

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**Ninety-Seventh Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**Mates Creek District**  
**Primitive Baptist Association**

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Held with the Big Creek Church  
Canada, Pike County, Kentucky  
September 2, 3, 4, 1949  
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**OFFICERS**

Elder W. H. Thacker . . . . .	Moderator
Elder A. P. Justice . . . . .	Assistant Moderator
Brother Stearl Hatfield . . . . .	Clerk
Brother C. J. Mickey . . . . .	Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

# Mates Creek District Association

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1949

The Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder Wallace Chapman.

The inductory was preached by Elder Dan Adkins; text, St. John 1:4 "In Him was life and the life was the light of men."

Ministers left on the stand for Friday: First, Elder L. D. Hatcher, of the Indian Creek Association. Second, Elder W. N. Tripplett, of the Sand Creek Association. Third, Elder M. M. Edwards, of the Washington Association. Fourth, Elder Sammy Newson, of the Union Association.

Messengers assembled in the Big Creek Church House, and were called to order by the moderator; prayer by Elder G. B. Sutherland, of the Washington Association.

Letters from the several Churches were read, from which the following table was prepared:

Louise Church, Elders W. H. Thacker, A. P. Justice, W. E. Thacker, M. C. Slone, Dan Adkins, Lonnie Warrix, Brethren G. A. Collins, Jeff Thacker and Bradley Warrix.

Pond Creek Church, Elder Frank Wheeler, Brethren, W. J. Hatfield, C. J. Mickey, Willard Blackburn, Hi Williamson and Anderson Farley.

Big Creek Church, Elders Joe Thacker, Eligah May, Brethren Lewis Elswick, Joe Stanlye, Paris Blackburn and M. B. Blackburn.

Raccoon Church, Elder M. C. Slone, Brethren Joe Morris, Roosevelt Coleman, Tom Collins, George McCoy and Sam McCoy.

Sulphur Spring Church, Elders J. H. Blackburn, A. J. Blackburn, Brethren S. K. Smith, Ira Simpkins, Joe Conn, and Scott Smith.

Peter Creek Church, Elder Anderson Casey, Brethren Anderson Dotson, Buddy Dotson, Phillip Dotson, L. C. Chapman, and Roland Dotson.

Little Hope Church, Brethren J. M. Blackburn, Dewey Dotson, Lee Stilenner, Willie L. Williamson, Ballard Ball, and Lundy Charles.

Joppa Church, Elder John Fuller, Sisters Tinnie McCoy, Amy Roberts, and Brother Tom Jude.

Grapevine Church, Elder J. W. Slone, Brethren Orville Justice, Hillard Justice, Stewart Justice and Arthur Williams.

Samaria Church, Elders Teddy Bally, Kitt Ratliff, Brethren Elias Hatfield, Willie Hatfield, Stearl Hatfield, Bob Dotson, Jim Varney, and C. C. Dotson.

Little Union Church, Brethren John L. Miller, James H. Fuller, and W. M. Miller.

Johns Creek Church, Elder Paris Coleman, Brethren Ira Smith, Elcaney Smith, Harvey Coleman, and Ralph Coleman.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Association then elected Elder W. H. Thacker, Moderator, Elder A. P. Justice, Assistant Moderator; Brother Stearl Hatfield, Clerk, Brother C. J. Mickey, Assistant Clerk.



## PROCEEDING OF BUSINESS

1. Newly constituted Churches called for. None reported.
2. Abstracts of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution read and to be printed in the minutes.
3. Correspondence from sister associations received and seated as follows:

Washington Association—Elders E. S. Stevens, Harmon Kiser, Hardley Edwards, and G. B. Sutherland.

Indian Creek Association—Elders Lowell Lilly and A. L. Neely.

Union Association—Elder Sam Newson with letter and minutes.

Visitors from Sister Associations were received and seated as follows:

Washington Association—Brother John Deel and wife, Brother Adrion May and wife, Brother Stafford Rasnick, Brother Bird A. Deel and wife, Sisters Genoa Anderson and Ellen Breeding, Elders A. R. Singleton, M. C. Miller, M. M. Edwards, Brother Frank Owens and wife.

Indian Creek Association—Brother Leonard Mann and wife, Brother Lawrence Ellison, Elder Darrell Hatcher, Brother M. L. Kennedy and wife, Sister Minnie Kennedy, Brother Henry Mann and wife.

London Primitive Baptist Church—(Visitor) Elder B. E. Dotson.

