

MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual

Assembly

of the

DRAKES CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

United Upon the Doctrine of Election, Predestination

and Relation

Held With

Lickfork Church

Simpson County, Kentucky.

August 24-25-26, 1935

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. G. Allen from Titus 3:5, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; the Delegates then assembled and the letters read from the churches comprising the association and delegates enrolled.

1. Sulphur Springs - Delegates Elder E.G. Allen, J. G. Henson, Ava Lee Pope. Total 9. Meeting 2nd Sunday, Contribution 50 cents, Voluntary \$3.25. Ava Lee Pope, Clerk, Hickory Flat, Ky. R.F.D. No. 1.
2. Lickfork - Delegate Total
Meeting 3rd Sunday, Contribution 50 cents, Voluntary \$1.50, J. P. Caldwell, Clerk, Salmons, Ky., R.R. 1.
3. Mt. Zion - Delegates Ed Morris, Eunice Chapman, Bell Johnson. Total 17. Meeting 2nd Sunday. Contribution \$1.75, Voluntary \$5.00. Ed Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Ky.
4. State Line - Not represented.
5. Caney Fork - Not represented.
6. Shilo - Delegates Mattie Owens, Alta Pruitt, Y. R. Pruitt. Meeting 4th Sunday. Total 3. Contribution \$1.00, Voluntary \$2.00. Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway, Ky.
7. Drakes Creek - Delegates J. T. Hodge, Ollie Raglewood. Total 11. Contribution 50 cents, Voluntary \$3.00. Meeting 1st Sunday, Inez Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky., R.R. 2.
8. Union Five - Delegates I. L. Nichols. Total 8. Contribution \$1.00, Voluntary \$4.00. Meeting 3rd Sunday, A.M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky.

The enrollment of the churches being completed the Association organized by electing Brethren J. P. Caldwell, Moderator, E. G. Allen, Clerk.

1. The Association was opened with prayer by Elder J. R. Christopher.
2. Called for corresponding letters, read and received.
3. Called for petitionary letters, none came forward.
4. Committee on Distribution, Ed Morris, Y. R. Pruitt, Finance J. G. Henson, I. L. Nichols.
5. Bro. I. L. Nichols to write corresponding letter to be read on Monday, read and received.
6. Next Annual Association to be held with the Union Five Church, commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1936.

7. Moderator and Clerk appointed a committee on unfinished business.
8. Request visiting Elders to preach on Sunday.
9. Moderator Committee on arrangements, J. P. Caldwell.
10. Adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock.

Sunday, the visiting Elders preached to an attentive congregation.

Monday, the Association met and roll was called, a quorum being present proceeded to business.

1. Called for report on unfinished business and committee discharged.
2. Elder E. G. Allen to go to Richland Creek Association. Alternate I. L. Nichols.
3. Elder E. G. Allen to go to Caney Fork Association. Alternate Ed Morris.
4. Brother E. G. Allen to write circular letter for 1936.
5. Elder E. G. Allen to preach the next introductory sermon.
6. Corresponding letter read and received.
7. Committee on distribution reported for printing minutes \$5.25, Finance Committee reported \$18.75.
8. Ordered 200 Minutes printed, Clerk to superintend printing and distribution of same.

Miscellaneous

Resolved that we tender our thanks to the Church and Community for their kind hospitality to the Association while convened with them and especially the Officials and Faculty of the school.

The Association closed with prayer by Elder E. R. Little.

Elder E. G. Allen, Clerk
Rosebank Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn. R. R. 9.

J. P. Caldwell, Moderator
Salmons, Ky. R. R. 1.

Corresponding Letter

The Drakes Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist now in session feel to thank the giver of all good, that we are permitted to meet again in an associated capacity and find that love and peace abounds. Also to receive intelligence of like nature from those with whom we correspond. Brethren we are few in number but hold fast to the faith once delivered to the saints.

Still having annual feasts and would be glad for you to visit us which would give us strength. We had with us Elders J. R. Christopher, J. E. Christopher, Richland Creek, E. R. Little, Caney Fork. We desire to keep up our friendly correspondence by letters and minutes.

May this love and peace continue with us.

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Minutes

Of The

One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Annual Session

Of The

Caney Fork Association

Of The

Predestinarian Baptist

*United On The Doctrine Of The Election
Predestination And Salvation By Grace*

Held With

The Concord Church

In Warren County, Tennessee

On Sept. 26, 27 and 28, 1958

MINUTES

The introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder E. C. Craig. The text being the 1st and 2nd verses of the 25th chapter of St. Matthew: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise and five were foolish."

FRIDAY

Philadelphia: No delegate present. Received letter and donation of \$10.00 for printing minutes and defraying expenses of the Association. Moderator, Bro. Joe McPeak, Route 1, Walling, Tennessee; Clerk, Sister Florence McPeak, Route 3, Sparta, Tennessee.

Concord: Delegates—Bro. Clarence Womack, Sister Sallie Stiles and Sister Eureatha Beasley, Alternate. Statistics at Peace; Total No. 19. Contribution for printing minutes \$4.00. Time of meeting, 1st Sunday and Saturday night before of each month. Bro. Clarence Womack, Route 2, Rock Island, Tenn., Moderator; Sister Nona Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee, Clerk.

The Association was re-organized. Elected by Acclamation: Bro. Clarence Womack, Moderator and Sister Eureatha Beasley, Clerk.

After inviting ministers and delegates to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) Ordered reading Articles of Faith. Read by Moderator, Bro. Clarence Womack.
- (2) Called for Petitionary Letters: None.
- (3) Called for Corresponding Letters: Received correspondence from the following:
 - (a) Richland Creek Association: Letter and delegates, Bro. E. C. Craig, Bro. Orell Gray, Sisters Vona Black, Mary Lou Smith, Rena Gray, Mattie Lou Samples and Bro. and Sister Lewell Hicks.
 - (a) Drakes Creek Association: Delegates—Bro. and Sister C. R. Craighead, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- (4) The Moderator and Clerk were designated a committee on Unfinished business.
- (5) Appointed Bro. Euclid Foster, Bro. Floyd Boren and Sister Ethel Webb a committee on finance.
- (6) Appointed Bro. Bob Locke, Bro. George Beasley and Sister Sallie Stiles a committee on arrangements.
- (7) Appointed the Clerk to write corresponding letter. It was read and ordered printed in the minutes.
- (8) Appointed Sister Sallie Stiles to write a circular letter for 1958. It was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

- (9) Appointed clerk to write obituaries for the members deceased since our last Association.
- (10) Bro. Clarence Womack presented a letter addressed to the Caney Fork Association by Sister Jodean Garrison, advising us that she has decided to remove her membership from our Association. Her letter was accepted. We regret that she is leaving us; but wish her much happiness, joy and peace wherever she goes.
- (11) Adjourned until 10:00 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) The committee on unfinished business reported and their report was made the order of business.
- (2) The committee on finance reported \$69.37 for printing and distribution of minutes and the defraying expenses of visiting delegates. The committee was discharged.
- (3) Elected delegates to Drake's Creek Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in August, 1959. Delegate, Bro. Euclid Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Bro. George Beasley, Route 6, McMinnville, Tennessee.
- (4) Elected Delegates to Richland Creek Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in September, 1959. Delegate, Sister Sallie Stiles, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Sister Mary Webb, McMinnville, Tenn.
- (5) Elected delegates to Fellowship Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 3rd Sunday in September, 1959. Delegate, Sister Eureatha Beasley, Route 6, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Sister Nona Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee.
- (6) Adopted a resolution of thanks to Concord Church and community for their hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during the sitting of the Association.
- (7) Motion carried to adjourn until Sunday. Closed with Prayer by Bro. E. C. Craig.

SUNDAY

The church was called to order by the singing of hymns and after which Bros. E. C. Craig, Orell Gray and Clarence Womack filled the stand and preached to an attentive congregation.

The Association was closed by singing a song and the shaking of hands and saying good bye until we meet again.

Motion was made and adopted that the next Association be held with Concord Church, Warren County on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in September, 1959.

OBITUARIES

Sister Rachel Candace Cantrell was born February 19, 1892. She passed from this visible life August 11, 1958. Sister Cantrell was a long time, true and faithful member of the Bildad Baptist Church. The love, peace and joy given by our Saviour, Jesus Christ, were manifested in her daily walk of life. Her faith was steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of our Lord. The sunshine she bore is greatly missed by the Caney Fork Association.

Bro. Harlen Webb was born June 5, 1880. It was God's good pleasure to separate him from this life on earth May 29, 1958. He was a member of the Concord Baptist Church for several years, and was a true believer of Salvation by Grace through Faith for many, many years. The manifestation of Jesus Christ in his life gave strength and courage to his brethren and sisters who found the fruit of the good Spirit in their association with him. The peace and love he brought is deeply missed by the Caney Fork Association.

Bro. Will Grissom was born December 9, 1877. He was called from this life September 10, 1958. Bro. Grissom was a long time believer in the doctrine of the Predestinarian Baptist Church and has been a faithful member for several years, always filling his place and cheerfully supporting the church as long as possible. He will be greatly missed by the Caney Fork Association and by all his many friends.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Associations with whom we correspond: We, the Caney Fork Association, want to express our thanks to our visiting Brethren, E. C. Craig and Orell Gray for their rich sermons and service they delivered during the three days of our Association. We feel that it is by the mercy of God that we have been permitted this privilege. It has been a pleasure to have the visiting Brethren and Sisters with us from Richland Creek and Drake's Creek Associations as well as our many friends.

Our hearts are saddened because our beloved pastor, Bro. Edd Christopher is unable to be with us, due to his health. However, we know that he is with us in the Spirit. Our sincere prayer is, that God being willing, his health is restored and he can continue his association among his brethren, sisters and many friends who love him so dearly.

We pray that we can abide in this Peace and grow stronger in the Faith of our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus day by day. Also, we want to keep up the friendly correspondence with our Sister Associations. God be with each of you until we meet again.

Caney Fork Association
 Bro. Clarence Womack, Moderator
 Sister Eureatha Beasley, Clerk

Dear Brethern and Sisters,

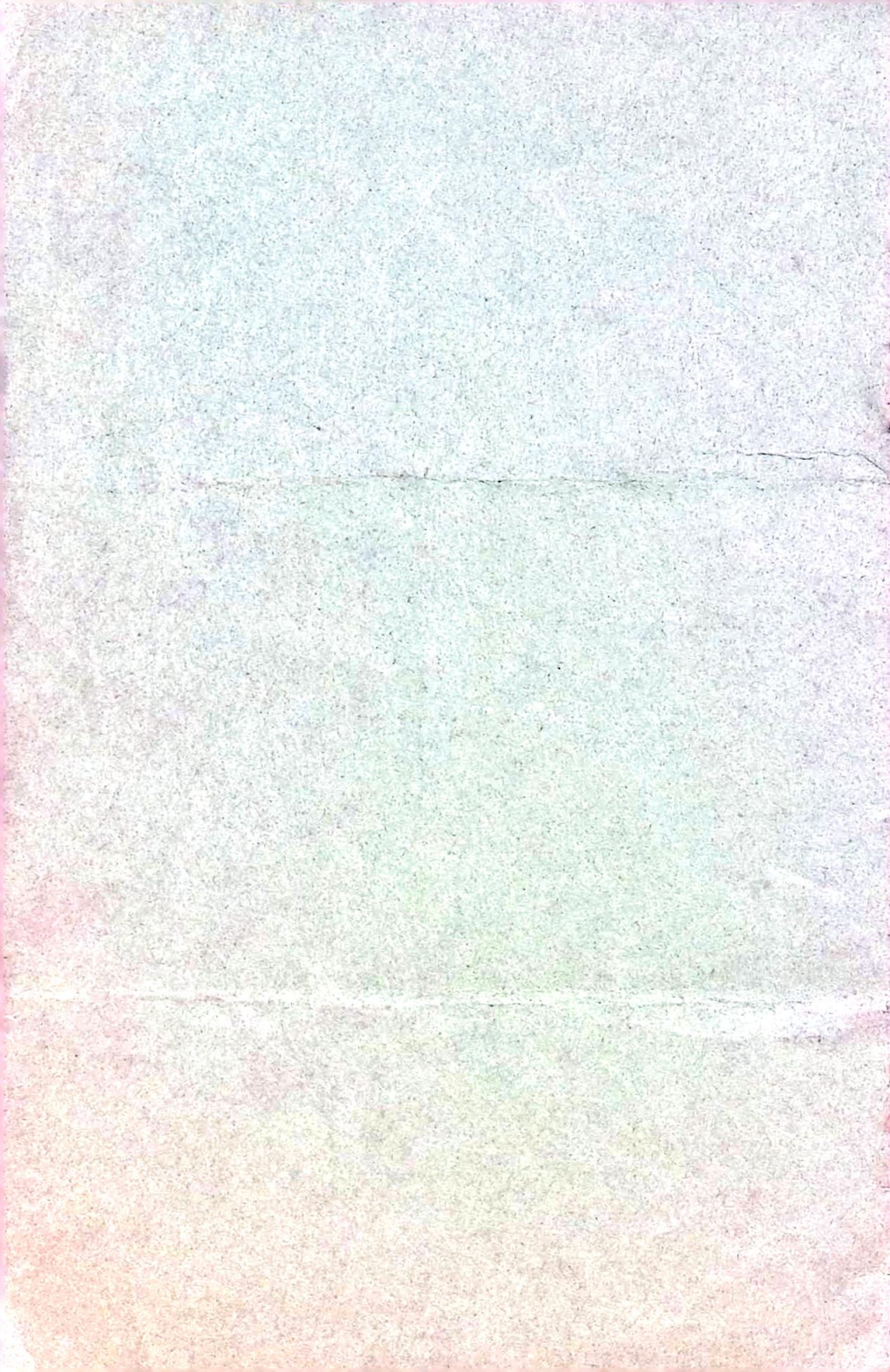
I was chosen by the Association to write a circular letter to be printed in our minutes. I shall try in my weak way—God being my helper.

It does appear to me that this is a day when the Saints of the most high should stand fast with their feet firmly fixed on the Rock and faces steadfast toward Zion, ever looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our Faith, putting on the whole armor of God that Ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil, having your loins girded about with Truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness and take the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Romans 8:5-14. "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of flesh, but they that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit," "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." 8-31 "What shall we then say to these things, If God be for us, who can be against us?" Salvation is of the Lord, for the gifts and calling of God without repentance.

Recompense to no man Evil for Evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Be not overcome of Evil but overcome Evil with Good. Paul says, "If I do these things willingly, I have a reward."

Sally Stiles



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— OF THE —

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

— OF THE —

DRAKE'S CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
UNITED UPON THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION,
PREDESTINATION AND RELATION

— HELD WITH —

UNION 5 CHURCH

Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky

August 21, 22 and 23, 1953

The Introductory was given by Bro. C. E. Atnip from St. Matthew, 5 Chapter. He read the entire Chapter, taking his text from the 44 verse:

"But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

1. Mt. Zion represented by Bro. E. D. Morris and J. M. Flannigan and having six members. Time of meeting, second Sunday. E. D. Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Ky. Bro. J. E. Christopher, preacher. Contribution, \$10.00.

2. Drake's Creek Church represented by Sister Alma Howell and having four members. Time of meeting, first Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, preacher. Inez Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky., Route 2. Contribution, \$12.00.

3. Union 5 Church represented by Bro. C. E. Atnip and having 7 members. Time of meeting, third Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, preacher. C. M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky., Route 5. Contribution \$12.00.

4. Shiloh not represented, having 1 member. Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway, Ky. Contribution \$5.00.

I. The Corresponding Association, Richland Creek Association, Alabama, was represented by Bro. E. C. Craig, Bro. J. E. Christopher and Sister Mary Lou Smith. Caney Fork Association from Tennessee, was represented by Bro. Joe McPeak, Bro. G. R. Lock and Sister Mattie Lock.

II. The visiting preachers to preach on Sunday.

III. The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. C. E. Atnip.

IV. The Association voted to re-elect same Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

V. The next Association will be held with Shiloh Church at Halfway, Kentucky, beginning on Friday at 1 o'clock, Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd, before the fourth Sunday in August on the Scottsville and Bowling Green Road at Halfway, Ky.

1. Delegates to attend the Richland Creek Association in Alabama, at Beaver Dam Church were Bro. J. M. Flannigan with Bro. C. E. Atnip his alternate.

2. That Bro. C. E. Atnip to attend the Caney Fork Association in Tennessee at Old Dad Church with J. M. Flannigan his alternate.

3. Bro. C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory Sermon with Bro. E. D. Morris his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved, to thank the Union 5 Church and Community for their love and kindness during the Association.

Statement of Treasurer received and dismissed.

Association ordered Clerk to have 100 Minutes printed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To Our Sister Associations With Which We Correspond:

We, the Drakes Creek Association, especially want to express by letter our appreciation to Bro. E. C. Craig and Bro. Ed Christopher for their preaching so ably delivered each day. We had a good crowd of believers that enjoyed their sermons and the invitation was given on Saturday and two came and asked to be admitted to the church and were received and baptised.

We were so happy to have such a large number from our corresponding Association we are at peace. The Lord has been gracious in permitting us to enjoy another three days of grand love and unity. We hope and pray we will be permitted to meet again next year.

For next Association see our Minutes.

DRAKES CREEK ASSOCIATION.

C. M. NICHOLS, Moderator, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

LELA McFARLAND, Clerk, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

E. D. MORRIS, Treasurer, Woodburn, Ky.

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UNITED UPON THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION,
PREDESTINATION AND RELATION

HELD WITH

DRAKE'S CREEK CHURCH

Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky

August 22, 23 and 24, 1952

The Introductory was given by Bro. C. E. Atnip from II Corinthians, second chapter and 17th verse.

For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God, but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.

1. Sulphur Springs, not represented. Dismissed for non attendance.
2. Mt. Zion represented by Bro. E. D. Morris and having six members. Time of meeting, second Sunday. E. D. Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Ky. Bro. J. E. Christopher, preacher. Contribution, \$6.00.
3. Drake's Creek Church represented by Sister Alma Howell and Sister Mamie R. Ray and having four members. Time of meeting, first Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, preacher, Alma Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky. Contribution, \$7.50.
4. Union No. 5 Church represented by Bro. C. E. Atnip and having seven members. Time of meeting, third Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, preacher, C. M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Route 5, Ky. Contribution, \$7.00.
5. Shiloh delegates, Bro. Y. R. Pruitt, and having one member. Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway, Ky. Contribution, \$7.00.
 - I. The Corresponding Association, Richland Creek Association, Alabama, was represented by Bro. E. C. Craig. Caney Fork Association, Tennessee, by letter and Bro. Joe McPeak.
 - II. The visiting preacher to preach on Sunday.
 - III. The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. C. E. Atnip.
 - IV. The Association voted to re-elect same Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
 - V. Next Annual Association will be held with Union Five Church in Barren County, five miles east of Glasgow, Ky., two miles off Highway No. 90, in August on Friday at 1:00 p.m., 21-22-23, 1953.
 1. Delegate to attend Richland Creek Association in Tennessee, at Mt. Carmel Church near Boons Hill, Bro. C. E. Atnip with Sister Lela McFarland, alternate.
 2. Delegate to Caney Fork Association in Tennessee at Philadelphia Church, five miles from Wallins, Tennessee. Bro. C. E. Atnip, with C. M. Nichols, alternate.
 3. Bro. C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory Sermon with Bro. E. D. Morris his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved to thank the Drake's Creek Church and community for their love and kindness during the Association.

