

MINUTES.
—OF THE—
Twelfth Annual Session
—OF THE—
SOUTH WESTERN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF ARKANSAS
CONVENED WITH
SARDIS CHURCH,

SEVIER COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

Friday, October 7th, 1892 at 9 a. m.

OFFICERS—Moderator, ELD. JOE H. DENSON; Clerk, ELD. C. M. POWELL; Treasurer, ELD. JOE H. DENSON.

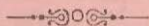
Preachers for Association to Meet With
CANA CHURCH. LITTLE RIVER CO., ARK.

Sunday 8-8
ON

Saturday Before the Second Sunday in October 1893.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Saturday at 11 A. M. by C. M. POWELL, ELD. D. R. MANNAHAN, alternate.

MISSIONARY SERMON—Sunday at 11 A. M. by ELD. JOE H. DENSON, ELD. L. D. TATE, alternate.



MINUTES. FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The South Western Baptist Association of Arkansas convened in its 12th annual session, with Sardis Church, Sevier Co., Ark., at 9 o'clock on Friday Oct. 7, 1892

The services were opened by Eld. Joe H. Denson. [former moderator] by reading the 2nd chapter of Phil. and joined by the congregation in singing "O For a Closer Walk With God" and engaged in prayer by Eld. Thomas Dulaney, after which the Moderator announced the body ready for preliminary organization.

The first order of business was the presentation of letters from churches, and Eld. J. D. Rogers, and Bros. J. L. Rivers and W. C. Stone were appointed by the Moderator to read the same. After letters were read and churches and delegates enroled the body adjourned to hear the annual sermon, which was delivered by Eld. J. D. Rogers, from John 17:22, in which he gave a very logical and scriptural discourse on unity in purpose and action, after which one and all repaired to the beautiful grove where due respect was paid to the abundant supply of chicken-pie etc.

At 1:30 P. M. the body reassembled. Additional letters were read and delegate's names enroled. By a suspension of the rules other delegates were added before permanent organization. Also Bros. W. A. Turnage from Zion church, and M. M. Cochran and W. H. Harrison from New Prospect church; Bro. W. K. Dowda and D. W. Cornish, from Sweet Home church; Bro G. B. Parker from Demascus church, and J. M. Curran from Brownstown church were received as delegates, the letters from said churches not having been presented.

A motion was then made to further suspend the rules and elect the Moderator and Clerk by acclamation, which motion was lost.

The Moderator then announced nominations in order; whereupon Bros. B. M. Copeland, J. H. Denson and M. M. Cochran were put in nomination for Moderator and C. M. Powell for Clerk. Bros. Y. R. Harbin and Thomas Dulaney were appointed tellers, who returned the following elected: For Moderator, Eld. Joe H. Denson; For Clerk, C. M. Powell. Whereupon the Moderator announced the body duly organized for business.

The Moderator appointed the delegates of this church with Bros. T. M. Moncrief and E. C. Skinner as the committee on Divine Services.

The Moderator invited visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats with us. Elders Nick Thompkins and T. J. Powell, from Red River Association and Bro, S. L. Atkinson, from Ouachita Association were received and a number of visiting brethren.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. Pine Hill, State Line and Chapel Hill, (the former and Chapel Hill being disbanded) were received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

By request Bro. Crisp was excused to attend the bed-side of his sick companion.

The committee on Divine Services reported preaching at the church as follows: Friday night, Eld. J. M. Copeland; Saturday at 11 A. M., Eld. W. A. Turnage; Saturday night, Eld. Nick Thompkins; Sunday at 3 P. M., Eld. W. A. Ingle, and Sunday night the Bro. Clerk.

The committee also assigned different brethren to preach at the Methodist church and different school-houses in the surrounding communities, but in the absence of their report cannot make mention of the services in particular.

By motion the body adjourned until Saturday at 8 A. M.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. J. M. Copeland.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The body reassembled Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. The Moderator read Matt. 20, prayer by Eld. C. W. Strickland, after which the Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Sabbath Schools—W. L. White, L. M. Webb, I. N. Borum.

Committee on Prayer Meeting—E. C. Skinner, C. M. Powell, H. G. Dove.

Committee on Documents—C. H. Benson, J. A. Westbrooks, W. I. Wright.

