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—OFFICERS—

ELDER J. M. WHITE, MODERATOR
Black Springs, Arkansas
ERNEST BERRY, CLERK
Sims, Arkansas
W. H. GUTHREY, TREASURER
Black Springs, Arkansas

PROCEEDINGS.

The sixty-first annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with the church at Sulphur springs, Clagett, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock on September 14, 1918.

The body was called together by the Moderator, J. M. White. Bro. J. B. Liles and Bro. C. C. Roberts both being absent, Bro. P. B. Langley was selected by motion to preach the introductory sermon. Taking the theme "Some Problems in Mission Work," and using Romans 10-14, 15 as a text, he preached a very timely sermon on problems facing us as Baptists.

Afternoon Session,

Moderator J. M. White called the body together, and all engaged in singing, "His Wonderful Love." Bro. M. F. Garrett then led in prayer. Brethren J. O. Butler, Andrew McPherson and J. M. Bowen were appointed to read letters. The letters were then read from the following churches: Pleasant Hill, Oden, Brushy Creek, Macedonia, Mt. Gilead, Black Springs, Mt. Ida, Sulphur Springs, Little Hope, Mt. Olive and Big Fork. Messengers were then enrolled and the Moderator declared the body ready for the transaction of business.

Rev. Andrew McPherson, Bro. J. M. Bowen and Rev. P. B. Langley were appointed tellers and the Association proceeded to elect the following officers: Moderator, J. M. White; Clerk, Ernest Berry; Treasurer, W. H. Guthrey.

Upon call for petitionary letters one was received from Walnut Grove church. The letter was read and the messengers seated, and extended the hand of fellowship.

Bro. P. B. Langley from Pike County Association and Bro. Andrew

McPherson from Red River Association were seated as corresponding messengers from their respective Associations.

By motion Bro. M. F. Garrett and wife were seated as messengers from Sweet Home church, without a letter.

The following were appointed a committee on Divine Service: W. H. Guthrey, J. W. Dilbeck, with the pastor and deacons of Sulphur Springs church.

By motion Rev. J. O. Butler was relieved of preaching the Mission Sermon and Bro. Andrew McPherson was selected to fill his place.

By motion Bro. Philip Abernathy was appointed to lead devotional exercises Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion Association adjourned to 7:30 o'clock.

Saturday Evening Session,

The evening service was opened by singing, followed by prayer led by Bro. Geo. Vandiver. Bro. M. F. Garrett then took charge of the service and preached a splendid sermon from Proverbs 8-4. At the close of the service the following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Andrew McPherson, J. W. Dilbeck, M. F. Garrett.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—H. T. Howell, M. A. Batterton, J. M. Bowen.

B. Y. P. U.—B. F. Brewer, P. B. Langley.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—W. H. Guthrey, O. G. Rolling, Andrew McPherson.

HOME MISSIONS—John Liles, B. G. Wilhite, H. T. Howell.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—P. B. Langley, W. M. Rizley, J. H. O'Neal.

ORPHANS' HOME—Marion Covington, J. J. Abee, S. S. Singleton.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—J. O. Butler, H. T. Howell, M. A. Batterton.

TEMPERANCE—George Vandiver, John Fryar, A. A. Bates.

OBITUARIES—J. W. Martin, J. F. Kiser.

FINANCES—W. H. Lawrence, J. H. Holmes, S. W. Bass.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES—J. H. Edwards, George Hill, Phillip

Abernathy.

Sunday Morning Session,

Devotional service was, in the absence of Bro. Abernathy, conducted by Bro. H. T. Howell. With old time songs and earnest prayers, full of spiritual longing, and an old-time experience meeting, we felt the outpouring of the spirit and had a glorious meeting.