Statement of Treasurer, E. D. Morris, reported \$11.25 interest on bond and bond of \$856.80 was cashed and divided between four churches and by order of Drake's Creek Association one-fifth of this amount was mailed by Treasurer E. D. Morris to Sister Allen, widow of E. G. Allen.

Association ordered Clerk to have 100 Minutes printed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To Our Sister Associations With Which We Correspond:

We, the Drake's Creek Association, especially want to express by letter our appreciation for all the preaching so ably delivered by Bro. E. C. Craig and Bro. Atnip each day. All believers enjoyed every sermon as proof. The invitation was given on Sunday and two came and asked for admittance to the Church.

We were so glad to see so many from other Associations as there was and hope more will be able to attend Associations in 1953. We are at peace. The Lord has been gracious in permitting us to enjoy another three days of grand love and unity. We hope and pray we will be permitted to meet again next year.

For our next Association, see our Minutes.

Farewell,

DRAKE'S CREEK ASSOCIATION.

C. M. NICHOLS, Moderator, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

LELA McFARLAND, Clerk, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

E. D. MORRIS, Treasurer, Woodburn, Ky.

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UNITED UPON THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION,
PREDESTINATION AND RELATION

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH

Woodburn, Warren County, Kentucky

August 23, 24 and 25, 1957

The Introductory was given by Elder C. E. Atnip from Ephesians, sixth chapter and 10th, 11th, and 12th verses.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1. Mt. Zion Church represented by Bro. J. M. Flannigan and Bro. Chester Morris. We have eight members. Time of meeting, second Sunday in each month. Elder J. E. Christopher, preacher. Contributed \$10.00. E. D. Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Kentucky.
2. Union No. 5 Church represented by Bro. C. E. Atnip and Bro. O. H. McFarland. We have eight members. Time of meeting, Third Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, preacher. Contributed \$15.00. C. M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky., Route 5.
3. Drake's Creek Church represented by Bro. and Sister C. R. Craighead. We have five members. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, preacher. Contributed \$15.00. Inez Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky., Route 2. \$10.00 was contributed in memory of Old Shiloh Church.
 - I. The Corresponding Association was represented by Elder J. E. Christopher and Bro. B. O. Grey of the Richland Creek Association, Alabama. Caney Fork Association of Tennessee was not represented by delegate or letter.
 - II. The Association was opened with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.
 - III. The Association voted to re-elect same Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk.
 - IV. The Association in 1958 will be at Old Drake's Creek Church in Warren County, off the Bowling Green and Scottsville Road, turn at Allen Springs, Kentucky.
 - V. Beginning at 1 o'clock P. M. on Friday, August 22nd, at 10 o'clock A. M. on 23rd and 24th, 1958.
 1. Delegates to the Richland Creek Association in Alabama, Bro. J. M. Flannigan, Bro. C. R. Craighead, alternate.
 2. Bro. C. R. Craighead, the delegate to Caney Fork Association in Tennessee, with Bro. J. M. Flannigan, alternate.
 3. Elder C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory sermon with Bro. J. M. Flannigan his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved to thank Mt. Zion Church and community for their love and kindness during our association.

Statement of the Treasurer was received; he was dismissed.
Association ordered the clerk to have 100 minutes printed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Association with whom we correspond, we want to express by letter our appreciation for all the preaching so ably delivered by Elder J. E. Christopher, Bro. B. O. Grey, Elder C. E. Atnip, and Bro. J. M. Flannigan. All enjoyed every sermon. The invitation was given and had one addition by relationship.

We are happy to have visitors from Caney Fork, Bro. G. R. Lock and daughter.

From Richland Creek, Bro. Anos Christopher, his brother Reader Christopher Sister Grey and Sister Mary Christopher, Sister Mary Lou Smith and her daughter.

The Lord has been gracious in permitting us to enjoy 3 days of love and unity. We hope and pray we will be permitted to meet next year.

Farewell,
DRAKE'S CREEK ASSOCIATION
C. M. NICHOLS, Moderator, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.
LELA McFARLAND, Clerk, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.
E. D. MORRIS, Treasurer, Woodburn, Ky.

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Old Bildad, In DeKalb County, Tennessee

October 1, 2 and 3, 1950

The introductory sermon was delivered on Saturday by Bro. C. E. Atnip, after which the delegates bearing letters from different churches met in the grove and were called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Claud Cope, then proceeded to read letters, enrolled messengers as follows:

BILDAD—Letters and delegates, Bro. Floyd Allen, Bro. Luther Fuson and Sister Rachel Cantrell. Statistics as follows: Received none; dead 4; total number 14; contribution \$1.00; voluntary contribution \$3.00; time of meeting, fourth Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, Moderator, Rachel Cantrell, Clerk. Address, Smithville, Tennessee, Route 2.

CONCORD — Letter and delegates, Bro. Claud Cope, Bro. George Beasley and Sister Della Beasley. Our statistics as follows: Received by baptism, one; dead, 2; total number, 18; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary contribution, \$3.00; time of meeting, the first Sunday in each month. Bro. Claud Cope, Moderator, Mattie Locke, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA—Letter and delegates, Bro. I. F. McPeak, Bro. Joe McPeak and Sister Florence McPeak. Statistics as follows: Dead, none; received, none; total number, 7; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary contribution, \$4.00. Time of meeting, second Sunday in each month.

Letters read and received from all the churches, Bildad, Philadelphia and Concord.

Called for the reading of rules of decorum. Rules omitted.

Called for corresponding letters.

Moved and carried to keep same Moderator and Clerk.

Moved and carried to invite visiting brothers to seat with us.

Moved and carried that Moderator and Clerk be committee on unfinished business.

Moved and carried that Bro. Floyd Allen and Bro. George Beasley be committee on arrangements.

Moved and carried that Bro. Clarence Womack write corresponding letter.

Moved and carried to report on arrangements.

Moved and carried the visiting brothers fill the stand on Saturday. Bro. Freeman Phillips, 1st; Bro. W. C. Cooper, 2nd; Bro. Craig, 3rd.

Arrangements for Sunday to fill the stand: Bro. W. C. Cooper, 1st; Bro. Jim Phillips, 2nd; and Bro. Edd Christopher, 3rd.

Arrangements for Monday: Bro. Craig, 1st; Bro. Edd Christopher, 2nd.

Moved and carried that Bro. Joe McPeak and Bro. Clarence Womack be the committee on finance.

Moved and carried that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30.

Bro. Edd Christopher opened and closed our association with prayer.

MONDAY MORNING, 9:30

The association met, the roll called and a quorum present.

Called for the report of committee on unfinished business. Report read and made the order of the day.

Motion carried that Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

Moved and carried to send Bro. George Beasley to Drake Creek Association in Kentucky and Bro. Joe McPeak his alternate.

Moved and carried to send Bro. C. E. Atnip to Richland Creek Association in Alabama for 1951, and Bro. Clarence Womack his alternate.

Moved and carried to send Bro. Floyd Allen to Fellowship Association in Alabama in 1951 and Bro. George Beasley his alternate.

Moved and carried that we'll grant an old church in White county the Association at any time they get prepared and call for it.

Moved and carried to receive contributions. Voluntary, \$10.00; contribution, \$3.00.

Called for report of corresponding delegates. Bro. Beasley reports his expenses to Richland Creek Association in Alabama in 1950, \$7.07. Bro. Joe McPeak reports his expenses to Fellowship Association in Alabama, \$8.50.

Moved and carried that we have our next association at this time first Sunday in October, Saturday before and Monday following, and our next association will be at Concord, Warren county, McMinnville, Tennessee, Route 5.

Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for the good hospitality during our stay with them.

Association closed with prayer.

BRO. CLAUD COPE, Moderator

MATTHE LOCKE, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister associations with whom we correspond, we send greetings of brotherly love, again we feel that it is by the Grace of God that we have been permitted to meet again. In an associated capacity where we feel that love abounds and we wish to continue the same friendly correspondence by messengers and exchange of letters and delegates. We want to thank our visiting brethren for the rich sermons and service they delivered to the congregation while here and we feel sure that all who were present enjoyed all three days. We were glad indeed to have all the other brothers and Sisters to visit us from so many different parts and invite them to come again. Names as follows: Bro. Jim Phillips and wife, Freeman Phillips, also Frank and George Phillips, from Fellowship Association in Blount and Culman County, Alabama; Elder W. C. Cooper from Caine Creek Association, Ala.; Elder E. C. Craig from Richland Creek Association, Ala.; W. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Herod Barnes and Mrs. Marylou Smith, Franklin, Tennessee, Rt. 1, Richland Creek Association; Mrs. Mamie Joins, Miss Myrtice Joins, 302 E. Maple Street, Fayetteville, Richland Creek; Mrs. Hick Goodson, Alabama; Bro. Amos Christopher and wife, Sister Vona Black and Sister Hicka and Bro. Edd Christopher from Richland Creek Association, Athens, Alabama.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

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HELD WITH

DRAKE'S CREEK CHURCH

Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky

August 21, 22 and 23, 1958

The Introductory was given by Elder C. E. Atnip from Saint John, first chapter, and first verse.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

1. Mt. Zion Church represented by Brother and Sister J. M. Flannigan and Sister Lida Downey. We have seven members, one dead. Time of meeting, second Sunday in each month. Elder J. E. Christopher, preacher.
2. Union No. 5 Church, represented by Brother C. E. Atnip and Brother O. H. McFarland. We have eight members. Time of meeting, third Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, preacher. Contributed \$15.00. C. M. Nichols.
3. Drake's Creek Church represented by Brother and Sister C. R. Craighead. We have four members, one dead. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month. Sister C. R. Craighead, Clerk, Bowling Green, Ky. \$10.00 was contributed in memory of Old Shilo Church, Halfway, Kentucky.
 - I. The corresponding association was represented by Brother B. O. Grey of the Richland Creek Association of Alabama.
 - II. The visiting preacher to preach on Sunday.
 - III. The association was opened with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.
 - IV. The association voted to retain same moderator, treasurer, and clerk.
 - V. Next annual association will be held with Union No. 5 Church in Barren County, 5 miles east of Glasgow, Kentucky, 2 miles off highway 90 East on State Road 1343 in August on Friday at 1:00 p.m. 21 and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23rd, 1959.
 1. Delegates to Richland Creek Alabama, Brother C. R. Craighead with J. M. Flannigan alternate.
 2. The articles of Faith were read.
 3. Elder C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory sermon in 1959 with Brother J. M. Flannigan his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolve that the Drake's Creek Association thanks Drake's Creek Church and community for their love and kindness during the Association.
Statement of Treasurer was received and was dismissed.
Association ordered clerk to have minutes printed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the association with whom we correspond we send greetings of brotherly love. We have been permitted to meet and enjoy the association with your messenger and delegate once more and we hope if the Lord wills to meet again. We had as delegate Brother B. O. Grey from Richland Association of Alabama and as visitors Sister Rena Grey and Sister Vona Black of Alabama. Sister Mary Lou Smith and Sister Mattie Lou Samples of Tennessee. Please see our minutes for next association. Till then, Goodbye

Drake's Creek Association
C. M. Nichols, Moderator
Glasgow, Ky., Route No. 5

Lela McFarland, Clerk
Glasgow, Ky., Route No. 5

E. D. Morris, Treasurer
Woodburn, Kentucky

MINUTES

of the

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

of the

DRAKES CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

United upon the DOctrine of
Election, Predestination
And Relation.

Held with

STATE LINE CHURCH PORTLAND

Tenn., Sumner County.

August 26-27-28, 1933.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. G. Allen, First Cor., 15 - 12, "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead."

The delegates then assembled and the letters were read from the Churches comprising the association and delegates enrolled.

1- Sulphur Springs - Brethern E. G. Allen, J. G. Henson, Mallie Rogers, total 9, meeting 2nd Sunday; contribution 50 cents, voluntary \$2.00, Ava Lee Pope, Clerk, Hickory Flat Ky. Route # 1.

2- Lick Fork - Brother J. P. Caldwell, total 2, meeting 3rd Sunday contribution 50 cents voluntary \$1.50, J. P. Caldwell, Clerk, Salmons Ky. Route # 1.

3- Mt. Zion - Rebecca Blewitt, Unice Chapman and Ed Morris total 21, meeting 2nd Sunday, contribution \$1.75, voluntary \$5.00, Ed Morris Clerk, Woodburn Ky.

4- State Line) Brethern B. F. Hinton W. R. Hagan, total 5, dead 2, contribution 50 cents voluntary \$1.00, B. F. Hinton, Clerk Mitchville, Tenn.

5- Cany-Fork - Sister Piper, Duff Hunter.

6- Shilo Mattie Owens, Alta Pruitt, Y. R. Pruitt, total 3, meeting 4th Sunday, contribution \$1.00, voluntary \$2.00, Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway Ky.

7- Drakes Creek - Brethern J. P. Hodges, Henry Bronner, Mary Bronner, total 12, contribution 60 cents voluntary \$1.75, meeting First Sunday, Inez Howell, Clerk Bowling - Green Ky. Route # 2.

8- Union Five - Brethern I. L. Nichols, total 8, contribution \$1.00 voluntary \$5.00, meeting 3rd Sunday, Clerk A. N. Nichols, Glasgow Ky. Route # 5.

The enrollment of the Churches being completed the association organized by electing Brethern J. P. Caldwell, Moderator, E. G. Allen, Clerk.

1- The association was opened by prayer by Elder J. R. Christopher.

2- Called for corresponding letters read and received Elder E. R. Little, J. R. Christopher, J. E. Christopher, N. W. Williams and J. Mullican.

3- Committee for petitionary letters none came forward.

4- Committee on distribution, Ed Morris, I. L. Nichols, finance J. G. Hinson, W. R. Hagan.

5- Brother Ed Morris to write corresponding letter to be read on Monday, Read and received.

6- Annual Association to be held with the Church Sulphur Springs Church Allen County Ky., commencing Saturday before

the 4th Sunday August 1934.

7- Moderator and Clerk appointed as committee on unfinished business, Moderator and Clerk.

8- Request visiting Elders to preach on Sunday.

9- Moderator Committee on arrangements.

10- Adjourned until Monday 9 O'clock.

11- Sunday the visiting Elders preached to an attentive congregation.

12- Monday the Association meet and roll was called a quorum being present, proceeded to business.

1- Called for report on unfinished business and Committee discharged.

2- Elder Hagan to go to Richland Creek Association, Alternate E. G. Allen.

3- Elder E. G. Allen to go to Cany Fork Association Alternate Elder Hagan.

4- Elder E. G. Allen to write Circular Letter for 1934.

5- Elder Hagan to preach the next introductory sermon. E. G. Allen, Alternate.

6- Corresponding letter read and received.

7- Finance Committee on distribution reported printing minutes, finance Committee reported, report received and the Committee discharged.

8- Ordered 200 minutes printed, Clerk to superintend printing and distribution of same.

9- Finance Committee reported voluntary \$12.00, minutes \$6.10.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Resolved that we tender to the Church and community for their kind hospitality to the association while convened with them and especially for the use of the Methodist Church.

The association was closed with prayer by Elder E. R. Little by order of the association.

Elder E. G. Allen, Clerk,
Rosebank Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn.,

J. P. Caldwell, Moderator
Salmons Ky.
Route # 1.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Drakes Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist now in session feel to thank the giver of all Good that we are permitted to meet again in an associated capacity and find that love and peace abounds, also to receive intelligence of like nature from thos with whom we correspond.

Brethern we are few in number but still hold fast to the faith once delivered to the Saints still having annual feasts, and would be glad for you to visit us which would give us strength.

We have with us practically all preaching Brethern including Brother Johnie and Ed Christopher, Brother Little, Bro., Mulican, Brother Williams, Brother Allen and Brother Hagan also Brother Hancock from Okla.

We still desire to keep up friendly correspondence by letter and minutes.

See minutes for other information about our association, until then farewell.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

My dear Brethern:

According to your order I make the attempt to write your Circular Letter for 1933, from the words of Christ when he had tasted the vinegar, they are only three words and they are these, "It is finished", there was something that he had completed a fact that was established. It was the work that his father gave him to do.

We have very often heard the expression that he came to save his people or to redeem his people", Well this is about what we will say because the Apostle says, "That he was made of a woman made under the law to redeem them that were under the law" If this then is true he purchased back or redeemed the members of his body, which is the Church of God. The Church being captured by the devil was held under the law for redemption. The Lord Jesus paying the ransom price with his own life he said "It is finished" So the ransom of the Lord returned to Zion without the loss of one or the addition of one. We have a perfect body, cleansed and purified by the blood of Christ, No wonder the Apostle Paul could exclaim with vigor. "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ because it is the power of God unto deliverance to them that believeth" We believe that Jesus Christ had saved them with an everlasting deliverance.

Why are you weeping and sorrowing? Rejoice instead for Christ hath conquered death, and boastingly ask the monster "where is your sting or grave where is your Victory?"
By order of the Association.

ED MORRIS.

M I N U T E S

- of the -
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

- of the -
R I C H L A N D C R E E K A S S O C I A T I O N

Known as

TWO SEED IN SPIRIT PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST

Held with

BEAVER DAM CHURCH
Lauderdale County, Alabama
September 11, 12, 13, 1943

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MINUTES

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E.C. Craig after which the letters from the different churches were read and delegates enrolled.

FIRST SECTION

MT. MORIAH: Delegates Elder J.E.Christopher and Bro. F.E. Christopher, Alternate, Bro. Oscar Vinson. Our condition; At Peace. No. received by experience, 1; dead, 1; Total No. 32; Contributions \$3.00; Time of meeting, 4th Sunday; Clerk, Oscar Vinson, Bethel, Tennessee

BEAVER DAM: Delegates Elder E.C.Craig and J.W. Hammons. Alternate, J.T.Newton, Statistics as follows: By experience, None; Dead, 1; Total No. 20; Contributions, \$1.50; Time of meeting, 3rd Sunday, Clerk, Mrs. Fannie Hewton, Lexington, Alabama

MT.CARMEL: Delegates, Elder N.W.Williams and J.H. Carden. Condition: Unchanged; Clerk, E.B.Wright, Frankewing, Tenn.

