

*With the Compliments of*  
*John Rogers*  
**PROCEEDINGS**

- OF THE -

**THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

**OF**

**CONCORD  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

**HELD WITH**

**MOUNT HOPE CHURCH**

**SEPT., 27TH, 28TH AND 29TH, 1902.**

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**OFFICERS:**

**P. C. MAYS, MODERATOR.**

**NATHAN KELLER, CLERK.**

**W. A. MAYFIELD, TREASURER.**

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**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH THE MOUNT ZION CHURCH,  
SIX MILES WEST OF GREENWOOD, BEGINNING ON SATUR-  
DAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
SEPTEMBER, 1903.**

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONCORD ASSOCIATION, 1902

## FIRST DAY

Saturday, September 27.—The Association met with Mount Hope Church at 10 o'clock a. m. The Moderator, P. C. Mays, and the Clerk, Nathan Keller, present.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. Quinn. Subject, "The Mountains of the Lord."

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

By motion, fifteen minutes were spent in devotional exercises conducted by Eld. A. H. Autry.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

1:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. The Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Gardner.

Letters from churches were called for and read and delegates enrolled.

Association went into election of officers as follows: Eld. P. C. Mays, Moderator, Nathan Keller, Clerk, W. A. Mayfield, Treasurer.

The Moderator then asked the Association to join with him in a short prayer for guidance in his work as Moderator.

Mount Hope Church refused to fellowship Pilot Grove Church, therefore the Moderator appointed a committee consisting of J. A. Finney, R. C. Cumbie and L. Quinn to investigate the cause.

Petitionary letters from Mount Harmony, Van Buren, Pine Mountain and Lone Star were read and received and delegates seated after receiving the right

hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

A committee on Divine Services was appointed consisting of the pastor and clerk of Mount Hope church and Bros. J. E. Tatum and T. N. Sloat.

Bros. A. H. Autry and — Wammick were seated as messengers from Dardanelle Association.

The following visiting brethren were seated: W. W. Gardner, representing Orphans' Home; H. H. Street, representing conportage of the state; H. Beecham, general missionary of State Board; A. R. Poge, Harmony; Ben Townley, Leroy Been, Oak Grove; N. Marshall, Henry Karr and J. H. Milburn.

Eld. W. W. Gardner made a short address on the Orphans' Home and took a collection for the home amounting to \$10.46.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon by F. F. Gibson, text: Psalms 36:5, theme: Faithfulness of God.

## SECOND DAY

Sunday morning, 9 to 11 a. m.—Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Eld. H. H. Street of Little Rock.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Associational Missions—J. W. Comer, J. H. Dorris, W. H. Cary, J. W. Noble.

State Missions—J. T. Watson, L. J. Burt, J. T. Butler and M. L. Voyls.

Home Missions—J. A. Finney, J. C. Erwin, Louis Silberstein and L. Acuff.

Foreign Missions—F. F. Gibson, J. W. Plunkett and A. L. Brown.

Ministerial Support—T. N. Sloat, J. K. Kumburt and N. A. Martin.

Orphans' Home—J. C. Pettus, J. R. Austin and W. W. Gardner.

Amendment of Articles of Faith and Constitution—L. Quinn, J. T. Watson and J. F. Oneal.

Religious Literature—L. Quinn.

Prohibition—F. C. Neely, H. M. Oneal, Z. L.

Wright and J. R. Ray.

Education—J. E. Tatum, J. H. Izell, J. B. Ray and J. F. Brewer.

Woman's Work—Mrs. B. H. Pitman, Mrs. M. L. Voyls, Mrs. J. O. Rowlings, Mrs. Julia Hooper, Mrs. M. E. Beal and Miss Mamie Bryant.

Sunday School—A. M. Head, J. W. Curtis and C. S. Price.

Digest of Letters—J. K. Welchel, B. W. Webb and L. W. Dearn.

Queries—A. J. Williams, W. F. Ramey.

