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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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FRIENDSHIP & REGULAR & BAPTIST & ASSOCIATION

— HELD WITH —

Friendship Church, No. 1, Cleveland County, Arkansas,

SEPTEMBER 15, 16 & 17, 1888.

SENIOR, Moderator,

J. W. McPHERSON, Clerk

Next Meeting to be held with Mount Moriah Church, in Desha County
Arkansas, Friday before Third Sunday in September, 1889.

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The Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened in Friendship Church, No. 1 Cleveland county Arkansas, September 15th 1888.

owing to the absence of the Moderator the former Clerk led the body to order, and requested Eld. M. A. Gunter proceed with the temporary organization of the body. whereupon he read the 116th division of Psalms and prayer offered by Eld. J. N. Hall.

The hour of introductory services having arrived, and appointee (Eld A J Fawcett,) not being present, the duty was filled by Eld M D Early, who preached a most excellent sermon from John 17 c 18 v.

After which a recess was taken for refreshments, which were bountifully furnished upon the ground

At 2 P M the body was called together by singing prayer by Eld.

The roll of churches was then called, their letters read by Eld G S Kennard and Bro A C Miller, and Delegates names enrolled.

We now proceeded to permanent organization, which resulted in the choice of Eld M A Gunter for Moderator and J W McPherson as Clerk and Treasurer.

Petitionary church letters were called for, whereupon New Home church by her Delegates W M Willis and W W Dean came forward and asked admission, and, after examining her letters, was received into full fellowship and also New Prospect by her Delegates, J S Johnson and W W Norris was in like manner received, after which the Moderator (in behalf of the association) extended the right hand of fellowship.

An invitation was extended to corresponding messengers whereupon Bro A C Rhodes from Bartholomew association was enrolled, and I Z Kimbrough and J W Askins from Judson association, also Elders J B Searcy Financial Agent Ouachita College and Sec. Foreign Missions.

Eld J N Hall, one of the Editors *Arkansas Baptist* and M D Early Corresponding Secretary of State and Foreign Mission board were all welcomed and names enrolled.

The Association returned corresponding Messengers to the following associations, as follows: Bartholomew, Eld J C Green, M A Gunter, I B Vick and Brethren J R Searcy, W H Cash and J W McPherson. Judson, Eld T J Varnell and Brethren W M Hopson, J L Bagget and J W Wolf Pine Bluff, Bro. J D Kelly.

State Convention Eld T J Varnell, W H Cash M A Gunter G S Kennard and W M Hopson.

Southern Baptist Convention Elds M A Gunter Delegates and L Quinn and G S Kennard Alternates.

A motion by Eld J H Overton was made and carried, to have him released from preaching the Missionary sermon and Eld J N Hall to preach said sermon at 11 a m Sunday. Adjourned until after services at night, Prayer by Eld J

SATURDAY 7:30 P. M.

The stand was filled by Eld G S Kennard, who preached quite a convincing sermon from 1st Cor 15c 57v.

After services, the body was called to order by the Moderator. The Executive Board made their report which was read by Eld G S. Kennard. It was extensively discussed and amended by placing Eld I Z Kimbrough on the list of Missionaries, (as he was employed as such at Kingsland,) and then tabled. On motion the Moderator proceeded to appoint the various committees.

Divine Services—Brethren W J Copes, S A Ward, J L Gathright and Eld M A Gunter

Nominations—Brethren J L Baggett, N T Terrell, J C Baily.

Documents—Eld I R Vick and Brethren R M Doster and R M Ferguson.

Obituaries—Eld J H W Overton and Brethren O P Conner and J R Searcy.

Finance—J S Fish, A C Miller and C S Raley.

Sunday Schools—Eld W H Cash and Brethren M A Littlejohn and S A Ward.

Foreign Missions—Eld E Y Rogers, J L Gathright and J W Saddler.

Education—Eld J W Fish, G W Wordlaw and J M Aydelotte.

Publication—Eld T J Varnell and Brethren J W Wolf and W J Cope.

