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MINUTES

24th Annual Session

Concord Baptist Association.

1894.

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Record Association convened at Bloomer Church, Sebastian county, Arkansas, September 22, 1894, P. C. Mays, Moderator, in the chair.

Sung. Scripture lesson. Prayer by P. C. Mays. J. F. O'Neal read the introductory sermon; text, John 10:28.

Sung. Prayer by J. T. Watson. Remarks by H. L. Been. D. C. Yeargin moved to adjourn until 1:30. Motion carried. Benediction by P. Throgmorton.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the Association was called to order by P. C. Mays, Moderator.

Sung. Prayer by J. W. Nobles, after which C. H. Howe, Homer Wiley and J. T. Watson were appointed reading clerks and letters from the following churches and following delegates enrolled:

Bloomer—A. M. Head, A. T. Joyce, T. J. Jetton.

Donneville—H. N. McCaslin, Joseph Calvin, J. N. Pennington.

Donville—J. J. McAllister, H. R. Fowler, R. M. McGee.

Enter Valley—J. W. Nobles, W. F. Raney, P. Buckner.

Grinth—R. T. Little, W. B. Mills.

Hulksville—J. R. Richey, T. M. Hickerson, J. C. Blackwell.

Im Vale—S. E. Thompson.

Enterprise—W. W. Reed, J. R. Robberds, N. M. Vancleave.

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith—W. P. Throgmorton, J. C. Stalcup, S. Meek, Homer Buckley; Sisters, W. P. Throgmorton, Minnie Myers, Blanche Cooper.

Grand Prairie—Miss Nora Tigner, R. W. Austin, G. W. Tigner.

Greenwood—G. N. Spradling, D. C. Yeargin, Mrs. M. A. Neal, J. E. Tatnall.

Huntington—G. G. Baine, J. T. Watson, — — Cain.

Hudson—John Inge, John Cope.

Jenny Lind—L. W. Minton, T. P. Long, W. F. Gibbs.

Mill Creek—B. F. Sumner, A. L. Lawrence, F. A. Vandingham.

Mt. Hope—J. F. O'Neal, H. F. Moseley, H. Webb.

Mt. Zion—A. P. Scott.

Mt. Nebo—E. N. Moore, F. M. Blaylock, F. C. Smith.

National Springs—J. T. Hollingsworth, L. M. Loving, W. A. Mayfield.

New Harmony—Levi Shelby, C. Brewer, M. B. Harrison.

Oak Bend—G. T. Staton, J. W. Truelove, J. T. Harkins.

Oak Bower—H. G. Johnson, Jno. Ray, H. Renfroe, A. L. Brown.

Oak Grove—B. R. Townley, L. W. Dearen, J. A. Carter.

Oak Valley—M. J. Moore, W. H. Thomas, J. A. Joyce.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. B. Flynn, Henry Streeter, H. E. Flynn.

Pine Mountain—W. G. McBee, Daniel Bryan.

Planter—A. J. Williams, E. S. Murphy, R. J. Hearn.



Prairie View—W. A. Hill, L. D. Davis, W. D. Darr, B. P. Branch.

Prairie Grove—Amzi Jetton, J. L. O'Neal, J. W. Jetton.

Sulphur Spring—T. A. Rippy, James Ferguson, Arnes Oldham.

Spring Hill—A. J. Watson, H. L. Newman.

Shiloh—Jas. Nolen, W. J. Kincannon, Wallas Redding.

Union—W. P. Martin, John Clark.

Union Grove—L. Acuff, J. C. Ervin.

Vesta—E. M. Beals, C. F. Spidler, W. R. Braum.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the election of W. P. Throgmorton, Moderator; R. A. Rowe, Clerk, and G. N. Spradling, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters from the following churches were read and on motion were admitted and the right hand of Associational fellowship extended the messenger: Providence—W. B. Shultz. Center Point—J. Chaney.

The following brethren were seated as corresponding messengers—D. M. Bryant, Wiley Nobles, A. R. Hill.

