

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Concord Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LEXINGTON AVENUE CHURCH, FORT SMITH, ARK.

September 21, 22, 23, 1918

OFFICERS

Moderator

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Booneville, Ark.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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J. H. HARP

Next Session will convene on Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 10:00 A. M., With the First Baptist Church, Booneville, Ark.

Preacher of the Introductory Sermon, J. F. Johnson.
Alternate, O. O. Davis.

Proceedings

Fort Smith, Arkansas, September 21, 1918.

The forty-eighth session of the Concord Baptist Association was called to at 10:00 a. m. by the Moderator, C. F. Spiller, of Charleston, in the meeting house of the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church of Ft. Smith, Ark.

Devotional services conducted by H. L. Waters.

In the absence of the clerk R. A. Rowe was appointed clerk pro tem.

John Ayers and H. L. Waters were appointed as statistical committee, to prepare report for blackboard.

Report of committee on order of business, report adopted.

11 o'clock introductory sermon by Pastor B. V. Ferguson of the First Church of Fort Smith, Text, Gen. 3:15.

Adjournment until 2 o'clock.

Benediction.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock. Devotional services conducted by J. W. Comer, pastor at Prairie View.

Motion prevailed to proceed with the election of officers.

W. J. Hinsley, John Ayers, G. W. Moss, J. W. Comer and P. C. Mays were nominated for Moderator. By request of Bro. Mays his name was withdrawn.

H. L. Waters was nominated as Clerk. Motion prevailed that the nominations close and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for H. L. Waters. Ballot cast by R. A. Rowe, Clerk pro tem.

Tellers announced the election of Pastor W. J. Hinsley as Moderator.

D. W. Bryan was nominated for Treasurer. On motion the nominations were closed and the Clerk instructed to cast the ballot of the body for D. W. Bryan for Treasurer. Ballot cast by R. A. Rowe.

Committee on Committees was announced by the Moderator as follows: B. V. Ferguson, J. A. Harp, J. F. Brewer.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Support was read by the Chairman, P. C. Mays, and after discussion by C. F. Spiller, D. N. Guinn and P. C. Mays, was adopted as follows:

Report on Ministerial Support.

In this day when so many of our churches are getting a vision of larger church work and realizing the fact the ministry should be free from anything that would keep them from doing better service for our Lord, and realizing as of old; "that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel;" Therefore we recommend to all churches of this Association and to all Baptists that they put forth special efforts to assume this support and untie the

hands of those whom they call to serve them.

As God has so abundantly blessed us this year with good prices, let us show our gratitude by being more liberal in supporting our pastors.

Respectfully,
P. C. MAYS, Chairman.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Prohibition—J. F. Brewer, Marshall Gattis, G. W. Moss.

Religious Literature—J. W. Comer, A. G. Graham, J. W. Garrett.

Orphans Home—C. F. Spiller, W. B. Taylor, John Nesbitt.

Motion prevailed that the report of Statistical Committee be given the prohibition hour, 4 p. m.

Report on Orphans Home was read by the Chairman of the Committee, C. F. Spillers, and after discussion by P. C. Mays, W. A. Moffitt, A. G. Graham, a motion prevailed to so amend the report as to include the home at Texarkana, the report was then adopted as follows:

Orphans Home.

The Orphans' Home at Monticello has been in operation 22 years, and has been a blessing to, perhaps, 1,000 orphans. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of the people. Its mission, based on God's word, is to relieve the distressed orphans, and save them to the State, and bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children into good private homes, while it has its problems, nevertheless is proving a great blessing to the children, and at the same time enabling the Home to care for a larger number of children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a serious case of illness. All symptoms of pellagra have disappeared, and it is hoped that a permanent cure has been effected.

The serious drouth has blighted the crop prospect, but the Home Superintendent thinks there will be a sufficient amount of feedstuffs raised to care for the live stock until another crop is grown.

The Home will need \$7,500.00 to meet all obligations, and go to the Convention clear of debt.

The Home at Texarkana, maintained by the General Association, is also worthy of our support.

We recommend:

1. That every church and Sunday School make regularly monthly offerings to this work of mercy.

2. That a cash and pledge collection be taken now for the Home.

C. F. SPILLER,
JNO. NESBITT,
W. B. TAYLOR.

A cash collection of \$19.71 was taken.

Motion carried that the collection be divided between the two homes according to the number of children in each home.

The report on Prohibition was read by the chairman, J. F. Brewer, and

after discussion by him, was adopted as follows:

Prohibition.

All the foes that ever trampled their bloody feet across dale or plain all the instruments of war ancient or modern which have ever drawn blood, torn flesh, maimed bodies and slain life; all the destructive power that has sunk ships, devastated cities plundered homes and brought down Kingdoms, has never occasioned one fraction of the sorrow, the bereavement, the ruin, and the death that this red-eyed, fire-mouth, gory-handed, imperial monster; alcohol.

It has shed more blood, hung more crepe on door handles, sold out more homes, forced more people into bankruptcy courts, armed more villains, killed more little children, snapped more wedding rings, murdered more innocences, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, distorted more reasons, disarmed more manhood, destroyed more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives and dug more graves than any poison scourge let loose upon the world.

But we desire to express our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that prohibition has made such rapid gains since our last meeting. The Congress of the United States has made it possible for the states to ratify a constitutional amendment, and thus far fourteen states have ratified the amendment. Recently the Senate passed a resolution making the nation dry July 1, 1919. Also the manufacture of beer will be a thing of the past December 1, 1918.

The necessity of war has made us do the thing we ought to have done a century ago.

J. F. BREWER,
G. W. MOSS,
MARSHALL GATTIS.

The report on Religious Literature was read by the chairman, J. W. Comer, and after discussion by J. W. Comer, W. A. Booker, O. M. Stallings, W. A. Moffitt, the report was adopted as follows:

Religious Literature.

We recommend first of all that our people set apart some definite time each day for the study of God's Word, as the health of our soul depends largely upon it. And then we are commanded to search the scriptures.

We recommend also that our Sunday Schools use the soundest literature published, the Southern Baptist Convention series, published at Nashville, Tenn. We further recommend and pray that every family take and read our own paper, The Baptist Advance. And we insist on our people reading "The Home and Foreign Fields," and such other sound Baptist Literature as will enable us to grow in grace and advance us in Divine Life.

J. W. COMER,
J. W. GARRETT,
A. G. GRAHAM.

Remarks by O. O. Davis, the new pastor of Calvary Church.
Corresponding messenger from Clear Creek Association, E. Rawlins, recognized. Also Sec. J. S. Rogers and Camp Pike Pastor J. O. Johnson.
Corresponding messengers were elected to sister Associations as follows: Dardanelle, W. J. Hinsley; Clear Creek, J. W. Comer and J. F. Brewer, Buckner, O. M. Stallings, H. L. Been, J. W. Comer, Harrison Springer, W. B. Taylor and J. A. Harp.

Report of Committee on Committees as follows:

State Missions—Nathan Keller, T. C. Gray, Ed Westmoreland.

Sunday School—O. M. Stallings, David Guinn, W. A. Booker.

Associational Missions—W. J. Hinsley, W. G. Hartwell, W. F. Webb.