Committee on Ouachita College—C. W. Strickland, W. L. Compton, C. H. Benson.

Committee on Ministerial Education—M. M. Cochran, C. W. Strickland, A. Wardlaw.

Committee on Foreign Missions—J. M. Copeland, J. R. Lewis, D. F. Enox,

Committee on Literature—M. M. Cochran, J. L. Ferguson, W. D. Cornish.

Committee on Obituaries—M. F. Dennis, R. S. Sybert, D. W. Elkins.

Committee on State Missions—J. L. Rivers, W. C. Storm, J. C. Goss.

Committee on Destitution—P. M. Compton, W. I. Wright D. C. Ladd.

Committee on Home Missions—W. A. Turnage, J. L. Cannon, G. W. Smith.

Committee on Temperance—W. L. White, T. M. Moncrief, J. W. Ford.

Committee on Finance.—M. F. Dennis, W. H. Jones, R. S. Sybert.

Committee on Ministerial Support—J. L. Rivers, H. Herndon, G. B. Parker.

By motion 2 o'clock was agreed upon as the time for the consideration of Home Missions.

By motion Bro. C. W. Strickland was added to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

By motion 4 o'clock was agreed upon as the time for the consideration of Foreign Missions.

By motion Bro. M. M. Cochran was added to the Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Literature submitted their report, which was by motion adopted. [See appendix A]

By motion Bro. W. E. Middleton was added to the Committee on Destitution.

By motion the body went into the selection, by acclamation, of delegates to the State Convention at Fort Smith, which resulted in the election of Elders C. W. Strickland, J. M. Copeland, W. A. Turnage, Dr. J. L. Cannon, and Bro. H. Herndon.

By motion the body went into the selection, by acclamation, of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., resulting in the election of Eld. M. M. Cochran as delegate and Elder C. W. Strickland as alternate.

Bro. Strickland moved that Bro. Cochran's rail road expenses be paid out of the Home Mission fund, which motion carried, whereupon the body sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

By motion the body went into the selection, by acclamation, of corresponding delegates to sister associations to wit: To Red River Association, Elds. C. W. Strickland, M. M. Cochran, W. A. Ingle, and Bro. T. M. Moncrief; To Ouachita Association, Elders W. A. Ingle, C. H. Benson, J. A. Westbrooks, Bros. D. C. Ladd and J. B. Ingle. To Texarkana Association, Elders C. M. Powell, C. W. Strickland, W. A. Turnage, Bros. W. C. Stone, and W. M. Kolb; To Union Association, Bro. H. H. Ford, Elders J. M. Copeland, C. W. Strickland and C. M. Powell.

By motion the Moderator appointed Bros. W. A. Ingle, H. Herndon and J. L. Ferguson as a committee to select brethren to preach the introductory sermons at next Association.

By motion Mt. Pleasant church was selected to hold the next 5th Sunday meeting.

By motion the Moderator appointed a committee consisting of J. L. Cannon, J. W. Stephens and T. B. Dulaney to arrange a program for the 5th Sunday meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

The Committee on Temperance submitted their report which was, by motion, amended to include the words "as a beverage" and was adopted as amended. [See Appendix B.]

By motion the body adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

After preaching by Elder W. A. Turnage dinner was served on the ground.

EVENING SESSION.

The body reassembled at 1:30 P. M. as per adjournment, with devotional services.

The Moderator renewed call for petitionary letters.

New Hope church No. 2 was received.

The Committee on Documents submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted, locating the next sitting of the Association at Cana church. [See Appendix C.]

The Committee on Home Missions submitted their report which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix D.]

By motion the body went into the selection of a Home Mission Board, consisting of Elder W. A. Ingle as chairman, J. H. Sellers, Peter Simpson, J. J. Moore and E. C. Skinner.

The following was offered by Eld. C. W. Strickland:

"Resolved, that the Home Mission Board of this Association be authorized to fill all vacancies occasioned by death or other unavoidable causes while this Association is not in session," which was adopted.

Bro B. M. Copeland moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the railroad fare of the delegates to the State convention out of the Home Mission fund. Which motion carried.

The Committee on Destitution submitted their report and a motion was made to adopt, pending which, the hour for the consideration of Foreign Missions was reached. Whereupon the Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their report which was adopted. [See Appendix E.] After which a liberal contribution was made for that work.

