

• • Proceedings • •

OF THE

Gainesville

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Blooming Grove Church,

Clay County, Ark., Sep. 25, 27 and 28, 1897.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

•• OFFICERS. ••

ELD. J. T. EDWARDS, *Moderator, Mack.*

HENRY HOLCOMB, *Clerk, Pollard.*

T. L. B. THORN, *Treasurer, Gainesville.*

Next session to be held with Newlight Church, nine miles north of Rector, Clay county, Ark., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898.

... MINUTES ...
OF THE
GAINESVILLE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Blooming Grove Church, Saturday, Sep. 25, 1897.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened in its twenty-eighth annual session with Blooming Grove church, Clay county, Ark., Saturday, September 25, 1897. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. E. D. Cooper at 11 a. m. His text was 1 Peter 2: 9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." The body was then called to order by the former moderator.

A motion was then carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. for refreshments, which were furnished on the grounds. Benediction by Eld. S. L. Pine.

At 1:30 p. m., the association was called together and business resumed. Letters from churches were called for and read by Elds. S. L. Pine and E. D. Cooper. Twenty-nine churches were present by letters and messengers.

On motion the body went into election by ballot for permanent officers of the association, which resulted in the election of Eld. J. T. Edwards, Moderator; Henry Holcomb, Clerk and Eld. T. L. B. Thorn, Treasurer. The moderator on taking the chair thanked the body for the honor conferred and then invited the body to join in prayer led by Eld. D. E. Gambrell.

Petitionary letters were then called for and four responded by letters and delegation. One from Morning Star, one from Pilot Grove and one from Pleasant Valley churches, and on motion received and the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers and invited them to seats with the body. And one was received from Post Oak Valley church by a majority vote, but there being some objection to receiving the

church into the body, a question arose whether a majority should rule in receiving churches on petitionary letters. A motion carried to postpone the matter for further consideration until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The association then adjourned for preaching at 7 p. m. by Eld. Giles C. Taylor, of the Russellville Association, after which the association was called to order by the moderator.

On motion the association adopted the order of business of our last session to govern this session.

Letters of correspondence were then called for. The moderator invited visiting brethren to seats with the body and to participate in its deliberations. Elds. Giles C. Taylor, of Russellville Association; D. E. Gambrell, of Friendship Association; and W. Theo. Smith, of Caroline Association, accepted the invitation.

On motion the moderator appointed Elds. E. D. Cooper, J. R. Holcomb and J. S. Rogers as a special committee to investigate the matter of receiving Post Oak Valley church into the body by a majority vote and report to the body by 10 o'clock Monday morning.

On motion the moderator appointed the usual committees:

Ministerial education—J. J. Burton, H. Weatherly and J. D. J. Faulkner.

Home Missions—E. J. Teague, Wm. Riley, and W. R. Underwood.

Foreign Missions—W. R. Cantrell, J. S. Haden, and G. W. Collier.

State and Associational Missions—T. L. B. Thorn, J. A. Smith and C. W. Bradshaw.

Sunday School—J. S. Rodgers, J. H. Collier and J. F. Fitzgerald.

Finance—Geo. Jones, Wm. Campbell and N. Hampton.

Obituaries—John Fletcher, W. C. Barr and Dallas Faulkner.

Temperance—J. D. J. Faulkner, H. W. Cagle and A. B. Winchester.

Publications—W. H. Pollard, E. P. Holt and J. M. Thorn.

Orphans' Home—J. T. Rogers, E. D. Cooper and W. D. Farmer.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning 8 o'clock.
Benediction by W. Theo Smith.

On Sunday at 11 o'clock Elder D. E. Gambrell, general agent for the Arkansas Baptist, preached a very able sermon to a large congregation, after which a collection of \$10 was taken up for Associational Missions.

MONDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 27, 1897.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. E. J. Teague. The roll was called, corrected and the messengers answered to their names. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read amended and approved.

The order of business as follows:

1. Call the roll and read the minutes.
2. Call for petitory letters
3. Call for letters of correspondence.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats in the body.
5. Report of committee on Ministerial education. x
6. Report of committee on Home Missions. x
7. Report of committee on Foreign Missions. x
8. Report of committee on State and Associational Missions.
9. Report of committee on Sunday Schools. x
10. Report of committee on Finance.
11. Report of committee on Obituaries. x
12. Report of committee on Temperance. y
13. Report of committee on Publications. x
14. Report of committee on Orphans' Home. x
15. Report of committee on Ministers and Post-offices.
16. Report of Executive Board.
17. Report of General Agent of Ministerial Education.
18. Report of Missionary.
19. Report of Treasurer.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Call for Queries and Resolutions.