Woman's Work—Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Arnes Oldham

B. Y. P. U.—H. L. Waters, Elihu Woodard, Miss Dora Bryan.

Obituaries—L. J. Burt, W. M. Southard, Mrs. Will Cantwell.

Foreign Missions—B. V. Ferguson, G. T. Card, H. L. Been.

Home Missions—John F. Johnson, A. J. Williams, Mrs. Clintie Hunter.

Christian Education—O. O. Davis, E. M. Bartlett, Clyde Cunningham.

Nominating—G. W. Langston, J. W. Comer, John Ayres.

A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions regarding the expelling of Camp Pastors from the Cantonments of this country, also regarding the merging of Camp activities in the campaign for funds to begin November 11th.

The following were appointed: B. V. Ferguson, P. C. Mays, Erroll Westmoreland.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: G. W. Moss, W. A. Booker, D. N. Guinn.

Adjourned to 7:30.

Benediction by O. O. Davis.

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

7:30—Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opening prayer by J. O. Johnson.

Reports of Statistical Committee read from the blackboard.

Motion prevailed that the following messengers from the Glendale Church be seated: J. A. Harp, Mrs. J. A. Harp, Will May, Mrs. Will May.

Enrollment of messengers.

The report of Committee on State Missions was read by Nathan Keller, and after discussion by Nathan Keller, J. S. Rogers, J. O. Johnson, W. A. Moffitt, B. V. Ferguson, and W. J. Hinsley, the report was adopted as follows:

State Missions.

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the terrible war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ. To

fail in our support of State Missions is to fail in our support of the boys who are offering their all at the battle front.

This work is carried on by the churches in the State through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,243 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U's. organized, and \$44,800 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have four men working full time at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been more than 7,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all of this and more.

Your Committee urges:

1. That a careful study of the Board's Catechism be made by all pastors and churches.

2. That pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and make plans to reach every church in the Association for a worthy offering to State Missions before December 1st.

3. That every church in the Association do its very best to raise at least the amount asked of it by the Executive Board and that each church add special gifts for the work among the soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than December 1st.

NATHAN KELLER, Chairman.

T. C. GRAY,

ED WESTMORELAND.

Report of Committee on Nominations. (Substance of this report found on inside cover.)

Report of Committee on Divine Service.

Adjournment.

Benediction.

SUNDAY—Morning Session.

9:00—Meeting called to order by C. F. Spillers.

Devotional Services conducted by P. C. Mays.

9:45—Lexington Ave. Sunday School.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was read by the chairman and after discussion by O. M. Stallings, B. V. Ferguson, W. A. Moffitt, W. A. Booker and J. F. Brewer the report was adopted as follows:

Sunday School Report.

The Sunday School work has been rightly called the great teaching service of the church. The large percentage of conversions that come from our Sunday Schools and the effective development of the same after con-

versions by our Sunday Schools, bespeak the importance of this report. It calls well for the most and the best that there is in us.

As your committee we recommend:

1. That we endeavor to have a Sunday School in every church or community.

2. That we use Baptist Literature.

3. That each superintendant try to develop himself and his faculty by securing Bro. J. B. Mosley, your Missionary, or some competent brother (Baptist) to conduct a teaching institute and from this organize and maintain a teacher's training class.

4. That we teach earnestly the message of the Book and try to instill church loyalty and a spirit of love for all our denominational work, as for example, observing State Mission Day in Sunday Schools, September 29th.

5. That we co-operate with Bro. J. B. Mosley, our S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Secretary, in pushing his work and ours to victory in Concord Association.

6. That we prayerfully consider the proposition to organize, at the earliest possible date, a Sunday School Convention or Teacher's Training School, using Concord Association as a unit and working out such details as may be deemed necessary, and that a committee be appointed now to have this matter in charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. M. STALLINGS, Chairman.

D. N. GUINN,

W. A. BOOKER.

The committee called for in the report was appointed as follows: B. V. Ferguson, Chairman; W. A. Booker, O. M. Stallings, D. W. Bryan, W. J. Hinsley and H. L. Waters.

11:00—Song and devotion.

Missionary Sermon by Dr. J. S. Rogers, theme, "A Great Missionary Leader," text, Acts 3:6.

Offering for Associational Missions amounting to \$34.17.

A motion was carried instructing the clerk to write a letter of condolence to Mrs. F. H. Kerfoot, Berryville, Va., concerning the death of her husband, at one time pastor of the Lexington Ave. Church.

Adjournment.

Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon.

2:15—Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opening prayer, E. Rawlings.

2:30—Report of Executive Committee was read as follows:

Executive Committee.

Your board held its first meeting at Greenwood Sept. 24, 1917, at which time we organized by electing W. J. Hinsley, chairman, and D. W. Bryan, Secretary.

We held a meeting at Charleston on Oct. 8, 1917, at which time we elected O. M. Stallings, Missionary at a salary of \$100 per month and travel-

ing expenses. We held two other meetings at Charleston as follows: Nov. 27, 1917, and June 30, 1918. Bro. Stallings began his work Nov. 11, 1917.

We have had a good year as the report of our Missionary will show. The report of the Treasurer will show our financial condition.

W. J. HINSLEY, Chairman.

J. F. JOHNSON,

B. P. BRANCH,

B. V. FERGUSON.

Report on Associational Missions was read by the Chairman, as follows:

Associational Missions.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

All New Testament Churches are missionary, both in theory and practice. Jesus committed the evangelization of this world to His First Church and her successors. His program for these churches is to preach the Gospel to every creature. A church failing to obey His command in this ceases to be orthodox. A church that is anti-missionary is as un-baptistic as the church that fails to baptize. Both commands included in the same commission.

Association missions as related to our churches is preaching the gospel in Judea. If we do this work well we will be in good condition to reach out to Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth.

We find that a great deal of work has been done during the year just closing. Our mission work has been done on the New Testament program, embracing evangelizing, baptizing and teaching.

It was appearant to the Association at our last meeting that a great deal of our destitution was in our churches, hence you gave instruction that attention be given to teaching and enlistment.

Your committee finds that in this your orders have been obeyed. Institutes have been held in a great number of our churches, in which instruction was given in matters vital to kingdom progress. These institutes we believe have done great good.

Also we find in the campaign for enlistment, our missionary has rendered efficient service in presenting the objects fostered by our denomination, and vital in kingdom building.

We find that good meetings have been held in several of our weaker churches and in places of destitution, which resulted in 70 confessions of faith, 12 additions by letter or statement, 58 additions by experience and baptism.

We praise God for His great blessings upon this work.

We recommend:

1. That the Association continue its plan of doing mission work, which embraces the New Testament program, Evangelizing, baptizing and teaching which carries with it enlistment.
2. That we encourage an increase in institute work.
3. That at some convenient time and place that the Association hold a

Bible Institute of at least one week duration, that every church be urged to send workers to this school, and that a committee be appointed at this session who shall have this matter in charge, and that the State Board be asked to furnish the books for this school.

4. That so far as possible we enlarge our work so as to take care of all destitution in the bounds of the Association.

5. That we heartily commend the work of our present missionary.

6. That the Executive Committee and Missionary try to assist churches in finding pastors.

7. That we now take pledges for the work for another year.

8. That we ask the State Board to help to the amount of \$400 on salary of missionary.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. J. HINSLEY,

W. G. HARTWELL.

A motion was made that the report be adopted, motion seconded, and after discussion by W. J. Hinsley and G. W. Moss, the report of the Missionary was read by himself. The report was as follows:

Annual Report of the Missionary of Concord Association.

