

Proceedings

Saturday Morning

The forty-fourth session of the Concord Baptist Association convened in regular session at 10 o'clock a. m., with the Baptist Church at Branch, Arkansas, September 26, 1914, and was called to order by Moderator, Bro. D. W. Bryan. Devotional services conducted by Moderator and scripture reading by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney.

Brethren H. G. Thomason, W. E. Kimbrough and Morris Branch were appointed reading clerks.

11 O'clock. Introductory sermon by Eld. V. C. Neal, text: Acts 20-28, which was a feast to all present. Eld. Silas W. Williams and deacons of Branch church appointed as a committee on devine service.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Hinsley.

Saturday Afternoon

Association came together at 2 o'clock by singing and prayer by Eld. John E. Tatum, after which the Moderator declared the forty-fourth session of the Concord Baptist Association duly in session and ready to transact such business as may come before it.

Letters from the churches composing the association were called for thirty-three were brought forward and messengers names enrolled. The letters showed that there had been 204 baptisms in the association during the past year. Call for petitionary letters and none presented.

The Moderator appointed E. A. Spiller, S. H. Kincannon and Claude Hill a committee on finance.

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 E. A. Spiller, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed brethren D. W. Bryan, W. E. Kimbrough and V. C. Neal a committee to select the committees.

J. L. Sykes, from the Buckner Association, A. P. Scofield, representing the preacher's library work, E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Advance and R. E. L. Gossett, from Clear Creek Association were seated as visiting members.

The following members were appointed as corresponding messengers to sister associations: W. E. Kimbrough, W. J. Hinsley, and J. W. Comer to Dardanelle; J. W. Ramay, John E. Tatum, J. W. Comer and C. F. Spiller to Buckner; V. C. Neal, J. F. O'Neal and J. F. Renfro to Clear Creek.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30. Prayer by Rev. A. P. Scofield.

Saturday Evening

Association met at 7:30. Devotional services conducted by Eld. S. W. Williams.

Eld. W. J. Hinsley delivered a very forceful sermon from the text, "I am the light."

The Moderator announced the following committees selected by the committee:

Committee on Foreign Missions—W. J. Hinsley, J. S. Renfro, C. A. Edwards.

Committee on Home Missions—V. C. Neal, J. F. Porter, H. R. Stroud.

Committee on State Missions—W. E. Kimbrough, W. W. Pyle, Sam C. Ramay.

Committee on Associational Missions—John E. Tatum, G. W. Hill, C. Brewer.

Committee on Sunday Schools—D. W. Bryan, C. P. Cunningham, A. A. Raney.

Committee on Education—Nathan Keller, Roy Bryant, L. H. Perry.

Committee on Ministerial Support—H. L. Been, W. B. Hunter, R. G. Barton.

Committee on Prohibition—J. T. Perry, Ed Rippy, Joseph Herrimon.

Committee on Religious Literature—J. W. Ramay, J. A. Franks, E. O. Eford.

Committee on Digest of Letters—J. A. Harp, J. L. Calahan, L. H. Perry.

Committee on Nominations—J. C. Williams, W. J. Hinsley, D. W. Bryan.

Committee on Order of Business—S. W. Williams, M. L. Branch, J. M. Mantoath.

Committee on Woman's Work—Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Mrs. Florence Whelchel, Mrs. M. L. Melton.

Committee on Orphans Home—J. W. Comer, E. E. Thomas, Edgar Parker.

Committee on Obituaries—L. J. Burt, L. E. Pettigrew, G. C. Penniger:

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. D. W. Bryan.

The Sabbath

Sunday, 9 a. m. Song service and prayer by Eld. J. W. Ramay.

Song. Prayer by Eld. Nathan Kellar.