Order of Business—Joseph Herriman and A. J. Hicks.

Nominations—A. Scott, O. C. Paschal and Duck Burk.

It was agreed to have two sermons at 11 o'clock.

Eld. J. H. Milburn preached in the church house from Rom. 8:1 and John 5:24; subject, "Security of the Children of God." After services a collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$—.

Eld. H. Beecham preached in the grove from First Timothy 1-12, subject—"Christian Service." After services a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$65.46, of which \$10.46 were cash and \$55 pledges.

The annual Temperance Lecture was delivered by Eld P. C. Mays.

At night Eld. A. H. Autry preached from John, 3: 3-4-8, subject—"The necessity, Nature and Evidences of the New Birth."

### THIRD DAY.

8 A. M.—After devotional exercises the Association entered into the days work.

Roll call.

Report of committee on investigation of fellowship between Mount Hope and Pilot Grove churches was received.

On motion all speeches were limited to five minutes.

On motion each church received minutes in proportion to the amount of money sent for minutes.

On motion the resolution on amendment to Constitution be referred to Committee on Constitutional amendment.

Report of Associational Board was adopted.

Report of J. W. Noble, as Associational Missionary was adopted.

Report of Nathan Keller as Associational Missionary was adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial support was adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions was adopted.

A majority and a minority report was presented by Committee on State Missions. The majority report was adopted.

Association adjourned at 11 o'clock for religious services. Sermon by Eld. F. C. Neely from Romans, 5: 8, theme, "God Manifested Love."

Association met again at 1 o'clock p. m. Religious services conducted by the Moderator.

Report of Committee on Nominations was adopted after striking out the clause recommending representation in the State Board.

Report of Committee on Orphans Home was adopted.

Report of Committee on Articles of Faith and Constitution was adopted.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature was adopted after adding The Advance.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions was adopted.

Ex-Treasurer, J. W. Noble reported. Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Prohibition was adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work was adopted.

Report of Committee on Education was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted after inserting Southern Baptist Literature.

Report of Committee on Queries was adopted.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters was adopted.

Report of Committee on Order of Business was adopted after inserting, Roll Call, immediately after reading of church letters.

Eld. F. C. Neely offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: Resolved; That a vote of thanks be extended to the brethren and sisters of Mount Hope church and community for the royal manner in which they have entertained during this Association.

On motion Eld. F. F. Gibson represent this Association at the next Southern Baptist Convention.

Report of Committee on Finance was adopted.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$72.09, of which \$42.09 were in cash, and \$30 in pledges.

A collection was taken for Buckner College amounting to \$62.50, of which \$47.50 were in pledges and \$15 cash.

On motion the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the Clerk make the necessary corrections,

On motion that the Executive Committee employ a man to collect the money due Buckner College.

On motion that the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services and that the remainder of the minute funds be expended for printing minutes.

On motion Bros. J. C. Pettus, F. C. Neely and Jno. E. Tatum represent this Association in Buckner Association.

L Quinn represent us in Clear Creek Association.  
P. C. Mays as Messenger to Dardanelle Association.

A collection was taken amounting to \$11 which the Association presented to Eld. Henry Karr.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mount Zion church September, 1903.

Valedictory and prayer by the Moderator. After which the Association united in singing and extended to each other the parting hand. Thus the thirty-second session of Concord Baptist Association closed.

P. C. MAYS, Moderator

NATHAN KELLER, Clerk.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your Committee, find that there is still territory in this Association unoccupied by Baptist where the pure gospel is needed, and the cry comes from those parts, "Come over and help us;" and a man sent to those places would be gladly heard and received. Therefore we recommend that the Executive Board employ a man for all his time and put him into the field and that each church stand by the Executive Board in his support. And we further recommend that churches take up a collection quarterly and turn into the treasury and that said missionary collect all he can and report to the Association.

[SIGNED] J. W. COMER, J. H. DORRIS, W. H. CARY, J. W. NOBLE.