The following were seated as visiting brethren—A. L. Rippy, H. L. Been, O. H. Gregory, F. L. Kregel, M. S. Buckley, A. J. Henson, Henry Karr and P. C. Mays.

The Moderator appointed A. J. Henson, A. M. Head, A. T. Joyce and T. Jetton on religious exercises. Moderator was given till Sunday morning to announce the appointment of the usual committees.

Corresponding Messengers to State Convention—D. C. Yeargin, W. P. Throgmorton, C. H. Howe, R. A. Rowe.

W. P. Throgmorton was appointed a member of the State Ex. Board.

P. C. Mays was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and D. C. Yeargin alternate, with power of substitution.

The following messengers were appointed to the following Associations: Dardanella—H. L. Been, J. W. Nobles, J. N. Pennington. Clear Creek—H. L. Been, W. P. Throgmorton, D. C. Yeargin. Buckner—J. T. Watson, T. A. Rippy, J. N. Pennington.

On motion of J. T. Watson the regular order of business was suspended.

Report of committee on divine service for Saturday night: Oak Bowler—D. C. Yeargin; Bloomer—W. P. Throgmorton; Oak Valley—R. T. Little; Forest Grove—J. F. O'Neal; Auburn—W. A. Hill; Sunday, 9 a. m. Sunday School to be led by P. C. Mays; 11 a. m., missionary sermon by J. W. Nobles.

Association adjourned till 8 o'clock Monday morning.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Short time spent in devotional exercises. P. C. Mays conducted the Sunday School meeting. Talks were made by J. C. Stalcup, H. L. Been, R. A. Rowe and L. Quinn. Collection for State Sunday School \$3.30. At 11 J. W. Nobles preached the missionary sermon. Text Acts 1:8. Collection for Associational missions \$20.

Report of committee on Divine service: Bloomer at 3—D. C. Year-  
 At Night: Bloomer—L. Quinn; Auburn—R. T. Little; Oak Bow-  
 J. N. Pennington; Oak Valley—D. M. Bryant; Forest Grove—J.  
 Truelove; Union Grove—O. H. Gregory; May's Chapel—E. M. Beals.

MONDAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. A short time  
 spent in religious exercises.

Miss Nora Tigner and A. J. Henson were on motion seated as dele-  
 gates of Grand Prairie and Center Valley respectively.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

**HOME MISSIONS.**—Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that  
 the Home Mission Board is making herculean efforts to send the Gospel to all  
 places of destitution, and that even the isles of the sea and waste places of  
 the wilderness are made to bloom as gardens of the Lord, beneath the light of  
 the truth disseminated through the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and  
 the hearty co-operation in prayer and means of all the churches within its  
 bounds. The day will be hastened when the knowledge of the Lord will fill the  
 hearts of men as the rivers cover the earth. Therefore, we recommend a more  
 consecrated effort in the work and that quarterly collections be taken in all the  
 churches and forwarded to the Home Mission Board. Respectfully submitted.  
 T. Watson, J. B. Flynn, J. R. Richey, A. J. Williams, H. A. Autrey.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**—Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave  
 to report that the necessity of such education is great for the masses are being  
 educated. The ministry is expected to lead and therefore should be educated.  
 We, therefore, recommend that the Ouachita and Mountain Home Colleges of  
 the state, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky.,  
 be patronized by all who can possibly do so. We further recommend that the  
 churches take collections and forward to such brothers as need assistance. Re-  
 spectfully submitted. J. W. Nobles, L. Quinn, O. H. Gregory.  
 Report discussed by J. T. Watson and F. L. Kregel.  
 On motion of J. T. Watson speeches were limited to ten minutes.

**RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.**—Your committee on Religious Literature submit the  
 following: 1. We believe the Bible is a gift of God by inspiration and that our  
 efficiency and strength as workers in the Lord's vineyard depends entirely upon  
 our knowledge of its teachings and its deep spiritual meaning. Therefore,  
 we recommend a prayerful and careful study of the Bible by all Christians. To  
 Sunday Schools we recommend the Convention Series published at Nashville,  
 Tenn. We recommend the "Arkansas Baptist," that the members may keep  
 posted about our people, and because it is the state organ and should be sup-  
 ported by the Baptists of the state. We also recommend the Home, Field  
 and Foreign Mission Journal. We recommend Harvest Bells to our churches as we  
 add it in harmony with the Gospel and we should sing the truth as well as  
 preach it. H. L. Been, C. F. Spiller, H. R. Fowler.