Messengers and Brethren of Concord Association:

As your Missionary, I submit the following as the report of the past year. I have been your employee 10 months and 10 days to date, during which time I have traveled 1,485 miles, preached 174 sermons, delivered 44 addresses, made 172 visits, prayed in 13 homes, conducted 1 funeral, performed 1 wedding, witnessed 70 professed conversions, administered 58 baptisms, and received 12 by letter, making a total of 70 received.

Then we, Mrs. Stallings and myself, held 13 one-week and 9 one-day teaching institutes, and organized 1 W. M. U., 6 B. Y. P. U., 1 Sun Beam Band, and 1 Teachers' Training Class. Also we have arranged 5 meetings for other preachers and assisted directly 3 churches in securing pastors and made other seemingly fruitless attempts at the same work.

Furthermore, I have been able to sell and cautiously give away 359 books, to distribute about 15,000 pages of denominational tracts, to sell to needy places 405 Baptist Song Books.

The following amounts have been collected for the various causes here-specified: Chaplain Pat Murphy's Tent, \$24.75; State Missions, \$629.32; Associational Missions, \$407.30; Baptist Advance, \$18.50; Ministerial Education, \$20.00; Home and Foreign Missions, \$301.70; Visiting and Other Preacher, \$286.50; Total, \$1698.07.

In addition to the amount already given we have pledges for \$300 in Liberty Bonds for Ouachita College and some pledges yet unpaid on Association Missions which we presume will be paid in at this time thru the messengers.

OUR EXPENSES—Traveling—Paid by the Association, \$54.32; Paid by State Board, \$8.45; Total Traveling Expenses, \$62.75; Money Paid for Song Books, \$13.00; Total, \$75.75.

Thru the year we have tried to observe the instructions of the Association.

tional Board to do institute, enlistment and evangelistic work. During the year we have been at home 16 days either resting from or preparing for the work, and have been off the job as such only 5 days.

Respectfully Submitted,

O. M. STALLINGS.

Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted. The report was then discussed by O. M. Stallings, P. C. Mays, J. F. Johnson, J. F. Brewer and J. S. Rogers.

(These three reports were adopted later by one motion.)

Pledges were taken for Associational Missions which resulted as follows:

Barber	\$25.00	Excelsior B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
Bloomer	10.00	Greenwood B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
Booneville	85.00	Calvary B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
Bonanza	15.00	Lexington Ave. Jr. B. Y. P. U..	5.00
Branch	25.00	First Church Jr. Union.....	5.00
Cavanaugh	15.00	Union Grove No. 2 W. M. U....	5.00
Calvary	60.00	S. Ft. Smith W. M. U.....	5.00
Charleston	65.00	Greenwood W. M. U.....	10.00
First Church Ft. Smith.....	200.00	Charleston W. M. U.....	5.00
Greenwood	85.00	Oak Bend W. M. U.....	5.00
Glendale	40.00	First Ch. Ft. Smith Circle 1....	10.00
Lexington Ave.....	80.00	First Ch. Ft. Smith Circle 4....	10.00
Lone Star.....	10.00	First Ch. Ft. Smith-Circle 6....	5.00
Marrietta	20.00	Calvary Bible Class.....	15.00
Mt. Harmony.....	25.00	Calvary Young Men's Class....	5.00
Mt. Zion.....	20.00	Greenwood, Mrs. Hall's Class..	2.50
Oak Bower.....	50.00	T. C. Gray Bible Class.....	25.00
Oak Grove.....	10.00	Deborah Class.....	5.00
Pleasant Valley.....	15.00	Sigma Class No. 4.....	10.00
Prairie View.....	50.00	Mrs. Wriggs Bible Class.....	5.00
Ratcliff	10.00	Mt. Zion B. Y. P. U.....	5.00
Roseville	10.00	Mrs. Edd Williams.....	5.00
South Ft. Smith.....	25.00	Mrs. Fuller.....	5.00
Union Grove No. 1.....	5.00	Calvary Woman's Bible Class..	5.00
Union Grove No. 2.....	25.00	First Church B. Y. P. U.....	10.00
Ursula	5.00	Lexington Ave B. Y. P. U.....	10.00
Vesta	25.00		
Excelsior	20.00	Total	\$1,217.50

Report of Committee on B. Y. P. U. was read by the chairman and after discussion by H. L. Waters the report was adopted as follows:

B. Y. P. U. Report

When we make a careful study of any department of the church work we are inclined to think that this particular phase is the most important of any in the church. Most Baptists have come, to some degree, to realize that the B. Y. P. U. is an important work in our churches; yet few have realized its full value as evidenced by the few Unions that are doing effect-

ive work. This indeed is the training service of the church, or to use a modern figure, the B. Y. P. U. is the Cantonment of the church. The present conditions have made the carrying on of this work more difficult but none the less important. Our young people must be trained; the very best agency thru which to do this is the Young People's Union. It seems that especially now the Junior should be pushed as the ranks of our young men are being depleted by the "selective draft" and the prospect is that this shall continue for some time. Some one should be trained to take their places.

The problem here, as elsewhere, with both Senior and Junior Unions, is a question of leadership. The lack of training in the past has created this condition, many will follow if only someone can be found to lead. Young people and juniors may be a real joy to the church if they are only trained and kept busy at something useful to themselves and the church.

The church letters show that there are ten B. Y. P. U's. in the Association. No further information is available, except that six of these were organized during the year by Mrs. O. M. Stallings at the following places: Lone Star, Mt. Zion, Excelsior, Prairie View and at Greenwood both Senior and Junior Unions were constituted: none of these began work with less than twenty. This kind of work should be pushed during the coming year as the young people are anxious to do something useful. No rural church with as many as twenty young people in its membership should be without such an organization.

An Associational organization should be formed to bring together the different unions at least once or twice a year with a good strong program or institute lasting one or two days. This would increase knowledge and enthusiasm and promote fellowship.

Your Committee therefore recommends: The constituting of more unions both senior and Junior and the perfecting of the organizations already in existence; also the forming of a combined B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Associational organization, the Sunday School committee already appointed to have charge of the matter.

H. L. WATERS,
ELIHU WOODARD,
DORA BRYAN.

The Bible School committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Chairman, Missionary O. M. Stallings, Nathan Keller, O. O. Davis, J. F. Johnson and B. V. Ferguson.

The report of committee on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. B. V. Ferguson and after discussion by Mrs. Ferguson, J. F. Brewer, W. J. Hinsley, B. V. Ferguson, Miss Una Roberts, Mrs. O. O. Davis, the report was adopted as follows:

Report on Woman's Work

Your Committee on Woman's Work makes the following report:
We have in Concord Association the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Concord Association. This W. M. U. is composed of twelve

Woman's Missionary Societies, two Young Woman's Auxilliarries, two Girl's Auxilliarries and three Sunbeam Bands. Five of these organized during the past year.

Their total contributions for this year are \$4340.00, a gain of more than a thousand dollars over last year.

