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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION,

OF

MISSIONARY - BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH

PARAGOULD BAPTIST CHURCH,

GREENE COUNTY, ARK.,

OCT. 10, 11, & 12, 1890.

ELD. E. P. MINTON, Moderator, Jonesboro, Ark.

ELD. MARTIN BALL, Clerk and Treasurer, Jonesboro, Ark.

MINUTES.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Association met in its 37th annual session in the meeting house of the Paragould Baptist church, commencing Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct. 1890.

After devotional exercises the Moderator called the Association to order.

The letters from churches were read by Brethren J. B. Wise and M. D. Early.

Letters from 22 churches were read and names of delegates enrolled.

On motion the Association adjourned till 2:30 o'clock, to hear the introductory sermon by Bro. M. D. Early, of Memphis, Tenn. Text: 1st Tim. iv. 8.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the Moderator called the Association to order. Other letters were presented and read.

The Association went into a permanent organization. On motion Bro. E. P. Minton was unanimously elected Moderator by acclamation. Bro. M. Ball was elected Clerk in the same way.

The Altman School House church, Hollywood church and the Maumelle Prairie church petitioned membership, and on motion the churches were received and the right hand of fellowship extended.

Visitors were called for and Bro. J. S. Edmonds of Mt. Vernon Association and M. D. Early of Memphis, Tenn., responded.

On motion the following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

ARRANGEMENTS—J. H. Kitchens Jr., J. M. Rains, A. L. Howard.

DIVINE SERVICES—L. P. Montgomery, J. C. Riley and T. B. Kitchens

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—C. B. Hunton, D. Rooks and A. J. English.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—E. L. Jacobs, E. J. Newsom and T. C. Carter.

LITERATURE—J. W. Bell, H. H. Cole, Thos. Williams.

TEMPERANCE—L. P. Montgomery, H. F. Wright, F. M. Johnson and J. M. Rains.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. B. Wise, J. W. Franklin, A. L. Howard.

FINANCE—G. M. Settlemier, F. M. Newcom, H. Owens.

OBITUARIES—W. L. Hughs, Junius Cooper, J. T. Smith.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—R. P. Watkins, I. Gibson and E. Walraven.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. B. Wise, J. D. Griffin, J. Riffe.

HOME MISSIONS—W. R. McEwen, L. E. Stancell, Warren Montgomery.

COLLEGE WORK—M. Ball, B. T. Stokes, W. A. Lawson.

STATE MISSIONS—J. M. Minton, T. J. McKinney, J. A. Kincaid.

WOMAN'S WORK—C. B. Hunton, A. Pagan, R. G. Cothran.

MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES—L. E. Dennis, M. C. Clark, and J. S. Peters.

NOMINATIONS—P. R. Watkins, Jack Montgomery, R. C. Seay and Jno. Broadway.

CROWLEY'S RIDGE BAPTIST—J. B. Wise, H. F. Wright, A. J. English, J. W. Bell and E. L. Jacobs.

On motion Eld. J. B. Wise was added to the delegation from Paragould.

Committee on arrangements reported as follows:

1. Call for reports of committees.
2. Select a place for the next meeting of this body and a Brother to preach the Introductory sermon.

3. Select messengers to other bodies.
4. Select Executive Board.
6. Adjourn.

J. H. KITCHENS, Jr., Chairman of Com.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Bro. Ball preach to-night.

On motion it was decided to hold the next meeting of this body at Jonesboro: Bro. C. B. Hunton to preach the introductory sermon, with J. B. Wise alternate.

Messengers were appointed to the various associations and conventions as follows:

Gainesville—Thomas Williams and W. S. Barker.

Mt. Vernon—D. Rooks and J. T. McKinney.

Spring River—J. M. Rains and J. M. Minton.

On motion the subject of temperance was made the special order for to-night immediately after preaching.

Bro. E. P. Minton was chosen delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention with Bro. Martin Ball as alternate.

Brethren C. B. Hunton, J. B. Wise, J. H. Kitchens Jr., J. W. Bell and J. V. Bell were elected to represent us in the State Convention, with M. Ball, W. J. Stamper, E. P. Minton and Jacob Sharp alternates.

On motion the report on Woman's work was made the special order for tomorrow night.

The committee on Home Missions reported. Pending the discussion of the report the Association adjourned to meet to-night after preaching.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by Bro. Ball, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The special order was taken up and the report on Temperance was read.