The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. Atnip

1. Reading rules of decorum dispensed with.
2. Called for petitionary letters; None.
3. Called for corresponding letters? Received one from Drake's Creek Association by Bro. E. E. Atnip. Caney Fork not heard from.
4. Appointed Moderator and clerk on committee on unfinished business to report Monday morning.
5. Appointed Elder E. C. Craig and Bro. J. W. Carden a committee on finance to report Monday.
6. Appointed clerk to write corresponding letter for Monday.
7. The circular letter was read and ordered printed in the minutes.
8. Decided to have Bro. Atnip to fill the stand Sunday.
9. Adjournment until 9:00 A.M. Monday.

SUNDAY

The brethren appointed went forward and preached to an attentive audience with good effect.

MONDAY

1. Called on the committee on unfinished business which report was made the order of the day. The committee was discharged.
2. Called on the finance committee which reported \$5.00 for printing the minutes and \$15.25 to pay expenses of delegates to corresponding association.
3. Elected Bro. Oscar Vinson treasurer of Richland Creek Ass'n.
4. Elected Elder E. C. Craig delegate. Bro. Elmer Welden alternate to Drake's Creek Association 1944.
5. Elected Elder J. E. Christopher delegate, Bro. Elmer Welden alternate to Caney Fork Ass'n.
6. Mt. Meriah was given sectional meeting for first section which will begin on Saturday before the 4th Sunday, July, 1944.
7. Mt. Carmel was also given the sectional meeting for 2nd Section which will convene on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May.

8. The Association will be held with Mt Carmel, Lincoln County Tennessee which will begin on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1944.
9. Elected Elder J. E. Christopher to preach the introductory sermon for 1944.
10. Elected Elder E. C. Craig to write the circular letter for 1944.
11. Corresponding letters.
12. Motion that we extend to Beaver Dam Church our sincere thanks.
13. Adjournment.

N. W. WILLIAMS, Pulaski,
Moderator Tenn.

J. E. CHRISTOPHER, Athens,
Clerk Ala.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Sister Association with whom we correspond,
GREETINGS:

Brethren, we had with us from Drake's Crkk Association Elder C. E. Atnip. Caney Fork Association not heard from.

Beloved, we desire to keep up this friendly correspondence by exchanging delegates and minutes.

For information concerning our next Association please see minutes.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brethren, as I was appointed to write what is known as a circular letter to be printed in our minutes I will try in my humble way to do so, being as brief as I can, using for a text St. John, 15 Cpt. 16th v. "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit; and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name He may give it you". In the 1st Verse, sc^{pt.}, He says, "If you were of the world the world love his own; But you are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you". Now the first thing about the text that impresses us is that the choosing work of yours but of the Lords and the power for choosing you is that you should go and

fruit and that your fruit should remain; "That whatsoever you ask of the Father in Christ's name, He may give it you". Now we get the idea here that the "Bringing forth of fruit" is what enables you to "Ask of the Father in Christ's name and to receive. Remember too, that "you are not of the World". Now John tells the generation of Vipers, Luke 3,8-9 "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves we have Abraham to our father for I say that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees; Every tree, therefore, that bringeth forth not good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Again Christ in his sermon on the Mount says, St. Mat. 7-15, "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly they are ravening wolves", and same apt. 16,17,18 says "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorn or figs of thistles?" Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit; a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire.

The next idea is that the fruit that the chosen people bring forth is good fruit. For they are ordained for that purpose. On the other hand, unless they are chosen and ordained of Him they cannot speak good things for He says, Math. 12-34, "O Generation of Vipers, how can you being evil speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh and in the 37th verse He says, "For by thy words thou shalt be condemned." You are commended to believe not every spirit but try the spirit of what sort they are hereby shall ye know the spirit of truth. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, every spirit that confesseth it not is of that antechrist whereof I told you Mt. Cap. 12-34

Section 1
Sunday in loving in love

J. E. Christopher

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-Fifth

Annual Session of the

Caney Fork Association

Of the Predestinarian Baptists

**United on the Doctrine of the Election Predestination and
Salvation by Grace**

— Held With the Church at —

Philadelphia, White County, Tennessee

September 23, 24 and 25, 1949

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder C. E. Atnip, after which the delegates bearing letters from different churches met in the grove and were called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Claud Cope, then proceeded to read letters and enroll messengers names as follows:

BILDAD—Letter and delegates, Bro. Floyd Allen, Bro. Luther Fuson, Sister Rachel Cantrell. Our statistics as follows: Received one; dead, none; total No., 18; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary contribution, \$3.00; time of meeting, 4th Sunday. P. O. Smithville, Tenn., Rt. 2, Elder C. E. Atnip, Moderator, Rachel Cantrell, Clerk.

CONCORD—Letter and delegates, Bro. George Beasley, Bro. Clarence Womack and Sister Sallie Stiles. Our statistics as follows: Received none; dead, 2; total No., 15; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary contribution, \$3.00. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month. Bro. Claude Cope, Moderator, Mattie Locke, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA—Letters and delegates, Bro. I. F. McPeak, Sister Florence McPeak. Our statistics as follows: Received none; dead, 2; total No., five; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary contribution, \$3.00. Time of meeting, 2nd Sunday in each month and Saturday before. Bro. Joe McPeak and Sister Florence McPeak, Clerk.

The roll being finished then organized, by election of Bro. Claud Cope, Moderator, and Mattie Locke, Clerk. The association was opened by Bro. Jim Phillips from the Fellowship Association, Altona, Ala., Rt. 2.

Called for the reading of rules of decorum. Rules omitted.

Called for corresponding letters.

Moved and carried that Moderator and Clerk be a committee on unfinished business to report Saturday morning at 9:30.

Motion carried that Bro. Floyd Allen and Bro. George Beasley committee on finance.

Motion carried that Bro. I. F. McPeak and Bro. Abner Womack a committee on arrangements.

Motion carried to appoint Sister Sallie Stiles to write corresponding letter.

Called for the report of the committee on arrangements. Report that the visiting Brethren, Bro. Edd Christopher, first, Bro. Jim Phillips, second.

Motion carried that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY

The Bros. that were appointed came forward and preached to a well attentive congregation.

The roll called and a quorum present.

Motioned and carried that Clerk superintend the publishing of our minutes and distribution too and have 200 copies printed.

Motion carried to send Bro. Cope a delegate to Drakes Creek Association in Kentucky, in 1950. Bro. Floyd Allen, alternate.

Motion carried to send Bro. Joe McPeak a delegate to Richland Creek Association in Alabama, in 1950. Bro. George Beasley, alternate.

Motion carried that our next association be held with the Church at Old Bildad in DeKalb county, Smithville, Tennessee, the first Sunday in October, Saturday before and Monday following.

Called for the report of the committee on finance. Contribution, \$3.00; voluntary contribution, \$9.00.

Called for the report of the Clerk.

Called for the report of the corresponding delegates. Bro. George Beasley reported his expenses to Drakes Creek Association in Kentucky, in 1949, \$5.90.

Motion carried that Clerk pay off the expenses of corresponding delegates.

Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them.

Motion carried to read minutes. Read and received.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Association closed with prayer by Elder Edd Christopher.

BROTHER CLAUD COPE, Moderator
McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5

MATTIE LOCKE, Clerk
McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister associations with whom we correspond we send greetings of brotherly love again by the mercies of him who doeth all things well. We have been permitted to meet in an associated capacity where we feel that love abounds and we wish to continue the same friendly correspondence by messengers and exchange of letters and delegates. We want to thank our visiting Brthren, Elder Edd Christopher and Bro. Jim Phillips for the rich sermon and service they delivered to the congregation. We feel sure that all who were present enjoyed all three days. We were glad indeed to have the other visiting brothers and sisters, Bro. Jim Phillips and wife, G. D. Phillips, J. J. Phillips, E. B. Drake, G. M. Stidham, E. L. Drake, Nancy White, all from the Fellowship Association, Altona, Alabama, Rt. 2; Bro. Edd Christopher and two sisters, Sister Black, Sister L. W. Hicks and Bro. Amus Christopher and wife from Richland Creek Association, Athens, Alabama; Bro. Arza Womack from Florida.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the Caney Fork Association for the loss of our most able and worthy minister and clerk, Elder E. R. Little, who has so faithfully discharged his duty for several years. He was loved and esteemed by all the members. While we bow to the will of God, yet we are left in sadness, but God doeth all things well.

Our sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife and the family.

Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-Third
Annual Session of the

Caney Fork Association

Of Predestinarian Baptists

United on the Doctrine of the Election Predestination and
Salvation by Grace

— Held With the Church at —

Bildad, DeKalb County, Tenn.

September 27, 28, 29, 1947

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. O. Maynard from Second Timothy, second chapter, 19th verse, after which the delegates bearing letters from the different churches met in the grove and were called to order by the moderator, Bro. Claude Cope, then proceeded to read letters and enroll messengers names as follows:

BILDAD — Letters and delegates, Bro. S. H. Byars, Sister Martha Crain and Sister Ebbie Byars. Our statistics as follows: Dead one; Total 20; Contribution \$2.00; Voluntary, \$2.00. Time of meeting, fourth Sunday. Post Office, Smithville, Tenn., Rt. 1. Elder E. R. Little, Moderator Sister S. H. Byars Clerk.

CONCORD — Letters and delegates, Bro. George Beasley, Sister Mary Webb and Sister Sallie Stiles. Our statistics as follows: Dead, two; Total 20; Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$3.00. Time of meeting, first Sunday. Elder E. R. Little, moderator, Sister Mattie Locke, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA — Letters and delegates, Bro. Joe McPeak, Bro. Fin McPeak, Sister Florence McPeak. Our statistics as follows: Total 7; Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$3.00. Time of meeting, Sat-

urday before the second Sunday. Post Office, Sparta, Tenn., Rt. 3. Bro. Joe McPeak, Moderator, Sister Florence McPeak, Clerk.

HOLMES CREEK — Not heard from.

ROCKY RIVER — Dead, 1. Last one in the church.

The roll being finished, the Association then organized by electing Bro. Claude Cope Moderator, Elder E. R. Little, Clerk. The Association then opened with prayer by Elder J. E. Christopher.

1. Called for the reading of Rules of Decorum. Omitted.
2. Called for corresponding letters. One from Drakes Creek.
3. Motion carried to invite the Brethren to a seat with us.
4. Motion carried to appoint the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on unfinished business, to report Monday morning at 9:30. E. R. Little, Bro. Beasley.
5. Motion carried to appoint Bro. Joe McPeak, S. H. Byars a committee on finance.
6. Motion carried to appoint Bro. Fin McPeak and Bro. George Beasley on arrangements.
7. Motion carried to appoint Elder E. R. Little to write the corresponding letter.
8. Called for he report of the committee on arrangements to report that the visiting Brethren fill the stand on Sunday.
9. Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY

The Brethren appointed came forward and preached to a well attentive congregation.

MONDAY MORNING

1. Called for the report of the committee on unfinished business. Report read and made the order of the day.
2. Motion carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and have 200 copies printed.
3. Motion carried to send Bro. Fin McPeak a delegate to Richland Creek Association in Alabama in 1948, Bro. George Beasley, alternate.
4. Motion carried to send Bro. Claude Cope a delegate to Drake's Creek Association in Kentucky in 1948. Bro. George Beasley his alternate.
5. Motion carried that our next Association be held with the church at Concord, Warren County, Tenn., 8 miles from McMinnville, a station on the Greyhound Bus Line, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1948, at 10 a. m.
6. Called for corresponding letter. Read and received.
7. Called for the report of the committee on finance. Contribution, \$4.00; Voluntary \$8.00.
8. Called for the report of the Clerk. \$29.57.
9. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate, Bro. Joe McPeak to Drakes Creek Association in Kentucky. \$5.00.
10. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate, Bro. Joe McPeak to Richland Creek Association in Alabama. \$7.00.
11. Elder C. E. Atnip expense here \$10.00, taken from \$29.57 leaves \$19.57 in the treasury.
12. Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them.
13. Motion carried to read the minutes.
14. Motion carried to adjourn. The Association closed with prayer by Elder J. E. Christopher.
15. Motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate and sell the Caney Fork church house.

16. Motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate and sell the Rocky Rover church house. The committee, Bro. Claud Cope, Bro. Clarence Womack, Bro. George Beasley.

BRO. CLAUDE COPE, Moderator

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

ELDER E. R. LITTLE, Clerk

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Associations with whom we correspond we send greetings of brotherly love. We feel that it is by the mercy of God that we have been permitted to meet again. We feel that love and union prevailed. We had a letter from Drakes Creek Association, but did not have any from Richland Creek Association. We had with us Bro. C. E. Atnip, Bro. J. E. Christopher, Bro. Fed Christopher and Sister Black. We assure you that we enjoyed their company and preaching, and we wish to keep up this friendly corresponding by letter and delegates. Trusting that you will remember us. For our next Association see minutes. Until then, farewell.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES

of the

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DRAKES CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

United Upon the Doctrine of Election, Predestination
and Relation

Held with

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH.

Allen County, Kentucky

August 25-26-27, 1934.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. G. Allen, Isaiah 40:1-2, Comfort Ye Comfort Ye my people saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The delegates then assembled and the letters read from the Churches. Comprising the association and delegates enrolled.

1. Sulphur Springs - Brethren J. G. Henson, E. G. Allen and Sister Mollie Rogers. Total 9. Meeting 2nd Sunday. Contribution 50 cents; Voluntary \$2.00. Ava Lee Pope, Clerk, Hickory Flat, Ky., R.R. 1.
2. Lick Fork - Bro. J. P. Caldwell. Total 2. Meeting 3rd Sunday. Contribution 50 cents; Voluntary \$1.50. J. P. Caldwell, Clerk, Salmons, Ky., R. R. 1.
3. Mt. Zion - Delegates Ed Morris, Eunice Chapman, Rebeck Bluett. Total 19. Meeting 2nd Sunday. Contribution \$1.75; Voluntary \$5.00. Ed Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Ky.
4. State Line - Not represented.
5. Caney Fork - Billy West. Contribution 10 cents; Voluntary 15 cents.
6. Shilo Delegates - Mattie Owens, Alta Pruitt, Y. R. Pruitt. Total 3. Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$2.00. Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway, Ky.
7. Drakes Creek - Delegates J. P. Hodges, Henry Broner, Sister Broner. Total 11. Contribution 60 cents; Voluntary \$1.40. Meeting 1st Sunday. Inez Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, R. 2.
8. Union Five - Delegate, Sister I. L. Nichol. Total 8. Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$5.00. Meeting 3rd Sunday. A. M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Kentucky, R. R. 5.

The enrollment of the Church being completed, the Association organized by electing Brethren J. P. Caldwell, Moderator; Clerk E. G. Allen:

1. The Association was opened with prayer by Elder J. Mulican.
 2. Called for corresponding letters read and received.
 3. Called for petitionary letters, none came forward.
 4. Committee distribution Ed Morris, Y. R. Pruitt.
- Finance, J. G. Henson, Y. P. Hodges.
5. Bro. E. G. Allen to write corresponding letter to be read on Monday. Read and received.
 6. Next annual association to be held with the Union Five Church commencing Saturday before fourth Sunday in August, 1935, Glasgow, Ky.

7. Moderator and Clerk appointed a Committee on unfinished business.
8. Request visiting Elders to preach on Sunday.
9. Moderator Committee on arrangements.
10. Adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock.

Sunday the visiting Elders preached to an attentive congregation.

Monday the Association met and roll was called, a quorum being present proceeded to business.

1. Called for report on unfinished business and committee discharged.
 2. Elder E. G. Allen to go to Richland Creek Association. Alternate Sister Eunice Chapman.
 3. Elder E. G. Allen to go to Caney Fork Association. Alternate J. P. Caldwell.
 4. Brother Ed Morris to write circular letter for 1935.
 5. Elder E. G. Allen to preach the next introductory sermon.
 6. Corresponding letter read and received.
 7. Committee on distribution reported for printing minutes \$5.20.
- Finance committee reported \$19.10.
8. Ordered 200 Minutes printed. Clerk to superintend printing and distribution of same.

Miscellaneous

Resolved that we tender to the Church and Community for their kind hospitality to the Association while convened with them and especially the minister of the Presbyterian Church.

The Association was closed with prayer by Elder J. R. Christopher, by order of the Association.

E. G. Allen, Clerk,
Rosebank Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn. RR.9

J. P. Caldwell, Moderator,
Salmons, Ky. R.1

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Drakes Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist now in session feel to thank the Giver of All Good that we are permitted to meet again in an associated capacity and find that love and peace abounds. Also to receive intelligence of like nature from those with whom we correspond. Brethren, we are few in number, but hold fast to the faith once delivered to the saints. Still having annual feasts and would be glad for you to visit us, which would give us strength. We had with us Elders E. R. Little, J. R. Christopher, J. E. Christopher, J. Mullican and N. W. Williams.

We desire to keep up our friendly correspondence by letters and Minutes. May this love and peace continue with us.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Having been called upon to write a circular letter for our minutes of 1934, I will try to comply by calling your attention to Eph. 2:8-9, 'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.' It seems that in all ages man has tried to gain salvation by works. One of the first accounts is the building of the tower of Babel as recorded in the eleventh chapter of Genesis. This was not only a complete failure but ended in the Confusion of Tongues - a figure that holds good today. Salvation by works will always be a failure because it is 'Not of works, lest any man should boast.'

Works followed the giving of the law which required obedience and a sacrifice for sins. Grace is a free gift from the Father and is shown by Christ making the sacrifice for our sins by the shedding of His own blood nearly two thousand years before we were born. The two cannot be mixed, that would destroy the meaning of both. If we try to mingle the blood of Christ with a sacrifice for sins under the works of the law are we any better than Pilate who mingled the blood of the Galileans with their sacrifice?

Christ took us from under the law, 'Took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross' (Col. 2:14); and became 'The end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth' (Rom. 10:4). This belief is not of ourselves but follows a birth (Jno. 1:13, 1 Jno. 5:1).

Works must and should always follow this belief or faith, not in order to receive salvation but because of the faith already received. It is the only way we can show our faith, not forgetting to give all the glory to God who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts and who spared not his own son but delivered him up that he might be the author and finisher of our faith, and whose name is now become to us who believe, THE LORD OUR
RIGHTHOUSNESS.

E. G. ALLEN

Minutes
Of The
One Hundred and Thirty-First Annual Session
Of The
Richland Creek Association
Of The
Predestinarian Baptist
Held With
Mt. Moriah Church
Limestone County, Alabama
September 7, 8, and 9, 1956

OFFICERS

Elder J. E. Christopher ----- Moderator
Sister Vona C. Black ----- Clerk

The next Session of Richland Creek Association will convene with Beaver Dam Church, Lexington, Lauderdale County, Alabama, on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in September, 1957.

