

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Fourty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

# OUACHITA

## Missionary Baptist Asso'n of Christ

HELD WITH

Hatfield Baptist Church

POLK COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 22 to 25

A. D. 1910



### OFFICERS:

Moderator, W. J. DAVIS

Clerk, B. F. CANNON

Treasurer, B. W. TEATER

Hatfield, Arkansas

Hatton, Arkansas

Mena, Arkansas

The next session of this Body will be held with Big Cedar Baptist Church, Big Cedar, Oklahoma, commencing on Wednesday evening before the Fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1911

## PROCEEDINGS.

Hatfield, Arkansas, September 22, 1910.

On Thursday night, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1910, the Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ met in its Fourth-Third Annual session with Hatfield Baptist Church.

Preaching, 8:30 P. M., by R. L. Finley, Subject, "Elija's God."

### Friday Morning.

9:00 A. M. The body came together in prayer meeting, conducted by Bro. B. F. Cannon.

10:00 A. M. The body was called together by the former moderator, S. A. Neighbors. Prayer by Wm. Cooksey. The former clerk being absent, B. F. Cannon was elected as temporary clerk. The Moderator then appointed the following committees: Committee Enrollment, Brethren D. A. Daniel, W. H. Stephens and W. S. Mayo.

Finance: Brethren B. W. Teater, J. W. Bogle and Carl Fisher.

On Divine Service: The pastor and deacons of this church, with W. E. Tibbs.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the various churches and also appointed Wm. Cooksey and R. L. Finley to read the same.

Yockana, Mil Creek, Eage Fork, Cove, Mt. Olive, Welcome Home, Hatfield, Salem, New Home, Buffalo, Corinth, Mena and Janssen, responded, total 14.

The Moderator then called for Petitionary letters. Mt. Herman near Mena and Prairie Grove, Okla., came forward with letters and were received into the Association.

The body then adjourned till 1:30 o'clock for the introductory sermon, which was preached by the appointee, Bro. B. F. Cannon. Text, the first five verses of the 2nd chapter of Revelations.

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### Friday Evening, 1:30 P. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Song, "No Not One." Prayer by Bro. J. T. Bowling.

The body then went into permanent election, which resulted as follows: Moderator, W. J. Davis, Clerk, B. F. Cannon; Treasurer B. W. Teater.

By motion and second a committee was then appointed on order of business: Wm. Cooksey, T. J. Hicks and Z. A. Hilton were appointed.

The call for letters was then renewed. Flat Creek, Polk county, Sulphur Springs, Muse, and Big Cedar, all of Oklahoma, came forward with letters.

Corresponding Messengers and Visitors were called for J. T. Bowling responded as a visitor from Smithville, Okla.

The committee reported that J. T. Bowling preach tonight.

Moved and seconded that the body go into an election of corresponding messengers to sister Associations, which was as follows:

Southwestern, Rev. J. J. Haynes Buckner Association; Rev. Wm. Cooksey, Frisco Association; J. B. Smith, Caddo River Association; T. P. Spears, Rev. Wm. Cooksey was elected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville, Florida, May, 1911. Rev. J. J. Haynes was elected as a member of the State Board.

By move and second the body went into an impromptue discussion of associational Missions, which resulted in asking Bro. J. J. Hay-

nes to use his influence with the state Board to send us a strong man to help bring souls to Christ.

Brethern J. S. Rogers, Secretary of the State Board, and S. A. Smith, of Louisville, Ky., just having arrived were recognized, and both gave us good talks.

Bro. Cooksey was then given time to present the claims of the Home and Foreign Mission Journals and Baptist Advance.

Bro. S. A. Smith, by permission gave us a fine talk on Temperance.

Rev. John Crane was then introduced, Missionary of Frisco Association, Oklahoma, and told us of the work there.

Rev. J. T. Bowling, having left Rev. S. A. Smith, was appointed in his stead.