Sunday School Rally, conducted by Eld. A. P. Scofield. Subjects discussed: Sunday School an Evangelical Force; How may we derive the best results from our Sunday School literature? The teachers meeting, what should it be? The most important element in a Sunday School teacher; Doctrinal teaching in a Sunday School, Teaching vs. forms in a Sunday School; Where is the Sunday School's greatest weakness; How may a Sunday School be an exponent of New Testament benevolence?

11:00 a. m. Song service and prayer by Eld. C. L. Hill.

In the absence of State Missionary Secretary, R. M. Inlow, Eld. E. J. A. McKinney preached the Missionary sermon to an overflowing house of attentive listeners, after which a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to \$72.60. Eld. A. P. Scofield preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation at the Methodist church.

Adjourned until 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. F. O'Neal.

2:00 p. m. Song service and prayer by Eld. W. E. Kimbrough.

Temperance Rally, conducted by Eld. C. L. Hill. Interesting speeches were made on present conditions and future outlook for statewide prohibition by Brethern Scofield, Hinsley, McKinney and Neal.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Comer.

7 p. m. Bro. C. S. Leavel made a very interesting talk of thirty minutes on the B. Y. P. U. work in Arkansas.

7:30 p. m. Devotional services conducted by Eld. H. L. Been.

8:00 p. m. Dr. R. M. Inlow, State Missionary Secretary, made a most earnest appeal for assistance in caring for the Orphans' Home and clearing the Ouachita College of debt, after which pledges and collection to the amount of \$165.00 were taken for that purpose.

Dismissed by prayer by Prof. Chas E. Scott.

Monday Morning

The Association was called together at 8 o'clock by singing "Higher Ground" and prayer by Eld. W. J. Hinsley. Devotional services conducted by Eld. J. W. Ramay.

8:30. Association was called to order by Moderator.

Motion prevailed that the regular order of business be suspended and roll call be deferred.

Motion by Eld. W. J. Hinsley prevailed that the moderator appoint a committee to draft and present a letter to the churches of the association setting forth the financial condition and immediate needs of our colleges, whereupon the moderator appointed as such committee brethren W. J. Hinsley, D. W. Bryan and J. W. Ramay.

Eld. W. J. Hinsley offered the following amendment to the constitution, which was adopted: That the constitution be so amended as to include the appointment of a committee on B. Y. P. U. work. The moderator appointed brethren W. E. Kimbrough, C. S. Leavell and Leo V. Minnehan as such committee.

Motion that the Constitution be amended so as to dispense with the preaching service at 11 o'clock on Monday.

Recess until 1 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. Finley F. Gibson.

At 1 p. m. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. B. Taylor.

Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to confer with like committees from Dardanelle and Buckner Associations relative to the purchasing of Magazine Academy to be owned and controlled by the three Associations, and W. E. Kimbrough, E. A. Spiller and John E. Tatum were appointed as such committee.

Eld. W. E. Kimbrough offered resolution of thanks which was adopted.

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

At 4:30 o'clock the Association adjourned to meet with the Union Grove church No. 2 Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1915.

Song, "God Be With You —" Benediction by Eld. J. W. Ramay.

C. E. GRAY, Clerk.

H. G. THOMASON, Moderator.

Committee Reports

As Adopted

Home Missions.

Home missions to us as Baptists is preaching the gospel in all the destitute places in the south. Our territory covers what is usually termed the Southern States, Cuba and Panama.

Into this field the Baptists of the South are expending in money in round numbers \$400,000 yearly and have on the field a number of missionaries who give their entire time to evangelistic work. God has wonderfully blessed this work in the salvation of lost souls and in building up the things of the kingdom.

The destitution in this Southland of ours is great indeed.

The greatest destitution is in our cities, in the congested districts where poverty and crime and all manner of wickedness go on almost unchecked. We are sending in as we can the Gospel through this evangelistic agency, to the poor as well as the rich who have not the truth.

