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1907

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# MINUTES

Of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association, held with Spring Grove church, Greene county, Arkansas, October 26, 27, 28, 1907.

The next Session will be held with Fairview church, near Paragould, Greene county, Arkansas, Saturday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1908.

## PROCEEDINGS

Spring Grove Missionary Baptist church, October 26, 1907. Saturday, first day, 11 a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. N. Settlemoir; Text, John 1:14: "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." After which the body was called to order by the former Moderator. On motion the body adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for dinner, which was served on the ground.

### EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Brothers C. D. Morrice and R. H. Dudley were appointed reading clerks. The letters of the churches represented having been read, on motion of Bro. R. H. Dudley, the temporary organization was made permanent by the election of Joe A. Thompson as treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for. Four responded—one from Big Creek, one from Lafe, one from Bethlehem and one from Pleasaut Hill, and on motion were received and messengers seated. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were invited to seats and responded as follows: Eld. E. T. Lincoln, with colportage wagon; Brothers R. A. Markham and T. B. Kitchens, corresponding messengers from Mt. Zion Association; S. W. Abernathy, Current River Association; Eld. J. N. Robertson and B. H. Parrish, from Paragould church; Eld. F. P. Turner of Little Rock, representing the Orphan's Home at Monticello; Eld. J. S. Compere, missionary from Africa, and Eld. J. E. Newman, representing Arkansas Baptist.

On motion the Moderator appointed the usual committees:

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Committee on Divine Service, Pastor and Deacons of Spring Grove church.  
Committee on Arrangements, I. K. Joiner, R. H. Dudley and J. A. Hooker.  
Committee on Prayer Meeting, G. H. Faulkner, J. R. Holcomb and W. D. Farmer.

Committee on Sunday Schools, R. H. Dudley, W. J. Stairs, H. W. Roberts.  
Committee on Temperance, Jas. Wagster, A. J. Bishop, Joe A. Thompson.  
Committee on Pastors and Churches, J. N. Settlemoir, Fred Walden, M. O. Beckley.

Committee on Ministers and Postoffices, C. W. Bradshaw, H. Allen, D. O. Anderson.

Committee on Infirm Ministers, G. H. Faulkner, Ed Walker, J. W. Hicks.  
Committee on Orphans Home, F. P. Turner and R. H. Dudley.  
Committee on State and Associational Missions, I. K. Joiner, R. H. Dudley, J. J. Burton

Committee on Home Missions, C. W. Bradshaw, J. R. Ball, H. Allen  
Committee on Foreign Missions, L. L. Faulkner, G. R. Fryer, Willie Branch  
Committee on Ministerial Education, J. E. Hall, P. N. McNeil, J. Adams.  
Committee on Publication, G. W. Fry, Thomas Snow, J. E. Newsom.  
Committee on Obituaries, J. C. Bateman, R. C. Cunningham, L. B. Rogers.

After some announcements were made and the messengers were assigned homes, on motion, the body adjourned until 7:30 p. m. The committee on Divine Service report that Elder E. T. Lincoln will preach tonight at 7:30.

### NIGHT SESSION 7:30.

Elder E. T. Lincoln preached a good sermon on the subject of Repentance; Text Acts III:19, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

The committee on Divine Service further reports: Sunday School Mass Meeting, 9:30 a. m. Elders J. S. Compere preach at 11 a. m., F. P. Turner at 3 p. m., and J. R. Holcomb at night 7:30 p. m. On motion the body adjourned to meet at 8:30 Monday morning. Benediction by F. P. Turner.

### SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

Sunday School Mass Meeting conducted by R. H. Dudley. Speeches by E. T. Lincoln, H. W. Roberts, C. D. Morrice, F. P. Turner and others.

11 a. m. Elder J. S. Compere, at 3 p. m. Eld. F. P. Turner, and at 7:30 p. m. Eld. J. R. Holcomb, all preached able sermons to large congregations.

### MONDAY, 8:30.

Body called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Burton. Called for report of Committee on Arrangement. Report as follows:

That after the permanent organization, the admission of new churches and the seating of all delegates and visitors that the following order of business be adopted:

- 1 Call the roll and read the minutes.
- 2 Call for petitionary letters.
- 3 Call for Correspondence.
- 4 Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seats.
- 5 Report of Committee on Prayer Meeting.
- 6 " " " Sunday Schools
- 7 " " " Temperance.
- 8 " " " Pastors and Churches.

