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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

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## Tri-State Baptist Bible School Launched

Much Enthusiasm Is Manifested In Launching of School At a Rally Attended By Members of Fifteen Churches.

By THE EDITOR.

On July seventh members of fourteen surrounding churches met in a rally with the First Baptist Church of Russell, Ky., (near Ashland) and voted heartily, enthusiastically, and unanimously to launch the Tri-State Baptist Bible School. A wonderful spirit of unity and fellowship prevailed. One brother stated that some had prayed for a school of this kind as much as eighteen years ago and that he thanked God that their prayers were at last to be answered. The idea of this school has been in the mind of Pastor John R. Gilpin of Russell, for several years and he was the chief factor in launching the school.

One of the most significant things in the rally was the message of Pastor W. C. Pierce of Catlettsburg, Ky., on "Why We Need the Tri-State Baptist Bible School." Brother Pierce stated that some might think it the height of folly to think of launching such a school inasmuch as we have our denominational seminaries. But he stated that such a school was needed because none of our seminaries are giving the Bible the proper place. He emphasized that none of them so far as he knew are emphasizing the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures as it should be emphasized, and that none of them are teaching the Bible as a Baptist book. He told how a representative of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, when reminded of something in the writings of Paul, disparagingly said: "Yes, that is what Paul said;" and seemed to be astounded when told that the writings of Paul are as authoritative as the teachings of Jesus Christ, both having been inspired by the same Spirit. Brother Pierce told also how a graduate of the seminary had told him that the prevailing sentiment of the seminary is that we ought to unionize and cooperate with all evangelical denominations. And Brother Gilpin told how a professor in the above seminary said that preachers should not go out and try to mould the practices of the churches; but that they ought to content themselves with preaching the Bible and allow the churches to practice open communion, alien immersion, etc., if they desired to do so. In other words, preachers should not preach against false and unscriptural practices. Brother Gilpin stated also that a friend of his who is a seminary graduate said that he never preached a sermon except there lurked in his mind a doubt as to the truthfulness of what he preached. And this friend told Brother Gilpin that all he (Gilpin) had missed in being unable to continue his course in the seminary was the doubts that he would have gotten. The writer has often said that the average seminary graduate is almost worthless to the truth until he unlearns about nine-tenths of what he learned in the seminary. Brother Pierce stated that it is said that frequently students come out of Moody Bible Institute (an un-denominational school) with firmer Baptist convictions than many who graduate from our denominational seminaries. The reason is that the inspiration of the Scriptures is emphasized unquestioningly in Moody Bible Institute.

Members of the following churches in Kentucky were present at the rally: Vanceburg; Fullerton; South Portsmouth; Greenup; Wurtland; Raceland; Russell; First, Second, Fairview, Pollard, and Unity of Ashland; Grahn, and Catlettsburg. Solida

church in Ohio (near Ironton) was also represented. Letters were read from Brethren D. B. Eastep of Covington, Ky., J. S. Thompson, Salyersville, Ky., S. M. Meade, Grayson, Ky., and W. K. Wood, Ashland, Ky., expressing their interest in the school and their regret in not being able to attend the rally.

The rally adopted the following constitution for the school:

### Article 1—Name and Location

This school shall be known as the Tri-State Baptist Bible School, and shall be located at Russell, Ky.

### Article 2—Purpose

The purpose of the school shall be to give scriptural training (2 Tim. 2:2) to those whom God has called to preach his word. Others are free to attend the school if they desire.

### Article 3—Government

The government of the school shall be entrusted to a board of twenty directors. This board shall consist of Baptist men and shall be elected annually by a rally of representatives of Baptist churches giving financial support to the school. Individual Baptists who contribute directly to the financial support of the school shall also be entitled to membership in the rally. Contributing churches shall be entitled to as many representatives as they may send. The rally shall be held each year with the First Baptist Church of Russell in connection with the closing exercises of the school. The rally shall name one member of the Board of Directors as chairman, and this chairman shall also be moderator of the annual rally. The Board of Directors shall elect annually an assistant chairman, a secretary and a treasurer of the board, a president of the school and such teachers as are needed and available. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the faithful handling of all funds contributed to the school, and funds shall be disbursed only as ordered by the board. The board shall hold monthly meetings at such times and places as it may elect, and the chairman, or the assistant chairman, shall have the authority and responsibility to call special meetings of the board when such is needful; and in such cases the secretary of the board shall notify all members of the board at least two days in advance of the time of the meeting. Eight members of the board shall constitute a quorum. At the annual rally the Board of Directors shall make a complete written report of its activities and those of the school. This report shall show the number of meetings held by the board and the number of meetings attended by each member of the board, important items of business transacted at these meetings, the courses taught in the school and the teachers of the various courses, the number of pupils in attendance and the number graduating, and receipts and disbursements of the school.

### Article 4—Finances

No tuition shall be charged, but students shall be responsible for their personal expenses and for books. The school shall incur no debts. Offerings shall be gladly accepted from churches and individuals according as the Lord may lead them to give. Such funds as the school may receive are to be used in defraying the necessary expenses of the school and in as-