

Minutes
OF THE
One Hundred Twelfth
Annual Session
OF THE
Original
Mates Creek
Primitive Baptist Association
OF JESUS CHRIST
HELD WITH
Big Creek Church

SIDNEY, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
BEGINNING AT 10 A. M., FRIDAY BEFORE
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

❖[1964]❖

Next session to be held with the Pontiac Primitive Baptist Church, Oakland County, Farmington, Michigan, and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1965 at 10 a.m., and that Elder Fonso Justice is to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder John I. Smith is to be his alternate.

OFFICERS

ELDER FONSO JUSTICE Moderator
BROTHER WILLIAM R. BLACKBURN Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE BIG CREEK CHURCH

FRIDAY MORNING—September 4, 1964

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Fonso Justice. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Ostil Smith, text "The Wisdom of God."

Delegates assembled in the church house and were called to order by the Moderator Elder Fonso Justice. Prayer by Elder Fonso Justice. Called for Church letters. Read and received. Moved and second to have the names of the delegates enrolled in the minutes.

Election of Officers: The Association then elected Elder Fonso Justice, Moderator. Brother William R. Blackburn, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BUSINESS

1. Newly constituted churches called for and received the Pontiac Church.

2. Moved and second that the Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum and Constitution be printed in the minutes.

3. The Moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.

4. The Moderator then asked who would visit the associations and asked for correspondence.

Washington Association: Agreed that Elder Ostil Smith, Eld. Monroe Justice, and Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Robert Mayhorn, Brother William R. Blackburn, Will V. Runyon, Arnold Childress, and Brother Lloyd Hoskins.

Fishers River: Elder Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, and Elder Ostil Smith.

Saint Clair Bottom: Elder Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, and Elder Ostil Smith.

Piney Grove: Elder Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, Robert Mayhorn, and Elder Ostil Smith.

Roaring River: Elder Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, and Brother Will V. Runyon.

5. Moved and second to send Minutes to the following Associations: Washington, Fishers River, Saint Clairs Bottom, Piney Grove, and Roaring River Associations.

A Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows:

Elder Robert Mayhorn, Monroe Justice, and Brother Lloyd Hoskins.

7. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows:
Broter Arnold F. Childress, Will V. Runyon, Ireland May.

8. Moved and second that the Association be adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, September 5, 1964.

After our work being ended, then visitors from the Washington Association came forth and held their own services for us. Elder Henry Viers introduced the service. 1. Elder Franklin Viers; 2. Elder M. K. Cook. 3. Elder M. M. Edwards.

EVENING MEETINGS AND THEIR APPOINTEES

Friday Evening—At the home of Deacon Daniel May:

Elders Monroe Justice, Robert Mayhorn.

Saturday Evening at the home of Brother Grover Blackburn:

Elders Monroe Justice, Robert Mayhorn, and Ostil Smith.

Preachers arranged on the stand for Sunday as follows:

Elders Ostil Smith, Monroe Justice, Robert Mayhorn. and Fonso Justice.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 5, 1964.

9. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Elder Robert Mayhorn.

10. Roll called and absentees marked.

11. Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

1. We, the Committee on Arrangements beg leave to submit the following report: We deem it necessary to inform to whom it may concern, we wish to ask the Association to advise its churches against seating or preaching men advocating that the flesh is born again. But rather contend for the doctrine that it is the spirit of man born of God's Spirit.

2. And we also wish to ask the Association to admonish its churches against seating or preaching radio preachers, and their followers and men of ecclesiastical powers.

3. We also wish to contend for the rules and practice of the original Mates Creek Association.

Signed:

Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Monroe Justice, Elder Robert Mayhorn, Elder Ostil Smith, Brother Bobby Blackburn, Bro. Lloyd Hoskins.

12. Moved and second to receive the work of the Committee and to discharge them.

13. Finance Committee reported \$90.00. Moved and second

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to receive the report and to discharge the Committee.

14. Union Meetings and their appointees:

Big Creek Church meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1965, and that Elder Robert Mayhorn, Monroe Justice, Fonso Justice, James Whittingen, James R. Wilson, John I. Smith, are to attend.

Raccoon Church meets Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1, 1965. Elder James R. Wilson, James Whittingen, Ostil Smith, John I. Smith, Fonso Justice, and Monroe Justice are to attend.

Little Hope Church meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1965, and that Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Robert Mayhorn, Elder John I. Smith, Ostil Smith, Monroe Justice, James R. Wilson, James Whittingen are to attend.