The special committee to investigate the matter of receiving Post Oak Valley church into the body made their report and on motion received and committee discharged, and the hour having arrived for the consideration of receiving Post Oak Valley church into the body was taken up and discussed by Elders G. Lively.

W. R. Cantrell and T. L. B. Thorn, and on motion received into the body and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers and invited to seats in the body.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for preaching by Eld. J. H. Peay and refreshments, benediction by the moderator.

At 11 o'clock Eld. J. H. Peay preached a most precious and soul-reviving sermon. The theme was: "The Eternal Salvation of the Saved," which was listened to with marked interest.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. T. B. Kitchen.

The moderator further extended the invitation for visiting brethren and it was accepted by Eld. J. H. Peay and Bro. T. B. Kitchen, of Mt. Zion Association.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

When we consider the different phases of infidelity and the vast work errorists are doing in the name of religion, the importance of an educated ministry must be apparent to all. And

Whereas, we have several young men, viz: Elds. J. N. Lawless, Neeley Merideth, J. S. Rogers and E. D. Cooper, who have already entered the ministry and are doing all in their power to educate and prepare themselves for the arduous duty of ministers of the gospel. We recommend that the churches and pastors give the best aid possible for this great work, and that the body appoint an agent in each church to solicit funds and send the same to the general agent; that the funds be applied to aid them in this work, and we recommend Ouachita and Mountain Home Baptist colleges.

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Chairman,

Discussed by Elds S. L. Pine J. D. J. Faulkner, G. Lively, J. S. Rogers, J. S. Haden, W. R. Cantrell, J. N. Lawless and E. D. Cooper, and adopted.

On motion the moderator appointed the following named members as agents of the respective churches to solicit funds for ministerial education and forward same to Bro. J. A. Smith, at Boydsville, Ark., who was appointed by the association as general agent to receive said funds and pay over to whom the association may assist in school:

Rock Hill church—J. H. Loyd.

Epsaby—J. W. Roberts.

Fairview—J. F. Fitzgerald.

Hopewell—G. W. Collier.

Friendship—Harvey Weatherby.
New Light—F. J. Pinkston.
New Hope—W. H. Pollard.
Providence—John Brewer.
Pleasant Grove—J. F. Fletcher.
Salem—J. W. Garrett.
Rector—A. L. Moore.
Brown's Chapel—J. L. McDaniel.
Union Grove—Albert Snowden.
Marmaduke—E. P. Holt.
Mount Tabor—W. R. Underwood.
Gainesville—T. L. B. Thorn.
Post Oak—W. L. B. Hammell.
Blooming Grove—G. R. Beckley.
Main Shore—G. W. Jones.
Center Hill—N. Hampton.
Piggott—J. J. Brown.
Knoble—J. H. Perry.
Wanderers' Home—J. T. Baker.
Blue Cane—C. L. Reeves.
Palestine—J. P. Smart.
St. Francis—J. H. Collier.
Unity—F. M. Haygood.
Oak Grove—G. W. Kirby.
Bark Gamp Island—Eugene Nettle.
Pilot Grove—W. R. Cantrell.
Pleasant Valley—J. S. Dickson.
Post Oak Valley—Ed Johnson.
Morning Star—Bro. McBiggs.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

The Home Mission field comprises all the territory of Southern Baptist Convention, New Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba. We do not know the number of missionaries on the field, as they are helping many. The Home Board pays Arkansas one dollar for every dollar we raise for State Missions. Therefore we recommend our association to co-operate with the Home Mission Board, as every dollar we pay to State Missions is worth two.

E. J. TEAGUE, Chairman.

Discussed by Elds. J. D. J. Faulkner and J. H. Peay, and was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

As the great head of the church has commanded his church to preach the gospel to every creature, believing that this applies to Baptists, we recommend that the pastors of the churches of this association keep the interest of Foreign Missions before their churches. Believing that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. How shall they hear and believe without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they be sent?

