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~~J. O. Eld~~

Mr. M. Daniel Beffrage Tenn

Eld L. D. Seale Vanles Tenn

Eld J. B. Luther Burns Tenn

Eld J. R. Hatcher

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(Declaration)

State of Tenn. }
Houston Co. } May 1901

We the undersigned, being members of the "Predesti-
-nated Baptist Church" of Christ, as we hope, at Shady
grove meeting house of aforesaid County and State, do
believe in the doctrine of Election, Predestination,
Final preservation of the saints, Baptism, only, by
immersion, Close communion, Washing of the
saints feet, and also, standing opposed to all the
inventions of men. Being ~~assembled~~ assembled
together, this day, in the holy fear of a Triune and
Sovereign God to continue to maintain and defend
the above set forth doctrine and practice against all
innovations of fleeing the same. Whereas there have
been heresies introduced among the Baptist
denomination, such as: the doctrine of a "Conditional
Triune Salvation"; that this salvation depends
upon us, and that our God "offers rewards
as inducements to get his people to obey him";
and whereas some of the advocates of this

Conditional and dependant Salvation have intro-
 duced into our beloved denomination: "Long protracted
 meeting" in which mourners are called for, "Ministerial
 meetings" in which essays are read and discussed which
 had been prepared beforehand. It is also taught that
 the church should have some system to carry the gospel
 to the destitute places, and that ministers should educate
 themselves so that the brethren would not be ashamed
 of them and etc. Thus opening up the way for religious
 seminaries or theological schools and other means
 which were out and separate from God's order
 and therefore are the inventions of men imposed
 upon us, unscriptural and misleading. Whereas
 some of the members of this church are teaching the
 doctrine of a "Conditional Time salvation" and are
 officiating with those who have and are teaching and
 practicing the aforesaid unscriptural and human
 inventions which deny that the God of the whole earth
 is ^{Omnipotent,} infinitely and the only independent of the universe.

in salvation by grace and grace alone and that good works are fruits or evidences of our gracious state, and grow out of a true and living faith which is the gift of God, and therefore are not conditions of salvation in any sense whatever. We believe that we serve God from a principle of love, and that this is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us, when we serve him aright, and not for reward as a motive, but because we love his dear name. We further agree that in case we might not get to worship in our meeting house at our next regular meeting time, or might be occupied by others at that time, that we meet together on Saturday and second Sunday in June 1901 at the Shady Grove meeting house or at a private house near by to worship and attend to any business which might be thought necessary. This agreed to, and signed by us, this the morning of the 25th of May 1901 being our regular meeting day

(Names) (Names)

Mary E. Ridings
M. Thompson

P. T. Barnes
A. A. Barnes

Articles of Faith and
 Constitution
 of the Shady Grove church of
 Regular Primitive Baptists

We whose names are subscribed to the following articles or expressions of faith; being of the "Predestinated" or Primitive faith and order, do hereby agree to live together in church capacity upon said articles or expressions of faith, acknowledging our accountability to each other and to our God in maintainance of the same

Articles of faith

1st We believe in one only true and living God, Eternal and immutable, the Creator of all created things, either visible or invisable. Who governs all things in righteousness according to the Counsel of his own will revealed in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2nd We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are of divine origin and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd We believe in the doctrine of Election and Predestination, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4th We believe in the doctrine of original sin

5th We believe in Man's impotency to recover himself from his fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability

6th We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ

7th We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8th We believe that the saints ^{shall} persevere in grace and never fall finally away.

(articles of faith continued)

9th. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the subjects. and that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion

10th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgement; and that the punishment of the wicked and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11th We believe no ministers have a right to administer the ordinances of Jesus Christ - only such as are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

12th We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table

Constitution

1st The Church agrees to meet at

on the Sunday and Saturday before of each month for the purpose of transacting any business that may be deemed necessary; but if she should think it to be more convenient to change the time and place above mentioned she shall have power to do the same; and as many members as may attend at the time and place above mentioned shall have power to transact any business that may come before them, provided they act consistent with this plan of union.

2nd Any persons wishing to become members of this church, shall be entitled to membership by giving a relationship of their experience or reason of their hope in Christ-Jesus, or by verbal testimony if approved by the church, and a unanimous voice of the church is necessary, but if any objection should be made, the objector, if called upon by the church, shall

9 assign him or her reasons for the same; and submit the same to the church to act upon according to the weight she may consider the reason or reasons contained.

3rd Any member acting in a disorderly way shall be dealt with as the crime may deserve, that is, if it be a trespass just merely against another member or members and does not, in its primary nature, conflict with the fellowship of the church as a body, in such a case the member who has been grieved shall go to him taking the steps as laid down in the 18th Chapter of Matthew and should he hear him, no further steps is necessary; but should the crime be such as would be an offense against the whole body, the member shall be admonished to come before the church and render satisfaction to the body.

4th Each and every member that has a cause of grief against another shall have a right

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to present their own case and to speak their minds on that, or any other case that may come before the church.

5th No member shall be dealt with by the church on the same day that the charge is brought forward or preferred against him or her, except the accused member shall give his or her consent, but may be suspended until trial can be had.

6th No member shall be excluded without being notified of the charge or charges laid in against him or her, who shall have a right to attend and vindicate himself or herself; and when the church notifies said member of the charge or charges against him or them, and of the day of trial and he or she is not present nor sends in no lawful excuse, then the church shall proceed to attend to said business as she may think proper.

7th Any member shall be entitled to help from

sister churches on his or her case, provided the church is willing to grant the request; but in such cases sister churches shall only be advisory counsels, and shall have no right to vote in such cases.

