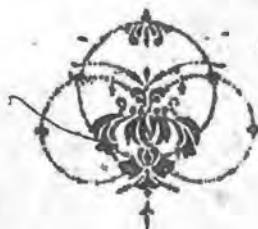


MINUTES

of the 45th Annual Session of the

Concord Baptist Association

Held With Union Grove Church No. 2, Greenwood, Ark., Sept. 25-27, 1915,



OFFICERS:

H. G. THOMASON, Booneville
C. E. GRAY, Greenwood
DAN W. BRYAN, Charleston

Moderator
Clerk
Treasurer

Executive Committee:

W. J. Hinsley, Booneville; John E. Tatum, Greenwood;
Finley F. Gibson, Ft. Smith; E. Rawlings, Ft. Smith;
J. F. Brewer, Lavaca.

Next Meeting Will Be Held With Glendale Church, Booneville, Arkansas, Saturday Before Fourth Sunday in September, 1916.

Proceedings

Saturday Morning

The forty-fifth session of the Concord Baptist Association convened in regular session at 10 o'clock a. m. with the Baptist Church at Union Grove No. 2, September 25th, 1915, and was called to order by Moderator, H. G. Thomason. Devotional services conducted by Eld. P. C. Mays.

Brethren Chester Holland, Clarmont Dearen and G. E. Swain were appointed reading clerks.

11 o'clock: Introductory sermon by Eld. J. W. Comer. Text: Titus 2:10, which was full of Bible doctrine and well received by all present.

Recess until 2 P. M. Prayer by Eld. E. Rawlings.

Saturday Afternoon

Association came together by singing and devotional services conducted by Eld. A. L. Brown, after which the Moderator declared the association duly in session and ready to transact such business as might come before it.

Letters from the churches composing the association were called for and thirty letters were brought forward and "messengers" names enrolled. Call for petitionary letters and letter from Marietta church presented and messengers seated and hand of welcome extended by Moderator.

Pastor and deacons of Union Grove church were appointed as a committee on Divine service.

Moderator appointed brethren E. Rawling, J. W. Comer and J. W. Ramey a committee to select committees.

The association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of H. G. Thomason, Moderator, C. E. Gray, Clerk, and D. W. Bryan, Treasurer.

The moderator appointed E. A. Spiller, Chester Holland and J. A. Harp a committee on finance.

Call for corresponding messengers. No response.

Eld A. H. Autry was seated as a visiting member.

The following members were appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations: Clear Creek, C. P. Walters, A. E. Nichols. Buckner: W. J. Hinsley, John E. Tatum. H. L. Been. Idus Garrett, H. G. Thomason, and A. J. Williams, Dardanelle: W. J. Hinsley and D. M. Bryant.

State Evangelist, A. H. Autry, was called for and made a very strong address on the different lines of missionary work of the church in the state.

The moderator announced the following committees selected by the committee:

Order of Business—H. L. Been, Joe Aldridge, Frank Spiller.

Digest of Letters—J. Nesbitt, Lee Been, C. O. Efurd.

Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Miss Sarah Barnes.

Orphan's Homes—D. M. Bryant, J. R. Lassater, W. W. Pyle.

Prohibition—J. F. O'Neal, Dave D. Taylor, S. E. Thompson.

Religious Literature—F. F. Gibson, Lonnie Wood, W. T. Price.

Nominations—John E. Tatum, W. J. Hinsley, C. O. Efurd.

Foreign Missions—C. P. Walters, E. A. Spiller, John Nesbitt.

Home Missions—P. C. Mays, J. A. Harp, L. E. Pettigrew.

State Missions—W. J. Hinsley, J. D. Moore, H. F. Moseley.

Associational Missions—Dan W. Bryan, John E. Tatum, Andy Williams.

Sunday School—Matt Booker, Chester Holland, W. M. Crow.

Christian Education—A. E. Nichols, S. W. Williams, Dave Pritchard.

Ministerial Education—H. L. Been, G. W. Langston, J. H. Griffin.

Recess until 7:30.

Saturday Evening

Association met at 7:30. Devotional services conducted by Bro. Hall Wells. Instructive and interesting talk on "The Systematic Way of Doing Church Work" by Bro. Matt Booker.

Eld. C. P. Walters delivered a very forceful sermon, subject, "Evangelism in the Local Church."

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. D. M. Bryant.

The Sabbath

9:30 A. M. Song service. Prayer by Eld. John E. Tatum.

Song. Volunteer prayers.

Sunday school rally conducted by Dan W. Bryan. Subjects discussed: "Where Ought there Be a Sunday School?" by P. C. Mays. "Who Ought to Attend Sunday School," H. G. Thomason. "Who Ought to be Superintendent of a Sunday School," Frank Spiller. "Who Ought to be Teacher of a Sunday School," J. F. Brewer. "What should be Taught in Sunday School," W. J. Hinsley.

11 o'clock, a. m. Song service, prayer by Eld. P. C. Mays.

