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**Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
of the  
New Hope Association of Primitive Baptist**

Held with Little Flock Church  
Tishomingo County, Mississippi

Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 1934

The Proceedings of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the New Hope Association of the Primitive Faith and Order

Through the kind mercies of God, the New Hope Association of the Primitive faith met with Little Flock Church, one mile east of Leedy, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on the I. C. R. R., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1934.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Holder from the first chapter of First Timothy and 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> verses.

Intermission of one hour was given, after which the ministers and messengers met in the grove, with singing and prayer by Elder L. C. Bellamy.

The former Moderator and Clerk, being present, proceeded to organize.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Called for letters from the different churches and appointed two brethren to read same, to-wit: Elder J. D. Holder and Elder L. C. Bellamy.
2. Letters read and enrolled names of messengers.
3. Appointed ministers to fill the stand this afternoon, to-wit: Elder D. Spence and Elder C. H. Cayce.
4. Messengers from sister associations invited to seats with us.
5. By move and second and unanimous vote, the former Moderator and Clerk were elected to this year. Elder G. M. Gober, Moderator, and James W. Barnett, Clerk.

6. Open the door for the reception of churches. When Emmus Church presented a letter for admission and was unanimously received and placed in the Second District of the Association, the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.
7. Called for correspondence from sister associations.
  - (a) Regular Baptist—Represented by Elder W. C. Wallace, J. R. Jackson, E. Briant, and J. M. Renfro and minutes.
  - (b) Predestinarian—Represented by Elder A. W. DeBerry and minutes.
  - (c) Little Vine—Represented by Elder W. P. Weathers, Elder D. Spence, Brother R. A. Jackson and minutes.
  - (d) Little Black—Represented by D. F. Wilson and minutes.
  - (e) Tombigbee—Represented by E. L. Bircham.
  - (f) Hopewell—Represented by Elder W. L. Smith and minutes.
8. Right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by Moderator.
9. Appointed a Committee of Arrangements, to-wit: N. J. Gober, T. W. Rinehart, Elder J. D. Holder, W. F. Sartin, Elder J. E. Shackelford, F. W. Bull and J. W. Rine, R. M. Culp, R. B. Maxwell, W. T. Bailey.
10. Appointed a committee of three on preaching, to-wit: Clifton Hall, W. T. Sartin and R. D. Palmer. They met and appointed Elder W. P. Weathers to introduce services and Elder A. W. DeBerry and Elder W. L. Smith to preach in the morning, and Elder W. C. Wallace and Elder C. H. Cayce in the afternoon Saturday, and Elder W. L. Smith and Elder c. H. Cayce on Sunday, with the Moderator to close the meeting.
11. Appointed a committee of two on Finance, to-wit: Elder J. D. Holder and Elder L. C. Bellamy.

Recessed until Saturday morning, the Committee on Arrangements to meet at 9 o'clock. The Association to meet at 9:30 o'clock, and preaching to begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

## **SECOND DAY'S BUSINESS**

1. The Association met pursuant to former arrangements; called roll; quorum present.
2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. We, your committee, decided that we take our former minutes, with the proper changes and corrections, as our guide.
3. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that we accept the report of the committee and discharge same.
4. Called for report of Finance Committee, which reported received from all the churches \$23.85 for minutes. Extra contribution, \$5.25. Total, \$29.10. For Association Fund, \$8.25.
5. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that the Clerk be furnished the \$29.10 minutes fund and that he have 500 copies of these minutes printed and reserve 100 copies for corresponding purposes, and that he be allowed the remainder of the fund left after paying for printing of minutes and distributing same.
6. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that Brother R. M. Culp be made Treasurer of the Association Fund, and that he contribute the funds to the expense of the visiting ministers and report to the Clerk of the Association, which report is as follows:
7. Amount carried over from last year, \$12.00; amount sent from churches, \$8.25; extra contribution, \$44.32. Total of all funds, \$64.57. Amount paid to visiting ministers, \$43.50. Balance on hand, \$21.07.
8. Agreed to hold the next Association with the New Hope Church, 11 miles east of Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi, on Booneville and Burton Highway, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1935. Elder E. W. Shackelford to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. M. Bullard, alternate.

