

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
RED RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Ogan Church,

September 25th and 27th, 1886.

Next Session to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Five Miles South
of Curtis, on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Rail
Road, and Fifteen Miles South of Arkadelphia, Satur-
day before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1887.

OFFICERS: J. A. Ross, Moderator. ARKADELPHIA.
E. A. Heard, Clerk.

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MINUTES.



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The 28th annual session of Red River Baptist Association met with Ozan church, Sept. 25, 1886.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Isaac F. Welch according to previous appointment—text, 1st John, 9th verse: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him.

After refreshments, at 2:00 o'clock, the body was called to order after reading the 2nd chapter of Galatians. Prayer was offered by Bro. Byers, of Union Association. The clerk being absent, Bro. J. A. Ross was appointed to act as temporary clerk. In a short time the clerk arrived and took his seat.

Church letters was called for and Bro. E. W. McBreyer, of DeGray church, and I. F. Welch, of Union church was appointed to read. After reading the letters and enrolling the delegates names, the roll was called and absentees marked.

The next order of business was the election of moderator and clerk. Bro. Copeland, the present moderator, addressed the body, returning his thanks for the previous honor conferred upon him by electing him as their moderator. desired that he should be excused from serving them again. Bro. Early, of Rattle Rock, and Bro. Byers, of Union Association, was appointed to take a vote for moderator and clerk. After taking the vote they reported Bro. J. A. Ross, of Mount Bethel church, elected moderator, and T. A. Heard, re-elected clerk.

Bro. Ross addressed the body by saying, he was surprised that this body had elected him as their moderator, but was willing to serve in any capacity that his brethren desired him; thanked the body for the honor conferred upon him and took his seat, and proceeded to business.

Called for petitionary letters for membership—when letters from Aenon and Sweet Home churches was read, subscribing to our articles of faith, was received into the fellowship of this body, and the hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the moderator in behalf of the association.

The moderator appointed Bro. J. T. Holt, of Ozan, Bro. McBreyer, of DeGray, S. S. McDaniel, of Macedonia J. W. Brock, of Clear Springs, a committee on divine service.

Called for correspondence and visiting brethren, Bro. Early, corresponding secretary of the state board, Bro. T. J. Butcher, of Union association, Bro. B. W. Milwee, H. G. York and R. S. Cypert, of South Western association, J. J. Byers, of Union association, J. O. Browning, of Judson association, Bro. L. W. Marbury, of Arkadelphia church, were all invited to seats.

While reading the church letters, Bro. Hardage, of Unity church, contested the seat of Bro. H. J. P. Horn, as a delegate from Arkadelphia church. The moderator decided him out of order.

Called for new business—Bro. Copeland, of Wolf Creek, offered the following: WHEREAS, The constitution of our association explicitly says we shall not interfere with the rights of the churches.

Resolved, Therefore, that Bro. H. J. P. Horn be retained as a delegate from Arkadelphia church, and that we recommend Unity and Arkadelphia churches to settle this vexed question among themselves. After some discussion on the

adoption of the above resolution, Bro. Copeland moved to reconsider. Bro. Welch moved to amend by laying the resolution on the table, and his motion was carried.

On motion the body adjourned to 9:30 o'clock, Monday morning—benediction by Bro. Welch.

SABBATH.

At 10:00 o'clock the congregation assembled in the meeting house, and the services was conducted by Reeves, of Arkadelphia. After reading the 1st Psalm prayer was offered by Bro. Welch. The audience was then addressed in the interest of the Ouachita College, by Prof. J. W. Conger, G. W. Reeves, W. D. Early, M. D. Early, D. D. Corbin, and closed by Bro. Copeland, who asked for a collection to aid in paying the expenses of an agent to travel and solicit funds to erect a College building, and the amount of \$60.00 was raised in cash, and pledges to be sent to J. W. Conger, president of said College, on or before 1st day of January next.