State Evangelist A. H. Autry preached the missionary sermon, to an audience that filled the house to its full capacity, from the text, "What is Thy Occupation," etc., after which a hat collection was taken for associational missions, amounting to \$22.41.

Recess until 2 P. M.

2:00 p. m. Song service, Scripture reading by Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, prayer by Eld. D. M. Bryant.

Sister Hinsley read report of committee on Woman's Work, discussed at length by sister J. G. Jackson, state president, and adopted.

Sister E. Rawlings was elected associational president.

3:00 p. m. Clerk read report of committee on Christian education and Bro. H. L. Been read report of committee on Ministerial education, both of which were ably discussed by Dr. J. W. Conger in his usual forceful and logical manner.

Recess until 7:30. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Hinsley.

7:30. Song service by Union Grove choir. Devotional services conducted by Bro. E. A. Spiller.

8:p. m. Eld. W. J. Hinsley preached a very forceful sermon from the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

Benediction by Eld. J. F. Brewer.

Monday Morning

Association called together at 8 o'clock by singing "Blessed Assurance."
Devotional services conducted by Eld. J. W. Ramay, prayer by Eld. J. F. O'Neal.

Minutes read and adopted.

Reports of committees on Christian and Ministerial education was discussed at length and adopted.

Reports of various committees adopted. (See reports elsewhere.)

Recess until 1 p. m.

1 p. m. Song. Prayer by Eld. F. F. Gibson.

Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed by the moderator to solicit throughout this association for a car of supplies for the two orphan's homes at Monticello and Texarkana, said supplies to be divided between the two homes according to the number of inmates in each home.

Bro. Dan W. Bryan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, Mt. Hope church has sent up a query to this association in regard to granting a letter to a certain brother, therefore be it resolved,

That this matter be referred back to that church and advise the church to call a council to settle the matter, and we further advise all parties to agree to abide by the decision of said council."

Eld. F. F. Gibson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that no church should grant a letter to a member to join another church who is not in good standing and full fellowship with the church where he holds membership."

"Resolved, further, That this resolution has no reference to the query before this association, but for the good of the cause only."

Rev. H. L. Been offered a resolution of thanks which was adopted.

Motion prevailed that the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he have minutes printed to the amount of funds in the treasury for that purpose.

At 4:30 o'clock the association adjourned to meet with Glendale church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916.

Song, "God Be With you." Benediction by Eld. S.W. Williams.

C. E. GRAY, Clerk.

H. G. THOMASON, Moderator.

Committee Reports

As Adopted

Home Missions

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

Whereas, The Baptists of Virginia for the principles that we hold suffered persecutions by the state church for more than 50 years, and they, our noble sires, were the prime factors in establishing religious liberty in the United States, and it becomes us to maintain these principles.

The eyes of the whole world are on us, and the World's overflow is finding its way to our shores, and there are many who are brought here for political purposes and we feel that this last class is being used to cripple our free institutions and religious liberty. It therefore behooves us to put forth every effort to maintain our free institutions and religious liberty, to Christianize those coming to us, and we recommend to all of our churches to pray much, give liberally and work hard to accomplish our missions here. We further recommend that collections be taken in all our churches and Sunday schools quarterly for home missions.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention is at Atlanta, Ga.

P. C. MAYS,
J. A. HARP,
Committee.

Foreign Missions

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way

of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them, that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

C. P. WALTERS,
JOHN NESBITT,
E. A. SPILLER.

Committee.

State Missions

Your committee on State Missions would report as follows:

As the days go by the great importance of State Missions grows on the student of missions. If the Baptist denomination would become weak and lame and lose its power at home and abroad, let us cease to emphasize State Missions.

State Missions by the churches co-operating in the Baptist State Convention includes revival meetings in destitute places and in weak churches, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, projecting and helping to build church houses, and aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday school and Baptist young people's work, encouraging women's work, and whatever else will send far and wide the pure gospel of Christ and upbuild the Baptist cause in this great state.

In 1914 the churches co-operating through the convention served the kingdom as follows:

Missionaries employed	47	Days labored	10,123
Miles travelled	65,827	Appointments	74
Sermons	5,490	Other addresses	898
Total sermons and addresses	6,388	Services in homes	1,812
Conversions	1,458	Baptisms	1,270
Additions	804	Total additions	2,074
Amount raised for State Missions	\$12,262.75.		

The amount of money needed to put the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention out of debt for missions at the State convention at Conway November 18, 1915, is approximately \$30,000.00.

So your committee would make the following recommendations:

First, That agonizing prayer be made daily by all our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second, That every pastor get all possible information about state missions and give it out in burning messages to his people.

Third, that he try to give his people a larger vision of state missions, and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members, and from every organization in the churches.

Fourth, that the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this body get together and make plans to reach every church in the association for an offering to state missions by the middle of November. It is the time for a great, strong, self-sacrificing heroic pull all over the state.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, Ark.