Pontiac Church meets Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1964, and that Elder Fonso Justice, Monroe Justice, Ostil Smith are to attend.

15. Circular letter called for, read and received and to be printed in the Minutes, and that Elder Robert Mayhorn is to write the next.

16. The Finance Committee was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	None
Amount received from churches	\$ 90.00
Amount paid out: Paid to Clerk	\$ 10.00
Paid for printing of the Minutes	50.00
Balance left on hand	30.00

17. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Pontiac Church, Oakland County, Farmington, Michigan, and to begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1965, and that Elder Fonso Justice is to preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder John I. Smith is to be his alternate.

Resolved that we give thanks to God for His sweet and tender mercies and we also wish to thank all of the brethren and sisters and many kind friends for the splendid way they took care of the Association.

Minutes read and approved. Closed by prayer by Elder John I. Smith, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed By:

FONSO JUSTICE, Moderator

WILLIAM BLACKBURN, Clerk

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder Fonso Justice, Sidney, Ky.
Elder Ostil Smith, Canada, Ky. Phone. 353-7887, Stone, Ky.
Elder Monroe Justice, Canada, Ky. Phone: 353-7326, Stone, Ky.
Elder Robert Mayhorn, 700 Maple Rd., Fenton Mich.
Elder James R. Wilson, 7001 War Rd., Newport, Mich.
Elder James Whittington, 734 Elmwood Dr., Fenton, Mich.
Elder Stearling Miracle, 13458 Longtin St., South Gate, Mich.
Elder Robert Atkins.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Big Creek—Elders Ostil Smith, Brother Daniel May, Danny May,
Joe Church, Grover Blackburn, Jr., John Hatfield, Tilden Chapman.
Raccoon Church—Brother Willis Collins, Morgan Coleman, Ireland
May, Elder Monroe Justice.
Little Hope Church—Brother Grover Blackburn, Will V. Runyon,
William R. Blackburn, Dewey Dotson.
Pontiac Church—Elder Robert Mayhorn, Brother Arnold R. Chil-
dress, Brother Lloyd Hoskins.

CHURCH NAMES, ADDRESSES OF MODERATORS

Big Creek—Elder Ostil Smith, Moderator; time of communion
meetings: third Saturday in June.
Raccoon Church—Elder Monroe Justice, Moderator; time of com-
munion meetings: fourth Saturday in June.
Little Hope—Elder Fonso Justice, Moderator; time of communion:
first Saturday in July.
Pontiac—Elder Robert Mayhorn and James R. Wilson, joint Mod-
erators; time of communion: second Saturday in October.

CLERK'S NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Little Hope—Dewey Dotson, Pinson Fork, Ky.
Big Creek—Elder Ostil Smith, Canada, Ky.
Raccoon—Willis Collins, Raccoon, Ky.
Pontiac—Arnold F. Childress, 359 Massoit St. Clawson, Mich. Ph.
588-8079.
Lloyd Hoskins, Ass't Clerk, 21049 Whitlock St., Farmington, Mich.
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CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren:—

According to appointment made by my brethren, it is my duty to
address you in the form of a Circular Letter. I pray God that He
will direct my mind to write something that will be to your approval
and to God's glory. I feel bound by the Spirit of God, our Savior,
to write about the practice and order that all of Old Baptists should
follow and the doctrine as well.

I joined the Old Primitive Baptist Church fourteen years ago. At
that time there was love, peace, and great joy. I found what I
believed to be the true people of God and was sound in the doctrine
and practice. They were very strict who they preached with and
they ket good order in their churches. I would like to see those
times again that we Old Baptists could be identified as Primitive
Baptists standing for the doctrine and practice of Jesus and the
apostles. If we follow the world and its pleasures, after men who
try to price the gospel of God our Savior, then brethren, we are not
following the Lord.

Paul, in 1 Cor. 11:1: "Be ye followers of Me even as I am also of

Christ." Brethren, that is as far as we should follow men, when
they cease to follow Christ, we should cease to follow them.

1 Cor. 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever
ye do, do all to the glory of God."

For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body
and in your spirit which are God's. Brethren, I pray God that our
minds and our hearts will be after the things of God, and not after
the things of the world. Paul's letter to 2 Timothy 3:12: "Yea, and
all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
Brethren, I feel that we have been persecuted on every side. They
persecuted Christ when He was here in the world, they will also per-
secute us for His name's sake.