3rd Any member bringing ^{forward} a charge against another shall support the same by gospel evidence either of this church or any other of the same faith and order. Any evidence outside of our faith and order shall not be considered gospel evidence. But should there be a rumor against a member by such persons as the church would consider truthful citizens, and such rumor should effect or grieve one or more of the members of this church the aggrieved should go to the one upon whom the report is made in the same way as provided by the 3rd article of this constitution; but shall not be dealt with only by the weight of his own testimony

- 9th Any member shall have, if desired, a letter of dismission if no charges is known against him or her provided he or she assigns satisfactory reasons for wanting the same, in which case unanimity is required.
- 10th A Clerk shall be chosen whose duty shall be to keep a record of the transactions of the church as she may see proper, and said Clerk shall keep his book or books open for instructions of the church when called on by her.
- 11th Amendments may be made to this Constitution provided the proposed amendments be publicly read to the church, filed with the clerk and kept over for inspection by every member for, at least, six months before it is received by three fourths of the members concerned in the same.
- 12th Unanimity shall be required in choosing a pastor, ordaining Elders and deacons,

and fasting and prayer shall be required in the ordination of Elders.

13th In every case to be decided the voice of the majority of the members present shall rule except the above herein provided in this constitution.

14th It is not to be understood that the church claims the right to change the Bible or depart from it as the only rule neither in faith nor practice.

15th The church shall have power to form rules of decorum for herself.

Rules of Decorum

1st Every meeting shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2nd A moderator shall be chosen by the members present; who shall call for the peace of the church, invite visiting members of same faith and order to seats with this church, give

an opportunity for the reception of members, call for reference and then call for business.

3rd The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have a right to call to order at any time he may think it necessary.

4th Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the church on the same day only.

5th But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator and on obtaining leave shall proceed, and shall not be interrupted, unless he departs from the subject under consideration, or use words of personal reflection.

6th The moderator when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming the member or otherwise.

- 7th No member shall speak more than three times on any one subject - without leave of the church.
- 8th Every case taken by the church shall be decided, disposed of or withdrawn before another is offered.
- 9th Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up except withdrawn by him that made it.
- 10th When anything is taken by the church, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question and those in favor of the thing proposed shall make it known by rising to their feet; afterward those who may oppose it, by the same.
- 11th The Moderator shall be entitled to the same right of speech as any other member provided he appoints some other member to keep order while he speaks but is not

June 1901

{ State of Tenn. }
{ Houston County }

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of Christ as we hope, known as the Shady Grove Church, met in conference in the house of Sister M. E. Ridings; after divine services by Elders L. D. Seals and J. R. Hatcher on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June 1901.

1st Choose Eld J. R. Hatcher Moderator for the day. 2nd Called for the peace of the church, all in peace. 3rd Invited visiting members of our faith and order to seats with us.

4th Gave an opportunity for the reception of members. 5th Called for references.

6th Called for business. Agreed to represent in our Union meeting, by letter, to be held with the Willow Spring Church at Mill Creek Meeting house Hickman County Tenn. to begin on Friday before the first Sunday

in August 1901. We request Elder J. R. Hatcher to write the letter and to bear the same to said Union meeting. There being no further business was dismissed in order. Elder J. R. Hatcher Mod. and Clerk protem.

July 1901

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of Christ as we hope, known as the Shady Grove church, Houston County Tenn. Met in conference on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July 1901 in the house of Mr. Barnes. After divine services by Eld. F. P. Chandler. 1st Chose Eld Chandler Moderator for the day. 2nd Called for prayer 3rd Invited visiting members of our faith and order to seats with us. 4th Gave an opportunity for the reception of members. 5th Called for business. Agreed to represent in the association, by letter, when convened with the Yellow Church at Pleasant

Hill meeting house Dickson County Tenn.
to begin on Saturday before the 8th Sunday
in Sept. 1901 and to continue three days.

We request Eld. J. R.atcher to write the letter
and bear the same to the association.

A request from Richland Church inviting us
to meet with them in their Communion on
Saturday and 8th ^{Sunday} in July 1901. at the "Old
Richland Meeting house Humphreys County
Tenn; Said request was granted.

There being no further business was dismissed
in order. Eld. F. P. Chandler Mod.
and Clerk pro tem.

Aug. 1901.

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of
Christ-as we hope, known as the Shady
Grove Church Houston County Tenn.

met in conference in the house of Bennie
Barns, on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday

in August 1901. after divine service by
 Eld. J. R. Watcher 1st - Chose Eld. J. R. Watcher
 Moderator for the day. 2nd Called for the peace
 of the church. 3rd Invited visiting members of
 our faith and order to seats with us.
 4th Gave and opportunity for the reception of
 of members. 5th Called for reference. 6th For
 business. The Circular letter prepared by
 Eld. L. D. Seals was received and we advise the
 association to spread the same upon the minutes
 of the Association. Agreed that our next
 meeting be held at Friend Thomson's residence
 on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1901
 There being no further business was dismissed
 in order. Eld. J. R. Watcher Mod.
 And clerk protem.

Sept 1901

Ore the Predestinated Baptist-Church of Christ as we hope, known as the Shady Grove Church Houston County Tenn. met in conference on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1901 in the house of our friend Thompsons, after divine services by Eld. J. P. Jenkins

- 1st Chose Bro. Jenkins Moderator for the day.
- 2nd Called for peace 3rd Invited visiting members to seats with us. 4th Gave an opportunity for members. Sister Dora Roberts came forward desiring to be set right in this denominational split was restored to gospel fellowship. 5th Called for reference. 6th For business there being some was dismissed in order. J. P. Jenkins Mod.

and Clerk pro tem

Oct. 1901

Ore the Predestinated Baptist-Church of Christ as we hope, known as the Shady Grove Church Houston County Tenn. met in

Conference on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday
 in October 1901 in the house of Mr. Barnes,
 after divine service by Eld. J. R. Watcher
 1st Called for peace. 2nd Invited visiting
 members of our faith to seats with us, 3rd Gave
 an opportunity for members. 4th Called for reference.
 5th For business. It was found to be the mind
 of the church that Eld. J. R. Watcher be the pastor
 of this church and agreed to make their desires
 know to the Richland Church at the "Old Richland
 meeting house" Humphreys County Tenn. on
 Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct, 1901.

There being no further business was dismissed
 in order

Eld. J. R. Watcher Mod.
 and Clerk pro tem

and rules of Decorum.
5th called for business.