W. R. CANTRELL, Chairman.

Pending discussion a collection of \$6.25 was taken for Foreign Missions. Adopted.

The Committee on State and Associational Missions presented a majority and minority report, and referred back to committee with Bros. E. D. Cooper and J. J. Burton added to committee to again be taken up after preaching tonight.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was adopted as follows:

Realizing the great importance of Sunday-schools and the necessity of every single church in Gainesville Association maintaining one because of the grand, noble and Christ-like work that can and is being done through the influence of Sunday-schools. We most earnestly, sincerely and hopefully advise each church in the association that has none to organize and maintain an ever-green Sunday-school. We admonish all churches that now have or may have Sunday-schools, to be exceedingly careful in the selection of teachers and to choose such godly Baptist men and women as teachers as will prayerfully try to lead each unsaved pupil of his or her class to the foot of the cross, and that will faithfully and gladly teach true Baptist doctrine. We further advise each Sunday-school to purchase black-boards, maps and Bible picture lessons, which may be obtained from the Sunday-School Board at Nashville, Tenn. We further hope that all of the churches will feel, realize and know that they will not and can not do all the work God has enjoined on them without a year-around Sunday-school. J. S. ROGERS, Chm'n.

On motion adjourned for preaching at 7 o'clock by Eld. J. R. Holcomb. At that hour he preached, taking as a text, Acts 16: 30: "And brought them out and said, sirs, what must I do to be saved." After which the association was called to order and resumed business.

The report of Committee on State and Associational Missions as amended was again taken up and discussed at length by Elds. G. Lively, T. L. B. Thorn, W. R. Cantrell, A. G. Cagle, E. D. Cooper, J. S. Rogers and Bro. G. W. Gullian, and on motion adopted as follows:

As to State Missions, we would recommend that we, as the Gainesville Association, co-operate with the State Board and that the pastors of the

respective churches in our bounds bring the subject of State Missions before their respective congregations and take a collection for same and forward the amount to the secretary of the State Board. Viewing the destitution in the bounds of the Gainesville Association and being taught of God that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and in obedience to the command of our Lord and Master to preach the gospel to every creature. We would urge that we place Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner in the fields of destitution for at least half of his time and more if prudent. We would further recommend that the members composing the present body, select from its members five brethren to constitute an associational mission board, whose duty it shall be to investigate the destitution in our bounds and point out the fields to be labored in by the missionary. Also fix the salary of the missionary and keep an itemized statement of all contributions for Associational Missions received and disbursed by them and make a report of same at the next association. It shall be the duty of the missionary to labor in the destitute points under the direction of the board and keep a true record of all his work and compensation for same and report it to the next session of this body. We further recommend that the messengers representing the respective churches, urge upon the members of their churches the necessity of contributing to the associational mission interest and forwarding same to the mission board. We further recommend that the pastors of the churches help in the work in destitutions in the bounds of their work, and that the churches hold up their hands and report the result of their labors to the board; and such work be recognized by the board, and report same in their report to the next association.

T. L. B. THORN, Chm'n.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING 8 O'CLOCK, SEPTEMBER 28, 1897.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Lawless. Called the roll. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. On motion Jericho church was dropped from the roll of churches for dissolving and going to other churches.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to draft a resolution in the Whitsitt matter. Bros. J. N. Lawless, J. D. J. Faulkner and J. S. Rogers were appointed.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows, which was adopted.

Receipts for printing minutes from the various churches:

Rector	\$ 1 00	New Hope.....	1 50
Epsaby	1 00	Palestine	50
Knobel	1 50	Piggott	
Rock Hill.....	2 50	Post Oak.....	1 00
Wanderer's Home.....	1 00	Unity	1 50
Main Shore.....	50	Friendship.....	2 50
Mount Tabor.....	1 25	Gainesville.....	1 50
Center Hill.....	1 50	Brown's Chapel	1 00
Fair View.....	2 00	Oak Grove.....	1 00
Marmaduke.....	1 50	Providence.....	1 00
Blue Cane.....	30	New Light.....	1 30
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00	St. Francis.....	50

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Hopewell.....	1 50	Pilot Grove.....	50
Salem.....	1 30	Pleasant Valley.....	50
Union Grove.....	1 00		
Blooming Grove.....	1 50	Amount forwarded.....	\$34 95
Amount brought forward.....	\$34 95		
Morning Star.....	1 00		
Post Oak Valley.....	25		

