

*Original Handwritten Minutes*  
**Typescript**

**2nd General Assembly**  
**January 9-13, 1907**  
**Union Grove (Bradley County),**  
**Tennessee**

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The Church Assembly held Jan. 9-13, 1907

Introductory

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1907 at 7 – P.M.

After song and prayers Elder R. G. Spurling delivered the opening sermon. Text: “For unto the Angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.” Heb. 2:5. He gave scriptural proof, showing that the honor of carrying the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was not conferred upon angels, but upon men.

Thursday morning, Jan. 10

Prayer and praise service conducted by Elder W. F. Bryant. This service showed the spirit of love to God and one another and was accompanied with blessings from the Lord.

At a few minutes after 10 A.M. the assembly opened in regular order. General reception and greeting each other in love. This exercise closed with a united prayer in which the blessing and melting power of the Lord was very sensibly felt. The reports from the different churches were read, after which a few members made remarks in which special attention was called to the number of women in the churches exceeding that of men. Special mention was made of the important positions occupied by women in the time of Christ and His Apostles.

Address, “Importance of the study of the themes for consideration by the assembly.” A. J. Tomlinson.

After reading a part of 1 Tim. 4, he said:

There are so many sects, doctrines, opinions and divisions that it is of vast importance for us to know the truths contained in the Scriptures. After speaking at some length on the different “doctrines of devils” in vogue today the speaker took up the subjects on the programme and briefly outlined the important features one by one, advising the speakers to stand out boldly for their convictions, having themselves so clothed with love that no one could be hurt and always ready to yield to plain Scriptural teaching even though it might cross some former views. The plain Bible teaching, rightly divided, to settle all controverted points.

Adjourned for noon.

1:00 P.M.

Diverged from order of Programme on account of the absence of those on duty. Incidental subjects were discussed. First-Appointing assistant pastors or supplies. It was advised and recommended by the assembly that supplies should be selected by the Pastor himself. The selection of helpers of assistants for evangelistic work – This subject was duly discussed and the following advice accepted. – Viz. – Each evangelist

should have the privilege of asking whom he will to assist him in meetings he engages in. Care should be taken to be led by the Spirit rather than ecclesiastical bodies or rulers.

Question by M. S. Lemons.

“How long should we bear with a sinner in the Church?”

Ans. by Assembly. – Until we as a church do our scriptural duty toward the sinner and all efforts to reinstate him fails, and the Spirit satisfies us that we should disfellowship him.

Question by W. F. Bryant.

“If we know of a railer or extortioner in the congregation, should the deacons be instructed to offer him the bread and wine?”

Ans. by Assembly. – We should be very careful to follow the directions of the Spirit in harmony with the teachings of scripture, taking all things into consideration.

6:30 P.M.

“Unity of the Faith:” A. J. Tomlinson.

This subject was discussed at length proving conclusively that we can and ought to come to this standard of perfection. The address heartily endorsed by M. S. Lemons and R. G. Spurling by brief remarks.

Friday – Jan. 11, 1907. 8-30 A.M.

Preachers Conference. Considered the following subjects:

Name of Church.

Decision was made harmoniously. “Church of God.” 1 Cor. 1:2  
2 Cor. 1:1.

Credentials:

It was decided to use the printed form already in use by some.

Evangelists and their credentials:

Agreed to license some who were good evangelists but could not quite measure up to the requirements for ordination. Perfect unity and harmony prevailed.

9 – 30 A.M.

Prayer service and scripture lesson by Alex Hamby.

10 – 30 A.M.

Sanctification: M. S. Lemons

This subject was discussed at considerable length concluded by giving his experience. R. G. Spurling followed with discussion at some length.

Jan. 1 – P.M.

H. L. Trim led the prayer service.

1 – 30 P.M.

How to care for the local Churches the most effectually. The Pastors duties and how he should be selected. Should he necessarily be an ordained minister? R. G. Spurling This subject was discussed at some length by the speaker. Should be an ordained minister but could get a supply not ordained. He said "I believe generally the church should choose their pastor, yet Paul seemed to manage that a good deal by sending ministers to the different places.

H. L. Trim followed with a few brief words laying special stress on the importance of visiting and praying in homes. W. F. Bryant briefly emphasized the importance of having Pastors ordained, also on visiting homes.

M. S. Lemons, briefly putting special stress on pastor being a true Christian and blameless, caring for his own house well.

Decision about calling pastors.

Sometimes Church calls. Sometimes sent by those having the responsibility and authority, and in all of it, be sure and be guided by the Holy Ghost.

Some hindrances to the Church and how to over come them. W. F. Bryant. The subject was discussed briefly by the speaker, followed by Alex Hamby, M. S. Lemons, H. L. Trim & R. G. Spurling.

6 – 30 – P.M.

Prayer service led by W. F. Bryant.

