

TWENTY—SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

# SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



OF ARKANSAS



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HELD WITH WILTON CHURCH  
LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARK.  
OCTOBER 12, 13 AND 14, 1907.

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## OFFICERS:

C. S. PROVENCE, Moderator, De Queen, Ark.

J. W. SIMS, Clerk, De Queen, Ark.

B. F. RAY, Treasurer, De Queen, Ark.

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Next Session will be held with Geneva Church, Sevier County, Ark.,  
Commencing at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the Second Sunday in  
October, 1908.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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The Southwestern Association met with Wilton Baptist church, Little River County, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock a. m., October 13, 1907.

Brother G. S. Provence, the former moderator, called the Association together and after a short devotional service, the former Clerk being absent, Eld. J. W. Sims was elected Clerk pro tem.

The letters from the different churches were called for, and Brethren J. E. Millwee and J. H. Barkman were appointed to read the letters.

At 11 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. D. W. Hill. Text, Ephesians, 2; 8, 9-10. The sermon was well delivered and joyfully received. The body now adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

### EVENING.

The Association met at 2 o'clock and, after short devotional service continued to read the letters to a finish.

Names of Messengers having been enrolled, Clerk called the roll of Messengers as recorded. The body then went into permanent organization by electing Brother G. S. Provence Moderator and Eld. J. W. Sims as Clerk.

After appropriate words of thanks to the body by Moderator and Clerk elect, petitionary letters were called for, and responded to by letters from New Discovery and Cross Trails Churches. Motion prevailed that letters be received and Messengers from these Churches be seated.

Motion now made and carried that the Association not report the Sunday School at Cross Trails Church, as it was looked upon by the Association as a Union Sunday School.

The entire body now joined in singing a sweet hymn, and then was led in prayer by Bro. B. J. Matthews.

The Moderator then appointed Brethren W. L. Smith, Wm. Burns and R. F. Hearndon as committee on Divine Service.

The Moderator now called for and invited to seats with us, visitors, and Corresponding Messenger, Bro. E. F. Friedell, of Texarkana, responded, and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "The Laymen movement." Bro. J. J. Haynes responded as a Messenger from Ouachita Association and reported quite an harmonious meeting of that Association. Bro. B. J. Matthews announced that he was with us in the inter-

est of the Baptist Advance and of State Missions. These brethren are all welcomed to our Association by the Moderator.

The Committee on Divine Service now made a partial report, as follows: Bro. D. W. Elkins to preach at Wilton Baptist Church Saturday night at 7:30, and Bro. D. W. Hill to preach at Gethsemane Church at the same hour.

The Association now adjourned to 2:30 Sunday evening.

### SATURDAY NIGHT.

Congregation gathered at 7:30, and after a spiritual song and prayer service, Bro. D. W. Elkins preached an interesting sermon on the subject: "The Gospel is not bound." After the sermon the Committee on Divine Service reported as follows; Elder J. W. Sims to preach at Baptist Church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, and Elder B. J. Matthews to preach at Presbyterian church at same hour.

### SUNDAY

At 11 o'clock Sunday, after devotional services, the appointment of Bro. Matthews was called in and Eld. J. W. Sims preached to a crowded house, from the subject, "The Church is Subject to Christ." After the sermon, collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to \$18.45.

The Moderator now announced the Committees, as follows:

On Temperance, Thos. DuLaney, W. L. Smith, and J. E. Milwee.

On Sabbath Observance, J. H. Barkman, R. F. Herndon and Wm. Barnes.

On Sunday Schools—J. P. Cowling, Irene Kinsworthy, Essie Coulter.

On Ministerial Support—Charley Park, R. M. Cox, J. R. Hopkins.

On Ministerial Education—W. L. Smith, C. M. Robertson, I. N. Borum.

On Associational Missions—D. W. Elkins, E. C. Skinner, Charles DuLaney.

On State Missions—D. W. Hill, J. T. Yates, W. N. Burt.

On Home Missions—J. W. Hubbard, J. B. Comtser, W. L. Treadaway.

On Foreign Missions—J. W. Sims, I. N. Borum, B. Aubrey.

On Publications—J. T. Yates, R. M. Cox, J. W. Wilson.

On Obituaries—R. F. Herndon, Frank Leslie, Mark Davis.

