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OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

OF THE
Concord Association

WESTERN ARKANSAS.

HELD WITH THE

GREENWOOD CHURCH.

SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARK.,

OCTOBER 5th to 8th, 1872.

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WESTERN INDEPENDENT:

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MINUTES.

The second session of the Concord Association of Western Arkansas, was held with the Greenwood Baptist Church of Sebastian County, commencing on Saturday, October 5th, 1872.

The Introductory sermon was preached by the appointee of the former session, Elder F. L. Kregel, Eph. 1: 1 to 10. Subject—Grace, as displayed, in its subjects, in its Agent and results, and in the purpose of its manifestation.

After a recess of an hour, the delegates met for the transaction of business. The Moderator of the last session, Bro. E. L. Compere, called the Association to order, and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder S. J. Fuller.

The Clerk of the Association being absent, Bro. F. L. Kregel, was elected clerk *pro tem*, and Bro. L. Collins requested to act as clerk in his absence.

The Pastor and Deacons of Greenwood Church, with Bre'n. W. W. Pettus and E. M. Pettigrew, were appointed a committee on preaching.

The letters from the Churches were called for and read by Bre'n. M. S. Buckley and R. P. Jones.

Petitionary letters were received from Antioch, Boonville, Union, Pleasant Valley, Pilgrim's Rest, Mount Zion, Bethlehem, Enon, Mount Pleasant, Friendship, Poteau, Cedar Creek, New Hope, Pleasant Hill and Bethel Churches.

On motion, these churches, with the exception of New Hope, were received—the Moderator giving to the Messrs. Collins the ad of fellowship.

On an adjournment from New Hope Church, was laid on the table by Bro. W. W. C.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers. E. L. Compere, was chosen Moderator. F. L. Kregel, Clerk, and Wm. Greenlee, Treasurer.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Business, J. S. Ledbetter, J. T. Mayfield.

On Finance, Dr. J. M. Barry, W. W. Pettus, W. M. Blaylock.

On Documents, A. Lovelace, M. S. Buckley.

On Standing Committees, S. J. Fuller, J. M. Barry, S. Whitt.

On Motion, Bro. Compere was permitted to arrange with Bro. Crawford to fill his appointment to preach the Missionary sermon.

Adjourned to meet at 8 1-2 o'clock, Monday morning.

L O R D ' S D A Y .

Religious services were conducted according to previous appointment.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M., conducted by Bro. Rippy, and engaged in by Bros. Crawford, Fitzgerald, and Long.

Missionary sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder W. W. Crawford, from Acts 17: 22 and 23.

Temperance lectures at 3 o'clock P. M., by Elder S. J. Fuller and M. S. Buckley.

Sermons at 7 o'clock P. M., by Elders A. Fitzgerald, and J. J. Holland.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. A. Fitzgerald.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved. Roll and statistical table called and corrected.

On motion, corresponding Messengers and visiting brethren, were invited to seats.

Bro W. W. Crawford, of Dardanelle Association, was the only corresponding Messenger present.

On motion, the application of New Hope Church was taken up, and after some discussion the matter was referred to a committee of five, to be appointed moderator.

Committee, Bre'n. Fuller, Kregel, Fitzgerald.

The Committee on Business, reported as follows :

Your committee recommend the following order of business.

1. Reading of letters from the Churches.
2. Reception of New Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Reception of Corresponding Messengers.
5. Invitation of visiting brethren to seats.
6. Reports from Corresponding Associations.
7. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
8. Appointment of Special Committees.
9. Appointment of Standing Committees.
10. Report of Executive Board.
11. Reports of Standing Committees.
12. Reports of Special Committees.
13. Report of Treasurer.
14. Determine place of meeting for next session.
15. Elect Ministers to preach introductory and Missionary sermons, and some brother to lecture on Temperance.
16. Miscellaneous business.

J. S. LEDBETTER,

Chairman.

The report was received, and, on motion made a permanent order of business.

Moved that the Moderator appoint a committee of 5 to re-district the Association.

Committee: Bre'n. Greenlee, Tupper, Ledbetter, Fuller and Holland.

Reports from Corresponding Associations, called for.

Bro. Crawford, from Dardanelle Association, reported prosperity and peace, and urged to fraternal correspondence and co-operation.

Appointments of corresponding Messengers to the following bodies were made.

Dardanelle—E. S. Compere, M. S. Buckley, S. J. Fuller, A. Fitzgerald, J. T. Mayfield, Miles Flynn.