At the eleven o'clock service Bro. Andrew McPherson occupied the pulpit and preached a powerful sermon on missions from the text found in Acts 1-8. At the close of the sermon an old time handshaking was given and God's presence was manifest. A collection was taken for the new church house at Big Fork and the following donations were made:

P. B. Langley -----	\$2 50	G. H. Edwards -----	1 00
W. H. Lawrence -----	1 00	A. A. Bates -----	1 00
W. M. Rizley -----	1 00	O. G. Rolling -----	1 00
Ernest Berry -----	1 00	B. Lawrence -----	1 00
E. J. Henley -----	1 00	S. T. Bell -----	1 00
S. S. Singleton -----	1 00	J. M. White -----	1 00
M. Covington -----	1 00	James N. Teague -----	1 00
Ellen Speers -----	1 00	C. C. Rowton -----	1 00
W. M. Sanders -----	1 00	M. A. Batterton -----	1 00
N. Hoyle -----	1 00	B. S. Ferguson -----	50
L. L. Wilhite -----	1 00	J. H. Stamey -----	50
J. J. Abee -----	1 00	W. R. Lively -----	1 00
W. O. Bowen -----	1 00	J. I. Strickland -----	1 00
W. F. Brewer -----	1 00		

Sunday Afternoon Session,

The Association was called together by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," and "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling." Prayer led by Bro. Howell. Report of committee on Sunday Schools read and discussed. Bro. P. B. Langley, after reading Luke 10-2-16 inclusive, made a great plea for Sunday Schools throughout this Association. Report was adopted by the Association. After a song and handshaking body adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Sunday Evening Session.

After a short devotional service Bro. A. A. Bates occupied the pulpit and delivered a splendid sermon on the theme, "There's Room Yet," using Luke 14-22 as a text.

Monday Morning Session.

The Association was called together by singing "Are You Ready." The Moderator read John 14-1-14 as a morning lesson and led in prayer.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions read and adopted after some discussion.

Report of Committee on B. Y. P. U. read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Christian Education read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices read and adopted, with amendment adding the names of Bro. J. M. Bowen and Bro. W. E. M. Posey.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the business session to 1:30 p. m.

Bro. J. O. Butler occupied the pulpit at the eleven o'clock service, and taking Romans 12-21 as a text, preached an excellent sermon on the theme of "Stewardship." At the close of the service the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Nominations—M. F. Garrett, W. H. Guthrey, M. A. Batterton.

Committee on Woman's Work—H. T. Howell, P. B. Langley, Marlon Edwards.

Monday Afternoon Session.

After singing and prayer the order of business was taken. Report of Committee on Woman's Work read and adopted. Report of Treasurer of last year read and adopted. Report of Committee on Home Missions read and

adopted. Report of Committee on Obituaries read and adopted. Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted. Report of Committee on Orphan's Home read and adopted.

By motion the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved that the messengers and visitors of this Association extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the community of Sulphur Springs for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association."

A resolution asking the revocation of order removing camp pastors read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

By motion Ernest Berry was elected as messenger to Southern Baptist Convention.

By motion clerk was instructed to print 300 minutes and was allowed \$10 for his service. Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

Motion made and carried to pay Bro. J. O. Butler \$15 for Missionary work and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the same.

Minutes of the Association were read and adopted.

By motion Association adjourned to meet with the Walnut Grove Baptist church September 20, 1919.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES IN FULL.

Sunday Schools.

We would recommend:

1. That we do our own Baptist Sunday School work in the Association.
2. That we organize, at the earliest possible time, a Sunday School Convention or Training School, using the District Association as a unit, adopting a simple constitution, with a president or superintendent; possibly a secretary-treasurer; also appoint a superintendent or leader for each department of the Sunday School. Divide the Association into about four districts, having a district leader or superintendent for each. Have at least

two conventions or training schools to each district during the year; then have an annual convention or training school at some centrally located place in the Association.

3. That we keep in direct touch with Brother J. B. Mosely, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and heartily co-operate with him in pushing the work in the Association.

4. That we push State Mission Day in the Sunday School, September 29th and make our offering as large as possible.

5. That we organize a teacher-training class in every church.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX McPHERSON,
J. W. DILBECK,
M. F. GARRETT.

