

MINUTES
OF THE
Fourteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Tennessee River Association
Of Freewill Baptists,

HELD WITH
Antioch Church, Tishomingo Co., Miss.,
September 18th, 19th and 21st, 1891.

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MINUTES.

Pursuant to act of 1890, the Association met with Antioch church, Tishomingo county Mississippi, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1891. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder S C Austin, from St. John 13 chapter and 35th verse. The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, S C Austin, at 3 o'clock p. m. After praise and prayer by Elder S. Scott, the Association being ready for business called for letters, and received intelligence from twenty-three churches, by letter and delegation and one by delegates and no letter and six by verbal report.

1. Resolved, That we appoint a committee of arrangements to arrange the unfinished business. one from each church, vice S. Scott, W D McGee, W. Gray, John Winingham, M C Parnell, Z P Melton, Jesse Loyd, J W Hazlip, P A Moss, H L Smith, Wm McCage, T P Johnson, W D Jones. John Long. W C Denson, J C Cooksey, Berry Sharp, Marion Smith, L M White.

Resolved. That we appoint a devotional committee to-wit: Joe Lambert, Dan Lambert and J D Hutchens.

4. On motion Elected brother Paton Williams assistant Moderator and John S Long clerk of this association.

Resolved. That we adjourn till Saturday morning, 8 o'clock.

Met Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. After praise and prayer by Moderator, proceeded to business.

1. Called for report of committee of arrangements, they reported, re-

port received and committee discharged.

2. Resolved that we call the names of the delegates and enroll them.

3. Resolved. That we perpetuate the union—fellowship good with all present.

4. Resolved. That we continue the names and post office address of our ministers in our minutes.

5. Resolved. That we elect Moderators every year.

6. Resolved. That we correspond with sister associations by letter, and that the clerk prepare the letters of correspondance and mail them to each Association.

7. Resolved. That we see after our ministers and see that the deacon of each church call on his church to help her pastor so he can go and preach to them, for it is their duty to do so. Don't starve your preacher.

8. Resolved. That we adjourn till 2 o'clock p m.

Met at 2 o'clock p m. After praise by Moderator and prayer by Z P Melton proceeded to business.

1. Resolved. That we divide this association with Tennessee river, the river being the line between the two bodies—still being knit together in love. The east side of the river retaining the old name, and the young body take the name of Brown Creek Association.

2. Resolved. That we notice the order of the ministry charge coming in against brothers S H Nickels and E J Massey and G S Vandiver and B H Woods and John Burns.

The Association moved and voted to kill their credentials in their

bands and expel them and be no longer responsible for what they do.

3. Resolved. That the minutes show the amount of minute funds and also show what minutes cost.

4. Resolved. That we notice the claims of the churches and supply them with ministerial aid. Big Cypress, G W Mitchell and D. Grisham; West Point, K P. Kilburn; Mt. Zion Tenn. S C Austin, New Prospect, S C Austin. Shady Grove, J L Jinkins and J P Gray; Canaan, R P. Kilburn; Harmony, S C Austin, John Sharp; Brush Creek, Z P Melton; Piney Grove, S Scott; New Liberty, S Scott; Ebenezer, S C Austin and John S Long and I B Tackett; Spring Creek, Z P Melton and G W Mitchell; Beach Grove, S C Austin and W W Mangum; Pleasant Grove, S C Austin and John Sharp, Chapel Hill, John S Long; Mores Church, J L Lambert and R G Childers; Poplar Springs, S C Austin; Cross Roads, R G Childers; Stephens' Harbor, W T Rogers and W D Jones; Mt. Vinson, John Gray; Antioch, John S Long and J L Long and W J Vess; Mt. Zion Miss., J L Lambert and W T Rogers; Macadonia, Miss., W T Rogers and J L Long, Little Brown Creek, W T Rogers and R J Childers, Casey Creek, R J Childers and J L Lambert, Hopewell, W D Jones and J L Long and W J Vess; Oak Grove, J B Dowdy and Marion Smith; Bumpas Creek, W J Webb and S C Austin; Pleasant Hill, J B Dowdy and G W Mitchell; Macadonia, Ala., J B Dowdy, Mt. Olivet, W J Webb and Marion Smith.

Resolved. That we adjourn till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

Met Monday morning at 8 o'clock. After praise by W T Rogers and prayer by S Scott, proceeded to business.

