

— MINUTES OF THE —

EIGHTH ANNUAL UNION MEETING

— OF THE —

Old Regular Baptists,

— HELD WITH —

* CLEAR CREEK CHURCH, *

IN KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SEPTEMBER, 1903.

* OFFICERS. *

ELDER D. M. MAGGARD..... MODERATOR.
ELDER W. R. BOGGS..... CLERK.

— The Adams Printery, Goodloe, Mo. —

* MINUTES *

Of the Eighth Annual Meeting of Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, held with the CLEAR CREEK CHURCH in Enoti county, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1903.

I. The church being found in love, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Charles Blair, from Isaiah, Chapter 23, verse 1: "In that day, shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks."

II. The delegates being assembled at the church house, on motion of Elder Charles Blair, Elder D. M. Maggard was chosen Moderator.

III. On motion of Elder James D. Caudill, Elder William R. Boggs was chosen Clerk.

IV. On motion of Elder Ira Combs, called for transient ministers and members, whereupon, came forward and received the right hand of fellowship, the following brethren: J. P. Adams, G. W. Messer, Jerry Combs and A. H. Whitaker.

V. On motion of brother S. C. Tyree, J. P. Adams was chosen Assistant Clerk.

VI. (1.) Received a letter from the POOR FORK CHURCH by the hand of her delegate, Elder Charles Blair.

(2.) Received a letter from the INDIAN BOTTOM CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: Elder James D. Caudill and brethren Stephen A. Whitaker and James Dixon.

(3.) Received a letter from the OVEN FORK CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: Elders Charles Blair and William R. Boggs and brethren Isom Caudill and Emmitt H. Statham.

(4.) Received a letter from the BIG COWAN CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: Elder D. M. Maggard and brethren Dave Day, John M. Day and S. C. Tyree.

(5.) Received a letter from the CARRS FORK CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: brethren W. P. Cody, Noah Jent, Jasper J. Mullins, T. G. Watts and Stephen R. Blair.

(6.) Received a letter from the CLEAR CREEK CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: brethren Hiram Combs, Wiley A. Combs and Washington Martin.

(7.) Received a letter from the MALLET FORK CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: brethren L. D. Huff and John B. Smith.

(8.) Received a letter from the BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: Elder Ira Combs and brethren Thomas Jent and John P. Caudill.

VII. On motion of Elder Ira Combs, the question of receiving double-married persons into the church, which was referred to the several churches, from the last Annual Union Meeting, for their consideration, was dismissed from before this body; and on motion of Elder D. M. Maggard, each of the several churches composing this Union are hereby privileged to pursue whatever course is satisfactory to themselves in the reception or rejection of such persons, provided such practices are not carried far enough to become unorthodox.

VIII. Opened door for the reception of other churches of the same faith and order; received none.

IX. On motion of Elder Charles Blair, a committee was appointed, consisting of all the delegates from the CLEAR CREEK CHURCH and one delegate from each of the other churches except the POOR FORK CHURCH, to arrange the ministry for Saturday and Sunday, and to select a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Annual Union Meeting.

X. On motion of Elder W. R. Boggs, the 14th Item of the Articles of Faith was called up for consideration of the following change therein, to-wit: "We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, never neglecting the poor according to their several abilities"; and on motion of Elder D. M. Maggard, the proposed change is referred to the several churches for their consideration, to be reported on at our next Annual Union Meeting.

XI. On motion of Elder Ira Combs, Elder D. M. Maggard asking to be relieved from duties as Treasurer, J. P. Adams is appointed Treasurer and Superintendent of the printing of the minutes.

XII. The Committee on Arrangement then reported the arrangement of the ministry as follows:

1. Saturday; (1) S. C. Tyree, (2) Elder W. R. Boggs, (3) Elder James D. Caudill, (4) Elder D. M. Maggard.

2. Sunday; (1) Elder James D. Caudill, (2) Elder D. M. Maggard, (3) Elder Ira Combs, (4) Elder Charles Blair.

XIII. On motion of Elder Ira Combs, the meeting adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 19, 1903.

The body met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Charles Blair,

I. The Minutes of Friday's meeting were read and adopted.

II. Appointed a Committee on Finance, consisting of brethren Jasper J. Mullins and Ison Caudill, who received and turned over to the Treasurer the donations from the several churches as follows:

POOR FORK.....	\$0.60
INDIAN BOTTOM.....	\$1.25
OVEN FORK.....	\$2.70
BIG COWAN.....	\$2.30
CARRS FORK.....	\$2.30
CLEAR CREEK.....	\$1.00
MALLET FORK.....	\$0.65
BIG LEATHERWOOD.....	\$1.55
Elder D. M. Maggard turns over from last year's funds,.....	\$2.00

(\$1.65) having been expended by former Superintendent for postage, registry fees, etc., on minutes.
Total amount on hand.....\$14.25

III. (1.) RESOLVED: That the printer's bill be annexed to these minutes.
(2.) RESOLVED: That our next Annual Union Meeting be held with the INDIAN BOTTOM CHURCH, in Letcher County, Ky., to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1904; and, in pursuance to the report of the Committee on Arrangements, that Elder Ira Combs preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder D. M. Maggard be his alternate.
(3.) RESOLVED: That a special Union Meeting be held with the Oven Fork Church on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in July, 1904, and that Elders Ira

Combs and James D. Caudill and brethren Jasper J. Mullins, W. P. Cody, Sam Mullins, John P. Caudill and Stephen A. Whitaker attend the same.

