

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Mates Creek Association

ORGANIZED IN 1849.

—OF—

Old Regular Baptists

—HELD WITH—

Samaria Church

Pike County, Kentucky.

—ON—

September 1, 2 and 3, 1899.

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Marceline, Mo.,  
MESSENGER OF PEACE,  
1899.

# MINUTES.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Prater, from Eph. ii 10—'For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus.'

The letters from the churches were then read and the following statistical table prepared:

| CHURCHES       | MESSENGERS' NAMES                                      | REC'D BY EX. AND HAV. | REC'D BY LETTER | RESPO'D BY LETTER | DISMISS'D BY LETTER | ENCLOS'D | UNRECOR'D | TOTAL NUMBER | AMOUNT OF RECEIVING | CONTRIBUTION |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Louis          | J. M. and A. Justice, J. W. Stone                      | 1                     |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | \$1.00              | \$1.00       |
| Big Creek      | James H. and M. B. May                                 |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 2.10                | 2.10         |
| Pond Creek     | A. Hatfield, J. D. Riffe, T. G. Farley                 |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 2.50                | 2.50         |
| Saxtle         | W. Spence, A. and P. Runyan, P. Monds                  |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 1.33                | 1.33         |
| Brushy Fork    | J. Williamson, J. McCoy, J. Keenan                     |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 1.14                | 1.14         |
| Raccoon        | J. B. Kany, D. A. Maynard, W. R. Collins, J. Blackburn |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 4            | 1.75                | 1.75         |
| Sulphur Spring | J. H. May, R. Coleman                                  |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 1.00                | 1.00         |
| Peter Creek    | J. May, R. Coleman, D. B. Smith                        | 4                     |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 4            | 2.65                | 2.65         |
| Little Hope    | W. J. May, R. T. Hackney, H. May, G. Ball              |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 2.25                | 2.25         |
| Cedar Fork     | J. B. Weddington, G. Chapman                           |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 2            | 1.50                | 1.50         |
| Jeppa          | W. S. Weddington, G. M. Stepp                          |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 2.65                | 2.65         |
| Cedar Grove    | I. Justice, J. H. Murphy, D. R. Meade, S. Adams        |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 1.00                | 1.00         |
| Feds Creek     | W. J. Prater, A. Hackney, J. H. Blair                  |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 2.25                | 2.25         |
| Little Zion    | H. W. Blair                                            |                       |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 1            | 1.00                | 1.00         |
| Samaris        | C. T. and J. P. Hatfield, W. Smith                     | 2                     |                 |                   |                     |          |           | 2            | 1.00                | 1.00         |

The Association then organized by choosing Elder A. Hatfield, Moderator, and W. J. May, Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary, and proceeded to business as follows:

1. Newly constituted churches called for. None responded.
2. Corresponding letters received as follows:

WASHINGTON—By the hand of T. Collinsy.

UNION—By the hand of Wm. Johnson.

ELKHORN—By the hand of M. H. Lester.

THREE FORKS—By the hands of W. Church and D. L. Kindrick.

SAND LICK—By the hands of J. M. Hall and P. Adkins.

NEW SALEM—Received none this year.

FISHER'S RIVER—Received none this year.

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

3. Visiting ministers received as follows: Elders B. Hatfield, M. L. Compton and Timothy Mullins.

4. Committee on preaching reported for Saturday, T. Mullins, first, M. L. Compton, second, J. M. Hall, third, B. Hatfield, fourth.

5. Corresponding letters were written as follows:

Washington, with the Slate Creek church, Buchanan Co., Va., to commence Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1899, Elders H. W. Blair, J. May and W. J. Prater, messengers.  
Union, with the Millstone church, Letcher Co., Ky., Friday before the third Saturday in Sept., 1899, Elder I. Justice, messenger.  
Three Forks, with the Indian Creek church, Wise Co., Va., Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1900, Elders J. W. Stone, A. Hatfield, W. J. May, B. Hatfield and J. B. Ramey, messengers.  
Sand Lick, with the Lots Creek church, Perry Co., Ky., Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1899, Elders C. Hatfield and R. T. Hackney, messengers.

Elkhorn, with the Bee Branch church, McDowell Co., W. Va., Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1899, Elders C. Hatfield, J. D. Riffe, W. Spence, Brethren H. W. May and T. Hatfield, messengers.

6. Committee on arrangements as follows: H. W. Blair, B. Hatfield, W. R. Collins, with the Moderator and Clerk, correspondents and visiting ministers were invited.

