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MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty Eighth Annual Meeting

OF THE

OLD REGULAR BAPTIST

MATE'S -- CREEK

ASSOCIATION

(Organized in 1849.)

HELD WITH THE

Sulphur Spring Church,

Buchanan County, Virginia.

Friday, September 5th, 1890.

MADON, MO.

MESSENGER OF PEACE

1890.

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder John Weddington. Habbakuk, ii. 11: "The stone shall cry out of the wall," etc.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled in the meeting house, and was brought to order by singing and prayer. Prayer by Elder M. L. Compton.

Then read the letters from the several churches and minuted the following table:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Sat. of Meeting	Received by Baptism	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Contribution
Louisa	J. M. Justice	2	3					302	75
Big Creek	B. Hatfield, J. M. May, D. May, M. P. May	3	4	2			2	81	4.00
Pond Creek	By letter only	2					2	23	85
Enon	Not represented	1						53	
Sardis	W. A. Farley, Lewis Cary	4	24	1	2			90	2.85
Brushy Fork	John McCay, G. Blackburn	1	4	1	2	2		53	2.30
Raccoon	J. W. Slone	4	1	1			3	19	3.60
Sulphur Sp'gs	J. Davis, A. H. Justice	1	11		1	1	1	78	3.00
Peter Creek	J. Dotson, J. May, H. S. Carter	4						22	3.60
Big Branch	By letter only	4	3				5	46	1.35
Philadelphia	Not represented	3						10	
Little Hope	W. J. May, W. A. Verney, H. May, R. T. Hackney	1	1					27	3.10
Cedar Fork	By letter only	2						21	1.00
Joppa	W. S. Weddington, G. M. Stepp	4						12	1.65

1st. Called for newly constituted churches. None responded.

2d. Corresponding letters called for and handed in as follows:

Washington, by the hands of M. L. Compton, B. W. Compton, W. B. Sutherland, M. Stone and W. Keen.

New Salem, by the hands of J. Hall and J. W. Hall.

Union, by the hands of M. Martin, D. Martin and W. Johnson.

Sand Lick, by the hands of S. C. Caudal and D. Sergeant. Brother Joshua Rasnick from the Three Forks of Powell's River, certified his appointment and was received.

All the above correspondents received the right hand of fellowship from the moderator and took seats with us.

3d. Transient ministers called for and responded to as follows: J. Williamson, J. Smith, J. Fredrick, J. Weddington, J. Childress and R. Martin, accepted.

4th. Corresponding letters were written as follows: Washington, to be held with Sulphur Springs church, Dickenson Co., Va., to commence Friday before the second Sabbath in Sep. 1890; Elders W. J. May, R. P. Hackney and J. W. Stone, delegates. New Salem, to be held with the Providence church, Knox county, Ky., to commence Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1890; no delegates. Union, to be held with Thornton church, Letcher county, Ky., to commence Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1890; Elder W. J. May and Brother R. T. Hackney, delegates. Sand Lick, to be held with the Indian-bottom church, Letcher county, Ky., to commence Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1890; Elders B. Hatfield, J. W. Smith, and Brothers J. McCoy and H. May, delegates. Three Forks of Powell's River, to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1891; Elders J. Williamson and J. W. Smith, delegates.

5th. A member of each church was appointed to arrange the preaching at the stand, who reported for Saturday: First, M. L. Compton; second, D. Martin; third, M. Martin; fourth, S. C. Caudal.

6th. Committee of arrangements were appointed as follows: J. Williamson, J. W. Smith, J. Weddington, W. S.

X prayer by S. C. Caudal, proceeded to business in the following order:

- 1st. Delegates names called.
- 2d. Committee of arrangements reported and were discharged.
- 3d. J. M. Justice and G. M. Stepp were appointed finance committee.
- 4th. Those appointed last year to attend Union meetings and Associations made their report. Those that failed were excused.

5th. Union meetings were appointed as follows:

Little Hope, to commence Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1891. Elders B. Hatfield, J. May and John Weddington attend.

Pond Creek, to commence Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1891. Elders J. M. Justice, J. M. Smith and J. Williamson attend.

Sardis, to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1891. Elders W. J. May, J. W. Smith attend.

Raccoon, to commence Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1891. Elders B. Hatfield, J. May and J. Williamson attend.

Big Creek, to commence Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1891. Elders J. M. Justice, J. Weddington, W. S. Weddington attend.

Brushy Fork, to commence Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1891. Elders B. Hatfield, J. Weddington, S. Weddington attend.

X 6th. Committee on ministry for Sabbath reported as follows: First, S. C. Caudal; second, W. B. Sutherland; third, D. Martin; fourth, J. Childress.

7th. Finance committee reported \$29.00.

8th. W. J. May is appointed to write a uniform copy of church letter to the Association, and annex to these minutes.

9th. W. J. May is appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes, 700 in number, and he is allowed \$6.00 for his services as clerk, treasurer and secretary.

10th. W. J. May is appointed to prepare a circular letter for the next year's minutes.

11th. Our next session is appointed with 4th

to people of this vicinity for their special kindness manifested during the Association, and also those kind brethren and friends on the way to and from the Association. May the Lord bless them, now and forever.

After prayer by Elder Jesse Childress, adjourned till the time and place of our next annual meeting.

W. J. MAY,
Clerk

B. HATFIELD,
Moderator

SABBATH MORNING

A large and well ordered congregation assembled at the stand. Elder S. C. Caudal opened the services, and preached from Acts vii. 37—"A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you," etc. W. B. Sutherland, from John xviii. 36—"My kingdom is not of this world." D. Martin, from Songs of Solomon ii. 11—"For lo, the winter is past," etc. J. Childress from John ii. 25—"I am the resurrection."

The brethren all preached "SALVATION BY GRACE." Amen. W. J. MAY, Clerk.

CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Old Regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ, called Little Hope church, Pike county, Ky., August session, 1891.
To the Messengers composing the Mate's Creek Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—We have appointed our brethren in the Lord, to-wit: W. J. May, P. D. Bevens and J. D. Riffe, to represent us in the Association, when convened with the Mate's Creek church, Pike county, Ky., Friday before the first of September, 1891.

Since our last annual meeting, we have received:

By experience and baptism.....	00
Received by letter.....	00
Dismissed by letter.....	00
Restored.....	00
Excluded.....	00
Deceased.....	00
TOTAL.....	00

W. J. MAY,
Clerk

W. J. MAY,
Moderator