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Next Association to be held with Macedonia Baptist Church,
Montgomery County, commencing Saturday before
the first Sunday in September, 1895.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

WITH THE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Word and Holy Ghost. I John 5: 7; John 1: 1,2,3; I Tim. 3: 16.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of our faithful practice. II Tim. 2: 15,16; I Peter, 1: 2.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through satisfaction of the Spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1: 2.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 3: 6,7; Psalms 57: 6; Rom 5: 12-14.

ART. 5. 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. Isaiah 1: 5-7; John 6: 44; Eph. 2: 1.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Jer. 23: 6; Rom. 4: 22-24; I Cor. 1: 30.

ART. 7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Psalms 89: 31-35; Heb. 8: 10,11; John 10: 28.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects for baptism; and that immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark 16: 15,16; I Cor. 11: 22-26; Acts 8: 38,39; Rom. 6: 3,4; Acts 2: 42.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 3: 28, 29; I Cor. 15: 22,23; Rev. 20: 12-15.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Matt. 28: 19, 20; 1 Tim. 3: 14; Titus 5: 10.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Act 2: 41; 1 Cor. 11: 23, 24; Acts 18: 8-11.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex. 20: 8; Acts 20: 7; Rev. 1: 10.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Appointment of preaching committee.
3. Call for letters from the churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invitation to visiting members to seats.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Call for a report of the committee on preaching.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call for the reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call and marking of the names of absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments for next session.
6. Call for treasurer's report.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOME CHURCH,
Garland County, Ark.,
September 8, 1894. }

The introductory sermon was preached by Elds. J. J. Hughes and E. Wright from Matt. 16: 18. Opening prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes, and closing prayer by Eld. H. L. Wasson.

The congregation was then dismissed until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time the body came together by singing.

The Association being called to order, the Moderator read John 1: 1-29. Hymn No. 42 of the Evergreen, was sung, after which the Moderator offered prayer, and the Association was declared in order and ready for business.

Letters from the various churches composing this Association were called for by the Moderator.

Bros. J. C. Thomas, A. R. Chitwood and the delegates of New Home Church were appointed a Preaching Committee.

Edmund Chitwood, S. D. Taylor and B. V. York were appointed to read the letters of the churches, twenty-five churches being represented.

Called for petitionary letters. Received three, as follows: Union Grove, Elnora, Hurricane Grove.

The Association went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Eld. H. T. Howell, Moderator; Eld. E. Wright, Clerk; W. F. Willis, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. Correspondents were called for, and the following responded: J. K. Wilcox and A. A. Bates, from Big Fork Association. Also a certificate from Buckville Association, with the following names of messengers: E. P. Chitwood, H. H. Williamson, J. A. Chitwood, M. C. Melton and S. D. Taylor, several of whom were present. Eld. J. M. Dean was present from Red River Association.

The appointment of committees was postponed until morning, and left to the Moderator and Clerk.

Sang "There's a beautiful land." Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned until Monday, at 8 A. M.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. The Moderator read Psalms 33. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. J. Hughes.

Correspondents were called for, when W. D. Etheridge, from Saline Association, came forward.

By action of the body, speeches were limited to five minutes.

The minutes of the first day's meeting were read and approved; the roll was then called and absentees marked.

Reports of committees were called for, and received and adopted, as follows:

Duties of Pastors to Churches.—The pastor should attend all the churches under his care at the stated meetings. He should preach the whole counsel of God, in the fear of God and not man. He should encourage Sunday schools and prayer meetings.

F. WILLIS, Chm'n.

G. W. Welch, J. R. Motley

Duties of Churches to Pastors.—It is the duty of the church to see and inquire after the financial interest of the pastor, and visit him, not only to see but to contribute to his necessities. If the pastor leaves his home and loved ones to attend to the spiritual interest of the church, it should see to the temporal interest of the pastor and his family. Brethren, let us put our shoulders to the great wheel of Zion and keep it rolling in our Master's cause.

R. TALLANT, Chm'n.

R. E. Conine, M. Reynolds.

Temperance.—We find King Alcohol gradually giving way. We hope the time will soon come when Baptist will quit drinking whisky or any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

J. M. SMITH, Chm'n

W. Andrews, F. Nelson.

Obituaries.—Sister Matilda Tallant, of Mt Pisgah church, departed this life November 15, 1893 at the advanced age of 78 years. She was ever punctual to the church meetings and to visit the sick, and died in the triumph of the living faith.