Then adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met according to adjournment; prayer by Elder W. Church.

1. Called the roll; all present.

2. Committee on arrangements reported and was discharged.

3. Rules of Decorum and Constitution read.

4. J. M. Justice and J. B. Ramy were appointed finance committee and reported \$23.64.

5. Last year's appointees reported satisfactorily.

6. Committee on preaching reported for Sunday, M. H. Lester, first, T. Grimsly, second, W. Church, third.

7. Union meetings were appointed as follows:

Little Hope, to commence Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1900, Elders B. Hatfield, J. B. Weddington and H. W. Blair attend.

Louisa, Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1900, Elders W. J. May, A. Hatfield and R. T. Hackney attend.

Raccoon, Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1900, Elders H. W. Blair, W. J. May and W. S. Weddington attend.

Peter Creek, Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1900, Elders W. J. Prater and J. D. Riffe attend.

Brushy Fork, Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1900, Elders H. W. Blair, W. S. Weddington and J. D. Riffe attend.

Sulphur Spring, Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1900, Elders H. W. Blair and R. T. Hackney attend.

Cedar Grove, Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1900, Elders H. W. Blair, C. Hatfield and R. T. Hackney attend.

Joppa, Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1900, Elders C. Hatfield, R. T. Hackney and J. D. Riffe attend.

Peds Creek, Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1900, Elders H. W. Blair, J. May and R. T. Hackney attend.

Sardis, Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1900, Elders D. A. Maynard, J. B. Weddington and W. J. Prater attend.

8. Corresponding letters read.

9. W. J. May appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes 600 in number, and distribute them among the churches, and he is allowed \$10.00 for his services as Clerk, Treasurer and Secretary.

10. Our next Association is appointed with the Big Creek church, Canada, Pike Co., Ky., to commence Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1900, and that Elder J. D. Riffe preach the introductory sermon, W. S. Weddington alternate.

11. This Association tenders its deep, heart-felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity, who for miles around

opened their doors and freely and wonderfully entertained the people. May the Lord continue his blessings upon them.

Then adjourned to the time and place of our next Association, with prayer by the Moderator.

A. HATFIELD, Moderator.

W. J. MAY, Clerk.

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## Sunday Services.

A large and well ordered congregation met at the stand, and after praise, prayer was offered by Elder M. L. Compton, M. H. Lester preached first from Ezek. xxxvii. 3—“Son of man, can these bones live?” Then T. Grimsby preached from Matt. xv. 24—“I am not sent but to the lost sheep,” etc. Then W. Church, from Rom. v. 5—“And hope maketh not ashamed,” etc. All the preaching during the session was salvation by grace—was indeed and in truth both God-honoring and soul-cheering.

W. J. MAY, Clerk.

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## Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called Mate's Creek District Old Regular Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted into the Union who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found, upon examination, to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 8. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

Art. 9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association; the best way or method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

Art. 12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they shall think proper, and send it by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the moneys thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association, shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him, and pay out of the same according to the directions of the Association.

Art. 13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

Art. 14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

Art. 15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: First, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; third, to give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; fourth, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; fifth, to appropriate the moneys, by the churches contributed for an Association fund, for any purpose they may think proper; sixth, to appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may see necessary; seventh, the Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union, which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; eighth, to admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association; ninth, the Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches in the Association.

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### Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any, except the Moderator, till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subjects, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without Liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times to one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have  
ing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering... time of a  
public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in  
any other term or appellation, but that the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, nor  
prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject,  
except he break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall  
be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Associa-  
tion may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of  
speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he  
shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided, in  
that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly violate any of these  
rules, shall be reprov'd by the Association as they may think  
proper.