W. J. HINSLEY,

J. D. MOORE,

H. F. MOSLEY,

Associational Missions

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

We find that there has been a great deal of mission work done in the Association during the past year, part of it under Executive Committee, part of it by churches, part of it by independent workers.

The Board has maintained a missionary for half time during all the year and his work has been very successful. We have rendered assistance in other cases (see report of Executive Committee.)

We recommend: (1) That the association assist a number of weak churches during the year. (2) That all self-sustaining churches try to take care of some of the destitution near them. (3) That we employ men to hold a number of meetings during the summer months. (4) That the churches dispense with their regular services on each fifth Sunday so that all pastors may attend the fifth Sunday meeting, and that we make our fifth Sunday meetings great missionary rallies.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BRYAN,

FINLEY F. GIBSON,

JOHN E. TATUM.

Christian Education

It is just as essential as any other part of the work. Rather Christian education is the forerunner, or the base of supply for the other work. In this age of higher education, the hope of the Christian cause is Christian education. If this is taken care of the other work will come more readily. State and other institutions of learning are turning out infidels by the hundreds. These state schools do not educate a man in his fullest. They stress only the intellectual side. Man is a two-fold being—intellectual and moral. Hence he needs to be Christianly educated. A steam engine full of steam or power will run wild and do hurt unless the governor is working properly. Intellectuality—man power—must need be governed by his moral part. In substance Emerson said; "Woe is the world when a thinker is turned loose." Not so if governed by his moral attribute. If thus, the world is far better for his having been turned loose.

We need Christian-trained people out in the average vocations of life. As the sun in its own peculiar way beautifies and glorifies the flower, so will the Christian educated man or woman permeate and beautify society out of their very lives. We need Christian trained people as leaders and workers in the many church and Christian activities. The crying need of both the rural and city church is more laymen leaders. And how many pastors, too, are inefficient and handicapped by lack of full training? We pay taxes to support our state schools, and should. But let's do equally as much, or more for our Christian schools. The state schools spend a much larger sum on their pupils per capita than do the Christian schools. In other words, a dollar goes further from a financial standpoint in the Christian schools than in the state school. Again, the one who invests a dollar in Christian education will receive the greatest dividends for time and eternity. A man in Texas not long since possessing many thousands of dollars, gave a certain Christian college fifty thousand dollars. Soon afterward his fortune was swept away. A friend asked him if he wasn't sorry he did not keep the large gift and use it in his business. The giver said: "No, it is all I possess today of my once vast fortune. I now wish I had deposited it all in that bank which pays her golden dividends by turning out stalwart and noble young

men and women."

A. E. NICHOLS,
D. E. PRITCHARD,
S. W. WILLIAMS,
Com.

Orphans Home

We have two orphan's homes in our state as you know, one at Texarkana, the other at Monticello. Brethren, it is our duty to support these homes, because it is the practical part of pure religion, and undefiled. We should not only support these homes, with our money, but with our prayers also. If you have no money you can contribute in some way, and you will if this work is on your heart as it should be. Dear brother pastors of this association, we need to take more interest in this work, for upon your efforts depends largely the success of these homes. We pray that God may lay the needs of these homes upon the hearts of Sunday school superintendents and the presidents of L. A. S. and Ladies Auxiliaries. We recommend that each Sunday school set apart the collection of one Sunday in each month, or one Sunday in each quarter for these homes. May the homes be more liberally supported during the next associational year.

W. W. PYLE,
D. M. BRYANT,
J. R. LASTER.

Sunday Schools

In regard to the Sunday school department of the Concord Association, we make the following recommendations:

That we keep in mind Sunday school work, as in all other departments of church activity, the fact that the Sunday school is subject to the authority of the church, that it is a part of the church and not an independent organization.

That we keep ever before us the real object of the Sunday school, which is not to preach nor lecture, but to teach. Realizing that fact, let us employ plans and methods whereby we may most effectually teach. In order to obtain this successful and effective teaching, we recommend:

That each church organize a Sunday school upon a graded system as far as possible. In this respect we suggest that some well worked-out system, such as the Entzminger Record system, be used.

That we educate the teachers and workers in the proper way of doing the work. Our state Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary is at our disposal for holding training courses. Let us use his services.

That, if we really intend to do Sunday school work, we go to work at once. Organizing if we are not organized, perfecting our plans and methods if we are organized. If there is one person in a church who sees an opportunity to improve the Sunday school, let him not hesitate but take the initiative in effecting that improvement. The chairman of this committee will gladly furnish any aid that lies in his power to furnish.

MATT BOOKER,

CHESTER HOLLAND,

W. M. CROW,

Committee.

B. Y. P. U.

Regarding the B. Y. P. U. work of Concord Association, we recommend:

That, as in all church organizations, we recognize the authority of the church over the B. Y. P. U.

That we remember that the object of the B. Y. P. U. is primarily to train the young church members—Christians—in Bible doctrine and to thereby make strong, active members of them.