MINUTES

The introduction Sermon was delivered by Elder E. C. Craig, from Job 14th chapter, 10-11-12 verses, after which proceeded to read letters and enroll delegates as follows.

FRIDAY

Mt. Moriah: Delegates — Elder J. E. Christopher, Sister Vona Black: Alternate Bro. Orel Gray. Statistics: At Peace; Total number 17; Contributions for Printing Minutes \$3.00; Time of Meeting Sat. Night and 4th Sun. also on the 2nd Sunday of each month; Clerk Bro. L. W. Hicks, Rt. No. 2, Elkmont, Alabama.

Beaver Dam: Delegates — Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Jim Newton: Alternate Bro. Marvin Craig; Statistics at Peace; Total Number 12; Contribution for Printing Minutes \$1.50; Time of Meeting 3rd Sun.; Clerk Sister Fannie Newton, Rt. No. 1, Lexington, Alabama.

Mt. Carmel, Lincoln County, Tennessee. Members: Sister Mary Lou Smith and Sister Mamie Joiner.

The Association reorganized by re-electing Elder J. E. Christopher, Moderator, Sister Vona Black, Clerk.

After inviting visiting Ministers and Delegates to seats with us, proceeded in the following order.

- (1) Ordered reading rule of Decorum: Omitted
- (2) Called for Petitionary Letters: None.
- (3) Called for Corresponding Letters: Received Correspondence from the following:

(a) Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association Letters and Visitors Bro. E. G. Drake, Bro. R. N. Nix and wife, Elder Jim Phillipps and wife.

(b) Caney Fork Association Letters and Delegates: Bro. Bob Lock and daughter, Elder Willie Pack and wife, Bro. Clarence Womack, Bro. George Beasley and daughter, Sister Sallie Stile, Sister Lucile Sanders and husband.

(c) Drakes Creek Association Letters and Delegates: Bro. Joe Flanagan and wife, Bro. Craighead and wife.

- (4) The Moderators and Clerk were designated a committee on unfinished business.

(5) Appointed: Bro. A. L. Christopher and Bro. Orel Gray a committee on finance.

(6) Appointed Bro. Orel Gray, Bro. R. N. Nix and Bro. Jim Newton a committee on arrangement.

(7) The Circular Letter was read and accepted and ordered printed in the minutes.

(8) Appointed the Clerk to write corresponding letters.

(9) Appointed Bro. Orel Gray to write a circular letter for 1957.

(10) Adjourned until 9:30 A.M., Saturday.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.

The Association was called to order by the moderator and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) The Committee on unfinished business reported and their report

was made the order of business.

(2) The committee on Finance reported \$15.00 for printing and distribution of minutes. A voluntary contribution of \$28.25, was made for defraying expenses of visiting delegates, the committee was discharged.

(3) Elected delegates to Caney Fork Association when convenes on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1956.

Delegate — Elder J. E. Christopher

Alternate — Elder E. C. Craig

(4) Elected delegates to Drakes Creek Association when convened on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in August, 1957.

Delegates — Elder E. C. Craig

Alternate — Elder J. E. Christopher

(5) Delegates to Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association, Elder J. E. Christopher, Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Amos Christopher and Bro. Orel Gray when convened at Union Church on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 3rd Sunday in September 1956.

(6) It was agreed that the next Union meeting be held with Mt. Moriah Church, Limestone County, Alabama, beginning on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 5th Sunday in July, 1957.

(7) Motion carried to dispose of Mt. Carmel Church building and pews, Lincoln County, Tennessee.

(8) Adopted a resolution of Thanks to Mt. Moriah Church and community for their hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during the sitting of the association.

(9) Motion was made to adjourn until Sunday. Closed by singing a song and prayer by Elder Jim Phillips.

SUNDAY

The Church was called to order by the singing of hymns and after which Elder Willie Pack, Jim Philipps, and E. C. Craig filled the stand and preached to an attentive congregation, closed by singing a song and saying good bye to the parting visitors. Bro. Ramond Harrison was received in fellowship by baptism.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Richland Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist now in session with Mt. Moriah Church thanks God, the giver of all good, that we are permitted to meet again in an associated capacity and find that love and peace abounds.

Also to receive intelligence of like nature from those with whom we correspond.

We are few in number but hold fast to the faith once delivered to the Saints.

We desire to keep up our friendly correspondence by letters and messengers.

May this love and peace continue with us.

RICHLAND CREEK ASSOCIATION

CIRCULAR LETTER

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen?" Faith then, is the very thing, for which the Saints of God have been hoping, and living for. Peter calls the Saints, the Elect of God, saying, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; grace unto you and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, thru faith, unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye do greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold, that perisheth, though, it be tried with fire, might be found to praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ; whom having not seen, ye love; in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the holy prophets have inquired, and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what or what manner of time the spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported by them who preach the Gospel unto you, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

So, my beloved, they that have faith, are kept by God through faith; and according to the above scriptures, they rejoice in Christ Jesus, and that rejoicing is the end of their faith, the salvation of their souls. Never is there a promise of more proof that salvation is a fact than at the very time when the gospel is preached. That is the time of rejoicing, that is the time when Jesus appears. That is the time the holy prophets were pointing to, and prophesying, by the spirit that was in them, and no one can hear, nor understand, nor rejoice in the gospel nor in the prophecies except them that are made alive or quickened by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God": no one can even call upon the Lord, unless they have faith in him; and they cannot have faith in him unless they hear the word—the truth. So it is by the mercy, and love of God for his own, that he sendeth the word, His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. The apostle Paul said, Romans 5:1-2, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." In verse 18 same chapter, Paul said "By the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." Verse 21, "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 8:5, "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of

his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Verse 11 same chapter, "Likewise recon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but aliye unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul tells us in 7:4, "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." For while we were in the flesh, the motions of sin, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death, but now we are delivered from thee that being dead wherein we were held that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter." Chapter 8:1, 2, 3, 4, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. For the law of the spirit in, Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law, might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit, the things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." So they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is life because of righteousness."

In conclusion, I will, after giving the above scriptures the force of the language contained in them, be compelled to say that the salvation of God's children is a work of the Lord himself, and that man can neither help nor hinder it. They can only observe it, by inspiration from above. The apostle Paul said, Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God, hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

J. E. CHRISTOPHER

Minutes

Of The

One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Annual Session

Of The

Caney Fork Association

Of The

Predestinarian Baptist Church of Christ

*United On The Doctrine Of The Election
Predestination And Salvation By Grace*

Held With

The Concord Church

In Warren County, Tennessee

On Sept. 25, 26 and 27, 1959

MINUTES

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. J. M. Flanigan after reading the 8th Chapter of St. Mark. He was followed by Elder Orell Gray.

FRIDAY

Due to the absence of our Moderator, Elder Clarence Womack, Elder J. E. Christopher was appointed to serve as Moderator.

The entire Association moved that we express our sympathy to our Beloved Moderator, Dr. Clarence Womack, as he is unable to be with us due to illness. Although, we realize he is with us in the Spirit, we certainly miss him in person. It is our desire and prayer, that God being willing, his health will soon be restored and that he may resume his services in the Church as well as the association with his family and host of friends.

Philadelphia: Delegate, Bro. Finn McPeak; Alternate, Sister Florence McPeak. Contribution for printing of minutes \$5.00.

Concord: Delegates, Bros. Euclid Foster and George Beasley; Alternate, Sister Mary Webb. Statistics at Peace; total number 19. Contribution for printing minutes \$36.00. The time of meeting 1st Sunday and Saturday night before of each month. Elder Clarence Womack, Route 2, Rock Island, Tennessee, Moderator; Sister Nona Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee, Clerk.

The Association was reorganized using all members present. Elected by acclamation Elder Clarence Womack, Moderator with Elder J. E. Christopher serving in his absence; Sister Eureatha Beasley, Clerk.

After inviting Ministers and Delegates to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

1. Ordered reading Articles of Faith. Read by Elder J. E. Christopher.
2. Called for petitionary letters. None submitted.
3. Called for corresponding letters. Received correspondence and fellowship as follows:
 - a. Drake's Creek Association—Delegates, Bro. and Sister J. M. Flanigan.
 - b. Richland Creek Association—Letter and Delegate Elder Orell Gray. Visitors: Elder and Sister J. E. Christopher, Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. and Mrs. Amos Christopher, Sisters Vena Black, Mary Lou Smith, Rena Gray and Mattie Lou Samples, and Bro. Barnes. Others visiting from Richland Creek Area were Mr. and Mrs. Herod Barnes, Mr. Edwin Davis and Mr. Gene Samples.
 - c. Fellowship Association: Received letter.
4. The Moderator and Clerk was designated a committee on unfinished business.
5. Appointed Bro. Floyd Boren, Sisters Nona Foster and Eureatha Beasley a committee on finance.

6. Appointed Bro. Euclid Foster, Sisters Sallie Stiles and Mary Webb a committee on arrangements.
7. Appointed the Clerk to write a corresponding letter. It was prepared and read, and ordered printed in the minutes.
8. Appointed Bro. Euclid Foster to write a circular letter for 1959. It was prepared and read, and ordered printed in the minutes.
9. Appointed Sister Ethel Webb to write a circular letter for the 1960 session.
10. Adjourned until 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

1. The committee on unfinished business reported and their report was made the order of business.
2. The committee on finance reported \$64.15 for the printing of minutes and defraying expenses of visiting Ministers.
3. Elected delegates to Drake's Creek Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in August, 1960. Delegate, Bro. George Beasley, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Bro. Euclid Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee.
4. Elected delegates to Richland Creek Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in September, 1960. Delegate, Bro. Floyd Boren, Route 5, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Elder Clarence Womack, Route 2, Rock Island, Tennessee.
5. Elected delegates to Fellowship Association on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 3rd Sunday in September, 1960. Delegate, Bro. George Beasley, McMinnville, Tennessee; Alternate, Bro. Euclid Foster, Route 4, McMinnville, Tennessee.
6. Adopted a resolution of thanks to Concord Church and Community for their hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during the sitting of the Association.
7. Motion was made and adopted that the next Association be held with the Concord Church, Warren County, Tennessee, on Friday, Saturday and through Sunday of the 4th Sunday in September, 1960.
8. Motion Carried to adjourn until the above mentioned time. Closed by Prayer by Elder Orell Gray.

SUNDAY

The Church was called to order by the singing of hymns after which Bro. J. M. Flanigan, Elders E. C. Craig, Orell Gray and J. E. Christopher filled the stand and preached to an attentive congregation

The services were closed by singing a song and the shaking of hands and saying good-bye until we meet again.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To Our Sister Associations With Whom We Correspond:

We send greetings of Love to each of you, realizing that it is through the love and mercy of God that we have this mutual understanding of Spiritual Salvation by Grace. We want to express our appreciation to our preaching Brethren for their services, and thank God for the rich sermons delivered through them during the three days of our Association. Also, we are so happy to have the delegates and visitors.

It is our desire to continue this friendly correspondence and hope that the Tie That Binds will cause us to grow stronger together in Spiritual Love and Faith in our Lord and Saviour, Christ Jesus.

May God be with each of you until we meet again.

Caney Fork Association
Elder J. E. Christopher, Acting Moderator
Sister Eureatha Beasley, Clerk

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I have been chosen by the Caney Fork Association to write a Circular Letter to be printed in our minutes of the 1959 session. I will try in my weak way, God being my helper.

Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Romans, chapter 8, verse 24, Paul the Apostle said, 'For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?' Again, in Hebrews, chapter 11, the 6th verse he said, 'But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.' And, in Rom., verses 1 and 2 of the 5th chapter. 'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.' And, in Philippians, the 12th and 13th verses of chapter 2, Paul says, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Hebrews, chapter 13, verse 21, 'Make you perfect in every good work to do his will working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.'

Euclid Foster

Minutes of The
Our Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

of the

**RICHLAND CREEK
ASSOCIATION**

of the

Two Seed in Spirit Predestinarian Baptist

held with

MT. MORIAH CHURCH

Limestone County, Alabama

September 7, 8 and 9, 1951

Minutes

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. E. Christopher from Isaiah 5-11 after which the Delegates proceeded to read letters and enroll Delegates as follows:

FIRST SECTION

MT. MORIAH—Delegates, Elder J. E. Christopher and Oscar Vinson; Alternate, Brother A. L. Christopher, Statistics: one dead. Total No. 28, Contribution \$3.50. Time of meeting: 4th Sunday; Clerk, Brother Lewell Hicks, Elkmont, Alabama, Route 2.

BEAVER DAM—Delegates, E. C. Craig and J. T. Newton; a letter read and received, Statistics: at peace; Total No. 10; Contribution \$1.50; Time of meeting: 3rd Sunday; Clerk: Sister Fannie Newton, Lexington, Alabama, Route 1.

MT. CARMEL, LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE — Delegates, Elder N. W. Willaims and Sister Mamie Joines; statistics: at peace; Total No. 7; Contribution for printing minutes, \$1.50; Time of Meeting: 1st Sunday; Clerk, Sister Mary Lou Smith, Boons Hill, Tennessee.

The Association reorganized by electing Elder J. E. Christopher, Moderator, and Sister Vona Black, Clerk. Opened with Prayer by Elder N. W. Williams. After inviting visiting Ministers and visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) Omitted reading of the rules.
- (2) Called for petitionary letters. None.
- (3) Called for corresponding letters. Received correspondence from the following:
 - (a) Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association. Read letter and Delegates Elder Freeman Phillipps, Elder and Sister Jim Phillipps and Brother Nix.
 - (b) Caney Fork Association. Letters and Delegates, Brother Clarence Womack and Brother Finn McPeak.
 - (c) Drakes Creek Association. Letters and Delegates, Sister Lela McFarland.
- (4) The Moderator and Clerk were designated and a committee on unfinished business.
- (5) Appointed Elder E. C. Craig and Sister Mary Lou Smith a committee on finance business.
- (6) Appointed Sister Leon Hicks, Sister Mary Lou Smith and Brother Oscar Vinson a committee on arrangements.
- (7) The Circular Letter was read, received, and ordered printed in the minutes.
- (8) Appointed Elder E. C. Craig to write a Circular Letter for 1952.
- (9) Appointed Sister Vona Black to write a Corresponding Letter for 1952.

(10) Appointed Sister Vona Black and Brother Oscar Vinson a committee to see if they can collect a note on the Zander Christopher Estate.

(11) Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 a. m. and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seat with us, proceeded in the following order:

(1) The committee on Unfinished Business reported, and their report was made the order of business. The committee was discharged.

(2) The committee on Finance reported \$12.50 for printing and distributing of minutes. Voluntary contribution of \$32.25 was made for defraying expenses of visiting Delegates. The committee was discharged.

(3) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher Delegate. Elder E. C. Craig, Alternate to Caney Fork Association, when convenes with Concord Church, McMinnville, Tenn., Route 4, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1951.

(4) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher, Elder E. C. Craig and Sister Vona Black, Delegates, and Brother Oscar Vinson Alternate to Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association, 1951.

(5) Elected Elder E. C. Craig Delegate, Elder J. E. Christopher, Alternate to Drakes Creek Association, when convenes on Friday, 2:00 p. m. before the 4th Sunday in August, 1952.

(6) The Sectional Meeting for the Second Section will be held with Mt. Carmel Church on Friday before the 1st Sunday in May, 1952.

(7) The Sectional Meeting for the First Section will be held with Mt. Moriah Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1952.

(8) The next session of Richland Creek Association will convene with Mt. Carmel Church, Lincoln County, Tennessee on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1952.

(9) Elected Elder N. W. Williams to preach the Introductory Sermon for 1952 and E. C. Craig, Alternate.

(10) Adopted a resolution of thanks to Mt. Moriah Church and community for their hospitality shown the Delegates and visitors during the sitting of the Association.

(11) Adjourned with Prayer by Elder Freeman Phillipps.

SUNDAY

Elders' E. C. Craig, Jim Phillipps and J. E. Christopher preached to an attentive audience, we hope with good effect.

Elder J. E. Christopher (Moderator)

Vona Black (Clerk)

Corresponding Letter

We, the Richland Creek Association, now in session; Thank God that we are permitted to meet again in an Associated capacity and find that love and peace abounds.

We enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the Delegates and visitors from the corresponding Associations to wit:

Elder C. E. Atnip and Sister McFarland, husband and sister from Drakes Creek Association.

Brother Finn McPeak, Brother Clarence Womack and wife and Sister Mattie Lock from Caney Fork Association.

Elder and Sister J. M. Phillipps, Elder Freeman Phillipps and Brother Nix from Fellowship Association.

We desire to keep up this friendly correspondence by exchange of letters and Delegates.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

Richland Creek Association

Circular Letter

Dear Brethren:

As I was chosen by the Richland Creek Association to write what is commonly known as a Circular Letter to be printed in our minutes, I shall try in my weak way to do so, asking God's guidance and help, and at the same time asking you to bear with me in my weakness.

I will take for a starting point, Acts 4:19-20, "But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right to hearken to you or to God, judge ye, for we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

That too, was what Jesus did, was to speak the things he knew and testified to the things he has seen; the Holy men of old spake as the Holy Ghost gave them utterance, and the apostles were commanded to take no thought what they should speak when they were brought before rulers, but that it should be given them in the same hour what they should speak. Now when the Savior was asked if He would at that time restore to Israel the Kingdom, He said, Acts 1:7, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father has put in his own power, but you shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, to the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts verse 22, same chapter, "Beginning from baptism of John unto that same day that Jesus was taken up from us, Must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection." Thus, it is our understanding, that without the ordination of the Holy

Spirit, and the preparation of the heart in man, it is impossible for man to witness Jesus Christ the Resurrection.

Now, as in the days gone by, God calls and qualifies his ministers or witnesses and he knows how today just as well as he did in the past. Neither has man grown wise enough in this modern time to qualify himself, or others, for the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. He told the apostles, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever you ask the Father in my name, he might give it you." "Whom he foreknew, them He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son. Moreover, whom he foreknew them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

During the apostolic days, Acts 2:47, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 5:14, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women." Moreover, when the Gentiles heard the gospel, they were glad and glorified the word of God, and as many as were ordained unto eternal life, believed. The apostles were commanded to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. Now as many as are ordained to eternal life, believe, and as many as are not ordained unto eternal life believe not and are damned.

It is our understanding that the Lord has known them that are His even before he saved them, because they were His and he loved them. He has made manifest that fact to his children and they are glorifying His name because of salvation or the hope of salvation. Acts 2:38-39. Peter admonished the brethren to repent and be baptized every one of you in name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sin, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is to you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." We find no promise to any except to as many as the Lord our God shall call. He calls whom he foreknew, the children of God, who are heirs of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ.

To sum it up, only the called, qualified, and glorified of the Lord can testify, and to them the truth is so much sweeter than anything else, they have no desire to do other than testify to the things they have seen and heard.

