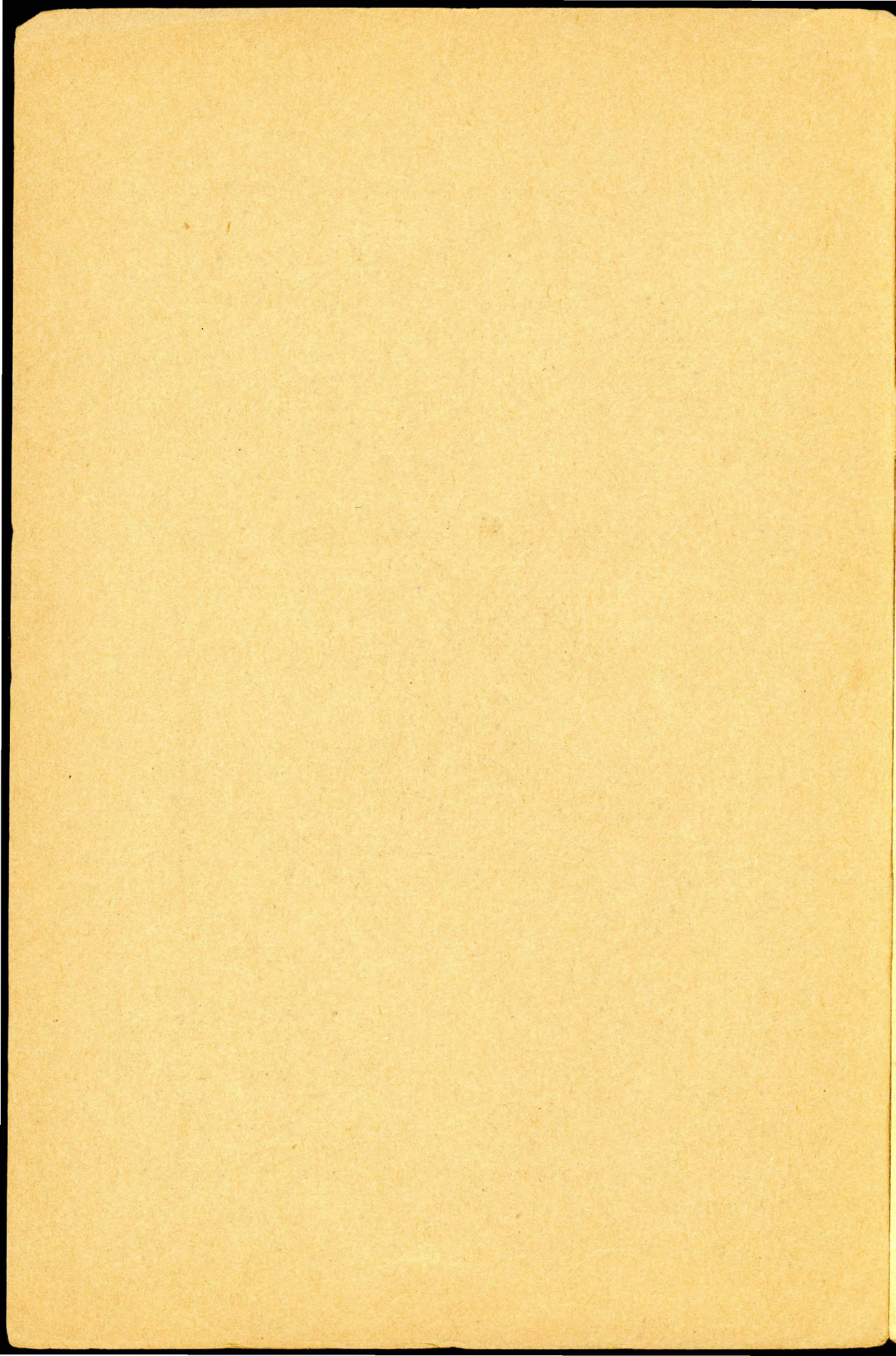


MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST



Held With
Eagleville Church, Rutherford County, Tennessee,
September 23rd, 24th, and 25th.
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven



MINUTES

Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist held with Eag'eville Church, Rutherford County, Tennessee, September 23, 24 and 25, 1927.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder M. C. Johnson.

The preaching was continued at the Stand by Elder Willie Campbell and Elder Felix Cantrell.

The Messengers of the Association met at the house and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder E. S. Frye.

The names of the Churches were then called and Messengers names enrolled. (See table.)

Richland Church was admitted by unanimous vote with great rejoicing.

Organized by electing Elder W. P. Russell, Moderator and E. R. Coleman, Clerk.

Brethren from Sister Churches invited to seats.