B. Y. P. U.

Realizing the great need of trained workers in our ranks and the importance of training our children up in the way that they should go, and realizing that there is no better way to train our young converts than through the B. Y. P. U., we therefore recommend to the churches of this Association that they organize a B. Y. P. U. for the young people. We also recommend that the churches keep in touch with the State organization of the B. Y. P. U. and thus get inspiration for more effective work.

MARION COVINGTON,
P. B. LANGLEY,
B. F. BREWER.

Woman's Work.

We note, with a degree of pride, the wonderful progress of our organized Woman's Work in the bounds of our State. We note that wherever our ladies are organized that our churches are doing for every cause for which we stand. Therefore we recommend that every church of the Association encourage our women to organize a W. M. U.

H. T. HOWELL,
P. B. LANGLEY,
M. EDWARDS.

Religious Literature.

1. We recommend the careful and prayerful reading of God's word.
2. We recommend the use of Baptist literature in all our Sabbath Schools.
3. We recommend that our people subscribe for our denominational papers.
4. We recommend the reading of books written by Baptist authors.

M. A. BATTERTON,
H. T. HOWELL,
J. M. BOWEN.

Associational Missions.

We, your committee report as follows:

Owing to the lack of funds and the call of the Food Administration but little mission work was done the past year. The work done follows:

Days labored	20
Sermons preached	21
Miles traveled	150
Prayer services held in homes	5
Collected on the field	\$6.35

We recommend that for the coming year, we go to work now and raise funds for Associational Missions, and that we ask the Associational Mission Board to employ a good preacher for three months in the summer to work in the bounds of this Association.

J. O. BUTLER,
H. T. HOWELL,
M. A. BATTERTON.

Home Missions.

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual needs. And only a vital religious life and service can

give the strength.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done through this Board; number of workers, 1,498; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190, of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized, 634; churches organized, 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions, 51,949. For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly \$589,987.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. Every loyal Baptist will do his best to care for the spiritual needs of these boys.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That this Association gladly accept its increased apportionment for Home Missions.

2. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued by the Board, and that a large use be made of the free tracts on Home Missions. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

B. G. WILLHITE,

H. T. HOWELL.

Foreign Missions

The Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in May decided that Southern Baptists should be requested to give One and a Half Million Dollars to Foreign Missions before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptist numbers and wealth, this amount is small.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping this great enterprise. There were 6,290 baptisms last 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 enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa,

Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed.

Every church in the association is admonished to lay large plans, and press the greatest campaign next March and April that we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. This association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the Million and a Half Dollars. Arkansas should raise \$40,000 this year for this great cause.

The HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS, price fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge tracts for distribution.

P. B. LANGLEY,
W. M. RIZLEY,
J. H. WARD.

Christian Education

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges: Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. Both these institutions have for many years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. We also have three mountain schools, Mountain Home College; Maynard Academy, at Maynard, and Montview Institute, in Carroll County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total education debt as reported at the last meeting of our Convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board, and consists of the debts of Central College assumed by the Convention, and of obligations made to secure money to pay annual deficits at Ouachita College. We now have above \$70,000 in the Endowment Fund for Ouachita, and it is hoped and believed that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to keep us from having any more deficits there.

The Baptists of Arkansas must pay our little education debt, endow Ouachita liberally, and provide new buildings and equipment for our colleges and our mountain schools. We heartily endorse the plan of a five-year campaign for Christian Education. We are glad that an Education Secretary has been employed, whose whole time is given to raising funds for Christian Education, and to stimulating interest in education and to general enlist-

ment in this cause.

Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of very special importance in the matter of training men for the ministry. We are sadly in need of more preachers, and preachers need training in order to be prepared to do the best service. We ought to encourage and help our young preachers to attend our own Baptist institutions of learning. Let no church fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

W. H. GUTHREY,
O. G. ROLLING,
ALEX McPHERSON.

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 our 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 a time enabling the Home to care for a larger number of our 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.