The further reception of Bro. Westley Roberts
was taken under consideration and owing
to his marriage to two wives and date of his
experiences the case was left for investigation
until next meeting.

There being no other business was
dismissed in order. J. R. Hatcher Mod.
and Clerk pro tem

Jan. 1902

There was no conference meeting
in Jan. 1902 on account of sickness

Feb. 1902

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope, known as the Shady Grove
Church - Houston County Texas met in

in Conference at the waterside near
Brother Samuel Roberts on the 2nd Sunday
in February 1902 after prayer by Eld. J. R. Watcher
~~met in Conference~~

1st Called for peace 2nd gave an opportunity
for reception of member 3rd Called for reference
The minutes of last meeting was read and
approved. Then the church taken up the
reference of the December meeting and
agreed to receive brother Orestley Roberts by
baptism and was baptised by Eld. J. R. Watcher
called for business. There being none was
dismissed in order J. R. Watcher. Mod.

and Clerk protem

March 1902

(The the Predestinated) Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope known as the Shady
L Grove Church, ~~Houston~~ ^{Houston} county Tenn, met

in conference at friend Bennie Barnes
on the 2nd Sunday in March 1902 after
services by Eld. J. R. Hatcher

1st Called for prayer. 2nd invited visiting
members of our faith to seats with us

3rd gave an opportunity for the reception
of member. 4th Called for reference.

The minutes of last meeting was read and received
5th called for business. There being none
were dismissed in order. J. R. Hatcher Mod.
and Clerk pro tem

June 1902

We the Predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as we hope
known as the Shady Grove Church
Houston County Tenn met in
Conference on Saturday before
the 2nd Sunday in June 1902
in the house of our friend

Bennie Barnes; After divine
services by Eld. J. R. Hatcher

1st Called for peace

2nd Invited visiting members
of our faith and order to seats

3rd Gave an opportunity for
the reception of members

4th Called for reference.

The minutes of our last
meeting were read and received

5th Called for business and

there being none was dismissed
in order Eld J. R. Watcher Mod.
and Clerk problem

July 1902

We the Pleddestinated Baptist church
of Christ - as we hope, known as the
Shady Grove Church Houston County
Tenn, met in conference on Saturday
before the 2nd Sunday in July 1902
in the house of our friend W. H. Barnes
after divine service by Eld. J. R. Watcher
1st called for prayer
2nd Invoked visiting members of our
faith and order to seats with us
3rd gave an opportunity for the
reception of members
4th called for reference, the

minutes of our last meeting were
not present so we did not read them
5th called for business

We agree to represent in the Union
meeting when convened with us
at the old home place of B. L.
O. T. Ridings Houston County Tenn
to begin on Friday before the 5th
Sunday in August - 1902 and
we appoint Bro. J. O. Roberts as
messenger to bear our letter

There was a request from the
Richland Church by Elder J. R. Halcher
and Bro. T. B. Newberry for our
assistance in their communion
to begin on Saturday before the
3rd Sunday in July 1902 The
request was granted There

being no further business was
dismissed in order

J. R. Walcher Mod.
and Clerk pro tem

Aug 1902

The Regular or Old School
Baptist Church of Christ-
Met in conference at the
residence of the Late Eld.
E. T. Ridings on Saturday before
the 5th Sunday in Aug. 1902

- 1st Called for the peace of the church
- 2^d invited visiting members to seats
- 3rd gave an opportunity for members.
- 4 called for reference. The minutes
of our two last meetings were
read and received.

Called for business Agreed that
this church represent in the

association to be held with the
Grassy Springs church near
Burns Dickson County Tenn. to
begin on ~~Friday~~ ^{Saturday} before the
3rd Sunday in Sept; 1902

Appointed Bro J. M. Roberts
as messenger to bear the letter
and that we contribute \$1.25
for the use of the association
There being no more business
was dismissed in order!

J. R. Hatcher Mod.
and Clerk pro tem

Minutes of the ^{meeting} union
The union meeting of the (Original)
West Tennessee association of
Regular Baptists now in session
with the Shady Grove church at

residence of the late Eld. C. T. Ridings
Houston County Tennessee

The introductory sermon was preached
by Eld. L. D. Seals

By motion appointed Eld.
L. D. Seals for mod. protem
called for the letters from the
churches

Richland. Letter by Bro. T. B. Newberry
and (Eld) J. R. Walcher

Yellow Creek Letter by Eld. L. D.
Seals

Bartons Creek: Letter by Bro. M. M. Daniel
represented

Willow Springs Not ~~represented~~

Shady Grove Letter by Bro. J. St. Roberts

Grassy Springs Letter by Eld. J. B. Luther

The Union Meeting was organized
by electing Eld. L. D. Seals mod.

(Eld) J. R. Hatcher Clerk

Called for petitionary letters
One from Buffalo but no
messenger which was received

Our motion Elected Elders
F. P. Chandler and C. W. Kemp to
preach on tomorrow services to
begin at 11 O'clock

The remaining business was
referred until tomorrow

Praise and prayer by Eld. F. P. Chandler
Saturday

The Union agreed to give our next
Union meeting to be held with the
Bartons creek church to begin on
Friday before the 5th Sunday
in August 1903. and that
Eld. J. B. Luther preach the

introductory sermons and
(Eld) J. R. Altemati

On motion appointed
Elders F. P. Chandler and
E. M. Kemp to preach tomorrow
services to begin at 10 o'clock

The preaching was all a unit -
Salvation by Grace both now and ever
and we hope and believe it was
directed to the comfort of Gods
people and to the glory of God.

The Union business was closed

Praise and prayer by

Eld. F. P. Chandler

(Eld) J. R. Watcher Clerk

" L. D. Seals Mod.

Dec. 1902

State of Tenn. Stewart County
W. The Predestinated Baptist =
Church of Christ, as we hope =
Known as the Shady Grove
Church, Houston, Co. Tenn.
Met. in conference on Saturday
Before the 2nd Sunday in Dec. 1902
in the House of our friend
W. W. Barnes. Stewart County
Tenn. and after divine
Service By Eld. J. R. Hatcher.
1st Called. for Peace of the Church.
2nd invited visiting members of ~~our~~
our faith and order. to seats with us
3rd gave an opportunity for members
4th called for Reference our
minutes of last meeting not.
~~present~~ Present. Therefore were

Not Read and approved.
5th called for Business. There-
Being none was dismissed
In Order.