Total minute fund.....	\$36 20		
Union Grove, Foreign Missions.....	50	Home Missions.....	\$ 50
New Light, Foreign Missions.....	1 00		
Rock Hill.....		Home Missions.....	2 00
Blooming Grove, Foreign Missions.....	25		
Pleasant Grove, Foreign Missions.....	1 00	Home Missions..	1 00

Total.....	\$ 2 75	Total.....	\$ 3 50
Blue Cane Association Missions.....			1 00
Epsaby Association Missions.....			1 00

Total.....	\$ 2 00
Foreign Missions, total.....	2 75

Total missions.....	\$ 8 25
Total minute fund.....	36 20

Grand total.....	\$44 45
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GEORGE W. JONES,
WILLIAM CAMPBELL, } Committee.
N. HAMPTON.

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We, your committee, report that the angel of death has visited us and taken twenty-two of our brothers and sisters of the various churches of the association since our last session.

W. C. BARR, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

The country is now suffering from the effects of the enormous liquor traffic, and many of young people are being ruined, and once beautiful and happy homes are now hovels of poverty and distress. We recommend our people to abstain from everything of the kind. Let us pray God to assist us in the work of prohibition, and ever work and vote as we pray, that our country may soon be free from its blighting effects. We also recommend that our ministers faithfully warn the members of the immense evils of the whisky traffic, and that the churches be strict in discipline with their members who are guilty of drunkenness or voting for whisky license.

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Chairman.

The foregoing report was discussed by S. L. Pine, J. N. Lawless, J. R. Holcomb, E. D. Cooper, W. R. Cantrell and W. H. Merideth, and adopted.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows, which was adopted without discussion;

The Bible, of course, should ever be the book of our study and the rule of our faith and practice. We believe, however, that every Baptist in our association ought to read some Baptist paper, and we would recommend the Arkansas Baptist, our state paper; also, the Texas Baptist, the American Baptist and the Baptist Review. Would also recommend the literature published by American Baptist Publication Society and the Southern Baptist Convention for Sunday-schools.

W. H. POLLARD, Chairman.

The Committee on Orphans' Home reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, would make the following report. We have an Orphans' Home at Monticello built on eighty acres of land, given, for this purpose by Miss Hannah Hyett, the home is gradually developing. Their support and the success of the institution depends on the individual contributions of the Baptist of Arkansas, as this is an institution worthy of our support. We recommend, that we take a collection from their churches, during the month of November, and forward the same to W. W. Gardner, Monticello, Ark.

E. D. COOPER,
W. D. FARMER, } Committee.
J. T. ROGERS.

The above report was discussed by Elds. G. Lively, J. S. Haden, S. L. Pine and Bro. Holt, and a collection of \$13 taken for the Home and report adopted.

On motion, the association assist the Executive Board to make settlement as there is not a majority of the board present, and that Eld. J. S. Haden be allowed \$16 for labor done in the bounds of the association, and also Eld. G. Lively be allowed \$10.00 for labor at St. Francis and the board ordered to pay the above amounts.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m. for refreshments. Benediction by the moderator. One thirty o'clock p. m. the association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by the moderator.

The report of the Executive Board was as follows, which was adopted:

We met and organized by electing J. A. Mahon chairman and J. J. Burton secretary, and after due consideration we decided to put Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner as missionary in the field for one month. He did good service for which we paid him \$30. We also paid Bro. E. J. Teague \$10.00 for house rent for Bro. Lawrence. Paid Eld. J. S. Haden by order of association sixteen dollars for mission work in the Cleghorn settlement, in Clay county, Ark., and also paid Eld. G. Lively by order of association ten dollars for mission work at St. Francis. We here give a list of what the churches have contributed during the past year for this purpose:

Friendship.....	\$ 5 80	Piggott.....	2 10
Providence.....	3 65	Mount Tabor.....	1 00
Unity.....	2 70	New Hope.....	2 00
Rector.....	82	New Light.....	1 00
Marmaduke.....	5 36	Salem.....	3 00

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Oak Grove.....	4 15	Union Grove.....	5 81
Blooming Grove.....	3 00	Fairview.....	4 45
Blue Cane.....	5 00	Center Hill.....	5 01
Rock Hill.....	9 05		
Brown's Chapel.....	3 50	Total from churches.....	\$69 39
Collections at fifth Sunday meeting.....			6 00
Received from treasurer.....			21 00
Total collections.....			\$96 39
Total disbursements.....			61 00
Balance on hand.....			\$35 39

J. J. BURTON, Secretary and Treasurer of Board.

On motion the moderator appointed Bros. J. J. Burton, W. A. Weatherly, S. H. Weatherly, J. M. Thorn and J. H. Hardy as the Executive Board.