**WOMAN'S WORK.**—Your committee on Woman's Work report as follows: The  
 churches having ladies aid societies having failed to report their work to this  
 Association we are unable make any statistical report to you. In view of the  
 valuable work done by the Woman's Auxiliary Societies in some of our church-  
 es which has come under the observation of this committee, we beg to call the  
 attention of our several churches the importance of utilizing this element of  
 strength which they all have in their midst by organizing such societies and  
 reporting their work to this Association from year to year. J. C. Stalcup, M.



A. Neal, Eliza C. Throgmorton.

Report discussed by J. C. Stalcup, D. C. Yeargin, and J. T. Watson.

**MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.**—Your committee on Ministerial Support find that some of the churches did not report anything done for their pastor. We recommend that all churches promptly pay their pastors. That the deacons take collection from time to time for this purpose. That the churches report promptly the amount at the next meeting of this Association. J. F. O'Neal, S. E. Thompson, W. W. Reed.

Report discussed by J. S. Meek, J. T. Watson, Henry Karr and C. F. Spiller.

**STATE MISSIONS.**—Your committee on State Missions report as follows: The statistical table found in our minute for this year shows that only three churches have done anything for State Missions which is deplorable. Our State Board is now composed of one member from each Association; hence, if we would on our part we must make contributions to the state work backed by sympathy and prayer. We recommend that our Association continue to co-operate with the State Convention and that every church of this Association take a public collection during the month of October for State Missions and forward the same to W. P. Throgmorton, who is a member of the Board from this Association and that every pastor explain frequently the State Mission work to his people. D. C. Yeargin, J. C. Ervin, A. P. Scott. Report discussed by D. C. Yeargin.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**—Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: We regard the study of the Bible the most important of all studies and the Sunday School as the best place to teach it. We urge the ministers and members of every church to organize a Baptist Sunday School. The State Convention has organized a State Sunday School work and has R. C. Medaris in the field as secretary and evangelist, who is carrying the work on throughout the state. We recommend that the churches contribute liberally for the support of the State Sunday School work. That we invite the missionaries of the State Sunday School Board to visit and labor in our field. We recommend that in so doing they have the hearty sympathy and support of all our churches. Southern Baptist literature, published at Nashville, is recommended. J. N. Pennington, J. M. Nolen, J. W. Trueiove

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—Your committee considers this not the least among the subjects which need our attention. If it is important that some hear the Gospel preached, it is equally important that other have the same privilege. If the good news of salvation was a blessing to the Jews, so is it to the Gentiles. All need the Gospel because "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and because "there are none that doeth good, no not one." The cure should be offered wherever the disease of sin is found. We know that the same Lord over all is rich unto all that do call upon Him and that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call upon Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? The question is not "Will the heathen be saved without the Gospel, but "will we be obeying the commandments of God if we fail to send it to them? Ah! see the good Christianity has done for many in our own beloved country. It can do as much for many who are in darkness. Therefore, we insist that our people become more energetic in sending the Gospel to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sin and an inheritance among the sanctified by faith which is in Christ. W. A. Hill, A. J. Rippey, T. P. Long.

Resolved, That we endorse Brother J. B. Williamson, principal of Buckner College, as a staunch Baptist, a thorough educator, and do heartily recommend him and his work to the Baptist brotherhood. Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of Bloom



Church and community for the kind hospitality which we have enjoyed during our meeting. Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Report of committee composed of P. C. Mays, F. A. Vallandingham, and John H. Tatum, on constitutional amendments was made and after some discussion was tabled on motion of D. C. Yeargin, and moderator authorized to appoint a committee to report at the next Association.