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- “ “ “ Ministers and Post Office.
- “ “ “ Infirm Ministers.
- “ “ “ Orphan's Home.
- “ “ “ State and Associational Missions.
- “ “ “ Home Missions.
- “ “ “ Foreign Missions.
- “ “ “ Ministerial Education.
- “ “ “ Publication.
- “ “ “ Obituaries.
- “ “ “ Finance.
- “ “ of the Missionaries.
- “ “ of the Treasurer.
- “ “ of the Executive Board.

Call for Miscellaneous Business.  
Call for Queries and Resolutions.

Report adopted.

I. K. JOINER, Chairman.

The Clerk called the roll and read minutes of Saturday's proceedings which were approved.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were further invited to seats and responded as follows: Elder T. T. Thompson, pastor of Paragould Baptist church; Dr. J. H. and T. B. Kitchen of Paragould church.

The Committee on Divine Service further reports that Eld. T. T. Thompson preach today at 11 a. m., and Elder C. A. Stewart at 7:30 p. m.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting made the following report:

It is very sad to think that many of our churches have no Prayer Meetings to their church. Therefore, feeling that prayer is to the church, what it is to an individual christian, we plead with all of our churches to have prayer meetings and attend them and make them meetings for God and His cause.

J. R. HOLCOMB, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 p. m. for preaching at 11 a. m., by Eld. T. T. Thompson. Bro. Thompson preached a soul-reviving sermon to a large congregation.

1:30 P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. T. B. Kitchens

Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report:

That we find a greater number of Sunday Schools in the Association than heretofore existed. It is gratifying to say that many of them are using the most beneficial and helpful methods of doing their work. As a rule the churches having Sunday Schools have made a better report of progress than those not having a school. The committee earnestly urges upon the messengers present to endeavor to put into execution in their Sunday Schools the helpful suggestions made in the general discussion of the work here on Sunday morning. We urge upon the churches not having Sunday Schools the importance and the duty of organizing one at once.

H. W. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance made following report:

Your Committee is pleased to report that since the last Association great advances have been made in the Temperance movement, not only in our own state, but in the whole South. It is gratifying to say that not a single saloon infests our Association and but little clandestine sale of liquor in any form carried on. We attribute this spread of Temperance movement to the efforts of our faithful ministers and missionaries and the activity of our zealous laymen. We earnestly urge a total abstinence by all from the use of intoxicants in any form and the election only of sober and temperate men to office who will execute the wholesome laws on the subject of liquor.

JOE A. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders T. T. Thompson, E. D. Cooper, F. P. Turner, J. R. Holcomb, T. L. B. Thorn, James Seay and Bro. C. D. Morrice and adopted.

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### Report of Committee appointed to Memorialize the Arkansas Legislature to pass a bill Prohibiting absolutely the Sale of Liquor in the State:

Your Committee heretofore appointed to urge the Arkansas Legislature of 1907 to enact a law prohibiting the Sale of Liquor respectfully states that a petition, as contemplated in the resolution on page 10 of the minutes of the Session of 1906, of this Association, was prepared by the Committee and placed in the hands of the Hon. J. H. Hill, Representative from Clay county. The same was introduced and read in the House, but no further action was ever taken on it. No bill was introduced and consequently none passed. This body in making the appointment and the committee in assuming the duties of the work recognized the magnitude of the same, and while no such law was enacted we feel sure that much good has been accomplished by the effort made. The committee is pleased to report the passage of several good and wholesome laws by the recent session of the Legislature relating to the Sale and the Use of Liquor.