Bro. Compere to write letter of correspondence. Association meets with Cane Creek Church, Saturday before 3d Lord's day in September.

Mountain Association—Meets Saturday before 3d Lord's day in October. J. J. Holland, W. Greenlee, J. W. Con-

Collins the adjuter.

On an adjourned meeting 10 miles South-east of Fayette-
 town, Ark by Bro. W. W. Ord's day in September. A. S.

Jackson, T. F. Rodden, Simon Whitt. Bro. Whitt to write corresponding letter.

State Convention—Meeting at Austin, Prairie Co., 25 miles North-east of Little Rock, Thursday before 3d Lord's day in November. M. S. Buckley, E. L. Compere, F. L. Kregel.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to write the letter to the Convention.

The hour for preaching (11 o'clock) having arrived, Bro. C. P. Tupper, preached from Math. 28: 18 to 20. This discourse was original, logical, and presented THE TRUTH so cogently, that the Brethren were constrained to give Bro. T. the hand of approving fellowship.

2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess, the Association re-assembled. Prayer by Bro. Rippey.

The committee to which was referred the application of New Hope Church, reported as follows.

That we recommend the reception of the Church upon the distinct understanding that we do not recognize the restoration of B. F. Reese, by Cove Creek Church of Washington county, Arkansas, and that New Hope church pledge itself to erase his name from the organizing Presbytery and dissolve his pastoral relation.

S. J. FULLER,

Chairman.

After considerable discussion, the report was received and adopted, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to her delegates.

B. E. Reese, here rose, and by permission, asked counsel of the Association. He was answered by the Moderator.

Report of the Executive Board read.

We feel that the work entrusted to us has not been in vain. Something has been done towards the establishment of District meetings. Three of the four appointed last session were held.

We secured the services of Elder E. L. Compere, as Missionary for six weeks, at the rate of \$800 per annum.

For a portion of his time we could not pay him—the funds subscribed not being paid to us.

We could only authorize him a ~~part~~ said subscriptions sufficient to

ed ourselves as individuals to help him in said collection ; but as a Committee we became responsible for nothing beyond the funds on hand.

The greater part of the Missionary work has been done in and around the town of Boonville—a very important section of our bounds.

Results of the six weeks labor 31—sermons preached and 8 churches visited. 1 church (Boonville) reorganized—275 miles traveled.

Your committee has found the destitution very great and the work very encouraging. Hence we hope increased efforts will be made by every church to carry forward this great work.

W. GREENLEE,
Chairman.

Reports of Standing Committees called for.

1 Home mission.

The committee on Domestic missions beg leave to report. There exists within the bounds of the Association great destitution of the Gospel, and the topograph of the country presents great difficulties in its dissemination.

And besides, there are very many of the population who must ever remain without the Gospel because of age, infirmity and other causes, unless the Missionary of the Cross brings to their door the “word of life,” hunts them up, compelling them to come to the gospel feast.

We therefore urge the brethren to *ask* themselves are we *withholding the gospel* from the halt, the blind, the poor through our *selfishness* ; and after such self-examination to act in the fear of God.

A. J. RIPPY,
Chairman.

Pending the adoption of this report the following resolution was offered as an amendment.

Resolved, That we call the special attention of the churches to that Article of our constitution which requires the funds to be sent up to the annual session of the Association as the basis of our Missionary operations, and urge that collections be taken up in each and all for this object, and that each member of the Executive Board be a committee to carry out this resolution in his own church. *Resolved*, That the adoption of the report as amended—the motion adjourned to meet Tuesday at 8 1-2 o'clock A. M. by Bro. W. W. Crawford.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock A. M.

Association met and was opened with prayer by Bro. A. Fitzgerald.

Resumed consideration of Report on Domestic Missions, which after some debate, was adopted as amended.

Order of business suspended to receive Report of Committee on Documents.

The Committee on Documents reported as follows.

We find upon examination of the letters of the churches two queries one from Macedonia, one from Grand Prairie.

Macedonia asks: "What shall a church do when a church of this Association shall refuse to accept a regular letter from her—declaring that the letter bears a falsehood upon its face?"

Grand Prairie asks: "Can a member of a Missionary Baptist church be considered excluded from the church, except by the unanimous vote of the members present.

We find also a request from Mount Nebo church, to change Art. 6. Sec. 1, of the Constitution, by erasing all after the word churches.