J. T. Watson preached at 11 o'clock. Text—"Ye must be born again."

NOMINATIONS—Committee on nominations report as follows: That J. T. Watson preach the introductory sermon and J. N. Pennington alternate; W. P. Throckmorton preach the missionary sermon, D. C. Yeargin alternate. We further recommend that the Executive Board, in addition to the officers of the Association, consist of J. A. Finney, J. C. Stalcup, John Nesbitt, J. C. Corley and L. H. Been. We recommend Prairie View for the next meeting of the Association. We nominate F. L. Kregel to deliver the temperance address, alternate J. W. Nobles. J. S. Meek, J. T. Hollingsworth, J. J. McAllister, W. R. Braum.

After considerable discussion and amendments as to the place of meeting, the original report of the committee was adopted. Association adjourned till 1:30.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 Association called to order by moderator. Short time spent in religious exercises. Prayer by A. J. Watson and talk by H. L. Been in favor of Arkansas Baptist.

OBITUARIES—We, your committee on obituaries, report as follows: The following brethren and sisters, members of the churches composing this Association, have died since our last meeting: Brothers—Henry McDonald, J. G. Stem, H. L. Been, Wm. H. Watkins, and — — Crittenden. Sisters—Mary McElhany, Elizabeth Tigner, Julia Powell, Maggie Martin and Lucinda Hiler. And two members of Prairie View church, and five of Fort Smith church whose names are not given. Total 18 this Associational year. Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of this body be extended the bereaved relatives and pray the blessings of the Great Head of the church to rest upon them. A. L. Brown, G. W. Tigner.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—Soon after your meeting last year we met at Greenwood and organized, electing R. A. Rowe secretary. It was agreed that Bro. H. L. Been be appointed Associational missionary at a salary of \$35 a month. Every church in the Association was asked to contribute a sum equal to twenty cents for every member. J. A. Finney, of Huntington, was elected to fill the place made vacant by the election of H. L. Been as missionary. H. L. Been began work Dec. 1, and preached for three or four months, when the committee, seeing that the full amount of his salary could not be raised, held a conference with him, when he agreed to continue his work until the present, and that he would take as full pay as he could get and the committee could raise on the field. Bro. Been has preached 149 sermons and labored 180 days. He held three protracted meetings as follows: Bates School House, one week; Central City ten days; Webb City two weeks. He has preached once a month for several months at Webb City, Central City and Arbuckle's Island, losing only two appointments. He has witnessed under his work, four conversions. As the result of his preaching at Webb City a church is to be organized soon. Contributions for Bro. Been's support have come in from churches as follows: Oak Bower, \$1.75; Huntington, \$3.40; Mt. Hope, \$2.25; Prairie View, \$5; Pilgrim's Rest, 60 cents; Union Grove, 85 cents; Booneville, \$7.85; National Springs, \$11; Bloomer \$1.55; Spring Hill, \$5.40; Elm Vale, \$1; New Harmony, \$2.40; Sulphur Springs, \$1.20; Fort Smith (1st), \$43; Mill Creek, \$1.70; Mt. Zion, \$1.50; Greenwood, \$9.15; Hudson, \$4.05; Oak Valley, 90 cents; Prairie Grove, \$2; Corinth, 90 cents; Pine Mountain, \$1.95; Planter, \$3.25; Oak Grove, \$7.90. In addition to the foregoing Bro. Been collected on the field \$10.05 and \$20 was collected on Sunday at Association. Total amount received \$160.60, which was paid over to the mission-

any except a small sum for stationery.

