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MINUTES

of the

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH

ANNUAL SESSION

of the

**OLD HARMONY
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

Held with

the combined Churches

July 12-13-14, 2013

Place of meeting: Lamkin, Texas

Officers

Moderator:

**Elder Daryl Inman
406 East Bowie
Mexia, Texas 76667**

Assistant Moderator:

**Elder Paul McClain
206 S. Washington
West, Texas 76691**

Clerk:

**Sister Janice McCullough
1990 CR 216
Comanche, TX. 76442
(325) 356-3173**

Assistant Clerk:

**Brother Benny Walker
104 Normandy
Azle, TX 76020
817-237-3352**

IN MEMORY

Since our last meeting we have lost our dear and faithful soldier:

Union Church:

Brother Dale Keith

March 11, 2013

**MINUTES OF THE OLD HARMONY ASSOCIATION
OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS**

The 135th annual session of the Old Harmony Association of Primitive Baptists was held at Union Primitive Baptist Church in Lamkin, Texas, embracing the second Sunday, July 12, 13 and 14, 2013.

The Association business meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. Friday afternoon by our moderator, Elder Bill Allen. The opening prayer was given by Elder Norman Jones.

We then proceeded with business as follows:

First Item: Letters from the churches were read by Sister Janice McCullough and the names of the messengers were enrolled from Union Church in Lamkin and United Church in Hamilton.

Second Item: Called for petitionary letters. There were none.

Third Item: The Association proceeded with the election of Moderator and Clerk. Motion was made by Sister Brenda Kennedy to elect Elder Daryl Inman, Moderator; Elder Paul McClain, Assistant Moderator; Sister Janice McCullough, Clerk; and Brother Benny Walker, Assistant Clerk. Brother Benny Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fourth Item: The following were appointed to the preaching committee: United; Brother Benny Walker, and Union; Brother Vernon Kennedy.

Fifth Item: The following were appointed to the finance committee: United;

Brother Benny Walker and Union; Sister Janice McCullough.

Sixth Item: Corresponding letter: Sister Janice McCullough was appointed to write the letter and it was read by Sister Janice McCullough. Motion by Brother Vernon Kennedy and seconded by Sister Brenda Kennedy to accept the letter as read. Motion carried.

Seventh Item: Correspondence from Sister Associations with whom we correspond. We did not receive any minutes from sister associations but it was decided to send our minutes to the Rich Mountain Association in Alpine, Arkansas and the Mount Zion Association in Alabama.

Eighth Item: Motion by Sister Brenda Kennedy and second by Brother Vernon Kennedy to continue to hold the Old Harmony Association at Lamkin, Texas, in 2014 and to begin the Association on Friday morning thru Sunday lunch. Motion carried.

Ninth Item: Motion by Sister Brenda Kennedy and seconded by Brother Vernon Kennedy for 30 copies of the minutes to be printed and for the clerk and Assistant Clerk to take care of the printing and distribution. Motion carried.

Tenth Item: Elder Bill Allen volunteered to establish a web site for the Old Harmony Association at no cost to the Association. Sister Brenda Kennedy made the motion with a second by Brother Benny Walker for Elder Bill Allen to do this for us.

Eleventh Item: Finance Report given by Sister Janice McCullough. Motion was made by Sister Brenda Kennedy and seconded by Brother Vernon Kennedy to accept the report. Motion carried.

Twelvth Item: A thank you note from the family of Elder James Henthorn was read for flowers sent at his passing December, 2012.

Minutes were read by Sister Janice McCullough. Motion was made by Brother Benny Evans and seconded by Sister Brenda Kennedy to receive the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Association business meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Benny Walker.

**Moderator: Elder Daryl Inman
Assistant Moderator: Elder Paul McClain
Clerk: Sister Janice McCullough
Assistant Clerk: Brother Benny Walker**

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY 7-12-13

- Morning:** Opening prayer: Elder Bill allen
Preaching: Brother Jimmy Shook
Elder Norman Jones
Closing Prayer: Elder Paul McClain
- Afternoon:** Opening prayer: Brother Elton Vaught
Preaching: Elder Hugh Montgomery
Closing Prayer: Brother Royce Lee
- Evening:** Opening prayer: Brother Joe Paul McCullough
Preaching: Elder Art Barker
Elder Norman Jones
Closing prayer: Brother Jimmy Shook