J. B. Hatcher Mod. and
Clerk. Protest

Mar. 1903

State of Tennessee Stewart county
We the Predetermined Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope known as the Shady
Church Houston Co Tenn met in
Conference one Saturday Before the
2nd Sunday in March 1903
in the house of our friend W W Barmy
Stewart County Tenn and after
Devotional Services By Bro Marion
Bartley and Eld J R. Hatcher
1st Called For Place of the Church
2nd Invited visiting members
of our Faith and Elders to seats
with us
3^d Gave an opportunity for
members 4th called For ~~Ref~~
References Minutes of our last
meeting Being Read and ~~approved~~

Being approved
of the called Fair Business ~~there~~
There Being none was dismissed
in order By Bro M Bartley
J R Natcher ~~mod~~
and clerk protem

April 1973

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April 1903

State of Tenn - Stewart co Tenn
We they Predestined Baptist church
of Christ as we have known as the Shady
Grove church of Shady Grove Houston
County Tennessee Met in conference
one Saturday Before the 2nd in April
1903 in B Brazner House

American creek Stewart co Tenn and
after dinner services by Eld E W
Kemp and Eld G O seals and Eld
J R Katcher after services call for
peace of the church 2nd ~~call for~~
invited visiting members of our
faith and order to seats with
us 3d ~~to~~ give an opportunity
for members 4th call for
References minutes of our last
meeting being read and being

Approved 5th call for Business
there being none was business
in order by Eld L. Deals

J R Hatcher Mod and clerk
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May 9 1903

For the Predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as the ~~Worship~~
known as the Shady Grove Church
of Houston Co Tenn met in
conference one Saturday before the
2d Sunday in May 1903 in the
House of our Friend B. F. ^{Sister} W. J.
Thompson after giving services
1st call for the Peace of Thy Church
2nd invited visiting members of our
Faith and order to seats with us 3d
give an opportunity for members
4th call for References minutes of
our last meeting being read 5th call
for Business there being none was
Dismiss in order By Eld. J. R. Statcher

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May 1903

One the predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as we hope known
as the Shady Grove Church Trousten
County Tenn. met in conference
on Saturday before the 2nd of June
in May 1903 in the house of
of of our joined B. L. Thompson Stuart
and after divine service by Eld.

J. R. Walcher

1st Called for place

2 invited visiting members of our
faith and order to seat with us

3 gave an opportunity for members

4 Called for business the church

appointed Bro. J. W. Roberts clerk
of this body. Then agreed to
invite Barton's Creek, Yellow Creek,
Grassie Springs and Richland

to bear the letter

There being no other business was
dismissed in order Ed J. R. Hatcher mod

B. J. W. Roberts C. C.

Sept 1903

We the Predetermined Baptist
Church of Christ as We hope
Known as the Shady Grove Church
Harrison County Tenn met in
conference one Saturday Before the
2nd Sunday in Sept 1903
in a house near Mr B J Thompson
one Hainey Creek Stuart Co Tenn
after Divine service by Eld J R
Hatcher 1st call for Peace 2nd
Invited visiting members of our faith
and order to seats with us 3d give
an opportunity for members 4th
Call for References the ~~minutes~~
minutes of our last meeting were not
Present therefore were not read

Sept 12 1903

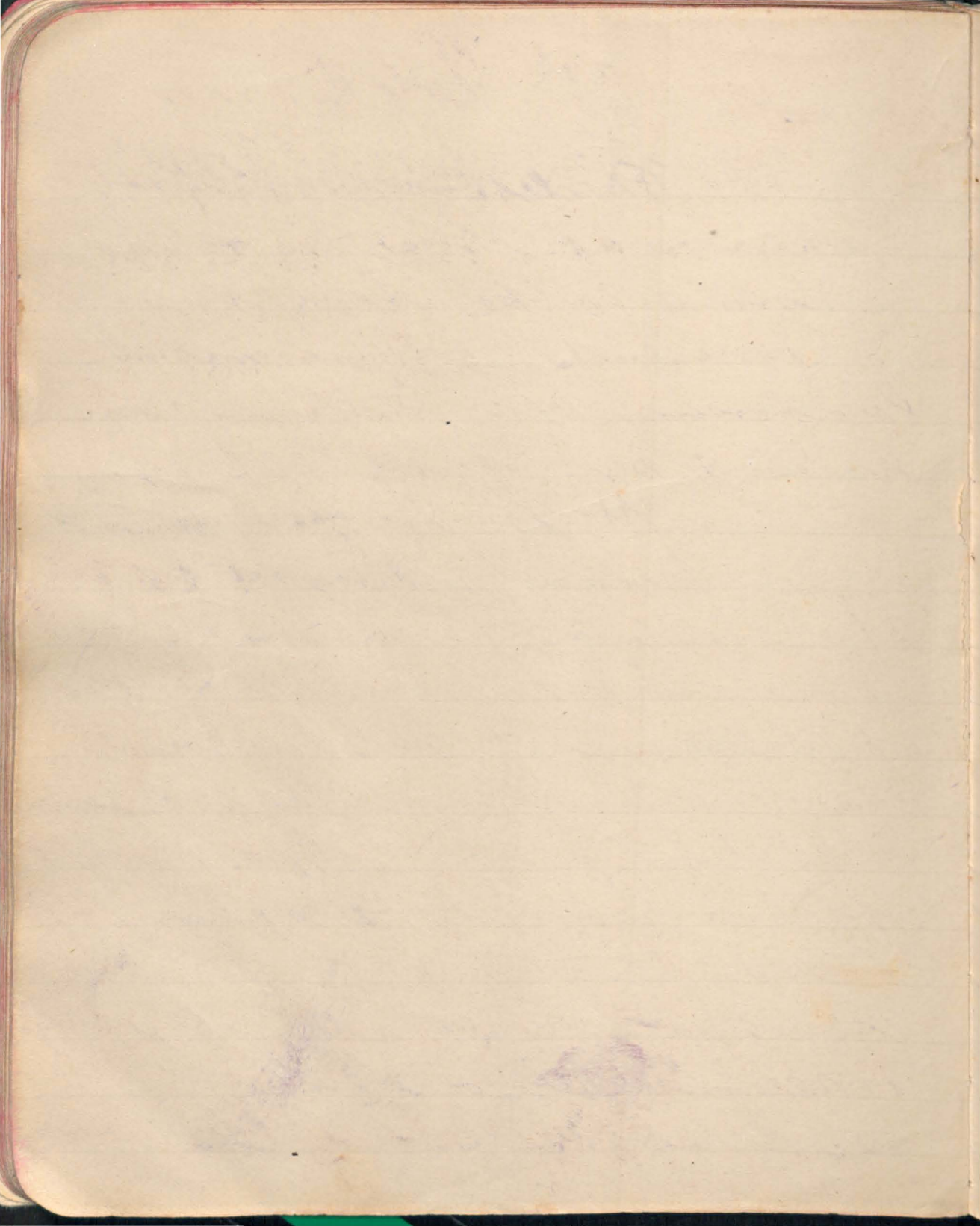
We the Predestinated Baptist Church
of Christ as We have known as the
Shady Grove Church of Houston
County Tenn met in conference one
Saturday Before the 2nd Sunday in
Sept 1903 in a house near
Friend B. L. Thompsons in Stewart
County Huron creek after divine
services By edd J. R. Hatcher 1st
Call for Peace 2nd invited visiting
members of our faith and order to
doals with us 3rd Give an opportunity
for members of the local for Reference
the minutes of our last meeting
Being Read and approved & call
for business We as a Body agree
to Represent in the association