Corresponding Letters and Minutes received as follows:—

West Tennessee—Letter and Minutes by Elder H. M. Sanders.

Round Lick—Letters and Minutes by Elders E. S. Frye and Felix Cantrell.

Squatchie Valley by Bundle Minutes.

Buffalo River—Letters and Minutes by Elder W. C. Campbell.

Forked Deer—No Intelligence.

Greenfield—Letters and Minutes by Elder J. C. Ross.

Powell Valley—No Intelligence.

Fountain Creek—No Intelligence.

Highland—No Intelligence.

Second Creek—Letters and Minutes by H. N. Mabe and J. D. Newton.

Petitionary Letters called for. None offered.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

The following committee appointed on Arrangements—Elders R. N. Graves, M. C. Johnson and W. L. Murray.

On Finance—C. V. Vandiver, Jno Jackson.

On Correspondence—J. A. Johnson and Jas. H. Hyde

The Deacons were appointed a Committee on Preaching and those to preach on Friday were Elder Willie Campbell and Elder Felix Cantrell. On Saturday Elder N. J. Henson, Elder J. W. Dunnaway, Elder J. C. Ross. On Sunday Elder E. S. Frye and Elder J. B. Hardy, the Moderator close the meeting.

Adjourn to meet Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

Prayer by Elder J. B. Hardy.

The roll was called.

The Committee on Arrangements reported the order of business as in former Minutes. Report received and committee discharged.

The Committee on Correspondence read a letter to corresponding Sister Associations, which was received and committee discharged.

Volunteer Messengers were appointed as follows:

West Tennessee, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1928, with Humbles, four miles from Graham; J. A. Johnson, Elder W. L. Murray, J. A. Owen.

Round Lick, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1928, with Friendship church, ten miles north of Carthage, Tenn. Elder W. P. Russell, Elder R. N. Graves, Bro. J. A. Johnson, J. A. Jordan

Squatchie Valley, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1928, at Sweeten's Cove, near South Pittsburg, Elder R. N. Graves.

Buffalo River, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1928,

with Enon church on Cane Creek, fifteen miles from Kimmins', Elders W. L. Murray, M. C. Johnson.

Forked Deer, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1928, with Old Gibson church.

Greenfield, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1928, with Mathenny Grove, seven miles north of Dresden, J. A. Johnson, Elder R. N. Graves.

Fountain Creek, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1928 with —.

Powell Valley, Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1928, with Richmond church, Elder W. P. Russell.

Highland, Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1928, with Stony Point church near Providence, Ky., Elder R. N. Graves, J. A. Jordan, G. W. West.

Second Creek, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1928, with Cross Road's church, Elder M. C. Johnson, W. L. Adair, J. A. Jordan

Our next Association will be held with the church at Enon, Bedford county, Tenn., ten miles from Allissona, railroad station, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1928.

Elder W. L. Murray to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder R. N. Graves, alternate. The Moderator to arrange the preaching on Friday.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of \$27.00. Report received and committee discharged.

Agreed to have 700 copies of the Minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of same and have the residue for his service after paying all expenses.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk,

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

HOME MINISTERS

Ordained Ministers and Post Office Addresses:

Elder M. C. Johnson, Thompson Station, Tenn., Route 1.
Elder W. P. Russell, Nashville Tenn., 55 Carrell Street
Elder R. N. Graves, Eagleville, Tenn. Route 1
Elder W. L. Murray, 1310 Meridian St., Nashville, Tenn.
Elder W. E. Brush, 1001 Delmus Ave, Nashville, Tenn.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder J. C. Ross, Greenfield, Tenn.
Elder J. B. Hardy, Hohenwald, Tenn.
Elder N. J. Hinson, Kimmins Tenn.
Elder W. C. Campbell, Kobe Tenn.
Elder H. M. Sanders, Dickson, Tenn.
Elder E. S. Frye, Brush Creek, Tenn.
Elder J. N. Dunnaway, Deckard, Tenn.
Elder W. C. Davis, McEuen, Tenn.
Elder Felix Cantrill, Smithville, Tenn.
Elder G. L. Williams, Appleton, Tenn., R. 1.

GRATITUDE OF THANKS

Be it resolved, That the Association tender her thanks to the members of Eagleville church and to the community in general for the generous hospitality manifested in caring for the Association, and also that we tender our most sincere thanks to the school authorities for the use of the auditorium and school building and to the congregation of the Christian church for the use of their house.