On motion the association will hold her fifth Sunday meeting with Mt. Zion Association at Paragould church.

The General Agent for Ministerial Education reported as follows:

Paid to Eld. E. D. Cooper the sum of \$44.60, this being the full amount collected the past year for this purpose.

J. J. BURTON, General Agent,

Report adopted:

On motion Bro. J. A. Smith was appointed General Agent for Ministerial Education, and a collection of \$1.35 was contributed and paid over to said agent.

On motion the moderator appointed Elds. G. Lively, J. R. Holcomb, E. D. Cooper, S. N. Lawless and J. S. Rogers as delegates to Baptist State Convention.

The report of the treasurer was presented, read and adopted as follows:

Balance on hand at last report for foreign missions.....	\$ 13 08
Home missions.....	9 00
Associational missions.....	20 10
Ministerial education.....	1 20
Minutes fund.....	36 00
Total balance.....	\$ 79 43
Received from finance committee minute fund.....	36 20
Foreign missions.....	2 75
Home missions.....	3 50
Associational missions.....	2 00
By public collections associational missions.....	10 00
By A. B. Winchester associational missions.....	50
By public collections for foreign missions.....	6 36
By public collections at fifth Sunday meeting for foreign missions.....	6 40
Total amount received and balance.....	\$ 147 14

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Credits asked by amount paid clerk for minutes for

1896.....	\$ 36 00
By amount to E. B. Miller, secretary F. M. B.....	19 48
J. J. Burton, secretary A. M. B.....	20 15
A. G. McManaway.....	9 00
J. F. Hammett, G. A. M. E.....	1 20

Total credits asked\$ 85 83

Balance on hand.....	\$ 61 31
For minute fund 1897.....	36 20
Foreign missions.....	9 11
Home missions.....	3 50
Associational missions.....	12 50

Total.....\$ 61 31

T. L. B. THORN, Treasurer.

On motion we change our time of meeting from Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October in each year.

On motion the body went into an election for the place of holding the next session of the association, which resulted in the election of New Light church, Clay county, Ark., and Eld. J. S. Haden was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Eld. J. N. Lawless, alternate.

On motion that we correspond with Mt. Zion Association, and Bros. J. J. Burton, J. S. Haden and E. D. Cooper were appointed as corresponding messengers.

On motion the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of minutes, and have it done at the office of the Arkansas Baptist if reasonable, and that he be allowed \$8 for his trouble.

Query: What is it that constitutes Christian baptism? J. R. Holcomb answered four things. First, A believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Second, Immersion in water. Third, In the name of the Triune God. Fourth, By a legal administrator.

The special committee appointed, submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has written contrary to the Bible and to historical facts, the Baptists prior to 1641 sprinkled for baptism, and that a wife should leave the Baptist church to follow her husband into any other church, claiming the family to be a superior institution to the church of the

Lord Jesus Christ, which things are deeply humiliating to us as Baptists; and will, we think, be extremely injurious to the Baptist cause in general.

Resolved, That we as an association, ask Dr. Whitsitt to resign his position as president of the seminary, and that we give no aid to sa'd institution or any of its students while Dr. Whitsitt is in the position named. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Dr. Whitsitt and one to the president of the Board of Trustees; also one to the Arkansas Baptist for publication.

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Chm'n.

Be it resolved, That we extend our thanks to the brothers and sisters and the good people of Blooming Grove church and vicinity for their hospitality and kindness shown to us during our stay among them.

Thus closed the twenty-eighth annual session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association to meet with New Light church, nine miles north of Rector, Clay county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1898, at 11 a. m., and during song service the parting hand was extended to the brethren.

ELD. J. T. EDWARDS, MODERATOR.

