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PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Tennessee River Association of the Freewill Baptist, convened with Poplar Springs Church, Tishomingo County, Mississippi; on Friday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1924, at 11:00 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. John Harris, John 14 chapter, 1 and 2 verses.

Friday. Afternoon Session

Friday Afternoon Session met, First had a song and prayer by Bro. Stockton, then proceeded to business.

Moved and carried to perpetuate the Union, found good.

First—To elect a Moderator and Clerk, resulted that R. A. Johnson, was elected Moderator, and Flaudie Scott, Clerk, J. W. Phillips, Assistant Moderator. Called for letters from various churches, received from following Churches:

Mt. Olivet—By letter and delegates, Bro. W. L. Mansell, J. W. Terrapin and John Lard.

Piney Grove—By letter and delegates, J. H. Gillis and Sister M. A. Southerland.

Scott's Chapel—By letter and delegates, L. F. Harper and R. T. Berry.

Poplar Springs—By letter and delegates, J. O. Cole, J. G. Honeycutt and Flaudie Scott.

Murphey's Chapel—By letter and delegates Mathew Bevis and H. W. Kelly.

Pleasant Grove—No intelligence.

New Prospect—By letter.

Gray's Chapel—By letter and delegates, W. J. Robertson, J. T. Leavelle and Sister Iva Robertson.

Second Creek—By letter and delegates, T. W. Shepherd and Sister M. J. Shepherd.

Bumpas Creek—By letter and delegates, W. H. Scott.

Union Chapel—By letter and delegates, D. P. Parish, D. F. Stockton and J. M. McKinney.

Panther Creek—By letter and delegate, G. P. Grimes.

Macedonia—By letter and delegate, Felix Parrish.

Oak Grove—No intelligence.

Terrace St. Chapel—Petitionary letter and delegates, A. H. Linsford, J. E. Brewer and A. R. Brewer.

The following Committees were appointed:

Devotional—J. G. Honeycutt, J. E. Phillips, J. W. Smith and J. M. Price.

Obituaries—L. F. Harper, J. W. Terrapin and J. O. Cole.

Education—Henry Scott, J. W. Shepherd and W. L. Mansell.

Temperance—M. A. Southerland, H. L. Smith, D. L. Stockton, Sister Iva Robertson and Sister M. Southerland.

Sabbath Schools—J. W. Phillips, R. T. Berry and L. L. Rogers.

General Business—G. B. Chelburn, J. T. Leavelle, W. J. Robertson, John Harris, H. M. Richardson and W. C. Jones.

Miscellaneous Business—H. W. Kelly, M. Bevis, J. H. Gilley and J. R. Lard.

Resolution of Thanks—G. M. McKinney, J. E. Brewer, A. H. Linsford and D. P. Parish.

Finance—J. W. Smith, W. L. Mansell and Flaudie Scott.

Motion carried that we adjourn to meet at 8:00 A. M. Saturday, Preaching at 8:00 P. M. by Rev. R. A. Johnson and H. M. Richardson.

Saturday Morning Session

Singing and reading of 23 Psalms by Rev. R. A. Johnson, Prayer by Bro. Gilley, after which proceeded to business, called for reports of committees:

General business—We your committee, recommend that we retain the form of our 1923 Minutes and the adoption of same. We also recommend Rev. J. Graham for our Evangelist for the ensuing year. We recommend each Minister make a written report of his work each year. We recommend each Pastor to call two deacons or two Ministers and ordain a deacon after examination and found worthy.

We recommend the Clerk to distribute the minutes to the various churches according to the amount paid in by each church.

We also recommend the following form of church letters:

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at.....
do hereby certify that Bro. or Sister.....
is a member in good standing with us up to date, and is hereby dismissed
by request. Report received and Committee discharged.

W. J. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Sunday School—We, your committee recommend that each church have an ever-green Sunday School. We also recommend that each church organize a prayer meeting. Report received and committee discharged.

L. L. ROGERS, Chairman.

Temperance—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

For careful consideration, whereas temperance is one of the things that is agitating the minds of our people, the time has come when all lovers of the Lord Christ Jesus should show their colors. Therefore, we, your committee, do most earnestly recommend that the Tennessee River Association stand as a unit for the enforcement of the temperance laws as they now stand on our minutes. Further, that our members use all in their power to suppress the sale of liquors of all kinds. Report received and committee discharged.