Home Mission Board—Eld L Quinn and Brethren A C Miller and D T Lee

Associational and State Missions—Eld L Quinn and Brethren M C Evan and W R Ross.

Ministerial Education—Elds T J Varnell, J C Green and P L Wynn.

Treasurer of Executive Board's Report—Bro H C Fox, read by Eld G S Kennard.

SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

Sunday School Mass Meeting, Addressed by Eld J B Searcy, M D Early, I Z Kimbrough and G S Kennard.

An intermission of 15 minutes.

After which Eld J N Hall preached a most powerful and convincing sermon from Isaiah 27c 5v after which a collection for Missions was taken up, which resulted in contributions to the amount of \$44.60. Dismissed for refreshments which were bountifully furnished upon the ground.

2:30 P M

Eld J B Searcy filled the stand and gave us excellent gospel food from Isaiah 27c 6v.

7:30 P M

Eld M D Early preached a most excellent sermon, Phillippian, 3c 5v.

Thus ended the Sabbath services which made many say that it was good to be there.

MONDAY 8 o'clock A M

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. After singing read Roman 12 c. Prayer by Eld E Y A R. Further Devotion exercises were conducted by Eld I Z Kimbrell. Eld J N Hall as Editor of the Arkansas Baptist addressed the Association on the interest of that paper. Minutes of Saturday and Sabbath were read. Roll was called and corrected and Minutes adopted. Eld W H Cash read report on Sabbath schools, which was discussed and referred back to committee.

Report of Executive board taken from the table, discussed and adopted. [See Report A]

Committee on Education read, and pending discussion, a collection was taken up for the Onachita College, amounting to \$25.45 cash. Total \$155.00, which was adopted [See report B.]

State and Associational Missions, read and Discussed, amended and adopted. [See report C]

Adjourned for refreshment.

1 o'clock P. M. called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Sabbath Schools as amended was adopted. [See report D]

Committee on Home Missions, read discussed and adopted. [See report E]

Committee on Documents read, discussed corrected and adopted. [See Report F]

Committee on Finance read their report which was adopted. [See Report G]

Committee on Publications read, discussed, amended and adopted. [See Report H]

Committee on Foreign Missions, read their report which was discussed and adopted. [See Report I]

Committee on Nominations read their report which was adopted. [See Report J.]

Committee on Ministerial Education, read their report which was discussed and adopted. [See Report K.]

Committee on Obituaries read their report which was adopted. [See Report L.]

Committee on Divine Service, read their report, which was adopted. [See Report M.]

A number of resolutions were adopted, which see in their regular order. On motion proceeded to the selection of Brethren to preach the Annual Sermons at the next session of this body, which resulted in the choice of Eld M A Gunter to preach the introductory and J H W Overton the Missionary Sermon.

A motion was made and carried to refund to the clerk \$8.90, the money he paid out for postage and expressage on Minutes for 1887.

A motion was made and carried to change the meeting of this body from Saturday 10 o'clock A M to Friday 11 A M before the 3rd Sabbath in Sept.

Resolved that the thanks of this body are hereby tendered Friendship church No 1 and neighborhood, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

Resolved, that we have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the amount sent up for that purpose, and the clerk have \$15.00 for his services.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Mount Moriah church, in Desha County, Ark., on Friday before the third Sabbath in September 1889, at 11 o'clock A M.

Prayer by Eld J H W Overton.

A hymn was sung, and the parting hand extended amid tears of joy and love.

Thus closed the sixteenth annual session of the Friendship Association.

J. W. McPHERSON,

Clerk.

M. A. GUNTER,

Moderator,

REPORT A.

