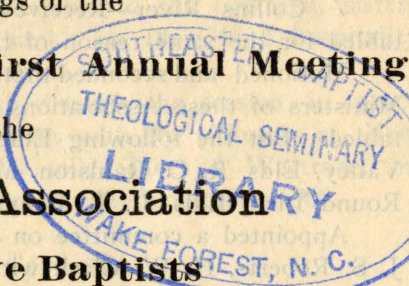


Proceedings of the
One Hundred and First Annual Meeting
of the
Elk River Association
of Primitive Baptists



Held with the Church at Elk River, Coffee County,
Tennessee, on Friday and Saturday,
Sept. 11-12, 1908

FRIDAY THE 1st DAY

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. A. Cashion. Text, Heb. 10: 25; "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, etc.

After which the Association met and was called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Eld. L. T. Evans.

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

Organized by Electing Elder. J. G. Woodfin, Moderator; and Eld. W. A. Cashion, Clerk and N. F. Boone, Assistant Clerk, proceeded to business.

- 1 Read the rules of decorum.
- 2 Called Petitionary Letters. None presented.
- 3 Called for Corresponding Letters with the following results:
 - 1 Flint River—No intelligence.
 - 2 Cumberland—Brethren Charley Taylor, J. H. Hay with Letter and Minutes.
 - 3 Mud Creek—Received Letter and Minutes by mail.
 - 4 Sequatchie Valley—By reason of a division in said Association two letters presented, and for the same reason were laid on the table.
 - 5 Fountain Creek—Letter and Minutes by Eld. J. H. Britton and Joel Dodd.
 - 6 Round Lick—Received Letter and Minutes by Eld. J. B. White and W. P. Russell. But tabled this letter for the reason that they had taken sides with one of the factions of the Sequatchie Valley.

7 Collins River—Received Letter and Minutes by mail but tabled for the same reason of that of Round Lick.

Motioned and seconded that the Association elect any of the Ministers of these Associations to preach whose letters had been tabled. But the following Elders refused to do so: Sequatchie Valley, Elds. R. O. Raulston, M. A. Hackworth, H. L. Colston; Round Lick, Elds. L. T. Evans, J. B. White and W. P. Russell.

Appointed a committee on arrangements: I. B. Whitaker, J. S. Roberts, H. W. Clark with the Moderator and Clerks.

Appointed a committee on Correspondence: E. L. Philpot, W. J. Landess together with the Clerks. Agreed to meet Saturday 9:30 a. m. Prayer by Eld. L. T. Evans.

SATURDAY

Met according to agreement. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Cashion, Called the roll. Quorum present.

Committee on Arrangements report. Report the arrangements as contained in former Minutes. Report received and committee discharged.

Committee on Correspondence report letters to the following Associations:

- 1 Flint River—Messenger, Eld. W. A. Cashion.
- 2 Cumberland—Messengers, Eld. J. G. Woodfin and H. W. Clark.
- 3 Mud Creek—Messengers, none agreed to go.
- 4 Foutainn Creek—Messengers, Eld. J. G. Woodfin and W. A. Cashion.

Sectional Meetings

- 1 Beans Creek—Fifth Sunday in May 1909, and Friday before; Elds. J. G. Goodfin and W. A. Cashion to attend.
- 2 Flat Creek—Fourth Sunday in May 1909, and Friday before; Eld. J. G. Woodfin to attend.
- 3 Bethlehem—Third Sunday in May 1909 and Friday before; Elds. J. G. Woodfin and W. A. Cashion to attend.
- 4 Mt. Olivet—Second Sunday in May 1909 and Friday before; Elds. J. G. Woodfin and W. A. Cashion to attend.

Appointed Committee On Finance

W. J. Landess and H. W. Clark. Reported \$19.00 received from the churches for defraying the expenses of printing and distributing of the Minutes. And that 500 copies be the number required.

Elected Elder J. G. Woodfin to preach the next introductory sermon.

On motion the Association extended to the brethren, sisters and friends of the community thanks for their kind hospitality during the meeting of the Association.

The Association having gone through the session in peace among themselves adjourned to meet with the Church at New Hope, Bedford County, Tenn., 4 miles east of Warrance, on Friday night before the second Sunday in September 1909.

Minutes read and approved.

Benediction by Eld. W. J. Covington.

Signed by order of the Association,

J. G. WOODFIN, Moderator.

W. A. CASHION, Clerk.

N. F. BOONE, Asst. Clerk.

An Account of the Origin

OF THE

Elk River Association of Baptists

FORMED THE 20th OF AUGUST 1808.

On the 10th day of October, 1806, Brother George Foster settled on the head of Elk River, from the state of Kentucky, and it pleased the Lord to enable him to collect a few Brethren and Sisters together, who were constituted a Church by the name of Hopewell, in the month of May, 1807. In the fall of the same year, Bethel Church, on the south fork of Duck river, was constituted by John Davis, James Walker and George Foster, and shortly afterwards, Bethlehem Church, by the same ministers, and on the 27th day of March, 1808, the Boiling Fork Church was constituted by Elders John Davis, Isaac Reed and George Foster, which Churches, with the Elk River Church, met together by their delegates at Hopewell meeting house on the 19th day of August 1808 and after Divine service, the aforesaid delegates having produced their authority from their respective Churches, took seats and their names were enrolled as follows: From Bethlehem Church, David Adams and Aaron Gage. From Bethel Thomas Crawford and James Walker. From Elk River, George Foster and William Gotcher. From Boiling Fork, John Davis and Henry Russell. Elder David Adams was chosen Moderator, and Brother Geo. Foster, Clerk. Bros. John Adams, Dutton Sweeten, John Lane and Elds. John Reed and Isaac Reed were invited to seats with us. Then proceeded to appoint Elders Jas. Walker, Thomas Crawford and Aaron Gage, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a committee to arrange the business of the present conference and adjourned until Saturday, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock—Met, and after invoking the Divine blessing on our attempts, proceeded to business.