The Committee on Ouachita College submitted their report, pending which, a motion was made to adjourn until 8:30 Monday morning, which motion carried. When the audience rose and sang "Amazing Grace" and was led in prayer by Eld. M. M. Cochran.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9 o'clock a prayer meeting service was conducted by the Bro. Clerk, in which a number of the brethren made very feeling talks. At 11 o'clock Eld. C. W. Strickland preached the Missionary sermon, from Nehemiah 6:3. to a large and attentive audience, at the close of which a collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$13.35 and 50 cents for Centennial and 25 cents for Foreign Missions.

At 3 o'clock Elder. W. A. Ingle preached a very interesting doctrinal discourse. At night the Bro. Clerk preached on the Judgment, at the close of which some twenty or thirty came forward for prayer.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The body reassembled at 8 A. M. Monday. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by H. Herndon.

On motion Bro. Peter Simpson was seated as a delegate from Antioch church.

By motion the election of five delegates to the State Convention was reconsidered and one was agreed upon instead of five, and upon further motion proceeded to elect by ballot, which resulted in the election of Eld. C. W. Strickland as delegate and Eld. J. H. Denson alternate.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix F.]

The Committee on Ministerial Support submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix G.]

The Committee on State Missions submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix H.]

The Committee on Ministerial Support submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix I.]

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix J.]

The Home Mission Board submitted their annual report of work done during the past year, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix K.]

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix L.]

By motion the report on Destitution was taken up and upon motion, was recommitted with instructions to look after other destitution.

The report on Ouachita College was taken up and, on motion, was adopted. [See Appendix M.]

The Missionaries—Elders J. H. Denson, W. A. Turnage and C. M. Powell made their reports, which were received.

Bro. M. F. Dennis moved to divide the association into districts, as follows: All the churches embraced in the territory east of the Saline river shall compose the First district; and all the churches embraced in the territory west of the Saline river shall compose the Second district, which motion carried. Said districts are formed for the convenience of holding 5th Sunday meetings.

Elder M. M. Cochran in the chair—Elder Joe H. Denson made his annual report as Treasurer of the Association, which report, was, by motion, adopted. [See Appendix N.]

The Committee on Destitution again submitted their report, which was, by motion, amended by adding Rocky Comfort, and as amended, was adopted. [See Appendix O.]

The Committee on Prayer Meetings submitted their report, and on motion, was adopted. [See Appendix P.]

By motion the time for holding the next meeting of the districts shall begin on Friday night before the 5th Sunday in Oct. 1892.

Bro. J. L. Rivers offered the following: Resolved, that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered this church and community for the kindness and hospitality shown the delegation during the the sitting of this Association, and that the thanks of this body be tendered the brothers Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of the duties devolved upon them, which was, on motion, adopted.

The following, on motion of Eld. C. W. Strickland, was adopted:

Resolved, that the Bro. Clerk be authorized to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed among the churches and missionaries. And the Clerk allowed \$15.00 for his services, and postage necessary for the transit of minutes through the mails.

The Committee on Program for next Association submitted their report, which, on motion, was adopted. [See Program.]

On motion of Bro. H. Herndon the body adjourned to meet with Cana church, Little River Co., Ark., at 9 o'clock on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1893.

The congregation sang "God be with you" and gave each other the parting hand and engaged in the closing prayer by Eld. M. M. Cochran.

Thus the 12th annual session of the Southwestern Baptist Association closed in perfect harmony and good will, long to be remembered by all present.

By C. M. POWELL,

CLERK.

ELD. JOE H. DENSON,

MODERATOR.

PROGRAM FOR THE ASSOCIATION

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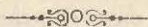
ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AT CEDAR HILL CHURCH, HOWARD CO.,

On Friday before the 5th Sunday in July 1893 at 9 a. m.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Subject to criticism—at 11, a. m., on Friday, ELD. T. H. WESTBROOKS, alternate, Eld. C. W. Strickland.

ESSAY—Should There be a Mutual Agreement Between Pastor and Church on Financial Support?—Eld. L. D. Tate.

ESSAY—Is the Church of Christ a Visable Body?—Eld. J. D. Rogers.
 ESSAY—Who are the Elect of God, in Matt. 24:24?—Eld. Joe H. Denson.



APPENDIX.