In Mission Study, Bible Study and Personal Service our women have gone forward wonderfully.

Our State Board is furnishing us three sets of mission study books to be used in a Circulating Library among our women this year.

Our one great task is enlistment. Of about 40 churches there are only 12 societies, whereas there ought to be 40, one in every church.

Our young people need developing. In view of this fact, we have elected a Young People's Supt, Mrs. O. O. Davis. Have also elected an enlistment worker, Mrs. O. M. Stallings, both of whom are well fitted for these positions.

We recommend:

1. That the pastors give their support and encouragement to the efforts of these Superintendants until the Woman's Work is thoroughly organized in every church in the Concord Association.

2. We further recommend that sufficient space be given in the minutes for a full report of the Woman's Work.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. B. V. FERGUSON, Chairman.

MRS. W. J. HINSLEY,

ARNES OLDHAM.

Frank Mowery and Elihu Woodard were appointed to help complete the work of the statistical committee.

The report of the Associational Treasurer was read by C. F. Spiller. A condensed report follows:

Report of D. M. Bryan, Treasurer.

September 24, 1917.

RECEIPTS

To Balance from 1916, Associational Missions	\$ 36.50
To Amount from Finance Committee	480.44
To Amount from Finance Committee, Foreign Missions	8.00
To Amount from Finance Committee, State Missions	1.00
To Amount from Finance Committee, Monticelle Orphan Home	42.67
To Amount from Finance Committee, Texarkana Orphan Home	17.21
To Amount from Finance Committee, Minutes and Clerk	56.87
To Amount from Finance Committee, Incidentals	1.54
To Amount Money Borrowed	537.00
To Amount Returned on Tent Fund	30.75
To Amount from Associational Missions	604.36
To Amount for Minutes and Clerk	1.50
Total	\$1,817.84

EXPENDITURES

To Amount Cash Short	3.69
To Amount Paid D. M. Bryant	50.00
By Amount Paid S. W. Williams	50.00
To Amount Paid Nathan Keller	25.00
By Amount Paid J. E. Tatum	11.94
By Amount Paid J. W. Ramay	15.00
By Amount Paid C. E. Gray	56.87
By Amount Paid J. S. Rogers	51.67
By Amount Paid Texarkana Orphan Home	17.21
By Amount Paid Notes and Interest	667.22
By Amount Loaned, Tent Fund	50.00
By Amount Paid Missionary Salary and Expense	761.90
By Amount Paid D. C. Davis Expenses	10.00
By Amount Paid Postage, Incidentals, Etc.	6.50
By Amount Balance on Hands	40.84

Total \$1,817.84

Motion prevailed that this body ratify the action of the Board in paying the Missionary monthly.

Motion made and seconded that article Ten of the Constitution be amended so as to read "Monthly" instead of quarterly. Motion carried.

Adjournment.

Benediction, P. C. Mays.

Sunday Evening

J. O. Johnson, Camp Pike Pastor, gave an address on "The City Without a Tablecloth." Sec. J. S. Rogers preached at the First Church and Bro. Nathan Keller at Calvary.

Monday Morning

9.00—Meeting called to order by the Moderator, devotion led by A. L. Goatcher, of Black Rock, Ark.

Motion prevailed that the committee on Obituaries be discharged and a new one appointed, as none of the committee were present.

C. F. Spiller, J. W. Comer, and C. P. Cunningham were appointed.

The following committee Chairmen were announced for next year by the Moderator:

Order of Business: B. V. Ferguson, O. O. Davis, H. L. Waters.

Prohibition: P. C. Mays. Associational: Dan Bryan. Sunday School: H. L. Waters. State Missions: J. W. Comer. Orphans Home: C. F. Spiller. Home Missions: Nathan Keller. Foreign Missions: Ed Westmoreland. Religious Literature: W. A. Booker. Christian Education: O. O. Davis. Ministerial Support: H. L. Been. Obituaries: Karl McLendon. Nominations: J. A. Harp. Finance: G. W. Moss. Woman's Work: Mrs. O. M. Stallings. B. Y. P. U: B. V. Ferguson.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the Chairman and

after discussion by B. V. Ferguson, H. L. Waters, G. W. Moss, J. W. Conger and P. C. Mays, was adopted as follows:

Report on Foreign Missions

With deep gratitude in our hearts for the marvelous prosperity of Foreign Missions during the last year and realizing the enlarged open-doors that confronts us, your committee makes the following report:

Last year was the greatest year in the history of Southern Baptist Foreign Missions. It will be remembered that at Hot Springs the Board reported that not only had the debt of \$40,000 been wiped out, but a large balance on hand. This was a great hour in the Convention. The Hot Springs Convention set our goal far ahead of any previous record. It was decided to try to raise One and a Half Million Dollars this year for Foreign Missions. This is absolutely necessary at this time of a world crisis. The war has opened new doors and enlarged the opportunity on the fields now occupied. If we will not rise up and possess the land now, it is to be doubted if we will ever be tested again. Democratic ideals or Baptist Principles are now in the limelight. The oppressed world is asking for the fruit of our labours. Our conception of things makes this a winning day for us.

There were 6,290 baptisms this year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday Schools with 34,000 scholars enrolled. We have 12,930 students enrolled in our schools. Our 15 medical missionaries treated 67,556 patients.

We recommend that every church in the Association make an offering to Foreign Missions. Arkansas will attempt to raise \$40,000 for Foreign Missions this year.

Second, That our pastors and others make wide use of free tracts furnished by the Foreign Board.

Third, that an effort be made to put the Home and Foreign Fields in every home in the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. V. FERGUSON, Chairman.

H. L. BEEN,

J. T. CARD.

Motion made and seconded that articles 8 and 9 of the Amendments of the Constitution be stricken out. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Camp Pastors and War Activities.

The following resolutions were adopted as expressing the attitude of this body:

Dr. Keppel, Third Assistant Secretary of War:

The Concord Baptist Association representing 4,000 members and 12,000 constituents desire to lay before you their most earnest protest against the removal of the Camp Pastors. We believe it to be in keeping with the true American spirit to permit the soldiers to have such religious opportunities as does not conflict with regular military regulation. We believe further that the Camp Pastors, are not only doing a very needy work among the soldiers, which is not done by any other religious workers, but that their

service greatly added to the morale of the army.

We believe that the order removing the Camp Pastors was a violation of religious freedom vouchsafed to the American people by an amendment to the National Constitution. In view of the discrimination in leaving some religious sects in the cantonments to do their distinct denominational work, and denying to other religious bodies the right to administer to the needs of the men of their own faith, and furthermore, in view of the fact that Baptists have always been strong advocates of absolute religious freedom, and have held to and practiced the purest form of democracy, and have always been unflinchingly loyal to their government in every worthy cause, and especially loyal in the present crisis; in view of the above things we sincerely urge that the order removing Camp Pastors be revoked.

To the War Work Council:

We, the Baptists of the Concord Association of the State of Arkansas, representing 4,000 members and a constituency of 12,000, desire to lay before you our most earnest protest against the pooling of the various funds for War Work. We feel it our conscientious duty to state our conviction on this matter. We do not believe that any matter should be so arranged in these times as to prohibit any loyal citizen from doing his whole duty in supporting such causes as are necessary in winning the war. Baptists and Catholics are at the ends of extreme religious views, therefore making it impossible for a Baptist to give his support to the slightest phase of Catholic work.

