

Minutes of the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION

(Revived),
and the seventy-ninth of the original
Of Primitive Baptists



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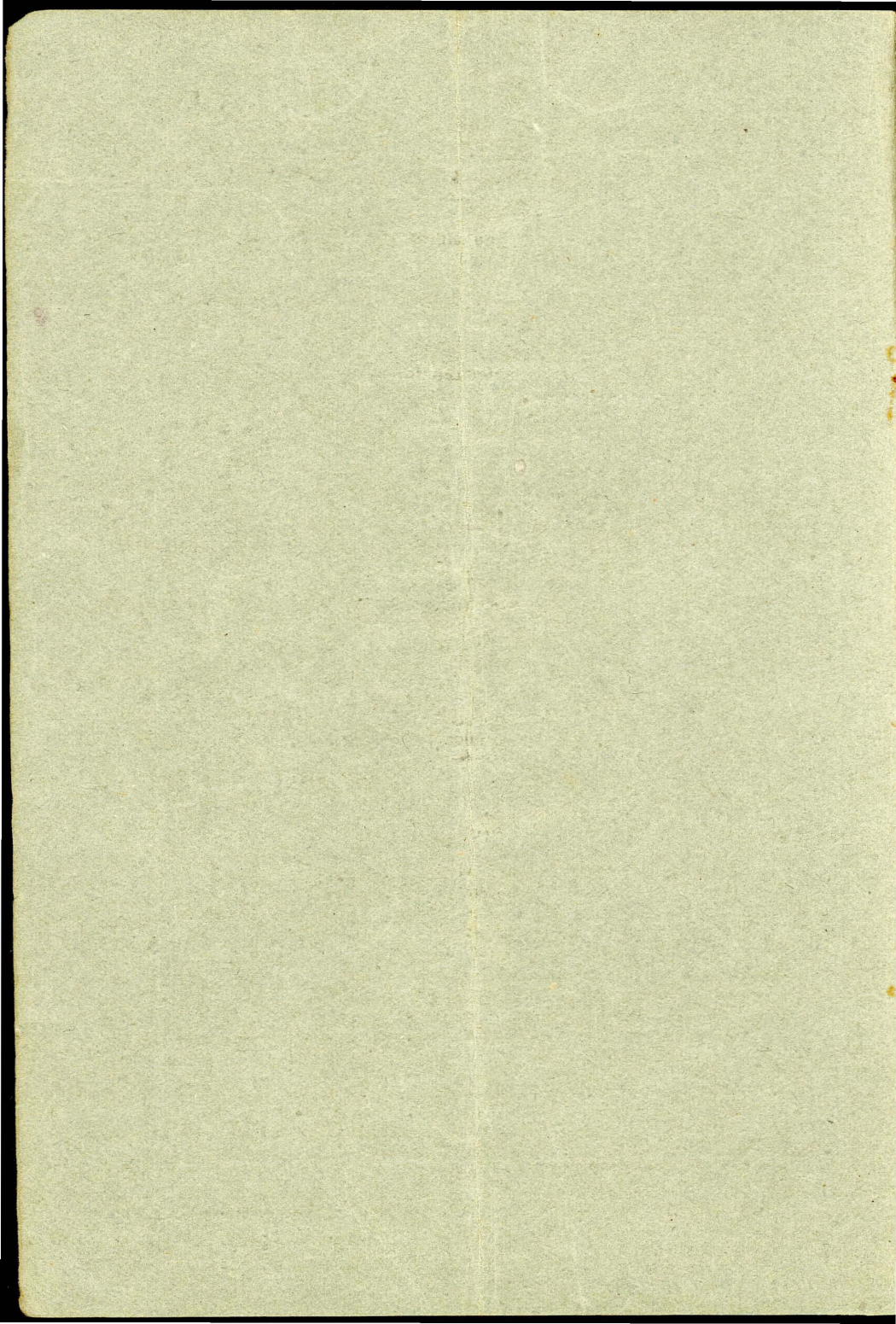
Batesville

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Held with the Church at

Zion's Rest, Henderson Co., Tenn.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 1, 2, 3, 1916



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

The Association met with the church at Zion's Rest, as appointed last year.