We, your committee on Temperance would report as follows:

Resolved 1st. That it is the sense of this body that the making and vending of intoxicating liquors is the meanest, most degrading, and soul destroying traffic that curses our fair southland.

2d. That it fosters crime, ignorance and infidelity, makes

women more than widows, and children more than orphans.

3d. That any church member who talks for, or votes in favor of said evil traffic, if not shamefully ignorant, is unworthy the name christian; and should be promptly dealt with by his church.

L. P. MONTGOMERY,	} Com.
J. M. RAINS.	
H. F. WRIGHT,	
F. M. JOHNSON,	

This report was discussed at length and adopted.

On motion adjourned till 8:30.

FRIDAY MORNING.

After devotional exercises the minute of yesterday was read and approved. The names of Bro. W. J. Bearden, of Gainesville Association, Bro. T. A. Scott, of West Union Association, Ky., and J. M. Blalock, Black River Association, Mo., were enrolled as visitors. An encouraging letter was read from the Gainesville Association.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, that the special committee to investigate charges against Antioch church might report. The following report was submitted, received and the committee discharged.

Your special committee to investigate a charge against Antioch church for holding in fellowship a brother, who was running a distillery, submit the following:

Brethren W. L. Gage and J. H. Kitchen, jr., visited that church and found that the church had preferred a charge against him for the said offense, and withdrew fellowship from him on the same day that they made their visit to the church.

We learn that he has since disposed of his interest in the still house; confessed his wrong and repentance for same, and has been restored to the full fellowship of the church.

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,	} Com.
W. L. GAGE,	
J. M. RAINS,	

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read as follows:

We your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report:
The field is wide and the work is hard. Our Home Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is straining every point to raise funds to occupy the destitute fields.

The work among the Indians is very encouraging, and the Cuba work is marvelous. God has signally blessed us there. During the year our leader of the mission work has had to suffer persecution by imprisonment at the hands of Catholic Priests. He and his comrades have shown a large degree of faith in God.

The Board calls on us for help. We ought to grant it—if for no other reason—the Board has always shown a willing hand to help us in the destitute portions of our beloved state.

We would not disparage the work in Foreign fields, but would urge every one to give more liberally of his means to carry forward the work in our sunny land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. McEWEN,
L. E. STANCELL,
WARREN MONTGOMERY, } Com.

A collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$20
(On motion a committee on suggestions and recommendations was appointed, viz: J. H. Kitchens, jr., J. W. Bell and W. L. Hughes.

The committee on Divine services reported: J. S. Edwards preaches at 11 o'clock to-day, M. D. Early at 7 to-night.

The committee on Ministerial support was read and the report was adopted as follows

Your committee on ministerial support would respectfully report that we find the churches have paid for the support of the Ministry as follows:

Jonesboro,	\$800.00	Macedonia,	\$149.00
Paragould,	509.00	Herman,	31.00
Pleasant Grove,	30.00	Mt. Zion,	48.00
Sumland,	150.00	Pleasant Valley,	24.00
Lee Grove,	100.00	Enterprise,	25.00
.....	55.00	Bethel,	46.00
.....	53.00	Lebanon,	16.00
.....	50.00	Antioch,	17.00
.....	70.00		
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			\$2022.55

We feel that the amounts paid, with one or two exceptions only, are far below what they should be; and that this state of affairs is largely owing to the fact that our people have not been properly taught along this line of christian duty. Therefore we would respectfully request that all our pastors prepare and preach one sermon at least during the year to all their

churches on the duty of the churches to their pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON,

D. ROOKS,

A. J. ENGLISH.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read and re-committed for an additional report of Statistics

On motion adjourned till 2:30 o'clock for preaching

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Blalock.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The minute of the morning session was read and approved.

Bro. Bell was granted leave of absence after to-day.

The committee on Literature reported as follows:

Your committee on Literature would submit the following:

First of all would recommend the prayful reading and study of the Holy Scriptures.

2d. As you have a committee to report on the Crowley's Ridge Baptist, we leave that to them; and heartily recommend the taking and reading of our state paper, the Arkansas Baptist; and as Sunday School Literature, Kind Words series, published at Atlanta, Ga.

J. W. BELL, Chairman,

The report was adopted.