1. Resolved. That we appoint a presbytery, consisting of brothers S Scott and Z P Melton and J L Long to examine brothers T H Skinner and L M White and J W Culver and M C Richards on their faith in the gospel and ordain them to the full work of the ministry.

2. Resolved. That we hold Tennessee river Association with Pleasant Grove church, Harden Co. Tennessee, two and a half miles south of Savannah, Tennessee, on Friday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1892.

3. Resolved. That we elect Moderators for the Tennessee River Association. S C Austin was elected Moderator and G W Mitchell his assistant.

4. Resolved. That the Brown Creek Association meet with Little Brown Creek church, Prentiss county Miss., on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1892, and the Moderators of the Tennessee River Association go and organize the Brown Creek Association at that time.

Finance Committee reported \$15.85 minute funds including \$1 that Mt. Olivet is to send to the clerk as vouched for by T B Hooten and L M White.

5. Resolved. That brother G W Mitchell preach the introductory sermon at the Tennessee River Association and Z P Melton his alternate.

6. Resolved. That Moderators and clerk for Brown Creek Association

brother W T Rogers Moderator, and John S Long assistant and J J Chambers clerk.

7. Resolved. That brother John S Long preach the introductory sermon at the Brown Creek Association and W T Rogers his alternate.

8. Resolved. That we instruct the clerk to get as many minutes printed as he can for the money on hand and distribute the same and if he gets minutes enough to supply the churches and any money left it is his money to put to his own use.

9. Resolved. That we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends around Antioch church for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them. They will live long in our memory, may heav'n's blessings encircle their pathway, as the prayer of this delegation forever.

The stand was filled, according to arrangement, Friday night by Z P. Meltin and John S Long, from St. John 19 chap. 30 verse. Saturday 11 o'clock by S Scott and M A Smith from 1st Cor. 2 chap. 25 verse. Saturday night by John S Long and J G Childers, from Daniel 6 chap. 16 ver. Sunday 11 o'clock by S C Austin from Matthew 28 chap. 19 and 20 ver. Sunday night by W T Rogers and John S Long, from Mark 10 chap. and 21 ver. Monday 11 o'clock S C Austin, from Jonah 2 chap. 9 ver.

P S—If you had moved for an adjournment I would have said so the minute.

John S Long, W. T. ROGERS, PATTON WILLIAMS, Moderators.

JOHN S. LONG Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Be it known that we, The Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being in the States of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, do believe in the doctrine of general Atonement; we have been baptised upon a profession of faith in Christ, and we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. We propose, therefore, to maintain the order and rules of our Association, according to the following plan:

We believe the Churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other; that a congregational form of Church government should be invariably preserved—yet, we being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse, and pious counsel on the principles of union advantage and Christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE 1.

This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE 11.

The letters so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively—that is, the number of members in fellowship; the members received, excluded, and dead, since last Association.

ARTICLE 111.

This body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the inter-

nal privileges or rights of the churches in our union; but shall only be considered an advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concerns of the churches.

ARTICLE IV.

The Association is to give the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between any of the churches, said Association shall inquire into the cause of the breach and use its best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be removed to withdraw from the churches, which they may look upon as unsound in principles, disorderly in conduct or practice, until they be reclaimed.

ARTICLE V.

To take up no case of any in the union without the consent of a majority of the churches, and then only to give advice.

ARTICLE VI.

All newly constituted churches may be received into the union by their representatives presenting a letter from their respective churches. If found to be orderly and orthodox such a reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand.

ARTICLE VII.

We believe that it is pointedly against the laws of Christ to make His Church a legislative body. We therefore refuse to correspond with other denominations in their legislative bodies.

ARTICLE VIII.

Forasmuch as the communion of the body and blood of Christ has become a matter of difficulty in many of the churches, we believe it to be free to all who can maintain a right by the authority of the word of God.

ARTICLE IX.

We believe in general resurrection of the dead, and a universal Judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ARTICLE X.

We believe that none but legally authorized administrators have a right to administer baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

ARTICLE XI.