Believing that the best support can be obtained for all necessary War Work by an arrangement that will leave the way open for every one to conscientiously give his unlimited endorsement and support to the winning of the war, we sincerely urge that the present plan be changed, and that it be left with individuals to contribute to such causes as he may see fit.

By motion the time was extended five minutes for special prayer regarding the removal of the Camp Pastors.

Motion prevailed that the order of business be changed and Christian Education be given this hour.

The report was read by the Chairman and after discussion by John W. Conger, President of Central College, Conway, P. C. Mays, G. W. Moss, O. O. Davis, O. M. Stallings, and W. J. Hinsley was adopted as follows:

Report on Christian Education

Christian Education is fundamental and basic in a better social life for the world. The care of the soul is the highest concern of any Christ loving people, and to prove ourselves for Christ, we must make our education Christian. It is thus we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, the competency and freedom of the soul. The government cannot give this kind of education. It therefore falls upon the Baptist to give Christian Education to their boys and girls, if they wish to rightly interpret Christ to them.

The most valuable asset of the Baptists of Arkansas is their schools. Because they not only aid in increasing Baptist constituency but they aid strengthening hearts, heads and spirit for Christ's service.

The two strongest colleges are Ouachita at Arkadelphia and Central at Conway. It must be gratifying to look over the state and beyond and see the strong Christian men and women furnished by these colleges. There are three mountain schools, Mountain Home College, Mountain Home, Ark., Maynard Academy at Maynard, and Mont View Insitute in Carroll County. The value of the property of these several schools is estimated at \$400,000. There is an obligation of \$60,000 on these schools borne by the State Board. Let us get under this obligation and see that we give our share to liquidate it, and then further endow them that they may not be hampered in serving Christ by serving the state and the world.

Ouachita College and the Mountain Schools not only turn out able Christian leaders for other walks of life, but there the young preachers are trained for more efficient service for our Lord. We are greatly in need of more preachers and trained preachers. It has been estimated that 18 per cent of the Methodist pulpits and 24 per cent of Presbyterian and Baptist pulpits are vacant. The war caused this shortage, but we should cry daily to the Lord for more workers in His vineyard. We should encourage our young men to answer the call of the Spirit by giving them free tuition and other help they may need to give themselves college training. Let each Christian and church see to it that they give heartily to Ministerial and Christian education.

Prayerfully Submitted,

O. O. DAVIS,

E. M. BARTLETT,

C. P. CUNNINGHAM.

Benediction, G. W. Moss.

Monday Afternoon

2:00—In the absence of the Moderator the meeting was called to order by P. C. Maya. Prayer by H. L. Been.

The following report on Obituaries was adopted without discussion.

Our Dead

We find that in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father He has seen best to call from our fellowship the following brethren and sisters:

Vesta—L. C. Jackson.

First Ft. Smith—Joe L. Summerville, Mrs. Jennie Alexander, Mrs. Amelia Brinkley, Mrs. Mary E. Gore.

Excelsior—Mrs. Julia Skinner.

Charleston—Mary Jetton.

Calvary—Mrs. Rachel Williams, Mrs. Pearl Comstock, Mrs. McKinney. Branch—Mary Stroud, Sister Boles.

Bloomer—Sisters Lela Jones and Mattie West.

Burnsville—Sister Lula Cahoon.

Booneville—Mrs. Jack Morgan.

Prairie View—G. W. Hill, Mrs. G. W. Hill, Sister Maud Schumate.

Mt. Harmony—Belvia Gilliam, Sebastian Crow.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Ezra Williams.

Moor's Rock—G. K. Webb.

Greenwood—Mrs. Lela Perry, Mrs. Henry Huggard.

Oak Bend—J. A. Spradling, Sister Addie Staton.

Lexington Ave.—Rilla McGrew.

Marietta—Sister Ella Cooper.

Oak Bower—J. W. Stem, Seprana Doly.

Ratcliff—John B. Bell, Fannie Bates.

Sulphur Springs—L. D. Stewart, Lloyd Williams.

Union Grove No. 2—L. G. McLendon.

C. F. SPILLER,

J. W. COMER,

CLYDE CUNNINGHAM.

By motion B. V. Ferguson was elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. J. Hinsley was elected as Associational member of the State Board. Motion prevailed that B. V. Ferguson be paid \$5.53, the cost of the Statistical Blackboard.

A collection of \$11.93 was taken, this to be put into the Treasury as an unesignated fund.

H. L. Been offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: Resolved that this Association feels very grateful to the members of the Lexington Ave. Church and the good people of Fort Smith for the hospitable way in which they have cared for us during our stay with them.

The following resolution was read by B. V. Ferguson and adopted by the body:

Whereas, a great many Baptists, including many ministers and members of their families, suffer from tuberculosis, and

Whereas, tuberculosis is more prevalent in the South than in the nation as a whole and is rapidly spreading on account of the war, and

Whereas, the people of El Paso, Texas, have donated to the Baptists and have deeded to the Home Mission Board 143 acres of land containing a magnificent administration or headquarters building erected by them at a cost of \$65,000.00, and

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Sanatorium intends not only to care for and treat tubercular patients, but to conduct a continuous campaign against tuberculosis in the South by teaching people everywhere how to care for tubercular patients, how to cure tuberculosis at home and how to prevent it from spreading, therefore

Resolved, that this association give its hearty endorsement to the Southern Baptist Sanatorium.

A motion prevailed to appoint a committee to confer with the W. M. U. regarding the changing of the time of their meeting. The following were appointed: Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, O. O. Davis, O. M. Stallings, J. F. Johnson and Mrs. W. P. Holland.

A vote of thanks was extended to Elihu Woodard, Bro. and Mrs Ferguson for the splendid service in preparing the blackboard.

The report on Home Missions was read by the chairman and after discussion by J. F. Johnson, O. M. Stallings and O. O. Davis the following report was adopted:

Home Missions

The Home Mission Board is a great agency of the churches to reach out its hand of help to all the interests of the Kingdom of Christ. Many are its activities. We speak of a few in this report.

Co-Operative Missions—It has been the wise policy of this Board to lend co-operative help to the State Boards in their work. This brings a beautiful fellowship between the State Boards and the Home Mission Boards.

Church Extension—The Board has helped hundreds of churches by gifts and loans in country, towns and cities. There is to be given this year to Arkansas \$10,000 for church help.

Mountain Schools—We have 37 Mountain Schools that despite the drain of the war are full, 3 of these are in Arkansas.

Evangelism—The Board is a great Evangelistic Agency, having through its missionaries last year witnessed the baptism of 22,945 and with these and co-operative agencies 37,724 were baptized.

Our Soldiers—This has brought a new and great responsibility to our Board. Each training camp has efficient pastors who are zealously working to serve our soldier boys. Seven thousand have been saved in Camp Pike alone. The collections for the Board this year were larger than ever. We recommend an increase in offerings of 25 per cent among our churches to meet the demands upon the Board at this time.

JOHN F. JOHNSON, Chairman.

A. J. WILLIAMS,

CLINTIE HUNTER.

