

**MINUTES**  
OF  
THE  
**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF  
THE  
**MOUNTAINTOWN BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
HELD WITH  
**CROSS ROADS CHURCH**

GILMER COUNTY

**JULY 21 -22, 1927**

Moderator ----- W.H.Plemmons, Ellijay, Ga., Route 2

Clerk ----- J. H. James, Ellijay, Ga., Route 5

Treasurer ----- C.N. Johnson Ellijay, Ga., Route

## Proceedings

The forty second annual session of the Mountaintown Baptist Association met with Cross Roads Baptist Church, July 21st, 1927 at 10 o'clock a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator W.H. Plemmons.

After a song, and a prayer led by Rev. L.C. Sluder, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Burt Banks.

After preaching, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W.H. Plemmons, moderator; J.H. James, clerk; C.N. Johnson, treasurer.

Finance Committee: J.H. Harper, C.J. Hyde, and J. Rogers.

E.F. Hill and E.C. Tilley were appointed clerks to read letters to the different churches.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Flat Branch: J.H. Harper, J.H. Parks and Luther Gibson.

Mountaintown: G.L. Ballew, R.L. Garrett and J.J. Withrow.

New Hope No.1: E.N. Corbin, W.C. Dover, Cleve Barnes and L.L. Ballew.

New Hope No.2: A.C. Evans, R.W. Burgess, George Woodring, J.F. Key, and Isom Evans.

New Bethel: M.R. Blankinship, B.N. Thorton, and Robert Quarles.

Pleasant Hill: T.A. Langley, E.F. Hill, J. Rodgers and V.L. Corbin.

Pleasant Grove: A.L. Ballew and J.W. Logan

Sunlight: C.N. Johnson and E.C. Tilley

Zion Hill: W. H. Plemmons, J.W. Souther, Rev. Sam Crumby and Sidney Souther.

Cross Roads: J.E. Sanford, J.D. Quarles, C.G. Copeland, and D. R. Townsend.

Rock Creek: J.W. Green, Brownlow Beavers and G.W. Hyde.

Plain View: Reed Aaron and J.H. Ray.

Pleasant Gap: Wiley Davis and Hiram Buckner.

Ellijay: (Not Represented)

Liberty: (Not Represented)

New Salem: (Not Represented)

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order by W.H. Plemmons, moderator.

After a song , prayer led by Bro. J.W. Souther.

Called for visitors. Received J.W. Curtis from the Middle Cherokee Association.

Report on Cooperation, Progress and Development of the churches and Missions, read and adopted as hereinafter recorded.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Sermon by Rev. L.C. Sluder

## SATURDAY MORNING

Song, prayer by Rev. J.W. Curtis.

Call made for visitors and received Bro. S.O. Penland from the Noonday Association.

Called for question of new business and received the following: Is it good order according to the Baptist faith and practice for a Baptist Church to use men of other denominations and men who are not a member of any church to assist in the transaction of the business work of the Baptist church.

ANSWER: We say that it is not good order for any church to call in members of other denominations to assist in the church and Sunday School work and especially men who are not members of any denomination.

Preaching at 11 by J.W. Curtis. Subject or text: Preach the Word.

Adjourned for dinner to meet back at 1 p.m.

## REPORTS

The following reports were read and adopted:

### **PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHURCHES**

We your committee submit the following. Some of our churches constituting the Mountaintown Association have made great progress. While others have not, because they have not carried out the discipline as they should, and have not made such sacrifices as God would have, and have not fed their converts on the sincere milk of the word. Brethren we must be led by the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love to strive for the advancement of the church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality to sustain its worship.

Brethren the Bible teaches that God is great in his mercy and love. We should give more earnest heed to the welfare of our churches and earnest prayer to God in their behalf and when we fail to obey the Holy Spirit we do wrong in the presence of God. Submitted from New Hope Church No. 2.

## COOPERATION

We, your committee on cooperation believe that our churches that compose the Mountaintown Association should study the Bible with a prayerful heart that we may learn thereby the holy life of our Savior. How he cooperated with his father in giving his rich blessings to the poor fallen man. We believe we are falling far short of our duty as Christians in not visiting our sister churches more. In so doing we will have closer ties of life love for each other, and show a greater desire for the spiritual welfare of the church, for the Bible tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of b. 10-25.

We believe our people are growing more careless in visiting the sick. The Bible says, pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions. James 1-27.