### HOME MISSIONS

Your Committee on this work find that great destitution spreads its fields before us as a body of Christians and also find that our missionaries are doing good and efficient work and many precious souls are being saved and yet many if not all of them are badly hindered from pressing this great work in preaching the precious gospel of our Master and the great cause of this is the lack of money. Therefore we would recommend that our pastors be asked to present this cause quarterly to their churches and urge liberal and regular collections for this most im-

portant part of our glorious work in this our most beloved state and country.

[SIGNED] J. A. FINNEY, J. C. ERWIN, LOUIS SILBERSTEIN, L. ACUFF.

#### STATE MISSIONS—MAJORITY REPORT

We, your Committee, recommend: That we withdraw all support from the State Convention and that we cooperate with the General Association in our State Missions.

[SIGNED] J. T. WATSON, L. J. BURT, J. T. BUTLER.

#### STATE MISSIONS—MINORITY REPORT

Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report as follows: In the year 1848 our Baptist fathers in Arkansas organized the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and for fifty-four years our work of State Missions has been carried on through the Executive Board of this Convention. During these years many of the most important points in the state have been aided. Some of these are now giving to our work more in one year than they received all told. The plans and methods by which the work has been carried on for the past twenty years, are the same as those used in every state in the Union. Since 1845 the various states as well as the Southern Baptist Convention have tried and experimented with many plans and today every state has this very plan. A financial secretary or agent is absolutely necessary to the success of any enterprise to be supported by the people. The contributions to State Missions have increased \$1,000 per year, during the past five years, and the number of Missionaries and the results of their labors have been proportionally increased. During the present year the board has the largest number of Missionaries of its history and the blessings of God are attending their labors. In the light of the foregoing facts we believe violent changes, to say nothing of separation and division shall tend to serious evil; that there may be corrections and improvements for the better it is useless to deny, but the destruction is not the way to



correct them and the attempt is very unwise and should be resented by every Baptist in the State; Therefore,

Resolved; That we urge our full representation to attend the convention at Conway, November 14th, and our members of the State board to attend its meetings and that they use their best efforts to correct anything that may appear to the mwrong.

[SIGNED] M. L. VOYLES.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We rejoice that the ever increasing indications are that Foreign Missions are no longer foreign to the hearts of Missionary Baptist. In some measures we are obeying the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." God is wonderfully blessing the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend: First; More preaching on missions by the pastors of the Association and more prayer. Second; The circulation of Missionary tracts and lights, which can be had of the Foreign Mission Board free. Third; That the churches hold special Missionary services. Fourth; That all the churches take collections during the year for this work. Fifth; That we cooperate with the Foreign Missionary Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

[SIGNED] F. F. GIBSON, J. W. PLENKETT, A. Z. BROWN.

#### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

We report as follows: We see from the church letters, that very few of the churches pay their pastors a sufficient amount on which to live. This is injurious both to the churches and the pastor, because the pastors cannot devote their entire time to the churches, which is very detrimental. Neither can they devote sufficient time to the study of God's word, because they must engage in secular work for support. God's word teaches plainly that a preacher is to live by the preaching of the gospel. We would

earnestly urge and recommend that the messengers on their return, seek to have the churches do their duty by paying our ministers such support that will enable them to devote all their time to the study of God's word and ministerial work.

[SIGNED] T. N. SLOAT, J. K. KUMBURT, N. A. MARTIN.

#### ORPHAN'S HOME

We are glad to report that the home at Monticello under the care of that faithful matron is in a prosperous condition. There are now fifty-five children in the home. The health of the home is excellent, only four deaths in six years. This is a home for all orphan children in the state without denominational lines; girls under thirteen and boys under eight. This home is supported by the voluntary gifts of our people. We would request all of the pastors of the churches to take one collection this associational year for this great work and send to W. W. Gardner, Arkadelphia. We pray God's blessings upon the matron who has care of those children.