SATURDAY 7-13-13

- Morning:** Opening Prayer: Elder Paul McClain
Preaching: Elder Larry Hausenfluke
Elder Travis Brown
Closing Prayer: Elder Art Barker
- Afternoon:** Opening Prayer: Elder Hugh Montgomery
Preaching: Elder Royce Ellis
Elder Keith Ellis
Closing prayer: Brother Vernon Kennedy
- Evening:** Opening Prayer: Brother Benny Walker
Preaching: Elder Bill Allen
Closing Prayer: Brother Royce Lee

- SUNDAY 7-14-13** Opening prayer: Elder Paul McClain
Preaching: Elder Andrew Stull
Elder Daryl Inman
Closing prayer: Brother Doug Caffey

The Association dismissed July 14, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT

Elder Paul McClain..... West, Texas
Elder Hugh Montgomery..... Lampasas, Texas
Elder Daryl Inman Mexia, Texas
Elder Travis Brown..... Itasca, Texas
Elder Norman Jones..... Elk City, Ok.
Elder Bill Allen..... Stephenville, Texas
Elder Art Barker Grandfield, Ok.
Elder Larry Hausenfluke..... Jarrell, Texas
Elder David Montgomery San Antonio, Texas
Elder Andrew Stull..... Mexia, Texas
Elder Royce Ellis..... Denton, Texas
Brother Jimmy Shook..... Lampasas, Texas

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Old Harmony Association sends Christian greetings to our Sister Associations with whom we correspond:

The Old Harmony Association, while assembled in our 135th session sends greetings of love to our Sister Associations with whom we correspond.

God has wonderfully blessed us to have been able to meet all these many many years. Let us all pray that we may be able to continue on in love and in sweet fellowship.

We are thankful for the ministering servants, who God in His great love and tender mercies has seen fit to send our way to comfort our hearts and build us up in the most holy faith.

Also, to the visiting Brethren and Sisters, we feel we could not get along without your sweet love and fellowship. Please continue to pray for us when at a throne of grace.

The Lord willing the Association will be held in Lamkin, Texas beginning on Friday morning before the second Sunday in July, 2014.

May the Lord bless you and keep you is our prayer for each of you.

In Christian love,

**Your Little Sister,
Old Harmony Association**

STATISTICAL TABLE

UNION: Johnson Street, Lamkin, Texas
Pastor: Elder Daryl Inman
Clerk: Sister Janice McCullough
1990 CR 216
Comanche, TX. 76442 Phone # 325-356-3173
Meeting: 3rd. Sunday of each month
Communion Time: 3rd Sunday in June
Received by statement: 0
Lost by death: 1
Total Membership: 19 (on the church records)
4 are active

UNITED: 701 N. Rice, Hamilton, Texas
Pastor: Elder Bruce Crawford
Clerk: Brother Benny Walker
104 Normandy
Azle, TX. 76020-3918 Phone #817-237-3352
Meeting: 1st and 4th Sundays each month
Received by letter: 0
Dismissed by letter: 0
Lost by death: 0
Membership: 4 active

VISITORS

Royce Lee.....Hico,
Texas
Sharon Runyon.....Lampasas,
Texas
Gwen WatsonLampasas,
Texas
Sylvia BrownItasca,
Texas
Jack and Ann Jordan.....Stephenville,
Texas
Mandy Gonzales.....Stephenville,

Disbursements:		
Care of Ministers	1,200.00	
Electricity	273.97	
Total Expenses:		-1473.97
Balance November, 2013		\$ 2364.48

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God and the trinity of persons in the God-head --- Father, Son and Holy Ghost --- and yet not three, but one God. Deut. 6:5; Mal. 2:10; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God and only rule of faith and practice, and prefer the translation made under the authority of King James to any now in existence. 11 Tim. 3:16; 11 Peter 1:20, 21.

3. We believe that the whole of the human family were created in Adam, their seminal head, and that all alike fell in him by his transgression of the law, and all partake of his sinful nature and are born into the world sinners by nature. Acts 17:26; Romans 5:12, 18, 19.

4. We believe in the covenant of redemption by the Holy Trinity and that a definite number of the fallen sons and daughters of Adam were chosen in Christ before the world began, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in love. 11 Sam. 23:5; Psa. 89:27 to 36; Heb. 13:20; Eph. 1:4; John 6:37-41.

5. We believe that all who were chosen in Christ shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that they will all be justified in the sight of God by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them by faith, and will be preserved through grace and never fall finally away. John 6:45; Rom. 8:28 to 30; 11 Thes. 2:13; John 10:27 to 29.