On Documents—T. W. Collins, James Gore, J. T. Trammil.

On Finance—Frank Wallis, James Gore, D. Harder.

On Orphans' Home—D. W. Hill, J. W. Jones.

### SUNDAY EVENING.

The Association met at 2:30 and after devotional services, Bro. B. J. Matthews preached to a large crowd, on the subject, The "Last Christ."

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report:

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: We reaffirm our undying opposition to the saloon and all its agencies. We cannot but feel that here is to be found the largest and most progressive evil at work in the midst of the human race. The saloon is a blighting curse, and every Baptist in the land should do all in their power to put it out of business. We believe social dram drinking to be a sin, and a shame, and advise all our brethren to abstain from the use of whiskey, socially or any other way. We are glad to report the marvelous advancement made by the temperance people in the last few years. Only eighteen counties out of seventy-five can now sell whiskey lawfully in Arkansas; eighty-seven out of one hundred nineteen counties in old Kentucky are already dry. Georgia and Oklahoma have voted whiskey entirely out of their bounds. God bless Georgia. She is the first state in the South to go entirely dry. We long to see the day when Arkansas may get a state vote on the whiskey question. We recommend the inter-church temperance Federation, as a channel through which to work. This organization is doing great things for the cause of temperance in Arkansas. It has ousted the blind tigers at Cotter, Jonesboro, Pocahontas, Stuttgart, Warren and other places in our state.

Signed THOS. DULANEY, Chairman.

The above report was read by Eld. W. L. Smith and after motion and second to adopt, was spoken to by Brother J. T. Cowling.

The body now adjourned to resume the consideration of the temperance report after sermon Sunday night. Sunday night, met at 7:15 and after song and prayer service, Bro. J. J. Haynes preached an acceptable sermon on the subject, "World-wide Missions." After sermon, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

#### MONDAY

The body met at 8 o'clock a. m., and after devotional services, continued the consideration of the Report on Temperance.

The Moderator now called for letters that had not been read. Damascus and Cerro Gordo churches responded. Motion now prevailed to seat Eld. C. H. Arnold from Gethsemane and D. W. Hill from Pleasant Springs and J. H. Burnett and wife from Fairview.

The Report on Temperance was now spoken to by Brethren, J. I. Martin, J. E. Millwee, J. A. Vanzandt, W. L. Smith, D. W. Hill and Bro. Wilson. The report was adopted as amended.

The report on Ministerial Support was now read as follows:

We your Committee on Ministerial support submit the following:

In Acts the 6th chapter we find the Ministry of the Word was relieved of all secular affairs of the Church, that the ministry might give themselves continually to prayer and the preaching of the Gospel. We notice from this scripture the business of the first ministers was to preach the Word. Again, in 1st Corinthians, 9th chapter, Paul says that the Lord has ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. He who ministers to the Church spiritually, should be ministered to of the Church from their temporal things. Therefore, in view of the plainness of the Scriptures on these things, we recommend that the churches loosen the hands of their pastors from the secular affairs of this life, and provide for them a living for themselves and families, and let them give themselves entirely to the preaching of the Gospel. We recommend further, that our pastors preach on the subject of Ministerial Support at least once a year, until our churches more fully realize their duty in supporting the ministry.

Signed

CHAS. PARK, Chairman.

After a motion and a second to adopt as read, the report was spoken to by Bro. Collins.

Report adopted as read.

Next the report on Associational Missions was read by Bro. E. C. Skinner, as follows:

We your Committee, would respectfully submit the following:

1st. We recommend that the churches in the bounds of our Association, renew their efforts in the important and responsible mission work in the church and Sunday school. We urge upon the pastors to talk and preach Sunday School and Mission work, and with the churches talk, preach and educate the churches along the lines of giving and laboring for the advancement of the Great Redeemer's Kingdom. We also recommend that our Board endeavor to keep a man on the field for his full time, and that our churches send quarterly contributions; that they may be enabled to do the work for which they were created by the Association.

After a motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by Brethren Elkins and Smith, and then Bro. W. L. Smith made motion to amend the report by asking the State Board of the Convention, to aid us, \$200, in our Associational Mission work.

The amendment was spoken to by Brethren Smith, Cowling, Hubbard, Dulaney, Sims, Martin, Matthews, Haynes and Provence, and the motion to amend as above was then put to the house and lost.