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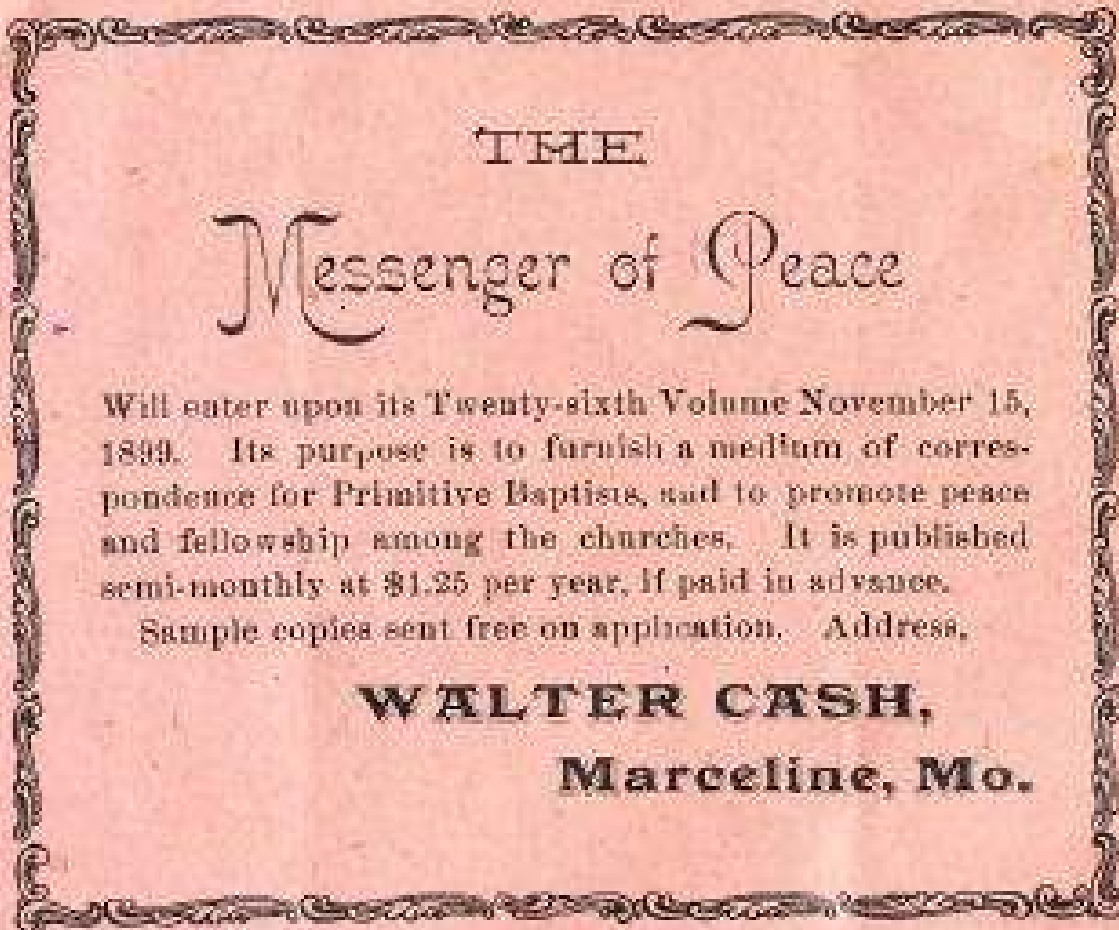
### Church Clerks

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Louisa—M. Stone.....             | Fishtrap, Ky. |
| Big Creek—T. J. Bevins.....      | Bentbranch, " |
| Pond Creek—W. A. Ketherford..... | Rauyon, "     |
| Sardis—William Spence.....       | Birch, W. Va. |
| Brushy Fork—Jas. Williamson..... | Jee, Ky.      |
| Raccoon—Joe Coleman.....         | Millard, "    |
| Sulphur Spring—J. H. May.....    | Paw Paw, "    |
| Peter Creek—W. Dotson.....       | Coleman, "    |
| Little Hope—W. J. May.....       | Pinsonfork, " |
| Cedar Fork—J. B. Weddington..... | Wartfield, "  |
| Jopps—J. M. Stepp.....           | Whitepost, "  |
| Cedar Grove—Isaac Justice.....   | Fishtrap, "   |
| Feds Creek—J. H. Blair.....      | Paw Paw, "    |
| Little Zion—H. W. Blair.....     | Cent Run, "   |
| Samacia—Cordel Hatfield.....     | Ransom, "     |



## Home Ministers.

|    |                 |                           |
|----|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1  | W. J. May       | Pinsonfork, Pike Co., Ky. |
| 2  | R. T. Hackney   | " " "                     |
| 3  | A. Hatfield     | Ransom, " " "             |
| 4  | J. D. Riffe     | " " "                     |
| 5  | W. L. Bolt      | Canada, " " "             |
| 6  | Cordel Hatfield | Ransom, " " "             |
| 7  | J. Williamson   | Joe, " " "                |
| 8  | W. R. Collins   | Zebulon, " " "            |
| 9  | M. Slone        | Fishtrap, " " "           |
| 10 | J. M. Justice   | " " "                     |
| 11 | W. J. Prater    | Paw Paw, " " "            |
| 12 | James May       | Hurley, Va.               |

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