The committee on obituaries reported. The report was adopted as follows:

We your committee on obituaries beg leave to submit the following report: As it has pleased God to call from our midst since last we met as an Association, many of our beloved brethren and sisters, be it.

Resolved therefore, That we submit to this dispensation of Divine Providence with becoming reverence, knowing that God's will is wiser than our pleasure, and that we as an Association thank God, though our brethren and sisters are gone, that they were supported by that grace that enables men and women to live for Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Besolved further, That it is our living and abiding faith that our brethren and sisters are not dead, but gone up higher

W. L. HUGHES, Chairman.

The committee on College Work reported as follows:

We are sorry we have not the data that would enable us to report as intelligently as we should concerning this important work of our denomination.

We learn from the newspapers, and the President of the College, that the work on the young ladies home is progressing rapidly and will be ready for occupation by the last of December.

Payments on the notes due the College Building proper, come in very slowly.

Your committee would suggest that all payments due on notes be met at once, so that the Trustees may not be embarrassed.

We find from the letters that very little has been done for the college in our Association.

The Jonesboro church gave.....	\$350 00
" Paragould " "	25 00
" Philadelphia " "	27 00

Total.....	\$402 00
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Your committee suggests the importance of the churches giving more interest to this work.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. BALL, Chairman.

A collection of \$10 for the college work was taken. This was to pay for the notes given by a brother and sister who are now deceased.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial education reported:

Your committee on Ministerial education beg leave to report the following: There never was a time in the history of the churches when the standard bearer should be more thoroughly educated to preach the gospel than now, in this age of high churchism; when the doctrines of the church of Christ are being assailed, by the philosophy and traditions of men, it is necessary to be able to meet this and defend the truth. We find embraced in the commission given by our blessed Saviour go preach, go teach. What are we to preach and teach? The gospel of the kingdom. Can a man teach that

which he has never been taught, if so why have a school at all? We believe that the education of ministers is taught in the commission; if it is our duty to support and perpetuate it in one sense, then it is our duty in every sense; again the great Apostle Paul gave like instruction to Timothy, a young minister.

"Preach the word," study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed." Thus the Scriptures assure us of the the importance of an educated ministry.

We recommend that the churches comprising this association give of thier means as God has prospered them to help support and educate those in her midst who have been called to the work. We recommend that we endorse and support the Baptist school in our state, located at Arkadelphia.

We find that there have been \$104.00 paid during the past year for Bro. McKinney, and he is still in school and needs help, and there are others in our bounds who need an education. We recommend that all our churches assist them in preparing for the work.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. P. WATKINS, Chairman.

The report was earnestly discussed and a collection in cash \$30 and pledges were taken as follows:

Subscriptions for Brethren McKiuney and Spillman.

J. S. Peters.....	\$2 00	F. M. Johnson.....	2 50
Hermion church (Thos. Williams).....	2 50	R. C. Seffers.....	1 00
Enterprise (J. M. Minton).....	2 00	W. S. Barker.....	1 00
H. H. Cole.....	1 00	L. T. Dennis.....	2 50
T. C. Carter.....	1 00	R. P. Watkins.....	1 00
Sister W. A. Maywood.....	1 00	A. Pagan.....	2 50
Paragould church.....	2 50	W. L. Hughes.....	5 00
Paragould S. School.....	2 50	Philadelphia (C. B. H.).....	5 00
Mrs. L. Ball.....	1 00	Macedonia (C. B. H.).....	5 00
Sister A. J. English.....	1 00	Antioch (C. B. H.).....	5 00
Sister C. B. Hunton.....	1 00	L. P. Montgomery.....	2 50
J. S. Edwards.....	5 00	W. C. Waldrup (Vandale).....	2 50
H. F. Wright.....	2 00	Pleasant Valley (A. O. Mounce).....	2 50
Sister W. S. Barker.....	1 00	W. A. Lawson.....	2 50
T. A. Scott.....	2 00	C. T. Tidwell.....	2 50
J. W. Mead (Lawson).....	1 00	Thos. Williams.....	1 00
J. W. Franklin.....	2 00	Oak Grove (I. Gibson).....	5 00
J. B. Wise.....	5 00	E. J. Newsom.....	1 00
G. W. Settlemyre.....	2 00		
Total.....			\$86 50

The Association was led in prayer by M. D. Early for God's blessings on the girls and boys at school.

