

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty - Second Annual Session
OF THE
OUACHITA
Missionary Baptist
Association of Christ.



HELD WITH
Concord Baptist Church
Polk County, Arkansas,
September 23-26, A. D., 1909.



OFFICERS:

Moderator, S. A NEIGHBORS.....Potter, Ark.
Clerk, J. E. TAYLOR.....R. F. D. No. 1, Mena, Ark.
Treasurer, B. F. CANNONHatton, Ark.

The next session of this Body will be held with the
Hatfield Baptist Church, commencing on Thursday night
before the 4th Sunday in September, A. D., 1910.

PROCEEDINGS.

INK, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 23, 1909, 8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ met in its Forty-Second Annual Session with Concord Baptist Church. The body sung, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," led by Bro. J. F. Crawford. Prayey by Bro J. J. Haynes, after which the introductory sermon was preached by S. A. Neighbors, text 2nd Peter 3 and 13. Benediction by Bro. Wm. Cooksey.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:30 A. M.

The body came together, Devotional Service led by Bro. J. F. Crawford, after which the former Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Enrollment:

Bros D A Danniel, A S Chapman and Robt Fortner.

On Finance:

Bros J W McDonald, J W Bogle and J. A. Belew,

On Preaching:

The Pastor and Deacons of Concord Church together with Bro R G Brown.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the various churches. The Moderator then appointed Bros. W. M. Cooksey and B. F. Cannon to read the letters which were as follows: Janssen, Salem, Yockana, Mt. Olive, Corrinth, Welcome Home, Concord, New Home, New Hope, Oak Grove, Big Cedar, Granniss, Mena, Buffalo, Hatfield, Total 15.

The Moderator then called for Petitionary Letters and one was received from Muse Baptist church of Muse, Oklahoma. The Moderator gave the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

The preaching committee reported that Bro. B. F. Cannon would preach at 11 o'clock a. m. The Body then adjourned to 2:30 p. m. for preaching.

Bro Cannon preached using as a text the 16th and 17th verses of the 3rd chapter of 2nd Tim.

FRIDAY EVENING, 2:30 P. M.

The Body come together by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Prayer by Bro W M Shelton, after which the Moderator declared the Body in session.

By motion and second, Bros. W M Shelton and Isam

Posey was seated as messengers from Rock Spring church. The Moderator then renewed the call for letters, and a letter from Flat Creek church was received and read.

The Body then went into the election of officers. By motion and second the rules were suspended and S. A. Neighbors was duly elected Moderator by rising vote. By vote of the Body the rules were suspended and J E Taylor was elected Clerk by rising vote. Bro B F Cannon was elected Treasurer by rising vote.

The Moderator then called for correspondence and Bro. J. D. Holmes was received as a messenger from Caddo River Association, the Moderator then appointed the various committees. The preaching committee reported that Bro J. F. Crawford would preach Friday night at 7:30 p. m. The following resolution was offered by Bro. W. M. Cooksey and adopted by the body as follows:

Seeing the great need of funds for the spread of the Gospel throughout the state and the world.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to recommend, by apportionment to the individual churches, an approximate amount to be undertaken to be raised by our churches during the year, to further the cause of State Missions, Associational Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions and the Orphans Home. The body then adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., Saturday morning. Benediction by Bro. J. J. Haynes.

Preaching Friday night by Bro. J. F. Crawford, text Ephesians 3rd and 21st.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 A. M.

The Body came together by Singing, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord." The Moderator then read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Haynes.

The Moderator then declared the Association in session and ready for business. The Moderator then called for letters and a letter from Sulphur Springs church was received and read.

By motion and second the body voted that a committee on Home Missions be appointed, also that a committee on Publications be appointed.

The Body seated Bro. J. M. Green as a visitor from Salim Association of Oklahoma.

Bro, J. F. Crawford was seated as a visitor from Clear Creek Association, of Arkansas.

The roll of messengers was called by churches and connected.

The report on State Missions was received and read by Bro. B. F. Cannon. The report was spoken to by Bros. Cannon, Cooksey and Haynes. The report was adopted as read.

By motion and second the preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. was voted down and the Body went on with business.