H C Fox, Treasurer, in account with Friendship Association:	
1887.	
September 18—Balance on hand	\$7.00
1888.	
September 15—Paid Early	50.00
“ “ Amount received	202.00
1888.	\$310.00
September 15—Amount paid Early State Missions	\$50.00
“ “ “ “ Foreign Missions	10.00
“ “ “ “ Home Missions	108.00
	\$208.00
By Balance on hand in Treasury	20.00
The above report includes money collected at the Association and money paid into the Treasury since that time H C Fox Treasurer	
Condensed reports of Missionaries. Rev. L Quinn, Star City.	
Sermons delivered	100
Prayer meeting attended	75
Religious or Pastoral visits made	80
Received by Baptism	100
“ “ Letter	100
Restored “	100

REPORT B.

Your Committee on Education report that this is one of the most important subjects that can be presented to the minds of the masses of our people. Education to be beneficial must be both of the mind and heart. The heart must be educated in truthfulness, honesty, uprightness and benevolence; these principles may and should be instilled in the minds and hearts of our sons and daughters by us, at our homes and around our firesides. We must educate our sons and daughters in the sciences, to fit and qualify them for the business avocations of life. We must build up good schools in every city, town and neighborhood and in our schools let us employ competent Christian teachers and strive to accomplish the greatest good. We should all strive to give our children a collegiate education and when we send them to college we should patronize our Baptist State College.

We should by all means, educate our young ministers so that they may be able to stand before the enlightened world and teach the truth and the doctrine of the Bible.

If there are any young ministers who are striving for an education and need assistance, may God put it into the hearts of those who are able, to assist them in procuring it, that they may be relieved of the embarrassment of those who have not had the benefits of a collegiate course.

J W Fish, Chairman

REPORT C.

Your Committee on State and associational Missions would report that we deem it unnecessary to argue the importance of missions as we suppose that all are agreed in this and we call your attention to the magnitude of the work. Our needs are very great, the vast uncultivated fields, and a large portion being only partly cultivated, should cause every christian to rise up and say, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." Brethren the missionary work is the work of the Baptists of to-day, and we cannot afford to neglect it. We ask the churches to adopt the mission book that is now being successfully used, and authorize the executive board to furnish these books to all the churches in the association who have not already secured them, and we further recommend that the churches begin these collections in the beginning of the next associational year and send the funds to the board, so the work can go on. We recommend, the same line of co-operation as heretofore engaged in and further, we think the present plans of the board good and take this method of commending its work. In conclusion we recommend that each member contribute at least 50cts per capita.

The number of members in our Association last year were.....	1271
Increase this year	34
Total No. this year	1305
Last year we gave for missions of all kinds \$440.35 this amount is equivalent to 34 1/4 cents per capita It was distributed as follows:	
Associational Mis-sions.....	\$227.00
State	163.00
Foreign	49.00
Total.....	\$440.00
Suppose we give this incoming year 50cts per capita (using the Wounded plans to collect) and divided about as follows:	
To Associational Missions	25 cts per Capita \$326.25
" State ..	10 " " 130.00
" Home ..	5 " " 65.00
" Foreign ..	10 " " 130.00
Total	50 \$652.50
Suppose we had a system throughout the State among the Baptists and we were giving at this rate. We have 60,000 white Baptists and this would be.	
For Associational Missions	25 cts per Capita \$15000.00
" State ..	10 " " 6000.00
" Home ..	5 " " 3000.00
" Foreign ..	10 " " 6000.00
Total	50 cts \$30 000.00
Brethren we ought to have it. We can have it. We must have it. We ought to have more. Will Friendship Association do her part? Let not 50c per Capita be our aim but the minimum of our aim. Let the maximum be up in the dollars.	
J. Quinn Chairman	

REPORT D.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools find only 14 Schools reported this year from 26 churches and some of them report almost no work was done. The 14 Schools report 1542 pupils. We are happy to report some faithful Sunday schools that are doing good work for the Master in our bounds.

Brethren we must reach the young through the gospel it being the grand means to reach that end. Therefore we must have well organized Sunday schools in our churches that we may help the pastor to bring the children to Christ. Brethren we have a Sunday school convention in this association that we must foster if we would make it a success. But few of the churches take any interest in our convention. Brethren will you wake up to the work of Sunday schools and make it a grand success, we can if we will.

