

MINUTES OF THE
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE

Western Division of the Stone Association of the
Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ

HELD WITH THE SHADY GROVE CHURCH
PUTNAM COUNTY, TENN.,
Commencing Thursday Before the Third Sabbath in October, 1905

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Zion Hill – W. H. Judd, W. H. Rice

The following churches made no report: Free Union, Glade Creek, Johnson Chapel, New Hope O.C., New Hope P.C., New Hope R.C., Oak Grove, Shady Grove, R.C., Union Grove.

•The Rules of Decorum were read and adopted by the Association.

The moderator appointed a Committee on Devotional Services during the Association which made the following report: Thursday night, J.P. Chastain, J.J. Swift. Friday at 11 o'clock, W.B. Gentry, E.W. Stone. Friday night, J. L. Myers, L.A. Allen. Saturday at 11 o'clock, W.S. Clouse, W.C. Swift. Saturday night, M. Judd, J.L. Hensley. Sunday at 11 o'clock, J.L. Kinnaird, G.E. Pennington.

An invitation was given for the reception of new churches. None came forward. Delegates were then assigned homes and the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Elder J. L. Kinnaird, the roll was called and minutes of Thursday read and received.

Letters from the various churches were called for, read and received.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Home Missions, Sabbath Schools, Obituary, Temperance, Support of Ministers, and Finance.

The resolutions of 1904 still stand.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none presented.

Corresponding letters were called for from sister associations, whereupon a letter from the Eastern Division of the Stone Association was presented and the delegates, Elders E. M. Bledsoe, John Stowers and H.L. Vought were invited to seats with us.

•On motion, all visiting brethren were invited to seats with us as advisory council.

On motion, Elder M. Judd was released from pastoral labor for the ensuing year on account of ill health.

On motion, Mt. Pisgah and Monterey churches were dropped from the list.

There being nothing under the head of miscellaneous business, the Association adjourned for preaching until 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

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After singing, and prayer by Elder J. L. Hensley, business was resumed by hearing the reports of regular committees as follows:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following:

We think it necessary to select one mission preacher for the ensuing year, and that he shall be under the direction of the Home Mission Board, and that we make collections to aid in his support, and we ask our missionary preacher to teach the churches and people their duty in support of the Missionary cause so far as the Bible teaches, and make quarterly reports to said Board.

We further recommend that said Board pay said missionary quarterly out of the funds that come into their hands and that the pastors take collections for the support of the same. And we also ask the pastors of our churches to teach the church its duty in the support of the cause. The Board will select a mission preacher for the ensuing year.

W. N. SELBY,
J. L. MYERS,
A.R. MASSA, Committee.

Association's Amendment to the Above.

That the home mission preacher is to devote his entire time to the work and that the destitute places within the bounds of this Association be looked to first, the balance of his time to be spent outside, and that the Home Mission Board, with the assistance of the churches, pay him for his trouble.

Report of Home Mission Board:

We, your Home Mission Board, met Oct. 14, 1905, and organized by electing R.F. Baker, Chairman; S. Horn Secretary and Treasurer and T.C. Parrott Secretary pro tem. Of mission work: Number of sermons, 60; days worked, 67; confessions witnessed, 23; received for service, \$40.42.

We have failed, as yet, to secure suitable preacher for this year, but will in the near future be able to get a suitable man and be able to support him.

The Board will meet again in ninety days from now.

R.F. BAKER,
A.R. MASSA,
T.C. PARROTT,
G.F. Henry, Committee.

The Moderator appointed a Home Mission Board for the ensuing year as follows: R.F. Baker, Sparta, Tenn., Chairman; S. Horn, Pleasant Hill, Secretary and Treasurer; A.R. Massa, T.C. Parrott, G.F. Henry.

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

Believing that the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church, and that in the Sabbath School the Gospel seed is planted in the hearts of the children, and that when so planted it will and does grow, and when properly nourished by the church in their work as teachers and superintendents it will and must bear fruit ready for the harvest when God shall send the reapers to gather in the harvest.