At 11:00 o'clock the pulpit was occupied by Bro. Reeves; at 3:00 p. m., by Bro. J. O. Browning, of Judson Association; at night, by Bro. J. J. Byers, of Union Association, followed by Bro. Corbin; at 11:00 o'clock, at the Methodist church, preaching by Bro. Early, of Little Rock; at 3:00 p. m., by Bro. N. J. Price, at night by Bro. G. M. Shaw; at Midway school house, Saturday night, preaching by Bro. Bell, followed by Bro. Z. T. Rogers; Sunday night, preaching by Bro. Copeland; Monday night, at Midway school house, preaching by Bro. Z. T. Rogers, on Saturday night Bro. Browning preached at Ozan church. The congregations at all the appointments was very large and attentive. Many was made to rejoice and praise God for being permitted to hear the truths of the gospel proclaimed by his servants.

SECOND DAY.

Monday morning the association met at 9:30 o'clock. The moderator read the 103d Psalm—prayer was offered by Bro. N. J. Davis, of Texas.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees was announced by the Moderator:

Sabbath Schools—Horn, Brown, Toby.

Temperance—Merrell, Burke, Edwards.

Documents—Copeland, Shaw, Holinshead.

Finance—Meredith, Langley, Carter.

Obituaries—Bell, McBreyer, Hardage.

Missions—Welch, Carnish, Rogers.

Literature—Price, Stell, McDaniel.

Education—Reeves, Holt, Malcomb.

Destitution—Corbin, McGraw, Newman.

Bro. Copeland, Chairman committee on documents, offered the following as their report, which was read and adopted. We, your committee on documents submit this our report. We find from the letters from the churches composing the association, that the Lord has graciously revived this work among us during the past year, which should prompt us to faithfulness. We find a query from New Home church on the scriptural definition of a church contained in the 13th articles of faith in the church roll and record published by Graves, Mahoffy & Co. We your committee believe said article contains a clear unmistakable definition of a church of Jesus Christ. We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Pleasant Hill church, Clark county, Ark., fifteen miles south of Arkadelphia, and five miles south of Curtis, on the St. L. I. M. & S. R. R.

Respectfully,

JIM P. COPELAND,

G. M. SHAW,

D. J. HOLINSHEAD.

Bro. T. A. Heard, as chairman of Home Mission Board in the eastern por-

tion of this association, offered the following as his report. We supplied Gurdon by sending Bro. L. H. Hitt to preach a portion of his time. Also Bro. N. J. Price at Curtis, whose reports of their labors will be made to this body. Bro. Horn and Bro. Bozeman have co-operated with me in raising funds in the field allotted to us in the Home Mission work. Especially Bro. Hoon, who visited all the destitute and assisted Bro. Hitt and Price in preaching in the destitute places, and organized a church some twelve miles above Arkadelphia, in a county where there was no Baptist church near to it.

Amount of cash collected.....	\$ 70 55
Amount paid Bro. Price.....	\$ 30 00
Amount paid Bro. Hitt.....	30 00—\$ 60 00
Amount still on hand.....	10 55
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Amount of pledges yet due and unpaid	\$ 70 55
	\$ 63 75

Bro. Horn desires to be released as one of the board. Should your body wish to continue the same board another year. Respectfully submitted,

T. A. HEARD, chairman.

A communication was read from Bro. J. P. Bourland, of Curtis, thanking this body for sending Bro. N. J. Price to preach to them, and request that he may be sent to preach to them the next year.

On motion of Bro. Corben the moderator appoint a special committee of three on state missions, and Bro. Copeland, Corben and Welch was appointed said committee.

Bro. Price as chairman of Committee on Literature read the following, which was adopted after some discussion. We, your committee on Literature report the Bible the only true book on earth, should be the rule and guide of our faith, and should be studied more by ministers and members of the Baptist churches of this association. 1st. We commend the Arkansas State Evangel, published by Bro. W. A. Forbes, at Little Rock, Ark. 2nd. The old Banner, the Tennessee Baptist, published by Bro. J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn. We also recommend that our Sabbath schools use kind Words lesson papers, and the Baptist Gem, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, at Atlanta, Ga. Also the publications issued by the American Baptist Publication Society. N. J. PRICE, Ch'n.