Sister Gentry, of Black Springs church, died in May, 1894.

Sister Margaret Hays, of Plata, Ark., of Mt. Zion church, departed this life December 28, 1893, aged about 73 years. She witnessed a good profession.

Dear brethren, while it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from among us these, our dear sisters in Christ, let us praise and thank him for his goodness toward us.

Resolved, That this Association offer its condolence to the bereaved families and relatives of the deceased.

W. L. COCKERELL, Chm'n.

J. C. Thomas, J. P. Hawthorn,

Destitution.—We, your committee, report that we find considerable destitution west and north of our Association, and we recommend that this body take steps to supply part, if not all, of said destitution with preaching.

J. J. HUGHES, Chm'n.

A. Nelson, S. Z. Moran

State of Religion.—We rejoice that in various parts of the Association there have been glorious revivals, and the cause of our Redeemer built up, and the people of God enlightened. Brethren, let us arise in the power of Israel's God, and in the spirit of our Savior, and labor for a greater advancement of our Savior's cause.

R. W. PATE, Chm'n.

L. Melson, A. R. Chitwood.

Documents.—We find represented twenty two churches; also three new churches, viz: Hurricane Grove, Union Grove, and El-

nora, received by petition Received correspondents from Buckville, Big Fork, Red River and Saline Associations. We find four churches calling for the next meeting of this Association—Macedonia, Mountain Home, Providence and Black Springs.

J. W. HILTON, Chm'n

E. Burns, J. H. Yarbrough.

Sunday School Convention.—The Caddo River Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Antioch church in Montgomery county, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1894, at 11 A. M. The convention sermon was preached by Eld. H. T. Howell, followed by Eld. J. J. Hughes. Text, Psalms, 126: 5, 6. It then adjourned until 3 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention was opened by the President, W. F. Willis, reading James 1, and followed by prayer.

Next heard the reading of the constitution and the minutes of last session, then called for letters from the various churches and schools. The letters were read by J. H. Collins and W. W. McLain, and the names of messengers enrolled.

The Convention went into the election of officers, with the following result: W. F. Willis, President; J. M. Smith, Vice President; W. W. Smith, Secretary, and C. G. Ham, Treasurer.

A Preaching Committee was appointed as follows: C. G. Ham, O. Y. Smith and S. Z. Moran. A Music Class was also appointed as follows: S. Z. Moran, Isaiah Moran, S. A. McLain and Annie Branson. The Preaching Committee reported for Eld. J. H. Collins to preach at the church at night, and Eld. J. J. Hughes to preach at Field's school house. After prayer by Eld. J. H. Collins, adjourned to meet Saturday at 8 A. M.

On Friday night there was preaching by Eld. J. H. Collins, followed by Eld. H. T. Howell. Text, 1 Kings 13: 9.

On the second day at 3 P. M., the Convention was opened by the Vice President, J. M. Smith, who read Ecclesiastes 12, followed with prayer. Rain hindered in the morning. Minutes of the first day were read. Appointed a Program Committee, as follows: H. T. Howell, O. T. Smith, G. W. Welch.

The program on essays was taken up, when the following essays

were read: The Country Graveyard, S. A. McLain; Prayer, Sister M. E. Hardy; Sunday Schools, C. G. Ham. The Preaching Committee reported Eld. H. T. Howell to preach at the church at night, and Eld. J. M. Smith at Field's school house. After prayer by Eld. J. H. Collins, adjourned until Sunday at 8 A. M.

Preaching Saturday night by Eld. H. T. Howell, followed by J. M. Smith. Text, Matt. 27: 22.

On the third day, at 9 A. M., the Convention opened by the President reading John 4: 9-20, and comments and prayer. Called roll and marked names of absentees. Continued the essay program, when the following were delivered: Duty of Parents in Sunday Schools, R. C. Fields; What Influence has Sunday Schools upon the Rising Generation? Eld. W. W. Carson. Reports were heard from Sunday school superintendents and churches. All at peace. On motion the next session of this Convention will be held with Salem Church, in Pike County, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1895, at 11 A. M. The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention adopt the Southern Baptist literature and recommend each Sunday school to use the same.