Mates Creek Association visiting elders seated as follows: Elders Wallace Chapman, W. N. Smith, George Hunt, and Joe Slone, Jr.

4. The Moderator is to make all temporary arrangements.
5. A messenger from each church, together with all the messengers from the Big Creek Church, were appointed to arrange for the Preaching at the stand.

They reported for Saturday: First, Elder A. L. Neely; second, Elder G. B. Sutherland; third, Elder E. S. Stevens; fourth, Elder Haddley Edwards. They preached in the order of their names.

6. Messengers agreed to visit Sister Associations as follows:

Washington Association: Elders J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Paris Coleman, M. C. Slone, and W. N. Smith.

Indian Creek Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, A. P. Justice, Dan Adkins, Teddy Ball, and Paris Coleman.

Union Association: Elders Frank Wheeler, Paris Coleman, M. C. Slone, and W. E. Thacker.

7. Committee on Arrangement was appointed as follows:

Brethren Teddy Ball, W. J. Hatfield, and Anderson Farley.

8. Committee on Finance was appointed as follows:

Brethren Joe Morris, Elias Hatfield, and Bradley Warrix.

9. Moved and seconded that the Association be adjourned until 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

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## SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1949

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder Harmon Kiser, of the Washington Association.

1. Roll called and abstentees marked.
2. Committee on Arrangement reported, and were discharged.



(A). Committee reported their work as follows:

We recommend to the Association that the name on our minutes be changed to read as follows:

The Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

(B). We recommend that item no. 8, in our Articles of Faith, be changed to read as follows:

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.

The work of the committee was accepted by a move and second.

3. Finance Committee reported \$135.37, and were discharged.

4. Messengers appointed last year to visit sister associations reported, and those unable to fill their appointments were excused.

5. Committee on Preaching for Sunday reported as follows: First, Elder B. E. Dotson; second, Elder A. R. Singleton; third, Elder Lowell Lilly.

6. Union Meeting and their appointees as follows:

Louisa Church, meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Teddy Ball, J. H. Blackburn, A. J. Blackburn, Paris Coleman, Wallace Coleman, Joe Thacker and Frank Wheeler to attend.

Pond Creek Church, meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1950. Elders Teddy Ball, Joe Thacker, A. J. Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Paris Coleman, and Wallace Chapman to attend.

Big Creek Church, meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Joe Slone Jr., Dan Adkins, Teddy Ball, W. H. Tacker, and Paris Coleman to attend.

Raccoon Church, meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Teddy Ball, Dan Adkins, Wallace Chapman, and J. H. Blackburn to attend.

Sulphur Springs Church, meets Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Kit Ratcliff, Dan Adkins, Joe Slone Jr., and A. P. Justice to attend.

Peter Creek Church, meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1950. Elders A. P. Justice, Dan Adkins, Frank Wheeler, Paris Coleman, Wallace Chapman to attend.

Little Hope Church, No union meeting.

Joppa Church, meets the first Saturday in June, 1950. Elders Frank Wheeler, John Fuller, Kit Ratcliff, and Wallace Chapman to attend.

Grapevine Church, meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1950. Elders J. H. Blackburn, Wallace Chapman, Teddy Ball, and John Fuller to attend.

Samaria Church, meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1950. Elders W. H. Thacker, A. P. Justice, A. J. Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Paris Coleman, and Frank Wheeler to attend.

Little Union Church, No union meeting.



Johns Creek Church, meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1950. Elders A. J. Blackburn, J. H. Blackburn, Dan Adkins, Teddy Ball, and Frank Wheeler to attend.

7. Secretary reports all work up and cash left on hand \$137.86.

8. Circular Letter called for; read; received and to be printed in the minutes; Elder W. H. Tracker to prepare the next.

9. Agreed that we have 1200 minutes printed, and annex our Constitution, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the obituaries of Brother G. M. (George Mont) Collins and Sister Hester Maynard Collins, Sister Mary May, Elder George H. Coleman, Elder Andy Ball, and Sister Nancy Dotson.

10. Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

11. The finance was disposed of as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year	\$ 2.49
Amount received from the churches	135.37
Total Cash on hand	\$137.86
Allowed for the printing of the minutes	\$ 90.00
Allowed the Clerk for his services	10.00
Donated to Big Creek Church	37.86
Total	\$137.86
Balance left on hand	None

12. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Little Hope Church, at Pinsonfolk, Pike County, Ky., and to begin Friday before the First Sunday in September, 1950, and that Elder Wallace Chapman is to preach the Introductory Sermon; and that Elder Frank Wheeler be his alternate.