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LITERATURE—Your Committee on Literature submit the following: First, we recommend the prayerful reading and study of God's word, as the Book of books, which should be taken as "the Man of our Council," the rule of our faith and practice. Second, we recommend the Arkansas Baptist as second to none, and worthy of the patronage of every Baptist in the State. Third, for Sabbath Schools we recommend "Kind Words Series of Lesson Helps," as being sound in doctrine, and eminently worthy of our support, and for the service of song, we heartily recommend "Harvest Bells."

M. M. COCHRAN, CH'M.

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TEMPERANCE—Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: Owing to the great evils growing out of intemperance, we urge the temperate use of all things, and as regards alcoholic spirits, we recommend total abstinence, as a beverage. And we further recommend the use of all laudible means, furnished us by law, to suppress this great evil of evils.

W. L. WHITE, CH'M.

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DOCUMENTS—Your Committee on Documents report: We find that Cana and Nashville churches have petitioned for the next meeting of this body. We therefore recommend that the Association meet with Cana church.

W. I. WRIGHT, CH'M.

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HOME MISSIONS—Your Committee on Home Missions report: We recommend (1) The continuation of the Home Mission Board, with the suggestion that the number be reduced to five, and that the chairman be a minister, full of zeal for missions. (2) That the Board supply, as far as possible, all important points in the destitution with monthly preaching by a suitable minister. (3) That the Board hold the ground already occupied, by aiding weak churches located in important localities, and discourage the organization of weak churches so near others as to weaken them numerically, financially and religiously,

and furthermore, discourage the organization of churches that are not likely to become self sustaining. (4) We earnestly recommend that the Board begin this work at once, and call upon the churches to sustain them; and that pastors more faithfully, prayerfully and zealously present this work to their respective churches and thereby advance the cause of Christ in the remotest bounds of the Association.

W. A. TURNAGE, CH'M.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS—Your Committee on Foreign Missions report: We feel that there has never been a time in the history of Foreign Missions when our opportunities were as good as the present for sending the Gospel to all nations. And since God has so abundantly blessed our efforts in this work, we should take courage, and with increased faith and purpose of heart, execute the commission to the extent of our ability; and would especially recommend that a collection be had, pending the adoption of this report, for Foreign Missions.

We further recommend that our pastors present this work to their churches and urge its support.

J. M. COPELAND, CH'M.

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OBITUARIES—Your Committee on Obituaries report: That since our last meeting quite a number of our faithful brethren and sisters have been called to rest, and as far as we are informed, all died in full assurance of the christian's hope. And the fact that the faithful as the unfaithful are falling on our right and our left, should more forcibly impress the thought that we, too, are passengers from time to eternity, and that right preparatians and living are imperatively demanded to insure our peaceful union with God.

M. F. DENNIS, CH'M.

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Your Committee on Ministerial Support report: Believing, as we do, that the call to the ministry is the greatest honor that can be conferred upon man; and in order that he may be fully consecrated to his call, and thereby accomplish the design of God who called him. by preaching the gospel to the edification of His people and to the faithful warning of the ungodly, it is very necessary that his hand be free from secular entanglement; we would recommend to pastors to shun not to declare the counsel of God in this respect, but instruct the churches in this grace, knowing that God hath said that "They that preach the gospel should live of the gospel," and knowing that giving is as much a grace, followed by reward, as preaching is, we would urge the churches to a more liberal support of the ministry, that the gospel may have free course, and God be glorified.

J. L. RIVERS, CH'M.

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STATE MISSIONS—Your Committee on State Missions report: We find that there are several important points in the State that have no Baptist preaching. Also that the State Board is making great effort to plant the Cause in these destitute points. Therefore, we recommend that each church take semi-annual collections for the use of the

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State Board in prosecuting this work; that the truth may prevail to the remotest bounds.

J. L. RIVERS, CH'M.

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Your Committee on Ministerial Education report: We recognize the fact that the time has come when we, as a denomination, must keep abreast with the age in point of literary training. The demand for an educated ministry is more seriously realized, if possible, than at any other age of the world: (1) That infidelity may be intelligently met, and successfully exposed. (2) That sin, which seems to have reached its most destructive point, may be thoroughly routed and put to flight before the intelligent presentation of God's truth. (3) That the plain, simple Gospel, in the hands of an educated ministry, may successfully refute and expose the many erroneous doctrines taught at this age. Therefore, we recommend, that if there is a worthy brother, or brethren, endorsed by his church, who is anxiously and sacrificially striving for an education, that the Board of Ministerial Education be sustained by this Association in educating such a brother or brethren.