We, therefore, recommend that Sabbath Schools be established and maintained in

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all our churches, and that the pastors labor to that end.

GEORGE D. REEVES,
J.S. ROBINSON,
G.F. HENRY, Committee.

We your Committee on Support of Ministers, submit the following:
That, whereas, we find in 1 Cor. 16:2, that God enjoins on us a duty that has been neglected to a great extent, we desire to insist that as the delegates and stewards of the different churches of this Association call a minister to pastor their church it shall be their duty to remunerate them to the value of their services, and if the different churches fail to perform this duty then the pastor shall be required to make a report to the next Annual Association. It shall be the duty of each pastor to attend his church or offer a lawful excuse, otherwise he will be held a transgressor before the Presbytery.

R.F. BAKER,
J.J. SWIFT,
J.D. BURNETT,
J.P. CHASTAIN, Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

That we, in Association now assembled, do recommend temperance in the fullest sense of the word, and that we as a Christian organization, use our influence for the promotion of the temperance cause.

We further recommend that all ministers of our body give special attention to the evils of intemperance and that an earnest effort be made by ministers of our body to impress these truths upon the minds of the people.

GEORGE D. REEVES,
J.W. CLOUSE,
G.W. FOSTER, Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report:

Whereas, We find that the last enemy, death, has visited our churches and has taken twenty of our beloved members. We trust they have joined the General Assembly above, and that our loss is their great gain. We extend our prayers and sympathies in behalf of their bereaved families.

W.P. HUDDLESTON,
J.W. CLOUSE,
G.W. FOSTER, Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

That, we find \$21.25 paid in for minutes, and we recommend that 1,000 copies be printed and the balance allowed the clerk for mailing the minutes and for his services, and we recommend that the clerk get the minutes out in thirty days, if possible.

W.C. SWIFT,
A.L. SEGRAVES,
S.E. KNOX, Committee.

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Report of Presbytery:

We, the Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Association, met Oct. 13, 1905, and proceeded to organize by electing Elder J.L. Kinnaird, Moderator, an E.W. Stone, Clerk, after which A.S. Van Winkle, B.F. Sloan and J.W. Clouse came before the Presbytery for examination, and having passed a satisfactory examination were ordained to the office of an Elder.

The following brethren were examined and granted license to preach: G.D. Reeves, Sparta, Tenn., R. F. D. I; J. T. Johnson, Hilham, Tenn., R. F. D. I.

Resolved That we declare the credentials of J. M. Manning and the license of W.W. Rogers null and void, for preaching unchristian doctrine.

J.L. KINNAIRD, Moderator;
E.W. Stone, Clerk;
W.B. Gentry,
J.W. Stone,
W.S. Clouse, Presbytery.

Ministers' reports were called for and read.

On motion, Brothers W.S. Clouse and W.N. Selby were appointed as corresponding delegates to the Eastern Division of the Stone Association, to be held with the Columbia Hill church, Overton County, Tenn., beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1906.

On motion, Brother M. Judd was appointed as delegate to the Cumberland Association. The Association adjourned until 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Elder John Stowers, the roll was called, and minutes of Friday read and received. On motion, a supplement was made to the Rules of Decorum, pertaining to church government, making it the duty of the church clerk to keep a record of all monthly church meetings, as explained in Section 9 of the same.

On motion, we adjourned for preaching until 1 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Elder A.S. VanWinkle, the report of the Committee on Pastoral Labor was read and accepted, as follows:

Allen's Chapel – J.L. Myers, W.E. Richardson, assistant.
Beech Grove – J.W. Stone.
Bear Cove – G.E. Pennington.
Board Valley – G.W. Foster.
Baker's X Roads – L.F. Smith.
Clouse's Chapel – G.W. Foster.
Cane Creek – W.B. Gentry.
Clifty Creek – L.F. Smith.
Dotson's Branch – J. W. Stone.
Flat Rock, W. C. – W. C. Swift.

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