Written by your brother in hope of eternal life, which God that
cannot lie promised before the world began. —Elder Monroe Justice

CHURCH STATISTICS

BIG CREEK CHURCH

Our standing is as follows:

Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter, none;
restored to fellowship, 1; deceased none; excluded, none; total num-
ber in fellowship, 14; received by relationship 7; ordained Elders 2;
licentiates, none; Saturday time of meetings 3rd; month of communion
June; contribution to the Association \$20.00; dismissed by letter none.

RACCOON CHURCH

Our standing is as follows:

Received by experience and baptism, none; received by letter, none;
restored to fellowship, none; received by relationship 5; deceased, 1;
total number in fellowship, 15; ordained Elders, 2; licentiates, none;
Saturday time of meetings 4th; month of communion June; contri-
bution to the Association \$20.00, dismissed by letter, none.

LITTLE HOPE CHURCH

Our standing is as follows:

Received by experience and baptism, none; received by letter, none;
restored to fellowship, none; received by relationship, 2; deceased,
none; excluded, none; total number in fellowship 8; ordained Elders
none; licentiates none; Saturday time of meetings 2nd; month of
communion, Jul; contribution to the Association, \$20.00; dismissed
by letter none.

PONTIAC CHURCH

Our standing is as follows:

Received by experience and baptism, 3; received by letter none;
restored to fellowship, none; received by relationship, none; deceased,
none; excluded, 6; total number in fellowship 36; ordained Elders, 5;
licentiates, none; Saturday time of meetings 2nd; month of com-
munion, 2nd Oct.; contribution to the Association \$30.00; dismissed
by letter, none.

OBITUARIES

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our
beloved brother and deacon, Roosevelt Coleman. Brother Roe was
58 years, 9 months, and 4 days old when he deceased this life. Bro.
Roe leaves his wife and 11 children and 3 preceded him in death.

Brother Roe was a member and deacon of the Raccoon Primitive
Baptist Church for many years, Brother Roe was always willing

to help the church in any way and any time that he was called upon to do so. Brother Roe loved the church and the old time doctrine, practice, and order of God's house. Brother Roe was faithful in all of his duties. He was loved by all who knew him. He always greeted the brethren with a warm handshake and a smile.

Brother Roe leaves his loving wife, and children and a host of relatives, and a great, great host of friends and loved ones to mourn our loss. But we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by one who loved him, Elder Fonso Justice.

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George Washington Smith, 63, of Sidney, Ky., died Monday at 2:50 a. m., at the Williamson Memorial Hospital, following a long illness. He was born on August 11, 1901 at Canada, Ky., the son of Joe B., and Polly Blackburn Smith who preceded him in death. He is survived by one son, Tom Smith, of Gainesville, Fla., one sister, Mrs. Clarence Bogar, one brother, T. J. Smith, of Shelby Gap, Ky., two grandchildren and 16 nieces and nephews.

G. W. served as Kentucky Highway Maintenance Foreman for several years. He worked in his father's stores, previous to his connection with the Highway Department.

Two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death, viz: Octavia, Ona, Floyd, and Taulbee Smith. G. W. was afflicted for some time. He bore it with great integrity and never complained about his afflictions. He became very humble before he died. G. W. proved that he loved the church and the church people. Many times we talked with him about the goodness and mercy of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He loved the old time doctrine and practice of the Old Baptists.

On Friday, September 4, 1964, he told his brother-in-law, Clarence Bogar, that he had a better home in the great beyond. We visited him in the Williamson Memorial Hospital Sunday evening, September 6, 1964. He was glad to see us and asked us to hold prayer for him. We bowed at his bedside and tried to pray. When we arose, he embraced us in his arms very closely and told us that he loved the church with all his heart.

I think G. W. realized that his sickness was unto death some time ago. He always greeted the brethren with a warm handshake, with great kindness and respect for the brethren. G. W. was good to help the church with its financial problems. He was loved by all who knew him.

He leaves one son, two grandchildren, and a great host of relatives and a great, great host of friends, and loved ones to mourn our loss. We feel that our loss is G. W.'s eternal gain. There could be a great large book written about G. W.

Written by one who loved him, Elder Fonso Justice.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

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 seats.

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

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

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

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

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, 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.

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

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

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.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

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 think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies 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 monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

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

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.

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

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) 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. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that he is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional

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election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fulness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

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 until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect of the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege 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 wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.