Our aim is to save the South, to save the world; to maintain and build up the work; plant the truth, using the South as a seed bed for the world. For without the truth and a missionary force we cannot hope to bring the world to Christ, and if we do not get the South to Christ how can we hope to bring the world to Him? So we recommend that our churches give home missions a place in their offerings, in their prayers and in their work for God.

Committee,

V. C. NEAL,
H. R. STROUD,
J. F. PORTER.

Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on foreign missions, submit the following report: There is no subject more vital to our denominational life than foreign missions. The growth of our work has been marvelous. We began just a few years back our work on the foreign field. We now have

stations in China, Japan, Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Africa and Mexico which totals several churches and thousands of members.

There has been a steady growth in our offering from year to year, but still we cannot meet the demands of the work. The fields are needing laborers, and a great many of our best men are waiting to go, but we have no means with which to send them.

Brethren, the field truly is white unto harvest; the laborers are waiting to go. Let us send them.

The heartrending thing about this work is the great number of uninterested churches. Every church that fails to enter into this work lacks that much being a faithful gospel church.

The key to this situation is in the hands of the pastor.

We recommend that our pastors teach their people the things the Lord commanded in this regard. The cause of lethargy is lack of information. It is the business of the pastor to inform his flock.

That our folks take and read the Foreign Mission journal.

That our church adopt a regular and systematic plan of paying to foreign missions and the remittance be made promptly.

That our people pray earnestly for the Lord's blessing on our work

We further call attention to the Judson Centennial Fund which the Southern Baptist Convention is trying to raise. This movement calls for \$1,250,000, to be used in placing our work on a surer foundation in foreign fields. We request our churches to give a sympathetic hearing to the appeals for this work when these appeals shall be made.

Committee:

W. J. HINSLEY,
J. S. RENFROE,
C. A. EDWARDS.

State Missions.

Arkansas is a great mission field. Likely it is true that there are within the state one million lost souls, thousands of whom are without the Gospel. In hundreds of communities, and over vast stretches of territory, our people are perishing for lack of the knowledge of God's Word. Sin abounds and false doctrines and fatal heresies deceive and destroy. Truly the destitution is widespread and appalling and the needs and opportunities alarming and urgent.

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Our duty in this matter is plain, involving the task of declaring the "whole counsel of God" in all places and to every soul within our borders. Arkansas cannot be truly evangelized except by Baptists, since they only bear the full message of salvation and service.

The voices of Baptist preachers must be heard and the influence of Baptist churches felt in every town and neighborhood.

We recommend that annual or quarterly offerings be made by the churches of Concord Association for the support of this work.

W. E. KIMBROUGH,

W. W. PYEE,

SAM C. RAMAY.

Associational Missions.

We have a number of mining and other towns within our bounds whose inhabitants are transitory. Among them are Bonanza, Jenny Lind, Fidelity and South Fort Smith. In each of them we have a church organization, but all of them are without pastors. These churches were organized by the former missionaries, and without the labor of a missionary these places and others would be lost to God and the Baptist cause. The destitution in our association is great and alarming and the possibilities for good proportionate by the effective service of a competent missionary. Bro. J. W. Ramay is an experienced man in this kind of work.

He commenced by holding meetings in Jenny Lind, Bonanza and South Fort Smith. He has traveled throughout the length and breadth of the association and has done much toward relieving the destitution and in stimulating weak churches to call pastors. God has blessed his labors with some good revivals and a number have been converted under his ministry. We heartily commend him and his works.

1. That instead of the employment of a missionary for the year, we instruct the board to seek out the places of destitution and employ men to supply them through this year and hold a meeting there at the opportune time,

2. That during the summer months when we can use arbors, tents, etc., that we put as many men in the field as possible to hold meetings

and thereby have a great soul winning campaign.

JOHN E. TATUM,
G. W. HILL,
C. BREWER.

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 in 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.

J. A. FRANKS;
C. G. EFURD,
J. W. RAMEY.

Orphan's 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

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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 effort 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. May the homes be more liberally supported during the next associational year than in any previous year in the history of this association.