The Body then adjourned to hear preaching at 7:30 p. m., by Bro. Smith, and also to meet Saturday morning at 8:30. Bro. Smith preached from 103 Psalm and 4th verse

Saturday morning the Body came together at 8:30 and sang—"There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by Bro. John Crane.

Bro. J. E. Milwell then responded as a corresponding messenger from Southern association and Bro. George Norman from Wood county Association Texas

The Report on Associational Missions was read and after being spoken to by Brethern Wm. Cooksey, S. A. SNeighbors, J. J. Haynes, J. E. Small and J. S. Rogers, it was adopted as read.

Rev. E. L. Mayfield from Spiro, Oklahoma, was then introduced and gave us a pleasant talk and was welcomed among us.

The Foreign Mission Report was read and after being spoken to by Brethern Haynes, Cooksey and J. S. Rogers, the report was adopted as read.

Report on State Missions read and spoken to by R. L. Finley and J. S. Rogers, and others, was adopted as read.

Report on Obituaries was read by J. J. Haynes and adopted as read.

Home Mission Report was then read and after some discussion, was adopted.

Funeral service was then held in the house over the remains of a young man by the name of Arnold, services by Rev. Wm. Cooksey.

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### Saturday Evening.

Song—"Am I A Soldier of the Cross. Prayer by Bro. R. L. Finley. Sunday School Report was then adopted as read

Ex-treasurer Report was also read and received as read

Report on Education was read and after sufficient discussion was adopted.

By move and Second the following telegram was sent to Rev. Ben Cox, Little Rock, Ark.:

"The Ouachita Association assembled, endorse your action and denounce the cowardly action of the mayor and police in their opposition to your preaching on the streets of Little Rock."

W. J. DAVIS, Mod.

Report on Resolutions was read, and the Body seeing that the report on Nominations covered the same ground, by move and second was left out of the minutes.

Report on Temperance was read and after being discussed by the

Brothern Cooksey, Haynes and Bro. Smith, the report was adopted as read.

Report on Nominations read and adopted as read.

Report on Systematic Beneficence adopted as read.

The report on publications was read and considerable discussion by Brethern Wm. Cooksey and J. W. McDonald, after which the report was rejected.

Bro. J. S. Rogers was appointed to preach tonight, Saturday, but as he desired to leave the committee appointed Rev. J. J. Haynes.

Finance Report read and it being found short, E. Barton gave 45 cents for minutes for Oak Grove Mt. Olive by Bro. J. T. Hix, added another dollar, and Mena also gave another dollar. The Body then adjourned until 7:30 p. m. to hear Bro. Haynes preach. Also to resume business after preaching to adjourn at pleasure.

Bro. Haynes preached from Mathew 2nd chapter, 10th and 11th verses.

Report on ordained and licenced ministers read and was amended by striking out all but names and addresses.

The report on the state of the churches was read and after same discussion it was adopted.

Resolutions read and adopted as read.

Orphans Home Report was read and after some discussion was recommitted and Bro. J. J. Haynes by move and second was added to the committee.

Report on Family Worship was read and after some discussion, was adopted as read.

Report on Orphans Home adopted as read.

New Treasurers Report read and adopted as read.

After singing—"God Be With You Til We Meet Again," and an old fashioned hand shake, the Body adjourned to meet and organize Wednesday night before the 4th Sunday in September, A. D. 1911.

**Thursday, 11 O'clock.**

Introductory Sermon to be preached by R. L. Finley.

### **Sunday.**

Bro. E. L. Mayfield having been appointed to preach Sunday, at 11 a. m., preached Text, John 9 and 4. After which a collection of nine dollars was taken for State Missions.