Education—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We urge our Ministers to obtain an education and that our churches assist them in their efforts, we recommend the Freewill Baptists Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina, as a suitable place for them to obtain their education. We recommend the Freewill Baptist as our church organ, we ask our Ministers to leave off reading corrupt literature. They should read the Bible and religious literature. Report received and committee discharged.

W. H. SCOTT, Chairman.

Miscellaneous Business—We recommend that each church collect association funds each year and place in the hands of the treasurer for the benefit of broken-down preachers or for any other expenses of the association. We also recommend that each church have one or more singing Schools each year. We also recommend that each church have three or more communion services each year and have the church covenant read each time. Report received and committee discharged.

J. R. Lard, Chairman.

Obituaries—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that the death angel has visited our body and taken 10 of our members from us for which we mourn our loss. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. Report received and committee discharged.

Resolution of Thanks—We return our heart-felt thanks to the good people of Poplar Springs and surrounding community for the kindness that they have shown us during our stay with them and we pray God's richest blessings on them thru this coming year. Report received and committee discharged.

Finance—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find there

has been \$30.35 received as Minute funds. Report received and committee discharged.

Motion carried that we adjourn for preaching at 11:00 A. M. The stand was filled by Rev. W. C. Jones and H. L. Smith.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Song and prayer by Bro. John Smith, was called to order by the Moderator and proceeded with the business. Called for the reports of Ministers:

W. C. Jones' Report—Sermons 41; Public Prayers 58, Exhortations 17, burial services 2, married couples 2, received in church 9, baptized 7, miles traveled 403, Received for service \$68.43.

L. M. Mansell's Report—Sermon 29, Prayers 35, visits to sick room 15, funeral services 2, miles traveled 230, pastoral visits 6, cash received \$13.90.

J. W. Phillip's Report—Sermons 40, miles traveled 822, burial services 2, received in church 5, baptized 1, married couple 1, cash received \$13.00, amount paid out \$17.90.

H. M. Richardson's Report—Sermons 18, Exhortations 18, burial services 4, married couples 5, visited sick 23, public prayers 95, miles traveled 470, received in church 6, baptized 4, amount cash received \$13.50.

R. A. Johnson's Report—Sermons 21, miles traveled 245, baptized 2, received in church 4, married 1 couple, cash received \$5.44, paid out \$2.10.

L. L. Rogers' Report—Sermons 39, public prayers 73, visited sick 6, married couple 1, exhortations 8, miles traveled 245, cash received \$1.40.

John Harris' Report—Sermons 37, public prayers 36, received in church 8, visited sick homes 4, baptized 8, married couples 4, miles traveled 98, money received \$10.00, traveling expenses \$3.00.

H. L. Smith's Report—Sermons 25, family prayer 108, public prayer 80, held prayer meeting 15, burial services 2, visited sick 24, received cash \$4.25, expenses \$7.48, miles traveled 470.

J. Graham's Report—Sermons 16, Received in church 4, miles traveled 308, cash received \$17.25; made one trip to Poplar Springs and 1 to Macedonia.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn our general business till the Presbytery meets. Presbytery meets at 3:30 o'clock proceedings of Presbytery as follows: The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator with ordained Ministers and deacons. The Ministers were examined as to their ministerial and christian standing and found good, all who were present and given cards for the ensuing year 1924-25. Also ordained Bro. W. Baggett to the full power of the gospel.

Moderator, H. L. Smith, Clerk, W. C. Jones.

After the Presbytery adjourned the association was called together again on General Business:

First—Election of an Evangelist, and resulted that Rev. J. Graham of Muscle Shoals was elected Evangelist. In the bounds of this Association for the ensuing year and have him to take up Freewill offering at each church and ask the churches to assist him in his work.

Next Scott's Chapel and Second Creek called for the next association and ballot was cast, resulting as follows: Scott's Chapel was chosen by a majority of the votes. on motion, we adjourned to meet at Scott's Chapel Church on Friday before 3rd Sunday in September, 1925.