We also recommend that this association assure its hearty co-operation with any state Sunday school Evangelist that may be selected by our state board and we trust such missionary will be appointed. W H Cash Chairman.

REPORT E.

Your Committee on Home missions would submit the following: It is with great pleasure that we call attention to this work. For many years it has been the purpose of the home board now located at Atlanta Ga., to do all in its power to help build up our cause throughout the southern states. In nearly all of these states are to be seen the practical results of the work of this board. 2nd it is also the business of this board to plant the gospel among the Indians and our western borders. There the board has and is still doing a grand work. 3rd the work in Cuba. This is one among, if not the most, prosperous of missions now on the globe. Here God opened the door and gave us the man. About two years ago we entered this field and during this time Bro. A J Diaz has baptized over 1100 Converts and today there are 8000 applicants for membership in our church at Havana. 4th we must earnestly recommend to the churches of this Association this work. The board has asked Arkansas for \$1000 for its work during the present year. Will not this association during the present year raise and send to Eld J T Ticknor at Atlanta Ga., \$100,00? The board is now doing all in its power to help build a house for our people in Havana; this we must have, for our people over there are not able to build alone. The Board has asked the ladies of the South to raise \$5,000 for this church. Will not the ladies of this Association help us in the work. We believe they will. Finally we would recommend that our people subscribe for, and read carefully the paper published by the home board (Our Home Field.) It will only cost you the small sum of 50 cts per copy and in club of 5 40cfs. L Quinn Chairman

REPORT F.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to report as follows: The number of churches reported 26; ordained ministers 12; unordained ministers 7; received by Baptism 111; by letter 48; by relation 5; by restoration 11; dismissed by letter 30; excluded 24; died 15; number males and females 1355.

I R Vick, Chairman.

REPORT G

Your Committee on Finance would report as follows:

Cash by Delegates (for Minutes).....	\$40.50
Home and Association Missions by Delegates.....	31.80
Home and Association Collected at Association...	33.00
Foreign mission by Delegates.....	14.50
Collected at Association.....	11.20
Ministerial Education by Delegate.....	50

Making a total of..... \$132.1

J S Fish Chairman

REPORT H.

We your Committee on publications recommend, first of all books, the Bible. 2d the Southern Psalmist as a hymn book. Religious papers, the *Arkansas Baptist Sunday School* periodicals such, as are published by the American Baptist publishing society.

T J Varnell Chairman.

REPORT I.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report, 1st we deem foreign missions a subject of prime importance in the deliberation of our association. We consider that a hearty and unanimous response to the appeals of this work is our indispensable duty. If we slight this work in our efforts, prayers and our contributions, we cannot claim obedience to our master's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature etc." The needs of our foreign Mission Board are at present very urgent and deeply concern us in common with the whole Baptist brotherhood of the southern States. The pressing necessities of Foreign fields, together with the willing offerings of themselves to God by the many noble hearted men and women presenting themselves to the board, and saying: "Here am I; send me," have induced the board to send out an increased number of missionaries this year. To meet the additional expense of this increased force of workers, the Board has appealed to us southern Baptists for \$20,000 more money than last year. In this opening of new and effective doors increasing the demand upon our liberality to this grand work, we see the hand of God and hear his thrilling order. "Go forward" We believe and are sure that as he points us by his providence to mightier contests, he insures to us mightier triumphs. His word of promise and its faithful performance in the past quicken our confidence. Let us not be faint hearted, though the burden seems great, though the contest rages! The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. In its apportionments to the different states for this work, the Board has asked Arkansas for \$2,500 and we have never failed to do all that has been asked of us for Foreign Missions heretofore.

The Board asked for \$1000 and we gave it. Then they asked for \$1200 and we gave it. And then they asked for \$1500; advancing beyond our former liberality in doing all that was asked of us we gave \$1800. Now shall we

up to the measure of former liberality? Shall we not give the \$2500? Friendship Association has been asked for \$200, as her share of this amount. Shall not say, here and now, that we will give it? Shall not we say it as we look on the perishing millions of benighted heathens holding out their hands to us, looking at us with their hungry faces saying: "Give us the bread of life. Help us. We are dying?" E Y A Rogers Chairman.