We recommend:

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

2. That each church take a regular annual collection for our Orphans' Home.

S. S. SINGLETON,

Temperance

We beg to submit the following report:

We heartily endorse the Government move for national prohibition, believing as we do that intemperance to be a great evil. We insist that every Baptist abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks.

G. W. VANDIVER,
J. E. FRYAR.

Report of Finance Committee

We have received from the churches the following:

For minutes and clerk	\$36.75
For Associational Missions	14.00
Orphans' Home	5.00
TOTAL	\$55.75

Which amount we have duly turned over to the Treasurer.

W. H. LAWRENCE,
J. H. HOLMES,
S. W. BASS.

Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries find that since our last meeting God has seen fit to call home the following brothers and sisters: W. H. Archer, of Little Hope; J. W. Justice, of Macedonia; Isaac Fryar, of Mount Olive; Nute Standridge, of Big Fork; R. Suit, of Mt. Ida; Mrs. R. Suit, of Mt. Ida; Florence Alexander, of Mt. Ida; Bro. Robt. Reece, of Womble.

Brethren, this reminds us that it was appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment, so we exhort the brethren to live the life of the righteous, that we may die in the love and service of the Master.

A. A. BATES.

Ministers and Their Postoffices

We, your committee report as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS—H. T. Howell, Opal; A. A. Bates, Waters; Philip Abernathy, Big Fork; J. B. Liles, Big Fork; E. Abee, Black Springs; F. F. Edwards, Alf; M. F. Garrett, Hopper; J. M. White, Black Springs; J. T. Covington, Black Springs; J. O. Butler, Black Springs; C. C. Roberts, Arkadelphia; Sam Sherman, Albert; T. J. Wright, Fancy Hill; A. F. Smith, Mt. Ida; S. S. Lee, Mt. Ida; S. W. Sherrod, Albert; George Vandiver, Oden; S. S. Singleton, Oden; J. W. Hulsey, Mt. Ida.

LICENSED MINISTERS—G. H. Edwards, Alf; Z. C. Edwards, Gaston, L. L. Wilhite, Oden; N. F. Hill, Oden; Luther Bates, Big Fork; J. M. Bow, Egger; W. E. M. Posey, Egger.

J. H. EDWARDS,
G. D. HILL.

Nominations

We, your committee on Nominations report as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this body meet with Walnut Grove Baptist Church. We recommend that Bro. S. S. Singleton preach the Introductory Sermon and that Bro. J. M. White be the alternate. We recommend that Bro. J. O. Butler preach the Missionary sermon. We recommend J. W. Hulsey, W. A. Brakefield, and M. A. Batterton as Missionary Board.

M. F. GARRETT,
W. H. GUTHREY,
J. H. EDWARDS.

Treasurer's Report, 1917

Received at 1917 session of Association:

For minutes and clerk	\$38.75
For Associational Missions	4.05
Received from Little Hope Church for Ass'n. Missions ..	10.00

Total received	52.80
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EXPENDITURES

To clerk	\$10.00
For printing of minutes	28.75

Total	38.75
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Cash on hand	14.05
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Treasurer's Report, 1918

Balance from last year on Associational Missions	\$14.05
Received from Finance Committee for minutes	36.75
For Associational Missions	14.00
For Orphans' Home	5.00

TOTAL	69.80
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W. H. GUTHREY.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, we note with a degree of alarm that our Secretary of War has issued an order to remove from our Training Camps all Camp Pastors and all Ministers doing Mission work among the soldiers as representatives of the different religious denominations, and whereas, we also note that there is a seeming discrimination between the Roman Catholics and Baptist, and Protestant denominations, as the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, are permitted to continue their mission work, and whereas, we believe that this is a violation of the Constitution of the United States.

Therefore be it resolved: That while we pledge our loyal support to our Government in this great war, and while we are giving ourselves, our sons and our means to help win the victory that under God is sure to come, yet we protest against this ruling that if carried into effect would be an unjust violation of our religious liberty that Baptists, along with others fought to win. We respectfully ask, therefore, that this order be revoked.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Reading of the letters and enrolling of the messengers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for visiting ministers.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of divine service committee.
9. Report of divine service committee.