The Charleston and Boonville churches both invite the Association to meet with them in its next session.

Your committee recommend the appointment of a special committee to which shall be referred the queries from the churches.

A. LOVELACE,
M. S. BUCKLEY.

Report adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed Bre'n. Whitt, Pettigrew and Tupper, a committee on the queries from the churches.

On motion a committee of three were appointed to nominate a new Executive Board. Committee: L. COLLINS, J. T. MAYFIELD, J. J. HOLLAND.

At 11 o'clock Bro. W. W. Crawford, preached from Math. 16: 18.

On motion adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Fuller.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Holland.

On motion, granted a letter of dismission to church.

Report on Destitution, received and adopted.

The committee on destitution beg leave to report,

That we find very great destitution existing in all parts of our Associational Bounds. And that in our judgement it demands and deserves our instant and utmost attention.

We, therefore, recommend such co-operation and action on the part of the Association, as may supply this destitution at the earliest practical time.

C. P. TUPPER,

Chairman.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

Your Committee cannot but regard the vice of intemperance as a great and serious evil. And because the practice of Dram-drinking necessarily leads to the vice of Drunkenness, we, therefore, recommend to the members of the several churches of our Association, the total abstinence from the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage.

J. J. HOLLAND,

Chairman.

Report, on motion received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools received and adopted.

REPORT—Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report,

That there are but few Baptist Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our Association. Many of our churches, however, co-operate with Union Schools. We would earnestly advise *all our* churches when it is possible, to establish Sabbath schools entirely under their own control, using *only* the Bible and *other Baptist* books.

Where a Union School is the only chance, use the Bible, and exclude every book that teaches error. We regard the Sabbath School where truth is taught, as a glorious means in advancing the cause of Christ. But when error is taught, it becomes equally potent in retarding the same glorious and precious cause. Respectfully submitted.

WM. GREENLEE,

Chairman.

Report of Committee on Duty of Churches to their Pastors.

On—Your Committee regard the subject as one of great importance to the churches.

The Pastor's office was instituted by the authority of Jesus Christ, and Pastors are numbered by the Holy Spirit among the Gifts of God to the churches, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Paul, therefore, instructs Tymothy to ordain Elders in every church.

Hence, every church should provide for herself a *Bishop*, who may "oversee the flock of God," and failing to do so, must rob herself of the *ends* for which, as a gift of God, he is bestowed.

The duty of the church to the Pastor begins with his election, and is here as in all its bearings, only another form of her duty to herself, inasmuch as they are partakers of his grace.

First then, the church should *know* and *love* their Pastor.

"We beseech you, brethren, know those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake."

We cannot love the unknown, nor can we truly know the unloved.

Hence any church who may elect for her Pastor, one whom she does not *know*, does both herself and him serious injustice. She does herself injustice because the hearty co-operation necessary for the "works sake," *cannot exist* where the *workman* is unknown and unloved.

The *Pastor* is alike injured, because robbed of the cordial sympathy and hearty co-operation which springs from an affection founded on a knowledge of his character. Let *every Church* then have a Pastor—let him be *one* whom she *knows* and *loves*, and then by a *manifested* affection strengthen his hands "unto very good word and work."

Again, *Obeys them in the Gospel!* "Obeys them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account."

Practical hearing is the great duty of believers. "*My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.*"

"*Receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls; and be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*"

To transform our lives by the word; in pure affections, in controlling our passions, and in

the conduct of our lives; is to realize "the will of God concerning us, *even our sanctification*, and to secure the end of the gospel ministry, even the "edifying of the body of Christ."

Your duty to your Pastor is then unmet, when your *own soul* does not *profit* by the "word preached."

To pray for the success of his labors, to co-operate with him in every good word and work and to provide for him an adequate support become easy and pleasant duties, when knowing and loving him and profiting by his word, you *yourselves* grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

But, inasmuch as it is God's *law* "that those who preach the gospel *should live* by the gospel—your committee do not hesitate to say, that, that church which *has the ability* to sustain her Pastor, and yet, forces him to seek the store or the farm, or the workshop, or the school-room for a support, cannot enjoy the blessing which comes from the presence and approbation of God, unless God can approve of conscious disobedience and dwell with willful sin.

That church, however, which does *what it can*, may rest assured of his presence and blessing, and rejoice in the promise—"to him that *hath*, shall be *given* more abundantly.

