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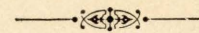
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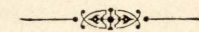
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**PROCEEDINGS OF ELK RIVER
ASSOCIATION.**

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. G. Woodfin; text, Eph. iv:3. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. After which the Association met and was called to order by the former moderator; prayer by Eld. J. C. Sykes.

Next the names of the churches were called and the messengers names enrolled (see table.)

Organized by electing Eld. J. G. Woodfin moderator and W. J. Landess clerk, and proceeded to business.

Committees appointed as follows to arrange the order of preaching during the session—G. F. Shofner, S. W. Fleming, James Cunningham, W. B. Ellis and H. W. Clark.

The committee reported as follows—Friday night, Eld. Lytte Burns, of Florence, Ala.; Saturday, Elds. J. K. Womack, J. C. Sykes, of Texas, A. J. Willis, of South Pittsburg, Tenn.; Saturday night, Eld. M. J. Towry, of Fayetteville, Tenn.; Sunday, Elds. J. C. Sykes, Lytte Burns and Pinkstaff.

A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows, James Cunningham and Enos Pitts, who report having received \$12 from the churches to defray the expenses of printing and distributing the minutes.

Elected Eld. J. G. Woodfin to preach the introductory sermon.

A committee to solicit funds for the visiting ministers was appointed as follows—Jas. Cunningham, J. D. Cunningham, W. B. Ellis, S. W. Fleming, Enos Pitts.

The elders filled their places at the stand as the Association arranged, preaching to the comfort and edification of the children of God.

Addresses of ordained ministers, Eld. W. T. Ferguson, Route 5, Fayetteville, Tenn.; J. G. Woodfin, South Pittsburg, Tenn.

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

The Association having gone through the session in peace, adjourned to meet with the church at Buckeye, three miles north-east of Fayetteville, Lincoln County, Tenn., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1915.

Benediction by Eld. J. C. Sykes.

J. G. WOODFIN, Moderator.

W. J. LANDESS, Clerk.

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 there are not three Gods, but only one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures 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 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.

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 baptized 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.

Clerks and Their Postoffices.

J. R. Bramlett, Hillsboro, Tenn.

G. W. Syler, Horton, Tenn., Route 1.

E. L. Philpot, Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 6.

J. M. Spencer, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 2.

G. G. Osborne, Wartrace, Tenn.

J. T. Clardy, Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 5.

W. R. Fields, Bellbuckle, Tenn.

E. W. Pitts, Fayetteville, Tenn.

W. J. Landess, Fayetteville, Tenn.

N. F. Boone, Mulberry, Tenn., Route 1.

R. M. Koonce, Fayetteville, Tenn., Route 7.

O. N. Short, Petersburg, Tenn.