REPORT J.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report that we have nominated as our Executive Board, Eld. G S Kennard, H C Fox, J L Hunter, J H Grumbles and J S Fish; On Sunday School, W H Cash, on Ministerial Education T J Varnell, on Book Depository M A Gunter; and that he sell the books and turn the proceeds over to the Executive Board for Missions; that the next session of this body be held with Mount Moriah church, J L Baggett Chairman.

REPORT K.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report that nothing has been done in this line, by this association this year. There seems to be no young minister in the bounds of this association that is an aspirant for an education, therefore nothing has been done. But we think that something may yet be done in that direction. We had two young men in Jackson Tenn., from this state and there is due for their board about \$75.00. We recommend that this Association pay part of that debt. T J Varnell Chairman

REPORT J.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report as follows: That we, as the children of God have great reason to thank him for his care over us for another year. While he has visited us with death, and taken from our number fifteen, that being one of every ninety. This, indeed is wonderful. He has spared the lives of all of our ministers, for which Brethren let us thank God and take courage, looking to him in all time to come, as our all in all

J H Overton Chairman.

REPORT M.

Committee on Divine Service beg leave to report as follows, Eld G S Kennard will preach at 7:30 P M on Saturday.

Sunday 9:30 A M: Sabbath School Mass meeting addresses by Elds W H Cash, J B Searcy, M D Early, I Z Kimbrough and G S Kennard.

At 11 A M: Eld J N Hall will preach the Missionary Sermon.

At 2:30 P M: Preaching by Eld J Searcy.

At 7:30 P M: Preaching by Eld M D Early.

W J Gope Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. McPherson, to the Friendship Association:

Dr.

1888		
Sept 17th	Cash for Minutes.....	\$40.50
" "	" " by Delegates Missions.....	46.35
" "	Collected at Association for Missions	44.80
" "	Ministerial Education.....	50
" "	Quachita College	25.45

\$157.50)

Cr.

1888.			
Sept. 17th	Paid to board by Finance Committee.....	\$46.35	
" "	" M D Early Cor, Sec H M.....	22.40	
" "	" J B Searcy Cor. Sec., Foreign Mission....	11.20	
" "	" J B Searcy Financial Agent Onachata College....	25.45	
" "	" Minutes.....	24.00	
" "	" Clerks Fees.....	15.00	
" "	" Expenses on Minutes for 1887.....	8.90	
" "	" Ministerial Education. 50.50	
			\$153.80
Balance Due.		\$33.80

J W McPherson Treasurer.

P. S:--I would like to have the churches of this Association carefully consider the propriety of having an Associational Record Book and having our constitution and entire proceedings transcribed therein provided we could get one of all our back numbers of Minutes. We might possibly get them all now. Brethren it does seem to me that we ought to have that much denomination pride. Consider this matter among yourselves and send your Delegates to our next Association with instructions upon that subject, so that some competent Brother can be employed to do the work,