F. L. KREGEL, }
J. M. BARRY, } Committee.
W. M. BLAYLOCK, }

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

Reports of special committees.

Report of committee on Standing Committees.

Your committee recommend the appointment of standing committees on the following subjects: Domestic Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Schools, Duty of Churches to Pastor and duty of Pastors to Churches.

S. J. FULLER,
J. M. BARRY,
S. WHITT.

On motion the report was adopted and the following committees appointed by the Moderator.

1. *On Home Missions*—S. J. Fuller, A. Fitzgerald, L. Collins.

2. *On Temperance*—Wm. Greenlee, M. S. Buckley, W. M. Blaylock.

3. *On Sabbath Schools*—J. J. Holland, A. J. Rippy, H. Bean.

4. *On duty of Pastors to Churches*—F. L. Kregel, E. M. Pettigrew, A. Lovelace.

5. *On duty of Churches to Pastors*—C. P. Tupper, J. L. Ledbetter, W. V. McNeely.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance report the following amounts received from the Churches, and public collection on Lord's day.

Associational Fund, - - - - -	\$65 70
Mission Fund, - - - - -	14 00
Sabbath collection for Missions, -	20 20

\$99 90 cts.

The following subscriptions were made by the Brethren in order to put a Missionary in the field at once.

Payable by the 1st December. S. J. Fuller, S. T. Eskridge, W. W. Pettus, R. H. Cook, R. H. McConnel, H. Been, Jas. Cantley, R. L. Been, A. Lovelace, Geo. Pettus, S. Harrell, W. J. Jetton, S. Johnson, each \$5.

Pine Mountain Church, \$10, Mount Nebo, \$10, Cedar Creek (by delegates) \$15, Benj. F. Been, \$2. \$102.

Payable 1st Jan. L. Collins, J. W. Condry, Henry Karr, F. M. Ervine, each \$5, M. V. McNeely, \$10. \$30.

E. L. Compere, \$5, E. M. Pettigrew, \$3; Paid. Total, \$140.

Report of Committee on new Executive Board.

Your committee recommend as your Executive Board, Brethren Joseph Burt, G. H. Pettus, H. Bean, Jas. Jetton, M. S. Buckley, H. H. Oliver, W. A. Field, J. M. Dickerson, E. W. White, G. W. Signor, Thos. Rogers, Wm. Greenlee, Wm. Bunch, S. S. Eskridge, D. Wilson, J. H. Malone, A. J. Rippy, T. J. Griffin, J. W. Condry, W. W. Pettus, Henry Karr, W. A. Jackson, A. A. Spiller, B. Stonecypher, A. Fitzgerald, W. G. Wilkerson, W. V. McNeely, Jas. Campbell, J. B. Bowerman, W. C. Sorrels, Esais Baker.

L. COLLINS,
Chairman.

Report on motion received and adopted.

Committee on re-districting the Association, reported as follows.

First District—Fort Smith, New Hope, Mount

Mount Nebo, Pleasant Hill, Greenwood, Bethlehem and Macedonia Churches.

Second District—Charleston, Hepzilah, Grand Prairie Pine Mountain, Oak Bower, Enon, Mount Hope and Bethel Churches.

Third District—Boonville, Cedar Grove, Washburn Creek, Union, Mount Lebanon, Waldron, and Antioch Churches.

Fourth District—Fellowship, Friendship, Pilgrim's Rest, Mount Pleasant, Smyrna, Pleasant Valley, Cedar Creek and Poteau Churches.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Queries called for. The Report received, and each query separately considered.

1. Query from Macedonia.—What shall a church do when a church of this Association shall refuse to accept a regular church letter from her body, declaring that the letter bears a falsehood upon its face?

Answer: That the Association advise the church to call a council of Brethren from sister churches, to investigate the cause of the misunderstanding, which gave rise to the inquiry.

2. Query from Grand Prairie.—Can a member of a Missionary Baptist church be excluded from its fellowship without the unanimous vote of the members present, be given?

Answer: A majority is sufficient for exclusion.

3. The request of Mount Nebo to change Art. 6, Sec. 1 of the Constitution. Not granted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. GREENLEE, Treasurer, in account with Concord Association. Dr.

Sept. 1. 1871.—To amount received from Churches, and collections on Sabbath, - - - - - \$43 45.

Amount of contribution had from all surces, for mission purposes, - - - - - \$74 45.