That every church member, old or young, lend his support toward making possible a B. Y. P. U. in his church.

That the young people of every church take it upon themselves to effect a B. Y. P. U. organization in their church.

That the B. Y. P. U. workers train themselves for doing their work effectively. For doing this we recommend most highly the new B. Y. P. U. manual as an authority upon plans and methods. We suggest that every one for whom it is possible attend the summer assembly at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, at which the opportunity of learning how to do senior and junior B. Y. P. U. work is afforded. Let us have training classes in B. Y. P. U. work within our churches. Mr. Doak S. Camp-

bell, our state B. Y. P. U. secretary, will conduct these courses of study upon request. The chairman of this committee will lend any aid possible.

MATT BOOKER,
EDGAR PARKER,
ED SWAIN,
Committee.

Ministerial Education

We, your committee on Ministerial Education report as follows;

It is of the greatest importance that ministers of the Word be well educated, and as we understand it, ministerial education does consist altogether in a classical education, for such an education only enables one to get a knowledge of God's word which they are to minister, therefore it is necessary that a minister make use of every opportunity to attain unto a knowledge of God's Word, for no man can teach that he does not know.

We recommend that each church take a collection for ministerial education during the year.

H. L. BEEN,
G. W. LANGSTON,
J. H. GRIFFIN,
Committee.

Religious Literature

The Bible, as God's word, is the book of all books. It has a message of life and for living to every man. All the doctrines Baptists can have are in it. It is our rule both for faith and practice.

It lays the basis for denominational co-operation both in things missionary and benevolence. It also brings forward the helpfulness and inspiration coming from knowledge gained of the affairs of other churches and from missionary successes abroad. The new Testament Baptists used the methods of communication then practiced for the advancement of the cause through the dissemination of proper information.

As such an information agency our religious papers are maintained, not often for private gain, but for the good they can do. Every Baptist home needs such a paper to help it to right knowledge of Baptist affairs.

and Baptist progress. We therefore urge the taking and reading of some Baptist papers by all our people.

In this state we have the Baptist Advance, representing the work of the Baptist State Convention and published at Little Rock at \$1.50 per year. Also "The Baptist," representing the work of the State Association and published at Little Rock at \$1.50 per year. These two papers, being State Papers, are the best exponents for our people of the interests they foster.

F. F. GIBSON,
LONNIE WOOD,
W. T. PRICE.
Committee.

Prohibition

Since it is a well known fact that liquor more than any other evil influence, fills our asylums, penitentiaries and poorhouses, and a great part of our court expense, is chargeable to its influence, besides its debasing influence on society;

We, therefore recommend that Concord Association stand, in the future as in the past, against this great evil in all its forms. We regard it as a violation of Christian principle and as a breach of church discipline for one of our members to vote for license or sign any petition for license.

We further recommend that any of our members voting for it or signing petition for license be subject to the discipline of their church.

We note with satisfaction the progress being made in the recent passage of laws on this question both by our national congress and in our state legislatures. Let us, therefore, stand as one man for the enforcement of these laws that prohibition may prohibit in Arkansas.

D. T. TAYLOR
J. F. O'NEAL
E. E. THOMAS,
Committee.

Woman's Work

We your committee on Woman's work would report as follows:
As the days go by the importance of woman's work grows in our

state. We feel that this work has been neglected in our association. A W. M. U. in every church would be a great help, both in a spiritual and financial way. The W. M. U. stands for all the mission interests. It seeks to encourage the right way of giving. The W. M. U. is the mother society of all other societies. For twenty seven years our W. M. U. of Arkansas has worked, taught and prayed. We have organized our young women into Y. W. A., our girls into G. A., our boys into B. A. and our children into Sunbeams. The prime motive in all these societies is teaching and preparing our young people to be more efficient in church work; to be better missionaries and better workers in the Master's kingdom.

Concord association has seven societies, but we feel that each church in our midst should have a W. M. U.

We recommend that the pastors of this association inform themselves in this work and help to organize a society in their churches.

Mrs. W. J. Hinsley,

Mrs. E. Rawlings,

Miss Sarah Barnes,

Committee.

Executive Committee

We, the Executive committee of Concord Association, beg leave to report as follows:

The board organized immediately after the last association by electing D. W. Bryan chairman and E. A. Spiller secretary.

The board, at this meeting, borrowed \$35.00 from D. W. Bryan to finish paying the missionary, Eld. J. W. Ramay. We will say, however, that the work paid out under Bro. Ramay, as we owed \$100.00 when he took charge of the work.

The committee held a meeting at Charleston about the 5th of December 1914, with all members present, except E. J. Hogan, V. C. Neal and C. E. Gray. We employed Bro. Nathan Keller to preach once a month at Cecil and once a month at Ursula until they could arrange for a pastor. Also arranged with Eld. J. W. Comer to preach once a month at Washburn.

The secretary of the board was instructed to correspond with the preachers in the association to see if each one would not hold a meeting for the association.