Brethren J. M. Rains, Jas. Thompson and Junius Cooper were granted leave of absence.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Bro. M. D. Early preached to the large congregation and after preaching the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The report of the committee on Woman's Work was submitted as follows:

Your committee on Woman's Work would submit the following: That our noble women have and are doing a great and grand work throughout our Southern Zion, all who are atall postèd well know. But your committee is firmly of the opinion that this element of our churches can and would do a still greater work, if the pastors and laymen would extend to our sisters the encouragement and co-operation they justly deserve.

We would therefore recommend that as far as possible a Ladies Missionary Society be organized in every church within the bounds of this Association, said societies to co-operate with the churches in all the work of the churches at home and abroad.

That all monies be forwarded to the objects for which it is raised through the treasury of the churches.

That a written report of all monies thus raised be sent to the central committee located at Little Rock. Mrs. E. Longly is Secretary of said committee.

For the encouragement of others we would refer to the work done by our ladies during the past year:

JONESBORO CHURCH.

For Associational Missions.....	\$40 43
" Home "	16 00
" State "	16 00
" Foreign "	23 30
" Ministerial Education.....	16 00
" Church Aid.....	25 00
" Ouachita College.....	25 00
" " " By Sister Witt.....	50 00
" Parsonage.....	69 10
" Mission Church in Jonesboro.....	60 00
" Miscellaneous Purposes.....	40 00
Total.....	\$345 83
Paragould work.....	86 00

HARRISBURG

For Associational Missions.....	2 80
“ State “	90
“ Home “	90
“ Ouachita College.....	1 25
“ Repairs and Furniture.....	67 31
“ S. S. Literature.....	6 25
Total.....	79 31

PHILADELPHIA.

For Home Missions.....	\$1 20
“ Foreign “	1 00
“ Pastors Salary.....	5 00
“ Furniture.....	70 53
Total.....	\$77 55

Grand Total..... \$588 99

Respectfully Submitted,

C. B. HUNTON, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by several brethren and was unanimously adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. P. Watkins.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The names of L. J. Whittaker, Black River, Association, Mo., H. B. Wright, Gainesville Association, D. F. Hodges, New Hope Craighead county, were enrolled.

The report on Sunday schools was read and adopted as follows.

We believe that it is the duty of the churches to learn and teach God's Holy Word to the Sunday School and the world. We need to sustain this special department of church work for the sake of the helpless, dependent childhood, our youth, and our churches. There is a warning voice in the many forces of evil that threaten to peril the rising generation, society and a pure gospel. These evil forces must be met. They can only

be counteracted and met by the pure word of God faithfully taught to the children and youth of our country.

The child-mind properly called out, impressed and directed, is the strongest bullwark to stay the mighty rolling tide of godless influences. The Sabbath school is one of the mediums through which we can do this work.

"Train up a child in the way he should go" is the hoarse note rolling down the years of time, giving us the assurance that when the child has grown old he will not depart the godly training of his youth.

We find from the letters to the Association that we have fifty teachers and five hundred and fifty-one pupils in seven schools.

We therefore heartily recommend that an effort be made to plant an evergreen school in all our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. WISE,
J. W. FRANKLIN,
A. L. HOWARD,

} Committee.

The committee on Crowley's Ridge Baptist reported and the report was adopted as follows:

Be it resolved by this Association that we thank the Editors and directors of the Crowley's Ridge Baptist for the paper, and its fearless and noble defense of the truth. And earnestly commend it to the patronage and prayers of our people.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. WISE, Chairman.

The committee on Divine services reported that Bro. C. B. Hunto npreach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, Bro. E. P. Minton to-morrow night at 7 o'clock.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

From the time the first faint thought of self-exaltation cast its blighting shadows across the unsullied heart of the sun of the morning, the devil has marred the fairest works of God, and by his wily and malignant deception succeeded in alienating our race from holiness and God. The essence of christianity the individual soul is likeness to Christ, union with God.

The Christian fellowship with Christ in this life, and the life

to come was the object of the death of Christ. "The gospel is the power of God to the salvation of every one that believeth" "God is no respecter of persons." "How can a man believe on Him of whom he has not heard and how can he hear without a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent." The only legitimate deduction from these scriptural quotations is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "The field is the world" and no Christian has done his duty until he has as much as in him is preached the gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

The Baptists of Arkansas are called upon to raise for our Board of Foreign Missions \$3000 this convention year. Then let the cry go down the lines of the strong hearted workers of Mt. Zion Association, that every man is expected to do his duty in the sight of God to his brother in sin.

