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PROCEEDINGS OF ELK RIVER ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Cashion, from Acts 20-28; "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made thou overseers; to feed the Church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Messengers from the churches met and were called to order by the Moderator.

After singing, a prayer by Elder J. G. Woodfin.

The letters from the sister churches were read and the messengers seated. The Association proceeded to business by electing Elder W. A. Cashion, Moderator, J. R. Bramblett, Clerk, and W. J. Landess, Assistant Clerk.

1. Read the Rules of Decorum.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
3. Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations. Received letter and minutes from Cumberland, which were read and laid on the table for corresponding with one faction of the Sequachie Association indirectly, whose letter lies on our table.

Appointed a committee on arrangements, Elder J. G. Woodfin and Bros. G. F. Shofner and E. W. Pitts. Then appointed Elders Towery, Willis and Womack to preach Saturday and Sunday.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet Saturday at 9:30. Prayer by Elder W. A. Cashion.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY.

The Association met according to adjournment. After singing a song Elder A. J. Willis offered prayer. Called the roll. Quorum present. Called for Committee on Arrangements. Report the adoption as contained in our former minutes.

Report received and committee discharged.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS

First section to meet with the Church at Elk River on the Fifth Sunday in April, 1911.

Second section to meet with the Church at Flat Creek, beginning on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in May, Elder W. A. Cashion to attend.

Third Section to meet with the Church at Union; time not designated.

Fourth Section to meet with the Church at Buckeye on Friday before the First Sunday in May 1911, Elder J. G. Woodfin to attend.

Appointed committee on finance. Bros. James Cunningham and G. F. Shofner reported \$12.75 from the churches to pay for the printing and distribution of minutes.

Elder J. G. Woodfin was requested to preach the next introductory sermon to be held at Mt. Moriah Church, near Boonsville, beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in September 1911.

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

Minutes read and approved.

The Association having gone through the session in peace, sung a song and gave each other the right hand of christian love and fellowship. Received the benediction by Bro. J. W. Spencer.

THIRD DAY, SUNDAY.

The ministers chosen preached Sunday according to the arrangements made. The congregation was attentive and orderly. We hope much good was done in the name of Jesus.

ELD. W. A. CASHION, Moderator

J. R. BRAMBLETT, Clerk

W. J. LANDESS, Assistant Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder J. G. Woodfin, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

Elder W. A. Cashion, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Elder B. A. McLain, Fosterville, Tenn.

Elder W. T. Furgerson, Fayetteville, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

J. W. Spencer, Lynchburg, Tenn.

W. B. Chilton, Wartrace, Tenn.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there was a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that there are not three God's, but one only.

2. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God and the only true rules 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 not one of them will be finally lost.

6. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general or universal judgement and that the happiness of the righteous and 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 a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

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

9. We believe that water Baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's 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 the regularly baptised 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 and necessity excepted.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES
Elk River	J. R. Bramblett, Hillsboro, Tenn., Route 2.
Flat Creek	E. L. Philpott, Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 6.
Arber	J. M. Spencer, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 2.
New Hope	J. S. Roberts, Wartrace, Tenn.
Bethlehem	W. C. Ayers, Haley, Tenn.
Mt. Pisgah	J. T. Clardy, Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 3.
Union	W. R. Fields, Bellbuckle, Tenn.
Buckeye	I. B. Whitaker, Fayetteville, Tenn.
Concord	W. J. Landess, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 5.
Mt Moriah	N. F. Boone, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 1.
Corder's X Roads	R. M. Koonce, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 7.
Mt. Olivet	J. H. Landess, Petersburg, Tenn.

Names of Churches	NAMES OF MESSENGERS								Contributions	
		Total membership	Sundays of meeting	Dead	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Rec'd by letter	Restored		Rec'd by exp. and baptism
Elk River	J. C. Partin, J. R. Bramblett	46	1					2	\$ 1 50	
Flat Creek	G. H. Shofner	89	4						2 50	
Arber	J. W. Spencer, T. C. Spencer, W. A. Cashion	54		2					1 50	
New Hope										
Bethlehem			3							
Mt. Moriah	J. D. Cunningham	72		2					1 50	
Mt. Pisgah										
Union	Elder J. G. Woodfin, J. W. Hale	17			1				75	
Buckeye	E. W. Pitts, J. W. Warden, A. Parker	131		1					2 00	
Concord	T. W. Warren, Jas. Cunningham, W. J. Landess.	64		2					1 50	
Mt. Olivet	No messenger. Letter.	75		1					1 50	
Corder's X Roads										
Shilo										
	Total	556		6		1	2	1		\$12 75