1st. Brother William Keel invited to a seat.

2nd. Eld. John Reed appointed to preach to the people.

3rd. The arrangement called for. Read and received.

4th. Agreed, as we hope, in the fear of the Lord, to unite and form an Association to be known by the name of "Elk River Association," on the following principles, in token of which we gave each other the right hand of fellowship, namely.

1st. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are a Trinity of Persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and yet there are not three Gods, but one only.

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

3d. We believe in the fall of Adam, and by his transgression all his posterity fell and were made sinners. We believe in the corruption of human nature, and in the impotence of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4th We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, and that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our gracious state.

5th. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and not one of them shall be finally lost.

6th. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general or universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

7th. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

8th. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the Church, and that the government thereof is with the body.

9th. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and to be continued until his second coming.

10th. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the only gospel mode.

11th We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

12th. 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 ought to be transacted thereon—works of piety, mercy and necessity, only excepted.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Elders filled their places at the stand as the Association arranged: Elds. A. J. Willis, J. H. Britton, W. E. Brush on Saturday; Sunday, W. E. Brush and W. J. Covington.

ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Eld. W. J. Cashion, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 5.
Eld. W. T. Furgerson, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 5.
Eld. J. G. Woodfin, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

J. W. Spencer, Lynchburg, Tenn.
W. B. Chilton, Wartrace, Tenn.

CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

J. R. Bramlett, Hillsboro, Tenn.
J. K. Champion, Decherd, Tenn.
G. W. Thompson, Maxwell, Tenn.
G. W. Syler, Horton, Tenn., Route 1.
E. L. Philpot, Shelbyville, Tenn, Route 6.
J. M. Spencer, Mulberry, Tenn, Route 2.
J. S. Roberts, Wartrace, Tenn.
W. C. Ayers, Haley, Tenn.
J. T. Clardy, Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 5.
W. R. Fields, Bellbuckle, Tenn.
I. B. Whitaker, Fayetteville, Tenn.
W. J. Landess, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 5.
N. F. Boone, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 1.
R. M. Koonce, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 7.
J. H. Landess, Petersburg, Tenn.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS		Contributions	Sunday of Meeting	Total Membership	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Recommendation	Rec'd by Exp. and Bar.
Elk River	W L Wilkerson, W H McKelvey, George Chapman	1	2 00	1 44	47	2						
Wagners Creek	Elder J G Woodfin, J D Bass, J K Champion, James Walker	1	1 00	4 4	32	1						
Beans Creek			50	2 2								
Shilo				4 4								
Flat Creek	G F Shofner, E L Philpot	3	50	4 4	88	1						
Arber	W A Cashion, T C Spencer		50	1 1	58	1						
New Hope	J S Roberts		1 0	1 1	21							
Bethlehem	J H Stevens, W C Ayers	1	50	3 3	30							
Mt. Pisgah				1 1								
Union	H W Clark, J W Hale		00	4 4	16							
Buckeye	E W Plets, J W Warden, J E Broadway and I B Whitaker	2	00	1 1	132							
Concord	James Cunningham, W J Landess, J W Buntly	2	50	3 3	68							
Mt. Moriah	N F Boone		00	3 3	89							
Corders X Roads			00	1 1								
Mt. Olive	Will Erwin	2	50	2 2	85							

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CHURCHES	ADDRESSES OF PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	CONTRIBUTIONS	MESSAGES TO YOUTH	MESSAGES TO ADULTS	EXERCISES	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	RECEIVED BY OTHER
Mr. Office	Will Plains		1 00	1 00	1 00				
Concord	Z. E. Boons		33 11 00	33 11 00	33 11 00				
Mr. Moore	James (Anningham) W. J. Rodgers, J. W. Baurly		20 00	20 00	20 00				
Concord	R. W. Bates, J. W. Warden, J. E. Burdette and I. R. Whitaker		92 31 50	92 31 50	92 31 50				
Buckeye	H. W. Clark, J. W. Hale		1 00	1 00	1 00				
Clinton			1 00	1 00	1 00				
Mr. Plaster	J. H. Stevens, W. C. Yaker		30 00	30 00	30 00				
Belknapton	J. E. Roberts		31 11 00	31 11 00	31 11 00				
New Hope	W. A. Campbell, J. G. Bennett		1 00	1 00	1 00				
Arden	G. R. Shogren, E. P. Whitford		32 00	32 00	32 00				
Clinton			1 00	1 00	1 00				
Wagon Creek	Edgar J. C. Woodburn, J. D. Bass, J. E. Chamberlain, James Walker		45 00	45 00	45 00				
Wagon Creek	W. J. Whitaker, M. H. McKelvey, George Chamberlain		32 00	32 00	32 00				
Wagon Creek			42 00	42 00	42 00				
Wagon Creek			1 00	1 00	1 00				