We find that the churches during this Associational year—all the year—have contributed only \$68.98. Brethren, this showing places criminal negligence on our hands for which we must account at the bar of God.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. WISE,
J. D. GIFFIN,
J. RIFFY. } Committee.

A collection of \$16.25.

The committee on Ministers names and Postoffices reported and the report was adopted as follows

NAME.	POSTOFFICE	NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
Martin Ball,.....	Jonesboro.	G M Settlemlire,.....	Hydrick.
E P Minthn,.....	"	B F Stokes,.....	Wynne.
C B Hunton,.....	"	L B Stemm,.....	Hydrick.
J W Bell,.....	"	Thomas Williams,.....	Lorado.
J M Rains,.....	"	J M Miles,.....	"
J M Minton,.....	"	J B Wise,.....	Paragould.
E Walraven,.....	Dee.	W S Barker,.....	"
W L Hughes,.....	Harrisburg.	W G Stamper,.....	Lake City.
Wm Anderson,.....	"	E D Turner,.....	Bay.
R M Ford,.....	"	J W Franklin,.....	Bay.
E J A McKinny,.....	"	H F Wright,.....	Bay.
J W Settlemlire,.....	Hydrick.		

LICENTIATES:

J H Stokes,.....	Wynne	J T McKinny.....	Harrisburg.
R P Watkins,.....	Jonesboro.	J N Adams,.....	Lorado.
A L Howard,.....	"	John Spillman,.....	Jonesboro.
A C Reeves,.....	Harrisburg.	J G Hendrix,.....	Lake City.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PETERS,
M. C. CLARK.

On motion Brethren W. C. Johnson and L. K. Howard were excused from further attendance.

The committee on Finance reported as follows:

FOR MINUTES.

Macedonia Church.....	\$ 2 50	Jonesboro,	\$ 5 00
Woodland,	1 00	Pleasant Valley,	1 50
Big Bay,	1 00	Oak Grove,	2 50
Lebanon,	1 00	New Hope, (Cross)	50
Mt Pisgah, (Craighead).....	75	Bethabara,	50
Bethel,	1 50	Shiloh,	75
Enterprise,	1 00	Paragould,	2 50
Antioch,	1 80	Ridge Station,	25
Cherry Valley,	85	Mt. Zion,	1 80
Bethany,	1 50	Altman School House,	55
Philadelphia,	4 00	Maumelle Prairie,	50
Herman,	3 00	Unity,	1 50
Wynne,	1 00	Holly Wood,	1
Traitor's Creek,	75	Pleasant Grove,	1 00
New Hope, (Craighead).....	1 00	Mt. Pisgah, (Cross).....	50
Total,			\$42.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. SETTLEMIRE, Chairman.

The report of the committee on nominations was read and adopted as follows:

We recommend the following named brethren as, in our judgement, most suitable as our Executive Board:

J. H. Kitchens, jr., W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton, A. J. English, G. W. Puryear.

Respectfully submitted, P. R. WATKINS, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. C. B. Hunton.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minute of the morning session was read and approved.

A statement of the financial condition of the Crowley's Ridge Baptist was read by Bro. J. H. Kitchens, jr.

The Committee on State Missions read their report and it was adopted as follows:

There is perhaps no State within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention developing in material wealth more than Arkansas. With this development there comes increased demand upon our people for increased contributions toward the spread of the gospel within our bounds. New towns and new sections of country are being opened up from year to year.

New people are coming into our State, and if we would occupy these fields we must build houses of worship and must have men to preach the gospel to the people. To do this work it takes money as well as men. The State Convention has been charged with the supervision of this work. But the Board cannot possibly do this work unless the churches co-operate with it in giving the gospel to the destitute places. Your committee would therefore recommend that every church within the bounds of this Association take a collection for the work of the State Board and forward the same to the State Secretary.

We find that only four churches have paid anything for State Missions:

Mt. Pisgah	gave.....	\$ 25
Paragould	"	18 60
Jonesboro	"	46 50
Bethany	"	4 25
Total.....		\$69 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MINTON,	} Com.
J. T. MCKINNY,	
J. A. KINCAID.	

A collection was taken for State missions amounting to \$10.00.

