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OF THE  
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Pee Dee Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

*Mt. Olive Baptist Church.*

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Next session to be held with Corinth Baptist Church, Van Buren County, Ark., commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1896, at 11 A. M.

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## Rules of Decorum.

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1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and a majority of votes cast shall elect.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the body on the same day, but not afterwards.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by calling the speaker by name.

7. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or unless words of personal reflection are used.

8. Every motion made and seconded must come under the consideration of the body, unless withdrawn by the mover.

9. Every case taken up by this body shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.

10. When a question has been taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body, and those voting in the affirmative shall signify the same by rising to their feet; the negative, by like sign.

11. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

12. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

13. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the body, no more than once before every member that wishes to speak shall have spoken.

14. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in addressing one another.



15. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

16. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

17. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

18. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion, but only on the day that the breach is made.



## Articles of Faith.

Article I. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. II. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

Art. IV. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.

Art. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Art. VI. We believe in the doctrine of election that God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through justification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Art. VII. We believe in the preservation of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.

Art. VIII. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water by a regularly ordained minister of the Gospel.

Art. IX. We believe Church membership to be a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper.

Art. X. We believe a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ.

Art. XI. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all persons and a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. XII. We believe in the work of missions, Home, Foreign and Domestic.

## Proceedings.

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LEXINGTON, ARK., August 29, 1895.

The Pee Dee Baptist Association met in its Twelfth Annual Session with Mount Olive Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1895. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. David B. Ford. Text, Matt. 25:1.

Our former Moderator, Eld. J. L. Childers, called the body to order. Called the roll of Churches, and the names of delegates were enrolled. Then the Association proceeded to a permanent organization by electing Eld. W. W. Williams Moderator, N. B. McGlathery Clerk and Bro. D. M. Fitz Treasurer.

Call for petitionary letters, which was responded to by Meadow Creek and Zion Churches with letters and delegates, which were received and the delegates enrolled.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Responded to by Eld. David B. Ford and W. H. Vest.

Called for Correspondence. Responded to by Eld. A. B. Stephens of Blue Mountain; Elds. W. M. Mills and P. H. Glover, of Greenbrier, and Elds. J. J. Goodman and T. B. Nowlin, of Union and Bro. L. Russell of United Association.

Returned Correspondence to the following Associations: United, Elds. T. W. Harness, G. G. Perkins; Trace Ridge, Bros. S. L. Perkins, W. I. Perkins, T. R. Simpkins; Greenbrier, Eld. T. W. Harness and N. B. McGlathery; Blue Mountain, Bros. A. J. Bonds, T. P. Holley; Union, Elds. J. M. Lindsey and W. S. Fortner.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Devotion—G. W. Thomas, B. May, S. L. Perkins, Eld. W. W. Williams.

Finance—G. G. Perkins, John Harness, W. S. Fortner.



Religious Literature—Eld. T. W. Harness, D. W. Fitz, Eld. A. R. Gidden.

Destitution—Elds. J. L. Childers, T. W. Harness, G. G. Perkins.

Home Missions—T. R. Simpkins, J. F. Cornett.

Foreign Missions—Thos. Branscomb, B. May, Dr. David B. Ford, Elds. P. H. Glover and T. B. Nowlin.

State Missions—Elds. G. G. Perkins, J. L. Childers, W. S. Fortner.

Sunday School—Bros. Geo. May, D. M. Fitz, S. F. Goff.

Temperance—Thos. Branscomb, E. M. Guffey.

Christian Education—Eld. G. G. Perkins, J. A. Lee and J. J. Goodman.

Resolutions—G. W. Thomas, W. S. Fortner.

Prayer by Eld. J. J. Goodman; preaching at night by Eld. P. H. Glover.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body reassembled at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. E. M. Guffey.

Called for report of Associational Missionary Work. Eld. T. W. Harness, our missionary, reported sixty days' services rendered, which was satisfactorily adjusted.