W. D. Davis, Moderator.

B. F. Cannon, Clerk.

### **ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS:**

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| 1 Yockana, Thos Spears and Gip Southern.                  | 11 Mena, J. J. Haynes, Wm. Cooksey and R. L. Finley. |
| 2 Millcreek, No messenger.                                | 12 New Hope, W. E. Tibbs.                            |
| 3 Eagle Fork, J. M. Widener.                              | 13 Janssen, B. F. Cannon and W. S. Mayo.             |
| 4 Cove, Z. A. Hilton.                                     | 14 Sulphur Springs, E. D. Rowell and Josh Webb.      |
| 5 Mt. Olive, S. A. Neighbors, H. T. Gann and T. J. Hicks. | 15 Muse, Okla., No messenger.                        |
| 6 Welcome Home, J. W. McDonald.                           | 16 Buffalo, H. C. Fortner.                           |
| 7 Hatfield, W. H. Stephens, D. A. Daniel and W. J. Davis. | 17 Big Cedar, Okla., Carl Fisher and J. W. Fields.   |
| 8 Salem, B. F. Neighbors.                                 | 18 Flat Creek, Albert Gist.                          |
| 9 New Home, P. J. Roberts and J. E. Dehart.               | 19 Oak Grove, E. Barton.                             |
| 10 Corinth, J. B. Larmon and B. W. Teater.                | 20 Mt. Hermon, J. E. Smail and C. W. Crawford.       |
|   | 21 Prairie Grove, Okla., J. B. Smith.                |

### Report of Committee on Associational Mission.

We, Your committee on associational Missions, submit the following: "We find great distitution in the bounds of our association and we further find, that we have not had a missionary for two years, and we believe that this is one great cause of our Spiritual dearth among our churches. We recommend that a strong, active man be put in the field for all of his time."

Respectfully Submitted,

S. A. Neighbors.

W. E. Tibbs.

W. S. Mayo.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

First—The Southern Baptist have about 300 Missionaries on the Foreign Field, divided as follows: Argentina, Brazel, Italy, Mexico, Africa, Japan, and China. With these they have 713 Native workers with 114 Native ordained ministers this gives the Southern Baptists over 1,000 workers on the Foreign Field.

The Baptists have 207 church buildings on the Foreign Field.

Baptisms last year.....3223

By letter.. ..607

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Grand total .....19,239

They contributed last year \$5,742,398 or about \$3.00 per member to preach the Gospel to their own people, while we as Southern Baptist gave 20 cents. Arkansas Baptist gave last year \$13,184.15 or about 12 cents per member. Arkansas Baptists are asked this year for \$16,500.00 as her part to carry on and advance this great work of world-wide Evangelization.

The work was never so hopeful, prosperous and aggressive as now. This is as the Lord would have it. His last words were "Go into all the World and I Will go With You". Therefore in obedience to this last command, we, your committee, recommend that our churches support with their prayers, men and many foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Haynes.

H. C. Fortner.

J. B. Larman.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions report the following:

As the opportunities for Baptist in Arkansas, are brooding, and that our responsibilities are proportionally larger, we recommend that pastors, laymen, Sunday School Superintendents, Deacons and all double our efforts and our gifts for State Missions for this associational year.

Arkansas has promised \$26,000.00 for State Missions. This is a little less than 20 cents each, if by giving this amount, we win

**Number of Baptists in Home Mission Churches from 1905 to 1910.**

1905	Number of Baptisms..	10,551
1906	" "	15,436
1907	" "	18,798
1908	" "	22,402
1909	" "	25,109
1910	" "	27,386

The increase of Home Mission receipts from 1905 to 1910., is also shown 1905 the amount given was \$137,850, and in 1910 the amount given was \$329,475. We should greatly rejoice for the wonderful results that the Lord is giving to the work of the Home Mission Board. Respectfully submitted. J. E. Smail.

W. H. Stephens.

C. M. Crawford.

**Report of committee on Sunday Schools.**

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report: We are commanded to search the scriptures John 5-39, also let him that is taught in the word communicate unto Him that teacheth in all things, Gal. 6 and 16. In Hebrews 5 and 12, it is said ye ought to be teachers. In ancient days the brethren assembled on the Sabbath in the Synagogues and even in the streets and read the scriptures and taught them to the people and caused them to understand, Neh. 8.