We believe that none but true believers in Christ are fit subjects of baptism.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
S. Scott,	Whitenstand,	Wayne,	Tennessee.
John Gray,	"	"	"
Wat Kilburn,	Moonlight,	"	"
Roberson Kilburn,	Waynesborough,	"	"
E. J. Massey, expelled	"	"	"
J. M. Burns, expelled	"	"	"
Peter Wood, dead; at peace; at rest with God.	"	"	"
S. C. Austin,	Savannah,	Hardin	Tennessee.
John Sharp,	Walnut Grove,	"	"
John Winingham,	Pittsburg,	"	"
W. L. Hutchens,	Bu'cher,	Cook,	Texas.
W. C. Austin,	Savannah,	Hardin,	Tennessee.
S. C. Austin,	"	"	"
G. W. Vandiver,	"	"	"
J. L. Davis,	Pickwick,	"	"
I. B. Tacket,	"	"	"
Z. P. Melton,	Lawrenceburg,	Lawrence,	"
G. W. Mitchell,	Strathmore,	"	"
W. W. Mangum,	Nixon,	Hardin,	"
J. E. Jenkins,	Pittsburg,	"	"
J. P. Martin,	St. Joe,	"	"
G. S. Vandiver, expelled	"	"	"
J. B. Dowdy,	Gravelly Springs,	Lauderdale,	Alabama.
G. W. Randolph,	"	"	"
Marian Smith,	"	"	"
Paton Williams,	Weights,	"	"
B. H. Wood,	"	"	"
W. W. Murphy,	Gravelly Springs,	"	"
W. R. McVey,	Florence,	"	"
W. J. Webb,	Waterloo,	"	"
Daniel Waters,	"	"	"
T. H. Skinner,	"	"	"
John S. Long,	Iuka,	Tishomingo,	Mississippi.
T. M. White,	"	"	"
I. Roberson,	Boonville,	Prentis,	"
J. L. Lambert,	"	"	"
W. T. Rogers,	"	"	"
M. A. Richards,	"	"	"
S. H. Nichols, expelled	"	"	"
W. D. Jones,	Jacinto,	"	"
S. G. Culver,	Kendrick,	Alcorn,	"
Robert Childers,	Newport,	Prentis,	"
J. W. Culver,	Hurley,	Hardin,	Tennessee.
J. L. Long,	Jacinto,	Prentis,	Mississippi.
J. W. Vess,	"	"	"

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Ordained	Licensed	Deacons	Day of meeting	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Rec'd by confes	Excluded	Restored	Dis'd by letter	Withdrawn	Died	No. members	Contributions	
Big Cypress	S. Scott, Isaac Berry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	42	50	
West Point	No Intelligence															
Mt. Zion, Tenn.	No Intelligence															
New Prospect	W. D. McGee, T. A. Shephard	0	2	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	43	50	
Grassy Creek	No Intelligence															
Grassy Grove	Letter and to delegate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	
Canaan	No Intelligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Mt. Vinson	G. W. Gray	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	
Harmony	J. Winingham, O. Tilton, J. Culver	0	1	2	1	4	0	16	0	0	3	0	1	0	48	50
Brush Creek	Letter by Z. P. Melton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	25
Piny Grove	No Intelligence															
New Liberty	Letter by S. Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	50
Ebenezer	M. C. Parnell, C. M. Mayo	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	110
Spring Creek	Z. P. Melton, W. F. Anthony	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	25
Beach Grove	W. H. McCanless, J. sev Loyd	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50
Pleasant Grove	Austin, Stanford, Hutchins, Haslip	4	0	2	3	33	24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	100
Chaple Hill	Letter by John S. Long	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	15
More's Church	J. A. Moss, S. C. Richard	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	40
Poplar Springs	John S. Long, H. L. Smith	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	50
Cross Roads	No Intelligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	50
Stephens' Harb'r	Wm. McCage, E. King	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	75
Antioch	T. P. Johnson, Joe & D. Lambert	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	25
Mt. Zion, Miss.	W. D. Jones, Wm. Borden	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	57	50
Macedonia, Miss.	J. L. Long, C. P. Vandiford	0	2	2	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	100
Little Brown Crk	W. C. Denson, J. Holoway, J. Ha'com	0	0	0	6	3	10	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	62	100
Caisy Creek	No Intelligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	J. P. Vess, J. C. Cooksy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	40
Oak Grove	No delegate				0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	70
Bumpus Creek	No Intelligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Berry Sharp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia, Ala.	John Long, M. A. Smith, P. Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Olivet	L. M. White, T. H. Skinner, J. J. Tunes	2	2	0	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	T. B. Hooten	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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