J. E. Christopher.

Minutes Of The
One Hundred and Twenty-Fourth Annual Session
of the
**RICHLAND CREEK
ASSOCIATION**

of the
Two Seed In Spirit Predestinarian Baptist
held with
MT. CARMEL CHURCH
LINCOLN COUNTY, TENN.

September 10, 11, and 12, 1949

Minutes

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Christopher from Job 14-14, "If a man die shall he live again?" after which the delegates bearing letters retired to the grove and proceeded to enroll as follows:

First Section

MT. MORIAH — Delegates Elder J. E. Christopher, and Brother Oscar Vinson, Alternate Brother F. E. Christopher. Statistics: dismissed by letter 2; total number 29; for printing minutes \$4.00, voluntary \$2.26; time of meeting fourth Sunday; clerk Brother Lewel Hicks, Elkmont, Ala., route 2.

BEAVER DAM — Delegates Elder E. C. Craig. Statistics: total 12; for printing minutes \$1.50; time of meeting third Sunday; Clerk, Mrs. Fannie Newton, route 1, Lexington, Alabama.

Second Section

MT. CARMEL — Delegates Elder N. W. Williams and Brother W. A. Owens, Alternate Sister Mamie Joins. Statistics: total No. 10; for printing minutes \$1.50; time of meeting first Sunday; Clerk E. B. Wright, Frankewing, Tenn., route 1.

The Association was re-organized by electing Elder J. E. Christopher Moderator, and Brother Oscar Vinson, Clerk. Opened with prayer by Elder N. W. Williams. Proceeded in the following order, after inviting visiting ministers and members to seats with us:

- (1) Clerk read rules of decorum.
- (2) Called for Petitionary letters. None.
- (3) Called for Corresponding letters. Received one from Drakes Creek Association, by Sister McFarland and husband.
 - (b) From Caney Fork Association by Brother Beasley.
 - (c) From Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association by Elders Jim and Freeman Phillips, Sister Jim Phillips and Sister White and Brother A. L. Womack.
- (4) Moderator and Clerk were designated a committee on unfinished business.
- (5) Appointed Elder N. W. Williams, Oscar Vinson and Sister Vona Black a committee on Finance to report Monday morning.
- (6) Appointed Sister Joins, Brother Owens and Vinson a committee on Arrangements.
- (7) The Circular letter was read, received and ordered printed in the Minutes.
- (8) Appointed Brother F. E. Christopher to write a Circular Letter for 1950.
- (9) Appointed J. E. Christopher to write a corresponding letter for the minutes.
- (10) Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY

Elders Jim and Freeman Phillips and J. E. Christopher preached to an attentive audience.

MONDAY

The association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a. m. and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats,

proceeded to business in the following order:

(1) The committee on unfinished business reported and their report was made the order of the day.

(2) The committee on finance reported \$7.50 for printing and distributing the minutes: Voluntary contribution for defraying expenses of visiting delegates \$29.50. The Committee was discharged.

(3) Elected F. E. Christopher Treasurer of the Association.

(4) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher Delegate, Elder N. W. Williams Alternate, to Caney Fork Association when convened at Old Philladelphia Church, White County, Tenn., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.

(5) Elected Elder E. C. Craig Delegate, Elder J. E. Christopher, Alternate to Drake's Creek Association when convened at Allen Springs, Kentucky, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1950.

(6) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher Delegate, Elder E. C. Craig, Alternate, to Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association which convenes with Union Church, Cullman County, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday 1949.

(7) The Sectional meeting for the First Section will be held with Mt. Moriah Church and will begin on Friday, before the fourth Sunday in July, 1950.

(8) The Sectional Meeting for the second section will be held with Mt. Carmel Church and will begin on Friday before the First Sunday in May, 1950.

(9) The next session of Richland Creek Association will convene with Beaver Dam Church, 4 miles West from Anderson, Ala., in Lauderdale County, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1950.

(10) Elected Elder N. W. Williams to preach the introductory sermon for 1950.

(11) Adopted a resolution of thanks to Mt. Carmel Community for their hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during the sitting of the Association.

(12) Adjourned with prayer by Elder Jim Phillips.

Elder J. E. Christopher, (Moderator), Athens, Ala.

Brother Oscar Vinson, (Clerk), Route 1, Lester, Ala.

Corresponding Letter

To the sister Association with whom we correspond, we desire to return greetings of brotherly love. It is our very great and Heavenly privilege to enjoy the wholesome and sweet fellowship of your delegates and visitors, and we trust and pray that we may be permitted to keep up this friendly correspondence by exchanging Delegates and Minutes. For information relative to our next Association, please see minutes. Until then, pray for us and come to see us.

RICHLAND CREEK ASSOCIATION

Circular Letter

Trying, in my weak way, to comply with a request of Richland Creek Association that I prepare a Circular Letter to be printed in our minutes, will call your attention to Mathew 9-12, 13, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick, but go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the Righteous; but sinners to repentance."

The saviour made the above statement when the Pharisees complained to the disciples because many Publicans and sinners set with him and the disciples at meat. Now, no doubt this comparison was made because it was common knowledge, that it is the sick for whom we call the Doctor or Physician and not the whole or well people. Likewise, it's the sinner and not the righteous, that need a Saviour, and David says, Psalm 37.25, "I have been young and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and h's seed is blessed." However, Jesus in Luke 18, spake a parable to certain, which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others." Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a Publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, Adulterers, or even as this Publican. I fast twice in the week I give tithes of all that I possess." And the Publican, standing afar off, would not lift up as much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Jesus said Mathew 18, 11, "FOR the son of man is come to save that which was lost." John 3-17, "For God sent not his son to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." Paul in his first letter to Timothy 1, 15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief." According to the New Covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Jer. 31, "For they shall, all know me from the least of them, unto the greatest of them, sayeth the Lord" for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

The apostle Paul was a Pharisee, and preached obedience to the law, as a means unto salvation, but while on a mission to bind all that "called upon the name of the Lord" he was turned rightabout, when the Lord appeared to him and said, "Saul, Saul why persecuteth thou me?" It is our understanding that Paul up until that time, was a sinner, but knew it not until Jesus, The true light that lighteth every man, that cometh into the world, revealed his sin to him, of which Paul repented, and began preaching the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth. For he said, Rom. 1, 13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rom. 10-14, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear

without a preacher; how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

So the sinner, when called to repentance, and made righteous, by the appearing of the Lord in his mercy and loving kindness, always sings the praises of the Lord and not of himself, as did the Pharisee. When the children of God hear such as the Pharisee's prayer, they know, that it is not by one who has learned of the Father by the Fathers loving kindnesses, but when they hear Testimony like that of the prophet Isaiah 63-7, saying, "I will mention the loving Kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses" they know that it's from a child of the new covenant, and therefore, from one whom Christ Jesus came into the world to save, and did save.

Your servant,
J. E. CHRISTOPHER.

Articles On Faith

Article 1 — We believe in one only, true and living God Almighty, Eternal and Unchangeable.

Article 2 — We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by the inspiration of God, and are our only rule of Faith and practice.

Article 3 — We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin and the old Serpent called the Devil and Satan, is the origin and Author of sin and transgression.

Article 4 — We believe in the resurrection of the Dead, and not of those that are yet to die, both the just and the unjust, and eternal judgment.

Article 5 — We believe that baptism, by immersion, is an Ordinance of Divine authority to be administered in the church, by an ordained Elder in the ministry applicable to believers in Christ Jesus, who thus become an organized member of the Gospel church.

Article 6 — We believe that The Church or Kingdom of God, was set up in this world, Though not of this world, and is kept up and maintained by the Lord, adding to it daily, such as should be saved.

Article 7 — We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet, ought to be commemorated in his church in remembrance of him, as an external emblem of an internal communion in Faith, Hope, and Charity, as members of one body in Christ.

Article 8 — We believe that God still raises up and Qualifies by His Spirit, an efficient ministry, whose calling is to comfort Zion, feed the Flock of God, and earnestly contend for the faith, once delivered to the Saints.

Article 9 — We believe that Good works are fruits of Grace, having in view God's glory. The honor of Truth and effects of salvation and a showing forth of the praises of the Saviour.

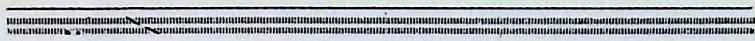
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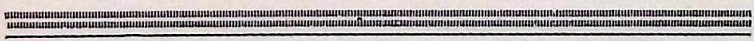
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MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
DRAKES CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
UNITED UPON THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION
PREDESTINATION AND RELATION
HELD WITH
DRAKES CREEK CHURCH
Alvaton, Warren County, Kentucky
August 21, 22 and 23, 1948



The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Bro. E. D. Morris by reading a part of 8 chapter of Romans beginning at the 28th verse. The text being Romans 8-31. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

1. Sulpher Springs not represented.
 2. Mt. Zion represented by Delegate Bro. E. D. Morris and letter. We now have 8 living members most of them scattered and too old to attend meeting. One of our members Sister Eunice Chapman died since our last Association. 2 dead. Time of meeting 2nd Sunday. E. D. Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Ky. Bro. Ed Christopher, Preacher.
 3. Drakes Creek Church represented by delegate: Sister Alma Howell. Oney Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky., R-2. Have 4 members. Time of meeting 2nd Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, Preacher.
 4. Shilo Delegate: Bro. Y. R. Pruitt. 1 member. Y. R. Pruitt, Clerk, Halfway, Ky.
 5. Union 5 represented by Delegates: C. M. Nichols and Lela McFarland. Total members 6. 3 died since last report. Clerk, C. M. Nichols, Glasgow, Ky., R-5. Time of meeting 3rd Sunday. Bro. C. E. Atnip, Preacher.
 6. Caney Fork represented by letter. J. H. West, Clerk. Bethpage, Tenn.
- I. The corresponding Associations Richland Creek, Ala., was represented by delegate Bro. Ed Christopher and Caney Fork from Tennessee was not represented.
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II. The visiting preachers to preach on Sunday.

III. The Association was opened with prayer by Bro. Ed Christopher.

IV. The Association re-elected same Moderator and Clerk, and elected Bro. E. D. Morris, Treasurer.

V. Next annual Association will be held with Union Five Church, 4th Saturday, Sunday and Monday, August 27, 28 and 29, 1949 at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky.

1. Delegate to attend the Richland Creek Association: Sister Lela McFarland, with Bro. C. E. Atnip, Alternate.
2. Delegate to Caney Fork Association: Bro. C. E. Atnip, with Sister Lela McFarland, Alternate.
3. Bro. Ed Christopher and Bro. C. E. Atnip preached to a large attentive congregation on Sunday.
4. Bro. C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory Sermon, with C. M. Nichols his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved to thank Drakes Creek Church and community for their love and kindness during our Association.

The Association called on our Treasurer, Bro. Ed Morris for a report on Finance and reported \$47.00 in Treasury.

Association ordered 100 Minutes and expense of the Association.

C. M. NICHOLS, Moderator, Glasgow, Ky., R-5.

LELA McFARLAND, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky., R-5.

E. D. MORRIS, Treasurer, Woodburn, Ky.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Association with whom we correspond, we send greetings and Brotherly love. We hope to enjoy more fellowship and meeting and messages with our Association.

It was a great pleasure to have Bro. Ed Christopher from Richland Creek and hope that Caney Fork Association can be with us another year.

With his loving kindness,

"Who doeth all things well"

Let us be permitted to assemble again,

Until then, farewell.

THE DRAKES CREEK ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

DRAKE'S CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

UNITED UPON THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION,

PREDESTINATION AND RELATION

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH

Woodburn, Warren County, Kentucky

August 23, 24 and 25, 1957

The Introductory was given by Elder C. E. Atnip from Ephesians, sixth chapter and 10th, 11th, and 12th verses.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1. Mt. Zion Church represented by Bro. J. M. Flannigan and Bro. Chester Morris. We have eight members. Time of meeting, second Sunday in each month. Elder J. E. Christopher, preacher. Contributed \$10.00. E. D. Morris, Clerk, Woodburn, Kentucky.
 2. Union No. 5 Church represented by Bro. C. E. Atnip and Bro. O. H. McFarland. We have eight members. Time of meeting, Third Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, preacher. Contributed \$15.00. C. M. Nichols, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky., Route 5.
 3. Drake's Creek Church represented by Bro. and Sister C. R. Craighead. We have five members. Time of meeting, first Sunday in each month. Elder C. E. Atnip, preacher. Contributed \$15.00. Inez Howell, Clerk, Alvaton, Ky., Route 2. \$10.00 was contributed in memory of Old Shiloh Church.
- I. The Corresponding Association was represented by Elder J. E. Christopher and Bro. B. O. Grey of the Richland Creek Association, Alabama. Caney Fork Association of Tennessee was not represented by delegate or letter.
 - II. The Association was opened with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.
 - III. The Association voted to re-elect same Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk.
 - IV. The Association in 1958 will be at Old Drake's Creek Church in Warren County, off the Bowling Green and Scottsville Road, turn at Allen Springs, Kentucky.
 - V. Beginning at 1 o'clock P. M. on Friday, August 22nd, at 10 o'clock A. M. on 23rd and 24th, 1958.
 1. Delegates to the Richland Creek Association in Alabama, Bro. J. M. Flannigan, Bro. C. R. Craighead, alternate.
 2. Bro. C. R. Craighead, the delegate to Caney Fork Association in Tennessee, with Bro. J. M. Flannigan, alternate.
 3. Elder C. E. Atnip to preach the Introductory sermon with Bro. J. M. Flannigan his alternate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolved to thank Mt. Zion Church and community for their love and kindness during our association.

Statement of the Treasurer was received; he was dismissed.
Association ordered the clerk to have 100 minutes printed.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Association with whom we correspond, we want to express by letter our appreciation for all the preaching so ably delivered by Elder J. E. Christopher, Bro. B. O. Grey, Elder C. E. Atnip, and Bro. J. M. Flannigan. All enjoyed every sermon. The invitation was given and had one addition by relationship.

We are happy to have visitors from Caney Fork, Bro. G. R. Lock and daughter.

From Richland Creek, Bro. Anos Christopher, his brother Reader Christopher Sister Grey and Sister Mary Christopher, Sister Mary Lou Smith and her daughter.

The Lord has been gracious in permitting us to enjoy 3 days of love and unity. We hope and pray we will be permitted to meet next year.

Farewell,

DRAKE'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

C. M. NICHOLS, Moderator, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

LELA McFARLAND, Clerk, Glasgow, R. 5, Ky.

E. D. MORRIS, Treasurer, Woodburn, Ky.

Suwannee River Primitive Baptist Association

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The Suwannee River Primitive Baptist association met with the church at Mars Hill Friday October 26, 1917 and after singing and prayer by Elder Hampton of Alabama the introductory was preached by Elder M. O. Touchtone from Job 19 c, 29 v., then the Moderator called the house to order.

On motion called for letters from the different churches and received as follows: Cedar Creek, by letter; Mars Hill, letter and delegates, W. J. Bland and L. C. Register; Bethany, letter and delegate, M. J. Mott, all of Florida.

Primrose, Brooks County, Ga., letter and delegates, J. B. Rogers and wife, M. O. Touchtone.

On motion the letters together with the delegates was received and the election of officers next in order.

On motion Elder M. O. Touchtone was re-elected Mod-

erator and Brother W. J. Bland clerk.

On motion called for correspondence from other associations: Bethlehem, 2nd letter and minutes; Richland Creek, Ala., letter and minutes, both by the hands of Elder E. T. Hampton; Drakes Creek, Ky., letter and minutes; Cany Fork, Tenn., letter and minutes.

On motion a committee was appointed on the general business of the association, viz: J. B. Rogers with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion M. O. Touchtone was appointed to write a corresponding letter to the different associations.

On motion then adjournment was taken until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

The association met at 10 o'clock.

On motion called for the report of committee and received as follows: We, the committee have received from the churches \$5.50 for the printing and distribution of minutes and recommend that the Moderator superintend the same and have one

hundred and fifty copies struck.

On motion the corresponding letter was called for, read and approved.

On motion M. O. Touchtone was appointed to write a circular letter for 1918.

On motion the association agreed to hold her next session with the church at Bethany, Bradford County, Florida to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1918, five miles south of Lake Butler on the G. S. & F. Railway, when and where we hope to hear from you all again.

On motion agreed to adjourn.

Prayer by Elder M. O. Touchtone.

Five minutes recess.

The business of the association being over, Elder Hampton was called to the stand.

Sunday Morning.

Singing and prayer by the Moderator.

Preaching by Elder Hampton.

Closed by the Moderator.

Corresponding Letter.

The Suwannee River Baptist Association now in session with the church at Mars Hill, with *to*

the different associations with whom she corresponds, very dear Brethren, in Christ, we have been spared and blessed to meet in another associate capacity. Our little churches are all represented and all seem to be in peace, for which we hope to be truly thankful to the giver of every good and perfect gift. We feel refreshed to have heard from the different associations and ask for a continuation of your friendly correspondence by exchange of letter and minutes, also in person when you can. We feel that it was a God-send to have Elder Hampton visit us.

Pray for your little and weak sister when it goes well with you.

Articles of Faith.

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by inspiration of God and contain all things necessary to a perfect rule of doctrine, faith and practice to the christian.

M. O. TOUCHTONE, Moderator.

W. J. BLAND, Clerk.

MINUTES.

OF THE

Eighty-first Annual Session

OF THE

Richland Creek Association

—OF—

TWO SEED PREDESTINARIAN BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH

Mt. Carmel Church, Lincoln County, Tenn.,

September 8, 9 and 10, 1906.

The introductory discourse was delivered by Elder J. R. Christopher, from 1 Cor. 2 chap. and 2 verse, after which the delegates bearing letters from the churches composing the association retired and proceeded to organize by enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of the churches as follows:

FIRST SECTION

Mt. Moriah—Delegates, Elder J. R. Christopher, J. S. Hammonds, total number 14. Contribution \$1.00. P. O., Strange, Ala.

Puncheon Camp—Contribution by Sister Lewis Green .25c.

Shoal Creek—Delegate, Shady Green, received by letter 2; total no. 12. Contribution 50c. P. O. Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Beaver Dam—Delegates, J. D. Tomlison, L. F. Williams. Recd. by express 9, total no. 16. Contribution \$1.00. P. O. Lexington, Ala.

Mt. Zion—Delegate H. T. Mitchel, total no. 6. Contribution .25c. P. O., Good Springs, Tenn.

SECOND SECTION

Indian Creek—No intelligence.

Mt. Carmel—Delegates, Elder W. C. Cathcart, John Smith, total no. 22. Contribution \$1.00. P. O., Mt. Burg, Tenn.

Sulphur Springs—Delegates, Elder E. T. Hampton, Johnson Barnes, total no. 30. Contribution \$2.00. P. O., Randolph Street, Huntsville, Ala.

Zion—Delegates, W. S. Young, J. S. Newton, total no. 7. Contribution .50, P. O. Pulaski, Tenu.