We therefore recommend and urge that all the members of each church assemble themselves every Sunday in their respective churches and read, study and teach God's Word, in other words, to worship God in a Sunday School capacity. We further recommend that our pastors and Sunday school superintendents speak more on the importance of using Baptist Literature in our Sunday Schools,

Signed, J. E. Milwee.

E. Barton.

J. T. Bowling.

**Report of Committee on Education.**

The Baptists of our country are rich in schools. We have 94 universities and colleges, valued at \$28,846,085, with an endowment of \$28,212,869. There are in these schools 36,000 students, one seventh of all university and college students in the United States are in Baptist institutions. Baptists own one-eighth of all college and university property in the country and control one-ninth of their endowment funds. Baptists also have six secondary schools, valued at \$4,245,407, with endowments aggregating \$1,648,094. In these schools there are 14,453 students. All together the Baptists have \$75,000,000 interested in education in the United States. The Baptists of Arkansas have a good share in the Baptist educational interest. Ouachita college has had a splendid history and is larger and better equipped than ever before, but its needs for endowment are imperative, every Baptist in the state should patronize, give to and pray for it. The several Baptist Academies of the state are a necessary and helpful part of our educational system. Among the ten theological seminaries, owned by Baptists none are so large as the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. Through fifty years the seminary has been training preachers for important work at home and abroad. It has lived by the heroic sacrifices of men who founded it and spent their lives in it. Now that the movement is on foot to endow this great school and Arkansas Baptists have been asked to give \$20,000

4,000 souls to Christ. We can as easily win 8,000 next year, as there are more than 300 pastorless churches in the state. We recommend our state make a greater effort to put more men in destitute fields, and aid the destitute churches in every way possible since from the rural districts and lonely homes have come the talents of the world. We recommend that we give more attention to these destitute places, since Arkansas has led in rounding out a missionary campaign for the last few years. God grant that our missionary zeal may not wain till all the ransomed churches of God meet in that general association that shall never end.

R. L. Finley, Chairman.

U. S. Andrews.

J. W. Fields.

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#### Report of committee on obituaries.

We, your committee on obituaries submit the following:

We find the Lord has been very gracious to us this year. The Lord has spared all of the ordained ministers in the association. Our dear Bro. J. L. Fisher has been called from his labors to his reward. He was a licenced minister. We find also, twelve members of the different churches report deaths, but failed to give names in most cases. We would therefore recommend the clerk state the names of their dead in their letters. We as the association send sympathy to those whose loved ones have gone on before.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. J. Haynes.

J. W. McDonald.

W. E. Tibbs.

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#### Report of Committee on Home Missions.

We your committee on Home Missions beg to report as follows:

Whereas through the labors of the missionaries supported entirely or in part by the Home Board, there have been this year a total of 27,426 persons received by baptism into the churches where they have labored. And a total of 52,910 persons have been added to the membership of these churches. No Mission board that operates in America has ever made a report showing such remarkable results as these so far as we can discover no Board has ever reported results half as large. The financial increase is also exceedingly gratifying the report of the treasurer of the board shows that \$329,475.79 has been raised from the churches during the year. This is an increase of 144 per cent over the amount raised five years ago, and 16 per cent over last year. The place of work of the Home Board is in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention from Washington City, New Mexico, Canal Zone, Cuba, Porto Rico, Isles of Pines and the work among the negroes and Indians, with our mountain schools, church buildings fully presented below show the result of the Home Board, and the result of its work, as follows:

in five years to this fund, we recommend that the churches of this association take part in this by giving individual subscriptions as well as through the Sunday schools and other church organizations. Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Finley, Chairman.  
J. B. Smith.  
B. F. Neighbors.

