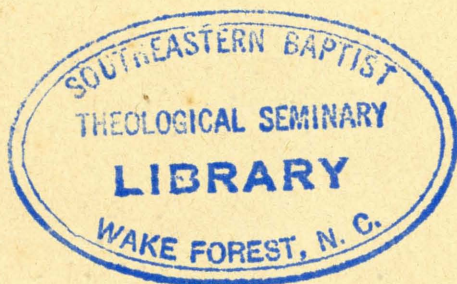


**Minutes of the One Hundred-Sixteenth Annual Session
of the**

Cumberland Association

Of Primitive Baptists



Held with the Church at

Cool Springs, Williamson County, Tenn.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 20, 21, 22, 1918

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Cumberland Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY.

Minutes of the One Hundred Sixteenth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists, held with the church at Cool Springs, Williamson County, Tenn., Friday before the fourth Sunday in September and the two following days, 1918.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. C. Johnson, text Romans viii. 8: "So then, they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

The preaching was continued at the house by Elders H. L. Golston and K. M. Myatt.

The messengers of the Association met at the stand and were called to order by the moderator, Elder W. P. Russell, and opened by singing. The names of the churches were then called and messengers' names enrolled. (See table).

Organized by electing Elder W. P. Russell moderator, and E. R. Coleman clerk.

Brethren from sister churches all invited to seats.

Corresponding letters were received as follows:

West Tennessee—Letters and minutes by Elder W. R. Rush-ton and Brother Green.

Round Lick—Letters and minutes by Elder E. S. Frye and Brother Wade Lankford.

Sequachie Valley—Letters and minutes by Elder H. L. Golston

Buffalo River—Letters and minutes by Elder N. J. Hinson.

Forked Deer—Letters and minutes.

Greenfield—Letters and minutes by Elders J. C. Ross, and K. M. Myatt.

Powell's Valley—Minutes and letters.

Fountain Creek—Letters and minutes by Elder J. H. Britton, and Brother J. M. Ingram.

Highland—Letters and minutes by Elder J. D. Shain.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—Brethren G. W. West, W. L. Adair and Elder White.

On Finance—Brethren T. E. Pinson and Taylor.

On Correspondence—Elder W. P. Russell, F. M. White, Brethren J. A. Owen and G. L. Sparkman.

The deacons were appointed on Committee of Arrangements.

and those appointed to preach on Saturday were Elders N. J. Hinson, J. C. Ross and W. R. Rushton.

Prayer by Elder J. C. Ross.

Appointed to preach on Sunday, Elders E. S. Frye and J. D. Shain.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

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SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

The Association met as agreed upon.

Praise, and prayer by Elder K. M. Myatt.

The roll was called.

The Committee on Arrangements reported the order of business as in former minutes. Report received and Committee discharged.

The Committee on Correspondence read a letter to corresponding sister associations, which was received.

Volunteer messengers were appointed to bear letters and minutes as follows (Committee discharged):

West Tennessee—Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1919, with the church at Harmony, fifteen miles of Waverly; ten miles of McEwen, on the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, Elder W. L. Murray, Brethren J. A. Owen and G. L. Sparkman.

Round Lick—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1919, with the church at Walnut Grove, Macon County, Tenn., Elders W. P. Russell, M. C. Johnson and Brother J. H. Hyde.

Sequachie Valley—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1919, with the church at Walnut Grove, near Stevenson, Ala., on the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, Elders W. P. Russell and M. C. Johnson.

Buffalo River—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1919, with the church at Salem, Wayne County, Tenn., Elder W. L. Murray.

Forked Deer—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1919, with the church at Harmony, seven miles from Brad'ord on the Illinois Central Railroad, near Idlewild, Tenn.

Greenfield—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1918, with the church at Bethel, Graves County, Ky., eight miles east of Fulton on the Illinois Central Railroad, Elder W. L. Murray.

Powell's Valley—Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1919, with the church at Calvin, Bell County, Ky., on the L. & N. Railroad, Elder W. L. Murray.

Fountain Creek—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1919, with the church at Catalpa Grove, five miles south of Petersburg, Marshal County, Tenn., Elder R. N. Graves, Brethren W. L. Adair, T. E. Pinson, G. W. West and W. L. Pate.

Highland—Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1918.

with the church at Tirza, Webster County, Ky., on the Morganfield & Madisonville Branch of the L. & N. Railroad. Also Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1919, at Dawson Springs, Ky., Elders W. L. Murray, M. C. Johnson, Brethren C. N. Taylor, E. R. Coleman and Sister Alice Pettus.