HENRY HOLCOMB, CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. H. Faulkner.....	Crowley	W. R. Cantrell.....	Piggott
J. D. J. Faulkner.....	Paragould	J. S. Haden.....	Boydsville
E. D. Cooper.....	Paragould	Kelley Pate.....	Piggott
J. T. Edwards.....	Mack	C. A. Merideth.....	Marmaduke
G. Lively.....	Rector	W. H. Merideth.....	Marmaduke
S. Walls.....	Gainesville	A. G. Cagle.....	Piggott
E. J. Teague.....	Gainesville	N. W. Hampton.....	Gainesville
J. R. Holcomb.....	Pollard	J. T. Tyler.....	Rector
J. N. Settlemoir.....	Pollard	A. M. Harris.....	Marmaduke
N. F. Carpenter.....	Crocket	J. N. Lawless.....	Crowley
G. D. Crow.....	Piggott	J. S. Rogers.....	Paragould

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Rock Hill.....	L. B. Rogers, J. S. Rogers, E. D. Cooper.....	J. H. Peay.....	J. M. Rogers.....	Paragould.
Epsaby.....	J. W. Roberts, S. T. Roberts.....	G. H. Faulkner.....	W. L. Owens.....	Gainesville.
Fairview.....	J. T. Edwards, J. F. Fitzgerald, S. B. Spear.....	E. D. Cooper.....	J. M. Thomason.....	Mack.
Hopewell.....	W. D. Farmer, G. W. Collier, J. A. Thomas.....	J. S. Haden.....	D. M. Johnson.....	Rector.
Friendship.....	H. W. Weatherly, S. H. Weatherly, J. J. Burton.....	W. J. Bearden.....	W. T. Allison.....	Gainesville.
New Light.....	J. F. Pinkston, G. W. Russum.....	N. F. Carpenter.....	Z. T. Crockett.....	Crockett.
New Hope.....	H. Holcomb, W. J. Nicholas, W. H. Pollard.....	J. R. Holcomb.....	H. Holcomb.....	Pollard.
Providence.....	J. F. Brewer, H. B. Wright, T. S. Hamilton.....	J. F. Bearden.....	W. T. Williams.....	Marmaduke.
Pleasant Grove.....	J. F. Fletcher, J. N. Lawless.....	G. H. Faulkner.....	T. H. Anthony.....	Finch.
Salem.....	J. A. Smith, C. W. Bradshaw, J. W. Graves.....	J. S. Haden.....	C. W. Bradshaw.....	Boydsville.
Rector.....	H. W. Cagle, A. L. Moore, G. Lively.....	A. L. Moore.....	A. L. Moore.....	Rector.
Union Grove.....	C. Barr, A. Snowden, D. Faulkner.....	J. T. Edwards.....	G. H. Faulkner.....	Crowley.
Marmaduke.....	E. P. Holt, A. J. Earley.....	J. S. Haden.....	R. B. Jones.....	Marmaduke.
Mt. Tabor.....	M. W. Neely, W. R. Underwood, H. A. Seals.....	A. G. Cagle.....	H. A. Seals.....	Piggott.
Brown's Chapel.....	J. T. McDaniel.....	J. D. J. Faulkner.....	J. F. Sain.....	Paragou Id.
Gainesville.....	T. L. B. Thorn, J. M. Thorn, A. W. Hilderman.....	E. J. Teague.....	T. L. B. Thorn.....	Gainesville.
Post Oak.....	J. G. Staggs.....	J. R. Holcomb.....	J. G. Staggs.....	Pollard.
Blooming Grove.....	A. B. Winchester, J. A. Hooks, Jas. Denniston.....	J. S. Haden.....	A. B. Winchester.....	Rector.
Main Shore.....	W. A. Campbell, G. W. Jones, Joseph Owens.....	J. T. Edwards.....	W. A. Campbell.....	Bailey.
Center Hill.....	N. Hampton, Foster Sims.....	E. D. Cooper.....	J. W. Craven.....	Paragould.
Piggott.....	T. J. Crews.....	S. L. Pine.....	J. J. Brown.....	Piggott.
Knobel.....	J. H. Perry.....	J. N. Shook.....	J. H. Duffer.....	Knobel.
Wanderers' Home.....	J. T. Baker.....	A. G. Cagle.....	L. O. Waller.....	Pollard.
Blue Cane.....	W. E. Mitchell, J. T. Meharg, C. L. Reaves.....	G. Lively.....	C. L. Reaves.....	Rector.
Palestine.....	W. S. Crittendon, J. P. Smart.....	A. G. Cagle.....	W. S. Crittendon.....	Piggott.