R. H. DUDLEY, Chairman.

### Committee on Pastors and Churches made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Pastors and Churches, find that the following named brethren are engaged in Pastoral Work: J. R. Hall, Mt. Tabor, 1-4 time; G. D. Crow at Knobel, 1-4 time, at Nimmons 1-4 time; E. D. Cooper, Bloomington Grove, Spring Grove, Center Hill Hopewell, Jones Ridge, Black River; G. H. Faulkner at Epsaby; J. D. J. Faulkner, Marmaduke, Providence, Friendship; W. D. Farmer, Salem and Post Oak; O. C. Wilcockson, Gainesville and Fairview; J. N. Settlemoir, New Hope, 1-4 time; J. R. Holcomb, Wanderers Home, 1-4 time; J. T. Tyler, at Bethel, 1-4 time; R. E. McGowen at Unity, 1-4 time; J. D. Faulkner at Browns Chapel, 1-4 time; R. C. Rogers, Rock Hill, 1-4 time, and G. R. Tyler at Bethlehem, 1-4 time. The following churches have Pastors who belong to other Associations: Piggott and Rector; J. H. Peay; Pleasant Grove and Union Grove; C. A. Stewart. The following named churches have no Pastors: Greenway, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Grove, No. 2 Palestine and Chalk Bluff. The following named Brethren have no Pastoral work: N. W. Hampton, E. J. Teague, I. K. Joiner, W. J. Boyd, W. L. Walker, P. P. Green, J. P. French and W. H. Gossett.

Adopted,

G. D. CROW  
M. C. BECKLEY  
R. C. ROGERS  
W. H. GOSSETT  
W. F. WALDEN  
E. D. COOPER

Committee,

### The Committee on Ministers and Post Offices reported as follows:

N. W. Hampton.....	Marmaduke, Ark.	I. K. Joiner.....	Boydsville, Ark.
G. D. Crow.....	Lafe, "	W. J. Boyd.....	Jonesboro, "
E. D. Cooper.....	Paragould, "	J. N. Settlemoir.....	Pollard, "
J. R. Holcomb.....	Pollard, "	W. L. Walker.....	Halliday, "
G. H. Faulkner.....	Walcott, "	R. E. McGowen.....	Paragould, "
J. D. J. Faulkner.....	Paragould, "	W. H. Gossett.....	Marmaduke, "
E. J. Teague.....	Rector, "	P. P. Green.....	St. Francis, "
J. R. Hall.....	Piggott, "	J. P. French.....	Rector, "
W. D. Farmer.....	Rector, "	J. W. Seay.....	Walcott, "
G. R. Tyler.....	" "	R. C. Rogers.....	Paragould, "
J. G. Tyler.....	" "	R. E. Sharp.....	Corning, "
O. C. Wilcockson.....	Paragould, "		

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J. M. Benson.....	Greenway, Ark.	M. B. Wright.....	Marmaduke, "
C. C. Gaskill.....	Halliday, "	G. W. Hamilton.....	Gainesville, "
R. C. Estis.....	Rector, "		

### The Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers made the following report, which was adopted:

We are glad to report that our Association has but few aged and infirm ministers who have no means of support, for which we should be grateful. God has not only blessed their labors spiritually but financially as well. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that this Association keep a standing committee for the purpose of locating all such worthy brethren who may need

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and raise the funds from the churches for their support and place in the hands of the executive board to be paid out by order of the board.

G. H. FAULKNER,  
J. W. HICKS,  
ED. WALKER, Committee.

### Committee on Orphans Home made the following report:

Our Orphan's Home at Monticello was never in a more prosperous condition. The health of the children the past year has been good, and their educational advantages excellent. There has been about 15 professions of faith and additions to the Baptist church the past year among them. Five or six girls and boys have reached the age limit which is eighteen, and gone out for themselves. Notwithstanding this our number has increased from 70 to 76 children and there are now application for nine or ten more. This increase in numbers means increase in expenses. We recommend therefore that every church in our Association make an offering to the Orphans Home and report it at our next meeting of this Association. Send all money to Elder F. P. Turner, Box 276, Little Rock, Ark., and all boxes to Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, Monticello, Ark.

Report adopted. R. H. DUDLEY, Chairman.  
Total amount collected for the Home and paid over to Elder F. P. Turner, State Financial Secretary for the Home, \$44.00.