(4.) **RESOLVED:** That a special Union Meeting be held with the **CARRS FORK Church** on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1904, and that Elders Charles Blair, W. R. Boggs and J. D. Caudill and brethren E. H. Siddham and John M. Day attend the same.

IV. On motion of Elder Charles Blair, those appointed on the stand for to-day are released from the house and retire to the stand.

V. On motion of Elder D. M. Maggard,—

RESOLVED: That we hereby, through our minutes, express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of this community for their extreme kindness, benevolence and hospitality as manifested to us during our meeting, and that we pray for a copious shower of both temporal and divine blessings upon them.

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent have 700 copies of these minutes printed, and that they be distributed among the several churches composing this Union in proportion to their membership and the amounts respectfully donated.

VI. On motion of Elder Ira Combs, the meeting adjourned to the time and place of our next Annual Union Meeting.

[Signed.]

D. M. MAGGARD, Moderator.

W. R. BOGGS, Clerk.

J. P. ADAMS, Assistant Clerk.

AT THE STAND.

The brethren appointed to the stand preached in the order of their appointment:—
S. C. Tyree, from Colossians, Chapter 3, verse 1 &c.; "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above," &c.

Elder W. R. Boggs, from Revelations, Chapter 5, verse 5: "Weep not; behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book," &c.

Then came Elders J. D. Caudill and D. M. Maggard in their order, and dealt out the wonderful riches of the gospel, covering a large field of scriptures but confining themselves to no particular passages.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The brethren appointed to the stand for Sunday, met early, a large congregation of attentive listeners. After the meeting was called to order by singing at 9:30 o'clock, services were opened by prayer by Elder J. D. Caudill.

The brethren preached in the order of their appointment as follows:

Elder D. M. Maggard, from St. John, chapter 20, verse 21: "As my father hath sent me, even so send I you".

Elder Ira Combs, from 1st John, chapter 3, verse 1: "Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God."

Elder Charles Blair, from Matthew, chapter 18, verse 3: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Of a truth, we feel to say that the brethren came richly laden with heavenly "manna"; our souls were fed on the sweets on high; during the entire meeting, the most perfect love and union prevailed, and we were made to feel as one of old, that verily it was good for us to be here. And we shall longingly look forward to the time when we hope that the Supreme Moderator of Heaven may permit us to meet in another annual union; but, if this pleasure be denied us, may it be ours to enter the eternal happy union at the right hand of Him who ruleth all things well, "where congregations ne'er break up and sabbaths never end."

[Signed.]

W. R. BOGGS, Clerk.

J. P. ADAMS, Assistant Clerk.

— ARTICLES OF FAITH.—

1. We believe in the one true and living God; and, notwithstanding, that there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, and not to be divided, and impossible to change in principle or practice.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true Word of God, and was given by inspiration of God, and is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and that men sinned since the fall are by Nature the Children of Wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency, or inability, of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints; that through Grace that they are born again, and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they become equal with Jesus Christ in glory, and that he will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, and that true believers are the proper subjects, and that we admit of none others.

8. We believe that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion,—to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a General Judgment, where all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal, after death.

11. We believe that washing one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with his disciples, and ought to be practised by his followers.

12. We believe that no one has a right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified thereunto.

13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend the church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for the support of the Gospel, and defray all reasonable expenses of the Church, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

15. We believe that any Doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for Salvation, is erroneous, and all such doctrine will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above named Articles shall be so construed as to hold with Particular Election and Reprobation, so as to make God partial, either directly or indirectly, so as to injure the children of men.

17. No one of the above Articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

Table of Statistics.

* 1903. *

--CHURCHES--	--DELEGATES--	Received by Experience and Baptism.....	Received by Letter.....	Received by Reclamation.....	Received by Application.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Number of Members.....
Carrs Fork.....	Brethren W. P. Cody, Noah Jent, Jasper J. Mullins, T. G. Watts and Stephen R. Blair.....	4	2						4 94
Poor Fork.....	Elder Charles Blair.....				10				1 40
Big Cowan.....	Elder D M. Maggard and Brethren David Day J. M. Day, and S. C. Tyree.....	2		1	1				79
Clear Creek.....	Brethren Hiram Combs, Wiley A. Combs and Washington Martin.....								70
Oven Fork.....	Elders Charles Blair and W. R. Boggs and Brethren E. H. Stidham and Ison Caudill.....	9		1	1				74
Mallet Fork.....	Brethren L. D. Huff and John B. Smith.....						1		25
Big Leatherwood..	Elder Ira Combs and Brethren Thomas Jent and J. P. Caudill.....	1							76
Indian Bottom.....	Elder J. D. Caudill and Brethren S. A. Whitsker and James Dixon.....	2				1			63
Total Membership.....									521

+ + *Printers' Bill, \$11.00.* + +

APOLGY.—Please don't blame the Superintendent for delay in printing these minutes. The same has lain in our office for two months, and serious illness our fellow workers has retarded the work being done earlier.—THE PRINTERS.

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