#### Report of Committee on Temperance.

The curse of the age is the organized legalized liquor traffic, its dire and dread effects are seen wherever it dominates and controls. It seeks to assert itself in every phase of the social and civil life of our people. Especially does it organize to control the municipal life of our country. Its attention to dictate who shall be elected to office, who shall write the platform of political parties, what laws shall be passed and how far they shall be enforced. The liquor leaders would assume to dictate what preachers shall preach and teachers teach. In fact, for greed or gain, these liquor sellers are willing to sacrifice every moral and spiritual interest of our people. These and other shameless affronts of those engaged in this liquor traffic have aroused the churches of our country and especially of our Southland to undertake to throw off the yoke or bandage. These self appointed task masters have been trying to fasten upon us. Much has already been done. Out of 1326 counties in the South, all but 210 have put out the liquor traffic, and only a small part of these counties are altogether wet. Business as churches and as individuals churches members to keep up this warfare until the last grog shop shall be removed from under the stars and stripes. In Arkansas the forces standing for the annihilation of the liquor traffic have steadily increased until 64 out of 75 of the counties of the state have put out the open saloons. The time is ripe for state wide prohibition in this state. We hereby declare ourselves ready to enter a fight, to overthrow it in the entire state.

We express ourselves in sympathy with Rev. Ben Cox in his fight against the liquor crowd in political control in Little Rock, who undertook to drive him from the streets of the city with his gospel wagon while beer wagons and gambling dens had undisputed right of way. We note with pleasure our own county at the recent election by 17 votes went dry and we desire to thank our friends who so nobly helped in making this possible.

Wm. Cooksey.  
Gip Southern.  
Carl Fisher.

#### Report of Committee on Nomination.

We your committee on nominations beg to report as follows:

We recommend that the next association be held with Big Cedar Baptist church to meet and organize Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1911. And we further recommend that Eld. R. L. Finley preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. J. J. Haynes Alt.

We also recommend that the first fifth Sunday meeting be held with Corinth church. We further recommend that the Mission Board meet at Mena October, Saturday before the 2nd Sunday 1910. The

Board to consist of one member  
members constitute a corum.

from each church and five mem-  
ber Committee,  
B. W. Teater.  
J. W. Fields.  
Z. A. Hilton.

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#### Report of Committee on Family Worship.

We, your committee on family worship would report as follows:  
We regret that so many neglect family worship. We cannot success-  
fully lead our children in the way they should go if we neglect family  
worship 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 in-  
fidel and we think this is a part of our duty that we owe to our  
God.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. Widener.  
D. A. Daniel.  
S. A. Nighbors.

#### Report of Committee in Publications.

The report was read and after some discussion was rejected.

#### Report of Committee on State of Churches.

We, your committee on state of the churches find that our churches  
are on a decline financially and spiritually coming short of the  
number of Baptisms from last year.

Committee.  
J. W. McDonald.  
J. E. Dehart.  
T. P. Spears.

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#### Report of Committee on Orphans Home.

Your committee on Orphans Homes submit the following report:

We, as Baptists have two orphan homes in Arkansas, one at  
Texarkana and one in HMonticello with over one hundred children who  
are provided for by the churches and friends of the orphans. The chil-  
dren have good school, Sunday schools and church opportunities, as  
fast as the children come to years of responsibility they are converted  
and saved. We therefore recommend that pastors take collections in  
the churches regularly for these children. Jesus said—he that feeds  
and clothes these little ones does that to Him.

J. M. Winener.  
H. F. Gann.  
T. J. Hicks

#### Report of Committee on Ordained and Licensed Ministers and their Postoffice Address:

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##### Ordained Ministers.

Cooksey, Wm., Mena, Ark.  
Cannon, B. F., Hatton, Ark.  
Cross, G. A., Cove, Ark.  
Duke, B., Big Cedar, Okla.  
Eades, W. C., Cove, Ark.  
Haynes, J. J., Mena, Ark.  
McDonald, J. W., Cove, Ark.  
Neighbors, S. A., Potter.  
Posey, Edward, Quito, Ark.