### The Committee on State and Associational Missions made the following report:

The Executive Board in laying out its work must be guided to some extent by the cash collections, and by the cash pledges previously made by churches and individuals. The Board is justified in relying on the cash pledges made, and each church and individual member thereof ought to feel the responsibility and recognize it as a solemn duty to see that an amount in keeping with its ability is pledged, and more important than that, the same is paid. We heartily endorse the judicious action of the Board in the selection of the missionaries for the past year and feel grateful to God for the good accomplished. No more faithful and energetic laborers can be found than those who have served the Association and the work done by them has been great. We would recommend, however, that the missionary or missionaries devote more time to and do missionary work in destitute portions of the Association, and not evangelistical work in the churches. The Pastors can, and the committee earnestly urges them to relieve the missionaries of the necessity of going into the churches to collect funds for mission work. The committee finds that the State Board has generously aided the Executive Board the Executive Board to the amount of \$300 for which we are exceedingly grateful. Your Committee respectfully recommends the continuation of an Executive Board through which the work for the next year shall be done.

R. H. DUDLEY, Chairman.

Discussed by Brothers Thompson, Turner and Kitchen, and adopted.  
Collection for State Missions, \$32.00, and paid to J. H. Kitchen, as treasurer.  
Collection for Associational Missions, cash \$43.11. Pledges \$170, as follows:

Blooming Grove.....\$ 5 00	Providence.....\$10 00
Browns Chapel.....10 00	Rock Hill.....20 00
Friendship.....25 00	Spring Grove.....15 00
Fairview.....10 00	Salem.....5 00
Gainesville.....5 00	Union Grove.....15 00
Mt. Tabor.....5 00	New Home.....2 00
How Hope.....5 00	Center Hill.....5 00
Staggott.....15 00	Chalk Bluff.....3 00
Thousand Grove.....15 00	

### Committee on Home Missions made the following report:

Our Home Mission field is a wide one, indeed, and one which deserves the prayerful attention and constant cultivation of Southern Baptist. Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama are within the bounds of this field and deserve the gospel of Christ. We would therefore recommend that our people keep up the campaign among the churches in behalf of Home Missions. May the God of all Grace fire us with greater zeal for the upbuilding of the Kingdom's interest along the line of Home Mission work.

Report adopted. J. R. HALL, Chairman.

### Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

As the commission is to go into all the world and teach all nations it is world wide, for Jesus said this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world

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for a witness unto all nations it is God's will that all the world bear the Gospel and that all christians share in the privileges and duties of giving the message of life to the perishing millions of our race. We should be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His great blessings bestowed on our labors the past year. Let us pray the Lord to send forth more laborers, and let us be more liberal with the means the Lord has blessed us with in forwarding on this great work of Foreign Missions. New Missionaries are already appointed to enter the foreign fields. Let us enlarge our gifts to help carry on this great work.

Report adopted.

GEO. R. TYLER, Chairman.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

The time has now come when the great work of our Master requires strenuous efforts on the part of our Pastors, thus requiring greater efficiency in the work of the Ministry. It therefore behooves us to make greater efforts to educate and train our young ministers that they may be better enabled to preach the truth in all its purity. Our worthy brother, G. D. Faulkner, is now in school striving to obtain an education. And we recommend that the churches of this Association wake up, pray some, and having awakened to a sense of our needs be constrained to contribute liberally to help those striving to secure an education to better fit them for work in the Master's cause. May the Lord cause us to give as he has prospered us.

Report adopted

C. D. MORRICE, Chairman.

### PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Brown's Chapel.....	\$ 5 00	C. M. Garrett.....	\$ 1 00
Black River.....	.5 00	Providence.....	.2 00
Friendship.....	10 00	Rock Hill.....	10 00
Fairview.....	5 00	Spring Grove.....	5 00
Gainesville.....	15 00	Union Grove.....	5 00
Jones Ridge.....	2 00		
Piggott.....	5 00	Total.....	\$82 00
Pleasant Grove.....	12 50		

Committee on Publication made the following report which was adopted:

That we make the Bible our chief study, supplemented by good and wholesome Christian Literature, such as in accord with God's word and the development of a strong Christian character. We recommend the denominational papers of our state as being worthy of a place in our homes, and that we beg our parents and pastors that they stand firmly against the admission in our homes, Sunday schools and reading circles of any Publication which does not lead to the better living and a greater trust in God. That we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention series and the American Baptist Publication Society literature as being safe and sound helps for our Sunday schools.