[SIGNED] J. C. PETTUS, J. R. AUSTIN, W. W. GARDNER.

#### PROHIBITION

We unhesitatingly say: That intoxicants are the greatest evil in the land. Its bad influences are felt everywhere. It reaches the homes and the churches of Jesus Christ with its blighting influences. Every lover of home and country use his influence to put it down. Let every one use a method best suited to himself, but let him use some method.

Therefore we recommend that the churches use their influence morally and by the ballot to suppress the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in all forms.

[SIGNED] F. C. NEELY, H. M. ONEAL, Z. L. WRIGHT, J. R. RAY.

#### EDUCATION

There are two kinds of education necessary to prepare a man for the ministry, that of the heart and

the mind. The heart must be regenerated and made a new creature in Christ our Lord and this regenerated man must be called by an unmistakable impression to preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things and feel like a dispensation has been commuted to him, and woe is me if I preach not the gospel. All the leading nations of the earth are spending large sums of money for the education of the masses and there are more people educated than ever before in the world's history. Education is no longer a gift only enjoyed by the few; it is the rule and not the exception. It is therefore now more necessary that a preacher should have a good literary and theological education. Paul said: "Give heed unto education," "Study to show thyself approved of God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." We urge all ministers to do all in their power to obtain a thorough literary and religious education and recommend that the churches create a fund for the purpose of aiding ministers who are not able to obtain an education. Our denominational schools are a source of great religious and denominational strength. Ouachita College is fully equipped with all the modern appliances and apparatus for imparting education. And Buckner College in our midst is a good school and under an able faculty and deserves the patronage and confidence of the people of this Association. We especially recommend these colleges to the patronage of the churches and Baptist families.

[SIGNED] JNO. E. TATUM, J. H. IZELL, J. B. RAY,  
J. F. BREWER.

#### WOMAN'S WORK

We submit the following: The women of America enjoy greater privileges and have a higher social position and greater literary attainments than any other women of the earth. These grand and glorious privileges and great blessings are the direct results of the gospel of Christ. Having received so much from

the teachings of Christianity aside from the precious promise of Eternal life we owe it as a duty to do all we can to advance our Master's cause. We cannot preach, but like Aaron and Herr, we can hold up the hands of God's ministers who do proclaim the gospel. We can raise money to send missionaries into foreign lands, but to do this it requires organization and system. We have a Ladies' Aid Society in the Greenwood church and while it is but a small church this society has raised many hundred dollars, it annually contributes to pastors' salary and the various missions and now has in its treasury the sum of \$105, to be appropriated to the Lord's cause. The Ladies' Aid Society of Booneville since January, 1902, has raised something over \$100. This society sets aside the proceeds of the first meeting in each month for state missions. The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith raised the magnificent sum of \$1500.

We therefore recommend; That the ladies of each church of this association organize aid societies and that they meet not less than twice in a month and each one pay a fixed amount each meeting. You will be astonished at the large sum you can raise in this way and never miss it.

[SIGNED] MRS. B. M. PITTMAN, MRS. M. L. VOYLS, MRS. J. O. RAWLINGS, MRS. JULIA HOOPER, MRS. M. E. BEAL, MISS MAMIE BRYANT.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Whereas reports of Sunday Schools by churches are incomplete, we recommend: First; That each church send in a true and complete report of their work to each association. Second; We recommend that each pastor do his duty in organizing and maintaining Sunday Schools in his pastorate. Third; That only Baptist teachers be employed to teach in our Sunday Schools. Fourth; That we discourage union Sunday Schools. Fifth; That we recommend

the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

As the chief object is to impart Bible knowledge to all we recommend that each officer of the several Sunday Schools qualify himself for his duty by prayer and study of God's word.

[SIGNED] A. M. HEAD, J. W. CURTIS, C. S. PRICE.

#### DIGEST OF LETTERS

We report as follows: Churches represented this year thirty-five. Churches represented last year thirty. Increase over last year five.

