

Minutes

OF THE

Annual Session

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The Buffalo Association

Of Primitive Baptists,

Held With Macedonia Church,

Boone County, Ark.

September 18th, 19th and 20th, 1897.

OFFICERS :

ELDER T. J. FISHER Moderator, Oregon, Ark.
J. H. KLEPPER, Clerk, Watkins, Ark.

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BUFFALO ASSOCIATION

—1897.—

First Day.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 18th, 1897.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Elder A. R. McPherson, who was to have preached the introductory sermon, not being present, Elder T. J. Fisher delivered the introductory discourse, from Romans 8:2

The Messengers were called to order by the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder T. J. Fisher.

The letters from the different churches were called for and the names of the delegates enrolled as shown in the table, after which the Association went into the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of T. J. Fisher, Moderator, and J. H. Klepper, Clerk.

1. Invited visiting brethren of our faith to seats.
2. Called for petitionary letters.
3. Called for corresponding letters.
4. Appointed as a committee on arrangements, J. T. Bailey, J. J. Eoff, A. Casey, together with the Moderator and Clerk; appointed as a committee on finance, D. J. Stone and J. J. Casey; appointed as a committee to arrange preaching, J. C. Casey and Lon Ritchey. Adjourned till Monday at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. D. J. Stone.

Second Day.

SUNDAY MORNING, Sept. 19.—The congregation assembled at the church house and services were introduced by Elder J. T. Hodges, from the 9th chapter 2 Chron., middle clause of the 6th verse. He was followed by Elder T. J. Fisher, who preached to a large, well ordered congregation.



Third Day.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 20.—Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother W. D. McMahan.

1. Roll call. Delegates present.
2. Bill of arrangements called for, read, and committee discharged. The Association took up the report by items and disposed of the same.
3. On motion the financial report was called for, which showed the amount on hand to be \$5.00.
4. On motion the Association discontinued her district meetings.
5. On motion the Association does not for this time renew correspondence with the Washington and East Washington associations.
6. On motion the Association advised the different churches of her body not to receive the work of other orders.
7. On motion the Association agreed to print the obituaries of Bros. Jas. Crow and Handy Deshields, with their wives, together with those of Bros. J. D. Woody and Josiah Tyson.

8. On motion the Association appointed a committee to meet in a convention at Crooked Creek Church Saturday before the third Sunday in Nov. 1897, to see whether there can be a union effected between the Buffalo Association of Regular Primitive Baptists and the Buffalo Association of Regular United Baptists, and chose from the different churches: From Macedonia, J. T. Bailey, Lon Ritchey and G. W. Parrish; from Mt. Gilead, J. J. Casey, with Elds. E. R. McPherson and Richard Thomas; from Crooked Creek, J. H. Woody, J. J. Foff and T. S. Koen; from Providence, Elder T. J. Fisher.

9. On motion the Association adds to her abstract of principles an article declaring that we believe the preaching of the Gospel of the Son of God to be one of God's ordained means of doing good to humanity.

10. On motion the Association appointed J. H. Klepper Treasurer for the ensuing year.

11. On motion the Association agreed to have printed 200 copies of her minutes, with abstract of principles and rules of decorum, and that B. B. Foff and J. H. Klepper prepare the same for the press, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same.

12. On motion the Association agreed to hold her next annual meeting with Crooked Creek Church, and that Elder A. R. McPherson preach the introductory sermon. Richard Thomas, alternate.

13. Moved and seconded that the Association tender her hearty thanks to the brethren and friends around about Macedonia for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them. Adjourned until our next annual meeting.

Prayer by Bro. D. J. Stone.

T. J. FISHER, Moderator.

J. H. KLEPPER, Clerk.

Obituaries.

JAMES CROW was born in Roane Co., Tenn., Oct. 19, 1825, professed a hope in Christ in 1865, joining the Primitive Baptist Church at Sweeten's Cove soon after his conversion. He remained a member with that body till his removal to Ark., coming to Ark. in the '70's. He put his letter into the Crooked Creek Church of the same faith, where he held his membership till his death, July 1, 1896. Always attending church promptly, he became one of its most valuable members, being clerk for quite a number of years and delegate to almost every association. He was married to Nancy Beane, Oct. 29, 1846, ever living a faithful husband and devoted father. He leaves several children and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

NANCY CROW, wife of the beloved brother, Jas. Crow, was born in Marion Co., East Tenn., June 20, 1828. Joining the church with her husband in 1865, she lived a true Christian life, always discharging her duty with alacrity and delight, thereby proving what she claimed. She departed this life in Jan. 1894, leaving a companion, several children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her absence.