On the 24th of May the committee held another meeting at Charleston attended by Eld. W. J. Hinsley, Eld. John E. Tatum, E. A. Spiller and D. W. Bryan, members of the committee, and brethren Keller, Williams Comer and Mays attended by invitation. At this meeting Bro. Keller was instructed to continue the work at Cecil and Ursula and hold a meeting at each place during the summer. Also asked Bro. Comer to arrange to preach once a month at Chiamville. Also agreed to supplement the salary of Bro. Williams for his work at Marietta, this being purely a mission point at the time he commenced the work there. We are glad to report that this work has been successful and we are informed that the church will be able to maintain a pastor from now on.

While we have not done as much under the new plan as we hoped for, yet we think a splendid start has been made, and we feel sure that a great amount of good can be accomplished in this association by rendering assistance to weak churches and holding the ground where we are already established. We cannot tell until all of the reports are in whether the work has paid out or not. The secretary sent letters to most of our strong churches asking for a part of their pledge to associational missions, but received no response to his letters.

We owe Bro. N. Keller the sum of	\$93.80
We owe Bro. J. W. Comer the sum of	\$15.00
We owe Bro. S. W. Williams the sum of	\$30.00
We owe D. W. Bryan	\$30.00 and int.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Bryan, Chairman,
H. G. Thomason,
W. J. Hinsley,
John E. Tatum,
E. J. Hogan,
E. A. Spiller, Sec'y,
Executive Committee.

Missionary Report

I began work at Cecil 1st Sunday in Dec. 1914, preaching two sermons a month making seven trips up to September. During this time six united with the church by letter. On Aug. 30th I began a revival

meeting which lasted 14 days. There were seven conversions, three additions by letter and one by baptism.

I began work at Ursula the 2nd Sunday in November. Being without a pastor so long the church was in a low state spiritually. In the revival there were nine conversions, seven additions by letter and twelve by baptism. The church is greatly revived and the outlook is very promising for the Baptist of this place. They have a church building almost completed.

Summary of Work:

Miles travelled	220	Sermons Preached	79
Conversions	16	Baptisms	13
Additions by Letter			16
Salary for work at Cecil		\$77.00	
Salary for work at Ursula		81.00	\$158.00
Amount Collected at Cecil		27.20	
Amount Collected at Ursula		27.00	
Amount received from W. W. Streeter		10.00	64.20
Balance due Missionary			<u>\$93.80</u>

Nathan Keller, Missionary.

Finance

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following amounts sent up by the churches:

For Associational Missions	\$151.10
For Foreign Missions	1.00
For Home Missions	1.00
For State Missions	1.00
For Ministerial Education	1.00
For Orphans Home (Monticello)	2.25
For Orphans Home (Texarkana)	1.50
For Minutes and Clerk	44.30
Total amount sent up	<u>\$203.15</u>

E. A. SPILLER,
CHESTER HOLLAND,
J. A. HARP.

Nominations

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Place of meeting, Glendale.

Introductory sermon E. Rawlings.

Alternate S. W. Williams.

Executive committee, W. J. Hinsley, John E. Tatum, Finley F. Gibson, E. Rawlings and J. F. Brewer.

JOHN E. TATUM,

J. B. BASINGER,

W. J. HINSLEY.

Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand last year	\$555.18	
Amount borrowed from D. W. Bryan	35.00	
Received from all other sources	230.31	\$820.49

Paid Out;

To J. W. Ramay. Associational Missionary	\$357.50	
" E. J. Hogan, note	117.70	
" D. W. Bryan. on note	5.00	
" C. E. Gray, on minutes	47.73	
" State Missions	2.75	
" Amount paid on Tent note	60.20	590.88

Balance on hand		\$229.61
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Divided as follows:

Associational Missions	\$175.56	
Home Missions	1.00	
State missions	1.00	
Foreign missions	1.00	
Ministerial education	1.00	
Monticello orphan's home	2.75	
Texarkana orphan's home	3.00	
Minutes and Clerk	44.30	

E. A. Spiller, Treasurer.

Clerk's Report

To amount received from Treasurer	\$47.73	
By amount paid for minutes		\$37 50
" amount paid for postage and stationery		3 50
" Clerk' services		10.00
To Balance due Clerk	3.27	
	\$51.00	\$51 00

C. E. Gray. Clerk.

Our Dead

In the divine wisdom of our Heavenly Father, He has seen fit to take unto himself the following named brethen and sisters since the last sitting of this association; G. W. Amos and sister Leona Carson, of Bloomer; W. F. Baskerville, Booneville; Kirksie Mayfield, Charley Hailey, Branch; Chas. F. Gordon, Excelsior; Sisters Nancy Cofield, Lucinda Johnson, Cora Beall, Bessie Brantley, Martha D. O'Neal, and brethren Thomas Cliett, Christian E. Kohler, Claud L. Hare, First church, Ft. Smith; E. L. Hesterly, Greenwood; sister Elmira Webb, Moore's Rock; sister E. R. Edwards, Mt. Zion; Ware Gilliam, Mt. Harmony; John Ray, sister Mollie Carson, Oak Bower; sister Mary Walker, Oak Grove; sister Rosa Belt, Prairie View; sister McClelland, Ratcliff; sister N. C. Liveley, Vesta.