Signed:

J. W. COMER,
E. E. THOMAS,
COMMITTEE.

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to report as follows:

If the Sunday school is the teaching agency of the church, for the training of our children in the word of God, (and we believe it is) then how important it is that we should know it, and how important that it be used correctly.

We recommend that every Baptist church in Concord Association make a consecrated effort to organize and maintain a Sunday school.

We recommend that in all of our 5th Sunday meetings that the cause of Sunday schools be recognized by giving it a place on the programme and by securing the service of some recognized S. S. man at these meetings.

Let's have more prayer and spirituality and love for lost souls in our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BRYAN,
C. P. CUNNINGHAM.

Ministerial Support.

According to the reports sent up in the letters from the churches almost all the pastors are very poorly paid for their services as pastors. This should not be, for if the ministry is poorly supported they can only render poor service, and in the judgment of your committee this is the reason why so many churches are spiritually weak, for a minister cannot minister to them in spiritual things and make them strong without am-

ple support to enable him to devote his time to the work of the ministry. Paul said to Timothy: "Let the elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." See 1 Tim. 5-17.

Therefore we recommend that the churches count their ministers worthy of ample support, as they labor in the word and doctrine, for if the ministry is not kept above reproach, neither will the churches be above reproach.

Submitted,

H. L. BEEK,
Chairman.

Womans Work

The Woman's Missionary Society is the constant and ever dependable helper in every missionary work. It seeks to help all and to hinder none. It gives itself to the study of the word of God and to mission fields and opportunities. While the union is not chiefly a money-raising agency, it does, nevertheless, raise about one-third of all the money raised for mission work in the Southern Baptist Convention. In our own State we have many prosperous societies, and the number is increasing. Mrs. J. G. Jackson, of Little Rock, is the secretary and treasurer of our State organization and Miss Myrtle Huffman is the efficient field worker. These two choice women are devoting their entire time to promoting the work in the state as well as the wider work of the denomination.

We are at present seeking to raise \$6,000 for the Ouachita College debt, and a like sum for State missions. We urge our sisters everywhere to unite in an effort to organize a society in every church where one does not now exist and to seek to improve such as we now have.

MRS. W. J. HINSLEY,
MRS. FLORENCE WELCHEL,
MRS. M. L. MELTON

Prohibition.

We, your committee on prohibition, beg leave to submit the following report:

Since it is a well known fact that liquor, more than any other evil influence, fills our asylums, penitentiaries and poorhouses, and the greater part of our court expense is chargeable to its evil 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 or signing petition for license be subject to the discipline of their church.

We note with great satisfaction the progress being made in the recent passage of laws on this question, both by our national congress and in our state legislature.

Let us, therefore, stand as one man for the enforcement of these laws and the passage of other laws providing for State Wide Prohibition.

J. T. PERRY
JOSEPH HERRIMON
E. B. RIPPY.

Education.

Personal responsibility to God pertaining to salvation and to the growth of the kingdom of Christ causes all true Baptists to stand for every advancement possible in education. We note with pride the growth of our public and high schools and State universities and agricultural schools. As a people we need the possibilities which an education brings to us. The welfare of our State depends on the intelligence of the people. The greatest enemy to the State is ignorance. Every person who receives an education not only enlarges his possibilities for success, but he becomes a helper to all with whom he comes in contact. There is a growing need for Christian education. The educated head needs to be influenced by the educated Christian heart to turn its influence and its powers toward God and the building of the kingdom of Christ. Hence we also need our denominational schools.

NATH KELLER
L. H. TERRY.