The Washington Association meets with the Concord Church, at Honaker, Russell County, Va., and will begin Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1950. Go by Grundy, Va., and up Gordon Creek and across the Hill to Honaker, Va.

The Indian Creek Association will be held at the Pilgrim's Rest Church, at Frankfort, Greenbrier County, W. Va., and will begin on Friday before the last Sunday in August, 1950. Go to Princeton, W. Va., and take Route 219 on to Frankfort.

Minutes read and approved. Closed by prayer by Elder Sammy Newsom, of the Union Association.

Signed by: W. H. THACKER, Moderator.  
A. P. JUSTICE, Assistant Moderator,

STEARL HATFIELD, Clerk.

C. J. MICKEY, Assistant Clerk.

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SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1949

Singing and prayer by Elder E. S. Stevens, of the Washington Association.

Elders on the stand: First, Elder B. E. Dotson, of the London Primitive Baptist Church; text, Romans 1:7: "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints," etc.



Second, Elder A. R. Singleton, of the Washington Association; text, St. John 3:6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Third, Elder Lowell Lilly, of the Indian Creek Association; text, St. John 17: 1, 2: "These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to Heaven," etc.

The preaching was the true doctrine of Old Baptists: Salvation by grace and grace alone.

Closed by our beloved Moderator.

The Clerk.

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### CIRCULAR LETTER

My Dear Precious Brethren and Sisters:

According to the request of the Association last year, it falls to my unworthy feeling to write a Circular Letter to you this year.

I will call your attention to the first chapter of Matthew. This was the first Scripture to come to my mind. It says the Angel from Heaven appeared to Joseph in a dream, and told him that Mary would have a son, and that he shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Dear Brethren, do not try to save as the world says, but to save, to do what was purposed in wisdom before this old earth existed. Before the world existed the Father of glory loved His bride that was contaminated in sin, and in their Adamic standing in this world was lost, but God sent the Saviour Jesus Christ into the world to redeem the bride from her fallen state. What it takes to compose that bride is people that have been baptized by the Spirit of God. You know the Book says: By one spirit are we all baptized into one body my dear brethren, this is not a chance doctrine. It is a sure thing. All the elect or chose, or church, which is the bride of His body, is sure to be baptized by that Spirit.

I want to say that the man that God formed from the dust of the ground, was the one that transgressed His law and fell, and that it was the man that was lost. Jesus came into this world and paid all that it took to satisfy the law; and paid the full redemption price for them: When it pleases Jesus to appear in a dead sinner's life and let him know that He (Jesus) has paid all he owed, then he realizes that Jesus set him free. That man or woman feels that they want to serve Him all the days of their lives.

And now brethren, the people that Jesus came into this world to save have to die. Their body goes back to the dust. When Jesus comes in the cloud of His glory, these people, the church, the bride is going to come out of their graves, which is a hole in the ground where we bury our loved ones, and if any man denies this, he is the one that is not standing for the doctrine of Christ and the Apostles.

You know Paul said that if he just had "hope in this life only, he would be of all men most miserable." But Paul was in hope of eternal life which God promised to the chosen, the church, the bride before the world began. It is sure and cannot fail! My dear brethren, I do hope and pray that love and fellowship may abide with our good brethren. I have told you the truth. I do hope that all the preachers in our Association will stand for these prin-



ciples. For, they are taught in the Lord's Book, and in my experience. Now Brethren, I do not want any one to mistake what I have written, and say that I believe people coming out of the ground natural-but they go down natural and come out spiritual. They go down mortal and come up immortal, just like the glorious body of the Son of God. And that is good enough for us all! Brethren, this is my hope. When you feel like praying for yourself, remember me and my little family in your prayers.

So brethren, if you want to live in peace, just pray to God to let you esteem your brethren better than yourself. When you can kneel down at your brother's feet, you are sure not to give any trouble. I felt eighteen years ago the least one among Old Baptists. I want to say tonight that if I am a child of the flock. May the Lord bless the Old Baptists to live more for one another than ever before. If we will strive to live for one another instead of just living for ourselves, you will find out that there will be more peace among the Old Baptists.

So brethren, excuse all my mistakes—for I am full of them. My heart's desire is that love and peace may abound in all of our hearts.—Written by.  
TEDDY BALL.

Ransom, Ky.