Bro. Early asked permission to speak in behalf of Arkansas Evangel. Permission was readily given him, and after his address, which was listened to with much attention, was followed by Bro. Browning. Both urged that every Baptist family in the state should encourage Bro. Forbes by patronizing him in publishing the Evangel.

Bro. Bell, chairman of the committee on obituaries, read the following, which was adopted. That we are thankful to our allwise Providence, that we have had no deaths among the ministry in the bounds of this association during the past year. But are pained to report the death of J. M. Weeks, of Union association, a minister, highly esteemed by us, who did much for the Master in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BELL, Chairman.

Bro. Copeland, as chairman of the special committee on state missions, read the following as their report, which was ably discussed by the brethren, and after the adoption, motion was made that the Moderator appoint the committee, and T. A. Heard, Arkadelphia, Isaac F. Welch, Alpine, J. Holt, Nashville, W. J. Rowe, Hollywood, by motion J. A. Ross, of Mt. Beihel, was added to the committee.

Your committee on State Missions submit this report:

From all we can gather, we find that the once destitute places in our Association are being occupied by Baptists, leaving us far less destitution at home than in former years. Ther-by enabling us to go into other fields and help establish the cause of our blessed Master. We have a great and growing state, with a population of about one million, of this vast number only about one-tenth are Baptist.

The Board of the Baptist State Convention are doing all in their power to give the gospel to the perishing thousands. Now brethren of the Red River Association, shall we be content until every nook and corner of our state is supplied with the pure Gospel?

During the past year we have had in our employ four or five Missionaries, whose labors have been greatly blessed. Another year we hope to put at least twenty-five men on the field. To do this we must have money with which to prosecute the work. We therefore recommend that each church in this association do all in its power to secure from each member the sum of twenty-five cents for this cause of missions within the bounds of our State. We further recommend that the Association appoint an executive board of five, located at some central point, who shall take the supervision of the work, and into whose hands all the money raised shall be paid, and by said board to be forwarded to the objects for which it was contributed. This will give us co-operation, in fact with the Denominational work, and enable this Association to know the amount of work done by the churches within its hands.

J. J. COPELAND, Chairman.

Bro. Welch moved that all the speeches hereafter be limited to five minutes—motion was carried.

Committee on preaching reported that Bro. Copeland was appointed to preach at 11:00 o'clock in this house. Bro. Meredith moved a recess of ten minutes, and that the delegates repair to the academy and continue the business—motion was carried, and the Association went to the academy and continued business.

Bro. Corbin, chairman committee on destitution, submitted the following as his report, which was adopted. We, your committee report that there is destitution in the boundaries of this Association; the northwest portion of Pike county, and the northeastern portion of Howard. We also find considerable destitution in Clark county, south of the Caddo river, and the western boundary of I. M. & S. Railroad, particularly on the northwestern boundary.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. D. CORBIN, Chairman.

Bro. Merrell, chairman on temperance, offered the following as his report, which was adopted: We find intemperance on the decrease in the bounds of the Red River Association, and that local option is gaining ground, for which we are truly thankful. We recommend that the brethren use all the means with which God has blessed them to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted.

E. MERRELL, Chairman.

Bro. Merrell, chairman of home missions, in the western portion of the Association, submitted this as his report: That he had presented the missionary cause here and at other places and collected \$1.50 in moneys, and I have been preaching a part of the time at Sweet Home church on missionary work. I hear from Bro. Corbin and McDaniel that they have collected \$3.75 in cash, and pledges from Macedoula and Caney Fork churches to the amount of \$15.50, and Bro. Funderburk two appointments from the 1st of January until now, and we recommend that this association pay him \$30.00.

Respectfully submitted.

E. MERRELL, Chairman.

Bro. Henry Black, of Nashville, was received as a visiting brother from Southwestern Association, also Bro. N. J. Davis, formerly a member of this body, but now living in Texas, both being present took seats with us.

Bro. J. A. Hardage asked leave of absence, which was granted.