Report of Finance Committee

For Associationtl Missions.....	\$530.00
For Minutes and Clerk.....	68.10
For Tent.....	2.00
For Orphan's Home.....	76.46
For Home Missions.....	18.70
For Foreign Missions.....	1.50
Undesignated Fund.....	11.93
Total.....	\$708.96

G. W. MOSS,

D. N. GUINN,

W. A. BOOKER.

Adjournment to meet with the First Baptist Church at Booneville on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 10:00 a. m.

W. J. HINSLEY, Moderator.

H. L. WATERS, Clerk.

List of Ordained Ministers.

T. A. Rippy-----	Greenwood	Byrd Nobles-----	Charleston
W. P. Martin-----	Greenwood	P. C. Mays-----	Charleston
H. L. Waters-----	Greenwood	L. J. Burt-----	Charleston
O. M. Stallings-----	Ft. Smith	J. W. Comer-----	Charleston
G. A. Williams-----	Greenwood	S. W. Williams-----	Charleston
H. L. Been-----	Greenwood	Nathan Keller-----	Branch
J. C. Williams-----	Quinton, Okla.	J. F. O'Neal-----	Branch
John F. Johnson-----	Ft. Smith	J. F. Brewer-----	Lavaca
O. O. Davis-----	Ft. Smith	Robert Waldron-----	Lavaca
B. V. Ferguson-----	Ft. Smith	M. H. Graham-----	Lavaca
H. M. Wells-----	South Ft. Smith	D. M. Bryant-----	Booneville
H. A. Maples-----	South Ft. Smith	J. N. Pennington-----	Booneville
E. W. Day-----	South Ft. Smith	W. J. Hinsley-----	Booneville
H. A. O'Neal-----	Ratcliff	W. B. Taylor-----	Booneville

Licensed Ministers.

Aaron Scott-----	Ft. Smith	J. B. Dooly-----	Lavaca
Joseph Odom-----	Ft. Smith	Charley Main-----	Lavaca
Floyd Odom-----	Ft. Smith	Alvin Stem-----	Lavaca
L. F. Woods-----	Branch	Derosa Beent-----	Lavaca
Harrison Springer-----	Booneville		

MESSENGERS

Barber—H. W. Boss, Luther Williams, W. G. Hartwell.
 Bloomer—G. T. Card, Arnes Oldham, Nettie Darnell, Bertha Carson.
 Booneville—D. W. Guinn, Mrs. D. W. Guinn, Mrs. J. O. Wright, Ed Westmoreland, Mrs. Ed Westmoreland, J. W. Garrett, Mrs. J. W. Garrett, W. P. Cantril, Harrison Springer, Mrs. Thomas Guinn.
 Bonanza—W. J. Ming, J. H. Dorris, Gladys Neely.
 Branch—S. C. Thomson, Bell Holder, W. G. Garrett, Larance Mayfield.
 Burnsville—Joe Williams, Ben J. Williams.
 Calvary—J. C. Williams, W. A. Booker, W. F. Webb, Joseph Odom, Miss Georgia Kregel, Mrs. O. O. Davis.
 Cavanaugh—Mrs. Bell Brothers.
 Central—G. W. Langston, Everett A. Thames.
 Charleston—C. F. Spiller, A. G. Graham, Mrs. Clintie Hunter, Dora Bryan, Boley Hunter.
 Excelsior—Earnest Pogue, J. A. Parker, Mrs. Gertrude Parker,
 First Ft. Smith—C. H. Harding, John Ayers, Geo. W. Moss, T. C. Gray, Elihu Woodward, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, Mrs. C. H. Harding, Mrs. Mary Lee Read, T. S. Osborn.
 Glendale—J. A. Harp, Mrs. J. A. Harp, Will May, Mrs. Will May.
 Greenwood—R. A. Rowe, Mrs. Minnie Hall, Mrs. Chas. Epley, Mrs. Anthony Hartsfield, Mrs. O. M. Stallings, Mrs. H. L. Waters.
 Lexington Ave.—John Nesbit, Mrs. John Nesbit, Virgil Bozeman, Mrs. W. B. Holland, Mrs. John Pantet, Mrs. W. H. Mowery, Mrs. John McLendon.

- Lone Star—P. H. Buckner, N. A. Martin, Lela Martin.
 Marietta—Ervin Crossland, Melville Crossland.
 Moor's Rock—R. L. Honeyman, Della Honeyman, E. E. Thomas, R. L. Chap-
 pen, Raymond Floyd.
 Mount Harmony—B. A. Crow, Effie Crow, J. R. Laster.
 Mount Hope—C. C. O'Neal, Carl O'Neal.
 Mount Zion—Mrs. Sarah Bartlett, Mrs. Nettie Bartlett, Virgil Giles.
 Oak Bower—H. E. Renfrow, Wm. Southard, Luther Stem, Jessie Withers,
 Dillie Brewer.
 Oak Grove—Cora Rowe, W. H. Cross.
 Oak Bend—J. M. Mantooth, W. S. Stevens, C. G. Staton.
 Pleasant Valley—A. J. Springer.
 Prairie View—C. P. Cunningham, Josie Cunningham, Joe Aldridge, Cora
 Aldridge.
 Ratcliff—Frank Crowe, Cyril Pettigrew, Ethyl Ronk.
 Roseville—M. E. Gattis, Lavanda Gattis, Mollie Webb.
 South Ft. Smith—S. C. Hunt, Mrs. Lady B. Pettigrew, Mrs. L. M. Phillips.
 Sulphur Springs—J. H. Griffin, Alvin Oldham.
 Union Grove No. 2—Mrs. Susie Stewart, Karl McLendon, J. D. Moore.
 Ursula—H. Walker.
 Vesta—G. N. Staton.

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 fifty 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.

3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render 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 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 Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application, by letter and Messenger at our annual meeting, and subscribing by our 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 Associations; 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 monthly through its Treasurer out of any funds in its hands, except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

Article XI. 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 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 moneys 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. That there be appointed a committee on B. Y. P. U. work. Adopted in 1914.

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

Articles of Faith.

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

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 world 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 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 stately 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 judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

PROCEEDINGS

of Woman's Missionary Union

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Concord Baptist Association met with the First Church, Fort Smith, Saturday, Sept. 21st, 1918.

The following program was rendered:

Program For W. M. U., 2 to 5:30 P. M.

Opening Song—"Jesus Calls Us."

Prayer—Mrs. W. R. Brooksher, First Church Ft. Smith, W. M. S.

Devotional—Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Booneville, W. M. S.

Prayer—Mrs. L. E. Pettigrew, South Fort Smith, W. M. S.

Welcome Address—Mrs. V. Bozman, Lexington Avenue, W. M. S.

Reading of Minutes of 1917 Associational Meeting.

Roll Call of Societies.

Superintendent's Address.

Hymn—Congregation Standing.

Talk—"Standard of Excellence and How to Attain It"—Mrs. O. O. Davis, Calvary, W. M. S.

Talk—"Personal Service in the Rural Church"—Miss Dessa Davis, Union Grove, W. M. S.

Talk—"Our Sunbeams"—Mrs. O. M. Stallings, Greenwood.

Sunbeam Song—Lexington Avenue Sunbeams.