Total received, \$117 70.

Jan. 16, 1872.—By amount paid over to the Clerk for printing Minutes, &c., - - - - - \$43 25.

By amount paid E. L. Compere, as Missionary, - - - - - \$74 45.

Total paid, \$117 70.

W. GREENLEE,
Treasurer.

Report received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1. Fixed time and place for next annual meeting, with Mount Pleasant Church, Sugar Loaf valley, Sebastian co., on the Saturday before the 4th Lord's day of September.

2. The election of Ministers to preach introductory &c., resulted as follows:

Introductory sermon, Elder C. P. Tupper. Alternate, Elder A. J. Rippy.

Missionary Sermon, Elder F. L. Kegel. Alternate, Elder Wm. Greenlee.

Temperance Lecture, Elder E. L. Compere. Alternate, Elder J. J. Holland.

3. On motion Bro. C. P. Tuper, was chosen as Missionary to labor in the bounds of the Association, and the conditions of his employment referred to the Executive Board.

4. The following preamble and resolution adopted.

WHEREAS; The Messengers of our Association are often hurried off on the plea of business at home, and whereas it is not only desirable, but positively necessary that every one should remain until the Association is adjourned. Therefore,

Resolved: That we advise our churches to question their messengers, and to send only such as can and will stay, until the Association adjourns.

5. Preamble and Resolution on plan of raising funds. Adopted.

WHEREAS; There is existing in our Associational bounds very great destitution of the Gospel, and, whereas, we do not believe that the failure to supply it, arises from the penuriousness or selfishness of our brethren, but from the want of system in raising our contributions. Therefore,

Resolved: That the Pastors of our churches assist their Deacons in urging and getting each member of every Church to give 5 cents per month, for the Missionary cause, to be brought up to the next meeting of the Association.

6. Article 11, of the Constitution, was on motion so changed as to make the time for meeting, on Saturday, before the fourth Lord's day of September.

Moved and ordered, that the Clerk be paid \$15 and expend the balance of the Associational funds for minutes.

On motion the Association adjourned.

Appropriate remarks by the Moderator, were followed by singing and giving the parting hand.

Thus closed another pleasant and harmonious session of the Association.

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator.

F. L. KREGEL, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association of Western Arkansas.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the ballot, at each annual session, and shall continue in office till their successors are chosen.

Art. 4—Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings.

ceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the sessions of the body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to an order from the Association or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. 5. The objects of this Association shall be, to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches, and to aid in this last object, some portion of every day during each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art. 6—Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the churches; and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith and disorderly in practice.

Art. 7. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers, at our annual meetings, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 8. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at an annual meeting, for the purpose of joining any body we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association; but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. 9. There shall be an executive committee consisting of one member from each church, and the officers of the Association shall be *ex officio* officers of this committee. This committee shall have direction of the Missionary operations of the Association, subject to its control, and make an annual report of its proceedings at each session of the Association. Beside the special objects entrusted to the committee, it shall also have authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session. This committee shall hold regular meetings on the Saturday preceeding ea

Lord's day of the year, at such places as may be designated by the committee. The committee shall meet for organization immediately after the adjournment of the Association. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. It shall be the privilege of this Association, in addition to its powers already granted, to conduct missionary operations within or without its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries, as means may allow, designate the fields of labor, and pay them quarterly through their treasury, out of funds to be sent along with the fund for publishing the minutes, to every annual meeting.

Art. 11. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's day, and shall begin at 11 o'clock, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day of September, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock, A. M. for preaching.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Art. 6, Sec. 1, at any regular meeting of the Association, by the two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1 We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired word of God, constituting the only and all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3 We believe that Election is the sovereign exercise of that Eternal love, by which God hath, according to his infinite wisdom, chosen his people in Christ before the world was, and hath predestinated them unto the adoption of children, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by his power through faith unto salvation.

4 We believe that man was created holy, but by a willful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual ability, to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, and in no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth and the proper evidences thereof, are repentance, faith and obedience unto Christ.