M. M. COCHRAN, CH'M.

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SABBATH SCHOOLS—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report: We recognize the importance of maintaining Sabbath Schools in all our churches for the purpose of instructing ourselves and children in the Word of God.

We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association organize and carry on a Sabbath School as a part of the work of the church, and especially the use of Baptist (Bible) literature. We further recommend that the delegates of this body urge the parents of their respective churches to carry their children to Sabbath School.

W. L. WHITE, CH'M.

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HOME MISSIONS—Your Home Mission Board report: We employed Eld. W. A. Turnage as Missionary, at a meeting held at Nashville, June 10th 1892, for two months, at \$40 00 per month. He commenced work on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July 1892, at Lyon's School House, where we left him to select his own field in the destitution of the Association. We paid him \$80.00, he collecting \$4.00 on the field. We paid Eld. C. M. Powell \$25.00 for services to Mt. Calvary church at Wilton, and at Ashdown. We paid Eld. J. H. Denson \$25.00 for services to New Hope church (No. 2.). We paid Eld. Y. R. Harbin \$9.00 for missionary services. We paid Eld. P. M. Compton \$12 00 for services to Cedar Hill church.

We feel that a great good has been done, for which, we give God the glory and praise.

For further particulars we refer you to the several missionaries, to wit: M. F. Dennis, J. J. Moore, Peter Simpson, H. H. Ford. John H. Sellers, T. M. Moncrief, Board.

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FINANCE—Your Committee on Finance report the following sent up from different churches:

For Minutes.....	\$35.90
“ Home Missions.....	44 85
“ Foreign Missions.....	21.90
“ Centennial Fund.....	50
Total... ..	\$103 05

M. F. DENNIS, CH'M.

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OUACHITA COLLEGE—Your committee on Ouachita College report: The success of this institution has surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. The moral and religious influence prevailing this school, and the high grade of instructions bestowed, commends it to us as an institution of which we are justly proud, and well deserves the liberal patronage of those desiring to give their children a high education. We recommend that our young ministers avail themselves of every opportunity to attend this college.

C. W. STRICKLAND, CH'M.

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TREASURES'S REPORT.

To Home Mission Fund		Dr.	Cr.
To total amt. recd since last session (including amounts received this session) - - - -		\$165.95	
By am't. pd. Bro. W. A. Turnage as per order of Board			\$76.00
“ “ “ Bro. C. M. Powell as per order of Board			25.00
“ “ “ Bro. J. H. Denson as per order of Board			25.00
“ “ “ Bro. Y. R. Harbin as per order of Board			9.00
“ “ “ Bro. P. M. Compton as per order of Board			12.50
“ “ carried down to Treasurer's debit to balance			18.45
		\$165.95	\$165.95
Balance in hands of Treasurer		18 45	
To Foreign Mission Fund		Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand at last session		\$12.15	
“ total amount recieved at this session from all sources		21.90	
By amount sent Bro. Searcy			\$12.15
“ “ sent Bro. Strickland			21.90
		\$34.05	\$34.05
To Minute Fund		Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand at last session		\$39.55	
“ “ received at this session		35.80	
By amount paid for minutes for 1891			\$24.55
“ “ paid Bro Clerk for 1891			15.00
“ “ carried down to Treasurer's debit			35.80
		75.35	75.35
Balance in hands of Treasurer		\$35.80	

To amount Centennial fund	\$.50	
By amount turned over to Bro. Strickland		\$.50
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JOE H. DENSON, TREASURER.

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DESTITUTION—Your Committee on Destitution report: In Little River county, Richmond, Davis' School House, Rocky Comfort and Blackland School House; In Sevier Co.: Mill Creek School House, near Bellah mines, and Paraclista; Howard Co.: Mt. Zion camp ground neighborhood near John Hester's; John French's, near the Cossatot; Dr. Jones' and Holcomb School-houses, are destitute of preaching.