Pledges for Associational Missions

Branch	\$15.00	Mt. Harmony	5 00
Bloomer	5 00	Oak Bower	25.00
Booneville	35.00	" " B. Y. P. U.	10.00
Cecil	5.00	Oak Grove	10.00
Charleston	25 00	Prairie View	20.00
" Sunday School	5.00	Ratcliff	10.00
" W. M. U.	5.00	Union Grove, No. 2	10.00
" B. Y. P. U.	5 00	Ursula	5.00
Excelsior	5.00	Vesta	10.00
First—Ft. Smith	50.00	G. W. Langston	5.00
Greenwood	25.00	Mrs. John Nesbitt	1.50
Glendale	25.00	J. A. Brown	1.50
Lexington Ave.	25.00	Mrs John Basinger	5.00
Marietta	5.00		

Ordained Ministers

W. J. Hinsley	Booneville	John E. Tatum	Greenwood
D. M. Bryant	"	J. W. Ramay	"
J. W. Comer	"	J. C. Williamson	"
G. W. Parks	"	H. L. Been	"
Nathan Keller	Charleston	Claremont Dearen	"
L. J. Burt	"	T. A. Rippey	"
S. W. Williams	"	J. F. O'Neal	Ratcliff
C. P. Walters	Ft. Smith	H. A. O'Neal	"
Finley F. Gibson	"	A. L. Brown	Lavaca
Everett Rawlings	"	J. F. Brewer	"
Geo. W. Hays	"	W. H. Jordan	"
Adlai A. Nichols	"	P. C. Mayes	Vesta
L. L. Lusk	"		

Licensed Ministers

E. J. Hogan	Lavaca	J. F. Law	Ratcliff
R. E. Waldron	"	Halle Wells	"
M. H. Graham	"	E. A. Spiller	Charleston
R. Meadows	"	Lonnie F. Wood	Effa
M. F. Gothard	"	Geo. H. McNutt	Bryar Town, Okla.



Order of Business

1. Call Association to order by Moderator; or, if absent, the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Enrolling of messengers by Clerk and verbal reports from churches.
3. Appointment of committee on Divine Service.
4. Roll Call.
5. Election of officers by ballot.
6. Appointment of committee to appoint committees.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Call for letters and messengers from corresponding Associations.
9. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
10. Appointment of committees.
11. Appointment of corresponding messengers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Call for reports of committees.
14. New business.
15. Appointment of place for next meeting.
16. Reading the minutes.
17. Valedictory by Moderator, parting hymn and prayer.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The 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 ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the moderator to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the moderator may make an appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the moderator, and upon obtaining leave, shall proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association by yea 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 Scripture, such as "Reverend," "Parson," and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the minutes.

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

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

14. Any person violating these rules may be reproved 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.

Constitution.

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

ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional 50 shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE V. The object of the 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.

ARTICLE VI. Section 1.—This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory counsel whenever it shall be necessary.

Section 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messenger 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.

ARTICLE VII. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other As-

sociations, may be admitted into this body upon application, by letter and Messenger at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

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

ARTICLE 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 the 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. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meeting and take such other steps as may be to the best interests 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, Educational, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphans' Home and Obituaries.

ARTICLE 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 field of labor and pay them quarterly through its Treasurer out of any funds in its hands, except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI. The annual meeting of 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. The Introductory sermon shall be preached at 11 a. m. on the same day. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching.

ARTICLE 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-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

Amendments to Constitution.

1. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.
2. The constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of the association; adopted in 1893.
3. Missionary sermon is placed in the hands of the committee on Divine service; adopted in 1894.
4. Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the association,

by the hands of its messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing minutes; adopted in 1895.

5. All money collected by the association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this association.

6. The introductory sermon shall be preached at 11 o'clock on the first day of the annual session. Adopted in 1910.

7. It shall be composed of messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers; and all ordained ministers belonging to said churches are messengers without election. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger. Adopted 1905.

8. The association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday. Adopted 1905.

9. The association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday. Adopted 1908.

10. That there be appointed a committee on B. Y. P. U. work. Adopted 1914.

11. The preaching services on Monday at 11 o'clock be dispensed with. Adopted 1914.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe there is one and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spi it.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament 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 has, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the word was, and has predestined them unto the adoption of the 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 in 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 that the conditions 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 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 steadily 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 offices 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 until 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 in a general judgement, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.