G. W. FRY, Chairman.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report which was adopted:

Salem.....	2	Post Oak.....	1
Brown's Chapel.....	2	Friendship.....	1
Marmaduke.....	2	Providence.....	3
Hopewell.....	2	Fairview.....	1
New Home.....	1	Mt Tabor.....	2
Spring Grove.....	2	New Hope.....	2
Unity.....	3	Rock Hill.....	1
Pleasant Grove.....	1	Rector.....	1
Blooming Grove.....	1	Center Hill.....	7
Union Grove.....	1	Total.....	35

J. B. BATEMAN,

R. C. CUNNINGHAM, Committee

### Report of Missionaries:

Days of labor 154; miles traveled 1,182; visit to churches 31; sermons preached 85; other addresses 16; religious visits 19; conversions, 21; Baptisms 1; churches organized 2.

G. D. CROW, Missionary.

Number of places supplied 5; miles traveled 1000; homes visited 120; services held in homes 10; sermons preached 94; churches organized 1; professions 2; Sunday schools organized 1.

R. C. ROGERS, Missionary.



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## Report of former Treasurer:

Paid, October 29 1906,	O. G. Finch for Orphans Home..	\$ 46 47
" " "	Foreign Missions .....	7 00
" " "	Home Missions .....	9 00
" " "	State Missions .....	17 43
" " "	Ministerial Education .....	3 00
" " "	J J Matthis associational mis'y.	21 86
" H. Holcomb for minutes, 1906.....		37 46
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$142 22</b>

W. H. WIMBERLEY, Treasurer.

## The Committee on Finance made the following report:

	Associational Missions.....	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Ministerial Education.....	Orphans Home.....	Minutes.....	Sunday Schools.....
<b>CHURCHES</b>								
Abbeville.....	\$16 00	10 00				5 00	1 50	
Adelphi.....							50	
Black River.....	2 00		1 00	1 00		5 00	50	50
Brown's Chapel.....	2 50					6 35	1 00	7 50
Claming Grove.....	6 00	3 00	1 45	1 45		10 10	2 00	
Old Creek.....							50	
Senior Hill.....			5 00			10 60	1 50	
Bank Bluff.....	3 00					2 50	1 00	
Epobv.....	1 10	95		25		1 10	1 00	
Fairview.....	5 00					14 20	1 50	
Friendship.....	37 50	12 70					2 00	
Gainesville.....	5 00					9 50	1 50	
Hopewell.....						9 50	2 00	
Jones Ridge.....		1 00	1 25	1 25		5 20	1 25	4 70
Lafe.....							1 00	
Main Shore.....							50	
Marquette.....						15 90	2 00	
Mount Tabor.....	3 00					2 50	1 00	
New Hope.....	5 00						3 00	
New Home.....						5 00	1 25	
New Light.....	5 00					3 10	1 05	
Providence.....	6 25						1 50	
Plains Grove.....							1 50	
Pleasant Hill.....	50		50	50		1 30	25	
Post Oak.....						3 00	1 00	
Rector.....	7 00					4 45	1 50	
Rock Hill.....						4 50	1 00	
Spring Grove.....							1 25	
Stalem.....						2 20	1 50	
Union Grove.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	6 70	3 45	1 25	
Unity.....	5 00						1 00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 105 85</b>	<b>29 65</b>	<b>11 20</b>	<b>5 45</b>	<b>6 70</b>	<b>124 45</b>	<b>39 30</b>	<b>12 70</b>

C. D. MORRICE, Chairman.

## The Educational Board made the following report which was adopted:

Since our appointment we met and organized by electing J. T. Rogers, as Chairman, and J. J. Burton, Secretary and Treasurer, and after considering the great needs of our Association decided to put a missionary in the field to do general missionary work. For such work we secured the services of Elders R. C. Rogers and G. D. Crow, for half time each, for such services. We were to pay

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them twenty five dollars per month. We have received from the various churches the following amounts:

Browns Chapel.....	\$ 3 75
Black River.....	1 30
Friendship.....	31 00
New Home.....	25
Pigvott.....	21 00
Pleasant Grove.....	11 46
Pleasant Valley.....	1 41
Post Oak.....	2 20
Providence.....	6 25
Rector.....	10 00
Gainesville.....	5 00
Hopewell.....	1 85
Jones Ridge.....	5 00
Marmaduke.....	12 85
New Light.....	5 00
New Hope.....	7 50
Rock Hill.....	20 25
Spring Grove.....	10 07
Union Grove.....	17 25
Wanderers Home.....	85

Chalk Bluff.....	3 00
Nimmons.....	4 74
Beech Grove Mission.....	7 00
J. R. Rose.....	1 50
5th. Sunday Meetings.....	29 83
Rig Creek church.....	4 85
Elder G. D. Crow.....	8 59
Palestine.....	3 15
Center Hill.....	5 00
Rock Spring Mission.....	19 55
Payne Schoolhouse.....	85
Post Oak and Meadows Grove.....	7 81
Abe Brown.....	2 00
Received from State Board.....	201 61
Total received.....	\$473 72
Amount due.....	\$500 00
Balance due.....	26 28

We, as your Executive Board, after looking over the field found that the church at Morning Star had gone down and no one to see after their church property, so we thought it our duty to look after it. We found enough of the membership scattered, and got them together and they decided to disband and deed their property to Gainesville Association; which they did, and the deed is now on record in the clerk's office at Paragould Ark.

J. T. ROGERS, Chairman

J. J. BURTON, Secretary.

A motion carried that the Moderator appoint the Executive Board for the ensuing year. J. T. Rogers, J. J. Burton, J. F. Sain, W. J. Johnson and C. W. Bradshaw were appointed. And that the Association leave the matter of appointing Missionary and laying out his work to the board.

The following were appointed corresponding messengers to other Associations: Mt. Zion, R. H. Dudley, G. D. Crow; Black River, J. H. Hall, W. J. Johnson.

On motion the body went into an election for a place to hold the next Association, which resulted in selection of Fairview church, about six miles northwest of Paragould, Greene county, Arkansas. Elder J. D. J. Faulkner to preach introductory sermon; Eld. E. D. Cooper, alternate.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 1000 copies of the Journal printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

Whereas; The messengers and visitors have been royally entertained by Spring Grove church and community generally; therefore be it

Resolved; that we, as a body, extend to said church and community our thanks for their hospitality and kind entertainment during our stay with them.

I. K. JOINER.

Thus closed a joyful session of the Association. Adjourned to meet with Fairview church, Greene county, Arkansas, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October A. D. 1908, at 11 a. m.

A song was sung and a general hand-shaking by all. Benediction by G. H. Faulkner.

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Moderator.