B. Y. P. U. Work.

We, your committee on B. Y. P. U. submit the following report:

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of a Baptist church. It seeks to enlist the young Christian in his early years and train him for future

service in the Christian activities of the church, to lead him to a daily study of the Bible, to deepen his spiritual life, to instruct him in Baptist doctrine and history and to enlist him in all lines of Baptist missions. We have evangelized and baptized, but we have not taught them to observe all things our Lord has commanded; our full duty to a christian has just begun when he is converted and baptized. We then must train him for efficient service. It is just as important, so far as building the work of the kingdom is concerned, to conserve and develop our present forces as to bring in new converts. In Arkansas there are 153 unions now in operation; in Concord Association 7. The Arkansas State B. Y. P. U. maintains the Arkansas Baptist Summer Assembly, which is a summer training school of methods on Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and Women's Baptist Missionary Activity and general inspirational uplift, meeting each July at Ouachita College. It was attended this year by over 600 of our Baptist people. A B. Y. P. U. can be most successfully operated in a country church, and is really needed more in the country than in the city church. Our state mission board puts in the field a man giving full time to development of B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school work. His services are available for the asking.

We recommend

1 That every church lend encouragement to the young people and lead them to the organization of a union.

2 That every union plan to send representatives to the 1915 Summer Assembly.

3 The use of the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly for material for the weekly program and the adoption of the standard of excellence and every effort to become an A1 B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KIMBROUGH.

C. S. LEAVELL.

LEO MINNEHAN.

Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries, beg to make the following report; In the divine wisdom of our Heavenly Father, He saw fit to call from our midst the following named brethren and sisters since the sitting of our last association: Sister Ora Branch, of Branch church; Brother and Sister J. D. Corley, Sister Susie Morris, of Booneville church;

Sister Lue Card, of Bloomer church; Brother J. T. Watson, of Caulksville church; Brother J. C. Carroll and Sister Myrtle Snarr, of Charleston church; R. A. Clarkson, J. N. Greenlee, John H. Ulmer, Sisters Amelia A. Long and Lena O. Stevenson, of First Church, Fort Smith; H. F. Bartlett, Mt. Zion church; Sister Britt Dooley, of Oak Bower church; G. T. Staton, of Oak Bend church; Sisters Lydia Clark and Mary Allen, of Spring Hill church; Sister Adrena Thompson, of Sulphur Springs church; Sister Leona Yarbrough, of Union Grove church.

Now, brethren, while it is a fact taught in God's Word that this sad experience, the death of the body, will be forever swallowed up in the resurrection, nevertheless, this does not take away the fact that there are vacant chairs in the homes of the deceased. Therefore we request that those of us who remain in the flesh pray earnestly for the bereaved.

G. C. PENINGER,
L. J. BURT,
L. E. PETTIGREW.

Finance.

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

Associational Missions.....	\$251.40
Minutes and Clerk	47.73
Home Missions	2.75
Texarkana Orphans	1.50
Orphans' Home, not designated.....	.50

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SPILLER
S. H. KINCANNON,
C. L. HILL.

Nominations.

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to report as follows:
Place of meeting, Union Grove No. 2.

Introductory sermon.....	J. W. Comer.
Alternate.....	Nathan Keller.
Leader of Temperance Rally.....	E. Rawlings.
Executive committee, W. J. Hinsly, J. E. Tatum, V. C. Neal, D. W.	

Bryan and E. J. Hogan.

J. C. WILLIAMS,
W. J. HINSLEY,
D. W. BRYAN.

Digest of Letters

We, the committee on digest of letters beg leave to submit the following report:

	1913	1914	Increase
Churches represented.....	33	33	0
Baptisms.....	193	204	11
Sunday Schools.....	15	22	7
Sunday School Pupils.....	1736	2633	897
Officers and Teachers.....	125	220	95

	1913	1914	Increase
Value of Church Property.....	\$104,475.00	\$114,875.00	\$10,400.00
Pastors' Salaries.....	6,266.19	8,284.40	2,018.21
State Missions.....	761.91	1,126.95	365.04
Home Missions.....	303.13	310.30	7.17
Foreign Missions.....	426.20	438.75	12.55
City Missions.....	27.30	239.50	212.20
Orphanage Work.....	210.05	330.25	120.20
Literature.....	717.14	865.66	148.52

	1913	1914	Decrease
Associational Missions.....	348.95	217.35	131.60

J. A. HARP,
J. L. CALLAHAN
L. H. PERRY.

Report of Executive Board.

