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OF THE

Bartholomew

Regular Baptist

Association.

HELD WITH

Promise Land Church,

Ashley County, Ark., Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1898.

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

OFFICERS:

*N. C. Denson, Moderator, Warren.*  
*J. M. L. Thomasson, Clerk and Treas., Monticello.*

Next session will be held with Mt. Zion, No. 2, Church, Chicot  
County, on Saturday before the First Sunday in  
October, 1899.

# Proceedings.

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PROMISE LAND, ARK., Sept. 30, 1898.

The Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association convened in its Forty-eighth annual session, this day, with Promise Land Church at 10 o'clock a. m. The former moderator being absent, after a short prayer service led by Bro. Hogan Allen, the former clerk called the association to order. Bro. G. D. Moore was selected as temporary chairman, who, after reading the Rules of Decorum, proceeded to call the role of churches. Brethren A. F. Willis and J. W. Simms, by request, read the letters as they were presented. At 11 o'clock the call of churches was discontinued and Bro. G. S. Daugherty, by request, took the stand and preached the introductory sermon from Titus 3: 5. At the close of the sermon the body took recess for dinner, dismissal by Bro. John S. Wood.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 1:30 Eld. N. C. Denson led in prayer. Reading of the letters was then resumed and continued to a finish.

Organization was then perfected by electing N. C. Denson moderator and J. M. L. Thomasson clerk and treasurer.

Under call for petitionary letters Bro. R. B. Sawyers presented letter from Edon Church, and giving satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy the church was received and hand of fellowship extended the delegate.

Eld. Hogan Allen, J. C. Pyron and F. M. Bordeaux were made committee on arrangements for preaching.

Corresponding messengers were called for and Bro. Floyd responded as a visitor from Bayou Macon Association. Bro. J. N. Hartley presented himself as financial agent for Ouachita College, and in presenting his work took collection for the college as follows Cash \$3 50:

## PLEDGES.

G. S. Daugherty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 10 00
J. W. Simms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Hogan Allen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
S. R. Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
Prairie Grove Church, by J. R. Woods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Temperance—J. F. Rorex, T. E. Baker and J. N. Dess.

Nominations—R. T. Moseley, W. W. Ritter and H. S. Brooks.

State of Religion—John S. Wood, W. T. Lawson and S. H. Woods.

Finance—W. H. Lindsey, W. S. Allen and D. W. Clements.

Publications—A. F. Willis, S. S. Gray and J. E. Findley.

Orphans' Home—G. S. Daugherty, J. R. Woods and A. B. Turner.

Ministerial Education—J. F. Rorex, W. H. Lindsey and S. R. Smith.

Sunday-schools—F. M. Bordeaux, J. W. Simms and G. D. Moore.

Foreign Missions—G. D. Moore, A. F. Willis and J. C. Pyron.

State Missions—G. S. Daugherty, T. E. Baker and W. T. Clements.

Home Missions—J. W. Simms, J. R. Wallace and W. F. Bessellieu.

Associational Missions—Hogan Allen, F. M. Bordeaux and J. F. Rorex.

The Committee on Divine Service made partial report as follows: Preaching at 7:30 this evening by Eld J. N. Hartley. Tomorrow 11 a. m. by Eld. J. F. Rorex. Motion prevailed making the report on Associational Missions special order for 10 a. m. tomorrow

Delegates were appointed to the State Convention as follows: John S. Wood, W. T. Clements, Hogan Allen, J. W. Simms and W. S. Allen. Eld N. C. Denson was elected as our representative on the State Board. Eld. G. D. Moore was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Eld. G. S. Daugherty as alternate. Motion prevailed taking an adjournment until 7:30 this evening. At the appointed time the congregation came together and were addressed by Eld. J. N. Hartley from John 21: 15. This was a sermon long to be remembered. Christians were revived and sinners led to inquire the way of life.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

## SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Eld. W. T. Clements led



in prayer. Letters that had not been handed in were called for and read.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report:

We quote from last report as follows: "The Foreign Mission work is the greatest work of our whole people. It is a united effort to carry out the great commission of our Lord, although our contributions have not been large, and our Foreign Board has been and is yet in debt, yet God has blessed our missionaries. They report additions and baptisms, and that opposition is giving away. We are thankful to God to know that the gospel light is breaking in upon all nations; and that from idolatry they are turning to our God who will abundantly pardon. We need more faith and prayer and consecration in this great work. We believe in this work, as in all our mission work, that its success depends upon regular systematic giving upon the part of all of our churches. 'Jesus saith unto them my meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work,' Acts 14: 27. contains the first Foreign Missionary report ever made by missionaries who had been sent to foreign fields by a New Testament church. This is a part of the great work of our churches, and the work is being directed by our Foreign Mission Board, who represent the organized strength and purpose of the churches. Jesus Christ has commanded his churches to send the gospel to the whole world and we must do it by our prayers and regular contributions."

