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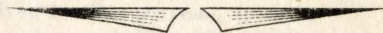
**One Hundred and Fourteenth  
ANNUAL SESSION**

OF

**ELK RIVER ASSOCIATION**

OF

**PRIMITIVE BAPTIST**

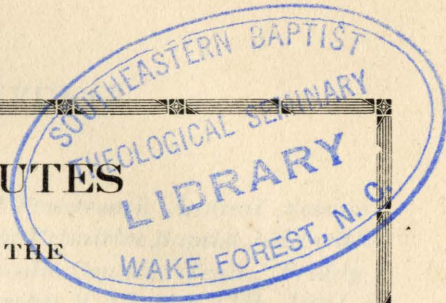


HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

**Mt. Olivet, Lincoln County, Tenn.**

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
September 9th, 10th and 11th, 1921.**

BANNER-HERALD, CORDELE, GA.



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*Of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Session  
of the Elk River Association of Primitive Baptist, held with  
the Church at Mt. Olivet, Lincoln County, Tenn., Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday, September 9, 10, and 11th, 1921.*

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Woodfin.
2. The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
3. After which the Association was organized by electing Elder J. G. Woodfin, Moderator and W. A. Pinkstaff, Clerk.
4. The names of the churches were called and the messengers names enrolled. (See table)
5. By motion and second, brethren of our faith and order were invited to seats with us.
6. Appointed committees as follows:
  - (A) *On Preaching*: J. G. Woodfin, W. A. Pinkstaff, James Cunningham, C. L. Stone and J. C. Schofner.
  - (B) *To receive contributions for minutes*: O. N. Short and Antenia Conaway. (Who later reported \$19.50)
  - (C) *Committee to solicit funds for the expenses of the Association*: W. B. Ellis, S. W. Felming, C. L. Stone. (Who received for this purpose, \$140.00)
7. By motion and second, Elder W. A. Pinkstaff was instructed to collect and enter on the Associational book all back minutes of the past annual sessions, which have not been recorded and report same to the next Association, at which time the Association would re-imburse him for his services.
8. On motion agreed to have five hundred copies of these minutes printed.
9. It was voted that next meeting of this body be held with Concord church, Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1922.
10. Elder W. D. Bostick was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at above time and place.

ELDER J. G. WOODFIN, Moderator.  
ELDER W. A. PINKSTAFF, Clerk.

### Visiting Ministers

ELDER M. G. MITCHELL, ..... Cordele, Ga.  
 ELDER J. THEODORE McARTHUR, ..... Cordele, Ga.  
 J. J. KIRKLAND, ..... Humboldt, Tenn.  
 A. N. TOWRY, ..... Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 JESSIE TOWRY, ..... Taft, Tenn.  
 ELDER T. S. HALL, ..... Henegar, Ala.

### Order of Preaching

Friday A. M. .... J. G. Woodfin  
 Friday P. M. .... T. S. Hall  
 Friday Night ..... Jessie Towry  
 Saturday A. M. .... M. G. Mitchell and J. Theodore McArthur  
 Saturday Night ..... J. J. Kirkland  
 Sunday Morning ..... J. J. Kirkland and M. G. Mitchell

*Note.* We heard a sermon from each of our visiting ministers and their preaching was enjoyed and appreciated very much. Motion made and seconded that the thanks of this body be tendered to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality.

Motion to adjourn at time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder J. J. Kirkland.

Elder J. G. Woodfin, Moderator.  
 Elder W. A. Pinkstaff, Clerk.

### Clerks and their Postoffices

Elk River Church ..... J. R. Bramlett, ..... Hillsboro, Tenn.  
 Flat Creek " ..... E. L. Philpot, ..... Shelbyville, Tenn. Rt. 6.  
 Arbor " ..... G. M. Smith, ..... Mulberry, Tenn. Rt. 2.  
 New Hope " ..... J. A. Chilton, ..... Wartrace, Tenn.  
 Mt. Pisgah " ..... J. T. Clardy, ..... Shelbyville, Tenn.  
 Union " ..... \* W. R. Fields, ..... Bellbuckle, Tenn.  
 Buckeye " ..... Charley Johnson, ..... Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 Concord " ..... C. L. Stone, ..... Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 Mt. Moriah " ..... N. F. Boone, ..... Mulberry, Tenn.  
 Mt. Olivet " ..... Joe Green, ..... Petersburg, Tenn.  
 Shiloh " ..... W. F. Edde, ..... Huntland, Tenn.  
 Corder X Roads ..... J. B. Goodwin, ..... Flintville, Tenn.  
 \* Dead.

### Ministers of the Elk River Association and their Postoffices

Elder W. A. Pinkstaff, ..... Fayetteville, Tenn.  
 Elder J. G. Woodfin, ..... South Pittsburg, Tenn.  
 Elder W. D. Bostick, ..... Huntsville, Ala.

### Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there is 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 rule 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 none of them will be finally lost.
6. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general and 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 up Godly disciplin according to the rules of the gospel.
8. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government is with the body.
9. We believe the water baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet are ordiances 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 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.

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	By Baptism	Received by Letter	Confession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Meeting Days	Money for Minutes
Elk River	Represented by Letter	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	1 Sab	1.00
Flat Creek	John Gilliland, J. F. Womack	1	-	-	-	-	1	76	4 Sab	2.00
Arbor	Andrew Spencer, Woods Collins, W. D. Bostick	5	-	-	-	-	-	63	1 Sab	2.00
New Hope	J. A. Chilton, W. B. Chilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	1 Sab	3.00
Union	J. G. Woodfin	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	1.00
Buckeye	Sam Ashby, James Jennings, Antonie Conoway	-	-	-	-	-	3	101	1 Sab	2.50
Concord	Ben Dann, T. S. Spencer, C. L. Stone	-	-	-	-	-	2	96	3 Sab	2.00
Mt. Olivet	Joe Green, John Ledford	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	2 Sab	2.00
Corders X Roads	W. T. Benson	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	3 Sab	2.00
Mt. Pisgah	Not Represented	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Shiloah	Not Represented	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
Mt. Moriah	C. T. Cates, Clarence Partin	-	-	-	-	-	2	90	2 Sab	2.00
TOTAL		6	0	0	0	0	10	584		19.50

CHURCH STATISTICS

Year	Members	Worshippers	Communicants	Deaths	Marriages	Baptisms	Transfers
1880	100	150	50	5	10	20	5
1881	110	160	55	6	12	22	6
1882	120	170	60	7	14	24	7
1883	130	180	65	8	16	26	8
1884	140	190	70	9	18	28	9
1885	150	200	75	10	20	30	10
1886	160	210	80	11	22	32	11
1887	170	220	85	12	24	34	12
1888	180	230	90	13	26	36	13
1889	190	240	95	14	28	38	14
1890	200	250	100	15	30	40	15

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