Appointed correspondence to sister associations as follows: Caddo—Welch, Shaw, McGraw. Southwestern—Corbin, Merrell, Rogers. Union—Wilson, White, Bell, Price. Caroline—Copeland. Pine Bluff—Robinson, Price. Saline—Price, Reeves, Horn. Judson—Bell, Ross, Copeland. State Convention—Price, Merrell, Reeves, Copeland, Bell, Corbin.

On motion adjourned to meet in the meeting house at 2:30 o'clock.

2:30 o'clock the body met pursuant to adjournment—prayer was offered by Milwee.

Bro. Welch, chairman of committee on missions, offered this as his report, which was adopted. Claiming as we do to be Missionary Baptists, we maintain that it is our duty as such to prove to the world that we are what we profess to be. Would we have the mind of the great missionary from Heaven, we must be willing to labor for that for which he labored; sacrifice for that for which he sacrificed, and suffer for that for which he suffered. We realize the fact that there is great need within the bounds of our association that the pure old Gospel of the Son of God be more extensively preached. There is also the mission work throughout our great and developing state, calling upon us as Missionary Baptists to rise up in our christian manhood, and take the field for Christ. Again, the wail comes up to us from the foreign field of millions dyeing without a knowledge of Christ and His great salvation. While the Macedonian cry is reaching us from almost every part of the heathen world, *come over and help us*. In view of these stern facts, will we not during the next year renew our prayers and increase our contributions for our missionary work. No Missionary Baptist, who with pride bears the name, can afford to not pray, and give for carrying forward this great work.

Respectfully submitted.

I. F. WELCH, Chairman.

The body ordered five dollars to be sent to the State Convention to pay for minutes.

Bro. Horn, chairman of committee on Sabbath Schools, presented the following as his report, which was adopted: We find that only eight churches reported Sunday Schools last session, some of them for a part of the time. Now we find fourteen churches have Sunday Schools. We are proud to be able to report this increase, yet we do not believe that all the interest, zeal and effort is put forth in this grand and glorious work by the ministers and churches that should characterize us as the true lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ. God in the provisions of his money has always provided for the religious training of the young, and if we neglect it we must do it in the face of God's truth. Not that we

claim that the Sunday school as an organized and after their present model can be traced to divine origin. Yet we do claim that the idea is not new; not of human parentage but come directly out of the divine mind. It is Gods way of prophogating the truth, and no church can fill her mission in the world in the absense of it, nor can any member of the church discharge the duty they owe to God without taking part in it.

H. J. P. HORN, Chairman.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay Bro. Corbin \$11.75 to be paid to Bro. Funderbark for mission work in the western part of the Association.

Bro. Browning, of Judsonia Association, brought before the body the subject of woman work in our state, and was followed by Bro. Black, of Nashville church and other brethren. Bro. Copeland then read the following resolution, and urged that it be adopted, which was done by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this body that there is an undeveloped power lying in the bo-com of the church. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the sisters of the Red River Association, that they bound themselves together and organized themselves into Missionary Societies, and aid in company on the grand work of the Maste in sending the gospel to the home and foreign lands.

Resolved 2d. We recommend the sisters in all the churches within the bounds of this Association to emulate the actions of the sisters of Arkadelphia and Ozan churches in this work.

Bro. Holt, as one of the committee on education, read their report, which was heartily adopted by the body:

We, your Committee on Education would submit the following report:

No more important question presses itself upon the minds and hearts of Arkansas Baptists at this time than that of Christian education. All denominational progress, pride and stability, demands a pract-cle solution of this question, and in its solution is involved the future spiritual and mental status of our girls and boys. God has committed to us this sacred duty, and as Baptists, we must manifest our love and our devotion to this gran-work. Education, Christian education, in our own midst has a tendency to focalize all the power and otherwise ineff-ctive talents of our people, and to ingender a better spirit of co-operative agencies in our common work. Arkansas Baptists have long felt this great necessity, which is met by the establishment of the Ouachita College, which has the hearty support and co-operation of the entire Baptist brotherhood of the State. We feel to congratulate ourselves that it has been located within our border, and with it comes a realization of increased responsibility. Therefore, Be it

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to the Board of Trustees, and to the Baptists of the State, to render all posible material and moral support in permanently establishing the institution.