Messengers present at first Roll Call this year seventy-five. Number present last year seventy-one. Increase over last year four.

Membership increased by Baptism, 168; increase by letter, 152; increase by restoration, ten; total, 330, by thirty-five churches. Total increase over last year, four.

The most Baptism by First church of Fort Smith, twenty-six; greatest increase by Harmony church, thirty-seven; decrease by death, twenty-three; decrease by letter, 117; decrease by exclusion, fifty-six; total, 196; net gain this year, 134; greatest decrease by Boonville; First church of Fort Smith and Van Buren, thirty each; total membership, 2,111; Sunday schools, eighteen; number of officers and teachers, 164; number of pupils, 1,186; two schools used Union literature.

We recommend that the churches be more explicit in writing their associational letters, especially with reference to Sunday schools, the number of officers, teachers and pupils. Much trouble could be avoided by the use of blank letters which can be secured from the clerk of the Association.

[SIGNED] J. K. WHELCHER, B. W. WEBB, L. W. DEAREN.

#### QUERIES

No questions have been submitted for our con-

sideration.

[SIGNED]

A. J. WILLIAMS, W. F. RANEY.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

We recommend that the order of business remain unchanged, except that Roll Call be inserted immediately after reading letters.

[SIGNED]

JOSEPH HERRIMAN, A. J. HICKS.

## PILOT GROVE CHURCH

Your committee to whom was referred the case of Pilot Grove church, after hearing the evidence on both sides, believe that said church erred in the reception of a member, and advise said church to rescind the action of said member's reception, then we will be glad to have their cooperation and fellowship.

[SIGNED] J. A. FINNEY, L. QUINN, R. C. CUMBIE.

## NOMINATIONS.

We recommend to preach the Introductory sermon, Nathan Keller, J. T. Watson, alternate; Temperance lecture by J. W. Noble; Members of Executive board, L. Quinn, J. F. Oneal, T. P. Hariston, L. Been and J. T. Tollison. Place of next meeting, Mount Zion, six miles west from Greenwood.

[SIGNED] A. P. SCOTT, O. C. PASCHAL, DUCK BURK.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from all sources, - - - - -	\$172.73
Paid to Nathan Keller for minutes, - - - - -	\$31.45
“ “ State Missions, - - - - -	9.07
“ “ Foreign Missions, - - - - -	4.65
“ “ Home Missions, - - - - -	4.25
“ “ Orphan's Home, - - - - -	4.00
“ “ Nathan Kellar for Association- tional Missions, - - - - -	59.00
Received for Associational Missions, - - - - -	60.00
Total expended, - - - - -	\$172.59
Postage, - - - - -	.14
Total, - - - - -	\$172.73

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[SIGNED]

J. W. NOBLE, Ex-Treasurer.

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We recommend that our people read and study the Bible. We further recommend that all our brethren take, read and aid in the circulation of the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Advance.

[SIGNED]

L. QUINN.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We called a meeting soon after the Association adjourned and organized by electing L. Quinn chairman and Nathan Keller clerk. We next met at Lavaca on the Fifth Sunday in December, 1901, and elected J. W. Noble to preach in the south end of the Association and Nathan Keller to preach at Jenny Lind at a salary of \$30 per month or \$1 per day for time spent in work. Brother Noble has spent four months and has received \$60. We yet owe him \$60. Brother Keller has spent six months and we have paid him \$92.26. We owe him \$87.74; making a total debt of \$147.74. See their report.

[SIGNED]

L. QUINN, Chairman.

## MISSIONARY REPORT OF CONCORD ASSOCIATION

Time spent in actual work, eight months: half time counted at \$15 per month, \$120. Sermons preached, 90. Religious visits made, 75. Conversions 19. Baptized, 15. Received by letter, 15. Received by statement, 2. Churches organized, 2. Sunday schools organized, 1. Money received by order of Executive Board, \$60. For collections see Treasurer's report.