The stand was filled by Rev John Harris and J. W. Phillips at 7:30 o'clock Preaching Sunday at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. W. Baggett and W. C. Jones.

Ministers and Their Addresses.

M. A. Smith—Waterloo, Ala.

W. C. Jones—Waterloo, Ala.

L. M. Mansell—Waterloo, Ala. R. 1.

H. M. Richardson,—Cloverdale, Ala., R. 2.

G. W. Mitchell—Florence Ala.

J. E. Hewitt,—Michie Tenn.

Walker Rich—Lutts, Tenn. R. 2.

R. A. Johnson—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 J. W. Phillips—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 H. L. Smith—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 George Hardin—Waterloo, Ala. R. 2.
 Evangelist J. Graham—Muscle Shoals, Ala. Box 174.
 John Harris—473 Magnolia St. Florence, Ala.
 W. C. Baggett—809 Terrace St. Florence, Ala.

Churches and Their Pastors

Mt. Olivet—J. W. Phillips, Iuka, Miss. R. 4.
 Piney Grove—Walker Rich—Lutts, Tenn., R. 2.
 Second Creek—W. C. Jones—Waterloo, Ala.
 Scott's Chapel—W. C. Jones—Waterloo, Ala.
 Bumpas Creek—J. W. Phillips—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 New Prospect—J. W. Phillips—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 Assistant—W. C. Jones, Waterloo, Ala.
 Macedonia—L. M. Mansell—Waterloo, Ala. R. 1.
 Poplar Springs—R. A. Johnson—Iuka, Miss., R. 4.
 Murphey's Chapel—H. M. Richardson—Cloverdale, Ala. R. 2.
 Union Chapel—J. W. Phillips—Iuka, Miss.,
 R. A. Johnson, Assistant.
 Grady's Chapel—J. Graham—Muscle Shoals, Ala. Box 174.
 Terrace St. Chapel—John Harris—437 Magnolia St. Florence, Ala.

Churches and Clerk's Address

Mt. Olivet—W. C. Jones—Waterloo, Ala.
 Piney Grove—J. F. Rich—Lutts, Tenn.
 Second Creek—Lee Shepherd—Waterloo, Ala.
 Scott's Chapel—Minnie Lawson
 Bumpas Creek—W. H. Scott—Waterloo, Ala.
 New Prospect—Mary Henson—Gillis Mills, Tenn.
 Panther Creek—J. P. Grimes—Waterloo, Ala., R. 1.
 Macedonia—Cora Sadler—Waterloo, Ala., R. 2.
 Poplar Springs—J. G. Honeycutt—Iuka, Miss.
 Murphey's Chapel—H. Kelly—Tuscumbia, Ala.
 Union Chapel—T. J. Fields—Counce, Tenn.
 Gray's Chapel—J. T. Leavelle—St Joseph, Tenn. R. 1
 Terrace St. Chapel—A. H. Lumsford—East Florence, Ala., Wilson Dam.

Form of Church Conferences

1. Call Churches to order.
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
4. Open the doors of the church.
5. Reading the minutes of previous meeting.
6. Is there any reference?
7. Call for new business.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at
 send greetings to the Ministers and Messengers composing the Tennessee
 River Association of the Freewill Baptists, when convened with.....
 Church. We send our beloved, to-wit:.....to sit with
 you in your deliberations and help to transact any legal business that may
 come before your Honorable Body. The statistics of our Church are as
 follows:

Received by experience.....; by letter.....; by confession.....
; by restoration.....; dismissed by letter.....; expelled
; dead.....; total membership.....; contributions...
 \$......; no. of students in Sabbath School.....; no. of classes in

Sabbath Schools.....

We have elected Elder.....to the pastoral care of our Church the ensuing year; No. of Deacons.....* No. of Ordained Ministers.....; No. of Licentitates.....; Church property \$..... Amount given Pastor \$.....; Amount given Evangelist \$..... Amount given Home Missions \$.....

Clerk's address.....; Moderator's address.....; meeting days.....; Pastor.....; Clerk.....