Resolved, That the superintendent of each Sunday school composing this Convention appoint one person to prepare and read an essay at each annual session of this body on a subject chosen by the superintendent.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the church and vicinity of Antioch for their hospitality in entertaining this convention.

The Committee on Program for the next session reported as follows: Convention sermon, Eld. J. P. Welch, with Eld. J. H. Collins, alternate. Essays by Sisters S. A. McLain, Docia Hollingshead and Marja Carson, on subjects of their own choice; Eld. J. J. Hughes, on Family Religion; Sister Mattie Smith, subject of her choice; W. F. Willis, Best Methods of Conducting Sunday Schools; Eld. J. H. Collins, Why Use Literature in Sunday Schools? Eld. J. M. Smith, Temperance; C. G. Ham, Are Sunday Schools Scriptural? S. Z. Moran, Duties of Pastors in Sunday School Work.

Took up a collection for the printing of minutes, which amounted to \$2 95. Minutes read and approved. After prayer by Eld. W. W. Carson, the Convention adjourned to meet with Salem Church on Friday before first Sunday in August, 1895, at 11 A. M.

The statistics of the schools as reported to the Convention are as follows:

Antioch.—Messengers: J. T. Crenshaw, Tollie Horn, T. J. Welch. Superintendent, C. G. Ham, Caddo Gap. No. scholars, 60.
 Amity.—Messengers: Eva Key, M. J. Collins. Superintendent, G. T. Howell. Amity. No. scholars, 94.
 Caney Valley.—Messengers: O. T. Smith, S. Z. Moran, S. A. McLain. Superintendent W. W. Smith, Rock Creek. No. scholars, 47.
 Bethel.—No messengers. Superintendent, W. F. Willis, Rock Creek. No. scholars, 55.
 Mountain Home.—No messengers. Superintendent, T. J. Millsaps, Hickory Station. No. scholars, 34.
 Valley Grove.—Messenger, Anne Bunson. Superintendent, D. B. Brunson, Rock Creek. No. scholars, 44.

W. F. WILLIS, President.

W. W. Smith, Secretary.

Dismissed for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association resumed business at 3 P. M. The Preaching Committee reported as follows:

Preaching Saturday night by Elds. H. T. Howell and J. P. Welch, at New Home; preaching Saturday night by Elds. J. J. Holland and D. T. Driggers, at Bear; and preaching at New Home on Sunday as follows: Elds. R. Pate and A. Nelson, at 9 A. M.; Elds. J. M. Dean and E. P. Chitwood, at 11 A. M.; Elds. W. S. Modlin and J. R. Motley, at 3 P. M.; Elds. S. D. Taylor and H. L. Wasson, at night; and Elds. J. P. Welch and H. L. Wasson, Monday at 11 A. M.; preaching Monday night by Eld. H. L. Wasson, at Crystal Springs; and Eld. J. M. Dean, at Bear.

A. R. CHITWOOD, Chm'n.

J. C. Thomas, J. Volentine, J. N. Houser, W. T. Cockerelle

Finance.—We, your Committee on Finance, find on hand for printing minutes and Associational purposes, from the churches, \$26.25; from the Sunday school Convention, \$3.35; total, \$29.60.

B. V. YORK, Chm'n.

I. Deaton, R. W. Pate.

The Treasurer, W. F. Willis, reported \$29.60 for Associational purposes, and \$19.75 for home missions.

By action of the Convention, the Missionary Board of the past, and up to this time, was dismissed, and another board of three was appointed, viz: A. R. Chitwood, W. L. Cockerell and W. J. Chitwood. The body also enacted that there be a co-operation of the churches of this Association with the board above named; and that the churches be requested to report quarterly to the new board.

Ordered that the Articles of Faith be printed in the minutes of this session.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

Eld. J. P. Welch, S. Z. Moran and J. R. Motley, to Red River Association; Eld. S. B. Redwine and J. E. Cockerell to Saline; Eld. T. A. Volentine and G. H. Wasson to Onachita; Elds. J. J. Hughes and H. L. Wasson and Bro. A. R. Chitwood to Big Fork; Elds. S. B. Redwine, R. W. Pate, A. Nelson and Brethren A. R. Chitwood, W. L. Cockerell, J. S. Wallace, J. P. Hawthorne and L. Melson to Buckville Association.