HANDY DESHIELDS was born in Coffey Co., Middle Tenn., Feb. 28, 1819. Came to Ark. in 1835. Professed a hope in Christ in 1837, and united with the Primitive Baptist Church. He always lived a devoted Christian, and was prompt to fill his seat on all occasions. He was married to Nancy Wamie March 14, 1843. Departed this life Feb. 9th, 1897, and in his death we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

NANCY DESHIELDS was born in Marion Co., Tenn., in 1827. Embraced Christianity and joined the Baptist Church with her husband, always living a devoted Christian. Slept Jan. 25, 1897. She leaves eight children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her absence.

JOSIAH TYSON was born Dec. 13th, 1815. He was married to Mahala McGee Nov. 14th, 1839, and lived a devoted Christian 49 years, was baptized by a Primitive Baptist in Meriwether county, Ga. Moved from there to Carroll county, Ga. Was clerk of the Primitive Baptist Church for 18 years. Moved to Arkansas in 1866. He lived in the church here since he has been in Arkansas and lived a good Christian all his life. His life companion is well advanced in years and will soon enjoy eternal happiness with him.

J. D. WOODY was born in Crawford Co., Ark., May 25, 1825. Was married to one Miss Catherine Eoff, and always lived a kind husband and father. He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Crooked Creek Church of Primitive Baptists some forty years back. Always discharging his duty, he became a very valuable member, acting in the official capacity of Clerk and Deacon for some time. Uncle Johnny, as he was familiarly known, was noted for truthfulness and honesty, and a belief in the principles of right. Departed this life Sept. 14, 1897, and went to meet his beloved companion, who had some time since gone before. He leaves two children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure.



Articles of Faith,

Section 1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. Isaiah 45:5; 1st Cor. 8:6; 1st John 5:7; John 1:13.

Sec. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written words of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice. 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalms 119, 105; 1 John 2:8.

Sec. 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, the degeneracy of his posterity, corruption of human nature, and the inability of fallen man to do that which is spiritually good. Gen. 3:6; 1 John 3-4; Rom. 5:12; 1 Cor. 15:21-22.

Sec. 4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to His people, and that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world. 1 Peter 1-2; Eph. 1:4; 2 Timothy 1:9.

Sec. 5. We believe in a particular redemption by the blood of Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by His imputed righteousness. Acts 20:28; Rev. 5:9; Rom. 4:11; James 2:23.

Sec. 6. We believe calling, regeneration and sanctification to be the works of the Holy Spirit. John 15:16-17; Rom. 9:11-14; Eph. 1:4,2,10; Thes. 2:13; Phil. 2:13.

Sec. 7. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in a state of grace to a state of glory. Deut. 33:3; Psalms 12:7-14; 97:10; 112:6; Prov. 3:8; John 10:27; Rom. 8:35-39; Phil. 1:6; Thes. 2:3-2; Tim. 4:18; 1 Peter 1:13.

Sec. 8. We believe baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet, to be ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that none have a right to administer baptism, or the Lord's Supper, but ministers of Jesus Christ, who have been called of God, and regularly come under the imposition of hand of the Presbyteria. Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10 14:22-23; Rom. 6:4; Eph. 4:5; John 13 to 16.

Sec. 9. We believe alone in believers' baptism, and that by immersion in water. Matt. 3:16-3:11; John 3:23.

Sec. 10. We believe that none have a right to commune at the Lord's table but such as have been regularly baptized according to Gospel order. John 15:16; Matt. 28:20.

11. We believe the preaching of the Gospel of the son of God to be one of God's ordained means of doing good to humanity. Mark 1:15; Acts 26:18; Cor. 1:21-26; Rom. 10:14-15; Matt. 24:14.

Sec. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 25:26; Thes. 1:8-9.

Rules of Decorum.

Article 1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

Art. 3. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection.

Art. 4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it and if there be two or more motions before the association on the same subject, at the same time the first shall be first in order.

Art. 5. Every case taken up by the association shall be first decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

Art. 6. When anything is taken up by the association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question, and those in favor of the thing proposed, shall make it known by raising their right hand, and the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.

Art. 7. No person shall depart from the service of the association without leave.

Art. 8. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject without leave obtained, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debaters have gotten through.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoint some other member to fill the chair, but shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

Art. 10. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in our intercourse with each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating any of these rules shall be dealt with as the association may think proper.



TABLE OF CHURCHES, WITH THEIR DELEGATES.

Macedonia,	{ J. T. Bailey, Lon Ritchey, J. C. Casey.
Crooked Creek,	{ J. J. Eoff, D. J. Stone, J. H. Klepper.
Mt. Gilead,	{ J. J. Casey, A. Casey.
Providence,	T. J. Fisher.
Zion Hill,	not represented.
Liberty,	" "
Enon,	" "
New Hope,	" "
Evening Shade,	" "
Mt. Zion,	" "