Services were introduced by Elder J. M. Fuqua.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. D. Hamilton.

The Association then convened, and was called to order by the Clerk, as Moderator was absent.

Praise, and prayer by Elder Z. Stallings.

The Association then transacted the following business:

1. Appointed Brethren A. H. Fuller, T. P. Carnal as a Committee on Finance.

2. Read Rules of Decorum.

3. Called for letters from the churches, which were read and received.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

5. Organized by electing Elder A. H. Insko moderator and Elder T. M. Hampton clerk.

6. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations. Letters were read, and messengers invited to seats with us, as follows:

Forked Deer—Elder Z. Stallings.

Obion—Elder W. E. Brush, B. T. Perry.

West Tennessee—Elders J. M. Fuqua, J. W. Lomax, W. R. Rushton, A. M. Sanders, W. A. Potter.

Greenfield—Elder J. C. Ross, M. D. Brann.

Predestinarian—F. M. Putnam, Eli Hopper, E. V. Hardeman, Elder J. A. Burcham.

Mississippi River—Elder J. F. Gaugh.

7. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at New Hope, Gibson County, Tenn., four miles east of Milan, Tenn., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1917; Elder R. C. Taylor to preach the introductory sermon, with Brother Eddie Rhodes alternate.

8. Appointed Brethren J. S. Browning, C. H. Dunavan, D. J. Meals, H. F. Hodge, H. S. Hargis, J. T. Chandler, A. D. Roberts, Joe Massey, Joe Fuller as a Committee on Divine Services.

9. Appointed L. D. Hamilton, T. M. Phillips and Eddie Rhodes, together with Moderator and Clerk, to arrange unfinished business.

10. Adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Praise, and prayer by Elder W. E. Brush.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Praise, and prayer by Elder C. H. Cayce.

1. Called roll of messengers; quorum present.

2. Committee on Divine Services appointed Elders Z. Stallings, J. W. Lomax, W. E. Brush to preach on Saturday and Elders J. M. Fuqua, J. C. Ross and C. H. Cayce to preach Sunday.

3. Committee on Arrangements of Unfinished Business reported and was discharged.

4. Called for corresponding letters to sister associations. Letters reported ready by Clerk, and the following brethren agree to bear them.

Forked Deer—W. S. Taylor.

Obion—H. F. Hodge.

West Tennessee—Elder T. M. Phillips, Brother Wash Berry.

Greenfield—J. S. Browning, G. W. Essary, D. J. Meals, Elder A. H. Insko.
Predestinarian—Elder T. M. Hampton, A. H. Fuller, Joe Massey, Elder
L. D. Hamilton, Elder A. H. Insko.

Mississippi River—Elder A. H. Insko.

5. Appointed places for holding union meetings as follows:

First District—To be held with the church at Mud Creek, Carroll
County, Tenn., five miles southwest of Westport, Tenn., beginning on Fri-
day before the fourth Sunday in July, 1917; Elder T. M. Hampton to preach
the introductory sermon, Elder T. M. Phillips alternate.

Second District—To be held with the church at Old Antioch, Hender-
son County, Tenn., seven miles west of Wildersville, beginning on Friday
before the second Sunday in August, 1917; Elder A. H. Insko to preach
the introductory sermon, Elder L. D. Hamilton alternate.

6. Committee on Finance reported:

Received from churches this year.....\$19.00

Remaining in treasury 00.00

7. Appointed the clerk treasurer, and to superintend the printing
and distribution of minutes. That he have 500 copies printed, and that
he receive the residue of this fund for his services.

8. The Association wishes to extend her heartfelt thanks to the breth-
ren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of Zion's Rest Church for their kind-
ness and the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during
our stay among them.

9. Adjourned in brotherly love to meet at the time and place before
mentioned. ELDER A. H. INSCO, Moderator.

ELDER T. M. HAMPTON, Clerk.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY

The brethren appointed to preach today spoke to a large and attentive
congregation and preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit,
the Lord's people being comforted and built up in the most holy faith.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy
Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are
the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of man, and that all the posterity of Adam
are sinners by nature; that they have neither will nor power to deliver
themselves from their condemned and sinful state by the ability which they
possess by nature.

4. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that the elect
were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.