R. A. ROWE, Secretary.

W. P. THROGMORTON, President.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—In account with Concord Association for the year ending September 21, 1894:

To amount all sources last Association .....	\$104 55	
To amount received for Associational missions .....	21 80	
To amount received for foreign missions .....	5 55	
To amount received for home missions .....	3 10	
By amount paid Bro. Henson .....		\$ 48 00
By amount paid clerk for minutes .....		38 10
By amount paid H. T. Hampton for printing .....		1 00
By amount paid Foreign Mission Board .....		18 00
By amount paid R. A. Rowe for postage &c. ....		1 00
By amount paid Bro. Been .....		29 00
By amount pledges last year not paid .....		3 10

Totals.....\$135 00 \$135 00

The above does not include sums paid to Bro. Been on the field which never came to my hands.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**—Your committee on finance report as follows:

To amount collected for minutes .....	\$ 33 70	
To amounts collected for Associational mission .....	51 45	
To amount collected for Foreign missions .....	50	

Total collected from messengers .....	\$ 85 65	
To amount Sunday collection .....	20 00	
To amounts paid to Bro. Been by churches .....	78 35	
To amounts collected by Bro. Been in field .....	10 05	
By amount paid out on Associational missions .....		\$ 88 10
By amount turned over to Treasurer .....		103 00

Total .....\$194 05 \$194 00

J. C. Stalcup, W. A. Mayfield, H. M. McCaslin.

**COMMITTEE ON QUERIES**—Your committee on queries find the following from Elm Vale: "Should we receive baptism from what is known as the Pound Baptists, or baptism administered by one excluded from the Missionary Baptist Church?" Answer—No. Query from P. C. Mays: "Should a church member who votes for saloon license vote to exclude a brother for getting drunk, and if he was to, could the church justly prefer charges against him for putting the cup to his brother's lips?" We find two queries in the above and answer each No. H. L. Been, J. F. O'Neal, C. Brewer.

On motion of D. C. Yeargin the part of the report pertaining to the Pound Baptists was stricken out, and the last query was referred to the committee but they made no further report.

Whereas, There is great need of a church building fund in Concord Association; Resolved, That Concord Association appoint a committee of five to draft a constitution and by laws for the purpose of providing for a building fund for Concord Association, and report at the next meeting of this Association. P. C. MAYS. Discussed by F. L. Kregel and adopted.

Be it resolved, That the churches within the bounds of this Association apart one day in every quarter for the ensuing two years to be known as "Temperance Day," and that collections be taken and held as a temperance fund, and forwarded to such person and place as may be designated by the Sebastian County Temperance Executive Committee. Resolution adopted.

The chair and Association appointed the following committee on Constitution



W. P. Throgmorton, J. F. O'Neal, P. C. Mays, John E. Tatum, J. T. Watson, D. Yeargin and A. L. Brown.

The chair and Association appointed the following committee on Building Fund: W P Throgmorton, P C Mays, J W Nobles, G N Spradling, M S Buckley. On motion of J W Truelove the Association went into the election of a missionary for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of J N Pennington, of Booneville.

J N Pennington, on his request was granted leave of absence.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have printed 1000 minutes and that he be allowed the remainder of the minute fund for his services.

H L Been introduced the following resolution: Resolved that the ministers and deacons attend the fifth Sunday meetings. Resolution adopted.

**REPORT ON TEMPERANCE**—Your committee on temperance report as follows: While we cannot here discuss the phases and appalling vices of intemperance; yet the deadly reptile (alcohol) has blighted thousands of homes, bringing them to poverty and ruin. Thousands of mothers brought in sorrow to the grave, to see nothing of the many sons that fall yearly into that eternal abyss from its poisonous fangs fastened in their breast. Be it therefore resolved, That this Association positively denounce the whiskey traffic, one of worst evils of the world.

Be it further resolved, That this Association recommend that the churches composing this body discontinue fellowship with any member who publicly advocates saloon license, or who, in any way, aids in support of the curse of the land. The church is the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and we recommend that she beware of dram drinkers. E M Beals, L. Burt, G G Bain, T J Jettin, T A Rippy.

J T Watson offered the following amendment: That all or any persons publicly advocating the sale of whiskey shall be refused a seat in this body. Amendment adopted.

Song, parting hand, prayer.

On motion adjourned to meet at Prairie View church, Franklin county, Arkansas, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1895.

H. A. ROWE, Clerk.

W. P. THROGMORTON, Moderator.

## CONSTITUTION.

**Article 1.** This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

**Art. 1.** It shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty member or less shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

**Art. 3.** The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

**Art. 4.** Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

**Sec. 2.** The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes. Keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

**Sec. 3.** The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to order from the Association or its executive committee, render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

**Art. 5.** The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches and to aid in this last object several days of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.



