

Original Handwritten Minutes
Typescript

5th General Assembly
January 10-16, 1910
Cleveland, Tennessee

Cleveland, Bradley Co. Tenn.
Fifth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God held Jan.10 – 16, 1910.

Introductory – Monday Jan. 10 – 1910 – 7 P.M.

After prayers, M. M. Pinson of Georgiana, Ala. preached the introductory sermon.

Tuesday morning, Jan. 11.

Songs, prayers and praises. General reception, hand shaking and greeting.

A summary report of all the churches was read, also a brief report given by the general Moderator. Minutes of last Assembly read and approved. General remarks.

Noon

1 – 30 P.M.

Songs and praises, Bible reading and prayer by W. S. McMannen of Fenholloway, Fla.

Bible lesson on Church government given by M. S. Lemons of Chattanooga Tenn.

7 – P.M.

Songs and prayer, after which M. M. Pinson preached again.

Wednesday morning Jan. 12-1910.

Scripture lesson and prayer by Geo. T. Brouayer of Chattanooga Tenn.

A letter from J. A. Giddens of Clearwater Fla. was read, stating that two Tabernacles where he was pastor were burned to the ground the same night. These Tabernacles were at Largo and Midway. The Assembly ordered a letter of sympathy and greeting to be written the saints there.

A committee consisting of M. S. Lemons, R. G. Spurling, T. L. McLain and the general Moderator was appointed to draft examination questions with Bible references for same for the examining of candidates for the ministry.

the subject "The Crisis" was discussed at length by M. S. Lemons of Chattanooga Tenn.

Noon.

1.30 P.M.

Songs, praises.- Bible reading and prayer by Bro. Sigwalt from Trion Ga.

The subject of "the Crisis" was discussed further by the brethren, Spurling, Lemons, Holt, Rogers and Pinson.

7 – P.M.

Prayers and songs.

Bro. Kennedy of Birmingham, Ala. Preached.

Thursday morning, Jan. 13 – 1910.

Songs, Bible reading and prayer by Geo. T. Brouayer of Chattanooga Tenn.

The subject of a paper to be published in the interest of the "Church of God," and by the church was discussed by the brethren, Spurling, Sigwalt, Brouayer, Lawson and Lemons. Encouragement was given on the subject by Brother Johnson of Sevier Co. Tenn.

Bro. L. P. Adams gave a few remarks regarding his paper "Present Truth."

A committee was appointed consisting of, M. S. Lemons, A. J. Lawson, R. G. Spurling and Bro. Sigwalt for further investigation and consideration of the propriety of starting a paper.

Mention was made concerning the change of the name of "General Moderator" to "General Overseer ."

Noon.

1 – 30 – P.M.

Songs & praises. Bible reading and prayer by C. R. Curtis of Haysville, N. C .

Discourse "Evangelism" by Chas. Holt of Atlanta Ga.

Discourse, "Education," by L. P. Adams of Memphis Tenn.

7 P.M.

Songs and prayer.

Sermon by L. P. Adams of Memphis Tenn.

Friday morning, Jan. 14 – 1910.

Songs. Bible lesson and prayer by H. E. Tower of Syracuse, N.Y.

The "Sunday School" was presented by the reading of a paper on the subject from J. A. Giddens of Clearwater, Fla. The paper was read by Marion Whidden from Crewsville, Fla. Appropriate remarks were made on the subject by Spurling, Lawson Lemons and others.

Noon.

1 – 30 P.M.

Songs, prayers and praises.

"Lecture to Ministers" by L. P. Adams of Memphis Tenn.

The name General Moderator was changed to General Overseer.

7 – P.M.

Songs and prayers.

Sermon by Bro. Rogers of Woodlawn, Ala.

Sat. Morning Jan. 15-1910.

Songs and prayer.

It was decided by the assembly that the General Overseer appoint pastors for the different churches, as they give consent to go, feel led of the Lord etc.

The committee reported on the preparation of examination questions for applicants to the ministry reported and report accepted.

The committee on investigation about the paper for the church, reported favorable to starting a paper, and recommended the appointment of a publishing committee to prepare for and start the paper. The report was accepted and acted upon.

The following named persons were appointed as publishing Committee viz. A. J. Tomlinson, M. S. Lemons, Flavius J. Lee, T. L. McLain, Sam C. Perry, A. J. Lawson and Geo. T. Brouayer.

The same committee was appointed to arrange for and secure a charter for the Church, if in their judgment it was necessary for the best welfare of the Church.

Noon

1 – 30 P.M.

Songs, and prayer.

“Reformations of the past and the one at the present time,” discussed by R. G. Spurling, Turtletown Tenn.

The Financial question was discussed by W. S. McMannen of Fenholloway, Fla.

The Assembly chose A. J. Tomlinson for General Overseer for the year 1910.

The assembly now closes to meet again, God willing on Tuesday before the Second Sunday in Jan. 1911, at the place yet to be selected. The assembly now concluded Jan. 15 – 1910.

A. J. Tomlinson General Overseer.

Marion Whidden Clerk.