Brother J. T. Cowling then made motion to amend by asking the State Association to aid us \$200, which motion was also lost.

Brother W. L. Smith then offered an amendment, to strike out clause in amendment recommending that a missionary be employed for full time, and instruct our board to employ a missionary for as much time as they were able to pay for. The motion to thus amend was carried, and then the original report was adopted as thus amended.

Committee on Sabbath Observance then read their report as follows:

In six days God created the world and all things therein, and on the seventh day he rested from all his labors. God blessed the Sabbath day and Hallowed it, and commanded that we remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy. To fail to obey this command is a sin. Man was not made for the Sabbath day, but it was made for man, because God in his wisdom knew that the body and the human mind, after six days of labor would need a day of rest, and therefore wisely ordained that the Sabbath day should be a day of growth and expansion of the spiritual man. Then how shall we observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy? By worshiping God, studying his word, and teaching it to others and attending the different services of our church, and in all things engaged in on the Sabbath, let it be for the glory of God, and the advancement of the cause and Kingdom of our Lord and Jesus Christ

Signed, J. H. BARKMAN, Chairman.

Motion prevailed to adopt above report as read.

Next, the report on Documents was read as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Lockesburg church in Sevier county Ark. There has been no call for the next fifth Sunday meeting. We recommended that Brother W. L. Smith preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and that the following named brethren arrange the program for our next fifth Sunday meeting, J. W. Sims, D. W. Hill and G. S. Province.

Signed, T. W. COLLINS, Chairman.

After a short discussion, Bro. J. T. Yates offered an amendment, which was to strike out Lockesburg and insert Geneva church as next place of meeting. The amendment prevailed, and the original report as amended was then adapted.

A motion was then made that the next fifth Sunday meeting convene with Boggy Springs church. The motion prevailed.

Next, a motion prevailed to allow each fifth Sunday meeting arrange its own program.

By motion the Association now went into the election of an Associational board for the ensuing year, the election resulted in the selection of Bro. G. S. Province, as chairman of board, Brethren J. E. Milwee, Bro. Goodwin, John Smington, L. N. Borum as the members constitut-

ing the board. Motion prevailed to elect Bro. B. F. Ray of De Queen, Ark., as treasurer of the Association.

The report on State Missions was now read by D. W. Hill, as follows:

We your committee on State Missions submit the following: In as much as the Lord Jesus gave to His churches the commission to preach the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. We recommend that each church in our Association take public collections, and contribute liberally of their means, to state missions, and send same to the treasurer of our State Association to support the missionaries now on the field, and any others who may enter the work,

Signed, D. W. Hill, Chairman.

After a motion and second to adopt, the above report was spoken to by Bro. J. T. Cowling, and then an amendment was offered and carried that we strike out of the original the words, "send same through treasurer of our State Association," and insert the clause, that each church feel perfectly free to send their contributions either through the convention or the State Association, as they may see proper.

The report was then adopted as amended.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read by J. W. Sims, as follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

In view of the fact that God has laid upon us the duty of carrying the Gospel to every creature, and in view of the fact that we cannot fail to discharge our duty to the cause of Foreign Missions, without injury to ourselves, and to the heathen, and in view of the fact that we cannot fully glorify God without aiding in the cause of Foreign Missions, we recommend that our messengers do all in their power to awaken their churches to a greater interest in the Foreign Mission Work. We haven't the statistics at hand, but from reports we get from foreign lands, our work is being greatly blessed of God, and the crying need is for more men and women, to labor among the heathen. The men and women are ready to go, but the means to send them are lacking. Let us therefore determine to make a greater Sacrifice to the cause of Foreign Missions, and not forget to pray God's blessings upon those of our missionaries in heathen lands. Brother Sillman informs us that we are in great need of means to supply the needs of those working in foreign lands. We therefore recommend that we now take a collection for the cause of Foreign Missions:

Signed, J. W. Sims, Chairman.

The above report adopted as read,

The collection was then taken, amounting to \$10.85.

The report on Sunday Schools was now read by J. T. Cowling, as follows:

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

The Sunday School is the only department of church work, in which all the membership of the church may take an active part, and offer the most effective means of instructing the young, in God's Word. We therefore earnestly recommend that each Baptist church organize and maintain a Sunday School and that every member of the different churches attend and take part therein.