Talk—"How to Keep the Home Fires Burning"—In the Town Society—Miss Bryant, Charleston.

Talk—"Missions"—Mrs. E. Rawlings, Supt. Clear Creek Association.

Y. W. A. and G. A. Song—Fort Smith Auxiliaries.

Talk—"Our Special Objects"—Miss Una Roberts, Conway.

Business Session.

At the business session following the program, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson was elected Superintendent; Mrs. O. M. Stallings, First Vice Superintendent; Mrs. O. O. Davis, Second Vice Superintendent; Mrs. Susie Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer.

Constitution and bylaws were read and adopted by the W. M. U.

On motion and second each society will be apportioned so much to help pay the expense fund.

The W. M. U. voted to hold all day meeting next year.

Delegates present 43, visitors 57, total present 100.

Each society in the Association was well represented and sent in an annual report.

Financial Report.

First Church Ft. Smith.	\$3,889.42	Oak Bower.	84.00
Lexington Avenue, Ft. Smith	535.48	Oak Grove.	27.00
Calvary, Ft. Smith.	411.98	Prairie View.	29.00
South Fort Smith.	124.70	Union Grove No. 2.	109.23
Booneville.	322.05	Greenwood.	220.20
Charleston.	41.00		
Marietta.	22.50		
		Total.	\$1962.28

MRS. B. V. EERGUSON, Supt.
MRS. SUSIE STEWART, Sec.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION AUXILLIARY TO THE CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

Preamble

We, the women of the churches connected with the Concord Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches, and wishing to aid in collecting funds for the missionary purposes to be disbursed by the boards of the Arkansas Baptist Convention and by the Womens Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Arkansas Baptist Convention, in case of the Margaret Fund for the education of missioaries children and the Womens Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky., organize and adopt the following constitution:

Article. 1—Name—This organization shall be known as the Womens Missionary Union auxilliary to the Concord Baptist Association.

Article 2—Object—The three-fold object of the Womens Missionary Union shall be:

1. To distribute Missionary information and stimulate effort through the local societies.

2. To secure the earnest, sympathetic co-operation of women and young people in collecting and raising money for missions.

3. To encourage organized and definite Personal Service.

Article 3—Officers—Section 1. The officers shall be the Superintendent, First Vice Superintendent, Second Vice Superintendent and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Union and the President of each society or her substitute.

Section 3. The Superintendent and Vice Superintendents shall be the Program Committee.

Article 4—Annual Meeting—The annual meeting for the election of officers, transaction of business, and the rendering of the annual program shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous annual meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article 5—Representatives at the Annual Meeting—The officers of the W. M. U. and delegates duly elected by the local societies shall be entitled to vote. Each society shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional for each organization fostered by the local society.

Article 6—Conduct of Meetings—Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with devotional services.

Article 7—Amendments—The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote, at any annual meeting, a month's previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to each local society.

BY LAWS

Article 1—Superintendent—The Superintendent shall preside at the annual meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for. She may, through the Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgement needful or at the request of five members of the Committee. It shall be her duty to keep in close touch with all societies by letter, or otherwise and do all in her power to promote the work of the kingdom in the Association. All reports shall be sent to her from the societies and she shall report quarterly and annually to the State Secretary of the W. M. U. In her absence the First Vice-Superintendent shall preside in her place.

Article 2—First Vice Superintendent—The First Vice Superintendent shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Superintendent; shall be expected to attend the annual meetings of this body. It shall be her specific duty to do the field work and enlistment work of the Association.

Article 3—Second Vice Superintendent—The Second Vice Superintendent shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Superintendent and First Vice Superintendent. She shall be expected to attend the annual meeting of this body. She shall be Superintendent of the Young People's work in this Association.

Article 4—Secretary-Treasurer—The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all funds paid into the Association for expenses; shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the W. M. U. and Executive Committee. She shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Article 5—Nominating Committee—The Nominating Committee, composed of five members shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of each annual meeting. Only one member of this Committee shall be allowed from any society.

Article 6—Amendments—The by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting, one month's previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to the local societies.

CHURCH DIRECTORY AND MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Name of Church		Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address	Membership Last Year	Baptisms	Added by Letter and Statement	Restored	Decreased By Letter	Expelled	Dead	Present Membership
Barber	-----	S. W. Williams, Charleston	W. G. Hartwell, Barber	40	17						57
Bloomer	-----	S. W. Williams, Charleston	Joseph Harriman, Charleston	108	20	8		3		2	131
Booneville	-----	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville	Bolin Criner, Booneville	374	55	35		23		1	440
Bonanza	-----	E. B. Harlon, Spiro, Okla.	Anna Dorris, Bonanza	28	12	2		6			36
Branch	-----	Nathan Keller, Branch	C. H. Thomson, Charleston	112	2	6		8		2	110
Cavanaugh	-----	E. B. Harlon, Spiro, Okla.	R. L. Johnson, Ft. Smith, R3	25	13		1				45
Calvary	-----	O. O. Davis, Ft. Smith	W. F. Webb, Ft. Smith	225	9	19		20		3	230
Central	-----	G. R. Stevens, Huntington	Everett A. Thomas, Greenwood					6			59
Charleston	-----		J. A. Robertson, Charleston	132		3		7		1	127
First Ft. Smith	-----	B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith	John Ayers, Ft. Smith	738	53	88		57		4	819
Greenwood	-----	H. L. Waters, Greenwood	Mattie Stinson, Greenwood	244	31	28		23		2	278
Glendale	-----	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville	L. H. Perry, Booneville	161		2		6	2		155
Lexington	-----	J. F. Johnston, Ft. Smith	S. B. Dyer, Ft. Smith	251	11	23		27	2	1	255
Lone Star	-----	G. A. Williams, Greenwood	N. A. Martin, Greenwood	68	11						79
Marietta	-----	S. W. Williams, Charleston	Everett Roose, Greenwood	62	19	6		1		1	85
Moors Rock	-----	Bob Waldon, Lavaca	R. L. Honeyman, Lavaca	80	14	3		2		1	97
Mt. Harmony	-----	Van Moore, Greenwood	B. A. Crow, Greenwood	30				1		2	28
Mt. Hope	-----	S. W. Williams, Charleston	Wm. Hamblin, Ratcliff	23	10	2		2			33
Mt. Zion	-----		C. J. Wilkerson, Greenwood	96	8	3	1	5		2	108
Oak Bower	-----	J. F. Brewer, Lavaca	Wm. Southard, Lavaca	152	36	15		2		2	199
Oak Bend	-----	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff	G. F. Staton, Cecil	50				5		2	43
Oak Grove	-----	Nathan Keller, Branch	Earl Rambo, Greenwood	85	9	11		11	2		92
Prairie View	-----	J. W. Comer, Charleston	Luther Powell, Charleston	107	9	9		3	5	2	115
Ratcliff	-----	Nathan Keller, Branch	J. C. Pettigrew, Ratcliff	55		4		2		2	55
Roseville	-----	P. C. Mays, Charleston	E. D. Perry, Ozark	52	18	3		8			65
South Ft. Smith	-----	H. M. Wells, South Ft. Smith	L. E. Pettigrew, Ft. Smith R2	58		12		12	2		44
Sulphur Springs	-----	G. R. Stevens, Huntington	Alvin Oldham, Greenwood	45		2		5		2	40
Union Grove No. 1	-----	J. W. Nobles, Magazine	J. A. Franks, Booneville	45			1	3			43
Union Grove No. 2	-----		Doye Davis, Greenwood	87	13	4		4		1	99
Ursula	-----		I. F. Nolen, Ursula					5			
Vesta	-----	S. W. Williams, Charleston	T. F. Staton, Charleston, R5	50	5			3		1	51
Burnville	-----	Van Moore, Huntington	Mrs. B. Williams, Greenwood	33	1			8		1	24
Excelsior	-----	G. R. Stevens, Huntington	J. V. Walraven, Greenwood	26	14	6		2		1	43
Pleasant Valley	-----	D. M. Bryant, Booneville	O. B. Logan, Booneville								50
				3742	462	301	3	370	13	36	4135