Report on Foreign Missions:

Knowing that the greater part of the world is without the true Gospel, and almost without any knowledge of the Bible, or even the existence of the true God, and realizing that we, the Baptists, are the proper custodians of the pure Christian doctrine, and that we for many years have not obeyed the greater commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," to that extent that we realize is our duty to do; therefore, your committee would respectfully urge upon this body to raise all the money possible to aid our brethren who are laboring under the greatest disadvantages in the foreign fields.

THOS. BRANSCOMB, Chairman.

State Missions:

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to make

the following report: We find that we have not been connected with the State Convention in the State Mission work; therefore, we recommend and urge that this body take steps at once to open correspondence and become a member of said Convention; also, that this body elect a delegate to represent us in the next meeting of said Convention and there make known our destitution; also, that we raise a fund to defray the expense of our delegate.

ELD. G. G. PERKINS, Chairman.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. W. M. Mills.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. A. R. Stephenson.

#### Sunday Schools:

Your committee submits the following: Inasmuch, as the Sunday school is an important factor in our Church work, and the Lord is using the same as a means of bringing souls to Christ, and instructing the young in the truths of the Gospel, we, therefore, recommend that each Church which has no school be earnestly asked to organize as early as possible. We further recommend that they be Baptist Sunday schools, using Baptist literature.

D. M. FITZ, Chairman.

#### Religious Literature:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the daily reading of the Bible, as it is the great religious educator.

ELD. T. W. HARNESS, Chairman.

#### Religious Education:

We, your committee, ask to submit the following: We believe strongly in education, and therefore urge, first, that the rising generation be educated in the Word of God; then as much as can be in a literary sense.

ELD. G. G. PERKINS

Preaching at night by Eld. W. H. Vest.

### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer, by Eld. J. J. Goodman.



Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We note with pleasure the growing sentiment of this Association in favor of temperance. We would therefore recommend that, as a body, we stand firm on this important question and vote the liquor traffic down.

THOS. BRANSCOMB.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. David B. Ford.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Finance:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for Minutes.....	\$7 35
" " Home Missions.....	50
" " Foreign ".....	2 05
" " Ministerial Education.....	25
Total receipts.....	\$10 15

ELD. G. G. PERKINS, Chairman.

Eld. G. G. Perkins was elected a delegate to the State Convention.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Mount Olive Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

W. S. FORTNER, Chairman.

Resolved, That the Clerk distribute the Minutes to the several Churches in proportion to their contributions.

W. S. FORTNER, Chairman.

The next session of this Association will convene with Corinth Church, Van Buren County, Ark., Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1896, at 11 o'clock.

Eld. G. G. Perkins will preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. W. H. Vest will preach the missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

ELD. W. W. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

N. B. McGLATHERY, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CLERKS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	For Minutes.	MEMBERSHIP.					
				Increase.			Decrease		Present Membership.
				Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	
Corinth.....	T. P. Holley.....	M. Lindsey, W. I. Perkins. A. J. Bonds.....	\$0 75	.....	6	.....	1	1	40
Mt. Olive.....	N. B. McGlathery.....	N. B. McGlathery, E. M. Guffey, B. May.....	1 65	4	1	.....	2	28	43
Mountain View.....	W. S. Fortner.....	W. S. Fortner, W. W. Williams, T. R. Simpkin...	2 25	16	.....	.....	1	.....	46
Evening Shade.....	R. S. Harness.....	R. H. Harness, W. J. Branscomb, S. Clark.....	.....	.....	4	.....	6	.....	32
Liberty.....	S. L. Perkins.....	D. M. Fltz, J. W. Perkins, S. L. Perkins.....	1 25	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	14
Sardis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lost Creek.....	A. R. Gidden.....	A. R. Gidden, John Lute, Peter Lute.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2	3	15
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pee Dee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zion.....	Thos. Branscomb.....	Thos. Branscomb, J. A. Lee, J. W. Branscomb...	50	18	7	1	.....	.....	32
Meadow Creek.....	W. T. Pasmore.....	W. T. Pasmore, Joe Cornett, John Williams.....	1 00	7	9	3	.....	.....	19
Totals.....			\$7 40	46	29	4	12	32	241

Paid for printing Minutes.....\$7.50.