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Minutes of the Forty-Third (Seventy-Eighth) Annual Session
of the

BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION

Of Primitive Baptists

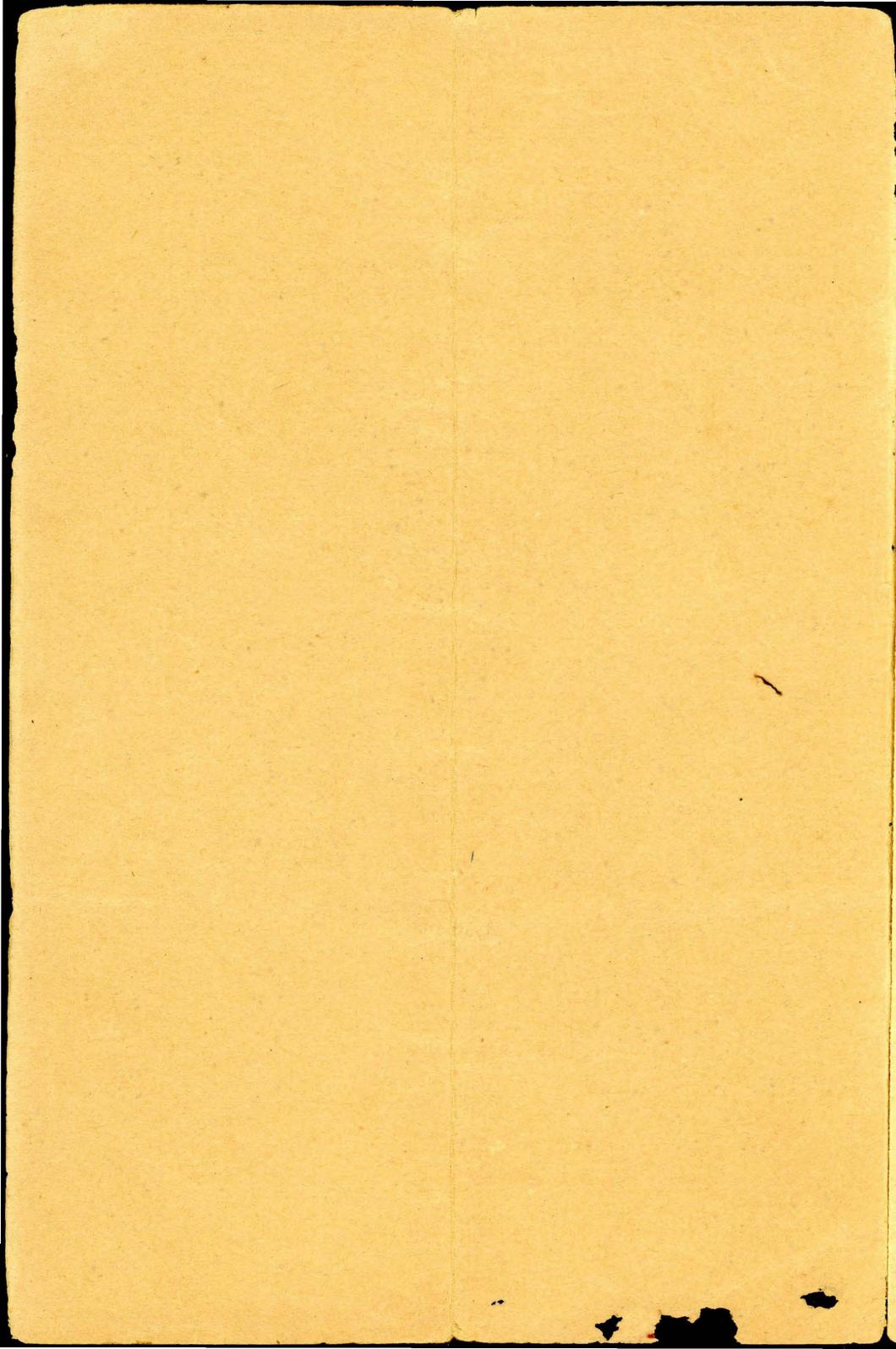


Elder J. S. Gaugh, Jackson, Tenn.

Held with the Church at

Humble M. H., Carroll Co., Tenn.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3, 4, 5, 1915



PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BIG SANDY ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

The Association met with the church at Humble M. H. as appointed last year.