The Association agreed to hold its next session with Macedonia church, about eight miles northwest of Mt. Ida and about four miles from Oden, Montgomery county.

Resolved That we, the messengers of this body, tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of New Home church for the kind hospitality that has been extended to us during our stay with them.

Ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed, and that he send one copy to each corresponding messenger from other Associations, and that he distribute to the various churches according to their contributions. Also, that the Clerk have \$10 for his fee, and that he also have the privilege to draw from the treasury the necessary funds to pay the postage on the minutes.

The Moderator, with Eld. R. W. Pate, was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon.

H. T. HOWELL, MODERATOR.

E. WRIGHT, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. WRIGHT	Lucky.
J. A. SHACKLEFORD	Tackett.
W. P. TAYLOR	Kirby.
R. W. PATE	Plata.
H. L. WASSON	Black Springs.
T. J. CUNNINGHAM	Bear.
S. B. REDWINE	Cedar Glades.
H. T. HOWELL	Rock Creek.
J. M. SMITH	Rock Creek.
A. NELSON	Rock Creek.
J. J. HUGHES	Rock Creek.
J. W. ROUSE	Bear.
T. A. VOLENTINE	Bear.
W. T. SEYMORE	Bear.
J. E. COCKERELL	Bear.
W. W. CARSON	Caddo Gap.
J. P. WELCH	Caddo Gap.
G. C. SMITH	Wilson.
D. BRIGHT	Ussery.
W. S. MODLIN	Bear.

LICENTIATES.

J. R. MOTLEY	Kirby.
G. H. WASSON	Black Springs.
W. M. WEBB	Bear.
E. BURNS	Hickory Station.
W. J. CHITWOOD	Chandler.
L. T. BAGWELL	Kirby.

DEACONS.

R. TALLANT	Welch.
R. E. CONINE	Mt. Ida.
L. MELSON	Mazarn.
W. F. WILLIS	Amity.
J. D. CALDWELL	Kirby.
J. R. MOTLEY	Kirby.
L. T. BAGWELL	Kirby.
A. M. COLIER	Ophir.
G. W. PETTITT	Plata.
J. W. JUSTIA	Sims.
A. C. MCKAY	Sims.
J. W. KIRBY	Black Springs.
C. F. O'NEAL	Hickory Station.
E. FANE	Hickory Station.
J. G. HANKINGS	Hickory Station.
W. T. H. THORNTON	Rock Creek.
L. W. HERRING	Rock Creek.
S. Z. MORAN	Rock Creek.
W. W. McLAIN	Rock Creek.
D. T. BRUNSON	Rock Creek.
W. A. J. GILLHAM	Bear.
J. M. BRANTLEY	Point Cedar.
J. P. CATES	Point Cedar.
JOHN WELCH	Caddo Gap.

DEACONS--CONTINUED.

U. W. WELCH	Caddo Gap.
R. C. FIELDS	Caddo Gap.
J. W. COLWELL	Kirby.
W. F. RUCKER	Ussery.
ROBERT CARPENTER	Lucky.
A. R. CHITWOOD	Bear.
M. L. DUNSON	Lodi.
W. D. WARD	Wilson.
A. F. WILSON	Wilson.
E. BAGGETT	Wilson.
W. J. COWART	Wilson.
R. M. REECE	Ophir.