GEO. D. MOORE,  
A. F. WILLIS,  
J. C. PYRON, Committee.

#### Committee on Publications reported as follows:

As we take the Bible alone as our rule of faith and practice, let us make it our daily companion. We find in the homes of some of the Baptists of the Association no Bible, and in the homes of a great many more, no Arkansas Baptist or other religious paper.

We endorse the Arkansas Baptist, edited by W. A. Clark, as our State organ. We endorse the Sunday-school literature published by the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., also the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

A. F. WILLIS,  
S. S. GRAY,  
J. E. FINDLEY, Committee.

This report was adopted after earnest speeches by A. F. Willis, W. B. Holland, G. S. Daugherty, Hogan Allen, F. M. Bordeaux and J. M. L. Thomasson.

The Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

Notwithstanding the great need of a live, active missionary in the bounds of this (Bartholomew) Association, little or nothing has been done this year. We recommend the continuance of the Mission Board, with such changes as may seem best in the judgment of this body, also that we continue to co-operate with the State Board, and that the board selected by this body have full power to employ and contract with, (for any part or all of his time, as may seem to them for the best) any man whom they may deem worthy and well-fitted for the work of a missionary, to do mission work on the destitute field in our bounds.

HOGAN ALLEN,

For the Committee.

An earnest discussion of the mission work was engaged in by Brethren Hogan Allen, N. C. Denson, John S. Wood, S. S. Gray, G. S. Daugherty, R. B. Sawyers, S.H. Woods, J.C Pyron, F. M. Bordeaux and J. M. L. Thomasson and the report was adopted.

It now being the hour appointed for preaching, regular work was discontinued and Eld J. F. Rorex occupied the stand and preached from 1 Cor. 12: 31. after which the body took recess for dinner. Dismission by Bro. Jno. S. Wood.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30. After song service Bro. J. C. Pyron led in prayer. Committee on Orphans' Home were called and reported as follows:

In 1894 eighty acres of land was given for a home for the orphans of Arkansas. In 1895-6 buildings were erected. In September, 1896, Miss Hannah Hyatt took charge as matron of the home with two orphans. Since then they have had in the home 22 children; 19 in the home at present, have lost 2 by death and given 1 into another home. Their ages range from 4 to 14, 5 boys and 14 girls, all nice, healthy children, who appreciate this home more than we can tell you. We, your committee, recommend that this body advise the board that they only take such children as they are able to care for, and that they do not put out children into homes to be made upper servants, and if put into homes at all, that it must be with Christian parents who will adopt them according to the laws of the State and make them heirs of their property. Furthermore, that as this institution is in our midst and the only Baptist public enterprise in South Arkansas, therefore, be it resolved, that we will give the Home our most hearty support, and we will see that these children have food and raiment, and an education so far as we are able to assist them.

G. S. DAUGHERTY,

J. R. WOODS,

A. B. TURNER, Committee.



This question was discussed by Brethren G. S. Daugherty, W. B. Holland, John S. Wood, and collection taken as follows: Cash, \$14.34, and pledges from the following:

W. T. Lawson, one load corn; W. L. Rogers, 50c; N. W. NeSmith, \$1; Flat Creek Church, one load corn; A. F. Willis, \$1; H. H. Dawkins, \$2.50; S. B. Johnson, 5 bushels of cotton seed; F. M. Bordeaux, 5 bushels of corn; I. P. Chapman, \$1; John G. Carpenter, 50c; Bro. Grady, 10 bushels of potatoes; Mrs. Emery, 1 quilt; Mrs. Chapman, 1 quilt; Hattie Hamilton, 1 quilt; Mrs. D. Haley, 1 quilt; S. H. Woods, \$1; R. B. Knight, 50c; Mt. Olive Church, 1 load corn; Sardis Church, 1 load corn; S. M. Floyd, 25 gallons of molasses delivered on cars at Brodnax, La.

The report was then adopted.

The Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

Jésus said. "Go ye into all the world," and we have not yet performed this work, even within the borders of our own State. We recommend on the part of this Association a cheerful and liberal support to whatever means or men that may be employed to accomplish this work in the shortest time.

R. C. DEW,

T. E. BAKER,

W. T. CLEMENTS, Committee.

This report was spoken to by Brethren T. E. Baker, N. C. Denson and Hogan Allen, and collection taken as follows. Cash, \$9 17.