[SIGNED]

J. W. NOBLE.

## AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF FAITH AND CONSTITUTION

Your committee report that article 6th in Articles of Faith be amended so as to read, "and the conditions thereof are repentance and faith the evidence thereof love to the brethren."

Amendment on Constitution: All monies collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of the Association.

[SIGNED]

L. QUINN, J. T. WATSON.



## MISSIONARY REPORT

I began work at Jenny Lind the first of April and continued until October the first, making six months. Preached 21 sermons. Conversions, 29. Baptized, 12. Received by letter, 6. Received by statement, 2. Restored, 1. Churches reorganized, 1.

During the month of August the church called Eld. L. E. Finney to hold a protracted meeting which lasted twelve days. During this meeting there were 29 conversions and quite a number of restorations. The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts which the Association has made to build up the cause of Christ and the interests of the Baptist church at Jenny Lind.

I received from the Executive Board, \$59; Vesta church, \$5; Oak Bend church, \$5; Prairie View church, \$1; Oak Grove church, \$3.16; Huntington church, \$5.00; Greenwood church, \$10.00; Van Buren church, \$4.10. Total \$92.26.

[SIGNED]

NATHAN KELLER.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

N. A. Williams, Webb City; P. M. Nolen, Cecil; L. E. Finney, Van Buren; P. C. Mays, Vesta; J. F. Brewer, Ursula; Henry Karr, Vesta; J. W. Comer, H. L. Been and H. A. Autry, Greenwood; A. L. Brown, Lavaca; J. T. Watson, Ratcliff; Joseph Bartlette, Bonanza; J. J. Hartsfield, Excelsior; Nathan Keller, Jenny Lind; H. C. Stanberry, Hackett; F. C. Neely and J. A. Sims, Greenwood; D. M. Bryant, Booneville; L. Quinn, G. W. Reeves, F. F. Gibson and Louis Silberstein, Fort Smith; L. J. Burt, Charleston; M. L. Voyls, J. N. Pennington and R. E. Cornelious, Booneville; J. W. Noble, Auburn.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