St. Francis.....	J. H. Collier, Mintie Collier.....	J. H. Collier.....	J. H. Collier.....	St. Francis.
Greenway.....	S. C. Loveless.....	S. C. Loveless.....	S. C. Loveless.....	Greenway.
Unity.....	W. T. Riley, J. H. McHaney.....	J. D. J. Faulkner.....	W. T. Riley.....	Paragould.
Oak Grove.....	W. J. Reaves, G. W. Kirby.....	A. M. Harris.....	T. H. Freeman.....	Marmaduke.
Bark Camp Island.....	Not represented.....			
Pleasant Valley.....	G. W. McGuillan, Joseph Dixon.....		John McAbber.....	Knobel.
Pilot Grove.....	W. R. Cantrell, J. F. Bradford, John Bomer.....	W. R. Cantrell.....	J. F. Bradford.....	Piggott.
Morning Star.....	W. H. Bacon, J. W. Head.....	C. A. Merideth.....	J. W. Head.....	Paragould.
Post Oak Valley.....	T. E. Johnson, J. N. Merideth.....	N. W. Hampton.....	T. E. Johnson.....	Marmaduke.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.								CONTRIBUTIONS.											Value of Church Property.	
	By Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	By Relation.	Restored.	Died.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Present Membership.	Day of Meeting.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Work.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidentals.	Repairs.	Minute Fund.		Total Contributions.
Rock Hill.....	8	3		1	1	2		142	1st.	\$2 05	\$4 20	\$2 00	\$2 10	\$20 00	\$2 40	\$110 00			\$2 50	\$152 25	\$1200
Epsaby.....	4	1		1	1	1		48	3d.	1 00									1 00	2 00	
Fairview.....			1			1		78	3d.	5 40				10 00		75 00			2 00	22 40	
Hopewell.....	13	1				3		142	3d.							80 55	\$5 20		1 50	87 23	1000
Friendship.....			1	1				88	2d.	5 80			12 05			125 00			2 50	145 35	1000
New Light.....	6	6				2		77	3d.				1 00						1 30	2 30	500
New Hope.....		1				2		96	3d.							10 00			1 50	14 50	300
Providence.....		1				3		132	4th.			2 15							1 00	3 15	
Pleasant Grove.....	11	2		1	1	3	7	127	1st.			1 00	1 00						1 30	3 00	
Salem.....	16	3				10	6	96	1st.	5 00						70 00			1 30	76 30	200
Rector.....		2		1		1		17	2d.										1 00	1 00	400
Union Grove.....	4	10					4	50	2d.	1 00		50	50						1 00	3 60	
Marmaduke.....					1	11		71	4th.							75 00			1 50	76 50	
Mt. Tabor.....	1			2	2	1		53	4th.										1 25	1 25	
Brown's Chapel.....	9			1		2		50	2d.	3 50									1 00	4 50	
Gainesville.....	4			4	1	1		36	1st.										1 50	1 50	
Post Oak.....	8		3		1	6	1	24	4th.										1 00	1 00	
Blooming Grove.....								63	2d.										1 50	1 50	
Main Shore.....	6			1	2			28	4th.										50	50	
Center Hill.....	2	7		1	2	1	5	70	4th.	5 00			1 25			60 00			1 50	67 75	
Piggott.....								37	2d.	2 10						90 00	14 00	\$48 00		154 10	900
Knobel.....						4	1	35	4th.										1 50	1 50	
Wanderer's Home.....	12	3				2		82	1st.										1 00	1 00	300
Blue Cane.....	1	12	2		1	1	3	54	4th.	1 00						50 00			60	51 60	
Palestine.....	3	2		1	1	4	1	17	2d.							10 00	45	15 00	50	25 95	250
St. Francis.....								11											50		
Greenway.....								6													
Unity.....	9			12		4	4	75	3d.			5 00				75 00			1 50	81 50	300
Oak Grove.....	6	5						18	3d.			2 00				25 00	1 00		1 00	29 00	
Bark Camp Island.....								22											50		
Pleasant Valley.....								9											50		
Pilot Grove.....	6		2					13	1st.										50		
Morning Star.....								27	1st.										1 00		
Post Oak Valley.....								7											50		