Arbor G. M. Smith, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 2
New Hope J. A. Chilton, Wartract, Tenn.
Mt. Pisgah Shelbyville, Tenn.
Union Bellbuckle, Tenn.
Buckeye Charlie Johnson, Fayetteville, Tenn.
Concord C. L. Stone, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 5
Mt. Moriah N. F. Boone, Mulberry, Tenn.
Mt. Olivet Joe Green, Petersburg, Tenn.
Shiloh W. T. Edde, Huntland, Tenn.
Corder Cross Roads Joe Goodwin, Flintville, Tenn.

MINISTERS OF THE ELK RIVER ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Elder W. D. Bostick Fayetteville, Tenn.
Elder W. A. Pinkstaff Fayetteville, Tenn.
Elder W. L. Taylor Winchester, Tenn.
Elder J. G. Woodfin South Pittsburg, Tenn.
Elder C. G. Byrom Estil Springs, Tenn.
Elder J. E. Stewart Huntsville, Ala.
Elder A. N. Towery Huntsville, Ala.

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 1925.

CHURCH	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Conf's'n	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Money for Minutes
		Arbor.....	Andrew Parks, J. D. Gray, S. K. Holaway.....	11	..	1	1	85	..	$ 2 00
Buckeye.....	Sam Ashby, Antonia Caraway, James Boaz, S. B. Whitaker.....	..	..	..	..	..	1	98	..	..
Concord.....	{ C. L. Stone, J. W. Cunningham, B. C. Partain, Elijah Warren, Lon Dumm, C. H. Johnston.....	..	..	..	..	..	3	87	3 Sab.	2 00
Concord X Roads.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Elk River.....	W. H. McElvey, J. R. Bramblet, J. C. Jackson, Elder Byrom.....	2	..	1	..	..	1	27	..	1 50
Flat Creek.....	John Gilliland, J. F. Wommack, E. L. Philpot.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	1 50
Mt. Moriah.....	J. D. Cunningham, C. T. Cates, John McGee, E. C. Woosley.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	2 00
Mt. Olive.....	Hugh Parker. No statistics.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Hope.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shiloh.....	J. M. Walker, Bro. Buck Simmons.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	1 00
Union.....	Elder J. G. Wootin.....	14	8	..	..	..	..	22	..	50
Grace Chapel.....	Elder J. E. Stewart, Sister Martha Owens, Sister Cora Stewart.....	7	..	3	..	..	..	30	1 Sab.	1 75
Pleasant Grove.....	Elder A. N. Towerly, Howard Fanning, W. J. Quick, Jim Bain.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 00
Total.....	.....	34	10	3	5	..	6	493	..	\$14 25