The report on Foreign Missions was received and read by W. M. Cooksey. The report was spoken to by W. M. Cooksey, B. Duek, J. J. Haynes, S. A. Neighbors, J. M. Green, D. A. Squyres and B. F. Cannon.

The body voted Bros. Robt. Fortner, W. D. Kelley and A. S. Gist. leave of absence.

The body adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Bro. W. M. Cooksey.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Body came together by singing "There is not a Friend Like the Lovely Jesus" Prayer by Bro. J. F. Crawford.

By motion and second all speeches were limited to 10 Minutes each.

The report on Foreign Missions was again taken up and discussed by Bros. J. J. Haynes, S. A. Neighbors, J. F. Crawford and W. M. Cooksey. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Obituaries was received and read. The report was amended so as to allow the clerk to have a short sketch of Bro. H. C. Ridling's life published in the minutes, after which the report was adopted.

The report on Education was received and read by Bro. J. J. Haynes, the report was spoken to by Bros. J. J. Haynes and W. M. Cooksey. The report was adopted as read.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

The report on Family Worship was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Associational Missions was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. D. A. Squyres, W. M. Cooksey, B. F. Cannon, J. J. Haynes and J. E. Taylor. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Nominations was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. B. F. Cannon. The report was

amended so as to read, the Introductory Sermon shall be preached Friday at 11 a. m. instead of Thursday night, after which the report was adopted,

The report on Orphans Home was received and read and adopted as read,

The report on Missionary Beneficence was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. W. M. Cooksey. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Publications was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. Cooksey, Shelton and Neighbors. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Resolutions was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. B. F. Cannon and J. M. Green. The report was amended by striking out the first clause, after which the report was adopted.

The report on Ordained and Licensed Ministers was received and read and adopted.

The Preaching Committee reported as follows: Preaching Saturday night by Bro. J. J. Haynes, Sunday at 11 a. m., preaching by Bro. W. M. Cooksey.

The report on Temperance was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. R. F. Jabdon. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Sabbath Schools was received and read.

The Association elected Bro. R. F. Jabdon to go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Body elected Bro. B. F. Cannon as a messenger to South-western Association.

Bro. W. M. Shelton was chosen as a messenger to Caddo River Association.

By vote of the Association anyone bearing a copy of our minutes be allowed to represent us in any of the Associations with which we correspond:

The report on Home Missions was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. J. J. Haynes after which it was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

The body ordered the clerk to have 400 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

The clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his service.

The Body then adjourned to meet with the Hatfield Baptists church on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1909. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung and the parting hand taken. The closing prayer was offered by Bro. J. M. Green.

After preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. by Bro. W. M. Cooksey, a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$32.10.

S. A. NEIGHBORS, Moderator.

J. E. TAYLOR, Clerk.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

- 1 Buffalo Church—Robert Fortner
- 2 Big Cedar Church—Represented by Letter
- 3 Concord Church—T H Embry, Ben Risenhoover and Bert Balentine
- 4 Corinth Church—A S Chapman and J B Larman
- 5 Flat Creek Church—A S Gist
- 6 Granniss Church—R F Jandon
- 7 Hatfield Church—D A Daniel, W H Stephens and J A Belew
- 8 Janssen Church—B F Cannon and C M Griffin
- 9 Mena Church—W M Cooksey, J J Haynes and W D Kelley
- 10 Mt. Olive Church—S A Neighbors, T J Hicks and J E Taylor
- 11 Muse Church—Represented by Letter
- 12 New Home Church—P J Roberts and B Duek
- 13 New Hope Church—J B Lawrence
- 14 Oak Grove Church—Represented by Letter
- 15 Rock Springs Church—W M Shelton and Isam Posey
- 16 Salem Church—G S Anderson and M Hartman
- 17 Sulphur Springs Church—Josh Webb and E D Rowell
- 18 Welcome Home Church—J W McDonald and J W Thurman
- 19 Yockana Church—R G Brown, Gip Southern and G W Corley

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

In the year 1848 the State Convention of Arkansas was organized for the purpose of evangelizing our beloved state. "De-

prise not the day of small things." We remember well when there was but one small state evangelist employed in the state, but there has been a continued increase, and today there are a goodly number of men employed. Some who are employed for full time and others who are missionary pastors, and many souls are being saved through their labors. The resources of Arkansas are equal to any other state; people of different persuasions are moving into our midst, therefore it behooves us to see that the Gospel is preached, which is the forerunner of God unto salvation. If we, as an Association, fail to co-operate in the State work with men and means, this cannot be done, and should we fail on our part we are responsible for lost souls, and be saved so as by fire.