The Executive Board, through the President, Bro. J. H. Kitchens, jr., made the following report, which was adopted:

The Executive Board of the Mt. Zion Association met and organized by re-electing J. H. Kitchens, jr., chairman, and G. W. Puryear as secretary and treasurer. At said meeting it was agreed that the Board would assist all the points that had been aided during the past year and do such additional work as its means warranted it in undertaking.

At a meeting held on the 16th day of January, 1890, Paragould church having called Eld. J. B. Wise; Big Bay, Eld. J. W. Bell, Wynne, Eld. J. M. Rains, and Bethany and Woodland Eld. E. P. Minton, the Board entered into contract with them as follows: Eld. E. P. Minton, for one-fourth of his time at each station, the board was to pay him one hundred dollars; Eld. J. M. Rains, for one-fourth of his time, the Board was to pay him one hundred dollars; Eld. J. W. Bell, for one-fourth of his time

the board was to pay him fifty dollars; Eld J. B. Wise, for all of his time during the year 1890, Board pay \$100. All of said missionaries to retain all sums of money paid them by said churches.

We regret to state that some of our churches have not responded to our call for money to aid in the mission work, but thank God for the noble churches who have given us the money to do what we have done, and pray that He may put it into the hearts of others to help during the next associational year.

The Board recommends that our next Board co-operate with the State Board, and through the State Board with the Home Mission Board, as we believe the Master meant that His people should understand each other, and co-operate with each other when He prayed that all might be one. We further recommend that our next Board maintain all our present mission stations until they are able to sustain themselves.

In conclusion we ask not only the money of all Baptists in our Association, but first and most of all we ask your prayers in behalf of the mission work in our Association.

We have received and disbursed monies as follows.

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To amount Sunday collections at last Association.....	\$ 19 15	
To amount received at Fifth Sunday collections.....	72 10	
" " of the State Board.....	47 40	
" " Jonesboro church.....	103 65	
" " Paragonld church.....	25 00	
" " Bethel church.....	15 00	
" " Shiloh church.....	5 00	
" " Enterprise church.....	3 00	
" " Lebanon church.....	5 40	
" " Wookland church.....	5 70	
" " New Hope (Cross) church.....	5 00	
" " New Hope (Craignead) church.....	5 35	
" " Black Oak ch rch.....	4 00	
" " Oak Grove church.....	20 65	
" " Philadelphia church.....	11 05	
" " Herman church.....	10 00	
" " Bethany church.....	11 80	
" " Cherry Valley church.....	2 15	
" " Macedonia church.....	2 15	
" " Wynne church.....	4 10	
" " Union church.....	1 00	
" " Traitor's Creek church.....	2 50	
" " Ridge Station church.....	1 25	
collection for State missions at Association.....	10 40	
collection for Associational missions at Association.....	41 40	
disbursement of Pleasant Grove church.....	2 50	
By amount appropriated to State missions.....		\$ 61 19
paid E P Minton.....		100 00
" J M Rains.....		100 00
" J S Edmonds.....		50 00
" J W Bell.....		50 00

J. B. Wise.....	75 00
Totals.....	\$436 10
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J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,

Chairman Ex. Board.

Bro. L. P. Montgomery offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, each of which shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for every fifty members, who on presenting their credentials shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three in number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrages of the members present. Said Association to have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their meanings, yet so as that the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

The Committee on Suggestions and Recommendations read their report which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Suggestions and Resolutions would most earnestly and prayerfully recommend that each church in this Association send to the chairman of our Executive Board the following amounts during the year in quarterly installments:

Antioch.....	\$ 10 00	Mt. Pisgah (Craighead).....	\$ 2 50
Altman's School-house.....	2 50	Mt. Zion.....	20 00
Black Oak.....	5 00	New Hope (Cross).....	5 00
Bethany.....	15 00	New Hope (Craighead).....	7 50
Bethabara.....	15 00	Oak Grove.....	20 00
Big Creek.....	2 50	Paragould.....	40 00
Collins' Chapel.....	2 50	Pleasant Valley.....	5 00
Cherry Valley.....	10 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Enterprise.....	5 00	Philadelphia.....	20 00
First Creek.....	2 50	Rock Hill.....	2 50
Herman.....	10 00	Ridge Station.....	2 50
Holly Wood.....	2 50	Shiloh.....	5 00
Jonesboro.....	10 00	Traitor's Creek.....	5 00
Lebanon.....	10 00	Unity.....	5 00
Liberty.....	10 00	Union.....	2 50
Macedonia.....	20 00	Woodland.....	15 00
Maumelle Prairie.....	2 50	Wynne.....	10 00
Mt. Pisgah (Cross).....	5 00		
Total.....			\$410 00