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholly conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold the Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, support of missions, the success of the Sabbath Schools and evangelistic efforts for salvation of souls and conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Duties of Pastors to Church and Church to Pastor

Resolved, that we condemn any of our Ministers setting a stipulated salary for services as pastors of churches, but as the church is and has authority and control over such matters. Be it resolved, that each church within the bounds of the Tennessee River Association be requested before calling a pastor to have their deacons or finance committee as the case may be, to ascertain how much is necessary to give him for the time he is called to serve and estimate how much it will be necessary for each member privately and ascertain if they are willing to pay their share; if any will not, let others increase their share or make up the amount by contribution from outsiders, then let the pastor be paid monthly or quarterly as may suit the church.

Resolved, that where a church complies with these resolutions and a minister refuses the call without a reasonable excuse, he be dealt with by the Presbytery. Be it further resolved, if a church fails to comply with resolutions that the Presbytery does not hold him duty bound to serve such church.

RULES OF ORDER

1st. The Association when met, shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

2nd. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall arise from

his seat and address the Moderator.

3rd. A person shall not be interrupted by anyone, except the Moderator, unless he is done speaking, nor shall the Moderator unless he break order.

4th. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any personal reflections on him who may have spoken before.

5th. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

6th. No member shall laugh or whisper in the time of public speech.

7th. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brothers.

8th. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

9th. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may think necessary.

10. No person shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

11th. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be removed by the Moderator according to the direction of the Association.

12th. The Association shall vote by ballot where the next Association shall be held until one Church gets a majority of votes cast.

CONSTITUTION

Be it known that we, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, being in the States of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, do believe in the doctrine of general atonement; we have been baptized on a profession in Christ, and we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union; we purpose to maintain the Order and Rules of our Association according to the following plan:

Article 1. 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 principles of union advantage and Christian love hold it a duty of the churches, to pay respect to principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

Article 2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who producing letters from respective churches certify their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 3. The letters so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively—that is the number of members in fellowship, the number received, excluded and died since last Association.

Article 4. This body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage or infringe on any of the internal 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 5. The Association is to give the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty. If the Union be broken between any of the churches said Association shall inquire into the cause of the breach and use its best endeavor to remove the difficulty, but if the breach can not be removed, to withdraw from the churches which they may look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in conduct or practice until they be reclaimed.

Article 6. To take up no case of any kind in the Union without the consent of a majority of the churches and then only to give advice.

Article 7. Any church may be admitted into the Association by letter and delegate, and if upon examination, it is found orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates thereof.

Article 8. The Association, when properly organized for business shall consist of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. And the duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the minds there-

on, to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which he shall have the deciding vote. And the duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

Article 9. No query shall be received by the Association from any church unless it shall have been acted upon in said church, and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up the same and act upon it.

Article 10. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to representation in this body of any number not exceeding three.

Article 11. Every motion and second shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Article 12. We agree to settle all our business by a majority of the members present.

Article 13. The Association shall have the power to sit as an advisory council, give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty, to inquire into the cause of churches neglecting to represent themselves in this Association, to appoint any member or members with their consent to transact any business they may judge necessary, to invite any visiting brethren in the ministry to a seat with the Association, to adjourn the Association at any place that may be deemed necessary, to exclude from his seat any member who will not conform to the rules of the decorum, and shall report his or her conduct to the church for which he or they were delegates.

Article 14. This constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote of any regular meeting if the proposed amendments shall have been presented at the last preceding regular meeting and approved by that body and published in the minutes with notice that it will be acted upon at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I. Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into the world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for him the second time, in the clouds of Heaven, at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead.—I. Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:8; I. John 2:2; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; John 3:16.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7-9; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4; 5:6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance, and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; I. Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him; but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord who bought them, because they believe not in the holy begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradictions that all men; at one time or other, are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God, they may be eternally saved.—Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I. John 5:10.

7. We believe that the whole Scriptures are infallably true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II. Tim. 3:6-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who represent and believe the Gospel Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 23:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and the Holy Ghost offer His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to his divine teaching; whereas such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness; denying the Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they, and such the apostles said because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil living and dying therein; for there is no respecter of persons with God.—Judge 1:4; II. Peter 2:1; II. Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own person are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for of such is the kingdom of God.—I. Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own work, power, or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ, believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the godly unto life; and the ungodly who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Luke 22:19-20; John 13:4-7; James 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Mat. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 3:38-39; Rom. 6:5; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28-29; II. Cor. 5:5-6.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal, and the torment of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 2:9.