Name of Church

MESSENGERS

Barling	C. O. Efford, L. E. Pettigrew.
Bloomer	I. L. Carson, Ernest Card, Ivey Herriman, Bertha Carson.
Bonanza	David E. Pritchard, Charlotte E. Pritchard.
Booneville	Idus Garrett, Mrs. Idus Garrett, Mrs. Willie Wood, Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Girdie Guin.
Branch	S. E. Thompson.
Burnville	A. J. Williams, Ben J. Williams.
Calvary	Matt Booker, Margaret Ferguson, C. P. Walters, Sarah Barnes.
Central	G. W. Langston, E. M. Golden, Everett Thames.
Charleston	Frank Spiller, Thomas Robertson, Clyde Spiller, D. W. Bryan, Othel Swift.
Excelsior	John Basinger, David Taylor, Frank Hartsfield.
First--Ft. Smith	Finley F. Gibson, Edgar Parker, Adlai Nichols, J. W. Kuykendall.
Glendale	H. G. Thomason, J. A. Harp, Ed Swaim, Lena Comer, Pearl Swaim.
Greenwood	C. E. Gray, Chester Holland, J. T. Perry, Ada Reding, Minnie Ramay.
Lexington Ave.	Rhey Fry, Lodema Mowrey, John Nesbitt, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. John Nesbitt.
Marietta	L. A. Cone, Sid Raney, E. R. Been.
Moore's Rock	E. E. Thomas, Lee Webb.
Mt. Zion	C. J. Wilkerson, E. Raines, C. A. Edwards.
Mt. Hope	J. A. Shutterly, W. T. Pierce, J. F. O'Neal.
Mt. Harmony	W. M. Crow, J. R. Lasater, B. A. Crow.
Oak Bower	R. E. Walden, W. H. Graham, E. J. Hogan, Emma Measles, Jessie Withers.
Oak Grove	W. Lee Been, Mollie Been, Nannie Dearen.
Prairie View	Lonnie Wood, Joe Aldridge, Verna Wood, Cora Aldridge.
Ratcliff	H. F. Moseley, Halle Wells, W. W. Pyle.
Roseville	No Messengers.
Sulphur Springs	J. H. Griffin, T. O. Gann, Zella Griffin.
Union Grove 1	No Messengers.
Union Grove 2	B. R. Townley, J. D. Moore, Mintie Shockley, Clara Stewart.
Ursula	John Spencer, Pink O'Neal, Bertha Spencer.
Vesta	E. A. Spiller.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Pastor's Name and Postoffice	Clerk's Name and Postoffice	Present Membership	Decrease by Death	Decrease by Expulsion	Decrease by Letter	Restoration	Increases by Letter	Increases by Baptism	Membership Last Reported	S. S. Superintendents	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Baptisms This Year
Barling	J. W. Ramay, Greenwood.	C. O. Eford, Ft. Smith, R 2	58				2	1		55				
Bloomer	Nathan Keller, Charleston.	Ivy Herriman, Bloomer	90	21	2		1	2	2	108	Joseph Herriman.	6	35	18
Bonanza	Lige Harlon, Spiro, Okla.	J. W. Ming, Bonanza.	30		4	1	13			22	David E. Pritchard.	7	50	
Booneville	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville.	J. O. Kincannon, Booneville.	310	11	8		14	2	1	312	J. O. Kincannon.	28	250	6
Branch	S. W. Williams, Charleston.	W. A. Garrett, Charleston, R 2	91	16	2	2	11	1	2	97	W. A. Mayfield.	6	80	16
Burnville		Ben J. Williams, Greenwood R2	47				4			43				
Calvary	C. P. Walters, Ft. Smith.	W. F. Webb, Ft. Smith.	163	46	21		9	1		220	W. A. Booker.	27	253	31
Central	J. W. Ramay, Greenwood.	Lela Thames, Greenwood.	60	3	6		8	1		60	Byrd Nobles.	7	65	
Charleston	J. F. Brewer, Lavaca.	J. A. Robertson, Charleston.	106	22	10	1	6			133	D. W. Bryan.	8	110	17
Excelsior	G. A. Williams, Greenwood.	J. V. Walraven, Greenwood.	26	2	10		2	1		35				
First-Ft. Smith	Finley F. Gibson, Ft. Smith.	John Ayers, Ft. Smith.	644	61	44	4	62	26	10	655	John Ayers.	33	485	32
Glendale	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville.	H. G. Thomason, Booneville.	118	27	8	2	1			154	H. G. Thomas Jr.	9	126	14
Greenwood	John E. Tatum, Greenwood.	Chester Holland, Greenwood.	181	25	23		12	2	1	214	R. A. Rowe.	23	220	23
Lexington Ave.	E. Rawlings, Ft. Smith.	J. F. Mowrey, Ft. Smith.	182	28	20	2	9	16		207	J. W. Dilbeck.	34	245	21
Marietta	S. W. Williams, Charleston.	Mrs. Dollie Beem, Greenwood.		14	29					43				
Moore's Rock	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.	Nathan Coon, Lavaca.	54	1	3	1	2	1	1	55	N. T. Douglas.	6	55	1
Mt. Zion	J. C. Williamson, Greenwood.	C. A. Edwards, Greenwood.	90	6	1		4	1		92	M. G. Bartlett,	5	30	
Mt. Hope		W. T. Pierce, Ratcliff.	28	3			3			28				
Mt. Harmony	J. C. Williamson Greenwood.	J. R. Lasiter, Greenwood.	34	5	2		2	1		38				
Oak Bower	Nathan Keller, Charleston.	Wm. Southard, Lavaca.	178	54	14	5	1	2	2	246	H. E. Renfrow.	9	135	20
Oak Grove	G. A. Williams, Greenwood.	Reuben Gantt, Greenwood.	68		3	1	10		1	61	W. Lee Beem.	6	58	4
Prairie View	J. W. Comer, Booneville.	Clarence Darr, Charleston.	125	7	2		3	3	1	127	Lonnie C. Wood.	7	50	7
Ratcliff	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff.	W. W. Pyle, Ratcliff.	64				1	3	2	58	W. W. Pyle.	7	65	
Roseville	P. C. Mayes, Vesta.	C. P. Cunningham, Paris.	30							30				
Sulphur Springs	P. M. Nolan, Barling.	Elzo Rippey, Greenwood.	42	1	4		1			46	J. H. Griffin.	6	46	
Union Grove 1	S. W. Williams, Charleston.	J. A. Franks, Booneville.	61				1	2		58				
Union Grove 2	S. W. Williams, Charleston.	Doye Davis, Greenwood.	83	25	7		3			112	Jim Stinson.	8	60	
Ursula	Nathan Keller, Charleston.	Burt Walker, Ursula.		12	7		4			35				
Vesta	S. W. Williams, Charleston.	T. F. Slaton, Vesta.	39	5	6	1	1			49	T. F. Slaton.	6	40	3
Totals			3002	395	236	20	190	62	28	3393		246	2457	213