Art. 6. Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. 7. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 8. Churches may be dismissed from this Association, upon application at annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. 9. Sec. 1. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of this body with 5 members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting.

The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the missionary operations of the Association and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session.

The committee shall report annually at each meeting of this Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest to the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be a committee on associational missions, foreign missions, documents, religious literature, ministerial support, Sunday Schools, ministerial education, nominations, temperance, obituaries, queries and finance.

Art. 10. It shall be the privilege of the association, in addition to its power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through their treasurer out of any funds to be sent up along with the funds for publishing the minutes to every annual meeting.

Art. 11. The annual meeting of the association shall embrace the Lord's day and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock, a. m. for preaching.

Art. 12. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Art. 9, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association, by the two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

Amendment 1, Art. 13. No person shall serve as moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Amended 1882.

Amendment 2. The constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of this Association. Amended 1893.

Amendment 2. Missionary sermon is placed in hands of Divine service committee.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, constituting the only and all-sufficient standard of faith, doctrine and discipline or practice.

We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of that Eternal Love by which God hath, according to his infinite wisdom, chosen his people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by the power through faith unto salvation.

We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his Maker he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam and children of Adam by nature and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

We believe that sinners are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ in no other way.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, and the proper evidences thereof are repentance, faith, and obedience unto God.

We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

We believe the Scripture teaches that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God.

A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet statutorily and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges in the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

The only proper officers of Christian churches are bishops or pastors and deacons.

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

The Lord's Supper is a positive commemoration ordinance of Jesus Christ to be observed in the Church as such, in remembrance of Christ and to show His death till He comes.

The first day of the week is the Lord's day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business and devoted to religious duties.

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(Call of Association to order by former Moderator, or, if absent, by the Moderator pro tem. 2. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers. 3. Election of officers by ballot. 4. Call for petitionary letters. 5. Appointment of committee on Divine service. 6. Call for letters and messengers from corresponding Associations. 7. Visiting brethren invited to seats. 8. Appointment of committees. 9. Appointment of corresponding messengers. 10. Miscellaneous. 11. Calling the roll. 12. Call for reports of committees. 13. New business. 14. Appointment of place for next meeting. 15. Reading of minutes. 16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.)