to be held with the Willow Spring
Church near Lake Station in
Hickman Co Tenn to be given
one Saturday before the 3d Sunday
in September 1903 We ~~are~~
agree to appoint J W. Roberts
as messenger to bear the Letter
and we agree to contribute \$25
for the use of the association
~~As~~ there being no other business
was dismissed in order ~~of~~ Eld
J R Hatcher mod

J W. Roberts Secy
J R Hatcher Eld

Dec 13th 1903

We the predestinated Baptist Church
as we hope known as the Shady
Grove Church of Houston Co
Tennessee Met in conference
on the 2nd Sunday in December
1903 in Friend W. W. Barnes House
after Devine services by Elder
J. R. Hatcher 1st called for the
Peace of the church 2nd invited
visiting members of our Faith
and order to seats with us 3rd gave
an opportunity for members 4th called
for References ~~3rd~~ minutes
of our last meeting being read
and approved 5th called for
Business there, being none
was dismissed in order
J. R. Hatcher Mod J. W. Robertson



Stewart Co Tenn

Feb. 13 1907

We the Predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as we hope
known as the Shady Grove Church
of Houston Co Tenn met in
conference one Saturday before
the Lord Sunday in Feb 1907
in the House of our Friend
B. L. Thompson Stewart Co Tenn
after genuine services by Eld
J. R. Hatch 1st called for praise
of church and invited visiting
members of our faith and asked
to deacons with us 3 of give an
opportunity for the Reception of
members 4th called for
References minutes of our last
meeting being read
and approved by the Body

Call upon Business
there bearing some year
Dismiss in order J.R.
Hatcher Mad J.M. Powhatchee

State of Tenn.

Stuart Co.

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State of Tenn
Stuart Co.

We the Predestinated Baptist Church
of Christ as we hope known to be the
Shady grove church Houston County Tenn
met in Conference on Saturday before
the 2nd Sunday in March 1804
in the house of our friend B. D. Barnes and
after divine service by Eld J. R. Watcher
1st Called for the peace of the church
2nd invited visiting members of our faith
and order to seats with us
3rd Gave an opportunity for members
4th Called for reference, the minutes of
our last meeting were read and received.

5th Called for business.

Whereas this church is in need of a meeting
house appointed our friends as follows

B. L. Thompson and J. St. Roberts for ^{J. P. Ridd} Trustees
And B. D. Barnes, T. O. Barnes

and Mr. W. Barnes for building Committee
Said house to be built on a piece of land
situated between the residences of B.D. and
W. O. Barnes.

There being no further business was dismissed
in order

J. R. Watcher Mod
J. W. Roberts C. C.

april 1904

We the Predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as We hope known
as the Shady Grove Church of Stewart
County Tenn Met in conference on
Saturday Before the 2nd Sunday in apr
1904 in the House of our friend W W
Barnes after Devine services By Eld J R
Hatcher 1st call for Peace of the church
2nd invited visiting members of our
faith and order to seats with us 3rd
give an opportunity for members 4th
call for References Minutes of ~~our~~
last meeting was not present therefore
was not read 5th call for Buisnets
Received a request from Grassey Spring
church at Burns Station asking this
body to assist them in their communion
beginning on Saturday before the fourth

Sunday in May 1904
The request was granted
there being no further business
was dismissed in order

J. R. Watcher Mod.
J. W. Roberts Secy

May ? 1904

We the Pledginated Baptist church
of Christ as the Half Pecanow as
the Shady Grove church Farmley
of Houston co But now of Stewart Co
Gen. Met in conference one Saturday
Before the 2nd Sunday in May 1904
in the new church House 1st call
for Peace 2nd invited besiting
members of our Faith and order to seats
with us 3d give and opportunity for
members 4th call for Pufferances
minutes of our tow. Last meeting
Bunney Read and approved 5th
call for Business He as a body
agree to invite Bartons creek
Yellow Creek Richland and grassy
Spring churches to assist us in
our communion

to Begin on Saturday
Before the 2nd Sunday
in July 1904 there being
no other business was dismissed
in order Eld J R Hatcher Mod
J W Roberts Secy

July 1904

Of the Predestinated Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope known to be the Shady Grove
Church ~~State~~ Stewart County Tenn met
in conference at the Shady Grove meeting
house on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday
in July 1904

1st Called for the peace of the church

2nd Invited visiting members of our faith
and order to seats with us.