#### PLEDGES.

Enon Church	-	-	-	\$ 2 50	Brought forward	-	-	7 50
Holly Springs Church	-	-	-	1 00	Monticello Church	-	-	\$ 5 00
Union Hill	-	-	-	1 00	Mt. Olive Church	-	-	1 00
Sardis Church	-	-	-	1 00	Flat Creek Church	-	-	1 50
Shilo Church	-	-	-	1 00	Promise Land Church	-	-	2 00
S. H. Woods	-	-	-	1 00	Judson Church	-	-	1 00
Carried forward	-	-	-	7 50	Total	-	-	\$ 18 00

Report adopted.

Committee on State of Religion reported as follows:

During the past year we have received by baptism 110, by letter 99, restored 23, total 232. There has been dismissed by letter 115, excluded 96, died 45, total 256. Showing a loss of 24.

JOHN S. WOOD, Chairman.

This report was discussed by Brethren N. C. Denson, W. T. Clements, S. H. Woods, A. F. Willis, and adopted.

The Committee on Divine Service read the following report:

Preaching tonight by N. C. Denson. Tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m. preaching by John S. Wood. At 11 am by W. B. Holland, who, by request, will preach the Annual Missionary Sermon. Motion prevailed to dispense with preaching tonight and hold a business session.

The clerk and treasurer presented the following report, which was adopted:

# CLERK'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT 1897 8.

## Receipts—1897.

Oct. 1. From R. F. Hyatt.....	\$ 11. 71
Oct. 2. From Finance Committee.	
“ “ Associational missions.....	53 40
“ “ State missions.....	5 45
“ “ Home missions.....	1 45
“ “ Foreign missions.....	23 60
“ “ Ministerial education.....	7 50
Collection at Association.	
For Associational missions.....	57 00
Orphans' Home.....	19 30
“ “ Sent up for minutes.....	46 10
“ “ Collection to settle with missionary.....	3 40

Total.....\$228 91

## Credit.

By receipt from missionary.....	\$ 123 45
Receipt from W. W. Gardner.....	19 30
Amount paid clerk.....	20 00
Paid State Board.....	5 45
Paid Home Board.....	1 45
Paid Foreign Board.....	23 60
Paid Ministerial Board.....	7 50
Paid for minutes.....	25 00
Paid balance due Clerk and Treasurer.....	1 54
Paid register and postage.....	60
Paid blank letters.....	2 00
Paid postage mailing blanks.....	44
Paid stationery.....	55
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	\$ 230 88
Balance due clerk.....	\$1 97

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The balance due clerk ordered paid.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

We recommend as members for the Mission Board for Drew county: J. M. L. Thomasson, R. F. Hyatt, J. R. Wallace and G. S. Daugherty.

For Ashley county—G. D. Moore, S. R. Smith, J. W. Simms and Hogan Allen.

For Bradley county—A. F. Willis, N. C. Denson, W. T. Clements and J. F. Rorex.

For Chicot county—W. A. Hott and G. W. Shelton.

We earnestly urge that this board meet with our Fifth Sunday meetings to look after the interest of the mission work in the bounds of this Association.

We recommend as members of the Board of Ministerial Education, G. D. Moore, J. F. Rorex and G. S. Daugherty.

We recommend that Eld. John S. Wood preach the introductory sermon at our next annual meeting and Eld. A. F. Willis as alternate. G. D. Moore to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon and N. C. Denson as alternate.

We recommend that our next annual meeting be held with Mt. Zion No. 2 Church, in Chicot county.

R. T. MOSELEY,  
W. W. RITTER, Committee.

This report was read and adopted by sections. Motion prevailed changing the time of our meeting back to Saturday as heretofore.

The Committee on Finance presented the following:

We find that the following amounts have been sent up by the churches for the purposes herein named:

For Associational missions.....	\$ 46 96
Associational minutes.....	41 60
State missions.....	6 05
Home missions.....	23 50
Foreign missions.....	12 16
Ministerial education.....	8 05
Orphans' Home.....	5 05

Total .....	\$143 37
Collection for State missions.....	\$ 9 17
For Orphans' Home.....	14 34
Collection on Sunday for Associational missions.....	7 77
For State missions.....	7 00
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	\$38 28

Total ..... \$181 65.

W. H. LINDSEY,  
W. S. ALLEN,  
D. W. CLEMENTS, Committee.

The Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following:

This is a subject that should be uppermost in our hearts; that of leading our children and friends to Christ. We believe the Sunday-school is the greatest place to teach our own children and those of our friends the way of eternal life.



We recommend that our superintendent be very careful in the selection of teachers, selecting such, only as are spiritually minded and well qualified to teach, and they should be Baptists.