P. M. COMPTON, CH'M.

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PRAYER MEETINGS—Your committee on Prayer Meetings report: That, from what we feel and know in regard to praise and prayer meetings, they are indispensable, both to the life and usefulness of God's children, and the acceptable work and success of the gospel.

We recommend that we devote more of our time in prayer to God in the name of Christ. We also urge the churches in this Association to organize weekly prayer meetings; also that brethren engage in family devotion at home, among their families, continually

E. C. SKINNER, CH'M.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	P. O.	NAME.	P. O.
J. D. Rogers.	Nashville. Ark.	J. C. Goss	Pates, Ark.
J. M. Copeland	" "	M. M. Cochran, Brownstawn.	" "
T. J. Bennette,	" "	Thos. Dulaney	" "
W. A. Turnage	" "	J. A. Westbrooks.	Atwood, "
C. W. Strickland,	" "	T. H. Westbrooks,	Centre Point
D. R. Mannahan, Lockesburg "		A. W. King.	Ozan, Ark.
J. H. Denson,	" "	C. M. Powell,	Mineola, "
P. M. Compton, Rosadale "		W. A. Ingle,	Chapel Hill, "
Y. R. Harbin, Little River, "		L. D. Tate,	Centre Point, "
C. H. Arnold, Rocky Comfort "		R. H. White,	Cerro Gordo, "
J. W. Ford	" "	John Barry,	Wilton, "
G. C. Bandy, Nashville, "		J. R. Sanders,	Prcayune, "
W. M. Patterson, Barker, "			

LICENTIATE MINISTERS—C. H. Benson, Lockesburg, Ark.;
L. M. Webb, Barker, Ark.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ART. I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the Holy Bible, including the Old and the New Testament, is the Word of God, and furnishes the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election "according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

ART. X. We believe that no Minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, except one who is regularly baptized, called, and came under the inspiration of hands by a presbytery.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Form of Associational Letter.

The Baptist church worshipping at
to the Messengers composing theth annual session of the South-
western Baptist Association; greeting: *

Dear Brethren: We send as delegates to your body our beloved
Brothers
and Brothers.....
as alternates, whom we deem worthy of your confidence.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

LICENSED MINISTERS

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Our statistics are as follows:

Total last reported	...	Dismissed by letter
Baptised	Excluded	...
Recd. By letter	....	Deceased	....
Recd. by relation	....	Total diminution	....
Recd. by restoration	...	Total gain or loss	....
Total accessions	....	Present membership	....

SABBATH SCHOOL

No. of schollars	....	For Home Missions	\$.....
" Teachers & Officers	....	For State Missions	....
Total in Sabbath School	....	" Association Missions	....
Mo. scholars baptised	....	" Sabbath School	....
		" The poor	....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For Pastor's Salary	\$.....	" Ministerial education	....
" Foreign Missions	.....	" Church b'ld & exp'n	....
		" Minutes	....
Total for all purposes		\$.....	

Elder is our
pastor. His postoffice is..... Our
days of meeting are.....

Done and signed by order of the church on the day of
.....189 ...

..... Moderator.