3 Gave an opportunity for reception of members

4th Called for reference. The minutes of
our last meeting were read and approved
5th Called for business

agreed to represent in our union meeting
by letter and messenger to be held with the
Brassy Spring Church at Burns Station
Dickson County Tenn to begin on Friday before
the 4th Sunday in July 1904. Appointed
Brother J. W. Roberts messenger to bear the letter.
We also agree to represent in our association
by letter and messenger to be held with
the Barton's Creek church ^{Dickson Co. Tenn.} to begin
on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in
Sept. 1904 appointed Bro. J. W. Roberts messen-
ger to bear said letter and agree to give
\$1.25 for the use of the association

There was a request from the Richland
church by ~~Bro.~~ R. Watcher and Brother

T. B. Newberry to assist them in their
Communion to begin on Saturday before 3rd Sunday
in July 1904 The request was granted.

We agreed to Commune on tomorrow
There being no further business was dismissed
in order

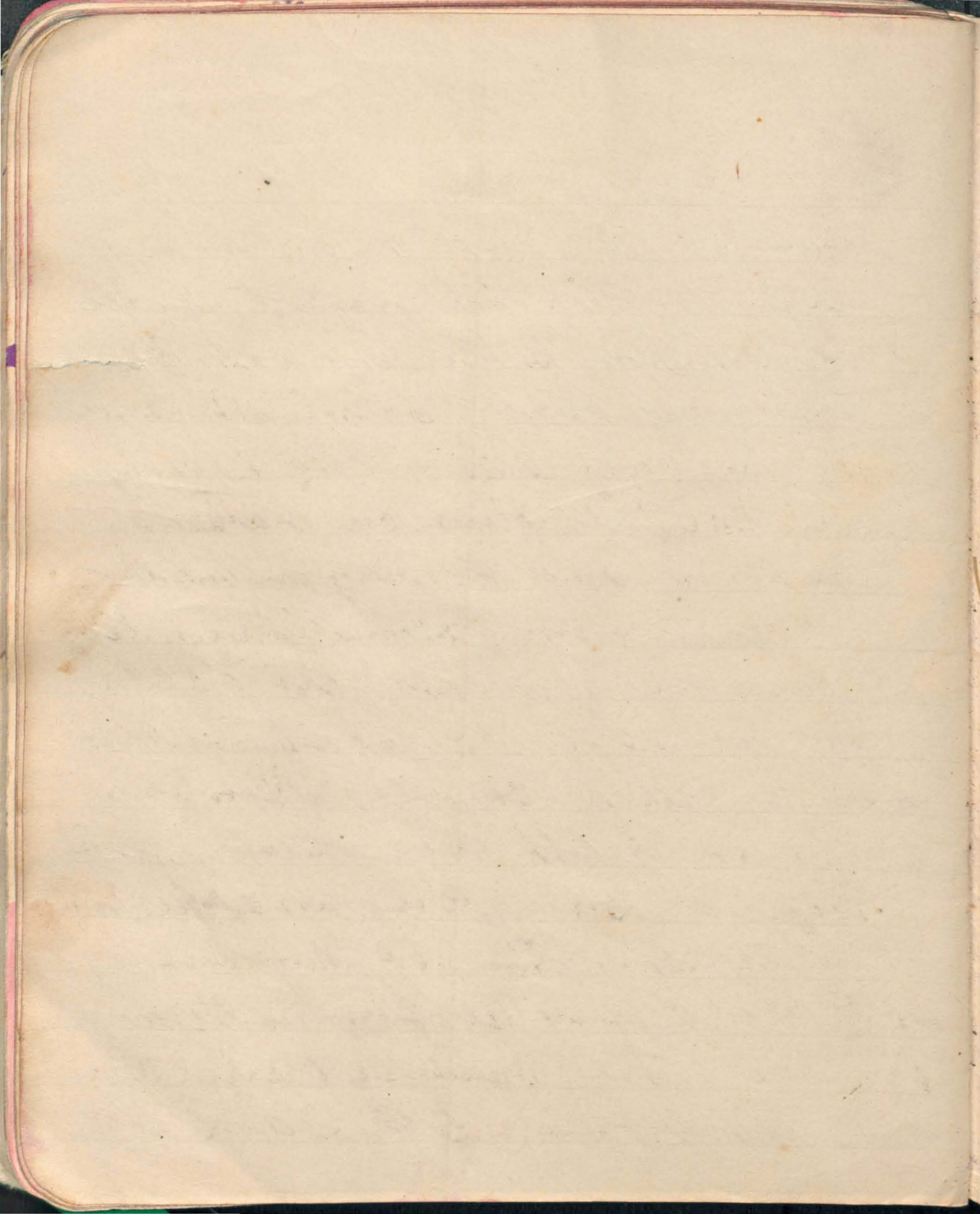
Secy. J. R. Hatcher Mod.

Bro. J. P. Roberts C. C.

Sept - 1904

We the Predestinated Baptist Church
of Christ as We have known to be
the Shady Grove Church Steubenville
county Tennessee met in ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{conference} ~~conference~~
at the Shady Grove meeting ^{house} ~~house~~
House on Saturday Before the 2nd
Sunday in Sept 1904

1st call for the ^{Peace} of the church
2nd ~~we~~ invited visiting members
of our faith and order to seats
with us 3rd gave an opportunity
for the Reception of members
4th call for References minutes
of our last meeting being read
and approved
5th called for Business there being
none was dismissed in order Eld J R
Hatcher mod. J W. Roberts cl



Oct 8 1904

W^{as} the Predestinated or old school
Baptist church of Christ as the
Hope known to be the Shady Grove
Church of Stewart county Tennessee
met in conference at the Shady
Grove Meeting House on Saturday
Before the 2nd Sunday in October
1904, after Devine services by
Eld J R. Hatcher 1st called
for the Peace of the church and
~~was~~ invited visiting Members
of our Faith and order to seats
With us B^d gave an opportunity
for the Reception of Members
4th called for References the minutes
of our last meeting being read
and approved 5th called for