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	PORT OFFICE.	Additions			Decrease.			Total Membership	Finance			Days of Meeting	S. S.	
				By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.		Associational.	Pastor	Minutes		Scholars.	Officers and Teachers
Bloomer	A. J. Henson	L. B. Ellis	Bloomer	5	5				9	5	74	2 55	65	4	11	35
Booneville	D. C. Yeargin	L. B. Carolan	Booneville	25	22	3			3		95	4 75	\$240	1 50	12	88
Burnville	J. T. Watson	N. A. Martin	Burnville	4					4		34		1 20			
Center Valley	J. W. Nobles	W. F. Raney	Center Valley	14	3		1		14	5	61		25	1 0		
Corinth	D. M. Bryant	J. A. Patterson	Booneville	2							25	90		2		
Caulksville	J. F. O'Neal	J. R. Richey	Caulksville	7	4	1			4		21			90		
Center Point	D. M. Bryant	S. J. Chantry	Center Point								12			40		
Elm Vale	J. T. Evans	E. O. Thomson	Elm Vale	1	8						23	1 00	25	75	4	8 40
Enterprise	W. W. Reed	Joel Gunter	Enterprise	3	1			1			24			1 00		
First Baptist, Ft. Smith	W. P. Throgmorton	John Ayres	Fort Smith	70	36	2	5	23	9	389	43\$	1600	3 00	all	19	225
Grand Prairie	N. A. Hill	G. W. Tigner	Grand Prairie	11	4						28			85	1	
Greenwood	D. C. Yeargin	R. E. Kennard	Greenwood	19	9	1			9		84	9 15	260	1 50	2	4 9 95
Huntington	J. T. Watson	J. L. Finney	Huntington	10	8	3			6	3	93		125		1	3 11 83
Judson	T. A. Rippy	S. E. Johnson	Judson	11	3	1					37	4 05	20	1 00		
Jenny Lind	T. A. Rippy	L. W. Minton	Jenny Lind	10	2				3	2	29		23	1 50	1	
Mill Creek	E. M. Beals	A. L. Lawrence	Mill Creek		12				2	1	40	1 70		60	3	
Mt. Hope	J. F. O'Neal	W. K. Jackson	Mt. Hope	13	1	4		24			104	2 25		1 00	2	
Mt. Zion	J. W. Miller	J. H. Zoll	Mt. Zion	17	3		2	3	1		60	4 55		1 00	2	
Mt. Nebo	Jas. Edmundson	T. F. Blaylock	Mt. Nebo						4	4	34			50	4	
National Springs	F. P. Turner	W. A. Mayfield	National Springs	21	1	1		18			59	11\$	67	2 00		
New Harmony	H. G. Johnson	L. A. McCall	New Harmony	2	1				2		30	2 40	32	90		6 36
Oak Bend	J. T. Evans	E. J. Wiggins	Oak Bend		2				17	3	58		33	95	3	
Oak Bower	A. L. Brown	J. M. Clay	Oak Bower	1	4		2	6	1		118	7 75		2 00	3	8 59
Oak Grove	A. J. Henson	H. A. Autrey	Oak Grove	20	6		1	1	2		105	1030	100	1 50	1	8 67
Oak Valley	A. L. Brown	J. A. Joyce	Oak Valley	5					1	1	29	90		60		7 63
Pilgrim's Rest	J. B. Flynn	H. E. Flynn	Pilgrim's Rest	5	3					1	26	60		50	3	
Pine Mountain	L. J. Burt	W. H. Carey	Pine Mountain	18	2	1			7		41	1 95		75		
Planter	J. W. Nobles	G. L. Williams	Planter	11					3		58	3 25		1 50	3	
Prairie View	J. W. Nobles	J. N. Gilliam	Prairie View	25	3					1	115	1 00	60	1 95	4	6
Prairie Grove	L. J. Burt	T. A. O'Neal	Prairie Grove	4	1	1		7	2		32	2 00		1 00		8 50
Providence.	J. W. Truelove	R. L. Carpenter	Providence		9						9			30	1	
Sulphur Springs	A. J. Henson	Arnes Oldham	Sulphur Springs	3	2		1	3			77	4 20	20	1 00	2	
Spring Hill	J. W. Nobles	H. L. Newman	Spring Hill	5	9	3		1			44	5 40	40	1 50		
Shiloh	J. W. Truelove	W. A. Nolen	Shiloh	17	1	1	1	3			31			50	4	
Union Grove	J. F. O'Neal	J. H. Yarborough	Union Grove	3		1		3	1		58	85		1 00	1	
Union	W. P. Martin	J. B. Francis	Union		1						13		25	50	1	5 30
Vesta	E. M. Beals	John Nesbitt	Vesta	14	8			11	1		49		25	50	4	
				376	174	23	18	209	46	2219	126\$	2720	\$35		118	871

Fort Smith church expended \$3,191.97.



## RULES OF DECORUM.


1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An introductory and missionary sermon shall be preached by minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon on either to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. A committee of arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.
12. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Letters that are unknown to the scriptures, such as "Rev.," "Parson" and like shall not be employed or appear upon the minutes.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. 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 shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
15. Any member violating these rules may be reprov'd by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
16. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS.



The next meeting will be held with Prairie View Church, Franklin County, commencing Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1895.




## SPECIAL SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon—J. T. WATSON.

Alternate—J. N. PENNINGTON.

Missionary Sermon—W. P. THROGMORTON.

Alternate—D. C. YEARGIN.




## OFFICERS 1894-5.

Moderator—W. P. THROGMORTON, Fort Smith, Ark.

Clerk—R. A. ROWE, Greenwood, Ark.

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