



MINUTES

— OF THE —

◊ EIGHTY-FIRST ◊ ANNUAL ◊ MEETING ◊

— OF THE —

ELK RIVER ASSOCIATION,

— OF THE —

Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ,

Held at Mount Pisgah Meeting House, Bedford County, Tenn.,
on Saturday, before the 2d. Sunday in September,
1888, and continuing the two following days.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN.,

GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB ROOMS,

1888.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Elder J. W. Holman, Fayetteville, Tennessee.
" J. G. Woods, " "
" E. W. Walker, " "
" J. E. Frost, Shelbyville, " "
" B. A. McLain, Fosterville, " "
" J. G. Woodfin, South Pittsburg, " "
" W. L. Fergason, Shearwood, " "
" W. A. Cashion, Awalt, " "
" B. H. Bridges, Kelso. "

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Elk River—I. M. Wilkinson, Pelham, Tennessee.
Wagner's Creek—J. K. Champion, Decherd, Tennessee.
Bean's Creek—Andrew Woods, Maxwell, "
Shiloh—I. J. Walker, Smithland, "
Flat Creek—W. H. Kingree, Flat Creek, "
Bethel—J. T. Motlow, Lynchburg, "
Arbor—J. E. Spencer " "
New Hope—James Bramblett, Wartrace, "
Bethlehem—J. P. Stephens, Haley, "
Union—J. W. Hale, Fosterville, "
Mount Pisgah—T. A. Sykes, Poplin's X Roads, "
Mt. Moriah—R. J. Small, Mulberry, "
Concord—W. T. Fergason, Norris Creek, "
Buckeye—M. H. Conway, Fayetteville, "
Rocky Point—Charlie Weiss, Kelso, "

MINUTES

Of the 81st. Annual Meeting of the Elk River Association

—OF THE—

Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ,

Held at Mt. Pisgah Meeting House, Bedford County, Tenn., commencing on Saturday, before the 2d. Sunday in September, 1888, and continuing the two following days.

The introductory was delivered by Eld. W. A. Cashion, Text—Romans 5th ch., 1 verse: "Therefore being justified by faith." After which the Messengers from the churches met and were called to order by the former Moderator; Singing. Prayer by Elder Frank Agee. The letters from the different churches were called for, and presented by their Messengers; read and Messengers invited to seats. The letters show the state of the churches to be as exhibited in the table.

The Association organized by choosing J. T. Motlow, Moderator, and Eld. Jno. E. Frost, Clerk, and John B. Bramblett, Assistant Clerk. The Association then proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Read the rules of decorum.

2nd. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

3rd. Called for corresponding letters, and received letters and Messengers as follows:

1st. Flint River. Messengers—J. T. Kilpatrick, Eld. Jno. W. Bragg, with letter and minutes. Brethren invited to seats with us.

2d. Cumberland—Messengers W. W. Vest, J. H. Hay, G. W. Ezell and F. M. White, letter but no Minutes. Brethren invited to seats.

3rd. Mud Creek—No intelligence.

4th. Sequachee Valley—Messenger Eld. A. J. Willis. Letter and minutes received. Brother invited to a seat with us.

5th. Round Lick—Messenger Eld. J. A. Barnfield. Letter and minutes received. Invited to a seat with us.

6th. Stone's River—Messenger J. W. Reddick. No letter nor minutes.

7th. Fountain Creek. No letter nor minutes.

8th. Collins River—Messenger. Eld. D. T. Nowlin. Letter and minutes received. Brother invited to a seat with us.

On motion all ministers and brethren from corresponding Associations who were not Messengers were invited to seats with us, including the brethren from Fountain Creek Association.

COMMITTEES.

Appointed I. M. Wilkerson, J. E. Spencer, Wm. Ayres, Stephen Johnson, W. T. Furgason, with the Moderator and Clerks, a committee to arrange the order of business for Monday.

Appointed the Clerks a Committee on correspondence.

Appointed Elders A. J. Willis, J. W. Bragg, and J. J. Short, to preach on Sunday. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

A motion was made and seconded that "This Association withdraw from the churches of Winchester Springs and Mulberry, for violating the rules of this Association: their Messengers leaving their seats at the last session, without permission, during the business hours of this Association, and organized an Association for themselves," which was unanimously adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday. Prayer by Elder J. A. Barnfield.

SUNDAY MORNING---10 o'clock.

The Elders appointed to preach to-day did so in the following order: Eld. A. J. Willis, from Rom., 8th chapter 33rd verse—"who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect;" Eld. J. J. Short, from these words, "I have greater witness than that of John;" Eld. J. W. Bragg, from these words, "Who his ownself bare our sins in his own body," &c. Brother Womack closed by exhortation. The preaching was done to God's glory as we think, and to the comfort of many.

MONDAY MORNING---9 o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. Short. The Association then proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Called the roll—a quorum present.

2nd. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to make their report; who reported the order of business as follows. (Report received and the committee discharged.) Appointed Elders J. A. Barnfield, H. F. Agee and J. W. Reddick to preach to-day.