5. We believe that salvation, regeneration, sanctification and justifica-
tion are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of Jesus
Christ; that his children are kept by the power of God through faith unto
salvation.

6. We believe that good works are the fruit of the faith of God's
elect, and follow after they are born of the spirit of God and only justify
them declaratively.

7. We believe that baptism by immersion is an ordinance of the gospel,
and that experimental believers are the only proper subjects.

8. We believe that none have the right to administer baptism, or the
Lord's Supper, but those who are clothed with the authority of the church.

9. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance, and washing the
saints' feet a command of Jesus Christ, both of which ought to be con-
tinued until He comes again.

10. We believe that the mortal bodies of men that die and are laid in the grave, or elsewhere, both of the just and unjust at the last day will be resurrected and that this mortal will put on immortality and will not be annihilated or done away, but every man in his own order, the bodies of the righteous to lie eternal, and fashioned like the glorious body in the nature and image of Christ; but the bodies of the wicked to condemnation.

11. We believe that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked everlasting.

12. We believe the modern mission system to be unauthorized by the word of God, and consequently productive of evil, and therefore, cannot fellowship or encourage the same.

13. We believe that it is not good order for any of our members to join any of the men-made institutions of the day. And that it is disorder for any of our ministers to take pastoral care of churches having or receiving members who are members of any of the secret orders of the day.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator as "Brother."

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, provided he attends strictly to the subject in hand; but if he departs therefrom the moderator shall call him to order. No member shall cast any personal reflection on any one who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall whisper or laugh during time of business, to the interruption of the Association.

7. Members shall address one another by the appellation of "Brother" and no member shall absent himself in time of business without leave.

8. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may deem necessary.

9. Any member who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to the direction of the Association.

10. Any minister or member advocating publicly or privately the reception of members from other denominations in any way only by experience and baptism shall be dealt with as an offender.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder R. C. Taylor, Milan, Tenn.

Elder A. H. Insko, R. 5, Lexington, Tenn.

Elder L. D. Hamilton, R. 1, Lexington, Tenn.

Elder T. M. Phillips, R. 1, Camden, Tenn.

Elder T. M. Hampton, R. 3, Huntingdon, Tenn.

ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. M. Fuqua, R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.

Elder H. M. Sanders, Bold Springs, Tenn.

Elder J. W. Lomax, Bold Springs, Tenn.

Elder W. A. Potter, R. 2, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Elder C. H. Cayce, Martin, Tenn.

Elder W. R. Rushton, R. 2, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.

Elder J. F. Gaugh, R. 2, Jackson, Tenn.

Elder J. C. Ross, Greenfield, Tenn.