We recognize the Sunday-school as the church at work, and do not believe that those who profess to believe in Baptist doctrines should join in Union Sunday-schools. We find from the reports that there has been no increase in the number of schools during this year, but a decrease of \$91 in the attendance.

F. M. BORDEAUX,

G. D. MOORE,

J. W. SIMMS, Committee.

This was adopted after earnest speeches by Brethren G. D. Moore, F. M. Bordeaux, R. C. Dew, S. H. Woods. J. M. L. Thomasson, W. F. Bessellieu and G. S. Daugherty.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

Education means progression, progression shows the predominating powers of some influence, and this influence is being felt in every community of our land, whether it is advancing towards skepticism or Christianity, evil or good, light or darkness. Advancement in any direction shows a knowledge of the facts leading in that direction—hence, education—and as ethics has proven the fact that the condition of man, mental or moral is ever changing, we believe the statement that education is progression, almost every line of education whether evil or good is being pushed with all the energy and skill of wise leaders. Skepticism, infidelity and false teachers, in all their fascinating and alluring schemes, are besieging and even deceiving the young intellects of our land. These, with various other evils, must be met and refuted by educated minds. Preaching is teaching; and in order to teach educated men and women, and to convert strong minds from the error of their ways, we must be prepared for the duty. God calls and gives the talent, but they who are called must increase the God-given faculty and use it for his glory. There are young men of this Association who feel called to the ministry of the gospel. Brethren, let us arise from our lethargy and shake off our formality and remove the veil from our eyes, and rally forth to their support, not by pledges only, but with our means, and show our faith and sympathy by our works.

We recommend that this Association make provisions for the support of at least one young in Ouachita College.

JNO. F. ROREX,

DR. W. C. LINDSEY, Committee.

Brethren John F. Rorex, S. H. Woods and G. D. Moore spoke to this report, after which it was adopted.

Motion prevailed to take recess until 7:30 this evening. Dismissal by A. F. Willis.

At the appointed hour the congregation joined in song service, closing with prayer led by Eld. G. D. Moore.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

Feeling that a part of the great responsibility of carrying out the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" as given by our blessed Saviour, rests upon our shoulders, and taking into consideration the great work, and the great opportunities that God has, and is now, opening up to us in the bounds of our home mission territory—we believe that we cannot place too great importance upon this part of our work—we feel it our duty as a denomination to send the gospel, the true gospel, the whole gospel, to every town and district in the home mission territory, and we all know this will require God-loving, God-fearing men to work in said fields—such men will need a support while thus engaged, and may the spirit of the Lord move upon the great Baptist hosts of our Association and cause us to move as readily and as speedily in our efforts to send the gospel, not only to those who have it not in Cuba—but to the many who are actually starving for the bread of life in other parts of our home mission territory, as did our American people in their efforts to relieve the great suffering and oppression in Cuba during our late war with Spain. While it is true that there is a small increase in contributions, taken as a whole over that of last year, yet our opportunities are, and will be greater—and God will most assuredly hold us responsible for our part of this great work. Brethren, let us all rally to the support of the home mission Board

J. W. SIMMS,

W. F. BESSELLIEU,

J. R. WALLACE, Committee.

This report was adopted after the needs of the board, and the importance of the work were earnestly impressed by Brethren Hogan Allen, N. C. Denson and G. D. Moore, and pledges were made for the work as follows:

Beech Creeks.....	\$ 2 00	Brought forward.....	\$ 29 50
Central.....	1 00	Holly Springs.....	2 50
Monticello.....	10 00	Mt. Zion No. 2.....	2 50
D. A. Switzer.....	1 00	Piney Grove.....	2 00
Promise Land.....	2 00	Shiloh.....	1 00
Sardis.....	1 00	Warren.....	5 00
Eaton.....	2 50	Smyrna.....	3 50
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	1 00	Wood Lawn.....	2 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50	S. H. Woods.....	1 00
Egypt.....	1 00	Union Hill.....	1 00
Mt. Olive.....	1 00	Judson.....	1 00
New Liberty.....	1 00	Unity.....	2 00
Prairie Grove.....	1 00	W. T. Lawson.....	1 00
Concord.....	2 50		
Carried forward.....	\$ 29 50		\$ 54 00



The Secretary of Associational Mission Board presented the report of said board, which is as follows:

Your Board is unable to report any work done during the year. As instructed by the Association we entered into an agreement with Bro. W. A. Freeman, who was to enter the work the 1st of November. When the board met to close the contract Bro. Freeman was not present, and not hearing from him the board annulled the agreement and began to look out for another man. We also made an appeal to the churches to send in the amounts pledged to the work, but few of them responded, and being without funds we could not secure a man that we thought would meet the demands. So no work has been done. In justice to Bro. Freeman, we would state that as we afterwards learned the failure on his part was not intentional, and we exonerate him from blame.