Signed, J. T. COWLING, Chairman.

After a short discussion by different brethren the above report was adopted as read.

The report on Publications was now read by Bro. J. T. Yates, as follows:

We your committee on Publications submit the following:

We recommend to our members, above all things, the study of God's Word, that they may be sound in the faith, and knowledge of God's Will concerning us. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Flag. For Sunday schools we recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, and for general distribution the many tracts sent out by these publishing companies.

Signed J. T. YATES, Chairman.

A motion prevailed to amend the above report, by inserting the Baptist Advance and also the Southern Baptist Convention series of literature.

The original report was then adopted as amended.

The report on Orphans' Home was now read by Bro. D. W. Hill, as follows:

We your committee on Orphans' Home submit the following:

We learn that there is an effort being made by our brethren of the State Association to establish an Orphans' Home at Texarkana, which effort we commend to the consideration of our brethren all over the state. We further recommend that our brethren contribute more liberally of their means to the support and education of the orphans throughout our bounds.

Signed D. W. HILL, Chairman.

After some discussion the above report was amended by recommending the Monticello Orphans' Home also.

The original report as amended was then adopted.

The report on Obituaries was then read, as follows:

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following:



We find upon investigating the letters, that God in his wisdom has seen proper to call from us sixteen of our members, and perhaps more of which we are not informed. We sympathize with the bereaved, but we weep not, as those who have no hope. We cannot give the names of the departed, for the reason that many of our churches failed to give the names. We therefore recommend that hereafter all churches report on the Associational letters, the names of the deceased.

Signed R. F. HERNDON, Chairman.

The above report was adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report was now read as follows:

To Southwestern Association:—Brethren: I submit this my report in detail as Treasurer of your body:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand October 1906 .....	\$ 18 83
To amount collected at Association for Missions ..	40
To amount collected at Association for Asso. Miss ..	61 78
“ “ “ “ “ Orphan Home ..	2 05
“ “ “ “ “ Minutes ..	29 10
“ “ “ “ “ For Asso. Miss. ..	15 36
Oct. 26 “ “ “ Red Colony for Minutes ..	1 25
“ 26 “ “ “ “ “ Missions ..	1 25
“ 26 “ “ “ “ “ Asso. Missions ..	1 31
Jan. 4, '07 To amt. collected, Gilham for Asso. Missions ..	2 50
“ 8-07 To collection 5th Sunday meetings in Dec ..	27 31
July 2-07 “ “ 5th “ “ in June ..	40 69
Oct. 07 “ “ 5th “ “ at De Queen ..	29 95
“ 07 “ “ 5th “ “ at Ashdown ..	29 00
	\$260 78

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

October 16, '06. Paid Elder Arnold .....	\$ 7 50
October 16, '06. Paid Elder Hill .....	20 00
October 25, '06. Paid D. M. Cochran .....	10 00
Preacher, name unknown .....	5 00
July 5, '07. Paid Elder Martin .....	20 00
August 3, '07. Paid Elder Martin .....	35 00
August 3, '07. Paid Elder Martin .....	15 00
September 2, '08. Paid Elder Martin .....	25 00
	\$137 50
Balance in my hands October 12, 1907 .....	\$123 28

Signed W. C. MARTIN, Treasurer.

The above report was adopted as read

Bro. W. L. Smith was now elected temporary Treasurer, to receive all moneys at Association and turn same over to the Treasurer of last year so that he may make final settlement with the newly elected Treasurer

The Committee on Home Missions now reported as follows:

We beg leave to report that Missions are Missions, either at home or abroad, and that it has abundantly proven that the obligation to carry the message of Salvation to all the world, rests upon the churches of Jesus Christ, and as we have done some work on our home field, the result of which we have not at hand, but refer to the work of Bro. Scarborough, and others. We need much more such work done. We therefore recommend that each church in this Association contribute to this work, and send same through Brother J. B. Sillman, of Texarkana.

Signed, J. W. HUBBARD, Chairman.

The above report was amended by inserting a clause to allow each church perfect liberty to send contributions for above Missions through any channel they see proper. The report was then adopted as amended.