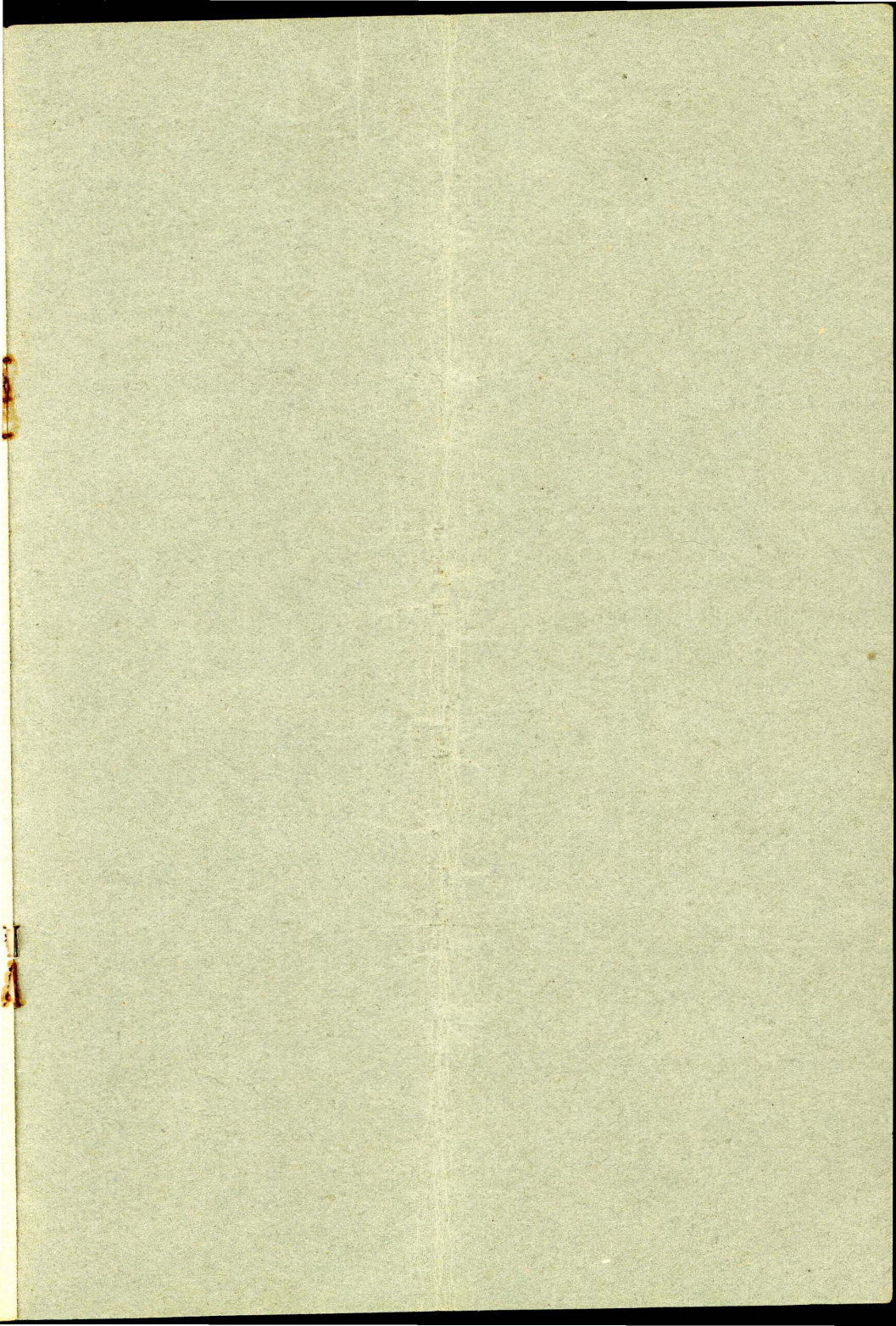
Elder W. E. Brush, McKenzie, Tenn.

Elder Z. Stallings, R. 5, Milan, Tenn.

Elder J. A. Burcham, Bath Springs, Tenn.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Rec.....	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Restored	Rec'd by Letter..	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sun. of Meeting.	Contributions ...
First District												
Hollow Rock ...	F. C. Cole, Sawyer, Tenn.....	H F Hodge, Berry Pearce, Alex McMackins	1		1	1		2		52	1	\$ 1.50
Humble M. H....	B F Conyers, R. 1, Huntingdon, Tenn.	T Orr, J T Chandler, N A Orr.....								24	3	2.00
Mud Creek	W J Brecheen, R 1, Yuma, Tenn.	T P Carnal, D J Meals, T M Hampton						2		59	4	3.00
Shady Grove	H S Hargis, R. 1, Camden, Tenn.	H S Hargis, T M Phillips, G D Clayton	5	1			1	1		24	4	1.50
Second District												
New Antioch ...	J M Hamilton, R. 1, Lexington, Tenn.	T B Hamilton, J F Milton, L A Phillips, L D Hamilton					1	1		30	1	1.50
West Plains	S Y Browning, R. 5, Milan, Tenn.	E H Brown, Henry Dunavan, S Y Browning	5	3			2	1		59	4	2.50
Old Antioch	Joe Massey, R. 1, Yuma, Tenn.	L H Meals, Joe Massey, J E Waller, Asa Meals							1	19	2	1.50
New Hope	J S Browning, R. 5, Milan, Tenn.	G W Essary, W S Taylor, E V Burrow	1		2		2			100	3	3.50
Zion's Rest	J L Fuller, R. 1, Wildersville, Tenn.	L F Rhodes, I I Pruett, J L Fuller....	2		3		3			25	3	2.00
Total.....			14	1	9	2	7	5	4	392	..	\$19.00



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