To Concord Association, in Session:

We, your Board, met in session after the adjournment of last session and employed Bro. J. W. Ramay as your missionary, and he began work about the third week in November, 1913. We agreed to give him \$75.00 per month and he has put in the most of the time since that date.

Brother Ramay reports collected on the field \$227.15, which we consider very good. He also reports splendid progress, of which he will give you a detailed report.

We are sorry to have to report the tent matter back to the Association, but some of the pledges taken for the liquidation of the note held by the Sebastian County Bank were not paid. Therefore we were not able to meet this matter and we recommend that this matter be cared for at this session above all other matters, as we believe that this matter is a reflection on our body.

Respectfully,
W. P. WILLSON, E. RAWLINGS, W. A. MAYFIELD, JOHN
E. TATUM, D. W. BRYAN, NATH KEILER, E. A. SPILLER.
Committee.

(After the adoption of the above report a collection was taken and the full amount raised for the liquidation of the tent debt.—Clerk)

Missionary Report.

To the Concord Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren: The following is my report as missionary of this association: I entered the work Nov. 15th, 1913, and have been on the field ten months and ten days and have held nine protracted meetings with weak and pastorless churches and assisted in one other.

During the winter months I traveled over the association, preaching to the destitute and pastorless churches, trying to stimulate them to call pastors.

RESULTS:

Miles traveled.....	1,200
Sermons preached.....	218
Religious addresses.....	46
Professions of faith.....	66
Additions by baptism.....	45
Additions by letter and statement.....	36
Additions by restorations.....	5

Finances.

To salary for ten months and ten days (less 15 days).....	\$757.50
By cash collected on the field and from Fifth	
Sunday meetings.....	\$249.56
By Cash from Treasurer.....	90.43
Balance due Missionary.....	339.99
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	\$397.51

Pledges on field	\$ 24.35
Collected for church building in cash and pledges	708.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. RAMAY, Missionary.

Treasurer's Report

Received from ex-Treasurer		\$329.85
Collected from all sources		314.84
To W. E. Kimbrough, last year	\$325.35	
To W. P. Willson, for tent last year	37.50	
To John E. Tatum, Minutes last year	48.06	
To Monticello Orphans Home, last year	8.00	
To Texarkana Orphans Home	6.56	
To Sidney Smith, singer, last year	30.94	
To Sebastian County Bank, for tent, this year	17.50	
To J. W. Ramay, Missionary, this year	90.49	
To Expense50	
To Cash on hand	80.00	
Total	\$644.69	\$644.69

W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer

Ordained Ministers

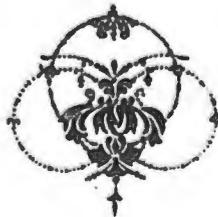
G. A. Williams	Greenwood,	John E. Tatum	Greenwood
George Young,	Greenwood	J. W. Ramay	Greenwood
J. F. Brewer	Lavaca	J. C. Williamson	Greenwood
W. J. Hinsley	Booneville	J. W. Wood	Ft. Smith
W. E. Kimbrough,	Booneville	D. M. Bryant	Booneville
G. W. Parks	Booneville	J. W. Comer	Booneville
J. N. Pennington	Paris	E. Rawlings	Ft. Smith
John Mayer	Ursula	J. F. O'Neal	Ratcliff
A. J. Watson	Ratcliff	H. A. O'Neal	Ratcliff
Virgil C. Neal	Ft Smith	A. L. Brown	Lavaca
Nathan Keller	Charleston	H. L. Been	Greenwood
L. J. Burt	Charleston	Clermont Dearren	Greenwood
S. W. Williams	Charleston	T. A. Rippy	Greenwood
Finley F. Gibson	Ft. Smith	P. C. Mayes	Vesta