J. H. KITCHENS, JR., Chairman.

The Committee on Resolutions and Queries presented a report, which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Queries and Resolutions beg leave to report that they have no queries to submit. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that our clerk be allowed \$10 for his services, and whatever else that remains in his hands, if any thing, and that he be instructed to superintend and pay for the printing and distribution of 700 copies of the minutes.

Resolved further, that we tender our hearty thanks to this church and the citizens of Paragould for their kind and generous hospitality while among them, and to the other denominations for the use of their houses of worship. Signed,

E. L. JACOBS,

E. J. NEWSOM,

T. C. CARTER.

The following resolution was adopted :

In as much as the Gainesville Association has taken steps and passed a resolution pointing to the dissolution of that Association and joining this, the Mt. Zion Association. Therefore be it

Resolved, that we extend to any and all the churches in that Association a cordial welcome to membership in our body.

THOS. WILLIAMS.

Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., presented the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

Whereas, the Executive Board of the State Convention appropriated \$200 to this Association to be expended as our Executive Board thought best for the cause of the Master, and the sum of \$57.80 has been collected on the field by our Board, and our Board has the sum of \$60.10 in its treasury and out of debt, therefore be it

Resolved, that this association donate the said sum of \$60.10 to the State Board, release it from all obligation to pay any part of said appropriation, and hereby thank the State Board for the offered aid, and pray that the same hearty co-operation and Christian sympathy may continue between our Board and the State Board in the future as in the past.

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

Bro. C. B. Hunton offered the following which was adopted:

Whereas our beloved brethren, Minton and Ball, have so faithfully served us as Moderator and Clerk during the sessions of this body, be it

Resolved that we extend to them our hearty thanks for their faithful services and pray that they may be blessed by the Great Head of the church.

C. B. HUNTON.

The Committee on Divine Services made a final report:

Bro. C. B. Hunton to preach at the Baptist Church in the morning at 11 o'clock, Bro. M. Ball at the Methodist Church at the same hour, and Bro. E. P. Minton at the Baptist Church at night.

Some time was spent in delightful communion with each other and with God. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and the parting hand given. Thus the Association closed to meet Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1891, with the Jonesboro church.

E. P. MINTON, Moderator.

MARTIN BALL, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, each of which shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for every fifty members, who on presenting their credentials shall be entitled to seats.

2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three in number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrages of the members present. Said Association to have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their meanings, yet so as that the churches and individual members are left free, and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

3. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our Union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their external concerns; nevertheless, it

becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call the aid of two more churches in our Union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the help thus called, be not obtained the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits.

If a serious difference should arise in an individual church which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Mathew and other parts of the Scripture, which define the nature of offenses, and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

4. The churches in our Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number of fellowship, baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, deceased since the last session, which shall be read and counted accordingly.

5. That churches making application for membership in this body shall be admitted by a unanimous vote.

6. That churches which this body may deem unworthy of membership may be dropped from the list by a majority vote of this body.