We urge that our people wake up to a sense of their duty and by so doing, our churches will have more power for good and God will give us greater blessings.- Respectfully submitted by Mountaintown Baptist. G.L. Ballew

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We beg to urge the importance of this work to your body. The time has passed when its merits are questioned.

The great trouble is the indifference and carelessness of the churches in gathering the children and young people on the Lord's Day and teaching them in these Bible schools.

There is no part in Christian work, except the preaching of the word, that is so important in the perpetuation of the church, and so inviting and encouraging as the Sunday School work. These children will, to a large extent, constitute the churches of the future, and its usefulness and high standard of morals will be measured by the children. Every church should give not only its encouragement to this work, but as far as possible its personal presence and cooperation. The fruits of it in the years to come will show a more devoted and consecrated church membership. Let us take care of this important nursery of the church. – Respectfully submitted from Flat Branch Baptist Church.

## PUBLICATIONS

We think our Baptist people ought to take the Christian Index and study our Baptist papers and literature. By doing this we learn to do more for our Lord and His cause.

One reason our people don't do more for missions, orphan's home, pastoral support and suffering humanity is because we don't fully realize and know our duty.

This will train our children and young people in our Baptist faith, and help them know what to do. – Respectfully submitted from Pleasant Hills Church. J. Rodgers and E.F. Hill

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## PASTORAL SUPPORT

We find that some of our churches pay their pastor for about one fifth of the time that it takes to make the round to his churches if he walks.

God in his love has so fixed it that they who preach the Gospel shall love of the Gospel. And how can a man live except the church members support him. We earnestly insist that the Association pass some rule whereby our preachers of the association should be supported. We also insist that the clerk or treasurer keep a strict account of who pay their pastor, feeling that this system would boost the nonpayers to do their duty. – Respectfully submitted from New Hope Church No. 1. E. N. Corbin

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## MISSIONS

By referring to the Word of God we find that we are taught a work of missions. We believe when an man or woman is regenerated and borned of the Spirit of God that there is a work of missions assigned at their hands.

We find that by studying the Bible that John was on a mission preparing a people for the coming of Jesus Christ. And we believe that it is our mission to strive to bring the world to Christ. Knowing it to be a Bible command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, we feel it is our duty to strive to send the glad tidings of salvation as far as our means will permit. – Respectfully submitted from Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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## STATE OF RELIGION

We believe that there is nothing that gives us more consolation than to know that we have got religion. John 3:16: Hereby perceive we the love of God because he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our life for the brethren.

Religion consists of love to God and our fellow man, and we feel that if all people who have

their names on the church book would show their religion by their works there would be more progress in the saving souls than there is.

God give us a spirit that will help us to live our religion daily, for we know that is what it takes to gain Heaven for a home. – Respectfully submitted from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. A.L. Ballew

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### STATE OF MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to submit the following:

We are in favor of missions but do not know of any state missions mentioned in the New Testament. But we believe in a world wide mission. "And He said unto them go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, Mark 16-15 – Respectfully submitted from Rock Creek Baptist Church. J.W. Green and G.W. Dyer

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### HOME MISSIONS

We find from reading God's word that he commands us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. But God didn't mean for all of us to go into the foreign fields. There is plenty of work to do at home. If we will only we look around we will see some poor widow or orphan that is in need. We are commanded to help the widows and orphans and to visit the sick and to help those who are in need.

Let us not be discouraged because we cannot go into the foreign fields, for God will wonderfully bless Let us Baptist go to work and do our duty at home by seeing that the poor and needy, widows and orphans around each church are cared for. God's word tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. So if we cannot give a large amount, let's all do what we can and we will in no wise lose our reward. – Respectfully submitted from Plain View Church. Harley Ray and Reed Aaron.

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### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following:

Temperance is a vital subject for the Bible says: "Be ye temperant in all things". In another place it says: " Add to your faith virtue, knowledge and to knowledge temperance," and so on.

We urge our people to add these graces as they are quoted in the Bible. By adding virtue and knowledge we are qualified to be temperate. We urge our people to totally abstain from intoxicating drinks as a beverage. – Respectfully submitted from Cross Roads Church. D.R. Townsend, C.G. Copeland and J.D. Quarles.

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RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee to report on Resolutions, submit the following:  
That the Mountaintown Association extend to Cross Roads Church our sincere thanks for the courtesy shown this association.