Licensed Ministers

John Claude Perry.....	Greenwood	M. H. Graham.....	Lavaca
J. F. Law.....	Ratcliff	Hall Wells.....	Ratcliff
M. F. Gothard.....	Lavaca		

Pledges for Associational Missions

Union Grove No. 2	\$10 00	Sulphur Springs.....	10 00
Branch S. S.	5 00	Cecil—H. A. Smith.....	5 00
Marietta, S. W. Williams.....	5 00	Pine Mountain.....	5 00
J. A. Harp.....	2 50	Glendale.....	10 00
Glendale Bible Class.....	5 00	Branch.....	25 00
J. W. Comer.....	2 50	Bloomer.....	5 00
Charleston Sunday School	5 00	Kalamazoo.....	5 00
Charleston L. A.....	5 00	Roseville.....	5 00
Greenwood B. Y. P. U.....	5 00	Booneville.....	35 00
First Ft. Smith.....	50 00	Corinth.....	5 00
Calvary.....	35 00	Vesta.....	5 00
Greenwood.....	25 00	Oak Bend.....	5 00
Charleston.....	25 00	Ratcliff.....	15 00
Prairie View.....	15 00	Mt. Zion.....	15 00
Oak Bower.....	15 00	Mt. Hope.....	5 00
Moores Rock.....	5 00	Union Grove No. 1.....	5 00



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.

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 Messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

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 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 another 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, Association Missions; Sunday School Missions, Educational, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Querries, 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 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 I, 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 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. 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 1906.
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 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 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

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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 officers of Christian churches are bishops (or pastors) and deacons.

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

12. The Lord's supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the church as such in remembrance of Christ and to show forth his death 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.

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 "Revernd," "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.

Name of Church

MESSENGERS

Burnville	A. J. Williams
Bonanza	No Messengers
Branch	W. A. Mayfield, M. L. Branch, C. H. Thompson, J. W. Yocum
Booneville	W. J. Hinsley, W. E. Kimbrough, S. H. Kincannon, Mrs. W. J. Hinsley, Mrs. W. E. Kimbrough, Mrs. S. H. Kincannon
Bloomer	Honest Card, Joseph Herrimon, Maggie Carson
Caulksville	W. H. Wiley, Nora Lambert
Calvary	Virgil C. Neal, J. C. Williams
Corinth	A. J. Kincannon, J. L. Callahan
Central	R. L. Been, G. W. Langston, Everett Thames
Charleston	D. W. Bryan, C. Brewer, W. B. Hunter, Florence Welchell
Chismville	No Messengers
First—Ft. Smith	Finley F. Gibson, Edgar Parker, J. S. Renfro
Greenwood	Sam Ramay, J. T. Perry, C. E. Gray, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Melton
Glendale	H. G. Thomason, J. W. Comer, Walter Lasseter, L. H. Perry, Will Lasseter, J. H. Harp
Kalamazoo	R. L. Crow, Maude Crow
Lexington Ave.	E. Rawlings, Leroy Ulmer, John Nesbit.
Mt. Hope	H. R. Stroud, May Stroud.
Moores Rock	E. E. Thomas
Mt. Harmony	Edgar Stallings, Charley Price
Mt. Zion	G. C. Penninger, C. A. Edwards
Oak Grove	No Messengers
Oak Bower	Etta Binkley, Emma Misler
Oak Bend	J. M. Mantooth, W. S. Stephens
Pine Mountain	Alonzo A. Raney, R. D. Cain
Pleasant Valley	J. F. Porter, Mrs. L. E. Porter, N. L. Godfrey
Prairie View	G. W. Hill, W. D. Darr, M. Z. Brotherton, Chas. Shumate
Ratcliff	W. W. Pyle, H. F. Mosley, R. N. Swanner
Roseville	H. Webb, C. P. Cunningham
Spring Hill	C. O. Efford, L. E. Pettigrew
Sulphur Springs	Bertie Gann, Ed Rippy
Union Grove 1	F. M. Franks, J. A. Franks, Sister S. E. Franks
Union Grove 2	J. W. Moore, Marvin Stewart, Lizzie Moore, Susie Stewart
Vesta	E. A. Spiller, H. C. Parker, R. G. Barton