Buissness, We as a Body
agreed to have our meeting
Days are the 14th Saturday in
each month. and Sunday following
Whitel was our former time of
meeting the Deed of the church
property known to be the
predestinated Baptist church was
brought forward and read and
approved and signed by the
former owners W. W. J. P. J. Barnes
and ~~W~~ witnessed by Bro
J. B. Newberry and B. S. Barnes
there being no other buissness
one hand was dismissed in
order Eld J. B. Hatcher mod
J. W. Roberts cell

Dec 24

1804

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of
of Christ as We hope known as the shady
grove Church of Stewart Co Tennessee
met in conference at the Church House
one Saturday before 11th Sunday in Dec
1804 after prayer services By Eld J R
Hatcher 1st called for peace of the church
2nd invited visiting members of our
faith and order to seats with us 3d
gave an invitation for the Reception of
members 4th called for references
the minutes of our last meeting
being read & approved 5th called for
business We agreed to Read Report of
Building Committee at our next meeting
there being no further business Was
Dismissed in order J R Hatcher Mod
J W Roberts Sec

Mar. 1905

We the Predestinated Baptist Church
of Christ at Shady Grove meeting house
Stewart County Tenn. on Saturday
before the 4th Sunday in March 1905 -
met in Conference:

1st Called for the peace of the church
2nd ^{providing visiting} members to seats with us
3rd have an opportunity for ^{reception} members
4th Called for reference. Called on our
building Community to report

The amount collected in cash & mails and etc.

\$ 61.75

The same expended upon house

57.87

Balance to be expended by Sister Thompson upon
the meeting house as she desires

\$ 3.88

on Lumber stove &c

55.50

Boards 2300. the value about

660
6210

The report received and the committee
discharged

5-th called for business and there being
none was dismissed in order

old J R Walker Mod.

J W Roberts clerk

1905

State of Tenn Stewart Co aprie
We the Predestinated Baptist church
of Christ as we have known to
Be the Shady Grove church of
Stewart County Tennessee met in the
church House one saturday Before the
4th Sunday in aprie 1905 after
Devine services By Elds 'L D, Seals
& J R. Hatcher 1st call for the
Peace of the church 2nd invited
visiting members to Seals with us
3rd gave an opportunity for the
Reception of members 4th call
for References Minutes of our last
meeting was Read & Received also
Report of Building comity's Report
was Read & Rec & comity discharged
5th call for Business Rec a

Request by letter from Bartons
Creep church for us to assist them
in their communion communion one
Saturday Before the 3d Sunday in
May 1905 Request was granted also
Rec a Request from Yellow Creek church
to assist them in their communion
meeting Beginning one Saturday Before
the 1st Sunday in July 1905
Request was granted also Rec a
Request from Richland church for
us to assist them in their communion
Request was granted This Body
agreed to have the communion in
July Beginning one Saturday Before
the 4th Sunday in July 1905
also agreed to invite as many
sister churches to assist us as can

Request mad through the Gaspee
News Ther Being no further
Business was dismissed in order
Eld. G. J. seals mad.
J. W. Roberts. cc

June 1905

We the Predestinated Baptist
Church of Christ as We have
known to be the Shady Grove Church
met in conference on Saturday before
the 4th Sunday in June 1905
after Devine services by Eld. J. R.
Hatcher I called for the Peace of
Church 2nd invited visiting
members of our Faith & order
to state with us 3^d June
~~an~~ an opportunity for the
Reception of members 4th
called for References minutes
of our last meeting being
read & approved 5th called
for business agreed to
represent in our Union by

Letter & messenger to be
held with the Richland church
Humphris county Tennessee
to begin one Friday before
the 30th Sunday in July 1905
appointed Bro J W Robert as
messenger to care the letter also
there being no other business
were dismissed in order
+ Eld J R. Hatcher mod
J W Robert CC

July

1905

We the Predestinated Baptist church
of Christ as we have known to be
the Shady Grove church of Stewart Co
Tennessee met in conference at the
Church House one Saturday before the
4th Sunday in July 1905 after
Devine services by Eld J. R. Hatcher
1 call for peace of the church 2nd
invited visiting members to seats with us
3d To give an opportunity for
the Reception of members 4th call for
~~References & Minutes~~ for Business
References Minutes of our last
meeting was Read & approved 5th
call for Business We agreed to
Represent in the original West
Tennessee Baptist Association
which will conference with the

Buffalo Church at Badine
School House Humphris county
Tennessee Beginning on Saturday
Before the third Sunday in Sept
1905 appointed Bros To
Barnes & J W Roberts as messengers
to Bear the letter & that we
contribute \$125 for the use of
the association there Being no
more Business was dismissed in
order J. R. Hatcher mod

J W Roberts. CC

Bro TO Barnes joined the church
by experience on 3 Sunday in
July 1905 at Richland and was
baptised by Eld. J. R. Hatcher P. S.

This should have appeared in its order
in the above minutes We desire
his membership at this place J. R. Hatcher mod

aug

1905

We the Predestinated Baptist Church of Christ
as We Hope Known to Be the Shady Grove
Church of Stewart County Tennessee
Met in conference at the Church House one
Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Aug 1905
after Devine services by Bro John Martin
Lp 1st call for the Peace of the church
all in Peace 2nd invited visiting members
of our faith & order to seats with
us 3d Give an opportunity for the
Refections of members 4th call for
References Minutes of our last
meeting was Read & approved 5
call for Business there being none
was dismissed in order Bro John
Martin Moderator & J W Roberts

Oct 1905

We the predestinated or old school
Baptist church of Christ as We Hope
Known to Be the Shady Grove church
of Stewart county Tennessee met in
conference one Satterday Before the
4th Sunday in Oct 1905 after
Devine services By Eld J R. Hatcher
1st call for the peace of the church
all in Peace For which We feel thankful
2nd invited visiting members of our
Faith & order to seats With us 3d
Give an opportunity For the Reception
of members 4th call For References
minutes of our last meeting was
not present therefore was not Read
5th call for Business there being
none was Dismiss in order
Eld J R Hatcher Mod - J W Roberts CC