H. HOLCOMB, Clerk.

# GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	P. O.	MESSENGRS
Abraham .....	G R Tyler.....	J L Fryer....	Knob.....	J L Fryer A Taylor G Burns
Black River.....	E D Cooper ..	J Clayton....	Brookings..	J Clayton W J Iglehart
Brown's Chapel..	J D J Faulk- ner	J F Sain.....	Paragould..	E A Barton W A Branch J F Sain
Blazing Grove	E D Cooper..	F W Rodery	Rector.....	M C Beckley Jas Wags- ter J A Hooks
Big Creek .....		C H Bishop..	Lafe.....	A J Bishop J F Bishop C H Bishop
Center Hill.....	E D Cooper ..	J W Craven..	Paragould..	Sam Thomason S M Davis W F Foster
Chalk Bluff.....		Tom Snow...	Piggott .....	G W Fry Forest Evans Tom Snow
Chesby .....	G H Faulkner	N R Cole.....	Gainesville	D C Anderson Wm Roberts M Elender
Fairview .....	O C Wilcock- son	J W Thomason	Paragould..	D N Thomason J W Hicks A Russell
Friendship.....	J D J Faulk- ner	D McIlaney..	Marmaduke	Ed Walker Luther Johnson F Walden
Gainesville.....	O C Wilcock- son	R Dunn.....	Gainesville	Grover Hardy R Dunn
Hopewell .....	E D Cooper..	D M Johnson	Rector.....	J A Coffee W D Farmer G R Tyler
Jones Ridge.....	E D Cooper..	Wm Booker..	Delaplane..	B Meadows Sisters E D Essary E Meadows
Lafe.....	G D Crow ...	Bessie Miller	Lafe.....	G D Crow S White
Main Shore .....	J G Henson..	Mrs L Miller	Paragould..	Sisters H C Spillman and H W Roberts
Marmaduke.....	J D J Faulk- ner	J R Gossett..	Marmaduke	A J Early H W Roberts
Mount Tabor...	J R Hall.....	H A Seal.....	Piggott. ...	J C Bateman E E Hughes
New Hope.....	J N Settle- moir	H Holcomb..	Piggott.....	H Holcomb J N Settle- moir W J Johnson
New Home.....	J A Stairs....	W F Brewer..	Marmaduke	W N Stairs J A Stairs W N Hampton
New Light.....	W D Farmer	A I Rogers..	Piggott.....	By Letter
Providence.....	J D J Faulk- ner	W T Williams	Marmaduke	M B Wright J N Wright H B Wright
Piggott.....	J H Peay.....	E H Dudley..	Piggott.....	J R Hall E H Dudley I K Joiner
Pleasant Grove..	CA Stewart..	JA Thompson	Finch .....	J E Newsum W N New- som J A Thompson
Pleasant Hill...	J W Seay ....	O H Payne....	Paragould..	O H Payne P N McNeil John Bowlin
Post Oak .....	W D Farmer	C M Garrett.	Boydsville.	C M Garrett A J Hol- comb Dan Holcomb
Rector.....	J H Peay,...	R A Klope....	Rector.....	Howard Allen
Rock Hill.....	R C Rogers..	G H Rogers..	Paragould..	C D Mordree L B Rogers R C Rogers
Spring Grove....	E D Cooper..	Joe Rogers..	Paragould..	O Edwards P Taylor Joe Rogers
Stalem.....	W D Farmer	CW Bradshw	Boydsville..	B Staling C W Brad- shaw J W Dobbins
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Unity.....	E E McGown	Bob Riley...	Paragould..	J B Bateman J A Adams R C Cunningham

## MEMBERSHIP

## CONTRIBUTIONS

	INCREASE			DECREASE			TO MISSIONS				TO CHURCH WORK				Value of Church Property....						
	Days of Meeting....	By Baptism.....	Letters.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Total Membership..	Deaths.....	State.....	Home.....	Foreign.....	Ministerial Education.....	Randy School.....	Pastor's Salary.....		Incidental Expenses	Orphans Home.....	Minor Funds.....	Total Contributions		
Bethlehem.....	1		9				9										50	50			
Black River.....		6					20						70	50 00			50	80 00			
Browns Chapel.....	3	11		2		1	97	2	2	2	11 00	5 50	3 60	3 60	5 00		5 00	1 00			
Blooming Grove.....		3	2			1	105	2	1	1	6 00	3 00	1 45	1 45	2 50		5 00	125 80			
Big Creek.....	3						8							100 00	5 00	10 10	2 00	137 50			
Center Hill.....	2	8	2			3	68	7					5 00			10 60	1 50	117 10			
Chalk Bluff.....							30				3 00				32 50	2 50	1 00	59 00			
Ensby.....	1	2				1	34	1			1 10	93		4 00		1 10	1 00	11 83			
Fairview.....		5				3	37	1	1	1	5 00			6 00		14 21	1 50	156 71			
Friendship.....	2	29	12			10	170	1	1	1	87 50	1270		5 00	150 00	9 00	2 00	216 20			
Gadnesville.....	2	17	2	2		1	56				5 00			80 00	63 20	9 50	1 50	159 20			
Hopewell.....	3	4	7		3	4	199	2						100 00		9 56	2 00	111 56			
Jones Ridge.....	1	11	1			3	7	1			10 00	1 80	1 25	1 25	4 70	9 50	1 25	165 10			
Lafe.....	2	1					16				15 00				15 00	1 00		1 00			
Main Shore.....	4						197	2			12 85			20 00	200 00	15 89	2 00	310 74			
Marmaduke.....	3	5	12			19	56	2			8 00			60 00		2 50	1 00	6 50			
Mount Taber.....	3						206	2			5 00				238 00	3 00	3 00	346 00			
New Hope.....	3	15	4	1	1	2	82	3						100 00		5 00	1 25	6 25			
New Home.....	3	8	3			9	67	1			5 00			0 00	49 40	8 10	1 05	79 55			
New Light.....	2					5	106	3			6 25					1 50		6 75			
Providence.....	2	6				3	126	3			20 00			18 00	240 00	5 00	1 50	373 50			
Piggott.....	4	4	6			4	87	1			15 00	3 00		100 00	170 00	5 00	1 50	301 50			
Pleasant Grove.....	2	8	1	4	15		18				70		50	50		1 30	25	3 05			
Pleasant Hill.....	2						39	1						5 00	75 80	3 00	1 00	94 30			
Post Oak.....	4	9		1	2	3	80	1			10 00	5 00		21 20	240 00	4 45	1 50	341 00			
Rector.....	1	9	6			1	141	1			25 00	18 30	4 30	5 00	5 50	4 50	1 00	245 60			
Rock Hill.....	2	14	2			2	69	2			10 00	3 00	1 50	1 50	5 00	6 00	1 25	141 20			
Spring Grove.....	2	2				2	101	2			19 25	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	2 20	1 50	60 80			
Salem.....	1	4	1		13		43	1			5 00			4 36	76 00	6 70	1 25	138 50			
Union Grove.....	3	10	9				20									1 00		6 00			
Unity.....	1	7		1	2		2341														
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Bethel, Pleasant Grove No. 2, Pleasant Valley, Wanderers Home and Nimmons not represented.