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS OF C

Name of Church	Pastor's Name and Postoffice	Clerk's Name and Postoffice
Burnville	C. Daren, Greenwood, R 1.	G. L. Williams, Greenwood R 3
Bonanza		J. H. Dorris, Bonanza
Branch	J. F. Brewer, Lavaca	W. A. Garrett, Charleston R 2
Booneville	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville	J. O. Kincannon, Booneville
Bloomer	A. L. Brown, Lavaca	G. T. Card, Lavaca
Caulksville.....	J. F. O'Neal, Branch	Bell Roberts, Ratcliff
Calvary	Virgil C. Neal, Ft. Smith	John F. Soard, Ft. Smith
Corinth	W. B. Taylor, Booneville	H. A. Erp, Booneville
Central	J. W. Nobles, Magazine	Lela Thomas, Greenwood
Charleston	Nathan Kellar, Charleston	J. A. Robertson, Charleston
Chismville	W. E. Kimbrough, Booneville	Leanon Helfer
First—Ft. Smith	Finley F. Gibson, Ft. Smith	John Ayres, Ft. Smith
Greenwood	John E. Tatum, Greenwood	Grover Carter, Greenwood
Glendale	H. G. Johnson, Magazine	Mrs. Kate Bunch, Booneville
Kalamazoo	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff	M. L. Gattis, Paris
Lexington Ave.	Everett Rawlings, Ft. Smith	Elihu G. Woodward, Ft. Smith
Mt. Hope	P. M. Nolen, Barling	W. T. Pierce, Ratcliff
Moores Rock	A. L. Brown, Lavaca	M. C. Coon, Lavaca
Mt. Harmony.....		John Lasseter, Greenwood
Mt. Zion	G. A. Williams, Greenwood	C. A. Edwards, Greenwood
Oak Grove	G. A. Williams, Greenwood	W. H. Cross, Greenwood
Oak Bower	Nathan Kellar, Charleston	Wm. Southard, Lavaca
Oak Bend	J. F. O'Neal, Ratcliff	J. H. Terry, Ozark, R 4
Pine Mountain.....	John Nobles	Alonzo Raney
Pleasant Valley	R. R. Elmore, Magazine	J. A. Owens, Booneville, R 5
Prairie View	J. F. Brewer, Lavaca	Luther L. Powell, Charleston, R 3
Ratcliff	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff	W. W. Pyle, Ratcliff
Roseville	J. F. O'Neal, Ratcliff	C. P. Cunningham, Paris, R 2.
Spring Hill	J. W. Burnett, Midland	Myrtle Bullington, Ft. Smith, R 2
Sulphur Springs	P. M. Nolen, Barling	Bertie Gann, Greenwood
Union Grove 1.....	S. W. Williams, Charleston	J. A. Franks, Booneville
Union Grove 2.....	S. W. Williams, Charleston	Karl McClendon, Greenwood
Vesta	J. F. O'Neal, Etna	T. F. Staton, Vesta

Totals

HOME EXPENSES

Schools and Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	City Missions, etc.	Minutes and Clerk	Pastors' Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schools, other Benevolent and Incidentals	Totals	Value Church Property	Building and Repairing
			1 00	50 00	12 00		69 50		
			1 45	48 50	15 00	18 75	136 70	700	
			1 50	125 00		12 00	176 73	1275	
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			1 00	50 00			61 00		
			1 00	46 00	5 10	4 00	61 10		
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