J. M. L. THOMASSON,  
For the Committee,

Following the report pledges were taken for the work as follows:

Enon .....	\$ 5 00	Brought forward.....	\$ 55 00
Hogan Allen.....	5 00	W. T. Lawson.....	\$ 1 00
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	2 50	Holly Springs.....	2 50
New Liberty.....	2 00	Mt. Zion No. 2.....	2 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50	Promise Land.....	2 00
Beech Creek.....	2 50	Shady Grove.....	1 00
Monticello.....	20 00	Concord.....	2 50
D. A. Switzer.....	2 00	Mt. Olive.....	2 00
Prairie Grove.....	5 00	Piney Grove.....	2 00
Shiloh.....	2 50	Sardis.....	1 00
Unity.....	2 00	Smyrna.....	2 50
Union Hill.....	2 00	Wood Lawn.....	5 00
Judson.....	2 00	Warren.....	10 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 55 00		\$ 89 00

### The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

That the drink habit is a vice destructive of the temporal and spiritual interest of church members, no one will deny. It is the source also of many social and political evils. But the methods of combatting this evil are as varied as any other question about which men differ. The army opposed to this evil is a mighty army, but it is a stragling army, lacking in that consecration of purpose necessary to carrying the strong holds of the enemy. Some of the soldiers of this army are far in the advance and seeing the difficulties to be overcome, are ever ready to appeal to Caesar for help by the strong arm of the law. In this way they but harm the cause they would serve; and besides, this is not the Lord's way of dealing with evil.

Observed from year to year, little advancement can be seen in the temperance cause. But observed in period of twenty-five, fifty and a hundred years, the advancement has been as great as that from the stage coach to the steam engine. What has brought about this change? The pulpit, the



home, the school room and the press. These are the Lord's appointed ways to lift the world from a condition of sin and shame. A little law may be added, too, but only so far as it is supported by a strong, public opinion. These are lines upon which all may work, all may hope.

We, your committee, recommend that each member of the Baptist church in the bounds of this Association will discourage the use of intoxicating drinks and use their influence for prohibiting the sale of same.

JOHN F. ROREX,

T. E. BAKER, Committee.

This was adopted after discussion by Brethren J. F. Rorex, A. F. Willis, R. B. Sawyers, S. H. Woods, N. C. Denson.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be, and are, hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Promise Land Church for the kind and Christian hospitality they have so earnestly extended us during our stay with them.

Signed

WM. S. ALLEN.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows: To Judson Association—N. C. Denson, Bro. S. E. and Sister Hannah Hyatt Gardner. Friendship Association—Hogan Allen, J. M. L. Thomasson and W. T. Lawson. Liberty Association—A. F. Willis.

Motion prevailed allowing the clerk and treasurer \$20 for his services.

The following query was presented from Mt. Zion No. 1 Church:

What is the scriptural plan for dealing with members of the church who do not attend the services of the church? Also those who draw letters and do not place them elsewhere?

Discussed and answered as follows:

1. A member who will not attend the services of their church, violate their church covenant, and should be considered in disorder, and if they repent not should be withdrawn from.
2. A member is not released from the discipline of one church until they have united with another church of like faith and practice.

Motion prevailed extending our thanks to Bro. S. M. Floyd of Brodnax, La., for a gift through us of 25 gallons of molasses to the Orphans' Home, at Monticello.

Motion prevailed that the collection for missions, taken

after sermon tomorrow, be equally divided between Association and State missions.

The business being finished, a motion prevailed that we do now adjourn to meet with Mt. Zion No. 2 Church, in Chicot county, at 10 o'clock, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899. Thus closed another business session of the Bartholomew Association. The sun did not shine upon the earth during the two days we were in session, but rain fell almost all the while. But the Lord abundantly blessed us with the sunlight of his love in our hearts. Harmony prevailed, brotherly love was manifest, and God's glory seemed to be the great desire of all hearts.

Sunday 9 o'clock a. m. preaching by John S. Wood from 1 John 1-7. 11 o'clock preaching by Bro. W. B. Holland from 1 Peter, 3: 15. At the close of the sermon a collection for missions was taken, amounting to \$14.77, after which the parting hand was taken and the service closed.

N. C. DENSON, MODERATOR.

J. M. L. THOMASSON, CLERK.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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ARTICLE I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. IX. 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.

ART. X. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. II. This association shall be called Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association.

ART. III. Each church composing this association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ART. IV. The object of this association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom, particularly in the bounds of this association.