7 – P.M.

Christ's Church. Leading principles. Importance of being a member of it. Who should be a member and who should not.

R. G. Spurling. The speaker continued at some length showing conclusively the importance of rebuilding the torn down structure. The speaker waxed so warm that at the close he exclaimed, "Give Christ the people in His Church or give me death. Amen, Amen."

Sat 8 – 15 – A.M.

Fellowship – Agreement. Some confession. There is a fellowship and a binding together among us that give each other the right hand of fellowship. Christ has pledged Himself that where we agree we can have so much more power. The above thoughts were expressed in the meeting.

Consecration.

A. J. Tomlinson: – “I expect to give all my time this year in the ministry of the Word and prayer.”

R. R. Spurling: “I expect to give all my time to the Lords work this year.”

Alex Hamby: “I expect to walk in the light. When I feel that He needs me in the field I expect to go. When I feel I ought to be at home I will expect to be there, but I hold myself ready to go.”

M. S. Lemons. – “I expect to give all my time to the ministry of the word and prayer, but I expect to work some in garden and at home if the time is given, but if I am required to be in the work I’ll let that go.”

W. F. Bryant. – I expect to be in the work all the year on some line, I am at His service. I am into it with all my power. My very bones are on fire for God.”

H. L. Trim – “I’ve been giving part of my time, I have felt I ought to give it all. If God opens up a field of labor before me I expect to go into it. I mean to go on. I expect to go, God being my helper.”

L. W. Smith – I expect to do more than I have in the past. God has blest me in many ways.”

The question of ordaining Alex. Hamby was discussed. Every minister present expressed themselves as being in favor of putting him forward. The examinations were perfectly satisfactory .The decision was to ordain him as a Bishop. In the “Church of God.” We believe he will hold the office sacred.

10 – 00 A.M.

Oscar Withrow led the prayer service. Said he was ready for service all the year if God led that way by His Spirit and providences.

Henry McNabb said he and his wife were ready for the battle as the Lord leads.

Sister N. J. Lawson spoke briefly on the ministry of prayer.

10 – 30 A.M.

Gifts of the Spirit. H. C. McNabb. The speaker dealt with the subject in a way to show conclusively they are for us today and that we should covet earnestly the best gifts. He was followed briefly by R. G. Spurling, M. S. Lemons, W. F. Bryant, Alex. Hamby, all spoke freely with power and demonstration of the Spirit. A song, incidental, by H. C. McNabb followed in quick succession, and the Spirit fell, shouts, handshaking, tears and glory in our souls.

11 – 20 A.M.

The Sunday School. Those on program not being present, Bro. R. G. Spurling led the discussion, followed by appropriate remarks by H. L. Trim, J. G. Telker, M. S. Lemons, H. C. McNabb. Alex. Hamby and A. J. Tomlinson.

1 – P.M.

M. S. Lemons led the prayer and gave an exhortation to Charity and the importance of being convinced by the Holy Ghost. Math 16: 16, 17, 18. And let every man be persuaded in his own mind.

Divine Healing. Shall we use drugs in case of sickness or take Jesus alone. Those on programme not being present Bro. R. G. Spurling led the discussion. He spoke at some length. Bro. W. F. Bryant followed with a brief exhortation on divine healing delivered in the power and demonstration of the Spirit in favor of taking Jesus only as our healer. M. S. Lemons spoke briefly as follows.

“What does the Bible say about taking drugs or Jesus? There’s no Scripture giving a man license to decide as he pleases about how to get healed. The Lord says to take Jesus only. I’d rather die a martyr and do what Jesus says, than to spend all my money for Doctors and then die and the Dr. have to be paid with the money that my wife and children ought to have. Die for the principle if needs be. A man full of faith is a pillar in the house of God. Peter & John seemed to be pillars.

A. J. Tomlinson concluded the discussion earnestly and in the power of the Spirit and at a call a number came forward for healing, and as we anointed with oil and prayed, some were healed instantly according to their own testimony.

3 – 30 P.M.

The relation of Spiritual power and Giving. How, when, & to whom should offerings be made? H. L. Trim. The speaker dwelt upon the subject at some length. Followed in a few brief words by M. S. Lemons.

7 – 30 P.M.

Sermon. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost and Fire. A. J. Tomlinson. The speaker dwelt on the subject very extensively and in power. At the close of his discourse he made an alter call and the alter was quickly filled with earnest seekers for this Baptism. Some tarried until late.

Sunday, Jan., 13 – 1907.

Sermon: “He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16. After the sermon the Church engaged in the sacred ordinances of “The Lord’s Supper and Feet Washing.”

Also, Alex. Hamby was formally ordained as Elder or Minister. H. L. Trim was also formally given a minister's License

The Second Annual Assembly adjourned with the expectation of assembling again in one year.

A. J. Tomlinson Clerk.