9. Messengers called for to go to sister associations:
  - (a) Regular Baptist—W. T. Bailey, Elder J. D. Holder, L. C. Bellamy.
  - (b) Predestinarian—Elder J. A. Miller.
  - (c) Little Vine—Elder J. E. Shackelford, Elder L. C. Bellamy, and Elder A. M. Barrett.
  - (d) Little Black—Elder B. A. Carter.
  - (e) Tombigbee—Elder J. D. Holder, Elder B. A. Carter, B. F. Burcham, R. M. Culp.
  - (f) Hopewell—Elder J. D. Holder, Elder L. C. Bellamy, R. M. Culp, Elder A. M. Barrett.
10. Agreed to hold the next union meeting in the First District with Friendship Church, two miles east of Paden, Miss., Tishomingo County, on the I. C. Railroad or Highway No. 25, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935. Elder J. E. Shackelford to preach the introductory sermon.
  1. In the Second District with St. Union Church, three miles north of Amory on the Frisco Railroad at Bigbee Switch, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1935; Elder J. W. Hardwick to preach the introductory sermon.

## **PROMISCUOUS BUSINESS**

1. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that we have our corresponding letter to our sister associations printed in our minutes, the Clerk to write the letter.
2. By move and second and unanimous vote: That we have the obituary of our dearly beloved brother and deacon of New Hope Church, C. N. Holley, printed in our minutes, with Elder E. W. Shackelford to write the obituary.
3. By moved and second and unanimous vote: That we make a change in the Seventh Article of the Abstract of Principles of Faith so as to read, "Shall be preserved in grace."
4. Moved and seconded and unanimously voted that the following be printed in our minutes:

Since there is need for a fund from some source to pay the expenses of our visiting ministers from other associations, which fund heretofore has been on the shoulders of the ministers and messengers who compose the Association, and the church and friends where the Association is held; and whereas we deem it enough for the church and friends to care for and feed the people who go; and that we further consider that the ministers and messengers have done their part in gained. Therefore, we recommend that each church send to the Association by the hands of their messengers a fund to be known as the Association Fund to take care of the expense of the visiting ministers from other associations. This fund to be handled by the Finance Committee and Treasurer as directed by the Association. We see from the minutes of other associations that it is orderly among the Baptists.

5. The minutes were read and adopted and ordered signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Singing and prayer by Elder E. W. Shackelford. Adjourned to meet at the place appointed for the next session of this body.

ELDER G. N. GOBER, Moderator,  
Iuka, Miss.

JAS. W. BARNETT,  
R. F. D. No. 1, Paden, Miss.

## **CORRESPONDING LETTER**

The New Hope Association, while in session with Little Flock Church, Tishomingo County, Mississippi.

To our sister associations with whom we are in correspondence, greetings!

Dear brethren: We have again had the pleasure of meeting together in peace and love, and to have had your correspondence.

Dear brethren, we send you our Christian salutations and love. We are striving so to live that we will never bring any reproach on the cause, and that we will always be worthy to visit you and have your delegates visit us in a corresponding way.

Our next Association will be held with New Hope Church, as shown in the back of our minutes.

We are looking forward to that time when we hope the Lord will bless us with another good meeting.

Pray for us and visit us when you can, and may we be permitted to meet with you in that great assembly beyond this vale of tears.

CLERK.

## **ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS**

### **All in Mississippi**

These ministers were found listed in the minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the New Hope Association of Primitive Baptist which was held with Little Flock Church in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, September 7-9, 1934.

Elder J. E. Shackelford, Paden, Mississippi  
Elder John T. Robinson, Iuka, Mississippi  
Elder G. N. Gober, Iuka, Mississippi  
Elder R. W. Owens, Iuka, Mississippi  
Elder E. W. Riddle, Tishomingo, Mississippi  
Elder L. C. Bellamy, R. F. D. 1, Paden, Mississippi  
Elder J. Q. Depoister, Leedy, Mississippi  
Elder A. M. Barrett, Tishomingo, Mississippi

### **Licentiates**

S. A. Owens, Dewey Walley, T. E. Riddle, and C. C. McCreary.

### **Addresses of Visiting Ministers**

Elder W. P. Weathers, Vina, Ala.  
Elder Dellian Spece, Bexar, Ala.  
Elder W. C. Wallis, Falkner, Miss.  
Elder A. W. DeBerry, Corinth, Miss.  
Elder W. L. Smith, Oxford, Miss.  
Elder C. H. Cayce, Thornton, Ark., South Arkansas Association

## OBITUARY

Booneville, Miss., September 11, 1934

By request of New Hope Association, I will try to write the obituary of Brother C. N. Holley, a member and deacon of New Hope Church. Brother Holley was born August 1, 1860; was married to Miss Katie Bonds, December 1, 1881. He died June 16, 1934. There were nine children born to Brother Holley and wife; four children and wife preceded him in death. Sister Holley died in 1918.