..... Clerk

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Churches that Compose the Association with Delegates, Pastors, and Clerks.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Day of meeting
						Sat Su.
Amity	Howard	M. F. Dennis,	J. D. Rogers,	W. P. Wilson,	Nashville	4th
Antioch	Hempstead	W.G.Tommy, W.L.Compton, P. Simpson	J. M. Copeland	L. Y. Compton	"	1st
Brushy Creek	Howard	James Seals, T. C. Goss	J. C. Goss	James Seals	Pates	4th
Columbus	Hempstead	T. M. Moncrief, H. G. Dove	T. J. Bennette	J. R. Allen	Columbus	3rd
Cedar Hill	Howard	W. E. Middleton, T. C. Black	P. M. Compton	J. C. Blackburn	Galena	3rd
County Line	"	H.H.Ford, B.M.Copeland, S. G. Feemster	J. D. Rogers	J. L. Williams.	Nashville	1st-3rd
Centre Point	"	J. H. Sellers, J. L. Cannon, J. L. Rivers	M. M. Cochran	J. L. Rivers	Centre Point	3rd
Fellowship	"	No Delegates.	Not known	Not known	Not known	---
Holly Creek	"	J. H. Jones, W. R. Crisp	J.A.Westbrooks	I. E. Bean	Atwood	1st
Liberty	"	L. M. Webb, W. C. Storm	W. A. Turnage	W. C. Stone	Barker	3rd
Mine Creek	"	R.S. Syper, C. W. Strickland, Ollie Clark	C.W.Strickland	J. G. Gibson	Nashville	1st-4th
Mineral Sp'gs	"	No Delegates.	Not known	Not known.	Not known	---
New Home	"	C. C. Spears, T. J. Nesbitt	J.A.Westbrooks	J. O. Bowers	Centre Point	1st
New Salem	"	No Delegates.	Not known	Not known	Not known	---
Ozan	Hempstead	No Delegates.	Not known	"	"	---
Pleas'nt Val'y	Howard	J.M. Copeland, W. Farley, J. L. Ferguson	J. M. Copeland	W. L. Powers	Nashville	2nd
Swee Home	Pike	W.K.Dowda, W.D.Cornish, W.T.Tollison	T.H.Westbrook	W. McFarland	Nathan	1st
Unity	Howard	G. M. Curreton, W. H. Jones	J. D. Rogers	W. A. Powell	Nashville	2nd
Sulphur Sp'gs	"	H. A. Jones. S C. Ford	J. R. Hardy	H. A. Jones	Nathan	2nd
Friendship	"	James Lockey, John Gordon	J. C. Goss	J. H. Gordon	Eldrige	1st
Yellow Creek	Hempstead	E. E. Prichard.	D.R Mannahan	P. G. Clayton	Saratoga	2nd
Zion	"	W. A. Turnage, John Webb	A. W. King	N. R. Lewis	Clow	3rd
Brownstown	Sevier	T.B. Dulaney, J. M. Curren, H. Herndon	C.W. Strickland	R. F. Herndon	Brownstown	2nd
Bethesda	Little River	C. M. Powell, W. I. Wright.	C. M. Powell	C. W. Wright	Minneola	2nd
Bethel	"	No Delegate.	"	U. Mosely	Ashdown	4th
Cossatot	Sevier	D. C. Ladd	P. M. Compton	J. L. Flanagan	Not known	3rd

Canan	Little River	D. S. Cooper, J. R. Lemis, J. T. Shoklett	M. M. Cochran	J. R. Lewis	Cerro Gordo	2nd
Chapel Hill	Sevier	W. A. Ingle, J. B. Ingle.	W. A. Ingle	E. A. Ingle	Chapel Hill	—
Demascus	"	G. B. Parker, Lee Johnson, Chas. Park	T. Du'aney	Lee Johnson	Lockesburg	—
Fairbaville	"	H.G.Shepherd, A.J.Rowell, F. M. Terrell	P. M. Compton	Not known	Not given	2nd
Fair View	"	J. G. Riley, E. H. Brown, John Burns	J. H. Denson	J. G. Riley	Lockesburg	3rd
Hopewell	Little River	No Delegates.	C. M. Powell	J. S. Renfroe	Millwood	1st
Lockesburg	Sevier	A. Wardlaw.	C.W Strickland	E. Smith	Lockesburg	4th
Mt. Pleasant	"	Jno. Stephens, A. K. Fuller, D. F. Enox.	Y. R. Harbin	D. N.Humphris	"	1st
Mt. Carmel	"	P. M. Compton, William Walters.	P. M. Compton	R. McElroy	Rosadale	4th
Mt. Calvary.	Little River	No Delegates.	Not known	W. Kinsworthy	Wilton	3rd
Mt. Zion	"	No Delegates.	"	Not known	Not known	—
NewPrsopect	Sevier	M.M.Cochran, W.H.Harrison, W.LWhite	L. D. Tate	Henry Dulaney	Brownstown	4th
" Hope (1)	Little River	H.E. Shepherd, C. H. Arnold, J. W. Ford	C. H. Arnole	J. J. Trammell	Rocky Comfort	4th
" " (2)	Sevier	J. M. Shermom, J. H. Skinner	J. H. Denson	J. H. Skinner	Not given	4th
New Life	"	No delegates	Not known	Not given	"	—
Oak Hill	"	A. C. Ferguron, J. M. Park	"	"	"	4th
Pine Hill	"	D. F. Johnson	Y. R. Harbin	W. W. Vess	Norwoodsville	1st
Palestine	Little River	T. C. Brayden, W. H. Pond	J. W. Ford	J. R. Lamb	Little River	1st
Pleasant Hill	Sevier	H. S. Holt Thos. Wise J. A. Westbrooks	J.A.Westbrooks	W. J. Cox.	Lockesburg	3rd
RefugeeSp'gs	Little River	D. B. Treadway	Y. R. Harbin	I.B.Treadway	Little River	2nd
Red Colony	Sevier	C. H. Benson, E.C.Skinner, I. N. Borum	W. L. White	I. N. Boruu	Lockesburg	1st
State Line	"	B. W. Farmer.	W. A. Ingld	B. W. Farmer	Chapel Hill	4th
Sardis	"	S.R.Holcomb, W. M. Kolb, M. C. Jordon	T.H.Westbrook	Mark Leeper	Polcomb	2nd
Social Hill	Little River	No Delegates.	Not known	Not known	Not given	—
Union	Sevier	J.H. Denson, W. W. Smith, D. W. Elkins	T.H.Westbrook	G W. Smith	Lockesburg	4th