RULES OF THE PRESBYTERY

Be it known that the ordained ministers of the Tennessee River Association, together with the deacons of the same, be elected by the Presbytery of this Association, all of whom are ex-officio members.

2nd. The object of the Presbytery is the mutual improvement of the ministry, their protection against hostile influences, and their purification by casting out unworthy members.

3rd. The Presbytery has exclusive jurisdiction and control over the official character and standing of all ordained and licensed preachers under its control.

4th. The Presbytery adopts a constitution, by-laws and regulations by a majority vote not inconsistent with Baptist principles and usages.

5th. When a church desires the license of a preacher or ordination of a minister it requests the Presbytery to examine the candidate and if it thinks proper, license or ordain him.

6th. Before license or ordination the candidate is examined as to the gifts, graces and usefulness, including his personal piety, his call to the ministry, his adoption and devotion to the work, his doctrinal sentiments and his general acceptance with the public.

7th. In ordination there is a presentation of the Bible, a prayer of consecration, a charge and a hand of fellowship given.

8th. A minister from another denomination, having been received by a local church and recommended by it, is examined in the same way, though with special care as to his doctrinal sentiments. But if he has been ordained by an evangelical church, his ordination is accepted as valid and a certificate given him to that effect.

9th. The Presbytery meets at Association and Fifth Sunday meetings or at such other times as its constitution may require.

10th. When a minister or preacher is accused of anything inconsistent with his official character, the charges are presented in full in writing to the Moderator who shall proceed at once to communicate them to the accused and cite him to trial before the Presbytery at a time designated, giving him ample time to prepare for trial and also notify all the members to meet at the same time and place.

11th. The decision of the Presbytery is to be accepted as final in all cases effecting official standing, but as to standing in the church, over that the church has full control.

12th. The removal of a church from one association to another, carries with it any minister belonging to it, provided such removal take place before any charges are made against him, otherwise he shall be tried by former Presbytery.

13th. The Presbytery shall examine every year into the moral, Christian and ministerial character of all its ministerial members. If the examination is not satisfactory, such certificate is withheld. A minister without a certificate is not to be considered in good standing. The Presbytery sits with closed doors unless it especially throws them open for some temporary purpose.

14th. Any resolutions that may have been passed heretofore that will conflict with this resolution is hereby declared null and void.

15th. Resolved that these resolutions be printed in our minutes.

Kathie Taylor Taylor

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

	No. of Deacons	Licentiates	Ordained Ministers	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Confession	By Restoration	Dis. by Letter	Expelled	Deceased	Total Members	No. of Classes in Sabbath School	No. of Students in Sabbath School	Church Property	Home Mission	Amt. Given Evangelist	Amt. Pd. Pastors	Contribution	Meeting Days
Mt. Olivet	4		2							1	92			\$ 500.00			\$ 4.05	\$ 2.35	1st Sunday
Piney Grove	3		1			1				2	80			375.00			45.72	4.00	
Second Creek	2		1		1	5					40	3		1000.00				3.00	
Scott's Chapel	3			2	1	19				1	102			500.00				4.50	
Bumpas Creek	1			1						1	26			500.00			8.60	1.15	2nd. Sunday.
New Prospect	3		1	2						1	21						10.65		
Panther Creek	1			1				1		2	40						7.65	1.60	4th Sunday
Macedonia	1		3							1	41			250.00			8.60	2.00	4th Sunday
Poplar Springs	4	1	3	1		5		1	1	1	117			1000.00		11.00		2.30	1st Sunday
Gary's Chapel	4		3		2					1	42			1200.00			18.00	3.25	1st Sunday
Murphey's Chapel	2		1		6				5	1	59	3	40	500.00			13.50	2.00	1st Sunday
Union Chapel	2		1		1	3					32			500.00				2.60	3rd Sunday
Terrace St. Chap.	2		1	8			10				18						1.60		1st and 3rd Sun.
Oak Grove	2																		
Pleasant Grove	2																		
TOTALS	32	1	17	15	4	39	10	2	6	11	710	6	40	\$6325.00		11.00	\$116.77	\$80.35	