Brother Holley and wife joined New Hope Church in September, 1905; was baptized by our late pastor, Elder John T. Blanchard, the fourth Sunday in September, 1905. He was elected to the office of deacon on the fourth Sunday in August, being the 28<sup>th</sup> day, 1910, and lived faithful to the trust that was rested in him until death. He was a good, meek man; none among men excelled him in meekness and humbleness. The community has lost a good neighbor, the county a good citizen, and the church one of its most devoted members. As he lived, he died in the faith of God's elect.

Brother Holley made his own arrangements for his funeral on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, about three months before his death. He told the Moderator of the church that he didn't feel like he would live long, and requested that Elder J. M. Bullard and the writer preach his funeral. And he was buried the third Sunday in June, 1934, and leaves to mourn his loss his three sons, Lou, Emit and Plumer; two daughters, Mrs. Luther Taylor, Mrs. Auston Smith; one brother, Sill Holley; two sisters, Mrs. Jacie Bonds and Mrs. Pernecie Smith of Arkansas; besides a host of relatives and friends. This article submitted in loving memory of dear Brother Holley.

Elder E. W. Shackelford.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to membership.

Article 2. The letters from the different churches are to express members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated or dead, since last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the New Hope Primitive Baptist Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, or to infringe on any of the internal rights of the Union; but merely be considered as an advisory council in respect to their internal rights and concerns of all such churches, but the Association shall have the power to exclude any church from the Union who shall violate or deviate from the rules of the Orthodox principles of the gospel.

Article 4. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to not exceeding three delegates and should any church neglect or refuse to represent herself, she shall state her reasons in her letter to the next Association.

Article 5. New churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and if, upon examination, found orthodox and orderly, shall be received into the Association, and a reception thereof manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Article 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by the regular proper Rules of Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

Article 7. The Association shall appoint a Moderator from among themselves, for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the opinion of the Association on all questions brought before it. Also a Clerk shall be appointed, whose duty shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

Article 8. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in their letter certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but could not, in which case the Association shall take it under consideration and give its advice.

Article 9. The Association shall have a fund for the support of same, which may be supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of their respective messengers, which money, so sent, shall be deposited in the hands of the treasurer, to be appointed by the Association for that purpose who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received, and pay out the same as the Association may direct.

Article 10. There shall be an Association book provided and kept, in which the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by the Clerk.

Article 11. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

Article 12. The Association may correspond with such other Associations as may be agreed upon while in session.

Article 13. The Association, at its first session, shall appoint one of its ministers to preach an introductory sermon at its next session, which rule shall be observed at every Association hereafter, and may, in its discretion appoint some person at each session to write a circular letter for the next Association.

Article 14. The Association shall endeavor to furnish churches with printed minutes of her proceedings.

Article 15. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Association.

Article 16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and attested by the clerk before the Association rises.

Article 17. We do jointly engage in the strength of the Lord and through His assistance to keep faith as it was once delivered to the saints which we believe to contain the following sublime and important doctrine, viz:

### **ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES**

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and those three are one. Duet. vi 4; John xvii 3; 1<sup>st</sup> John v 7.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revealed and written will of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy ii 16; Romans xv 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter i 20-21.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace according to the foreknowledge of God, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. Ephesians i 4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy i 9; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter i 2; John xv 16; Ephesians ii 10.
4. We believe in the fall of man, and that he is incapable of recovering himself therefrom. Romans iii 9, x 23; Psalms xiv 3; John vi 44; Ephesians ii 8-9; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1-9.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Romans v 6-8, iv 25; Titus iii 5, 6.
6. We believe that God's elect shall be called and regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Romans viii 28, 30, ix 11, 16; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter ii 9; Ephesians i 4, 7, 9.
7. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Colossians ii 3, 4; John xiv 19, 20, x 27, 28, 29.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked and the joys of the righteous will be eternal. Acts xxiv 15; John v 28, 29; Acts xvii 31; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians v 10; Matthew xxv 32, 34, 41, 46.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing the Saints' feet are ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion in water is the true mode. Matthew iii 15, 16, 17; Luke ix 35; Matthew xxviii 19, 20; Matthew xxvi 26, 27; Luke xxii 19; Acts ii 41; viii 36, 37, x 47; John iii 23; Acts viii 38.
10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Acts xiii 2-3; John xv 16; Acts xiv 23; Titus i 5.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized persons have the right to commune at the Lord's table. Luke xxii 14; Acts ii 41, 42; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians x 21, xi 29.
12. We believe from experience that no good can result to the Church of Christ from any secret organization; therefore, we declare non-fellowship with any church of this Association who has any member in fellowship who has membership in any secret organization, under any name, whatever they may be called. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians vi 14, 15, 17; Revelation xviii 4.



## **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. But one person shall speak at one time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection.
4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him that made it; and, if there are two or more motions before the Association, on the same subject at one time, the first motion shall be the first in order.
5. Every case taken up by the Association, after allowing time to debate the Moderator shall take the question, those in favor of the proposed shall arise to their feet, and those against it shall keep their seats; the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.
6. No person shall depart from the service of the Association without leave.
7. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave obtained, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debaters have gone through.
8. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our addressed to one another.
9. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member provided he appoint some other member to fill the chair while speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
10. Any person violating the Rules of Decorum shall be reprovved as the Association may think proper.

<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES</b>	<b>NAMES OF MESSENGERS</b>	<b>Rec. by Exp. &amp; Bap.</b>	<b>Received by Letter</b>	<b>Dismissed by Letter</b>	<b>Restored</b>	<b>Excluded</b>	<b>Deceased</b>	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>Sunday Meeting</b>	<b>Minutes Fund</b>	<b>Association Fund</b>
Friendship	Susie Riddle, Tishomingo, Miss.	Elder G. N. Gober, N. J. Gober	1	1	0	0	0	0	33	4	\$1.60	
Sardis	T. A. Searcy, R. 5, Rienza, Miss.	T. W. Rinehart, W. C. Smith, G. M. Richardson	5	0	0	2	0	3	82	1	3.00	\$1.75
Little Flock	J. L. Nagle, R. 2, Burnsville, Miss.	Elder J. D. Holder, C. R. Hall, C. R. Harris	1	2	0	0	1		76	3	3.15	
Antioch	M. C. George, Corinth, Miss.	Represented by Letter	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	3	1.00	
New Providence	W. F. Sartin, Dennis, Miss.	L. R. Davis, W. F. Sartain, K. R. Phillips	0	0	0	0	0	1	97	3	2.50	
<b>Second District</b>												
McKey's Creek	M. Z. Bellamy, R. 1, Paden, Miss.	Elder J. E. Shackelford, Elder L. C. Bellamy, W. P. Shackelford	0	2	0	0	0	0	27	2	1.35	
New Hope	Jas. W. Barnett, R. 1, Paden, Miss.	Elder E. W. Shackelford, F. W. Bullard, J. W. Barnett	0	0	0	0	3	3	106	4	3.70	3.50
Hopewell	V. B. Searcy, R. 5, Baldwyn, Miss.	J. W. Ryan, R. M. Miller, V. B. Searcy	1	0		0	1	2	41	1	1.35	
St. Union	R. D. Palmer, R. 3, Amory, Miss.	R. M. Culp, Elder B. A. Carter, R. D. Palmer	2	3	14	0	2	0	33	2	1.50	3.00
Booneville	H. A. Mix, Booneville, Miss.	Elder E. W. Shackelford, E. W. Whitley, R. B. Maxwell	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	3	2.20	
Bethany	W. T. Bailey, New Albany, Miss.	W. T. Bailey, R. F. Tubbs, J. H. Wise	0	0	0	0	5	0	37	2	1.00	
Emmaus	C. H. Neal, Fulton, Miss.	J. M. Cox, C. H. Neal, W. H. Pennington							15	2	1.50	