J. K. Welchel, Vesta; Joel E. Stone, Greenwood; E. G. Woodward, Huntington; J. F. Cromwell and George McNew, Booneville.



# STATISTICS 1902. TABLE "A"

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST-OFFICE	MESSENGERS
Booneville	M L Voyls	C L Hill	Booneville	M L Voyls, J N Pennington, J F Cromwell, Mrs M L Voyls, Mrs J O
Bloomer	J W Noble	A M Mead	Bloomer	A M Head, Joe Herriman, Mrs M E Beal. [Rawlings, Mamie Bryant,
Bonanza	H G Johnson	J H Davis	Bonanza	W J Wing, Sister J H Dorris.
Center Valley	H A Autry	G W Speegle	Auburn	J W Noble, W F Raney.
Charleston	P C Mays	Wm. Fletcher	Charleston	L J Burt, C S Price, D M Getun.
Corinth	R R Elmore	B Dicus	Booneville	
Ft Smith 1st Ch'ch	F F Gibson	Jno Ayers	Ft. Smith	F F Gibson, Louis Silberstein, T N Sloat, B W Webb.
Ft Smith 2nd Ch'ch	L Quinn	O Echols	Ft. Smith	L Quinn, O Echols.
Glendale	D M Bryant	A L Manus	Booneville	J H Ray, A J Hicks.
Greenwood	F C Neely	E T Shaw	Greenwood	F C Neely, Mrs B M Pittman, John E Tatum.
Grand Prairie	T J Woodard	R W Austin	Dahoma	W A Mayfield, W G Garrett, R W Austin.
Harmony	J C Williamson	J W Plunkett	Excelsior	A O Skinner, J H. Plunkett, J W Plunkett.
Huntington	F C Neely	J E Ellnor	Huntington	J A Finney, A Bulr, J C Pettus.
Jenny Lind	Nathan Keller	Fanny Jarrard	Jenny Lind	Nathan Keller.
Lone Star	J W Noble	N A Mastin	Burnville	H A Morgan, N A Mastin.
Mt. Nebo	H O Standsberry	Zol Wright	Excelsior	Z L Wright.
Mt. Zion	J C Williamson	J H Izell	Excelsior	J H Izell, A P Scott.
Mt. Harmony	J W Comer	S E Sterling	Greenwood	
Mt. Hope	J F Oneal	H M Oneal	Etna	J F Oneal, H M Oneal, H R Stroud.
National Springs	"	T B Harlston	Ratchiff	O C Paschal, J T Watson, T B Harlston.
Oak Bower	A L Brown	W H Thomas	Lavaca	P Bond, A L Brown.
Oak Grove	P C Mays	R L Been	Greenwood	R C Cumble, L W Dearen, J T Buller, Less Been.
Oak Bend	"	J M Mantooth	Sub Rosa	D Z Burke, J M Mantooth, Sister Fannie Burke.
Prairie View	T J Woodard	R D Hill	Eufa	W R Powell, J W Curtis.
Pine Mountain	J W Noble	W H Carey		W H Carey, E C Mitchell.
Planter	J W Comer	G L Williams	Greenwood	J W Comer, A J Williams.
Pleasant Valley	D M Bryant	J A Owens	Mixon	J R Austin, J F Porter, Duke Wall.
Roseville	P M Nolen	J W Mays	Roseville	W T Terry.
Six Mile	J T Watson	J E Davis	Six Mile	M M Henderson.
Union Grove No. 2	J W Comer	J M McClendon	Greenwood	J B Ray.
Union Grove No. 1	J M Bryant	J A Franks	Booneville	L Acuff, J O Erwin.
Vesta	J F Brewer	J W Carroll	Vesta	H Karr, J K Wheelchel, J W Carroll.
Van Buren	L E Finney	G W Roberts	Van Buren	
Webb City	P M Nolen	J T Tollison	Webb City	G T Staton, Julia Hooper.
Ursula*	J F Brewer	J H Stinson	Ursula	

\*Ursula Church was not represented at the Association by letter or Messengers, but upon statement by Bro. J. F. Brewer, who organized the church, it was agreed that a report of the church be made in the minutes.

# CONSTITUTION

ART. I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of Messenger from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

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

ART. IV. SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

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

SECTION 3. The treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

ART. V. The objects of this Association shall be to promote Fellowship among the Churches, to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the Churches; and to aid in this last object, several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

ART. VI. SECTION 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

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

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

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

ART. IX. SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this Committee

shall be to superintend the Missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

SECTION 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphan's Home.

ART. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct Missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries as means may allow, and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its treasurer out of any funds in its hands except the money sent for publishing Minutes of every annual meeting.

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

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of the members who are in attendance.

#### AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

ART. XIII. 1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1832.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3rd. Missionary Sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service Committee. Adopted in 1894.

4th. Each Church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messenger, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

5th. All moneys collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this Association.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God, constituting the only all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through Faith unto Salvation.

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

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

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the condition thereof are repentance and faith; the evidence thereof love to the brethren.

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

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

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

10. The only proper officers of Christian Churches are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

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

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

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

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

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. An introductory sermon shall be preached by a minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.

3. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the "Order of business."

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to a vote.

5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to the other. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

14. Any person violating these rules may be reprov'd by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the Members present.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.

2. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Messengers.

3. Roll call.

4. Election of officers by ballot.

5. Call Petitionary Letters.

6. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.

7. Call for Letters and Messengers from Corresponding Association.

8. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

9. Appointment of Committees.

10. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.