# HISTORICAL TABLE

## OF THE GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION

Before 1853 this was a part of the Black River Association. The Gainesville Association (then Bethlehem—changed its name in 1883) was organized at Salem church and held its first session in 1853, but we failed to get the proceedings of that meeting.

DATE	HELD WITH	MODERATORS	CLERKS
1853	New Hope Greene County	Peter Nichols	H F Allen
1855	Salem " "	J L Johnson	A Seagraves
1856	Bethlehem " "	Peter Nichols	" "
1857	Mt Gilend Ducklin Co Mo	" "	J Dellinger
1859	Bethlehem Greene County	" "	A Seagraves
1860	Salem " "	John Stayton	" "
1861	Antioch Randolph County	" "	H Holcomb
1862	Harricane Greene County	C A Montgomery	" "
1863	Bethlehem " "	J W Pillow	" "
1864	Hopewell " "	" "	" "
1873	Salem " "	F E Alexander	" "
1874	Hopewell " "	D Thorn	" "
1875	Spring Grove " "	N Ramsey	L McHaney
1876	Friendship " "	" "	J D Markham
1877	Union Grove " "	J T Edwards	G Thorn
1878	New Hope Clay County	J N Richardson	H Holcomb
1879	Blooming Grove " "	" "	" "
1882	Friendship Greene "	G Lively	J D Markham
1883	Provide ce " "	" "	" "
1884	Salem Clay "	" "	" "
1885	Hopewell Greene "	" "	" "
1886	Union " "	J T Edwards	D Thorn
1887	Friendship " "	G Lively	J D Markham
1888	New Hope " "	" "	H Holcomb
1889	Rector Clay "	" "	" "
1890	Rock Hill Greene "	" "	" "
1891	Fairview " "	J R Holcomb	" "
1892	Gainesville " "	" "	" "
1893	Salem Clay "	" "	" "
1894	Friendship Greene "	" "	" "
1895	Hopewell " "	J D J Faulkner	" "
1896	Rock Hill " "	G Lively	" "
1897	Blooming Grove Clay "	J T Edwards	" "
1898	New Light " "	J D J Faulkner	" "
1899	Piggott " "	G Lively	" "
1900	Hopewell Greene "	" "	" "
1901	Marmaduke " "	" "	" "
1902	Friendship " "	" "	" "
1903	Union Grove " "	J D J Faulkner	R H Dodley
1904	Pleasant Grove " "	G Lively	R L Reaves
1905	Salem Clay "	" "	H Holcomb
1906	New Hope " "	J D J Faulkner	" "
1907	Spring Grove Greene "	" "	" "



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