Then, Brethren, let us continually abound in the work of the Lord, that we, when our labors have ended on earth, can carry in our sheaves with us.

Respectfully submitted,

B F CANNON,

W H STEPHENS,

ROBT FORTNER,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to report as below:

Foreign Missions originated in Heaven, being brought into existence by the Triune God, and Jesus Christ was the first foreign missionary the world ever had; thus we see that Heaven is the authority and Jesus is the pattern. Jesus says: "As my Father hath sent me even so send I you. Heaven being the authority, Jesus being the pattern, having set us the example. Every child born of God, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, ought to esteem it a happy privilege to take an active part in bringing this world to Christ. The Lord wants you and me to witness for Him throughout this entire world. He wants us to go either ourselves or give our means to send someone else. Your committee is happy to report that God's signal blessings are upon our labors in foreign fields. We raised last year in round numbers \$465,000.00, and of this amount Arkansas Baptists raised \$3,000.00. In return God gave us 2773 souls for our hire; thus it is to be seen that modern foreign missions have grown since 1792 from one missionary, William Cary, and \$62.65, with which we, as Baptists,

started to evangelize the world, to over 500 foreign and native workers, and \$465 000 00 Last year, taking a broader view, the world has caught the impulse. There are nearly 400 foreign missionary organizations; 100,000 foreign and native workers, backed by our annual contributions of \$20,000,000.00 and 1,500,000 communicants on foreign fields. Seeing that God is so gloriously blessing us in this way, we, your Committee, recommend that we, as an Association, be more earnest and liberal toward foreign missions than ever before. Arkansas Baptists are asked by our Foreign Board to raise next year \$15,000.00, and of this amount, Ouachita Association is asked to raise \$200.00. Under the Lord we believe we ought to raise this. We beg the pastors to study the situation, talk with God, see what he says in His Word, inform themselves by taking the F M Journal, preach frequently on missions and do all they can to inform and teach the flocks over which God has made them overseers. We believe that God not only wants the pastors to take the lead, but that He wants them to take the lead in giving also. We beg that every church make an offering of 25c per member. To get the average of 25c per member, some members will have to give quite a good deal more than 25c.

Respectfully submitted

W M COOKSEY,
J W McDONALD,
J W THURMAN,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows:

Since our last Association, God has called from our midst, as follows: Big Cedar church, two, names not given; Buffalo church, two sisters, Minnie and Myrtle Cross; Concord church, two, Eld H C Ridling, the other unknown; Hatfield church, one sister, Elsie Bowman; Mena church, two, Dr A W Wright and sister S M Cunningham; Sulphur Springs church, two, Brethren Frank Tate and T J Stone; Welcome Home church, one, Bro A F Thweatt; Yockana church, one, Bro Robert Smith, Mill Creek church, one, Eld T B Phelps. Among this number we find that two of our old pioneer preachers have been taken—Bro T B Phelps of Mill Creek church (we only mention his name as the church is not represented) and Bro H C Ridling who was a mem-

ber of this (Concord) church. He was faithful unto death and much beloved by our association.

Respectfully submitted,

B F CANNON.