Resolved, That we as Red River Association, urge upon sister Associations throughout the State, the great importance and necessity of giving their immediate and undivided support to this grand denominational enterprise.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the late action of the Board in putting an active, efficient agent in the field to secure funds necessary for the erection of suitable buildings, which at present are so much needed.

G. W. REEVES, Chairman.

Bro. Meredith, chairman of committee on finance, read the following report: That we have \$38.65 for printing minutes; \$2.50 for home mission; \$1.90 for foreign missions; from the Ladies' Aid Society, at Ozan church, for foreign missions, \$7.55, all of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. MEREDITH, Chairman.

Appointed Bro. E. Merrell to preach the next introductory sermon, and Bro. N. J. Price his alternate.

Resolution offered by Bro. Welch, that the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to Ozan church and vicinity, for their liberal hospitality during this session; also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house, and to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful discharge of their duties.

Ordered that the Clerk have seven hundred copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches, and be allowed \$15.00 for the same.

After reading the minutes, a hymn was sung, and the parting hand was given to the delegates and all in the house, and the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1886.

T. A. HEARD,
Clerk.

J. A. ROSS,
Moderator.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. A. Heard, as Treasurer, in account with Red River Association.

To amount on hand for Home Mission last session	\$ 23 00
" " " Associational Fund	15 65
" received from Finance Committee for Minutes	38 65
" " " Home Missions	2 50
" Ladies' Aid Society, Ozan Church	7 55
" cash from Bethlehem Church Home Mission	2 25
" " " for Minutes	1 50
" cash, Bro. Horn, for Home Mission	70 55
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By amount sent to State Convention, 1885	\$ 5 00
" " paid printing Minutes	24 00
" " " for postage	2 50
" " allowed as clerk	15 00
" paid Bro. Corbin for Bro. Funderburk	11 65
" cash sent Bro. Searcy for Foreign Missions	7 55
" paid Bro. Hitt as missionary	30 00
" " Bro. Price as missionary	30 00
" sent to State Convention, 1886	5 00—\$130 70

Balance on hand \$31 25

Leaving cash on hand for Associational Fund, \$4.60; for Home Mission, \$26.85.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. S. Wallis, Arkadelphia.	H. H. Coleman, Dobyville.	T J Funderburk, Caney Fork.
D. S. Williams, Arkadelphia.	James Gunter, Curtis.	M. D. Bell, Hollywood.
D. M. Shaw, Arkadelphia.	J. P. Copeland, Wolf Creek.	John Evans, Curtis.
G. W. Reeves, Arkadelphia.	N. J. Price, Boughton.	W. J. Gardner, Dobyville.
Z. T. Rogers, Arkadelphia.	Elijah Merrell, Bingen.	D. E. McGraw, Caney Fork.
Geo. W. Cligan, Arkadelphia.	G. M. Shaw, Clear Springs.	Isaac F. Welch, Alpine.
Rafus White, Hope.	J. E. Kennedy, Amity.	M. L. Lanley, jr., Arkadelphia.
J. A. Cornish, Wallisburg.	D. D. Corbin, Bingen.	

LICENTATE MINISTERS.

H J P Horn, Arkadelphia.	W A Ingle, Arkadelphia.	W M Stephens, Clear Springs.
E Herrell, Boughton.	H A McDaniel, Murfreesboro.	O A McDaniel, Caney Fork.
J D Rogers, Bingen.	D S Bunch, Gurdon.	J J Dwigings, Alpine.
D G Wells, Gurdon.	A T Howell, Amity.	J M Dean, Clear Springs.
J A Fortson, Arkadelphia.	John Anderson, Arkadelphia.	

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one 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 foreknowledge 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 incapacity of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted 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 Jesus 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 the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbyter.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "The Red River Baptist Association."

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

ART. 3. The delegates, 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.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the church of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies 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 from the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the delegates from the churches, and to 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 practice. 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 that gospel, to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order may be admitted into this Union by their sending up three delegates to the annual meeting of this Association with a petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee of Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his 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 succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

ART. 9. 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 difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the directions in 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 discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this 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.