6. We believe that evangelical faith is the gift of God and good works are the fruits of faith, and justify us in the sight of men and angels as evidences of our gracious state. Eph.2:8, 10; Galatians 5:22; Romans 5:1; Heb. 11:6.

7. We believe that all the spiritual blessings that are essential for the consummation of the eternal salvation of the elect were given them in Christ before the world began, and in time bestowed upon them by virtue of His atonement for them. Eph. 1:3; 11 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 5:11.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode. Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 8:12, 37, 39; Rom. 6:4.

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9. We believe that washing the saint's feet is a duty, enjoined by Jesus Christ, and should be done in church capacity. John 13; 1 Tim. 5:10.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized and called of God and has come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Acts 13:2; Heb. 5:4; Matt. 9:39.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to commune at the Lord's Table. Luke 22:30; Matt. 26: 20 to 29.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust and that the vile bodies of the saints shall be fashioned like the glorious body of Christ, and that the felicity of the saints and punishment of the wicked will be everlasting. 1 John 3:2; Rom. 8:11; Phil. 3:21; Daniel 12:2; 1 Cor. 15; Acts 24:15; John 5:28, 29.

13. We believe it to be disorder for members of the Church to unite with any of the secret institutions of the day.

14. We do not believe that God predestinated sin and wickedness.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall endeavor to preserve order, and shall be allowed the same liberty of speech as other members, provided he appoints someone to fill his seat during his speech.

4. The Clerk shall make a complete Minute of all of the Association, and shall receive all contributions and shall keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures.

5. The Moderator shall take a vote on all questions and announce the decision, and in case of a tie, give the casting vote, but in no other case shall be allowed to vote.

6. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except by the Moderator.

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8. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the members who spoke before him so as to make remarks or slips, failings or imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

9. No member shall leave the Association without leave first obtained.

10. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave first obtained.

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

12. No member shall take the liberty of laughing or whispering in time of public speaking.

13. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used in time of Association.

CONSTITUTION

Art. 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the churches comprising this Association that each church, if they so choose, may send not more than three messengers with a letter certifying their appointment, the number baptized during the year preceding, received by letter, excluded, deceased, the total number in fellowship at the time of sending said letter, with the contribution for the printing of Minutes, and support of the Association as each church may see fit to donate.

Art. 2. That this Association shall be known as "Old Harmony Primitive Baptist Association."

Art. 3. It is also understood that no church, on becoming a member of this Association parts with or surrenders any of her rights, privileges, duties, or responsibilities given her by the Great Head of the Church and made binding on her in the New Testament.

Art. 4. It is further understood that all the disciplinary power and the right pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church belong exclusively to the church or churches; and that this Association shall not assume the right to dictate to, advice, or in any way interfere with the internal rights of the churches.

Art. 5. Any church of this Association can withdraw at pleasure, either by letter or without it, but in either case it will be expected that said church first give notice to the Association of her desire in the particular.

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Art. 6. Any church may be dropped from the Association compact by request of two or more churches, but this or any other act of the Association shall not of itself be regarded as officially impairing or breaking church fellowship among the churches of this union or the members of churches. We regard all matters touching church fellowship as belonging exclusively to the church or churches and requiring their official action to make it valid.

Art. 7. This Association shall not form any alliance, correspondence, or relation with any Institution, secret or otherwise, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Associations, the churches of which are known to be of the same faith and order with the churches comprising this Association.

Art. 8. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association.

8a. Be it known, that should any sister church desire reinstatement or union to this body and it is granted, they shall come in as the rest of the churches, equally obligated for present or future debts and any church withdrawing from this union shall own no part thereof. Amended at 93rd Session, 1971.

Art. 9. Whatever may be the deficiency in the wording of this associational agreement, nothing herein shall be so construed as to imply that the Association is any way a separate and distinct institution from the churches; and no amendment shall be made constituting it a body separate from, or independent of, the churches of which it is composed.

Art. 10. Visiting brethren and sisters of the same faith and order with the churches of this Association, known to be in good orderly standing with their

churches at home, may be invited to seats; and those from churches of this Association may have their names enrolled as correspondents from this to other associations, but none shall be allowed to vote except brethren sent by the churches.

Art. 11. Correspondence with Sister Associations may be withdrawn or suspended at discretion.

Art. 12. This Association shall have a moderator and clerk of the body chosen by the members present and they shall hold their office until next election.

Art. 13. This Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think most advisable. without leave first obtained.