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MINUTES

OF THE

CONVENTION,

AND OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE

South-Western District United Baptist

Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT MOUNT COMFORT, CARROLL COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Commencing, Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1846, and days following.

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The delegates chosen by the churches, composing the South Western District United Baptist Association, met in convention with the church at Mount Comfort, Carroll County, Tenn., Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1846.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Elijah Autry, from the 73d Psalm, and 1st verse,—"Truly God is good to Israel, even such as are of a clean heart."

The delegates then convened in the Meeting house, praise by Elder E. Autry, and prayer by Elder P. W. Stark. Whereupon, Elder E. Autry was chosen Moderator protem, and Elder J. P. Arnold Clerk, protem, and D. H. Selfe assistant clerk. A constitution was presented and was ordered to be read, and was adopted. Also rules of decorum being presented, were adopted, and likewise, articles of faith being presented, were adopted by an unanimous voice. The consecrating prayer, by El. P. W. Stark, the right hand of fellowship, by El. E. Autry. The Association thus organized, proceeded to elect a permanent Moderator and Clerk. Whereupon El. E. Autry was chosen Moderator, and El. J. P. Arnold was chosen Clerk, and D. H. Selfe assistant clerk. Letters from the following churches were received and read, and their statistics, delegates, and contributions recorded as follows:

CHURCHES:	MESSENGERS NAMES:	Delegates.	Church meeting days.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Rec'd by Excommunication.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
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Ramble Creek,	A. Wilson and G. C. Wilson,	2	1	3	1	1		3	6	1	46	1 50
Rushings Creek	M. S. Corbitt and J. Pearce,	2	2		1			5		1	93	2 00.
Hopewell,	W. Morgan and N. Darnell,	2	2	1				10	2	2	96	2 00.
Mount. Pisgah,	R. Todd and B. W. Foster,	2	1	1	1			1			57	1 50.
Harmon's creek,	M. Melton J. W. Melton,	2	1					1	2	1	24	1 00.
Mount Comfort,	E. Autrey and D. Quilling,	2	1	1	3			14	2		100	2 12 1/2
Holly Spring,	W. H. Hatch and B. Brewer,	2	3		2	2			2	2	23	1 00.
New Prospect,	P. W. Stark and S. Bowman,	2	2	1	1			7	6		91	2 00.
New Hope,	W. Oneal and E. Mocdy,	2	3	3			1	1	1	1	32	1 00.
Pisgah,	H. Allen & K. H. Caplinger,	2	4	1	3						42	1 50.
Beaver Dam,	J. P. Arnold and J. Arnold,	2	3		1					1	22	1 00.
Union,	A. Bruce and D H. Selfe,	2	3	9	2	2					37	1 50.
Pleasant Hill,	W. McCally and H. Trout,	2	1								37	1 50.
Concord,	A. Brown and J. P. Weathers.	2	3	1	3						17	1 00.
14 Churches,		28	27	21	5	1	43	21	9	20	683	

On motion, we agree to correspond with the following Associations, and appoint brethren to write letters of correspondence to them, viz: Big Hatchie, and El. J. P. Arnold write to said Association. B. W. Foster write to Central Association, N. Darnell write to Little River Association, Elder P. W. Stark write to Union Association, and Elder D. Quilling write to the Western District Association. Then proceeded to appoint a Committee of Arrangement—consisting of brethren, Wm. Morgan, M. S. Corbitt, J. Pearce, M. Melton, and J. P. Weathers, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Then proceeded to appoint brethren to preach on the Lord's day—whereupon Elders P. W. Stark, J. P. Arnold and M. Melton were chosen; and worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

On Motion, adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder M. Melton.

Lord's day Morning—Elder J. P. Arnold addressed a large and attentive audience from Matthew, 24th chapter and 14th verse. Elder P. W. Stark followed him in an able discourse from Ezekiel, 17th chapter and 5th verse. Good attention was paid to both sermons, and we hope that much good was done through the preaching of the gospel, both to the sinner and Christian. Elder M. Melton addressed the congregation in the evening from Revelation, 22nd chapter and 17th verse, and we trust with good success.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock—The Association met according to adjournment, and after praise, were led in prayer by the Moderator.

1. Called the delegates names.
2. Appointed brethren J. P. Hill, H. Allen and M. S. Corbitt to preach to day.
3. Read the Minute of Saturday.
4. Called on the committee of Arrangement to report. Their report was received and the committee discharged.
5. Called for letters of correspondence to sister associations, and delegated brethren to bear them. One to big Hatchie Association, and Elder E. Autréy and B. W. Foster to bear it. One to Central Association, and Elder J. P. Arnold and W. Morgan to bear it. One to Little River Association, and Elder H. Allen and K. H. Caplinger to bear it. One to Union Association, and Elders P. W. Stark and M. Melton to bear it. One to the Western District Association and Elder D. Quilling, D. H. Selfe and N. Darnell bear it.

6. Appointed W. Morgan and J. P. Weathers a committee of finance. Received from the Churches, this year, \$20 68½.

7. *Resolved*, That this Association earnestly recommend to the prayerful consideration of the Churches in the bounds of this Association, the propriety of remunerating their pastors a sufficiency, to enable them to spend a portion of their time in destitute places in our bounds.

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8. Resolved, that we hold the next session of our Association with the church at Mount Pisgah, Henderson county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1847.

9. Resolved, that El. P. W. Stark preach the introductory sermon, and El. J. C. Martin his alternate.

10. Resolved that El. J. P. Arnold superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and have 400 copies struck, and reserve 50 copies to distribute among our sister Associations, and have \$8.00 for his services.

11. Resolved, that El. J. P. Arnold be our treasurer and recording secretary, and faithfully record the proceedings of this Association in a book.

12. On motion, resolved: whereas, Willis Bridges who formerly was a member of the Antinomian Baptist Church, but is now in a state of exclusion from their union, and has attempted to connect himself with the United Baptist, therefore, we, as an advisory council, recommend to the churches composing this Association, to have nothing to do with him. After praise, was led in prayer by P. W. Stark.

ELIJAH AUTRY, MODERATOR.

JOSIAH P. ARNOLD, CLERK.

BURWELL W. FOSTER, ASST. CLERK.

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