General Statistics, Relating to Churches, Numbers, Funds, etc.

Contributed during year for

CHURCHES.	No. Bap- tised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Associat[ion] Missions	Printing Minutes	Paid Pastor	Purposes	Total for all	No. in Sun- day School
Amity		2		1		1	38				\$1.00	.75			1.75	
Antioch	4	2		5	4	1	60				1.40	1.25			2.65	
Brushy Creek					3		34				.50	1.00			1.50	
Brownstown	3			3	4	3	71	\$1.00	3.95		15.00	3.45			37.33	.55
Bethesda		2		2	3	2	53				1.90	.60			2.80	.40
Bethel							20									
Columbus	8	9		4	2		58				2.55	1.00			2.55	.98
Cedar Hill	4	3					25				.50	.25			.75	
County Line		4		4	2	2	128					1.45			1.45	
Centre Point				10			50									
Cossatot							18					1.00			1.00	
Canan	10	2	3	2	1		70				8.25	.80			9.05	.70
Chapel Hill		1					8					.50			.50	
Demascus	2	2	1	3			27				.50	1.00			1.50	
Fellowship							19									
Fairbaville	1	2					27				.25	.45			.70	
Fair View		2		4	1		20				.75	.50			1.25	
Holly Creek	2	2			1		25					.95			.95	
Hopewell							35									
Liberty	2		1	5	3		32				.75	.75			1.50	
Lockesburg	4	3					24				1.60	.50			2.10	.25
Mine Creek	13	22	4	3	2	1	118	20.00	5.00	25.00		2.50	350.00	1025.90		1.09
Mineral Sp'gs							69									
Mt. Pleasant	15	12	3	5			53				1.00	1.10			2.10	.50

Mt. Carmel	2	7	3	1		46				.50			.50	.32
Mt. Calvary.		3	2	1		13				1.50	.50		2.00	
Mt. Zion						15								
New Home	1		1		5	34				.50	.45		.95	
New Salem						28								
New Prospect	5	1	4		1	39				10.30			10.30	
New Life						11								
" Hope (1)	4	4	1	6		31					.60		.60	
" " (2)	6	1				20				.30	.30		.60	
Ozan						28								
Oak Hill	1		1	2	2	24					.75		.75	
Pleasant Val'y		1	11		1	77				1.30	1.45		2.75	
Pine Hill						5					.25		.25	
Palestine		3	5			17					.75		.75	
Pleasant Hill		8	1	3	1	49				1.15	1.25		2.40	
Friendship					1	10								
Sweet Home	4	2		1		41				1.50	.50		2.00	50
Sulphur Sp'gs					2	21					1.00		1.00	
State Line	8	2	2			31					1.00		1.00	
Sardis	8	7	5	4		69				12.10	1.50		13.60	
Social Hill						7								
Refugee Sp'gs	12	15	1	4	5	49				.60	.50		1.10	
Red Colony		7		3	1	40					1.00		1.00	35
Unity	3	8	2			30				.50	.45		.95	
Union	9			1		60				1.25	.75		2.00	
Yellow Creek	7	5	6		3	18					.75		.75	28
Zion	3	3	1	8		82					1.85		1.85	
Totals.	141	147	32	88	52	14	1937	21.00	8.95	25.00	66.35	31.97	350.00	592

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