Jan:

1906

Was the predestinated Baptist—
Church of Christ—as we hope
known to be the Shady Grove Church
of Stewart Co Tennessee met in
Conference on Saturday Before
the 4 Sunday in Jan 1906
after divine services by Eld. J. R.
Hatcher

1. Called for the peace of the church
All in peace

2. and invited visiting members of our faith and
4 orders to seats with us & give an opportunity
for the reception of members & called for
References minutes of our last meeting
was read and approved & called for
Business there being none was dismissed
in order. Eld. J. R. Hatcher Mod —
T. O. Barnes clerk pro tem

February 1906

At the predestinated Baptist Church of Christ
as we hope know to be the shady grove church
of Stewart-County Tennessee met for
conference on Saturday Before the 4
Sunday in February 1906 after
Divine service by Elders L. D. Seals

and J. R. Hatcher

- 1 Called for the grace of the church
All in peace
- 2 Invited visiting members of our faith and
order to seats with us
- 3 Gave and opportunity for Reception of members
- 4 Called for References Minutes of our last
meeting was read and approved & called for
Business there being none was
dismissed in order

Elders J. R. Hatcher and

L. D. Seals

Nov

April 1906

We the predestinated Baptist Churches Christ
as we hope who worship at the Shady Grove
meeting house Stuart County Tenn. met in
conference on Saturday before last Sunday
in April 1906 after divine services by
Eld J R Walcher

Called for peace Bro. J W Roberts
having been admonished to come forward
to clear up some bad reports going on some
of his family, has failed to do so. This Church
agrees to notify him to do so, between this
and the next meeting and also to be present
at that time and relieve this church of her
burden thrust upon her by said reports.

I invited visiting members to seats with us

Call for references. Minutes of our last
meeting was read and approved. Elected Eld J R Walcher
for next pastor
Business. None was dismissed in order
Eld J R Walcher Mod
T O Burns Clerk Sec

May (1906)

We the predestinated baptist church of Christ
as we hope known as the Shady Groves Church
Stewart County Tennessee met in
conference on Saturday before the 4
Sunday in May (1906) 1st called for
Peace

2nd invited visiting members to seats with
us 3rd gives an opportunity for members
4th called for references Bro J. W. Roberts
case referred until next meeting

5th called for Business was a body agreed
to represent in our union meeting by letter
and messenger to ^{with the Buffalo church} be held at the Bodine
School house Humphres County Tenn
to begin on Friday before the 4 Sunday in
July (1906) appointed Bro T. D. Barnes messenger
to bear the letter we agree to have our
Communion in ^{July} August to begin

Aug (1906)

With the predestinated Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope known as the shady grove
Church Stewart County Tenn met in conference
on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in July
also agreed to invite ~~as many~~ as many
sister churches to assist us as can
also receive a request from yellow creek church
to assist them in their communion
meeting to begin on Saturday before the 1st Sunday
in July (1906) request was granted also
request from richland Church for us
to assist them in their communion
request was granted meeting to begin on Saturday
before the 3rd Sunday in July (1906)

There being no further Business was dismissed
In order O. J. R. Hatcher mod T. B. Barnes clerk pro tem

May) (1906)

Wth the predestinated baptist church of Christ
as we hope known as the Shady Grove Church
Stewart County Tennessee met in

~~Aug (1906)~~

~~Wth the predestinated Baptist church of
Christ as we hope known as the Shady Grove
Church Stewart County Tennessee met
in conference on Saturday before the 4
Sunday in August - (1906) called for
peace reported not in peace, invited
visiting members of our faith and order
to seat with just 3 given and opportunity
for members 4 called for Resolutions
Bro J. W. Roberts case was taken and
disposed of by with drawing from him
By unanimous vote 5 called for
Business~~

Aug (1906)

Wth the predestinated Baptist Church of
Christ as we hope known as the shady grove
Church Stewart county Tenn met in conference
on Saturday before the 4 Sunday in August 1906
After divine service By Eld J. B. Luther I called
for peace I invited visiting members
If our faith and order to seats with us 3
Giv^d and opportunity for members 4
Called for Reference Bro J. W. Roberts
Case was taken up and disposed of by
with drawing ~~from~~ him by unanimous vote
Then called for peace All in peace
5 called for business we as a body agree
to Represent in the associations by letter and
messengers Bro Thos Barnes to bear the ~~letter~~
Letter contribution \$12.57 also agreed to
have our communion ^{meeting} ~~on Saturday before~~ in October 1906
Meeting to be giv^d on Saturday before the
4 Sunday in October 1906

Minutes of our last meeting was read
and approved there being no further Business
was dismissed in order Eld J. B. Luther
Moderator T. O. Barnes Clerk

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At the the predestinated Baptist Church of Christ as
we hope known to be the shady grove church met in
conference on Saturday before the 4 Sunday in
October 1886 after divine services by Eld
J. B. Hatcher 1 called for peace 2 Invited
visiting members to seats with us 3
gives and opportunity for members 4
called for ~~Business~~ ~~References~~ ~~the minutes~~
~~of our last meeting~~ we agreed
to commence on tomorrow there being
no other Business was dismissed in
order Eld J. B. Hatcher Mod
T. O. Barnes

Oct- (1906)

was the predestinated Baptist Church of Christ.
As we hope known to be The shady grove church
Stewart County Tenn met in conference
on Saturday before the 4 Sunday in Oct
1906 after divine service by Eld J. P. Hatcher

- 1 called for peace 2 invited visiting members
of our faith and offer
to seats with us 3 gives opportunity for members
minutes of our
- 4 called for Resolutions ~~was read and approved~~
Last meeting was read and approved
Agreed to ~~convene on tomorrow~~
- 5 called for Business ~~was agreed to~~
Agreed to ~~convene on tomorrow~~
There being no further Business was
dismissed in order

Eld J. P. Hatcher ^{mod}
T. Q. Barnes clerk

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