The report of Mission Board was now read by Bro. J. E. Millwee as follows:

We your Mission Board report as follows:

#### MISSION BOARD REPORT.

To 2 2-5 months mission work by J. I. Martin .....	\$204 00
To supplement C. H. Arnold at Mills school house .....	7 50
To supplement Gillham church, A. B. Masters .....	20 00
To supplement Valley church, A. B. Masters .....	20 00
Amount carried over .....	\$251 50
By amount paid Elder J. I. Martin on field .....	18 21
By amount paid Elder J. I. Martin, by board .....	185 79
By amount paid Eld. C. H. Arnold .....	7 50
By amount paid Eld. Masters, for Gillham .....	20 00
By amount paid Eld. Masters, for Valley church .....	20 00
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	\$251 50

The above report was adopted as read.

Motion now prevailed that the report of Missionary J. I. Martin be placed in the Minutes, which was as follows:

To the Mission Board of Southwestern Association:

Dear Brethren:

I arrived on the field June 7, 1907. I have been almost all over the field. While the work has been hard, yet I have done my best, and have

been warmly received where ever I went. Being a stranger, I had first to learn the field, which takes some time. I have tried to do a seed sowing and a work that will stand. How well I have succeeded the people with whom I have worked, and the Lord, only know. There has been between twenty and thirty baptisms in meetings that I have assisted in, though I have only baptised a very few myself. There has also been several additions by letter. May the Lord guide you in the great work of occupying the territory in your bounds. There are many difficulties in the work, which some of you are aware of.

Time worked, 3 2-5 months.	Sermons preached, 79
Addresses ..... 107.	Visits ..... 241
Subscriptions Ark Baptist 49.	Collection on field \$18 21.
Miles traveled 872	

Signed,

J. I. MARTIN.

Motion now prevailed to allow the Secretary twelve dollars and fifty cents for his services. At this time our body recognized as visitors, Eld. H. C. Anglin of Okolona, and Eld. E. H. Nelson of Wilton, both colored

Motion now prevailed to elect Corresponding Messengers to neighboring Associations, which resulted as follows:

To Howard County Association, Bros. J. A. Bennett, D. W. Hill,

To Ouachita Association, Bros. J. W. Sims, D. W. Elkins and J. A. Vanzandt.

To Enon Association, J. T. Yates, D. W. Elkins.

Elder J. W. Sims was now elected to represent our Association at the Southern Baptist Convention next May.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the members composing the Southwestern Association, return our thanks to the good people of Wilton church and community, for the kind way in which we have been entertained by them while in their midst. We pray God's blessings to rest on you and your families

Signed,

R. F. HERNDON.

The above resolution was adopted.

#### RESOLUTION TO STATE ASSOCIATION.

In view of the wide spread differences in the Baptist denomination of our State, caused by the two separate State bodies now in existence,

Resolved, That the Southwestern Association petitions our State Association to offer, through a committee, to the Convention, all reasonable and Scriptural overtures of peace and union between the two bodies, that can be rightly offered.

Signed,

J. W. SIMS.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution in regard to aid in our work.

Resolved, by the Southwestern Association now in session that if the State Board of the Convention, or the Executive Committee of the state Association, are as interested in the Salvation of souls in our bounds as they seem, and desire of their own accord, and for the good of the cause, to contribute any amount, unconditionally, except that it be used for Mission purposes in our Association, that we are more than willing to accept the same, and promise to use same just as wisely as we accept and use money from all other sources, and that we will appreciate help in this way from either one of the state bodies. We further agree to keep either body that may see proper to help us, informed as to our success in the work. Signed, J. W. SIMS,

The above resolution was adopted.

The body now adjourned to meet at 7:30 Monday night.

#### MONDAY NIGHT

The body met at appointed time, and after devotional services, Eld. J. I. Martin preached from Romans, Eighth chapter and part of Ninth verse, a very acceptable sermon. After sermon a collection for Orphans Home amounting to \$10.85.

The Finance Committee now made the following report:

The amount received from each church will be found in statistical table.

Received for Association Missions.....	\$103 62
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	10 82
“ “ Orphan's Home.....	15 96
“ “ Minutes.....	34 65
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Total	\$165 05

The report was adopted.

The body now adjourned to meet with Geneva church in Sevier county at 10 o'clock Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1908.