ART. V. This association shall never possess any power or authority over any church, but may act as an advisory council.



ART. VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they are deemed orthodox.

ART. VII. The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, and any member of the association shall be eligible to the office of aforesaid so long as the association shall call him—as amended.

ART. VIII. Every church be furnished with minutes, and every other benefit of the fund, in proportion to the money advanced.

ART. IX. Amendments to the constitution may be made at any session of this association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ART. X. Any church becoming heterodox in faith or practice, after her reception, the association shall withdraw from said church; the Word of God being the standard of orthodoxy—as amended.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.
3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the moderator may appeal to the association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member only shall speak at a time, who shall address the moderator; and on obtaining the floor, shall proceed, and not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes use of personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject without obtaining leave of the association.
7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the association, unless previously withdrawn, and the moderator shall announce the decision to the association.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No appellation but that of brother shall be used by members in addressing each other while in session.
11. The moderator shall have same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair be filled, but shall not be allowed to vote unless the association be equally divided.
12. The names of all members shall be called as often as the association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the association without leave from the association.
13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session, and oftener if necessary.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	CHURCH.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.
Hogan Allen.....	Mt. Olive.....	Hamburg.....	Ashley.
Jno. S. Wood.....	Hamburg.....	Monticello.....	Drew.
J. W. Simms.....	Promise Land.....	Berea.....	Ashley.
W. L. Clements.....	Union Hill.....	Ingalls.....	Bradley.
N. C. Denson.....	Warren.....	Warren.....	Bradley.
W. C. Harley.....	Warren.....	Barkada.....	Drew.
A. F. Willis.....	Smyrna.....	Johnsville.....	Bradley.
W. W. Ritter.....	Friendship.....	Monticello.....	Drew.
T. G. Morgan.....	Beech Creek.....	Hawkins.....	Ashley.
E. T. Mitchell.....	Hopewell.....	Mist.....	Ashley.
J. F. Rorex.....	Shady Grove.....	Jersey.....	Bradley.
E. R. Bell.....	Bethany.....	Parkdale.....	Ashley.
C. M. Walker.....	Evergreen.....	Elon.....	Ashley.
S. S. Gray.....	Collins.....	Collins.....	Drew.
G. S. Daugherty.....	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	Drew.
G. D. Moore.....	Egypt.....	Milo.....	Ashley.
S. H. Woods.....	Judson.....	Milo.....	Ashley.
R. T. Mosely.....	Promise Land.....	Eula.....	Chicot.
R. B. Sawyers.....	Edon.....	Milo.....	Ashley.
*J. G. Reed.....	Enon.....	Luella.....	Drew.
*M. A. Rice.....	Hamburg.....	Hamburg.....	Ashley.
*J. W. S. Gardner.....	Judson.....	Fountain Hill.....	Ashley.

\*Not pastors.