CLERK.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Vouches	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates	Total number	Teachers and Sunday School Scholars	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Ministerial Education	Minutes		
Bethel No 1.....	T J Varnell.....	B F Moody.....	Rison.....	T J Varnell, C W Perkins.	1						1	1		37	49	10	0000	1	25		
Bethel No 2.....	W H Cash.....	R A Ferguson.....	Bradly.....	R M Ferguson.....	4	1	2	1	2	2				48	2	15		1	50		
Bethlehem.....	E Y A Rogers.....	Z T Stone.....	Palmyra.....	Wm Sackett J W Fish Z T Stone.....	2					1	3	1		91	50	7	50	2	50		
Centerville.....	W C Harley.....	G W Johnston.....	Rowell.....	J M Adylotte G W Johnson.....	1					1	1	1		42	2	05		1	00		
Cedar Branch...	A J Newell.....	D W Branch.....	Dary Saw, James D Kelly John Spellers.....	5	1					1	2	2		48	37			2	00		
Enon.....	W H Cash.....	J E Ferguson.....	Anover.....	O P Conner R M Doster John R Searcy.....	3					2	2	6	1	76	1500	5	15	2	00		
Friendship No 1.....	M A Gunter.....	J A Brown.....	Glendale.....	J T Gathright W J Cope S A Ward.....	21	1				2	2	4	6	2	149	3	00		2	00	
Friendship No 2.....	Wm Hopson.....	James Kendy.....	Cook.....	J W Wolf J R Wright J N Barker.....	2					2	1			25	5	00		1	00		
Holly Springs.....	I R Vick.....	D W Campbell.....	Garnett.....	I R Vick N T Terrill, I L Vick ..	7	2	1			2		2	1	53	35	6	15	2	05		
Hickory Grove.....	W H Cash.....	C F Jenkins.....	Star City.....	J S Fish, J C Bailey.....	1	1								67	20	2	00	5	25		
Kingsland.....	I Z Kimbrou.....	A M Gresham.....	Kingsland.....	W M Hopson.....	2	10				2			1	53	64	1375		1	50		
Lone Grove.....	J W Fish.....	P L Wynn.....	Glendale.....	C S Raley P L Wynn, L D Owen.....						2				9					75		
Mount Moriah.....	I R Vick.....	J M McBroom.....	Whinchestr.....	D G Lee, W J Colwell.....	23	3	2	1					3	74	20	7	10		1	50	
Macedonia.....	J H Overton.....	J L Riggins.....	Toledo.....	D D Tucker J L Riggins, T N May.....	2	2				3	1			42	1	00	50		1	50	
New Hope.....		J C Saddler.....	Toledo.....	J W Saddler John Clark, B F Riburn..						1	3			20	1	00			75		
New Home.....	J W Fish.....	Thos I Steed.....	Palmyra.....	W M Willis, W W Dean.....	14									23	30				1	00	
New Prospect.....	L Quinn.....	J S Johnson.....	Varners.....	J S Johnson, W W Norris.....	5	2								16	5	00	3	00	1	50	
Pleasant Springs.....	M A Gunter.....	J W McPherson.....	Coleman.....	E Y A Rogers, M C Evans, J W McPherson.....	8	4				2	1	1	2	72	47	4	75	4	75	2	50
Pleasant Hill.....	J W Fish.....	W A Keiber.....	Garnette.....	J C Green W A Keiber, M A Little John.....	2					1		1		31					1	50	
Pleasant Ridge.....	J H W Overton.....	W R Ross.....	Randall.....	R M Wardlaw W R Ross Wm Coats.....						1	1		1	50	1100				1	50	
Pine Bluff.....	G S Keunard.....	H C Fox.....	Pine Bluff.....	G S Keunard H C Fox, John Matley....	4	11						1		129	120				2	50	
Rison.....	T J Varnell.....	T B Williams.....	Rison.....	J L Baggett.....	1					4			1	27	10		3	10		1	00
Star City.....	L Quinn.....	J G Atkinson.....	Star City.....	L Quinn.....	1					2	1	1	2	44	69	3	75		3	00	
Spring Hill.....	2 H B Taylor.....	T H Holloway.....	Brooks.....	H B Taylor T H Holloway W Clements.....	2	2		1	2	1	2	1		27	2	00			75		
Spring Hill No 1.....	M A Gunter.....	A C Miller.....	Montongo.....	M A Gunter, A C Miller.....	3	7		1	1	3	3	1		56	30	10	7	50		1	50
Zion.....	J H Overton.....	J J Lee.....	Toledo.....	J H Overton, W H Cash, D W Wardlaw.....	3					3		2		49	90	132	1	25		1	50
Total.....					107	57	3	2	11	18	38	30	14	9	1358	612	1350	2550	4050		