G. S. PROVENCE, Moderator.

J. W. SIMS, Secretary.

Thus ended a most interesting and spiritual meeting of the Southwestern Association. The body now stood and sung a sweet hymn, and amid tears and hearty hand shakes gave the parting hand.

Below will be found a list of churches and messengers.

Hopewell, Jeff Wheat

Fairview, J. A. Bennett and wife.

New Prospect, J. W. Hubbard and J. H. Wisdom.

Sardis, Frank Wallis and W. M. Culp

New Home W. L. Treadaway John Sinington.

New Hope J. T. Trammel and Ben Stucky.  
Gethsemane, J. B. Conatser, W. N. Burt, and C. H. Arnold.  
Allene, E. T. Dumis.  
De Queen J. W. Sims, J. E. Milwee and G. S. Provence.  
Damascus, J. W. Jones and B. F. Purtell.  
Cerro Gordo, L. A. Ray.  
Ashdown, W. L. Smith and J. T. Cowling.  
Pleasant Hill, James Gore and D. Harder.  
Valley, P. L. Brewer.  
Arkinda, S. F. Brown, Hettie Brown and S. A. Smithers.  
Oak Grove, G. W. Collins and T. W. Collins.  
Lockesburg, D. W. Elkins, B. Aubry, J. R. Hopkins.  
Union, J. W. Wilson, R. M. Cox and Tom Cannon.  
Geneva, J. T. Yates.  
Boggy Springs, J. L. Brantly.  
Gillham, J. A. Vanzandt and J. N. Whitley  
Chapel Hill, William Burns.  
Cossatot, J. H. Taylor and Mack Davis.  
Oak Hill, A. C. Ferguson, L. F. Taylor and Frank Leslie.  
Wilton, Irene Kinsworthy, Chas. Park, J. H. Barkman.  
Brownstown, Thos. DuLaay, R. E. Herndon, Dessie Coulter.  
Ben Lomond, Chas. DuLany, A. E. DuLany, Dudley Cochran.  
Winthrop, W. F. Smith, C. N. Roberson.  
Red Colony, E. C. Skinner, I. N. Borum.  
New Discovery, W. D. C. Brey, J. F. Virgen.  
Cross Trails, Henry Williamson, J. A. Autry.

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "Southwestern Baptist Association."

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 only act 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 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 principle 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 into this union through representation of three delegates at the annual session of this association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreement to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptised, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead, since the last session, and all information that the church deems 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 on finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the association and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and succinct 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 any 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 eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and have failed to settle it; then this association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The clergy 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 present; provided, such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this association.

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM

1 When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the association, the moderator shall open the business by prayer and praise in person or by proxy. If the former moderator or clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a moderator pro tem.

2 Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the moderator may appoint, and the delegates enrolled by the clerk.

3 When the delegates named are enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall elect by ballot, a moderator and clerk; the majority of votes governing the election.

4 All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made the last one shall be first in order, and so on, in reverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5 Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order, the moderator shall signify the same by calling his name: and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal infliction; nor shall any person speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6 Whenever sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any subject before the association, the moderator shall take the voice of the association and declare the result (a majority governing in all cases except those provided for.)

7 No member shall vacate his seat while the body is in session without leave of the moderator.

8 When one member shall speak to, or of another, he shall call him Brother.

9 The moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it may be necessary.

10 The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

11 The moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.

12 The minutes of the association may be read whenever it is deemed necessary.

13 The moderator shall be the judge of order. An objector to the moderator's ruling may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

#### 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 Scripture 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 that the depravity of his fallen nature

was entailed upon his posterity, and in 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 righteousness of Christ imputed into them, and that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed

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

8 We believe that there will be 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

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 faithfully kept 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 true believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.



