

—MINUTES OF THE—

TENTH ANNUAL UNION MEETING

—OF THE—

**REGULAR BAPTISTS,**

—HELD WITH—

\* BIG COWAN CHURCH, \*

LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SEPT., 1905.

OFFICERS.

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

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## MINUTES

Of the Tenth Annual Union Meeting of Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, held with the BIG COWAN CHURCH in Letcher County, Kentucky, commencing on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1905.

### FRIDAY

After prayer by brother S. C. Tyree, the church being found in love, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Hiram Fields, (Sassafras, Ky.) from Matthew, 16:18:—"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The delegates then repaired to the house, and, after singing and prayer by Elder R. H. Fields, (Kings Creek, Ky.) the following business was transacted:

(1.) On motion, the following officers were chosen: Elder D. M. Maggard, (Maggard, Ky.) Moderator; Elder R. H. Fields, Assistant Moderator; Elder W. R. Boggs, (Eolia, Ky.) Clerk; and J. P. Adams, Assistant Clerk.

(2.) Received letters from the hands of the delegates from the different churches composing this union as shown in the Table of Statistics heroin.

(3.) A door was then opened for the reception of other churches of the same faith and order. Then came Elder James McKnight and James Metcalf as messengers, bearing a letter from the Clover Fork Church, (Harlan County,) petitioning for admittance into this Union; which letter was received, the messengers given the right hand of fellowship, and regularly seated as delegates and members of our Union.

(4.) Called for transient ministers and members, and none responded.

(5.) On motion of Elder R. H. Fields, the Moderator is authorized to make all temporary appointments.

(6.) Appointed a Committee on Arrangement, consisting of one delegate from each of the several churches together with all the delegation from the Big Cowan Church, (all elders excepted,) which Committee reported the following arrangement of the ministry for Saturday:

1st—Samuel Combs,

2nd—Elder James McKnight.

3rd—Elder James D. Candill, (Indian Bottom, Ky.)

4th—James Metcalf.

(7.) On motion of Elder R. H. Fields, the meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### SATURDAY

The meeting was called to order by singing, followed by prayer by Elder D. M. Maggard.

On motion of Elder R. H. Fields, a Committee on Finance was appointed, consisting of brethren J. J. Mullins and W. P. Maggard, who received

and turned over to the Treasurer, the following donations:

CARRS FORK.....	\$2.25
POOR FORK.....	\$1.25
BIG COWAN.....	\$2.10
CLEAR CREEK.....	\$0.75
OVEN FORK.....	\$1.50
MALLET FORK.....	\$0.50
BIG LEATHERWOOD.....	\$1.80
INDIAN BOTTOM.....	\$1.00
CLOVER FORK.....	\$0.70
Total received.....	\$11.85
Treasurer reports from last year:	
Printer's Bill and postage, paid.....	\$12.57
Balance from last year.....	\$0.02
Total on hand.....	\$11.87

The Committee reports the following arrangement of the ministry for Sunday:

- 1st—Elder R. H. Fields,
- 2nd—Elder Hiram Fields,
- 3rd—Elder James McKnight,
- 4th—Elder D. M. Maggard.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

(1.) **RESOLVED:** That our next Annual Meeting be held with Clover Fork Church in Harlan County, Kentucky, to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1906; and, as reported by the Committee on Arrangements, that Elder W. R. Boggs preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder James McKnight be his Alternate.

(2.) **RESOLVED:** That a Special Union Meeting be held with Carrs Fork Church on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1906; and that Elders W. R. Boggs, D. M. Maggard, J. D. Caudill, and Hiram Fields, and brethren E. H. Stidham, H. F. Fields, M. C. Fields and S. C. Tyree attend same.

(3.) **RESOLVED:** That a Special Union Meeting be held with Big Leatherwood Church on the Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1906; and that Elders D. M. Maggard, James McKnight, and R. H. Fields, and brethren S. C. Tyree, H. F. Fields, M. C. Fields, Wm. Creech, Isom Caudill and Dixon Caudill attend same.

(4.) **RESOLVED:** That a Special Union Meeting be held with Clear Creek Church on the Third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1906; and that Elders Hiram Fields, and J. D. Caudill, and brethren T. G. Watts and Sam Mullins attend same.

(5.) On motion of Elder D. M. Maggard, **RESOLVED:** That Elder R. H. Fields write a Circular Letter on the Principles of our Faith; and, on motion of Elder R. H. Fields, that same be read before our next Annual Union Meeting before being printed in our minutes.