J. WILL KIMMINS and W. L. MURRAY, Committee.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist now in session with Eagleville church, Rutherford County, Tenn., September 23, 24, 25, 1927, to our Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Dear Brethren:—We feel thankful to the Lord that we have again been permitted to meet in an associational union in perfect peace among ourselves. It affords us great joy and encouragement to have with us so many of our corresponding brethren and sisters. We have received communication from most of our corresponding associations either by mail or messengers from which we are so thankful to the Lord and do earnestly desire that brotherly relation may still continue. We have appointed by their consent, our brethren as shown in the body of our minutes to represent us in your meeting whom we hope you will receive. We are anxious that our friendly relation may ever continue and hope you will remember us and be mindful to attend our meeting. The place of next meeting will be with church at Enon, Bedford County, Tenn., Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1928. Now may the Lord direct all his little ones in the path of duty and keep them humble, ever looking to Him for help and strength to discharge the same.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk. ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist.

Article 2. An Association is a body formed for the purpose of obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of churches maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in case of difficulty, etc. This Association shall, therefore, exercise no authority over the several churches of which it is composed but shall regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their acts, and never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such as hold the following doctrines, viz: The unity of God, the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead; the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election in Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is, He is the true God; the necessity of His atonement and its special relation to the sins of the elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptised believers regularly admitted to church fellowship; the resurrection of the body at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with self-same bodies and none other, although with different qualifications, which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body; the general judgment and final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter, and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this constitution shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by three Messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the

Association, containing the names of Messengers, her number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased and the number blonging to her communion.

Article 6. This Association shall meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Article 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a ballot, and continue in office until after the new election.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in the Association during its sessions, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions; but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true minute of all proceedings of the Association and prepare the same, for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the monies of the Association, to pay the same or any part thereof, at any and all times to the order of the Association, which order shall always be furnished him in writing, signed by the Clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 11. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution may be made by the majority of the Association, whenever they may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. When the Association convenes for business it shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be read by the Clerk at the opening of the Association, and lie on the table for the perusal of its members.

Article 3. The Clerk shall call over the names of the members as often as the Association may require.

Article 4. Each speaker shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration, and shall not be allowed to speak more than three times on any subject without the permission of the Association.

Article 5. Every motion made and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

Article 6. Every query sent to the Association shall be first read, and if it is decided by a majority of the voters to consider the same, it shall be discussed; if not, it shall be withdrawn.

Article 7. Only one person shall speak at a time, and when two or more members shall rise to speak at nearly the same moment, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the preference.

Article 8. When a member in speaking has occasion to mention the name of another member he shall use the appellation of "Brother."

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him speaking unless he violates the rules.

Article 10. Anything debated in this Assembly which may not be thought proper to appear in the minutes may be expunged by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article 11. Alterations, additons or amendments may be made at any time to the foregoing rules by a majority of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | Clerks and Post Office Address | Names of Messengers | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|---------------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| | | | Exp. and Bap. | Rec. by Rec. | Restored | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Sun. of Meeting | Contribution | |
| Enon | J. Will Kimmins, Fosterville, Tenn..... | Elder R. N. Graves, J. W. Kimmins, Will Jackson | 1 | | | | | | 432 | 3 | 2.50 | |
| Big Harpeth | E. R. Coleman, Franklin, Tenn. | G. W. West, E. R. Coleman, J. A. McGee | | | | | | | 137 | 4 | 3.00 | |
| Wilson Creek | C. J. Pettus, College Grove, Tenn. | Elder W. P. Russell, C. J. Pettus, J. H. Hyde | | | | | | | 44 | 1 | 3.00 | |
| Cool Springs | O. C. Lillard, Thompson Station, Tenn. | W. L. Pate, G. H. Reid | 2 | | | 1 | | | 163 | 2 | 3.00 | |
| Leiper's Fork | G. L. Sparkman, Thompson Sta., Tenn | Elder M. C. Johnson, C. L. Johnson | 4 | | | 10 | | | 164 | 3 | 3.00 | |
| Eagleville..... | C. N. Taylor, Eagleville, Tenn. | J. A. Johnson, C. N. Taylor, W. L. Adair | | 1 | | | 1 | | 244 | 4 | 3.00 | |
| Overall | J W. Haynes, Murphreesboro, Tenn..... | Jno. Haynes, Charlie Smartt, W. M. Johnson | | | | | 1 | | 137 | 3 | 3.00 | |
| College Street | H. C. Howell, Nashville, Tenn..... | J. A. Jordan, A. B. Green, Ab Owen | | | | 2 | 4 | | 194 | | 4.00 | |
| Steven Grove | Not Represented | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Richland..... | Jno. W. Griffith..... | Elder W. L. Murray, C. V. Vandiver..... | | | | | | | 20 | 1 | 2.50 | |

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