Ridling, M. L., Vandervoort, Ark.  
Roberts, H. D., Big Cedar, Okla.  
Squyers, D. A., Potter, Ark.  
Shelton, Wm. Ink, Ark.  
Smail, J. E., Mena, Ark.  
Widener, J. M., Hatfield, Ark.  
Williams, E. B., Cove, Ark.  
Finley, R. L., Mena, Ark.

Licensed.

Andrews, U. S. Big Cedar, Okla. Robins, A. J., Mena, Ark. R. 2.

Hensley, F. Y., Smithville, Okla. Taylor W. M., Mena, Ark.

Nations, Daniel, Vandervoort, Ark.

Committee.

H. F. Gann.

H. C. Fortner.

Gip Southern.

### Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your committee report as follows:

Minutes.. . . .	\$21.57.
Associational Missions.....	1.50
Home Missions.....	.75
State Missions.....	4.10
Foreign Mission ..	
Orphans Home, Monticello	10.43
Texarkana.....	4.35
Total.....	\$42.70

State Mission collection Sunday after preaching \$9.00, added by the Clerk.

There was paid in for Minutes a small amount, running it up probably to \$26.52.

Committee.

B. W. Teater.

J. W. Bogel.

Carl Fisher.

Ex-Treasurer's report read and adopted, leaving one dollar in the treasury for associational missions.

### Treasurer's Report.

Your Treasurer beg to report as follows:

Minute Money.. . . .	\$26.12
Associational Mission .....	1.50
Home Mission.....	.75
State Mission.....	4.10
Foreign Mission.....	
Orphan's Home, Monticello	10.43
Orphans Home Mission, Texar-	
arkana.....	4.3

Total.....	\$42.70.
added.....	4.55

Total..... 47.25

B. W. Teaters, Treasurer.

## Present Treasursr's Report.

For Minutes.....	\$26.52
Associational Missions....	1.50
State Missions .....	4.10
Home Missions .....	75
Orphans Home, Monticello,..	10.43
Orphans, Texarkana.....	4.35
added .. .....	4.55

Total.. .....52.20

## Committee on Svstematic Beneficense.

Beg to report as follows:

That every pastor and every member of the church of our association make a careful study of the Bible, to know the will of the Lord as to how much the Lord would have each one of us contribute for phase of the support of the gospel for Foreign Home, state and associational Missions, Orphans Home and every other phase of the Lord's work. We especially emphasize associational missions, since we are so distitute and need something to be done so badly in our own association to bring the last of this association to Christ We recommend that the pastors and churches preach and pray more over this matter and that they devise some plan to try to get an offering from every member for associational missions of at least 25 to 50 cents. for this object.

Wm. Cooksey.

Z. A. Hilton.

W. S. Mayo.

Resolved that this association extend its grateful thanks to the churches and people of Hatfield for the splendid entertainment they have given us, and also to our Moderator for his excellent service rendered us.

Wm. Cooksey.

## Report of the W. M. U. of The Mena Baptist Church of Ouachita association, from November 1, 1909, ending September 1, 1910:

Number of members Enrolled..	30
..State Missions ,contributed ..	\$5.00
..Home Missions .. .....	19.30
Foreign Missions .. .....	20.00
Total to Missions....	44.30
Orphan's Home .....	46.37
Boxes to Orphans' Home..	2
Church bld.,Repairs and fur'ng.	50.48
Miscellaneous .. .....	5.00
Church Charity .....	30.00

Grand Total.....\$176.15

Name of President of Society, Mrs. W. M. Pipkin, Mena, Ark.

Name of Treasurer, Mrs. Young McKinney, Mena, Ark.

Name of Secretary, Mrs. Bert Hildebrand ,Mena ,Arkansas.

## 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 the debate the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seats, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resume 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 intitled 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 reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only the day the breach be done.

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## 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 judgment, 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 law giver, 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.

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### 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 un-

ion 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 of 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.

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