Wm SHELTON,

ROBT FORTNER,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The achievements of Arkansas Baptists along the lines of education during the last twenty-two years have, under God, been marvelous, yet it has been a work of beginnings, laying foundations largely. As we look back at what has been done, we feel it is God's call to us to show us what He requires of us. Relief must come to our schools, the debts must be paid or we will suffer loss. Much has and is already being done in the way of debt paying. Our school board elected Bro R G Bowers financial agent last year. He has had splendid success from the beginning of his work. The first thing he did was to get twenty-five men to give \$1000.00 each, or \$25000.00 as a starter to settle the debt of \$70,000.00 in less than ten months. Bro Bowers has gone beyond \$35,000.00, or more than one-half the debt. First of all, we recommend prayer for our colleges and schools; then loyalty in patronizing them. Send your children to them and give your means to support them. Ouachita and Central colleges have had the largest and most enthusiastic openings in their history this fall, The high schools, Maynard and Mountain Home, Bentonville, Magazine and Bodcaw are all out of debt, well organized and doing good work, and are worthy of our prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,

W M COOKSEY,

J A BELEW,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

We have for minutes.....\$21 15

We have for Orphan's Home..... 6 85

We have for Associational Missions 1 00

Total amount on hand....\$29 00

Respectfully submitted,

J A BELEW,

J W McDONALD,

J W BOGLE,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FAMILY WORSHIP

We, your Committee on Family Worship, would report as follows:

We regret that so many neglect family prayer in fully discharging their duty. We cannot successfully lead our children in the way they should go if we neglect public service in our homes. We learn in God's word that he that will not provide for his own house has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel, and we think this is a part of our duty, that we owe to our God.

Respectfully submitted,

E D ROWELL,

G S ANDERSON,

T J HICKS,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to report as follows:

We find that we have not had any Associational Missionary on the field this year, and we recommend that our Association put in the field a strong man for full time, whose duty it shall be to go into the destitute of our Association and preach the Gospel, and that he be paid at least \$50 00 a month for time actually put in.

Respectfully submitted,

D A SQUYRES

G S ANDERSON,

D A DANIEL,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to report as follows:

We recommend that Eld B F Cannon preach the introductory sermon Friday at 11 a m, and Eld J W McDonald, alternate, at the next session of this Association. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Hatfield Baptist church, We recommend that the first Fifth Sunday meeting be held with Yockana church. We recommend that J E Taylor be chairman of the Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

D A SQUIRES,
W D KELLY,
A S CHAPMAN.

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS HOME

We, your Committee on Orphans, beg to report as follows:

There are now in the Home at Monticello between 70 and 100 children. Out of this number there has never been one who was not saved as soon as they arrived at the age of accountability. The home has been wisely managed. The wants of the children are carefully looked after. The school facilities are first-class. Sunday school services are of a high spiritual character, as the results mentioned above will prove. Every child is taught to work at something useful is another important feature. The girls are taught all the duties of housekeeping work. The boys are taught to work on the farm, as well as instructed in other useful employments. We recommend that a collection be taken for the home, and that every church and every member be given an opportunity to give something for these fatherless and motherless children. The house and farm, in fact everything in connection with the Home, is paid for and out of debt. We recommend that each member of this Association take these children to heart and urge upon the members of his churches to do something for the orphan children.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. SHELTON,
P J ROBERTS,
GIP SOUTHERN,

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY BENEFICENCE

Your committee on Missionary Beneficence beg to report: We, your committee, looking over the membership of our Association, find that there are reported last year, 1035, which compose this Association. We believe that since we are Missionaries we ought to support State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Associational Missions and the Orphan's Home. We believe that the Lord wants every one of us on the first day of the week to lay by Him in store. out of which we ought to contribute to all of these objects. We recommend that the pastors at the first meeting of their churches after this Association, each be asked to undertake to raise per member 25c for each one of these objects, except Associational Missions, and we give 50c for this one, which, if carried out, will put into our Missionary treasury about \$500. To do this we recommend that the pastors preach and inform their churches on all these Missionary objects.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. COOKSEY,
G S ANDERSON,
A S CHAPMAN.

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publications, report as follows: First of all, we recommend a careful reading of the Bible. Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures were able to make him wise unto Salvation and we feel that they will also make us the same. We also recommend the Baptist Advance, the Home and Foreign Mission Journals and the Arkansas Baptist, and for Sunday school literature, Southern Baptist convention series.

Respectfully submitted,

B F CANNON,
Wm. SHELTON,
R G BROWN.

Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions, beg to make report:

Resolved, that this Association meet on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1910. Resolved, that this body tender its sincere thanks to the people of Concord church and community for their kindness to us while among them.