SATURDAY

Devoted to Sunday School Institute program.

SUNDAY

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Missionary sermon.
3. Song service.
4. B. Y. P. U. lecture.

MONDAY

1. Reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call, and corrections.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for motions.
5. Call for resolutions.
6. Appointments of and for next session.
7. Reading, correcting and adopting of minutes.
8. Exhortation and closing prayer.
9. Parting song and parting hand.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This union be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they can take their seats.

Article 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the messengers from the churches, and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw from and disown, all churches, which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business

shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Article 5. Newly constituted churches, and churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Article 6. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

Article 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Article 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

Article 11. That the Moderator and Clerk be considered and hereby are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Board.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the Messengers be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the Messengers' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

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

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association or to explain a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling someone else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in order to seats in the council who may speak, but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order, the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Words of God and the only Rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the Saints shall be Preserved in Grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that Immersion is the Apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and in the General Judgment, and that felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the Wicked shall be Eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who has been regularly Baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.
11. We believe that none except Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day shall be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Members	Minute and Clerk Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Incidentals	Schools	Ministerial Education	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Contributed by Ladies' Aid
Big Fork	5	1		6		371	\$3.10	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$4 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 600	\$ 29 00	\$	\$
Brushy Creeek	1			1		73	3.15										500			
Black Springs	3	3				81	4.00	5 35			11 15						300	62 20		
Little Hope	2					160	3.00										250			
Mount Gilead				3		69	3.00	2 00			3 10	2 60	3 00				500	38 56		
Mount Ida				10	1	395	4.40	10 00	4 50				12 00	14 00			1600	92 00	38 00	
Mount Olive	3	1		1	3	164	3.30										500			
Macedonia			1			111	1.00													
Oden						17	2.10										250	15 00		
Pleasant Hill	13			2		61	3.20													
Sweet Home																	300			
Sulphur Springs	15	3			1	61	3.50	2 00									500	45 05		
Walnut Grove		9				16							1 00					24 15		
Womble	2	2		6	16	4 42	1.50			37 10	17 55	18 00	20 00	45 00	17 30	5 00	1200	150 00	50 00	75 00

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks	Postoffices	Messengers
Big Fork	H. T. Howell	Opal	W. R. Lackey	Opal	A. A. Bates H. T. Howell
Brushy Creek	S. S. Singleton	Oden	B. G. Wilhite	Oden	B. Wilhite, J. Fryar, G. Hill
Black Springs	C. C. Roberts		W. Z. Duke	Black Springs	J. O. Butler, W. H. Guthrey
Little Hope	J. B. Liles		Ollie Lawrence	Waters	W. H. Lawrence, W. M. Rizley
Mount Gilead	T. J. Wright	Fancy Hill	W. F. Cook	Black Springs	Represented by letter
Mount Ida	J. W. Hulsey	Mount Ida	G. L. Graham	Mount Ida	Batterton, Rolling, O'Neal
Mount Olive	G. W. Vandiver	Mount Ida	M. F. Hill	Oden	B. F. Brewer, S. S. Singleton
Macedonia	G. W. Vandiver	Mount Ida	S. W. Bass	Oden	S. W. Bass
Oden	J. O. Butler	Black Springs	Mrs. S. Hickey	Oden	Represented by letter
Pleasant Hill	J. B. Liles	Big Fork	E. A. Lewis	Big Fork	Abernathy, Dilbeck, Liles
Sweet Home					M. C. Garrett and wife
Sulphur Springs	H. T. Howell	Opal	F. F. Edwards	Alf	Abee, Edwards, Kiser
Walnut Grove	H. T. Howell	Opal	J. H. Holmes	Egger	Martin, Bow, Holmes
Womble	W. L. Compere	Amity	Will Johnson	Womble	Represented by letter