Called on the Committee on Correspondence to make their report, who reported letters of correspondence to the following Associations: (The report was received and committee discharged.)

1st. To Flint river—E. M. McClure, Eld. J. G. Woods and Eld. J. E. Frost. At Antioch meeting House, Lime Stone county, Ala., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1888.

2nd. To Cumberland—Messengers, Eld. J. E. Frost, Eld. B. A. McClain, H. W. Clark, W. T. Furgason. At Leaper's Fork, Williamson county, Tenn., Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1888.

3rd. To Mud Creek—A. Woods, Eld. J. G. Woods. At El Bethel Meeting House, Madison County, Ala., Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in September, 1888.

4th. To Sequatchee Valley—Messengers, Eld. B. A. McClain, Eld. J. G. Woods, R. W. Pearson, Eld. J. E. Frost and brother W. S. Hix. At South Pittsburg, Marion county, Tenn., commencing Friday, before the 3rd. Sunday in August, 1889.

5th. To Round Lick—Messengers, Eld. B. A. McClain, A. Woods, W. T. Fergason, Eld. J. G. Woodfin, H. W. Clark. At Billdad Meeting House, DeKalb county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the 1st. Sunday in September, 1889.

6th. To Stone's River—Messenger, Eld. B. A. McClain. At Friendship Meeting House, Sumner county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the 3d. Sunday in September, 1888.

7th: To Fountain Creek—It was moved and seconded that "Elk


TABULAR STATEMENT


NAME OF CHURCHES.	COMMUNION.		MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Contributed,						
	Sundays.	MONTHS.		Total.	Died.	Restored,	Excluded by letter.	Received by letter.	Baptized,	
FIRST SECTION.										
Elk River,	1	May and October.	Isaac M. Wilkerson and James R. Bramblett.	17	1		1			\$1.50
Wagner's Creek,	4	" "	Letter but no Messengers,	41			1			1.00
Bean's Break,	2	" "	A. Woods, but no letter,	25						25
Shiloh	4	" "	I. J. Walker,	13			3			1.00
SECOND SECTION.										
Flat Creek.	4	May and October.	Eld. J. E. Frost, John Gilliland and W. S. Hix,	2			1			56
Bethel,	3	" "	J. T. Motlow, and A. H. Parks.	17			4			2.00
Arbor,	1	June.	J. E. Spencer and Eld. W. A. Cashion.	51			1			2.00
THIRD SECTION.										
New Hope,	1	May and October.	J. M. Stephens, James Brooks and J. J. Roberts,	46			2			1.50
Bethlehem.	3	" "	William Ayers and John B. Bramblett.	25			1			1.50
Union.	4	" "	Robert Henry and R. W. Pearson.	28						1.50
Mt. Pisgah.	1	" "	Eld. B. A. McClain, Q. E. Morton, W. J. Loyd & S. A. Dozier	34						1.50
FOURTH SECTION.										
Mt. Moriah,	2	May and October.	E. M. M. Clure, S. Johnson, F. Motlow and O. C. Rutledge	91			1			2.50
Concord.	4	" "	W. T. Ferguson, Thos. Smith and Daniel Warden,	25			1			2.00
Buckeye,	1	" "	Eld. J. G. Woods, J. W. Warden and J. W. Newson,	48			1			2.50
Rocky Point.	3	" "	Eld. B. H. Bridges and James Cashion.	154			4			2.50

River Association drop Fountain Creek from their list of correspondents, but all the brethren of Fountain Creek Association that feel to be with us are invited at any and all times."

8th. To Collin's River—J. M. Stephens, Z. C. Roberts, Eld. W. A. Cashion, and J. E. Spencer. At Sulphur Spring Church, Warren county, Tenn., Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1889.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS.

First Section—At Shiloh, Lincoln county, Tenn., Friday before the 4th Sunday in June, 1889; Elders J. E. Frost and W. A. Cashion.

Second Section—At Flat Creek, Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1889, Elders J. G. Woods and W. A. Cashion.

3rd. Section—At Bethlehem, Friday before the 3rd. Sunday in May, 1889, Elders J. G. Woods and W. A. Cashion.

4th. Section—At Rocky Point, Friday before the 5th Sunday in June, 1888, Elders J. E. Frost and W. A. Cashion.

Committee on Finance.

The Moderator appointed James R. Bramblett and Felix Motlow, a Committee on Finance, who reported: Received from the churches this year \$23.00. Report received and committee discharged.

Requested Elder J. E. Frost to preach the next Introductory sermon at Mount Moriah meeting house, Lincoln county, Tenn., at 10 o'clock, Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 1889. In case of failure Elder J. G. Woodfin.

Requested the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing seven (700) hundred copies of these minutes, reserving 150 copies for correspondence, and that he be allowed the remaining funds on hand, after paying printing and distributing expenses for his services.

Miscellaneous Business.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association is hereby extended to the brethren and friends of this community who have so kindly entertained us during our meeting.

On motion the minutes were read and approved.

On motion the Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. J. Willis.

JOHN T. MOTLOW, Moderator.
 Eld. J. E. FROST, Clerk,
 J. B. BRAMBLETT, Assistant Clerk.