# PASTORS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.
Beech Creek	T. G. Morgan	Chas. Hill	Hawkins	R. C. Dew, W. W. Nutt
Beulah				
Bethany				
Corinth	W. W. Ritter	J. E. A. Barker	Warren	J. E. A. Barker
Center Point	S. S. Gray	W. B. Barksdale	Collins	
Concord	J. F. Rorex	W. J. Hickman	Jersey	J. F. Rorex
Collins		W. M. Donaldson	Collins	S. S. Gray, W. M. Donaldson
Central	G. D. Moore	T. G. Gammel	Berea	J. M. Rogers, W. A. Green
Enon	J. W. Simms	W. M. Larkins	Monticello	J. M. L. Thomasson, F. M. Bordeaux, Mrs. T. C. Bordeaux
Egypt	G. D. Moore	Ben. Allen	Milo	G. D. Moore, L. Duckworth, Ben Allen
Ebenezer				
Evergreen	T. G. Morgan	D. A. W. Grice	Elon	D. A. W. Grice
Eureka		Frank Thatch	Hamburg	D. D. Moore, W. O. Carpenter
Fellowship	Hogan Allen	F. C. Parker	Sunder	C. A. Atkins
Flat Creek	J. W. Simms	Geo. Mears	Fountain Hill	J. C. Pyron, D. B. Watkins, T. E. Barker
Friendship	W. W. Ritter	M. A. Young	Monticello	W. W. Ritter
Harmony				
Hamburg		J. R. Allen	Hamburg	W. H. Lindsey, J. S. Wood, W. W. Ethridge
Hopewell	T. G. Morgan	J. R. Edwards	Mist	E. P. Mitchell, J. R. Edwards
Holly Springs	W. T. Clements	J. H. Pollard	Mermitage	A. B. Turner, W. M. Wylie
Judson	J. W. Simms	A. E. Woods	Milo	A. E. Woods, W. M. Ford, Geo. Peters
Monticello	G. S. Daugherty	D. T. Hyatt	Monticello	G. Daugherty, W. F. Bessellieu, J. F. Bussey
Mt. Zion No. 1	T. J. Morgan	John White	Matoka	W. S. Allen, B. B. Waters
Mt. Olive	J. H. Simms	J. H. Riley	Berea	Hogan Allen, J. H. Riley, J. N. Riley
Mt. Zion No. 2	R. T. Mosely	W. A. Bolt	Eula	J. C. Sansing, W. A. Holt, R. S. NeSmith
Meridian	C. M. Walker	J. H. Franklin	Petersburg	D. A. Switzer
Mt. Pleasant	E. T. Mitchell	T. D. Hudson	Portland	H. S. Brooks
New Liberty	J. F. Rorex	J. J. Armstrong	Jersey	W. C. Johnson
New Union	R. T. Mosely	E. B. Everett	Carmel	G. W. Shelton, E. B. Everett
Piney Grove	A. C. Miller	Wm. King	Luella	H. P. Allen
Promise Land	Hogan Allen	S. R. Smith	Mist	J. W. Sims, T. C. Wheat, R. E. Wallace
Portland	N. C. Denson	D. L. Baine	Portland	J. E. Findley, E. W. Chapman
Prairie Grove	Sam. Woods	S. W. Moore	Scipio	J. E. Woods, G. W. Upteigrove, D. B. Lee
Poplar Bluff				
Pleasant Grove	E. S. Mitchell	J. W. Hill	Hamburg	W. M. Chapman, J. J. Breazeal
Shady Grove		W. L. Higgason	Jersey	J. F. Rorex
Sardis	J. W. Simms	J. D. Dingler	Trafalgar	J. G. Watkins, Josh Gregory
Saline	A. F. Willis			L. L. Trussell
Shiloh	Hogan Allen	W. L. Rogers	Fountain Hill	R. M. Ethridge, W. L. Rogers, J. S. High
Smyrna	A. F. Willis	S. W. Godfry	Johnsville	A. F. Willis, C. C. York, Mrs. S. W. Godfry
Union Hill	A. F. Willis	S. F. Johnson	Inalls	W. F. Clements, J. F. Johnson
Unity	C. M. Walker	W. M. Hester	Han burg	J. N. Doss
Wilnot				
Warren	N. C. Denson	M. T. Gill	Warren	D. W. Clements, F. M. Hickman, N. C. Denson
Wood Lawn	N. C. Denson	J. B. Massey	Barkada	J. R. Wallace, W. T. Lanson
Edon	G. D. Moore	R. B. Sawyers	Milo	R. B. Sawyers



## Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.										FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.														'SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.														
								Mission's.				Miscellaneous.																											
	Incr'se			Dec'r.				Associat'n'l		State..		Home.		Foreign.																									
	By Baptism.	By Let'er.	Restored	Died.	Dismissed	Excluded	Males.	Females.	Present Membership.	Hereofore Paid.	Cash Herewith	Hereofore Paid	Cash Herewith.	Hereofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.	Hereofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday-School Work.	Orphans' Home.	Woman's Work.	Pastor's Salary.	Minutes.	Incidental.	Value of Church Property	Superintendents.	Postoffices.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Classes.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Literature Used.	Cost of Literature.						
Beech Creek...	6	1	1	2	3		58	64	122			\$2 50				\$1 50		\$2 50					\$1 25			R. C. Dew.....	Hawkins....	7	5	45	37	S. B. C.	\$ 2 56						
Beulah.....																																							
Bethany.....																						\$12 50	50			W. B. Barsdale.....	Collins....	4	2	25		S. B. C.							
Corinth.....	1	1		1																		1 00		\$2 00															
Center Point.....	1	1		1		9	33	69	102	24	25											1 00		3 00															
Concord.....	7		2				19	28	47													45 00	1 00			J. H. Johnson.....	Berea.....	6	3	50	30	S. B. C.	5 50						
Collins.....				1			8	10	18																	H. P. Biggs.....	Deane.....	7	5	60	35	S. B. C.	6 00						
Central.....		4	3	1			46	50	96		1 00	1 00		\$1 00		1 00		1 00	\$19 50		100 00	1 00	\$0 95	4 00															
Enon.....	23	10	6			3	74	106	180	\$5 00				2 50		4 25		5 50	\$5 55		100 00	2 00	1 00	5 00															
Egypt.....	5	4	2				25	45	70		50															D. A. W. Grice.....	Elon.....	3	3	42	20	S. B. C.	2 00						
Kbenezer.....																						50 00	75																
Evergreen.....														1 00																									
Eureka.....	1	10					19	22	41					2 50								38 00	75	75															
Fellowship.....		2					19	26	38					1 00																									
Flat Creek.....	5	3		1	3	3	49	53	102	5 00	\$1 40			2 50		1 41	\$2 50					100 00	1 50		150	G. W. Mears.....	Fount'n Hill	4	3	55	30	S. B. C.	3 00						
Fostina.....																																							
Friendship.....	1			5	3	9	20	29														10 25	75		100														
Harmony.....																																							
Hamburg.....				1	6		13	16	28					1 00					15 00				1 00		1500	J. R. Allen.....	Hamburg....	8	5	30	20	S. B. C.	1 10						
Hopewell.....				1	11	2	39	25	74	2 85												1 00																	
Holly Springs.....	1		1				55	65	120					2 50								100 00	1 00	40															
Judson.....		2		2		2	23	40	63	3 00		25		2 00									75																
Monticello.....		2		3	12	3	52	71	123													600 00	2 00	37 50	2000	W. I. Peters.....	Milo.....	4	4	30		S. B. C.	2 50						
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	3	1	1				31	39	70	1 75				1 00				2 00				75 00	1 00		2000	S. J. D. Bennett.....	Monticello....	11	8	85	65	S. B. C.	16 00						
Mt. Olive.....				2	4	1	34	49	84	1 45								1 00				1 00			200	W. S. Allen.....	Matoka.....	4	3	30	20	S. B. C.	85						
Mt. Zion No. 2.....				2	2	1	12	26	38	55		30						55				50 00	1 00	25	400	A. W. NeSmith.....	Eula.....	6	4	52	30	S. B. C.	4 20						
Meridian.....				1	1	1	11	13	24	2 00				1 75						2 75		35 00	75		500	E. Hamble.....	Petersburg....	3	2	35	13	S. B. C.	2 05						
Mt. Pleasant.....				1			19	27	46	1 25																													
New Liberty.....	6	2					4	13	18	1 90				1 00				25				54 00	75	65															
New Union.....				1			19	27	46	1 00				25																									
Piney Grove.....							3	11	21	32				1 00																									
Promise Land.....							44	52	93	3 00	3 00			3 00								100 00		40 00	400	N. E. Gill.....	Luella.....	5	3	40	20	S. B. C.	3 00						
Portland.....	2	3		3			14	32	46	2 00	2 25	2 00	2 00									175 00	1 25	15 00	1000	O. L. Baine.....	Portland....	5	4	31	16	S. B. C.	7 50						
Prairie Grove.....	3	4	5				21	90	158	2 65				1 50								2 00																	
Poplar Bluff.....																																							
Pleasant Grove.....	1	1		3			10	32	51					1 00						1 25		50 00	85																
Shady Grove.....	1	1					17	34	51	3 00												1 00		75 00	400	A. L. Carouth.....	Hamburg.....	2		20	15	S. B. C.	70						
Sardis.....	2	1	2				12	34	43	2 00						1 00						75 00	1 25		400	J. W. Shaw.....	Jersey.....	5	3	35	22	S. B. C.	4 50						
Saline.....							24	42	66																														
Shiloh.....	3	10		2		3	24	42	66	2 50				1 00									1 00	8 75	300	H. A. Gregory.....	Trafalgar....	4	3	35	25	S. B. C.	4 00						
Smyrna.....							6	15	21																														
Union Hill.....	2	1	1				19	32	57					2 00		1 50						50 00	75		200	J. W. Wilcox.....	Fount'n Hill	7	4		25	S. R. C.	5 50						
Unity.....	9	8					23	31	54	2 20		25		1 00		2 25		2 00					1 00			200	T. B. Bailly.....	Johnsville....	4	4	41	35	S. B. C.	3 55					
Wilmot.....																																							
Warren.....	28	10	1	1	8		52	93	140	2 50	5 71	5 00		4 00		6 00		5 00				60 00	1 50	35 00	1000	H. M. L. Caruly.....	Ingalls.....	5	3	13	8	S. B. C.	1 15						
Wood Lawn.....	1	4		5			32	40	75	1 80	2 20	4 30		2 50		2 50						125 00	1 00		400	W. F. Mack.....	Warren.....	9	7	89	43	S. R. C.	17 31						
Edon.....							4	5	9														50																
Totals.....	110	99	26	45	115	96	1082	1538	2632	\$11 30	\$46 96	\$15 70	\$6 05	\$10 50	\$23 50	\$11 75	\$17 16	\$18 05	\$31 10	\$69 10	\$19 50	\$2298 75	\$40 10	\$215 15	\$14,450														