MISSIONS

HOME EXPENSES

Name of Church	Associational	Foreign	Base	State	Schools and Ministerial Education	Orphan's Home	City Missions, etc	Minister and Clerk	Pastors' Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School, and Literature	Totals	Value Church Property	Building and Repairing
Barling	1 50							1 00	50 00			52 50	2500	22 50
Bloomer	5 00		3 85			1 50		1 05	100 00		8 00	119 20	800	
Bonanza	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			6 00	1 00	18 00		8 88	37 88	700	
Booneville	27 50	107 00	35 00	60 00	130 00	83 84		3 00	900 00	95 00	231 55	1872 89	17000	220 00
Branch	11 30					3 54		1 50	100 00		11 00	127 34	1200	200 00
Burnville	1 60							1 25				2 85	500	
Calvary	43 50	16 05	41 05	100 00	8 25	30 87	1074 28	3 00	1200 00	280 00	137 67	2914 67	7000	13 00
Central						10 00		1 00	82 30	16 55	18 00	126 88	800	
Charleston	30 00	5 00	5 00		25 00	5 00		2 00	240 00	15 00	53 30	380 30	1750	
Excelsior	1 00				2 25			1 00	55 00	8 01	5 00	72 26	1000	
First-Ft. Smith	15 00	308 47	260 29	467 35	775 00	109 04	1485 41	5 00	2100 00	55 00	2404 43	7954 99	50000	81 52
Glendale	15 00	5 35	6 00		25 00			1 50	150 00		13 50	216 35	1050	
Greenwood	25 00	7 50	7 50	156 26	95 00	16 20		4 00	750 00		200 00	1261 46	10600	1000 00
Lexington Ave.	5 00	30 99	30 99	162 50	136 00	48 38	112 22	2 00	1200 00	22 50	498 67	2247 25	12000	334 16
Marietta	5 00							1 00	15 00			21 00		
Moore's Rock	5 00							1 00	50 00	7 50	15 00	78 50		
Mt. Zion	5 00							1 00	100 00	15 15	3 50	124 65	500	
Mt. Hope								50	27 00			27 50	600	
Mt. Harmony								1 00	75 00			76 00		
Oak Bower	15 00	4 82	4 83			55 57	158 75	2 00	100 00		35 00	375 97	800	7 50
Oak Grove						4 21		1 50	32 50	2 00	10 67	50 88	1000	108 75
Prairie View	15 00					2 00		1 50	125 00		18 24	161 70	800	65 00
Ratcliff	3 50					7 11		40	49 00	12 00	36 68	108 69	900	20 00
Roseville	5 00							70	50 00	5 00		60 70		
Sulphur Springs								1 00				1 00		
Union Grove 1	3 75							50				4 25		
Union Grove 2	10 00			31 11				2 00	100 00	79 50	29 60	252 21	1000	9 60
Ursula	33 50							1 50				35 00		
Vesta								1 00	38 00	26 00	12 00	77 00		
Totals	283 15	486 18	503 41	978 22	1194 25	378 01	2836 66	45 00	7706 80	619 21	3676 67	18643 55	112300	2079 43