E.F. Hill, Chairman

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FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance submit this report:

Money received from the different churches	_____	\$20.25
From former treasurer	_____	\$6.20
	Total_	\$26.45
Paid the Clerk	_____	\$6.00
Total amount left for printing the minutes	_____	\$20.45

J. Rodgers, J.H. Harper and C.J. Hyde

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Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's mission union auxiliary to the Mountaintown Association submits the following report: One W.M.S., one G.A. and one S.B.B. from the Ellijay Baptist. They have given for all objects fostered by the Convention \$21.50. Other churches \$5.00. Total \$26.50.

We would suggest that each woman that belongs to the Association give as much as 10 cents a month regularly to the cause of Christ. Will the pastors help encourage them to do this. – Submitted Mrs. L. E. Osborn.

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DECEASED MEMBERS

Zion Hill: Mr. W. F. Sluder, Rev. J. Pickett, Miss Armanda Pickett

Sunlight: William Allen Thurman

Pleasant Gap: Mr. E.F. McGill, Mrs. Nancy McGill.

Pleasant Grove: Mr. Sam Smith

Mountaintown: Mrs. Clarisa Withrow, Mrs. Mary Hill

Cross Roads: Mr. John Buckner, Mr. William Banks

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

J.G. Dover, Ellijay, Ga., Rt. 5  
 Burt Banks, Tails Creek, Ga.  
 Sam Crumby, Ellijay, Ga., Rt. 2  
 F.F. Eller, Ellijay, Ga., Rt. 3  
 H.M. McCrary, Ellijay, Ga., Rt. 5  
 L.C. Sluder, Ellijay, Ga.  
 B.W. Davis, Ellijay, Ga.  
 J.L. Smith, Ellijay, Ga.  
 Charlie Gibson, Ellijay, Ga.  
 A.J. Reece, Ellijay, Ga.

**LICENTATES**

J.W. Souther, Ellijay, Ga., Rt. 2  
 J.W. Green, Ramhurst, Ga.  
 Brownlo Beavers, Ramhurst, Ga.  
 C.D. Davis, Ellijay, Ga.  
 J. L. Waters, Ellijay, Ga.  
 W.L. Davis, Ellijay, Ga.  
 H.C. Hensley, Ellijay, Ga.

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**Assignments for 1928 Association**

Sunday Schools -----	Pleasant Grove
Pastorial Support -----	Mountaintown
Temperance -----	Zion Hill
Education -----	Ellijay
Publications -----	Flat Branch
Cooperation -----	Rock Creek and Plain
View	
Progress of the Churches -----	Sunlight
State of Religion -----	Cross Roads
Orphans Home -----	Pleasant Hill
Foreign Missions -----	New Hope No. 2
Home Missions -----	New Hope No. 1
State Missions -----	New Bethel and
Liberty	
Resolutions -----	Pleasant Gap

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next meeting of the Mountaintown Baptist Association will be held with Sunlight Baptist Church. Beginning on Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July 1928. The introductory sermon to be preached by Charlie Gibson.





# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

Section 1 This association shall be known as the Mountaintown Baptist Association, and shall be composed of churches holding the doctrines of one sovereign, eternal and holy God, human depravity, the atonement of Jesus Christ, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, eternal life through faith in Christ, the immersion of believers upon profession of the faith in Christ and administering of the Lord's Supper only to those who have been admitted by experience of grace and regularly baptized into the visible company of believers known as the church.

Section 2 Every church shall be entitled to three Messengers and one additional Messenger for each hundred members.

## ARTICLE II

Section 1 The object of this Association shall be to promote the union and preserve the purity of the church, to give counsel to the churches within its bounds, and to contribute to and otherwise foster Missions, Education, temperance, and every Christian work and virtue. This shall be done without in any way impairing the sovereignty of individual churches.

Section 2 The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the Association.

Section 3 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as are proper to his office.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary (or clerk) to keep a true account of the proceedings of the body, prepare them for publication, and to conduct the correspondence of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the Association and disburse them as the Association may direct.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that only true believers in Christ are proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that only regularly baptized believers have the right to partake in the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that the churches compose Christ's visible kingdom on the earth, and that they are independent of one another, choosing the own bishops and other executive officers, none of whom may "Lord it over God's heritage.

## ARTICLE III

Section 1 Any church whose constitution is regular, and whose Articles of Faith are in harmony with those of this Association may be admitted into the Association upon application.

Section 2 Any church may withdraw from the Association upon request.

Section 3 At the opening of each regular meeting of the Association, an introductory sermon shall be delivered by some minister appointed by the Association.

Section 4 At each annual meeting the Association shall choose the time and place for its next meeting.