Respectfully submitted,

W H STEPHENS,

B B BALENTINE.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

1.	Cooksey, Wm	Mena, Ark.
2	Cross, G A	Cove, Ark
3.	Cannon, B F	Hatton, Ark.
4.	Duek, B	Big Cedar, Okla.
5.	Eades, W C	Cove, Ark.
6.	Haynes, J J	Mena, Ark.
7.	Harvey, W C	R F D No. 1, Mena, Ark.
8.	Hollingsworth, T M	Watson, Okla.
9.	Johnson, G W	Grannis, Ark.
10.	Jaudon, R F	Grannis, Ark.
11.	McDonald, J W	Cove, Ark.
12.	Neighbors, S A	Potter, Ark.
13.	Posey, Edward	Quito, Ark.
14.	Ridling, M L	Vandervoort, Ark.
15.	Roberts, H D	Big Cedar, Okla.
16.	Shelton, Wm.	Ink, Ark.
17.	Smail, J E	Mena, Ark.
18.	Squyres, D A	Potter, Ark.
19.	Williams, E B	Cove, Ark.

LICENSED MINISTERS

1. Andrews, U S..... Big Cedar, Okla.
2. Belew, J A..... Hatfield, Ark.
3. Fisher, J L..... Big Cedar, Okla.
4. Henseley, F Y..... Hatfield, Ark.
5. Large, L E..... Ink, Ark.
6. Nations, Daniel..... Vandervoort, Ark.
7. Robins, A J..... R F D No. 2, Mena, Ark.
8. Taylor, W M..... Mena, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

J J HAYNES,

J A BELEW.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance desire to impress the awfulness of the curse of drink, by calling your attention to five great evils that result from indulgence in wine, as given us in Proverbs 23-29 and 30.

1 "Woe; the Woe that leads those tortured with the indescribable agonies of drink to cry out in their despair."

2 "Sorrow; the Sorrow of seeing loved wife and children reduced from plenty to poverty"

Of being passed upon the streets unnoticed by old time friends and associates; of standing by the grave of the once beautiful wife who has died of a broken heart, once having been loved, ones degradation. All these to say nothing of eternal sorrow.

3 Contention in private and public life, a loved mothers worst of the trials in this world.

4 Wounds without a cause; a study of the public court records give us an idea of black eyes, broken nose and crippled limbs that largely demonstrated the wounds without cause.

5 Redness of eyes, this sign of distempend brain and approaching insanity and death, all from tarrying long at the wine, to say nothing of the strong distilled liquors. We therefore recommend that all our brethren pray, vote and stand against the sale and use of all intoxicants. We thank God for the good news of many temperance victories during these recent years.

Respectfully Submitted,

R F JAUDON,

C M GRIFFIN,

J B LARMAN.

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find by reports that a greater per cent of scholars are converted than any other class, Therefore, we beg to recommend that every Baptist Church should maintain a Sunday School for the good of our children and the glory of God,

Respectfully Submitted,

B DUEK,

W D KELLY,

A S CHAPMAN,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Arkansas owes a great debt of gratitude to our Home Board. Besides very large appropriations to church buildings in our state, The board has expended \$5000 00 to aid the State Mission Board of Arkansas in support of from 70 to 90 Missionaries who delivered 13,000 sermons, baptized over 3,000 converts, received into the churches more than 5,000 converts, organized 101 Sunday Schools. In view of these facts we ought to be friends of the Home Board and support its work. The territory of the Home Board reaches from Washington City to New Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Island of Pine and the Panama Canal Zone. The Board has the rise of 1,000 missionaries, 970 whites and 37 colored, sermons and addresses 112,604, churches organized 337, houses built 338, Sunday Schools organized 1,057. Praise God for the great work of the Home Mission Board. Brethren give your prayers and co-operation to this work. Respectfully Submitted.

D A SQUYRES,

J J HAYNES,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, as treasurer have received of the Finance Committee as follows:

For Minutes.....	\$21.15
Orphans Home, Monticello	6 85
Associational Missions,	1.00
Received of J E Taylor for Minutes.....	8.95

TOTAL - - \$37 95
Respectfully Submitted,

B F CANNON,

Treasurer.

Obituary of Rev. H. C. Ridling.