Cumberland River--No letters or delegates. Contribution \$ 1.00. P. O. Nashville, Tenn.

The Association was organized by electing E. T. Hampton, Moderator, J. R. Christopher, Clerk.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder W. C. Cathcart.

Constitution and Rules of decorum were read.

Called for corresponding letters. Rec'd from Caney Fork, Tenn., by Elder G. W. Flanigan, J. M. Denton; from Drake's Creek, Ky., by Elder N. D. Lightfoot; from Bethlehem, Ind., by Elder E. T. Hampton, Pilgrims Rest, Ark., Elm Fork, Tex., minutes with corresponding letter attached, all of which was gladly received and delegates invited to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

Appointed Moderator and Clerk. Committee on Unfinished Business to report Monday morning:

W. C. Cathcart and J. S. Hammonds, Committee on Finance to report on Monday morning.

Appointed the visiting brethren to fill the stand on Sunday, preaching to commence at 10 a. m.

Appointed E. T. Hampton to write corresponding letter to be printed with minutes.

Adjourned to meet Monday at 8 a. m.

SUNDAY.

The brethren appointed preached to a large and well ordered congregation and we hope much good was done.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met and after prayer by Elder G. W. Flanigan proceeded to business in the following order:

Called on Committee on Unfinished Business to report, it being made the order of the day. Committee was discharged.

Called on Finance Committee to report.

Received for printing minutes \$7.25.

Voluntary contribution \$23.00

After which committee was discharged.

The first sectional meeting will be held with the Mt. Moriah church, Limestone County, Ala., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in May, 1907.

The second sectional meeting will be held with the Sulphur Spring church, Lincoln County Tenn., on Friday before the 1st Sunday in July, 1907.

Our next Association will be held with the church at Beaver Dam meeting house, Lauderdale County, Ala. commencing on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1907.

Appointed Elders J. R. Christopher, Alternate, J. S. Hammonds, to write circular letter to be printed in minutes for 1907.

Elder D. L. Gay being appointed to write circular for 1906, nothing being heard from him, ordered Elder E.

T. Hampton to write one and have it printed in minutes for 1906.

Appointed Elder J. S. Hammonds, Alternate, Elder J. R. Christopher to bear our letter of correspondence to Caney Fork Association when convened with the church at Rocky River meeting house on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1906.

Appointed Elder E. T. Hampton, Alternate, J. R. Christopher to bear our letter of correspondence to Drake's Creek Association when convened with the State Line church, near Mitchelville on L. and N. R. R., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Aug. 1907.

Appointed Elder J. S. Hammonds, Alternate, J. R. Christopher to preach introductory for 1907.

Appointed E. T. Hampton to superintend printing and distribution of minutes, have 300 printed, reserve 125 for correspondence and distribute balance among churches.

Having completed our business in peace and love we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the neighborhood for their hospitality and kindness in caring for the delegates and friends while we were in session.

Adjourned to time and place mentioned in minutes.

E. T. HAMPTON, MODERATOR,
J. R. CHRISTOPHER, CLERK. Randolph Street,
Strange, Ala. Huntsville, Ala.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To our Sister Associations with whom we correspond:

Dearly beloved, we feel to thank the giver of all good that thou hast spared and permitted us to once more meet together at another of our annual feasts where all was Peace and Love, also receiving messages and delegates from our Sister Associations of the same intelligence, we desire to keep up that friendly correspondance as it is strength to us in our weakness.

Hoping to hear from you again, farewell from your little Sister in Hope,

E. T. HAMPTON.

Circular Letter.

As the Association has been having what is called a circular letter printed in our minutes, and as I was appointed to write such a letter, will do so in as brief a way as possible. I will take for a kind of foundation 1st Cor. 2nd chapter 14th verse, possibly I might include 2nd verse, same chapter. The question arises, "How can we blend these and agree with some ideas held by some of the brethren?" For I here submit that the natural man is Christ [the Lord] or else we must know something or some one else. But as some hold the Earthly man to be the Natural man, we ask if this be so, where will we go to find the artificial or representative man? and we could not see how we could see the invisible by the thing which he hath made. Rom. 1st chap. 20th verse. But for some proof. 1st Cor. 1st chap. 30th verse. In this we want the word, Wisdom, it being

a Feminine term. Col. 2nd chap. 9th verse, now this shows that he is verely the second Adam, the Substance of which the first is the figure or representative man; but we will go to some of the Prophets Proverb 8th chap. 22nd to 32nd. verses. Notice carefully the 31st verse. Here some seem to be uninhabitable Psalms 139th chap. 13th 14th 15th and 16th verses Isaiah 49th chap. 14th 15th and 16th verses. Now in these we think will prove that in seed and substance all the Heavenly family existed in him, but not brought forth at one time Yet Isaiah will strengthen our argument. Isaiah 66th chap. 7th and 8th verses, Now in these is proven that as all the Earthly family existed in the earthly Adam, so did all the heavenly family exist in Christ or the second Adam. The Psalmist saying being unperfect, yet in continuance were fashioned when as yet there was none of them. Now to our Text. "What does the word Natural mean?" I think we will agree, "Original." Now what does the word Spirit or Spiritual mean? Life or Living? Now for illustration we will take any of the cereals of the earth. Corn for instance, the grain, although it has to have all of the elements, both in the earth and atmosphere in order to reproduce or multiply, yet in it's natural state or in the grain or original it can not receive any of the things of life. You may plant it while the Earth or "Feminine" only, has the powers or properties, has he power to sustain or develop what is in the grain, but so long as it stays in it's Natural or original state it cannot secure the things of life "Spirit." We can no more tell how the bones grow in the womb, but we examine the grain as it first manifests life and we find the body that surrounds the germ we call life and find it a mass of milk what for to supply the plant in its infancy should you sever the connection of the plant and grain or body or mother with her supply of milk as food for the little plant then you destroy the plant, but let it feed on that until it shows itself above the surface or until manifested as born again where it can take in the elements from the atmosphere which is life here wisdom giveth life to them that have it then examine the grain and you find the milk consumed. Now I might compare this to the law and show the condition of the church (children).

But we promised to be brief and we will give one more text 1 Cor. 35-36-37-38, in this we see what trouble the Corinthian brethren must have been laboring under the Apostle seems to be trying to disabuse their minds of that error and continues the subject to end of chapter and shows it is but the fulfillment of the law, he even takes up the subject in 12th verse, closing with 18th. shows he only has the experience of the children under consideration some call birth, but really is the resurrection or redemption from under the law or power of sin when he comes to 35-36-37-38. verses is to show them that even grain even taking corn or wheat that they may understand if it will reproduce it must have a body and to sever the connection of body and germ and you can get no reproduction.

Then Jesus takes up the subject 2-26. which forces us to conclude where there is life, either spiritual or temporal, there is a body to surround, protect, sustain it, to sever them is to destroy, not one, but both; this, and this only, will keep the church safe. The Savior said: "As I live, ye shall live also." Then we will contend, as Paul said in Rom. 8-4. the law is fulfilled in us. The saving is the natural, original, not the temporal or earthy, then reproduction, multiplication, regeneration, born again. On resurrection, some call it new birth, is only a change of condition, we cannot change the denomination of a thing by none of the above processes, neither can we by either, as the combination of the rules of mathematics. So we submit that when the Apostle Paul said he would know nothing but Christ and Him crucified, he meant to cover all the ground. Then, dear brethren, it is only state or condition that we show any change, the visible plainly showing such to be the case.

E T. HAMPTON.

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND
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Caney Fork Association of Predestinarian Baptists

UNITED ON THE DOCTRINE OF THE ELECTION, PREDES-
TINATION AND SALVATION BY GRACE

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT PHILADELPHIA, WHITE COUN-
TY, TENN., SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1946

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder C. E. Atnip from Luke 16-16 after which the delegates bearing letters from the different churches met in the grove and were called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Claude Cope. Then proceeded to read letters and enroll messengers names as follows:

BILDAD—Letters and delegates, Brother S. H. Byars, Sister Martha Crain. Our statistics as follows: Total 21; contribution, \$2.00; voluntary, \$2.00. Time of meeting, fourth Sunday. Post office, Smithville, Tenn. Rt. 1. Elder E. R. Little, Moderator; Sister S. H. Byars, Clerk.

CONCORD—Letter and delegates, Sally Stiles, Mattie Locke. Our statistics as follows: Total, 24; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary, \$3.00. Time of meeting, first Sunday. Post office, McMinnville, Tenn. Rt. 5. Elder E. R. Little, moderator; Sister Mollie Locke, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA—Letter and delegates, Brother J. F. McPeak, Sister Florence McPeak, Sister Mullican. Our statistics as follows: Total, 7; contribution, \$1.00; voluntary, \$4.50. Time of meeting, Saturday before the second Sunday. Post office, Sparta, Tenn., Rt. 3. Bro. Joe McPeak, Moderator; Sister Florence McPeak, Clerk.

CANEY FORK—Not heard from.

HOLMES CREEK—Not heard from.

ROCK RIVER—Not heard from.

The roll being finished, the Association then organized by electing Brother Claude Cope, Moderator, and Elder E. R. Little, Clerk. The Association then opened with prayer by Brother J. E. Christopher.

Called for the reading of Rules of Decorum. Rules omitted.

Called for corresponding letters. No letters from Drake's Creek or from Richland Creek Associations.

Motion carried to invite the Brethren to a seat with us.

Motion carried to appoint the Moderator and Clerk a committee on unfinished business to report Monday morning at 9:30.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. Hick Goodson, Fin McPeak a committee on arrangements.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. Joe McPeak and Sister Mattie Locke a committee on finance.

Motion carried to appoint Bro. Claude Cope to write corresponding letter.

Called for the report of the committee on arrangements. Report that the visiting brethren to fill the stand on Sunday.

Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30.

SUNDAY.

The brethren appointed came forward and preached to a well attentive congregation.

MONDAY MORNING.

Called for the report of the committee on unfinished business. Report read and made the order of the day.

Motion carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and have 200 copies printed.

Motion carried to send Elder E. R. Little a delegate to Drake's Creek Association in Kentucky in 1947; Brother Joe McPeak his alternate.

Motion carried to send Elder E. R. Little a delegate to Richland Association in Alabama in 1947; Bro. Hick Goodson his alternate.

Motion carried that our next Association be held with the church at Bildad, DeKalb county, Tenn., 16 miles from McMinnville, a sta-

tion on the Greyhound Bus Line, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1947, at 10 a. m.

Called for the corresponding letter read and received.

Called for the report of the committee on finance. Contribution, \$4.00; voluntary, \$9.50.

Called for the report of the Clerk. Balance on voluntary, \$39.07.

Called for the report of the corresponding delegate. Fin McPeak reported his expense to Richland Creek Association, \$7.00. Bro. Atnip reported his expense coming here, \$9.00.

Motion carried that the Clerk pay off the expense of the corresponding delegates.

Miscellaneous. A motion carried to make good by paying E. R. Little for his time while on his trip, also his traveling expenses.

Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them.

Motion carried to read minutes, read and received.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Association closed with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.

BROTHER CLAUDE COPE, Moderator,
McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

ELDER E. R. LITTLE, Clerk,
McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To our Sister Association with whom we correspond. We feel that it is by the mercy of God that we have been permitted to meet again and we want to thank our visiting Brethren, C. E. Atnip, Edd Christopher and Weldon for their rich sermons and service they delivered to the congregation. We feel that all who were present enjoyed them. We are proud to have the visiting Brethren and Sisters with us, Sister Chatman; Brother Downey and wife, Brother Amos Christopher and Sister Black and all others we had for their good hospitality during their stay. Also we want to keep up the friendly corresponding with our Sister Association with whom we correspond. Until then, farewell.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

FIRST. We believe in only one true and living God, almighty, eternal and unchangeable, taught in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SECOND. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are true. That they testify of Christ who is the faith of God's elect and is revealed to his people by the spirit of truth. They are an infallible rule of faith and practice.

THIRD. We believe that the Church of Christ is spiritual and not temporal; that she existed in Him from all eternity as bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, and that they are by virtue of His divine union saved with an everlasting salvation, and is the pillow and ground of the truth.

FOURTH. We believe that all unsearchable riches of Christ are hers (the church's) by birthright of inheritance; that He is her life, her righteousness and her resurrection. We regard a corporeal resurrection or a righteousness made up of the supposed good works of men as an invention of priests that they may thereby lord it over God's heritage.

FIFTH. We believe that baptism by immersion is an ordinance divine authority to be administered by an ordained Elder in the ministry applicable only to those through which confession of faith in Christ is made.

SIXTH. We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing one another's feet ought to be commemorated in His church in remembrance of Him as an external emblem of internal communion in faith, hope and charity, as members of one body in Christ, and none but regularly baptized members have a right to participate.

SEVENTH. We believe that the church was set up and is maintained in a visible organization in this world, though not of this world, to bear witness to the truth and to testify against the corruptions and abomination of an anti-christ so prevalent, under the auspices of fashionable religion in this age.

EIGHTH. We believe that the Lord in the dispensation of his providence and grace will still maintain his church in defiance of anti-christ by adding to her visible organization such as shall glorify Him in their life.

NINTH. We believe that God still raises up and qualifies by his Spirit an efficient ministry, whose calling is to comfort Zion, feed the flock and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

TENTH. We believe that good works are only such as are prompted by good motives, having in view God's glory and honor of truth, and are the effects of salvation and a showing forth of the praise of the Saviour.

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MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FELLOWSHIP
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
HOLLY POND CHURCH
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

September 17, 18 and 19, 1954



OFFICERS

ELDER J. M. PHILLIPS.....**Moderator**

F. L. PHILLIPS.....**Clerk**



The next session of this association will be held with Mt. Gilead Church, Cullman County, Alabama, September 18, 19 and 20, 1955.

Minutes

of the sixty-fifth annual session of the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association held with Holly Pond Church, Cullman County, Alabama, September 17, 18 and 19, 1954.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Phillips.

Text: Zechariah: 4th chapter, 1st verse. And the angel that talked with me came again and woke me as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

After dismissal for lunch the delegates and congregation assembled in the house, had prayer by Elder J. E. Christopher, and proceeded with the business session.

1. Called for and read the letters from the churches composing this association and enrolled the names of the delegates. (see table for names) By motion received the letters and seated the delegates. Appointed to read letters Brother Albert Humphries, W. C. Taylor.

2. Elected Moderator and Clerk: Elder J. M. Phillips, Moderator; F. L. Phillips, Clerk.

3. I invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

4. On motion adopted the order of business as of last year.

5. Called for petitionary churches.

6. Appointed the usual committees:

(a) On Preaching: Bro. George Wright, Authur Sutton, Albert Humphries together with Holly Pond delegates, W. C. Taylor, E. B. Drake.

(b) On Contributions: J. Frank Phillips, Robert Burnham, E. L. Drake; and on minute funds: E. B. Drake, Dave Daniels.

(c) To examine Corresponding Minutes: Elder Freeman Phillips, Bro. B. F. Daniels.

(d) To write corresponding letter: J. Frank Phillips.

7. Called for correspondence from sister associations:

(a) Richland Creek: Elder J. E. Christopher, Sister Lou Siniard, Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Amos Christopher.

(b) Caneyfork: Bro. I. F. McPeak and Bro. Joe McPeak.

(c) Choccolocco Church, Anniston, Ala.: Bro. Hugh Jenkins and wife and Sister Mary Smith. Preaching by: Elder J. E. Christopher.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock by motion.

SATURDAY

The association met according to adjournment. After singing had prayer by Elder E. C. Craig and proceeded with the business session. Renewed the invitation of visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

9. Called the roll and marked the absentees. Read the decorum.

10. Renewed the call for correspondence.

11. Returned correspondence to sister associations:

(a) Richland Creek Association to be held with Beaver Dam Church near Anderson, second Sunday in September, 1955, Friday and Saturday before: Elder Freeman Phillips, Elder J. M. Phillips and wife, E. B. Drake, B. F. Daniel and wife, Arthur Sutton and wife, E. L. Drake, Robert Burnham and wife.

(b) Caneyfork Association to be held with Concord Church near McMinnville, Tennessee, fourth Sunday 1954, Friday and Saturday before: Elder J. M. Phillips and wife. Elder Freeman Phillips, Sister Addie Bynum, Bro. E. B. Drake, Bro. E. L. Drake, Geo. Wright and wife.

12. Read and received the letter to the sister associations by motion and second.

13. Committees on funds reports: Minute funds \$23.74. Contributions \$28.60.

14. By motion appointed the next union meeting to be held with: Hopewell Church in Blount County, third Sunday July, 1955, Friday and Saturday before.

15. By motion appointed the next session of this body to be held with Mt. Gilead Church, Cullman County, Alabama the third Sunday in September, Friday and Saturday before, September 18, 19 and 20, 1955.

16. Committee to examine corresponding minutes reports: Nothing calling attention of the body. Committee released.

17. By motion directed the clerk to have 200 of these minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

18. By motion read and adopted the following obituaries: Sister Fannie Walker of Holly Pond Church.

19. By motion and second it was voted on unanimously to consolidate the business session heretofore held on Friday and Saturday, to be held on one day preferably on Saturday—that is just go straight through with the whole business session.

By motion read and adopted these minutes.

Had prayer by Elder J. D. Phillips and adjourned for preaching.

SUNDAY

The association met at 10:00 o'clock according to adjournment and preaching services ensued.

Following the sermons the moderator made the usual impressive remarks. The congregation joined in songs and took the parting hand. Were separated in peace for which we are thankful. Our highest appreciation goes to Holly Pond Church and community for their hospitality during this association.

ELDER J. M. PHILLIPS, Moderator

F. L. PHILLIPS, Clerk

OBITUARY OF SISTER FANNIE WALKER

Not having been supplied with details about Sister Walker, we will say she was a faithful member of Holly Pond Church and in passing away, she will be missed. She was a good, Christian woman and our earthly loss is her heavenly gain.

Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning: Elder J. M. Phillips.

Friday Afternoon: Elder J. E. Christopher.

Friday Night: Elder Freeman Phillips, J. E. Christopher and Elder J. M. Phillips.

Saturday Morning: Elder Freeman Phillips, Elder J. D. Phillips.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder E. C. Craig.

Saturday Night: Elder J. M. Phillips, Elder E. C. Craig, Elder J. E. Christopher.

Sunday: Elder J. D. Phillips, Elder E. C. Craig, Elder J. E. Christopher, Elder J. M. Phillips.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ELDER J. M. PHILLIPS.....Altoona, Ala., Rt. 1
ELDER FREEMAN PHILLIPS.....Oneonta, Ala., Rt. 3
ELDER J. D. PHILLIPS.....Gardendale, Ala., Rt. 2
LICENTIATE: B. F. DANIEL.....Holly Pond, Ala.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

From the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association now in session, September 17, 18 and 19, 1954 with Holly Pond Church, Cullman County, Ala., to the sister associations with whom we exchange Christian correspondence: we were very glad and greatly benefitted by the presence of your members and ministers. We hope this correspondence to continue and have more of your body visit us in our next session to be held with Mt. Gilead Church in Cullman County, Ala., September 18, 19 and 20, 1955. So pray for and visit us as often as you can.