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## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

### ELDERS

A. J. Blackburn, Ira, Va.  
Paris Coleman, Coleman, Ky.  
W. N. Smith, Coleman, Ky.  
A. P. Justice, Millard, Ky.  
Wallace Chapman, Belfry, Ky.  
Kit Ratcliff, Ransom, Ky.  
Joe Thacker, Canada, Ky.  
Lonnie Warrix, Fishtrap, Ky.  
Andreson Casey, Coleman, Ky.  
Joe Slone, Jr., Fishtrap, Ky.  
W. E. Thacker, Millard, Ky.

W. H. Thacker, McAndrews, Ky.  
Teddy R. Ball, Ransom, Ky.  
J. W. Slone, Fishtrap, Ky.  
J. H. Blackburn, Ira, Va.  
Frank Wheeler, Stone, Ky.  
Dan Adkins, McAndrews, Ky.  
John Fuller, Canada, Ky.  
Charlie Holsinger, Mossy Bottom, Ky.  
George Hunt, Hardy, Ky.  
W. H. Prater, Steel, Ky.  
M. C. Slone, Fishtrap, Ky.

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### LICENTIATE

Ostil Smith, Canada, Ky.

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### OBITUARIES

#### ELDER GEORGE H. COLEMAN

Elder George H. Coleman was born June 30, 1880; died February 17, 1948; making his stay here on earth 67 years, 7 months and 18 days. He was married to Florence Dotson in the year 1901. To this union was born fourteen children—five girls and nine boys; three of whom preceded him to the



grave. He leaves his wife, four girls, seven boys, and a host of grandchildren and friends to mourn their loss, but we feel their loss is his eternal gain.

Brother Coleman united with the Baptist Church around 38 years, and has been a minister around 33 years. He always filled his seat at church when able to go. He lived a faithful minister until death. While on his sick bed, he had the elders to come and preach Christ to him. A short time before his death, he called his wife and children to his bed and told them all not to worry about him, that he would soon be at rest. He also sang the hymn: "A Home in Heaven," and told them all he saw angels around his sick bed.

He is greatly missed at home and at church. The church, no doubt, has lost a loving brother; the children, a kind and loving father; and the wife a good husband. His spirit is gone back to God who gave it, until the resurrection.

Ministers who attended the funeral were: Teddie Ball, Paris Coleman, and Noah Smith—Written by his daughter, Mae Dell Stump.

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#### NANCY DOTSON

Nancy Dotson was born February 27, 1868, daughter of Daniel and Sallie Coleman. Died, July 23, 1948; making her stay here 80 years, 4 months, 26 days. She married George F. Dotson, who preceded her in death. To this union were born fifteen children—seven boys and eight girls; nine of them preceded her in death, three boys and six girls; leaving the following (four boys and two girls): Buddy, Andy, Frank and Adrian Dotson, Vadie Scott, and Mary Griffith to mourn their loss. She joined the Primitive Baptist Church in 1897, and lived a faithful member until she died. She will be missed by the church, and all who knew her. Her seat in the church can never be filled. We hope our loss is her eternal gain.—Written by her sons, Andy and Buddie Dotson.

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#### SISTER MARY MAY

It is with a sad heart I try to write an obituary of our beloved Sister Mary May. She was born April 23, 1870; married to Mose B. May, July 4, 1884; to this union were born three boys and five girls. One boy and one girl preceded her in death, leaving two boys, four girls, husband, and a host of friends to mourn. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in August, 1889, and lived a faithful member until God called her spirit Home. We feel that her fruits that she bore here did manifest that Christ died that she might live with Him beyond this world of trouble. She departed this life January 11, 1949; making her stay on earth 78 years 8 months 11 days. We feel sure our loss was her gain—Written by, Elder J. H. Blackburn.

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#### ELDER ANDY BALL

Elder Andy Ball was born May 6, 1875; deceased this life May 23, 1949; making his stay on earth 74 years, 16 days. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church many years ago. He was ordained as a minister and filled



this office well. He was first married to Rachel Smith. To this union one girl was born. His first wife and girl preceded him in death. After which he was married to Susie Mullins. To this union three children were born, two sons and one daughter. His wife, three children, one half-brother, 2 half-sisters, besides other relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss, which is his eternal gain. We all miss him, but God knows best—Written by his wife, Susie Ball.



GEORGE MONT AND HESTER MAYNORD COLLINS.

Hester Maynard Collins was the daughter of Elder Ell Maynard and Jane Ramey Maynard. Born April 8, 1874; died April 4, 1947. She was afflicted with apoplexy in March following the death of her husband in July. She lost all interest and incentive to life after the death of her husband, Geo. Mont Collins.