Rev. H. C. Ridling was born in Coweta County, Georgia, August 27, A. D. 1834. From Georgia his parents moved to Mississippi; afterward to Polk county, Arkansas. In 1854 he was married to Miss Margaret Suits. To this union were born sixteen children, eight of whom, together with forty-seven grandchildren and forty-one great grandchildren, still survive Bro. Ridling. He was ordained as a minister of the Gospel May 2, 1869, and his life since that time has been devoted to the spread of the Gospel in Western Arkansas and among the Choctaw Indians. He served as Moderator of Association of Ouachita so often as almost to be regarded as the father of that body. He has labored as special missionary many times without remuneration throughout the bounds of this Association. He departed this life on the 29th day of August, A. D. 1909, at the home of his son, H. J. Ridling, in Mena, Arkansas, aged 75 years and two days. From henceforth he doth rest from his labors and his works do follow him.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1 This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
• 2 A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of members present.

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

4 Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but not thereafter.

5 But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.

6 The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7 No Member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8 Every case taken up by this Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

9 When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resumes their seats.

10 Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator

11 No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission from the Association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak has spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close debate until the subject has been fully discussed.

12 Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.

13 The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.

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

15 The Moderator is entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the association be equally divided.

Any member violating these rules may be reprovod by the Moderator at discretion, but only the day the breach be done.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1 We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three in one.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe in the fall of Adam, and the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4 We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

5 We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6 We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed into them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed

7 We believe that good works are fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our own gracious state.

8 We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9 We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful baptized persons who are in Christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10 We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only lawgiver, and the discipline is with the body and should be kept faithfully up for the glory of God and the prosperity of His people.

11 We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.

CONSTITUTION

1 This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ.

2 This Association shall be composed of churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before taking their seats.

3 The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4 This Association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed and shall act only as an advisory council assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It

nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in its justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heretodox in faith, or disorderly in practice: it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel; to union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5 Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted to this union throughout the representation of three delegates at the annual session of this Association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6 The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored, or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7 This Association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

8 The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.

9 The Association shall take no cognizance of query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th Chapter of Mathew, and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10 The Clerk of this Association shall keep a file of the minutes of this Body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11 This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association, by the concurring voices of two-thirds of its members: provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this Association.

12 At each annual meeting there shall be an introductory and missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m., for preaching.