Written by: J. Frank Phillips

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Article 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the churches composing this association that each church, if it so chooses, may send not more than two brethren with a letter certifying their appointment, the number baptized during the year preceding, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded or dead; also the total number in fellowship at the time of sending this letter.

2. That this association shall be known as "The Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association."

3. It is understood that no church, in becoming a member of this association, parts with nor surrenders any of her rights, privileges or responsibilities given her by the great Head of the church and made binding by the New Testament.

4. It is further understood that all disciplinary power and right pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church belongs exclusively to the church, and this association shall not assume the right to dictate, or advise, nor exercise any disciplinary power further than is necessary for its government while in session.

5. Any church of the association can withdraw at pleasure either by letter or without it, but in either case, it will be expected that said church first gave notice to the association of her desire in this particular.

6. Any church may be dropped from the association compact by request of two or more churches but this, nor any act of the association, shall not itself be regarded as officially impairing or breaking church fellowship among churches of this union, nor the members of the church. We regard all matters touching church fellowship as belonging exclusively to the church or churches and requiring their official action to make it valid.

7. This association shall not form an alliance, correspondence or relation with any institution, secret or otherwise, missionary, Bible tract, or Sunday School, nor any society which has been, or may hereafter be, formed under a pretense of circulating the gospel of Christ, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Associations, the churches of which are known to be of the same faith and order as the churches of this association.

8. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches of this association.

9. This association, being formed by the churches as their chosen method to cultivate acquaintance and promote unity and correspondence among Primitive Baptists of like precious faith and order, will have no "article of faith" other than that which each church has already endorsed, and to which each member is amenable in the church of which he is a member.

10. Whatever may be a deficiency in the wording of this associated agreement, nothing herein shall be constructed so as to imply that the association is in any way a separate and distinct institution from the churches, and no amendment shall ever be made constituting it a body separate or independent of the churches of which it is composed.

11. Visiting brethren of the same faith and order with the churches of this association, known to be in orderly standing with their churches at home, may be invited to seats, either from churches of this association or others; and members of this association may have their names enrolled as correspondents from this to other associations, but none shall be allowed to vote except brethren sent by the churches.

12. Correspondence with sister associations may be withdrawn or suspended at discretion.

13. This association shall have a moderator and clerk of the body, chosen by the members present, who shall hold their offices until the next election.

14. This association may adjourn at any time and place it may think advisable.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1. We believe in only one true and living God and that there are three that bear record in heaven; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost— and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God, and only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God elected or chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called effectually, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and shall preserve in grace and never fall finally away.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith and follow after justification.

8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion is the true mode of baptism.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are called by God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment of the wicked will be everlasting.

DECORUM

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

2. The moderator shall invite visiting ministers and members to seats.

3. The moderator shall have the same privilege of speech other members of the body have, provided his seat be filled—but shall have no vote except there be a tie.

4. The general principles of order as embodied in these words, "Let all things be done decently and in in order" and "unto edifying" will be expected and required of each member, visitor and correspondent.

5. In harmony with these principles each brother who speaks on any subject under consideration will be expected to rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

6. The clerk shall keep a regular record of the proceedings of each association by carefully preserving a full file of the minutes.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1954

NAME of CHURCH	COUNTY and STATE	NAMES of DELEGATES	Minute Funds	Sunday of Meeting	Total Membership	Deceased	Excluded	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Dism. by Letter	Rec'd by Conf.	Rec. by Exp. & Bap.	Contributions	CLERK and POSTOFFICE	PASTOR
Union	Cullman Alabama	Robert Burnham Arthur Sutton L. N. Walker	\$ 5.00	231	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		B. T. Chambers Route 1 Steppville, Ala.	J. D. Phillips
Holly Pond	Cullman Alabama	B. F. Daniel E. B. Drake W. C. Taylor	5.00	416	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		E. B. Drake Route 8 Cullman, Ala.	J. M. Phillips
Hopewell	Blount Alabama	Freeman Phillips J. M. Phillips George Wright	6.40	334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		J. Frank Phillips Route 1 Altoona, Ala.	J. M. Phillips
Mt. Gilead	Cullman Alabama	Albert Humphries Bertha Humphries Lona Humphries	4.00	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		Albert Humphries Route 3 Vinemont, Ala.	J. M. Phillips
Supplement			3.34												
TOTAL			\$23.74	89	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$28.60		

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FELLOWSHIP
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
HOPEWELL CHURCH

BLOUNT COUNTY, ROUTE 1, ALTOONA, ALABAMA

September 12, 13 and 14, 1947

OFFICERS:

Elder J. M. Phillips, Moderator..... Altoona, Ala., Route 1
F. L. Phillips, Clerk..... Altoona, Ala., Route 1

The next Session of this Association will be held with Holly Pond Church, Cullman County, Alabama, beginning Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1948.

MINUTES

of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association held with Hopewell Church, Blount County, Altoona, Alabama, Route 1, September 12, 13 and 14, 1947.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Phillips. Text: "And Samuel says, what meanest the lowing of the oxen and the bleating of the sheep that I hear?"—Samuel, 15th Chapter, 14th verse.

After one hour intermission, the delegates assembled in the house. Had prayer by Elder J. J. Parris, of Cane Creek Association.

1. Called for and read the letters from the several churches composing this association and enrolled the names of the delegates. (See table).

2. Elected moderator and clerk by acclamation, resulting in Elder J. M. Phillips, Moderator, and F. L. Phillips, Clerk.

3. Invited visiting and corresponding ministers and brethren to seats with us.

4. On motion, adopted last year's order of business for this session.

5. Called for petitionary churches: None.

6. Appointed the usual committees:

(a) On Preaching: Brethren W. H. Dial, E. L. Drake, together with delegates from Hopewell Church, J. Frank Phillips, W. H. Reeves.

(b) On Contributions: J. Frank Phillips, R. N. Nix

(c) To examine Corresponding Minutes: Elder Freeman Phillips, Bro. Arthur Sutton.

(d) On receiving Minutes Funds: Bro. W. H. Dial, E. L. Drake.

(e) To write Corresponding Letter: F. L. Phillips.

7. Called for correspondence from sister associations: Cane Creek—Elder J. J. Parris, Bro. H. T. Mitchell, W. D. Reeves and Sister Z. U. Mitchell; New Hope—Bro. Zack Robinson.

8. The association was opened by prayer by Elder J. J. Parris, who preached after the business session was closed. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:30, by motion.

SATURDAY

The association met according to adjournment. After singing had prayer by Bro. B. F. Daniel.

9. Renewed the invitation to corresponding and visiting ministers and brethren to seats with us.

10. Called the roll, marked the absentees and read the decorum.

11. Renewed the call for correspondence: Cane Creek—Elder W. C. Cooper, Bro. J. S. Kidd, Paiden Cooper, Sisters Pitts, Smith, Cooper and Jenkins; New Hope visitors—Bro. C. C. Patterson and Sister Horsely.

12. Returned correspondence to sister associations: Cane Creek to be held with Choccolocco Church, Anniston, Alabama, Friday and Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1947. Delegates: Bro. B. F. Daniel, J. Frank Phillips, R. N. Nix, W. T. Taylor, E. L. Drake, W. H. Dial, W. H. Reeves and wife, Elder J. M. Phillips and wife, Elder Freeman Phillips, Sisters Nancy White, Mack Reeves.

13. Read and received letter to sister associations.

14. Committee on Finance reports \$26.80 to defray visitors' expenses; Minutes Funds Committee reports Minutes, \$21.80, supplement, \$3.00, total \$24.80.

15. By motion appointed Union Meeting to be held with Hopewell Church, fifth Sunday in May, 1948, Friday and Saturday before.

16. By motion appointed the next session of this body to be held with Holly Pond Church, Cullman County, Alabama, Friday and Saturday before third Sunday in September, 1948.

17. The committee on examining corresponding minutes reports that nothing calls for the attention of the body.

18. Directed the clerk to have 150 minutes printed and distributed in the usual way and retain the balance of the minutes funds for his services.

19. On motion obituaries were adopted as follows:
Sister Georgia A. Taylor.

By motion read and adopted these minutes.

After some impressive and appropriate remarks by the moderator, sang songs and took the parting hand. Separated in love and peace, for which we first thank the Lord; then our brethren, sisters and friends in and around Hopewell Church, who were so nice and kind while our stay was among them.

ELDER J. M. PHILLIPS, Moderator,

F. L. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday morning, Elder J. M. Phillips; Friday afternoon, Elder J. J. Parris, of Cane Creek, and Brother R. N. Nix; Saturday morning, Prayer by Brother B. F. Daniel, preaching by Elder W. C. Cooper, Cane Creek, followed by Brother B. F. Daniel, first service by Brother J. Dee Phillips; Sunday, Elder J. J. Parris, followed and closed by the moderator, Elder J. M. Phillips.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association, now in session with Hopewell Church, Blount County, Altoona, Alabama, Route 1, To the Sister Associations with whom we correspond:

We were made glad to have your representatives with us. Our next session is to be held with Holly Pond Church, Cullman County, Alabama. Names of our brethren appear in the minutes who have volunteered to bear our correspondence to you at your association. We hope to meet a goodly number of you at our next session.

ELDER J. M. PHILLIPS, Moderator,

F. L. PHILLIPS, Clerk.

OBITUARY OF SISTER GEORGIA A. TAYLOR

Sister Georgia A. Taylor was born May 28, 1874, and professed a hope in Christ in early life and joined the Primitive Baptist Church of the Fellowship Association at Pilgrim's Rest Church in August, first Saturday, 1895. Was baptized by Elder R. T. Pressley. She was a faithful member. She was in the constitution of Holly Pond Church April 27, 1901, and remained a faithful member until death. She lived 73 years and 28 days. She leaves to mourn, her beloved husband, seven children and a host of friends. Sister Taylor was a loving companion and mother and an affectionate friend. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and Holly Pond has lost a faithful member. While we mourn her death, we know our loss is Heaven's gain, so we bow our heads in humble submission to our Heavenly Father, Who doeth all things well.

Written by her husband, W. T. Taylor.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. PHILLIPS.....Altoona, Ala., Route 1
FREEMAN PHILLIPS.....Oneonta, Ala., Route 3
ROBERT WHITE

LICENTIATES

R. N. NIX.....Cullman, Ala., Route 3
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8. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion is the true mode of baptism.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances but such as are called by God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

DECORUM

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

2. The moderator shall invite visiting ministers and members to seats.

3. The moderator shall have the same privilege of speech other members of the body have, provided his seat be filled—but shall have no vote except there be a tie.

4. The general principles of order as embodied in these words, "Let all things be done decently and in order" and "unto edifying" will be expected and required of each member, visitor and correspondent.

5. In harmony with these principles each brother who speaks on any subject under consideration will be expected to rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.

6. The clerk shall keep a regular record of the proceedings of each association by carefully preserving a full file of the minutes.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1947

NAME OF CHURCH	COUNTY AND STATE	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Minutes Funds													CLERK AND POST OFFICE	PASTOR
			Minutes Funds	Sun. of Meeting	Total Membership	Deceased	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Conf.	Rec. by Exp. and Bapt.	Rec. by Ex'p. and Bapt.	Rec. by Ex'p. and Bapt.	Rec. by Ex'p. and Bapt.		
Union	Cullman, Ala.....	W. H. Dial	\$ 6.00	236	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	B. T. Chambers, Cullman, Ala., Route 8	J. M. Phillips
Holly Pond.....	Cullman, Ala.....	Robert Duke	7.10	423	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	W. T. Taylor, Holly Pond, Ala.	J. M. Phillips
Hopewell	Blount, Ala.....	Arthur Sutton	6.10	328	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	J. Dee Phillips, Route 7, Box 339A, Birmingham, Ala.	J. M. Phillips
Mt. Gilead.....	Cullman, Ala.....	H. L. Gorham	2.50	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Leonie Humphries, Vinemont, Ala., Route 3	J. M. Phillips
		E. L. Drake.....															
		J. Frank Phillips															
		W. H. Reeves.....															
		Lonie Humphries															
		Della Powell.....															
		Mattie Whitfle															
		Total	\$ 21.70	1094	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1			

**Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-Fourth
Annual Session of the**

Caney Fork Association

Of Predestinarian Baptists

**United on the Doctrine of the Election Predestination and
Salvation by Grace**

— Held With the Church at —

Concord, Warren County, Tennessee

September 25, 26, 27, 1948

The introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Joe McPeak from Daniel 2nd chapter, 44th verse: And in the days of these Kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms; and it shall stand forever. After which the delegates bearing letters from the churches met in the grove and were called to order by the Moderator Bro. Claud Cope, then proceeded to read letters and enroll messengers names as follows:

BILDAD—Letters and delegates, Bro. Floyd Allen, Sister Martha Crain, Sister S. H. Byars. Our statistics as follows: Dead, none; 1 new member; total members 21; Contribution, \$1.00; Voluntary, \$3.00; Time of meeting fourth Sunday, Post Office, Smithville, Tenn., Rt. 1. Elder E. R. Little, Moderator; Sister S. H. Byars, Clerk.

CONCORD—Letters and delegates, Bro. George Beasley, Sister Dovie Allen, Sister Sallie Stiles. Our statistics as follows: Dead, two; Received one; Total members, 20; Contribution, \$1.00; Voluntary contribution, \$3.00; Time of meeting, first Sunday. Elder E. R. Little, Moderator, Sister Mattie Locke, Clerk, R. 5, McMinnville, Tenn.

PHILADELPHIA—Letters and delegates, Bro. Joe McPeak, Bro. Fin McPeak, Sister Florence McPeak. Our statistics as follows: Dead, none; Received none; Total 6; Contribution, \$1.00; Voluntary, \$3.00; Time of meeting, Saturday before the second Sunday in each month. Post office, R. 3, Sparta, Tenn.

The roll being finished the Association then organized by electing Bro. Claud Cope Moderator and Elder E. R. Little Clerk. The Association then opened with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.

1. Called for the reading of Rules of Decorum. Omitted.
2. Called for corresponding letters. One from Drakes Creek, Ky. One from Richland Creek, Ala.
3. Motion carried to invite the Brethren to a seat with us.
4. Motion carried to appoint the Moderator and Clerk a committee on unfinished business to report Monday morning at 9:30.
5. Motion carried to appoint Bro. Joe McPeak, Bro. George Beasley a committee on finance.
6. Motion carried to appoint Bro. George Beasley, Bro. Joe McPeak on arrangements.
7. Motion carried to appoint Sister Sallie Stiles to write the corresponding letter.
8. Called for the report of the committee on arrangements to report that the visiting brethren fill the stand on Sunday. Bro. Christopher, Bro. Phillips, Bro. Atnip.
9. Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30.

SUNDAY

The Brethren appointed came forward and preached to a well attentive congregation.

MONDAY MORNING

1. Called for the report of the committee on unfinished business. Report read and made the order of the day.
2. Motion carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and have 200 copies printed.
3. Motion carried to send Bro. George Beasley a delegate to Drake Creek Association in Kentucky in 1949. Bro. Joe McPeak his alternate.
4. Motion carried to send Bro. S. H. Byars a delegate to Richland Creek Association in Alabama in 1949. Bro. Floyd Allen his alternate.
5. Motion carried that our next Association be held with the church at Philadelphia, White County, Tenn., eight miles from Walling, a station on the Greyhound Bus Line commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949, at 10 a. m.
6. Called for corresponding letter. Read and received.
7. Called for the report of the committee on finance. Contribution, \$3.00; Voluntary, \$11.00.
8. Called for the report of the Clerk, \$19.57, with \$2.00 taken to help pay on the Minutes leaves \$17.57 in treasury.
9. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate Drake Creek Association in Kentucky. Nothing.
10. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate Bro. George Beasley to Richland Creek Association in Alabama. Expense \$6.20 paid.
11. Motion carried that the Clerk pay off the expense of the corresponding delegates. Paid.
12. Miscellaneous.
13. Motion carried to read the minutes. Read and received.
14. Motion carried to send Bro. Fin McPeak to the new Association at Fellowship, Ala., in 1949.

15. Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them.

16. Motion carried to adjourn. The Association closed with prayer by Elder C. E. Atnip.

BRO. CLAUD COPE, Moderator

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

ELDER E. R. LITTLE, Clerk

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Sister Association with whom we correspond we, the Caney Fork Association of 1948, do wish to extend our brotherly love and friendship to you, feeling that the Lord has been gracious to us in permitting us to enjoy the three grand days. Love and unity prevailed. We enjoyed so much having the visiting preachers and brethren from Richland Creek Association, Bro. Edd Christopher, Bro. Phillips and Bro. C. E. Atnip and wife from Drake Creek Association in Kentucky, also the visiting Brothers and Sisters. Bro. Amos Christopher and wife, Bro. Fed Christopher, Sister M. O. Gray, Sister Robert Collens, Sister Hicks and daughter, Bro. and Sister McFarland from Drake Creek, Ky. Sister Mary Smith and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. Barnes, Sister Davis, Mt. Carmel Church. We enjoyed the preaching and hope to keep up our correspondence letter and delegates, we hope to meet you all at our next Association. For our next Association, see minutes. Until then, farewell.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

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Minutes of the One Hundred and Thirty-Third
Annual Session of the

Caney Fork Association

Of Predestinarian Baptists

United on the Doctrine of the Election Predestination and
Salvation by Grace

— Held With the Church at —

Bildad, DeKalb County, Tenn.

September 27, 28, 29, 1947

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. O. Maynard from Second Timothy, second chapter, 19th verse, after which the delegates bearing letters from the different churches met in the grove and were called to order by the moderator, Bro. Claude Cope, then proceeded to read letters and enroll messengers names as follows:

BILDAD — Letters and delegates, Bro. S. H. Byars, Sister Martha Crain and Sister Ebbie Byars. Our statistics as follows: Dead one; Total 20; Contribution \$2.00; Voluntary, \$2.00. Time of meeting, fourth Sunday. Post Office, Smithville, Tenn., Rt. 1. Elder E. R. Little, Moderator Sister S. H. Byars Clerk.

CONCORD — Letters and delegates, Bro. George Beasley, Sister Mary Webb and Sister Sallie Stiles. Our statistics as follows: Dead, two; Total 20; Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$3.00. Time of meeting, first Sunday. Elder E. R. Little, moderator, Sister Mattie Locke, Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA — Letters and delegates, Bro. Joe McPeak, Bro. Fin McPeak, Sister Florence McPeak. Our statistics as follows: Total 7; Contribution \$1.00; Voluntary \$3.00. Time of meeting, Sat-

urday before the second Sunday. Post Office, Sparta, Tenn., Rt. 3. Bro. Joe McPeak, Moderator, Sister Florence McPeak, Clerk.