11. Miscellaneous business.

12. Calling for Reports of Committees.

13. New Business.

14. Appointment of place for next meeting.

15. Reading the Minutes.

16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

# STATISTICS 1902. TABLE "B"

CHURCH	Meeting Days	GAIN				LOSS			Total Membership	MISSIONS					LOCAL WORK				SUNDAY SCHOOLS					
		By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Statement	Died	By Letter	Excluded		Associate-Local	State	Home	Foreign	Orphan's Home	Pastors' Salary	Incidentals	Minute Fund	Improvement	Value Church Property	Officers and Teachers	Classes	No. Pupils	Helps used	Cost
Booneville	All	5	20	1	2	23	5	200	\$	\$ 15 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 600 00	\$ 35 14	\$ 1 50	\$ 80 00	\$ 800	12	7	100	S	\$ 31 05	
Bloomer			1					55	4 50							90		600						
Bonanza								12	1 10							70			7	2	20	A	4 00	
Center Valley		1						102	5 00							90								
Charleston	3		2			1		39	10 00			2 65		60 00	7 00	1 00		500	9	4	40	A	8 00	
Corinth		1	3			1		23	5 25	1 15				34 00		60								
Ft. Smith, 1st Ch.	All	28	23	1		1	25	309		100 91	72 00	48 80	10 00	1250 00	457 75	2 70		30000	21	18	207	S		
Ft. Smith, 2nd Ch.	All	5	3		5	2		37	10 00					139 00		50							8 00	
Glendale						3		68	1 25					80 00		1 10								
Greenwood		1	4			2		61	10 00	5 00	7 25	7 25		300 00	42 00	1 50		500	8	4	00	C	12 00	
Grand Prairie	8	5	12		1	2		25	4 50			1 00	1 00	00 00		1 00								
Harmony		25	9	3	1	2		53	1 00					50 00	4 00	1 25	121 00	300	8	4	55	A	5 00	
Huntington			2	1		1	5	63	5 00	63 98	2 70	2 70		300 00	24 00	1 50	178 83	1200	14	10	60	A	28 00	
Jenny Lind	2	12	0	2		1		40	1 00	1 50						1 00								
Lone Star	4	4	1					14	1 00		1 45	2 00				50						A		
Mt. Nebo		1	1			1		28						1 00	40 00		85	400 00	500	8	4	40	B	3 80
Mt. Zion	1	7	4			4		41	3 10							50								
Mt. Harmony	2	4	1					10	1 00						10 00		50							
Mt. Hope	2	2				1		79	2 30							1 10								
National Springs	1	1					8	1	34	4 10					50 00									
Oak Bower	4	5	10		1	2	4	88	9 10				1 00	00 00	15 00	1 25		1000	7	5		A	12 00	
Oak Grove			1		2	8		110	11 72		25	50		80 00		1 65		600	10	6	90	S	8 00	
Oak Bend	4				1			42	6 45					30 00		1 00								
Prairie View	4		6			0		90	5 00					100 00	2 00	1 50		700	8	5	50	A	9 00	
Pine Mountain	3	10	0	2				28								90								
Planter		5	7			1		56	1 50					50 80		1 00			11	7	58	S	5 00	
Pleasant Valley		23	8				7	73	2 00					40 00		1 00			9		55	S	5 00	
Roseville	3						2	30						18 00		70								
Six Mile	3								1 50							50								
Union Grove No. 2								32			1 00				42 33		75							
Union Grove No. 1		5	7		3	2	1	48	8 00					30 00		1 00								
Vesta			2					40	10 58					80 00	1 60	1 00	200 00	750	10	6	109	A	12 00	
Van Buren	All	11	5				2	85	4 10	41 60				400 00	84 00	1 50	110 00	2000	18	9	100	S	43 00	
Webb City	1							28								1 00			9	5	60	U	14 00	
Ursula	1	14	0	1	1	181			1 55							75								
Totals		168	152	10	6	23	117	56	2111	\$ 125 03	\$ 220 37	\$ 83 80	\$ 65 90	\$ 14 00	\$ 3784 18	\$ 673 60	\$ 34 95	\$ 1089 03	\$ 30450	164 90	1186			\$ 204 55

\*See Table "A." The figures in the Ursula column are not included in the totals given in this table.