Section 5 This Association may correspond with any other Association of like faith and order.

Section 6 This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

All ordained ministers in the Association shall be Messengers from their respective churches.

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#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe in one God, revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and of the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, and they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto complete salvation.
5. We believe that sinners are justified only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to a knowledge of the truth; and, as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.
7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only external evidence of regeneration, and that all believers will abound therein from motives of gratitude and love.
8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and in the general judgment, at which the incorrigibly wicked will be adjudged to eternal punishment and the justified to eternal life.
9. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is composed of faithful persons only, who have covenanted to maintain a discipline conforming to the rules of the New Testament Scripture.
10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law giver of the Church and that the government is with the Church, all members having equal rights therein.
11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Moderator shall state all motions before they are debated.
2. The Moderator shall decide all points of order; but his decision, if unsatisfactory, may be appealed from to the body.
3. Members shall rise and address the Moderator before speaking to the house and shall gain the recognition of the Moderator before beginning to speak.
4. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question without the permission of the Moderator.
5. All motions, except those affecting the Constitution, shall be decided by a vote from the majority of the members present.
6. No member shall leave the house during a regular session without the permission of the Moderator.
7. No loud talking or other disturbance shall be permitted in the house during the session of the body.
8. Any member violating any rule of order shall be rebuked by the Moderator; and should such member disregard the rebuke, his membership will be forfeited.
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# Statistical Table

Churches	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Meeting Day	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Letter	Baptized	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Sunday Schools	For Minutes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property	Church Work And Missions	When Church Was Constituted	Present Home Was Built
Cross Roads			3				6	2	86		\$1.40		\$300.00	\$21.00	1878	1925
*Ellijay																
Flat Branch	1		1	2		1	1	1	88		\$2.00		1000.00			
Zion Hill	1	1	2	10		6	1	3	81	1	\$1.50		1000.00			
*Liberty																
Mountaintown			3			3	1	2	130	1	\$2.00	\$50.00	1500.00	\$3.00	1844	1907
New Hope No. 1	2		4	1	3	6			84	1	\$1.25		800.00		1844	1891
New Hope No.2			2	6	1	1	1	1	179	1	\$2.00	\$38.50	1200.00	\$100.52		1914
New Bethel			2			7			51		\$1.00					
*New Salem																
Pleasant Hill			1	4	2	2			125	1	\$1.75	\$37.42	1000.00	\$6.69	1849	1904
Pleasant Grove	2	4	1					1	79	1	\$2.75	\$18.56	1500.00	\$16.41	1858	1926
Pleasant Gap			2	6	2				20	1	\$1.50		500.00	\$66.00		
Plain View	1		2	2		3			36	1	\$1.00				1922	
Sunlight			1		1			1	35		.90					
Rock Creek		2	1		4	3	1		38		\$1.00	\$20.00		\$1.50	1923	

\*Not represented in this association

# Statistical Table

Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address
Cross Roads	Burt Banks	Tails Creek, Ga.	W.V. Quarles	Tails Creek, Ga.
*Ellijay				
Flat Branch	Charlie Gibson	Ellijay, Ga.	James Higdon	Ellijay, Ga.
Zion Hill	Burt Banks	Tails Creek, Ga	Gordon Souther	Ellijay, Ga. Rt. 2
*Liberty				
Mountaintown	C.L. Mulkey	Ellijay, Ga.	C.J. Hyde	Ellijay, Ga.
New Hope No. 1	Burt Banks	Tails Creek, Ga	P.G. Hyatt	Tails Creek, Ga.
New Hope No.2	Charlie Sluder	Ellijay, Ga.	J.F. Key	Ellijay, Ga.
New Bethel	W.R. Posey	Ramhurst, Ga.	W. Pankey	Tails Creek, Ga.
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Pleasant Hill	L.C. Sluder	Ellijay, Ga.	E.F. Hill	Ellijay, Ga. Rt. 5
Pleasant Grove	J.G. Dover	Ellijay, Ga.	A.L. Ballew	Ellijay, Ga.
Pleasant Gap	J.L. Smith	Ellijay, Ga.	H. Buckner	Ellijay, Ga.
Plain View	A.J. Reece	Ellijay, Ga.	Mrs. H.W. Ray	Ellijay, Ga.
Sunlight	Welding Duvall	Oakman, Ga.	W.I. Tilley	Ellijay, Ga. Rt. 3
Rock Creek	C.S. Burgess	Ramhurst, Ga.	P.E. McGill	Ramhurst, Ga.

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