HOLMES CREEK — Not heard from.

ROCKY RIVER — Dead, 1. Last one in the church.

The roll being finished, the Association then organized by electing Bro. Claude Cope Moderator, Elder E. R. Little, Clerk. The Association then opened with prayer by Elder J. E. Christopher.

1. Called for the reading of Rules of Decorum. Omitted.
2. Called for corresponding letters. One from Drakes Creek.
3. Motion carried to invite the Brethren to a seat with us.
4. Motion carried to appoint the Moderator and Clerk, a committee on unfinished business, to report Monday morning at 9:30. E. R. Little, Bro. Beasley.
5. Motion carried to appoint Bro. Joe McPeak, S. H. Byars a committee on finance.
6. Motion carried to appoint Bro. Fin McPeak and Bro. George Beasley on arrangements.
7. Motion carried to appoint Elder E. R. Little to write the corresponding letter.
8. Called for he report of the committee on arrangements to report that the visiting Brethren fill the stand on Sunday.
9. Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY

The Brethren appointed came forward and preached to a well attentive congregation.

MONDAY MORNING

1. Called for the report of the committee on unfinished business. Report read and made the order of the day.
2. Motion carried that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and have 200 copies printed.
3. Motion carried to send Bro. Fin McPeak a delegate to Richland Creek Association in Alabama in 1948, Bro. George Beasley, alternate.
4. Motion carried to send Bro. Claude Cope a delegate to Drake's Creek Association in Kentucky in 1948. Bro. George Beasley his alternate.
5. Motion carried that our next Association be held with the church at Concord, Warren County, Tenn., 8 miles from McMinnville, a station on the Greyhound Bus Line, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1948, at 10 a. m.
6. Called for corresponding letter. Read and received.
7. Called for the report of the committee on finance. Contribution, \$4.00; Voluntary \$8.00.
8. Called for the report of the Clerk. \$29.57.
9. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate, Bro. Joe McPeak to Drakes Creek Association in Kentucky. \$5.00.
10. Called for the report of the corresponding delegate, Bro. Joe McPeak to Richland Creek Association in Alabama. \$7.00.
11. Elder C. E. Atnip expense here \$10.00, taken from \$29.57 leaves \$19.57 in the treasury.
12. Motion carried to return our thanks to this church and community for their good hospitality during our stay with them.
13. Motion carried to read the minutes.
14. Motion carried to adjourn. The Association closed with prayer by Elder J. E. Christopher.
15. Motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate and sell the Caney Fork church house.

16. Motion carried to appoint a committee to investigate and sell the Rocky Rover church house. The committee, Bro. Claud Cope, Bro. Clarence Womack, Bro. George Beasley.

BRO. CLAUDE COPE, Moderator

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

ELDER E. R. LITTLE, Clerk

McMinnville, Tenn., Rt. 5.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To our Sister Associations with whom we correspond we send greetings of brotherly love. We feel that it is by the mercy of God that we have been permitted to meet again. We feel that love and union prevailed. We had a letter from Drakes Creek Association, but did not have any from Richland Creek Association. We had with us Bro. C. E. Atnip, Bro. J. E. Christopher, Bro. Fed Christopher and Sister Black. We assure you that we enjoyed their company and preaching, and we wish to keep up this friendly corresponding by letter and delegates. Trusting that you will remember us. For our next Association see minutes. Until then, farewell.

CANEY FORK ASSOCIATION.

MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
RICHLAND CREEK
ASSOCIATION
OF THE
PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST
HELD WITH
MT. CARMEL CHURCH
LINCOLN COUNTY, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 12, 13 and 14, 1952

Minutes for 1952 and 1953

The introductory sermon was delivered by N. W. Williams from Matthew 15-13, after which proceeded to read letters and enroll Delegates as follows:

First Section

Mt. Moriah - Delegates: Elder J. E. Christopher, Sister Vona Black; Alternate: Bro. Lewell Hicks, Statistics: At peace. Total number 22, Contribution for printing of Minutes \$4.00, Time of meeting: 4th Sunday, Clerk: Bro. Lewell Hicks, Route 2, Elkmont, Alabama.

Beaver Dam - Delegates: Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Elmer Weldon, Alternate: Bro. M. E. Craig, Statistics: At peace. Received by experience: 3. One departed by death. Total No. 13. Contribution for printing of minutes \$1.50. Time of meeting: 3rd Sunday. Clerk: Sister Fannie Newton, Route 1, Lexington, Alabama.

Mt. Carmel, Lincoln County, Tennessee - Delegates: Elder N. W. Williams, Sister Mamie Joines, Alternate: Sister Callie Mae Woodard, Statistics: At peace. Total No. 7. Contribution for printing of minutes \$1.50. Time of meeting: 1st Sunday. Clerk: Sister Mary Lou Smith, Boons Hill, Tennessee.

The Association reorganized by electing Elder J. E. Christopher, Moderator, Sister Vona Black, Clerk, Opened with prayer by Elder E. C. Craig. After inviting visiting Ministers and visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) Omitted reading of the rules.
- (2) Called for Petitionary letters -- none.
- (3) Called for Corresponding letters.

Received correspondence from the following:

(a) Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association, Letter and Delegates Elder and Sister Jim Phillips, Elder Freeman Phillips, Bro. R. N. Nix and Bro. Drake.

(b) Cahey Fork Association, Letters and Delegates Bro. and Sister Bob Locke, Sister Cantrel and Husband, and Sister Sallie Style.

(c) Drakes Creek Association. Letters and Delegates Sister Lela McFarland and Bro. Charlie Nichols.

(4) The moderator and clerk were designated a committee on unfinished business.

(5) Appointed Elder E. C. Craig and Bro. Amos Christopher a committee on finance.

(6) Appointed Sister Mary Lou Smith, Bro. Amos Christopher and Sister Mamie Joines a committee on arrangements.

(7) The Circular letter was read, received and ordered printed in the minutes.

(8) Motion carried to drop the Circular letter for 1953 and have our articles of faith printed in the minutes.

(9) Appointed the clerk to write a corresponding letter for 1953.

(10) Adjourned to 9:00 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 a. m. and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

(1) The committee on unfinished business reported and their report was made the order of business. The committee was discharged.

(2) The committee on finance reported \$12.50 for printing and distribution of minutes. Voluntary contribution of \$27.42 was made for defraying expenses of visiting Delegates. The committee was discharged.

(3) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher, Bro. Amos Christopher, Delegates. Elder E. C. Craig, Alternate to Caney Fork Association, when convenes with Billdad Church, McMinnville, Tennessee on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1952.

(4) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher, Elder E. C. Craig, Delegates. Sister Vona Black, Alternate to Drakes Creek Association.

(5) Elected Elder J. E. Christopher, Sister Vona Black, Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Amos Christopher and Sister Mary Lou Smith to Fellowship Association 1952.

(6) The Sectional Meeting was voted to be changed to one Union Meeting which will be held with Mt. Moriah Church on Friday, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June 1953.

(7) The next Session of Richland Creek Association will convene with Beaver Dam Church, Route 1, Lexington, Alabama, Lauderdale County on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in September 1953. Elder E. C. Craig was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. E. Christopher, Alternate.

(8) Voted for Richland Creek Association to drop part of original name from "Two Seed in Spirit Predestinarian Baptist" to "Predestinarian Baptist".

(9) Adopted a resolution of thanks to Mt. Carmel Church and community for their hospitality shown the Delegates and visitors during the Sitting of the Association.

(10) Adjourned with prayer by Elder Jim Phillips.

SUNDAY

Elders E. C. Craig, Jim Phillips, J. E. Christopher, Freeman Phillips and N. W. Williams preached to an attentive audience.

Elder J. E. Christopher, Moderator
Vona Black, Clerk

CORRESPONDING LETTER

We, the Predestinarian Baptist, thank God we are permitted to meet again in an associated capacity with Mt. Carmel Church, Lincoln County, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September and two days following.

We enjoy the fellowship of the Delegates and Visitors from the corresponding associations to wit:

Sister McFarland and Bro. Charlie Nichols from Drakes Creek Association, Bro. and Sister Bob Locke and daughter, Mrs. E. R. Little, Sister Dovie Allen and Bro. Finn McPeak from Caney Forks Association, Elder and Sister Jim Phillips, Elder Freeman Phillips, Bro. R. N. Nix and Bro. Drake from Fellowship Association.

Let us pray to keep up this love and friendly correspondence by exchange of letters and Delegates.

May love and peace abound through eternity.

RICHLAND CREEK ASSOCIATION

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethern:

As the Association appointed me to write what is known as a Circular Letter, I will try to do so, God being my helper, and will take for a starting point, Hebrew 4-9-10 "There Remainth therefore a Rest to the People of God", "For He that is Entered Into His Rest He Also Hath Ceased from His Own Works", "As God did from His". Dear Brethern, this text will not justify us to enter into the rest with the people of God so long as we are depending on our own works. The Saviour said to follow Him, if we take the lead in trying to get Christ to accept our own works, we are not following Him. Christ laid the example and said, "Follow Me." If you remember the Deciples toiled all night and took nothing. Luke 5-5. When they obeyed the Lord they were not able to draw the ship to shore. Luke 5-10, Jesus said, "Fear not from Henceforth Thou Shalt Catch Men". Jesus also said in Matthew 4-19, "Follow Me and I will make You Fishers of Men". Dear Brethern, we don't find anywhere in the Bible where God through Christ and the Apostles commanded us to Pray for anything that would place man in front. Christ always said for us to follow Him. Until we see that it is our duty to follow Christ, we have not ceased from our own works, therefore, at the appointed time of the Father, we cease from our own works and enter into that rest with the people of God. He says My people shall be willing in the day of My

power. We see then the power of God is what we are commanded to preach and if we don't preach the power of God, we are not preaching the Gospel. Roman 1-16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that Believeth". Then we see it is the Believer that hears the Gospel and the only one that hears the Gospel when it is preached and the Believer is the one that enters into that Rest when they cease from their own works and it is no trouble to follow Christ when you are made to know that is the way you can find rest to your troubled mind and heart. So then Brethern, we are preaching Christ is come and that he is the Resurrection, according to these Scriptures, we cannot preach the Gospel without preaching the Resurrection, for Christ says, "I am the Resurrection, the truth and the Life", it is by Him that we live, move and have our being and we move when God sends his showers of Blessings upon us and we rejoice in what God has done for us. Ephesians 2-5, "Even when we are dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved". Paul says, "It is by the Grace of God I am what I am" and Christ says, "My Grace is sufficient". 2nd Corinthians 12-9. Now to what extent is His Grace sufficient? It is sufficient to save every child of God and when we are made to know the strength of the Power of God, we are commanded to come out from among them and be ye separate sayeth the Lord, then you enter into that Rest with the people of God, because you have ceased from your own works.

May the Lord Bless every Child of God Wherever They may be found.

E. C. Craig

MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
RICHLAND CREEK
ASSOCIATION
OF THE
PREDESTINARIAN BAPTIST
HELD WITH
BEAVER DAM CHURCH
LEXINGTON, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 9, 10 and 11, 1955

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Minutes for 1955 and 1956

The introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder E. C. Craig from Hebrew 21, after which proceeded to read letters and enroll Delegates as follows:

First Section

Mt. Moriah-- Delegates: Elder J. E. Christopher, Sister Vona Black; Alternate Bro. L. W. Hicks.

Statistics: At Peace. Total number: 23. Contributions for printing Minutes \$3.00. Time of Meetings: Saturday night before the 4th Sunday and also on the 4th Sunday.

Clerk Bro. L. W. Hicks, Route 2, Ellmont, Alabama.

Beaver Dam Church: Delegates; Elder E. C. Craig, Bro. Jim Newton. Alternate: Bro. Marvin Craig.

Statistics: At Peace. Total Number 12. Contribution for printing Minutes \$1.50. Time of meeting 3rd Sunday.

Clerk: Sister Fannie Newton, Route 1, Lexington, Ala.

Mt. Carmel, Lincoln County, Tennessee. Delegates-- Sister Mary Lou Smith.

The Association reorganized by re-electing Elder J. E. Christopher, Moderator, Sister Vona Black, Clerk.

After inviting Ministers and Delegates to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

- (1) Ordered reading Rules of Decorum: Omitted.
- (2) Called for Petitionary Letters. None.
- (3) Called for Corresponding Letters.

Received correspondence from the following:

- (a) Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association Letters and Delegates:
Bro. Freeman Phillips, Bro. E. L. Drake, Bro. E. B. Drake and Bro. R. N. Mix and Wife.
 - (b) Ceney Fork Association. Letters and Delegates: Elder Willie Pack and Wife, Sister Sallie Stiles.
 - (c) Drakes Creek Association: Letters and Delegates: Bro. J. H. Flanagan and Wife, Bro. Joe Flanagan, Bro. and Sister McFarland.
- (4) The Moderator and Clerk were designated a committee on unfinished business.

(5) Appointed Bro. E. W. Hicks and Bro. M. E. Craig a committee on finance.

(6) Appointed Bros. Orel Gray, M. E. Craig and Sister Mary Lou Smith a committee on arrangements.

(7) The Circular Letter was read, received and ordered printed in Minutes.

(8) Appointed the Clerk to write the Corresponding Letter, was received and ordered printed in minutes.

(9) Appointed Elder J. E. Christopher to write the Circular Letter for 1956, also to have our Articles of Faith printed in Minutes.

(10) Adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after renewing the invitation to visitors to seats with us, proceeded in the following order:

(1) The Committee on Unfinished Business reported and their report was made the order of business, the Committee was discharged.

(2) The Committee on Finance reported \$10.00

For printing and distribution of Minutes. A voluntary contribution of \$28.50 was made for defraying expenses of visiting delegates. The committee was discharged.

(3) Elected Delegates to Caney Fork Association when convened on Friday, Saturday and through the 4th Sunday in September 1955. Delegates: Sister Mary Lou Smith. Alternate: Sister Rena Gray.

(4) Elected Delegates to Drakes Creek Association when convened on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August. Delegate: Bro. Orel Gray. Alternate: Bro. L. W. Hicks.

(5) Volunteers to the Fellowship Primitive Baptist Association: Elders J. E. Christopher and E. C. Craig and Sister Vona Black. When convenes at Mt. Giliad Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the 3rd Sunday in Sept.

(6) It was agreed that the next Union Meeting be held with Beaver Dam Church about 3 miles West of Anderson, Alabama beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in June 1956 and continuing through Sunday.

(7) The next Session of Richland Creek Association will convene with Mt. Moriah Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the 2nd Sunday in September, 1956.

(8) Adopted a resolution of Thanks to Beaver Dam Church and Community for their hospitality shown the Delegates and visitors during the sitting of the Association.

(9) Adjourned by singing a Hymn and closed with Prayer by Bro. J. N. Mix.

Sunday

Elders E. C. Craig, J. E. Christopher and Willie Pack preached to an attentive congregation. Then the congregation joined in songs and taking the parting hand, were separated in love and peace for which we thank the Lord.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Richland Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist Church now in session with Beaver Dam Church in Lauderdale County, Alabama.

We feel that love and union prevailed.

We were so happy to have all the visiting delegates from other associations with us.

We are at peace and desire to keep up our friend-

by correspondence by letters and messengers.

May this love and peace continue with us.

Moderator and Clerk

Richland Creek Association

CIRCULAR LETTER

My dearly beloved Brethren and Sisters in Christ,
 by the grace of God, I was appointed to write something
 about our faith and belief. If approved by you, it may
 be printed in our minutes.

I will take for a starting point Galatians 4- 28 &
 9: Now we brethren, as Isaac was, are the children
 of promise, but as then, he that was borned after the
 flesh persecuted him that was borned after the Spirit
 even so it is now.

Notice the 24th verse of said Book, for these are
 the two Covenants. Hebrew 8--7 "For if that first
 covenant had been faultless then should no place have
 been sought for the Second".

Esau which was born after the Bond Woman is govern-
 ed by the Spirit of Anti-Christ as Paul was when he was

on his way to Damascus to bind men and women unto Jerusalem. Jacob which was born after the free woman is governed by the Spirit of Christ and is representing the Covenant of promise. When we have the Spirit of Christ, we can press forward to the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Dear Brethren, we have been tried by the righteous judge who does not place the penalty on the wrong one. Where God separates the Spirit from the flesh, he places everything right where it belongs. So then Brethren, we are commanded to render to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and unto God the things that belong to God. Also, we are commanded to confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh and if we preach these commands, we are preaching the Jerusalem which is above is free which is the Mother of us all. Galatians 4-26 "If ye know these things happy ye if ye do them". John 13-17 "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the Brethren". 1st John 3-14 "Love casteth out all fear". Abraham had faith and confidence in God and offered up the only son, so we see that God tried his

faith and he obtained the blessing. Luke 7--5 "And he said to the woman, thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace." So we see Brethren, if we have the faith that Abraham and this woman had we are governed by the new covenant which the Lord made with the children of Israel, and said "I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people, and they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother saying know the Lord for all shall know me from the least to the greatest".

Nevertheless, we get so low sometimes seems like a drop of water would put us out, then we think, "Oh, how great a little fire kindleth" and think of Elias how he maketh intercession to God against Isrial saying, "Lord they have killed thy Prophets and digged down mine alters and I am left alone and they seek my life what saith the answer of God unto him I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Boal. Romans 11--2--3--4. Pray the God bless everyone that is our duty to pray for.

E. C. Craig

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

- Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God Almighty, eternal and unchangeable.
- Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments are given by the inspiration and are our only Rule of faith and practice.
- Article 3. We believe in the Doctrine of original Sin and the old serpent called the Devil and Satan is the origin and author of Sin and transgression.
- Article 4. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and not of those that are yet to die, both the just and the unjust and eternal judgement.
- Article 5. We believe that Baptism by immersion is an ordinance of devine authority to be administered in the Church by an ordained Elder in the Ministry applicablc to believers in Christ Jesus who thus became an organized member of the Gospel Church.
- Article 6. We believe that the Church or Kingdom of God was set up by Christ in this world though

not of this world and is kept up and maintained by the Lord, adding to it daily such as shall be saved.

Article 7. We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints feet ought to be commemorated in His Church in remembrance of Him as an external emblem of an internal communion in faith, hope and charity as members of one body in Christ.

Article 8. We believe that God still raises up and qualifies, by his Spirit, an efficient Ministry whose calling is to comfort Zion, feed the flock of God and earnestly contend for the Faith once delivered to the Saints.

Article 9. We believe that good works are the fruits of Grace having in view God's glory, the honor of truth and effects of Salvation and a showing forth of the praises of The Saviour.