NOTE:--Bethlehem, Corinth, Cecil, Pine Mountain, Union Valley, Baling, New Home and Webb City failed to report; those churches at last report had a total membership of 313

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY AND STATISTICS

MISSIONS

Name of Church	Sunday School Superintendents	Baptisms	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Schools and Colleges
Barber	W. G. Hartwell, Barber		4	25	59 00			25 00	
Bloomer	Arnes Oldham, Charleston				10 00	5 80	5 85	15 25	
Booneville	J. O. Kincannon, Booneville	30	25	320	102 75	93 30	146 82	285 00	167 00
Bonanza	J. H. Dorris, Bonanza		4	35	6 00	14 10	14 10		
Branch	W. A. Mayfield, Charleston		7	99	40 00			101 50	
Cavanaugh	A. M. Brothers, Ft. Smith	4	4	50					
Calvary	W. A. Booker, Ft. Smith	1	16	220	40 00	62 50	62 50	150 00	
Central	L. A. Eeverett, Greenwood		3	32	10 00			10 00	
Charleston	D. W. Bryan, Charleston		6	75	65 00	71 50	71 50	90 00	
First Ft. Smith	John Ayers, Ft. Smith	37	40	505	175 00	920 25	340 12	243 70	405 00
Greenwood	R. A. Rowe, Greenwood	25	20	150	85 00	109 75	109 75	181 35	100 50
Glendale	J. A. Harp, Booneville				35 00				
Lexington	Frank Mowery, Ft. Smith		32	245	75 00	50 80	50 50	95 55	20 00
Lone Star							10 00	36 00	
Marietta					12 50	29 85	27 40	30 00	
Moors Rock	E. E. Thames, Lavaca		4	60					
Mt. Harmony	B. A. Crow, Greenwood				26 50		35 00	13 00	
Mt. Hope	C. O. O'Neal, Ratcliff		4	32	43 00				
Mt. Zion	M. G. Bartlett, Greenwood		4	45	36 90			6 35	
Oak Bower	H. E. Renfrow, Lavaca	23	7	93	25 00	24 15	51 60	261 00	
Oak Bend					4 45				
Oak Grove	Less Been, Greenwood	9	6	50	15 00	1 50	1 50	36 00	1 25
Prairie View	C. P. Cunningham, Charleston	7	7	55	40 00	53 00		55 00	
Ratcliff	R. N. Swanner, Ratcliff		5	40	10 00	27 50	27 50	45 00	
Roseville					5 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	
South Ft. Smith	L. E. Pettegrew, Ft. Smith R2		5	56	28 50	12 50	12 50	25 00	
Sulphur Springs					10 00				
Union Grove No. 1					4 65				
Union Grove No. 2	Doye Davis, Greenwood	7	6	65	21 50	2 50	2 50	112 00	2 50
Ursula					5 00	5 00	5 00	4 50	5 00
Vesta					15 00	11 00	11 00	17 00	
Burnville					32 50	1 50			
Excelsior	J. B. Basinger, Greenwood	12	5	93		9 25	9 25	10 75	
Pleasant Valley	J. E. Andrews, Booneville			40	6 25				
		155	214	2385	1012 85	1508 25	996 89	1843 45	701 25

HOME EXPENSES

Name of Church	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building and Repairs,	The Poor	Sunday School	Ministerial Relief	Total	Visiting Ministers	Other Objects	Value of Church Property	Minutes
Barber			52 50	2 50			12 50		189 50	38 00			1 40
Bloomer	10 00		160 00	25 00	85 00		10 00		326 90			800	2 05
Booneville	80 00	6 00	1043 30	537 97	202 80		104 30		2930 43	50 00	11 10	15000	3 00
Bonanza	6 00	8 10	50 00	13 00			13 50		201 80	75 00		700	2 00
Branch	25 80		400 00				13 82		580 12			1500	2 00
Cavanaugh	5 00				700 00					64 50		700	1 50
Calvary	36 88	56 00	1083 84	409 22	669 76		128 92		2763 87	40 00	26 25	7000	3 00
Central			20 00		4 15					7 25	1 00	800	1 00
Charleston	10 00		300 00	10 00			25 00		723 00	80 00		1000	3 00
First Ft. Smith	422 41	200 00	2200 00	4731 60	1679 97	17 77	290 00	50 00	12663 01	25 00	912 10	42500	5 00
Greenwood	57 00	17 00	1000 00	152 91	542 77		94 80	16 50	2641 33	145 00	28 00	12000	5 00
Glendale	15 00		125 00						277 00			1100	2 00
Lexington	119 89	2 00	1200 00	310 26	1745 50	32 59	139 56		3919 15	111 50	37 00	12000	5 00
Lone Star									46 00				2 00
Marietta			55 00						218 25	53 50	10 00		1 50
Moors Rock	17 62		50 00				27 48		119 20	22 10			1 50
Mt. Harmony					493 00	35 00			607 50			1000	1 00
Mt. Hope	1 60			25 00	21 15		8 00		104 25	3 50			1 95
Mt. Zion	10 00						131 60		184 85			750	
Oak Bower	141 00	6 00	125 00	20 90	40 00		32 95		845 60	93 00	25 00	1500	3 00
Oak Bend			26 50						32 20			600	1 25
Oak Grove	25 25	1 50	200 00	10 00			9 50		303 20		1 70	1000	1 70
Prairie View	6 00	20 00	350 00	49 72		47 70	44 94		729 16	63 00		900	3 50
Ratcliff	15 00		200 00	12 00	3 50		25 00		365 50			1000	2 00
Roseville			60 00						182 50	50 00	60 00		2 00
South Ft. Smith	7 25	12 35	208 33	43 00	256 04		17 32		622 79			4000	5 00
Sulphur Springs			26 00						42 00	6 00			1 30
Union Grove No. 1									5 65				1 00
Union Grove No. 2	10 00		77 25		44 78		36 50		172 99	100 28	65 68		2 50
Ursula									27 50	3 00		800	50
Vesta			100 00	9 50					163 50			900	1 50
Burnville		5 00				28 21			68 71	1 50		500	1 50
Excelsior	1 00		100 00				24 90		519 15	167 00		1000	2 70
Pleasant Valley			120 00				10 00		137 15		90		90
	1022 85	388 95	9332 72	6362 58	6488 42	161 27	1197 68	66 50	32818 26	1349 18	966 32	108050	70 55