Her despondency and illness affected her mind to such an extent that before her death she withdrew from all contact with people excepting her



son and family. Her humbleness, her pleading, her supplications, her prayers I cannot, in my feeble way, express. Only our dear Saviour, in His infinite wisdom and understanding, can give surcease to illness like hers.

GEORGE MONT COLLINS.

It is with much humbleness that I try to write the obituary of my father-in-law, G. M. (George Mont) Collins, and my mother-in-law, Hester Maynard Collins.

Mont Collins was born May 8, 1868; died July 22, 1941. He was the son of Elder J. R. Collins and Vicy Charles Collins. He was married to Hester Maynard Collins, September 8, 1892. To this union was born one son. They spent the first thirty years of their early married life at Raccoon, Ky. Their reclining years, they lived at Pikeville, Ky. Father Collins was taken ill at the home of his son, Lundy Collins, February, 1941, and lived until July 22, before he was called to a happier home. We miss his presence, his council, his consoling words at home and abroad. We feel our loss is his eternal gain. He was baptized by the Primitive Baptist and lived a faithful member until his death.

After his illness became critical he would request the family over and over to sing his favorite song, "I am a Weary White Pilgrim."

In memory of our dear parents, we would like to say:

"Precious ones from us are gone,  
Voices we loved are still  
Places are vacant in our home,  
Which can never be filled."

Lundy and Emma Collins.

### DISTRIBUTING OF MINUTES

Church	CLERKS	Address	No. Min.
Johns Creek	Ira Smith	Coleman, Ky.	60
Louisa	G. A. Collins	Fishtrap, Ky.	125
Pond Creek	C. J. Mickey	Belfry, Ky.	150
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn	Canada, Ky.	100
Raccoon	Joe Morris	Raccoon, Ky.	75
Sulphur Spring	J. B. May	Ira, Virginia	50
Peter Creek	Roland Dotson	Stone, Ky.	100
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson	Pinsonfolk, Ky.	60
Joppy	Teinie McCoy	Hatfield, Ky.	25
Grapevine	Stewart Justice	Fishtrap, Ky.	50
Samaria	Bob Dotson	Hardy, Ky.	150
Little Union	James H. Fuller	Steele, Ky.	25
Total			970

### DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CORRESPONDING SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.	25
Union—J. M. Holbrook, Shelby Gap, Ky.	25



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CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Association shall be called Mates Creek District, Old Regular, or Primitive Baptist Association.

Article II. 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 seat.

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

Article IV. 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 this union.

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

Article VI. The Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article VII. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messengers, 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.

Article VIII. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

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

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

Article XI. 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.

Article XII. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is 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 messenger to the Association, and those 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 the moneys received by him, and pay out of the same according to the direction of the Association.



XIII. 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.

Article XIV. The minutes of the Association shall be read (corrected if need be) and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

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

Article XVI. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve an inviolate 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 moneys 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 ministers of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe in one true living God, who is the Creator, Upholder and righteous Disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

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

III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church is, and was, and shall forever remain, His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.

IV. 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.

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

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

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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, and foot-washing is an example.



X. 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 the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under the 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.

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## RULES OF DECORUM

I. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

II. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

III. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.

IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the moderator until he is done speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

X. 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.

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. That any member who shall willingly violate any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ADDRESSES OF CLERKS	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Saturday of meeting	Contribution
Louisa	G. A. Collins, Fishtrap, Ky.	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	67	2	19.65
Pond Creek	C. J. Mickey, Belfry, Ky.	14	—	—	1	—	2	2	84	2	20.80
Big Creek	M. B. Blackburn, Canada, Ky.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	3	10.00
Raccoon	Joe Morris, Raccoon, Ky.	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	41	4	12.00
Sulphur Spring	J. B. May, Ira, Virginia	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	25	1	5.24
Peter Creek	Roland Dotson, Stone, Ky.	2	1	2	—	—	3	2	61	4	8.00
Little Hope	Dewey Dotson, Pinsonfork, Ky.	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	22	1	10.01
Joppa	Teinie McCoy, Hatfield, Ky.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	5.50
Grape Vine	Stewart Justice, Fishtrap, Ky.	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	20	3	12.50
Samaria	Bob Dotson, Hardy, Ky.	11	—	—	—	—	2	—	101	3	17.17
Little Union	James H. Fuller, Steele, Ky.	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	8.25
Johns Creek	Ira Smith, Coleman, Ky.	14	1	1	—	—	3	—	34	1	6.25
Totals		58	4	3	2	—	13	9	500	—	\$135.37



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