ART. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present; provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by 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 the opening session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk the Association shall then 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 in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion, or to speak of 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 the same by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart 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 some of his former remarks.

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 in 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 one another, he shall call him brother.

9. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

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

12. The Minutes of the Association may be read as it may think necessary.

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

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total in Fellowship.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sabbath Meetings.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.
Arkadelphia.	Clark.	G W Reeves, H J P Horn, T A Heard.	7	23	12			1	114	\$2 50		\$45 00		G W Reeves	Arkadelphia
Unity	"	J A Hardage, F J Edwards.		4	24				77	1 70	\$4 75	12 35	3	R S Wallis	"
Mt. Bethel.	"	J A Ross, T A Ross, C Toby.	18	3	7			3	96	2 00			4	J P Copeland	"
DeGray.	"	E W McBreyer, J W Ferrell.	18	1	5	2		2	118	2 00		2 00		G W Clingan	"
Gum Springs	"	Represented by letter.	1	1	7	2			22	75	4 00		3	Z T Rogers	"
Shiloh.	"	J W Bankston, John Anderson.	4		3			2	32	1 00			3	Jas Gunter	"
Hollywood.	"	M D Bell, B F Malcomb, W J Rowe.		1	2			1	47	1 50			1	I F Welch	Hollywood
South Fork.	"	Z T Rogers, G B Carter.	20	7	6				84	1 00			2	Z T Rogers	Dobyville
Aenon.	"	G B Reed, E S Smith.	6	3	2			2	17	75			2	I F Welch	Alpine
Pleasant Hill.	"	Represented by letter.	5	2	2			2	54	1 75			2	N J Price	Curtis
Okolona.	"	J H Smart.	3	2	4		1	1	77	3 00	24 15		4	N J Price	Okolona
Bethlehem.	"	Represented by letter.			18		2		27	1 50	2 25		1	Jas Gunter	Gurdon
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Union.	"	I F Welch, Thos Garnett, L S Newman.	4	2	4	1			73	2 00			3	I F Welch	Alpine
Clear Springs.	"	G M Shaw, J W Brock, J C Rawlins.	52	12	1	2		3	140	3 75			2	L H Hitt	Clear Springs
Maple Spring.	Pike	J C Cooley, G W Stephens.	1	1				1	32	1 00			2	H G York	Murfreesboro
Macedonia.	"	D E McGraw, S S McDaniel.	1	2			2		27	1 00			4	D E McGraw	Murfreesboro
Caney Fork.	"	D D Corbin, Polk Burke, R F Kelley.	3	2			2	1	16				1	W W Carson	Leard
Liberty Hill.	"	S S Langley, J H French.	1	1	6		3	1	21	1 50			1	G M Shaw	Antoine
Wolf Creek.	"	J P Copeland, W B Henderson, A A Stell.	10	3	3		6		40	1 00			2	J P Copeland	Wolf Creek
Sweet Home.	"	J E Carnish, J E Kennedy.	5	2	4			1	11	75			1	J A Carnish	Nathan
Providence.	Nevada.	N J Price, G A Robinson, W D Sutton.	4	6	15	17	3	1	83	3 15			3	N J Price	Boughton
Piney Grove.	"	J W Wilson, J C Kelley.	2	1	4		1	2	40	1 00			2	T J Butcher	Boughton
New Home.	"	Jas Alexander, J C Brown, Z T Stone.	2	3	7	1	3		49	1 50	2 00		3	T J Butcher	Prescott
Ozan.	Hempstead	E Merrill, M H Merredith, J T Holt.	14	13	12	2	2	2	113	4 30		7 55	2	H G York	Bingen
Pleasant Grove	"	H Boyd, C L Lewis, W H Askew.	9	3	7		4	3	106	3 00			1	N J Price	Hickory Creek
Terre Noir.	Clark	Not represented							35						
Washington.	Hempstead	Not represented.							17						
Walton Valley	Pike	Not represented.							25						
John No. 1.	Hempstead	Not represented.													
Totals.....			191	102	156	27	30	29	1632						



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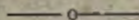
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