CHURCHES	Days of Meeting.	Counties	PASTORS.
Wintthrop		Little River	. . . Luck
Ben Lomond	2	Little River	W L Smith
Cerro Gordo		Sevier	W F Smith
Bogg Springs	3	Sevier	S W Byrd
Sardis	2	Sevier	T H Westbrook
Union	2	Sevier	J A Westbrooks
Lockesburg	2	Sevier	L M Keeling
Cossatott	2	Sevier	D W Hill
Fairview		Sevier	J C Telbert
Jak Grove	2	Sevier	D W Elkins
Arkinda		Sevier	J L Cook
Brownstown	3	Sevier	W L Smith
New Home		Sevier	J L Cook
Chapel Hill	1	Sevier	J W Wilson
Ashdown	1 & 3	Little River	W L Smith
Wilton	3	Little River	V L Smith
New Prospect	4	Sevier	D W Hill
Gethsemane	3	Sevier	C H Arnold
De Queen	ALL	Sevier	J W Sims
Allene	3	Sevier	B F Cannon
New Hope	1	Sevier	C H Arnold
Oak Hill	1	Sevier	J A Westbrooks
Gillham	2	Sevier	D W Hill
Cross Trails	2	Sevier	J W Wilson
Red Colony		Sevier	
Pleasant Hill	3	Sevier	D W Hill
Geneva	1	Sevier	D W Elkins
Hopewell		Sevier	J W Ward
Damascus		Sevier	D W Elkins
Valley	1	Sevier	D W Hill
New Discovery		Sevier	H L McCarroll

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CLERKS.	Postoffice.	Sunday	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by State.	Rec'd by Restora.	Dismissed by Let.	Excluded	Total Membership	Oblained Ministers	Pastors' salary	State Missions	State Mis. Former.	Foreign Missions.	For. Mis. Former.	Home Missions	Home Mis. Form.	Asso. Missions	As. Mis. Formerly	Orphans Home	Orp. Home Form.	Incidental	building and	Repairs	Visiting	Ministers	Minutes	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property	Total For All Purposes			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32		
Addie Bevil	Winthrop	1	70	7	18	4		4	8	1	50		\$144.00				\$ 2.55			\$ 1.00														\$ 242.30	
D M Cochran	Ben Lomoud				4	7		4	8	1	32		62.00							1.35	\$ 1.60													127 10	
L A Cain	Cerro Gordo																																	1 30	
V A Garner	Horatio					2			2		23		30.00								1.25													31 75	
R E Johnson	Lockesburg								11	1	110									2.23											300 00			4 23	
J B Shinn	"				2	2			3		52									1.10														1 85	
W H Wardlaw	"	1	50	4		8	2		4		50	1	125.00	\$1 25	\$7.65	\$1.50	16.10	\$10 00		4.35	6.00													179 85	
J H Taylor	Gillham				23	3	2	1	21	1	77									1.50	11.73													24 11	
Geo Burns	De Queen				4	2	1	1	6	2	54		41 25							3.80														45 55	
T W Collins	Thelma				1				1		20									1.00														1 50	
S A Smithers	"				1				6	1	24									2.25														3 00	
R F Herndon	Brownstown				10	1			1	1	43	1	58 00				6.30			5.90														117 45	
M C Credille	Winthrop				1	9			7	4	28									1.85														2 10	
J T Benson	De Queen					4			1		15		10.00																					17 00	
J T Cowling	Ashdown	1	65	0	5	6				1	65	1	100.00																					431 00	
J H Barkman	Wilton	1	60	6	6				10	8	94		150 00		10.50		10.50		25.00		25.00													110 00	
B H Zachery	Ben Lomond				16	3		1	2	1	57									8.90	8.45													3 00	
R A Johnson	Wilton				29	3	3	1	1	1	64	1								1.85														3 00	
C A Collum	De Queen	1	263	12	2	14			28	14	339	2	720.00		25.20		16.00			2.00														4 00	
C W Wright	Allene	1	45		14	1		5	7	1	50	1	66 00																						70 00
J T Trammel	Foreman										30		28.50																						31 65
Frank Leslie	Horatio					1				1	2									1.10		\$1.70													3 50
J N Whitney	Gillham				4	8			1		31									1.00															2 75
D B Wyley	"				9	2		2			21		4.28							2.00															6 78
I N Borum	Milford				2	2					37									1.00															8 15
R W Faulkner	Lockesburg				8	6					71	3								.30															2 00
C B Smita	De Queen	1	88	5	12	9		1	2		71		65.00																						2 00
W A Baker	Millford	1			10						35		42 00							2.04	18.04	2 41			1,500.00	14.96	1.50	16 00						1616 41	
B F Partell	"								1		30									8.00															45 00
P L Brewer	Gillham				1	5			3	1	30									3.35															3 85
W D C Brey	Gillham										13									.75															1 75
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