Our Association will next be held with the church at Eagleville, Rutherford County, Tenn., two and one-half miles east of Allisona, to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919. Elder R. N. Graves to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. P. Russell alternate. Moderator to arrange the preaching on Friday.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of \$21.00 received, and the committee was discharged.

Agreed to have 700 copies of these minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and to have the residue for his services after paying all expenses.

The Association tendered sincere thanks to the dear brethren, sisters and kind friends who so lovingly and generously care for us. We pray the Holy Spirit to abundantly bless them.

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Cumberland Association, Now in Session With the Church at Cool Springs, Williamson County, Tenn., September 20, 21, 22, 1918, To Her Sister Associations with Whom She Corresponds:

Dear Brethren—We feel thankful to the Lord that we have again been permitted to meet in an associational union in perfect peace among ourselves. It affords us great joy and encouragement to have with us so many of our brethren and sisters, especially ministers. We have heard from most of our correspondence in some way, for which we feel thankful to the Lord and do earnestly desire that our brotherly relation continue. We have appointed our brethren, with their consent, as shown in our minutes, to bear this letter to you, whom we hope you will invite to seats with you. The place of our next meeting will be held with the church at Eagleville, Rutherford County, Tenn., two and one-half miles east of Allisona.

May the great Head of the church reign and rule over you, is the prayer of your sister.

Done and signed by order of the Association this September 21, 1918.

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk.

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CHURCH	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	N.
Enon.....		Eld
Big Harpeth.	E. R. Coleman, Franklin, Tenn.....	G. V
Wilson Creek	J. C. Pettus, College Grove, Tenn.	Eld
Stephens Grov	Not represented	
Cool Springs.	O. C. Lillard. Thompson Station Tenn. ...	Eld
Leipers Fork	G. L. Sparkman, Thompson Station. Tenn.	G. I
Eagleville....	C. N. Taylor. Eagleville, Tenn.,.....	W. I
Providence...	W. M. Jones.	
Overall.....	Not represented	
Whites Creek	J. A. Owen. White Creek, Tenn.,.....	J. A
College Street		J. R

Table

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Letter ..	Restored	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions ...
er R. N. Graves, S. K. Heath.....						30	3	2.50	
W. West, E. R. Coleman.....						236	4	2.50	
er W. P. Russell. C. J. Pettus....									
J. H. Lester						45	1	2.00	
er White, O. C. Lillard, D. M.									
Tomlin	3					480	2	2.50	
Sparkman	1					258	3	2.00	
L. Adair, C. N. Taylor, F. E. Pen..									
son		3				143	4	2.50	
		2				125	2	1.50	
L. Owen	4					30	3	2.50	
Jordan	1			4		692	1	3.00	
Total.....	9	5	4			16439		21.00	

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists.

Article 2. As an Association is a body formed for the purpose of obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of the churches, maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in cases of difficulty, etc., this Association shall, therefore, exercise no authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their acts, and never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such as hold the following doctrines, viz.: The unity of God, the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead; the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election of Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that is, He is the true God; the necessity of His atonement, and its special relation to the sins of the elect only; the Lord's supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to church fellowship; the resurrection of the body (at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with selfsame bodies and none other, although with different qualifications, which shall be united again to their souls forever: the bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor—the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body); the general judgment and final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter, and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this constitution shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by three messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association, containing the names of messengers, her number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by let-

ter, excluded, deceased and the number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. This Association shall meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Article 7. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, a clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the moderator to reside in the Association during its sessions, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions; but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless ordered some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rule and restrictions as other members.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a true minute of all the proceedings of the Association and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to take charge of the moneys of the Association, to pay the same or any part thereof, at any and all times to the order of the Association, which order shall always be furnished him in writing, signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 11. Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may be made by a majority of the Association whenever they may deem it necessary.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. When the Association convenes for business, it shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be read by the clerk at the opening of the Association, and lie on the table for the perusal of its members.

Article 3. The clerk shall call over the names of the members as often as the Association may require.

Article 4. Each speaker shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, he shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration and shall not be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of the Association.

Article 5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

Article 6. Every query sent to the Association shall be first read, and if it is decided by a majority of the votes to consider the same, it shall be discussed; if not, it shall be withdrawn.