CHURCHES, MESSENGERS, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Mt. Pisgah	R. Tallant, E. Wright.....	E. Wright.....	N. L. Huggins....	Welch
Hurricane Grove...	R. Conine, H. Deaton.....	R. W. Pate.....	R. E. Conine.....	Mt. Ida.
Zion Hill.....	E. A. Shackelford H. L. Shackelford, W. J. Chitwood	J. A. Shackelford..	M. M. Pridgen....	Chandler.
Providence.....	L. F. Laudermilk.....	J. M. Dean.....	L. F. Laudermilk..	Black Springs
Spring Grove.....	L. Melson, J. P. Hawthorn..	R. W. Pate.....	L. M. Weigoe.....	Mazarr.
Bethel.....	W. F. Willis, John Yarber.....	H. F. Howell.....	L. Black.....	Rock Creek.
Bethlehem.....	J. R. Mothy.....	H. T. Howell.....	W. P. Taylor.....	Kirby
Liberty.....	Not represented.	D. T. Driggers.....	J. J. Collier.....	Ophir.
Mt. Zion, N.....	R. W. Pate, Z. M. Pettitt, S. W. Pettitt.....	D. T. Driggers....	W. T. Pettitt.....	Plata.
Union Grove.....	J. W. Hilton, W. A. Brakefield.....	J. P. Welch.....	W. A. Brakefield..	Hopper.
Macedonia.....	J. W. Justice.....	I. J. Holland.....	G. W. Maddox.....	Idms
Black Springs.....	H. L. Wasson, W. H. Gutherie, G. H. Wasson.....	H. L. Wasson.....	W. H. Gutherie....	Black Springs.
Union.....	T. J. Cunningham, A. R. Chitwood, R. J. Chitwood.....	H. L. Wasson.....	E. M. Pate.....	Bear.
Forrest Hill.....	T. J. Smith, E. Burns.....	J. A. Shackelford..	C. F. O'Neal.....	Hickory Station.
Mt. Moriah.....	T. Deaton, T. J. Carpenter, — Kler.....	E. Wright.....	T. Deaton.....	Ussery.
Caney Valley.....	H. T. Howell, J. M. Smith, S. Z. Moran.....	H. T. Howell.....	A. W. Smith.....	Rock Creek.
Valley Grove.....	A. Nelson, J. J. Hughes.....	A. Nelson.....	J. J. Hughes Jr....	Rock Creek.
New Home.....	W. L. Cockerell, J. N. Houser, Joseph Valentine.....	J. W. Rouse.....	W. E. Dodd.....	Bear.
Mt. Zion, S.....	S. W. Andrews, J. P. Cates.....	J. M. Dean.....	S. W. Andrews....	Point Cedar.
Mountain Home...	J. T. Millsap, J. C. Thomas, F. Nelson.....	R. W. Pate.....	J. C. Thomas.....	Tackett.
Antioch.....	G. W. Welch.....	J. J. Hughes.....	R. C. Fields.....	Caddo Gap.
Mt. Pleasant.....	D. F. Penson, B. V. Yora.....	W. P. Taylor.....	G. W. Gammell....	Lodi.
Pleasant Valley...	M. A. Robbins.....	J. A. Shackelford..	A. M. Tackett.....	Manfred.
Elnora.....	M. Rennolds, J. S. Wallace.....	S. A. Valentine....	J. S. Wallace.....	Silver City.
Mt. Ida.....	Not represented.		J. S. Nelson.....	Mt. Ida.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	For Minutes	MEMBERSHIP.						Total Membership	Sundays of meeting.
		Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased		
Mt. Pisgah	\$ 75	6	3	.....	2	.....	1	37	2nd
Hurricane Grove	35	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....
Long Hill	1 50	1	5	.....	.....	2	.....	40	4th
Providence	90	5	2	.....	4	.....	.....	43	.....
Spring Grove	60	4	4	.....	.....	1	.....	11	.....
Bethel	1 00	7	5	.....	6	2	.....	41	2nd
Bethlehem	1 00	1	3	.....	2	2	.....	31	4th
Liberty	75	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	27	4th
Mt. Zion, N	60	3	.....	.....	1	.....	1	16	1st
Union Grove	75	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	4th
Macedoni	1 00	5	6	1	.....	.....	2	35	2nd
Black Springs	1 50	.....	5	.....	4	.....	1	32	2nd
Union	1 50	3	.....	1	2	1	.....	38	1st
Forrest Hill	70	3	3	1	5	4	1	20	1st
Mt. Meriah	1 50	.....	.....	2	.....	5	.....	35	3rd
Danney Valley	2 00	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	1st
Valley Grove	1 95	5	5	.....	3	1	.....	25	4th
New Home	1 00	4	5	2	4	1	.....	40	.....
Mt. Zion, S	1 25	4	3	.....	2	.....	.....	27	1st
Mountain Home	1 50	7	5	1	2	.....	.....	47	.....
Antioch	1 30	.....	3	.....	23	1	.....	47	2nd
Mt. Pleasant	70	9	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	3rd
Pleasant Valley	50	2	2	7	15	2nd
Elnora	1 00	5	2	13	2nd
Mt. Ida	65	14
Totals	\$26 25	85	72	9	68	20	6	754


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