7. Any article of this constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

J. W. BELL, Chairman.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	DELEGATES' NAMES	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.	Received by Letter	Rec. by Restoration	Rec'd by Relation	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total	Pays of Meeting	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch	Craighead.	J A Thompson, G T Hay	13	4	2		2			18		C B Hunton.	H H Hopkins.	Gubertown.
Altman's Sch'l H	"	W C Johnson, L K Howard	4	1		3				14	4th	H F Wright.	J M Ragsdale	Moris.
Black Oak	"	F M Newcome								23	1st			Lake City.
Bethany	Poinsett.	W L Hughes, L E Jacobs, L E Stancell.		1		1	12		1	22	1st	EP Minton.	L E Stancell.	Harrisburg
Bethel	"	J T McKinney	16				7	1	1	81	4th	J W Bell.	B F Harris.	Harrisburg
Bethabara	Craighead.	Jesse Hendrix, W G Stamper.		1			6	3	2	24	2d & 4th	W G Stamper	J H Percell	Lake City
Big Creek	Greene	Thomas Williams								24	1st		T J Collier.	Lorado
Collin's Chapel	Craighead.	Not Represented.								20	1st			
Cherry Valley	Cross	J C Riley, Hiram Owens, J D Griffin.					1			24	3d		Hiram Owens.	Cherry Valley
Enterprise	Craighead.	J A Broadway, J M Minton	5	2	2		3		1	29	3d	R P Watkins.	W F Barrett.	Jonesboro.
First Creek	Cross	Not Represented.												
Herman	Craighead.	R P Watkins, J M Cough, J A Montgomery, W B Montgomery	20	4	3		2	2	2	29	2d	Thos Williams.	O N Albright.	Jonesboro.
Holly wood	"	Letter	3	5						8	2d	H F Wright.	A Garrett.	Culberhouse.
Jonesboro	Craighead.	J W Bell, M Ball, C B Hunton, E P Minton, W J Witt, J Kitchens, Jr	48	13	9	5	5	2	2	189	E. S.	M Ball	Acob Sharp	Jonesboro.
Lebanon	Poinsett.	G M Settlemyre, L Foust, J F Smith	1							42	4th	G M Settlemyre	M Pitts	Hydrick.
Big Bay	Craighead.	H F Wright, J W Franklin, W A Lawson, A Kincaid	6	12	12	6	3	3	3	39	1st	J W Bell	J W Mead	Bay.
Macedonia	"	R G Othman, J R Cooper, W R McEwen, J M Cooper	19	8		4	5	4	4	131	3d	C B Hunton.	W R McEwen	Brookland
Maumelle Prairie	"	F M Johnson, J S Peters	2	12	6					22	3d	H F Wright.	J S Peters	Lake City
Mt. Pisgah.	"	Wm. White, N B Osment	6	12		1				26	4th	E Walraven.	N B Osment.	Dee
Mt. Pisgah.	Cross	G M Settlemyre					2	2		42				
Mt. Zion.	Greene.	L T Dennis, Thomas Williams.	2	13			2	2	3	137	4th	G H Faulkner.	L T Dennis.	Walcott.
New Hope.	Cross	John Riley		3		9			1	70	2d	J F Archie.	John Riley	Wynne.
New Hope.	Craighead	T C Carter, R C Seffers, J Tidwell	18	3						57		J W Bell	T C Carter.	Jonesboro.
Oak Grove.	"	I Gibson, A L Howard, R P Watkins.	17	3	4		5	9	2	128	4th	Thos Williams.	R P Watkins.	Jonesboro.
Paragould.	Greene	C Wall, T B Kitchens, J B Wise, D M Reeves.	3	11		12	5		2	73	E. S.	J B Wise.	T B Kitchens.	Paragould
Pleasant Valley	Craighead.	M C Clark, A O Mounce, W M Clark	10	3	3		1	1	1	40	4th	J W Franklin.	A D Stull	Bay.
Pleasant Grove.	Poinsett.	J H Hinshaw, T H Ripley, T F Carey								32	1st	E Walraven.	E L Jacob jr	Buffalo Lick
Philadelphia.	Craighead	J M Rains, A Pagan, L P Montgomery	17	4		1	4	5	5	299	1st	C B Hunton.	N S Moser	Jonesboro.
Rock Hill	"	Not Represented.								13		W T Scarber	W T Scarber	Greensboro
Ridge Station	"	J L Baker, Holly Vice.								13	4th	J W Bell	J P Bennett.	Dee
Shiloh.	Poinsett.	E Walraven							1	32	3d	E Walraven	W C Smith.	Bay Village
Traitor's Creek.	Cross	H C Waldrup, E Walraven			1		1	2	2	22	2d	E Walraven	T E Anderson.	Vandale
Unity	Greene	H H Cole, K A Weatherly, W S Barker.	14	3			7		2	47	4th	T Edwards.	W T Riley.	Paragould.
Union.	Poinsett.	Not Represented.								9	1st		W J Metcalf.	Harrisburg
Woodland	Woodruff.	D Rooks, W B Farley.		8						41	2d	E P Minton.	W B Farley	McClurey
Wynne.	Cross	A J English, E J Newsom, Sister M English.		12			2		1	17	4th	J M Rains.	E J Newsom.	Wynne.
Total.			242	114	24	16	76	42	36	1828				