Services were introduced by Elder M. E. Petty.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. M. Hampton, from Isaiah xxvii. 16.

The Association then convened, and was called to order by the Moderator.

Praise, and prayer by Elder Jas. H. Phillips.

The Association then transacted the following business:

1. Appointed Brethren B. F. Conyers and L. D. Hamilton as a Committee on Finance.

2. Read Rules of Decorum.

3. Called for letters from the churches, which were read and received.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None received.

5. Organized by electing Elder A. H. Insko moderator, and Elder T. M. Hampton clerk.

6. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations. Letters were read and messengers invited to seats with us as follows:

Forked Deer—No intelligence.

Obion—Elder W. L. Murray, Geo. McBride, Lee Wilson, J. R. Harder, J. D. Hodge and Wesley Mann.

West Tennessee—Elder A. D. Oliphant and A. F. Etheridge.

Greenfield—Elders K. M. Myatt and J. H. Phillips, and Brethren O. F. Cayce and Kelly Myatt.

Predestinarian—J. F. Cawthon, F. M. Putman and L. T. Benson.

Mississippi River—No intelligence.

7. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Zion's Rest, two miles west of Timberlake Station, on the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1916; Elder A. H. Insko to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder L. D. Hamilton alternate.

8. Appointed Brethren J. S. Browning, A. F. Maness, C. H. Dunavan, A. D. Roberts, K. B. Walker, Arthur Bridges, J. T. Chandler and H. F. Hodge as a Committee on Divine Services.

9. Appointed L. D. Hamilton, T. M. Phillips and G. W. Essery, together with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange unfinished business.

10. Adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Praise, and prayer by Elder A. D. Oliphant.

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SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Praise, and prayer by Brother O. F. Cayce.

1. Called roll of messengers; quorum present.

2. The Committee on Divine Services appointed Elders A. D. Oliphant, K. M. Myatt and J. H. Phillips to preach Saturday; and Elders K. M. Myatt, M. E. Petty and Z. Stallings to preach Sunday.

3. Committee on Arrangements of Unfinished Business reported and was discharged.

4. Called for corresponding letters to sister associations. Letters reported ready by the Clerk, and the following brethren agree to bear them:
Greenfield—Elders T. M. Hampton, A. H. Insko and L. D. Hamilton.
Forked Deer—Elder R. C. Taylor.

Obion—Elder T. M. Hampton, D. J. Meals, H. F. Hodge, B. F. Conyers and J. T. Chandler.

Predestinarian—Elders A. H. Insko and L. D. Hamilton, and Brethren J. M. Hamilton, A. D. Roberts and Joe Massey.

West Tennessee—Elders T. M. Phillips and L. D. Hamilton, and Brethren H. S. Hargis, H. F. Hodge and B. F. Conyers.

Mississippi River—Elders A. H. Insko and T. M. Hampton, and Brethren C. H. Dunavan and Joe Massey.

5. Appointed places for holding union meetings as follows:

First District—To be held with the church at Shady Grove, Benton County, Tenn., six miles north of Camden on the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1916; Elder T. M. Phillips to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder T. M. Hampton alternate.

Second District—To be held with the church at New Hope, Gibson County, Tenn., four miles east of Milan, Tenn., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1916; Elder R. C. Taylor to preach the introductory sermon, with Brother Eddie Rhodes alternate.

6. Committee on Finance reported:

Received from the churches this year.....\$19.70

Remaining in treasury None

7. Appointed the Clerk treasurer, and to superintend the printing and distribution of minutes; that he have 500 copies printed; and that he receive the residue of this fund for his services.

8. The Association wishes to extend her heart-felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends in the vicinity of Humble M. H. for their kindness and the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during our stay among them.

9. Adjourned in brotherly love to meet at the time and place before mentioned. ELDER A. H. INSCO, Moderator.

ELDER T. M. HAMPTON, Clerk.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY

The brethren appointed to preach today spoke to a large and attentive congregation, and preached with power and demonstration of the Spirit, many shouting aloud praises to our God

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder R. C. Taylor, Milan, Tenn.
Elder A. H. Insko, R. 5, Lexington, Tenn.
Elder L. D. Hamilton, R. 1, Lexington, Tenn.
Elder T. M. Phillips, R. 1, Camden, Tenn.
Elder T. M. Hampton, R. 3, Huntingdon, Tenn.

ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. H. Phillips, Martin, Tenn.
Elder M. E. Petty, Midland City, Ala.
Elder W. L. Murray, McKenzie, Tenn.
Elder K. M. Myatt, Clinton, Ky.
Elder Z. Stallings, Milan, Tenn.
Elder A. D. Oliphant, R. 1, Burns, Tenn.
O. F. Cayce, Martin, Tenn.

ARTICLES OF FAITH *Copy*

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of man, and that all the posterity of Adam are sinners by nature; that they have neither will nor power to deliver themselves from their condemned and sinful state by the ability which they possess by nature.
4. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, and that the elect were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world.
5. We believe that salvation, regeneration, sanctification and justification are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of Jesus Christ; that his children are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
6. We believe that good works are the fruit of the faith of God's elect, and follow after they are born of the spirit of God and only justify them declaratively.
7. We believe that baptism by immersion is an ordinance of the gospel, and that experimental believers are the only proper subjects.
8. We believe that none have the right to administer baptism, or the Lord's Supper, but those who are clothed with the authority of the church.
9. We believe that the Lord's Supper is an ordinance, and washing the saints' feet a command of Jesus Christ, both of which ought to be continued until He comes again.

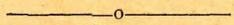
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10. We believe that the mortal bodies of men that die and are laid in the grave, or elsewhere, both of the just and unjust at the last day will be resurrected and that this mortal will put on immortality and will not be annihilated or done away, but every man in his own order, the bodies of the righteous to life eternal, and fashioned like the glorious body in the nature and image of Christ; but the bodies of the wicked to condemnation.

11. We believe that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked everlasting.

12. We believe the modern mission system to be unauthorized by the word of God, and consequently productive of evil, and therefore, cannot fellowship or encourage the same.

13. We believe that it is not good order for any of our members to join any of the men-made institutions of the day. And that it is disorder for any of our ministers to take pastoral care of churches having or receiving members who are members of any of the secret orders of the day.



RULES OF DECORUM

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1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator as "Brother."

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, provided he attends strictly to the subject in hand; but if he departs therefrom the moderator shall call him to order. No member shall cast any personal reflection on any one who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall whisper or laugh during time of business, to the interruption of the Association.

7. Members shall address one another by the appellation of "Brother" and no member shall absent himself in time of business without leave.

8. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may deem necessary.

9. Any member who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator according to the direction of the Association.

10. Any minister or member advocating publicly or privately the reception of members from other denominations in any way only by experience and baptism shall be dealt with as an offender.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sum. of Meeting	Contributions
First District— Hollow Rock.....	Cole	H F Hodge, C A McMackins, S M Grooms, F S Cole							51	1	\$ 1.50
Humble M. H.	B F Conyers, R 1, Huntingdon, Tenn.	B F Conyers, T Orr, J T Chandler.....							25	3	2.00
Mud Creek	W J Brecheen, R. 1, Yuma, Tenn.	T M Hampton, Arthur Bridges, J W Ringold, A T Dunn	2		1	2			60	4	3.00
Old Salem	Will Dinkins, R 6, McKenzie, Tenn.	J J Page, J P Campbell, Sister Nora Martin				3			8	4	.70
Shady Grove	H S Hargis, R., Camden, Tenn	T M Phillips, H S Hargis, K B Walker	2				1		22	4	1.50
Second District— New Antioch	J M Hamilton, R. 1, Lexington, Tenn.	L E Hamilton, A D Roberts, J M Hamilton	1		1	2			32	1	1.50
Old Antioch	Joe Massey, R. 1, Yuma, Tenn.	Joe Massey, L H Meals							19	2	1.50
West Plains	S Y Browning, R. 5, Milan, Tenn.	C H Dunavan	1		1	1			53	4	2.50
New Hope	J S Browning, R 1, Milan, Tenn.	J S Browning, G W Essery, J T Dunavan	2		1	1	2		4	93	3 3.50
Zion's Rest	J L Fuller, R. 1, Wildersville, Tenn.	A L Maness, J T Welsh	2		1			1	23	3	2.00
Totals.....			10	3	3	10	2	6	392	..	\$19.70

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