No.	CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	S S SUPT.	Sunday School Scholars	Received By Baptism	Received By Restoration	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	By Death	Total Mem. Last Year	Total Mem. This Year	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expense	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan s Home	Ministerial Education	Minutes	Total For all Purposes	Val. of Church Property	Val of Pastor's Home	Kind of Literature Used in Sunday School	
1	Big Cedar	Okla.	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	J.W. Fields	Big Cedar, Ok.		48	3	2	1	2	2	42	42	\$ 20 10												\$ 95	\$ 21 05	\$ 120 00		Baptist	
2	Buffalo	Polk	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	Robert Fortner	Cove, Ark.					2	1	2	39	36	13 50						\$ 1 85						50	15 85	100 00			
3	Concord	Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark	H.E. Chambers	Ink, Ark.			3	3			2	42	46	75 00	\$ 50 00										1 00	126 00	400 00				
4	Corinth	Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark.	J. T. Law	Mena, Ark.			2	5	2	2		24	27							1 00		\$ 16 50		\$ 2 50		50	20 50	350 00			
5	Flat Creek	Polk	S. Burrow	Vanderv't Ark.	A. S. Gist	Vanderv't, Ark.			2	3				5	10																		
6	Grannis	1 Polk	J. J. Haynes	Mena, Ark.	J. E. Schooley	Grannis, Ark	J. P. Logan	1 88	32	11	3			43	86	166 50		\$ 46 03	\$ 47 50	\$ 44 68				20 00	\$ 20 00	12 91		2 00	359 62	500 00		S.B.C.	
7	Hatfield	3 Polk	B. F. Cannon	Hatton, Ark	J A Belew	Hatfield, Ark.	W. J. Davis	1 80	3	16	2		1	31	47	40 00	70 04						\$ 26 16	1 85	1 85	3 60		1 75	145 25	500 00		Amer. B.P. Society	
8	Janssen	4 Polk	B. F. Cannon	Hatton, Ark.	W. S. Mayo	Vanderv't, Ark	W. S. Mayo	1 23	2	1	3	1		25	24	24 10				4 15							75	29 00	500 00		Sou. Bap. Concern		
9	Mena	all Polk	Wm. Cooksey	Mena, Ark.	W. E. Holt	Mena, Ark.	W. E. Holt	1 240	18	24	34	6	2	356	359	1000 00	1800 00	150 00	80 00	52 00	\$50 00		180 00	88 00	190 00	150 00		5 00	3769 50	3000 00	\$1500 00	S B.C.	
10	Mt. Olive	1 Polk	S A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	H. F. Gann	Mena, R. R 1			9		11			97	95	29 50			15 50			4 50				10 50		1 90	61 90	500 00			
11	Muse	2 Okla.	B. Duek	Big Cedar, Ok.	G E. Watkins	Muse, Ok.																						30					
12	New Hope	2 Polk	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark.	J. S. Lawrence	Shady, Ark.					1		5	76	72	34 15						1 60						1 00	36 75				
13	New Home	3 Okla.	H. D. Roberts	Big Cedar, Ok	P J Roberts	Big Cedar, Ok								13	12							50						50	1 00				
14	Oak Grove	3 Polk	M. L. Ridling	Vanderv't Ark.	Daniel Nations	Vanderv't, Ark					2	2		32	28													75	75	75 00			
15	Salem	3 Polk	D A. Squyres	Potter, Ark.	W T. Fite	Nunnley, Ark.	G S. Anderson	1 40		2	1	7	3		22	41 65									50		1 00	43 15	500 00		S.B.C Union		
16	Sulphur Spgs.	Okla.	James Bowling	Smithville, Ok	J. A Hill	Watson, Ark.	Joseph Hilton	1 30	8	7		1	6	2	32	38												50	50				
17	Welcome Home	3 Polk	G. A. Cross	Cove, Ark	W G. Thweatt	Cove, Ark.					8		1	36	27														75 75				
18	Yockana	1 Polk	E M. Patterson	Egger, Ark	B. V. Spears	Egger, Ark.			27	6	7		5	1	80										2 75		1 25	4 00					
								7 549	109	82	9 77	33	13	893	805	\$1380 40	\$1920 04	\$196 03	\$143 18	\$100 83	\$50 00	\$ 9 45	\$206 16	\$126 35	\$211 85	\$182 76		\$19 65	\$4586 42	\$6545 00	\$1500 00		

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1	Big Cedar		Okla.	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	J.W. Fields	Big Cedar, Ok.
2	Buffalo		Polk	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	Robert Fortner	Cove, Ark.
3	Concord		Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark	H.E. Chambers	Ink, Ark.
4	Corinth		Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark.	J. T. Law	Mena, Ark.
5	Flat Creek		Polk	S. Burrow	Vanderv't Ark.	A. S. Gist	Vanderv't, Ark.
6	Grannis	1	Polk	J. J. Haynes	Mena, Ark.	J. E. Schooley	Grannis, Ark
7	Hatfield	3	Polk	B. F. Cannon	Hatton, Ark	J. A. Belew	Hatfield, Ark.
8	Janssen	4	Polk	B. F. Cannon	Hatton, Ark.	W. S. Mayo	Vanderv't, Ark
9	Mena	all	Polk	Wm. Cooksey	Mena, Ark.	W. E. Holt	Mena, Ark.
10	Mt. Olive	1	Polk	S. A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	H. F. Gann	Mena, R. R. 1
11	Muse	2	Okla.	B. Duek	Big Cedar, Ok.	G. E. Watkins	Muse, Ok.
12	New Hope	2	Polk	S.A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark.	J. S. Lawrence	Shady, Ark.
13	New Home	3	Okla.	H. D. Roberts	Big Cedar, Ok	P. J. Roberts	Big Cedar, Ok
14	Oak Grove	3	Polk	M. L. Ridling	Vanderv't Ark.	Daniel Nations	Vanderv't, Ark
15	Salem	3	Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark.	W. T. Gite	Nunnley, Ark.
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