Article 7. Only one person shall speak at a time, and when

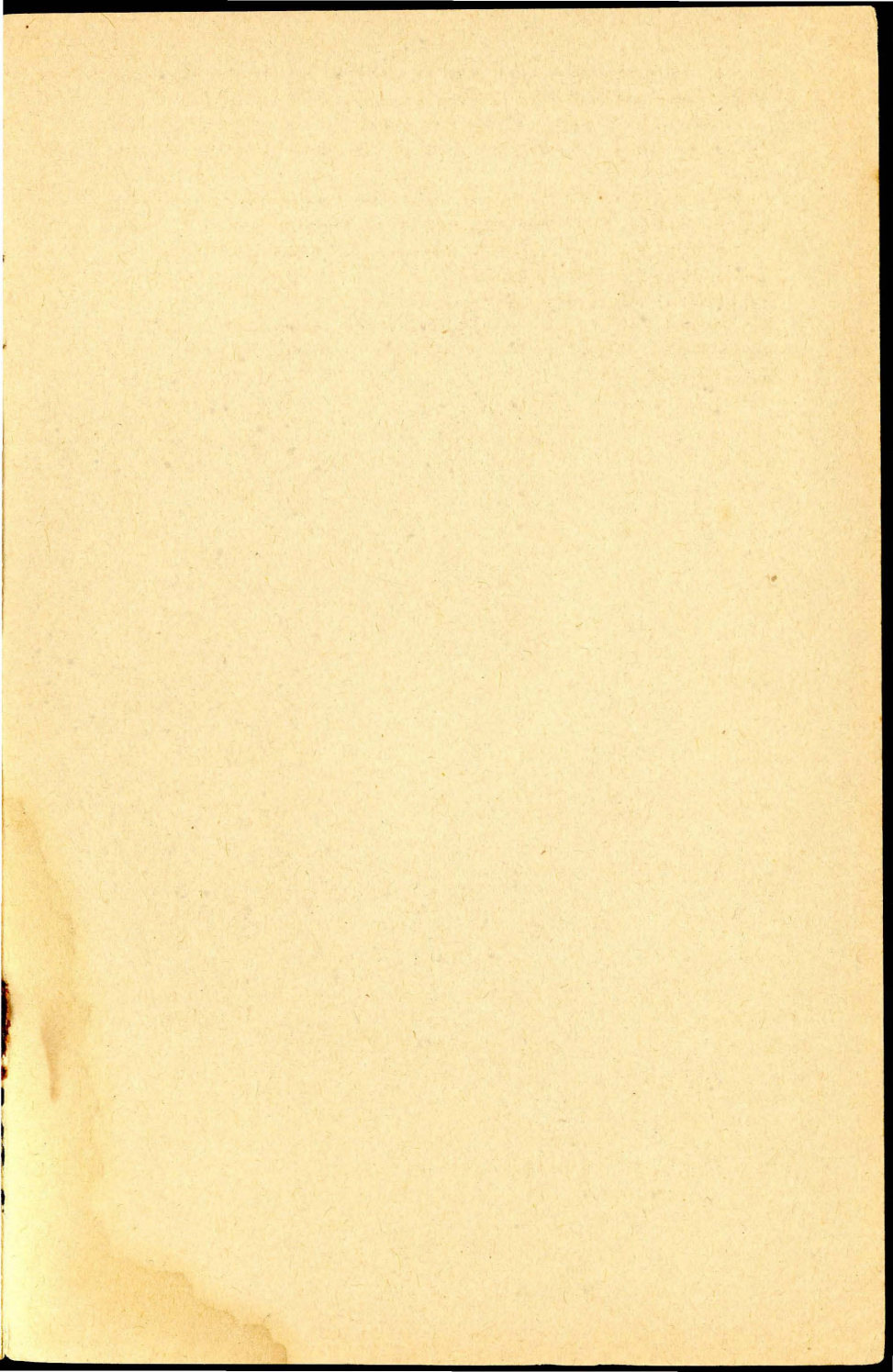
two or more members shall rise to speak at nearly the same moment, the moderator shall decide who is entitled to the preference.

Article 8. When a member in speaking has occasion to mention the name of another member he shall use the appellation of "Brother."

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him, speaking unless he violates the rules.

Article 10. Anything debated in this Assembly which may not be thought proper to appear on the minutes may be expunged by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article 11. Alterations, additions, or amendments, may be made at any time to the foregoing rules by a majority of the members present.



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