(6.) **RESOLVED:** That we hereby extend to the citizens of this community, our sincere thanks for their extreme kindness as manifested to us during this meeting.

(7.) **RESOLVED:** That the Printer's Bill be annexed to these minutes.

The Superintendent is hereby directed to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed, and to distribute same among the several churches in proportion to their respective donations.



This meeting now adjourns to the time and place of our next Annual Union Meeting.

[Signed.] D. M. MAGGARD, Moderator.  
R. H. FIELDS, Ass't Moderator.  
W. R. BOGGS, Clerk.

#### AT THE STAND

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

- (1.) ——— Samuel Combs opened services.
- (2.) Elder James McKnight, from John 3:5; "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."
- (3.) Elder James D. Caudill, from John 10:9; "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."
- (4.) ——— James Metcalf, from ———.

#### SUNDAY

Assembled, at an early hour, a very large and well ordered congregation. The brethren appointed to the stand for the day preached in the order of their appointment as follows:

- (1.) Elder R. H. Fields, from Ephesians 5:14; "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."
- (2.) Elder Hiram Fields, from Psalms 119:136; "Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law."
- (3.) Elder James McKnight, from Mark 16:15; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
- (4.) Elder D. M. Maggard, being the last on the stand, and the day being far spent, and he not wishing to hold the people longer together, thought to withhold from talking, and to only read some. His reading was in Zechariah, 14th chapter, and particularly the 6th, 7th and 8th verses, especially the 8th. (His impression was manifestly so great that he broke over and did some most excellent, sweet preaching. In his out-start, he requested the writer, the acting Clerk on the occasion, not to make a note of his scripture; but his remarks on it were so edifying,—so manifestly indited by a Higher Power,—that we believe it will be a feast to the lambs then present to glance over these minutes in days to come, when hungering for a crumb from the Master's table, and find a mention of the precious passage read by the old brother on to-day. Hence, this parenthetical apology to him by the writer.) Amid flowing tears and sobbing farewells the meeting was then brought to a close by the Moderator. But, in years to come, those of us present on this occasion will doubtless let our thoughts wander back to this time; and, while a feeling of sadness at separation,—perhaps the last with many of us,—will steal over us, still we will doubtless experience a thrill of thankfulness and humble rejoicing in the belief that our Elder Brother was indeed in our midst;—that, indeed, it was good for us to be here.

Till the curtain fall on our scene of action here, and our union be found complete in a fairer, happier land, where partings will be no more. Farewell!

[Signed.] W. R. BOGGS, Clerk.  
J. P. ADAMS, Ass't 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 practiced 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 Church by defraying all reasonable expenses of the same, 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.--1905.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	Received by Experience and Baptism.....	Received by Letter.....	Received by Recantation.....	Dismissed by Application.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Number of Members.....
Carrs Fork.....	Samuel Francis, Cody, Ky.....	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	194
Poor Fork.....	Wm. Creech, Poor Fork, Ky.....	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	138
Big Cowan.....	C. M. Fields, Mandrake, Ky.....	2	..	..	2	1	..	..	178
Clear Creek.....	Wiley Combs, Hindman, Ky.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Oven Fork.....	Elder W. R. Boggs, Eolia, Ky.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	181
Mallet Fork.....	John B. Smith, Pine Top, Ky.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Big Leatherwood..	H. G. Pratt, Cornettsville, Ky... 4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	276
Indian Bottom....	James Dixon, Jeremiah, Ky.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
Clover Fork.....	James McKnight, Klondike, Ky..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Total Membership, except Clover Fork Church.....501

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

CARRS FORK.—Brethren T. G. Watts, J. J. Mullins, S. R. Blair, and Sam Mullins.

POOR FORK.—Brother Wm. Creech.

BIG COWAN.—Elders D. M. Maggard and R. H. Fields, and brethren M. C. Fields, W. H. Day and H. F. Fields.

CLEAR CREEK.—Brethren Wiley A. Combs and Samuel Combs.

OVEN FORK.—Elder W. R. Boggs, and brethren E. H. Stidham, Isom Caudill, Henry Boggs, G. W. Adams and W. P. Maggard.

MALLET FORK.—Brother John B. Smith.

BIG LEATHERWOOD.—Elder Hiram Fields, and brother Hiram Combs.

INDIAN BOTTOM.—Elder J. D. Caudill, and brethren J. D. Dixon, H. B. Caudill and Wilburn Hampton.

CLOVER FORK.—Elder James McKnight and brother James Metcalf.



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