7. We believe that such only are true believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers, who meet statedly, and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges in the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of a Christian church are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the church as such, in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth his death till he come.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's day, and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Post Office.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Messengers.	BAPTISED.	REV'D BY LETTER.	RESTORED.	DISMISSED.	DECEASED.	EXCLUDED.	TOTAL.	ASSOCIA'L FUND.	HOME MISSION.
1 Antioch.....	Sugar Grove	Sarber	A. Fitzgerald	E. B. D. Bur	Neely, J F Springer, G. W. Roden.....	8 16	0 0	0 0	0 0	35	\$3 00			
2 Bethlehem.....	Jenny Lind	Sebastian	F. L. Kregel	B. Stonecyp	ah, W N Stonecyp	2 2	0 0	0 0	0 0	17	1 50			
3 Bethel.....	Bloomer	Sebastian	A. J. Rippy	J. N. Brooks	y, S Johnson, W C Rippy.....	11 2	0 0	0 0	1 0	27	2 25			
4 Boonville.....	Boonville	Sarber	E. L. Compere	J. Ervin	ald, F M Ervin.....	18 22	0 0	0 0	0 3	37	5 00			
5 Charleston.....	Charleston	Franklin	E. L. Compere	H. Payne	pere, E M Pettigrew, Jno Haynes, Miles Flynn.....	4 16	0 17	3 4	106	4 00				
6 Cedar Grove.....	Black Jack	Scott	J. J. Holland	Asa Scott	er, J E Long, Asa Scott.....	0 3	2 1	0 1	41	2 00				
7 Cedar Creek.....	Waldron	Scott	C. P. Tupper	J. S. Harrell	son, S Harrell, S J Griffith.....	27 11	0 1	0 3	45	2 00				
8 Enon.....				Jno. Munks	son, S G Filcher.....	1 6	0 0	1 0	12	1 50				
9 Fort Smith.....	Fort Smith	Sebastian	F. L. Kregel	R. P. Jones	ed, M S Buckley, Dr J M Barry.....	20 14	0 10	3 1	95	2 50	\$14 00			
10 Fellowship.....	Hodge Prairie	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	G. H. Coun	us, Berry Cross, G H Council.....	4 7	1 49	2 3	101	2 50				
11 Friendship.....	Hodge Prairie	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	S. M. Turner	atus, J W Haller.....	17 4	0 2	0 0	38	1 50				
12 Figure 5.....	Van Buren	Crawford	Simon Whitt	J. C. Meler	Whitt.....	0 2	0 0	0 0	38	2 05				
13 Greenwood.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	Wm. Greenlee	C. Anderson	E Carter, R L Been.....	4 1	0 2	0 3	35	2 50				
14 Grand Prairie.....	Charleston	Franklin	J. Yielding	G. W. Signo	etter, J F Mayfield.....	1 1	2 2	0 0	23	2 00				
15 Hepzibah.....	Charleston	Sebastian	Wm. Greenlee	C. P. Howe	W J Jetton.....	0 0	0 7	0 1	26	2 00				
16 Mount Nebo.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. M. Ledbetter	W. M. Blay	aylock, S F Rodden, Z Wright.....	0 5	0 6	0 2	98	2 00				
17 Mount Hope.....	Roseville	Franklin	John Yielding	E. W. White	ite, A S Jackson.....	0 6	0 2	0 2	33	2 00				
18 Macedonia.....	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	S. T. Eskrid	ak, Jas Cantley, S T Eskridge.....	9 13	0 3	1 0	32	2 00				
19 Mount Lebanon.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. H. J. Bu	J. C. McDon	ilson, J H J Burke, W G B Crossland.....	2 3	0 0	0 0	17	2 50				
20 Mount Pleasant.....	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian	C. T. Cagle	M. M Loude	A C Oaudell, W A Jackson.....	20 0	0 7	1 2	100	1 70				
21 Mount Zion.....	Greenwood	Sebastian		H. H. Mous	rkerson, J Rayburn.....	6 10	3 0	0 0	24	1 50				
22 New Hope.....				L. H. McCl	S K Smith, H H Mouser.....	0 0	0 0	0 0	17	1 00				
23 Oak Bower.....	Bloomer	Sebastian	Wm. Greenlee	Wm. Greenlee	Wm. Greenlee, John Ray, W H Thomas.....	0 15	0 0	0 0	47	2 50				
24 Pine Mountain.....	Charleston	Franklin	J. M. Ledbetter	W. H. Carey	W H Carey, Thos Rogers.....	1 10	0 6	1 1	43	1 80				
25 Pleasant Hill.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. M. Ledbetter	J. H. Malon	me, S Ward, J K Hale.....	6 11	0 0	0 0	26	1 00				
26 Poteau.....	Waldron	Scott	A. A. Spiller	Jas. H. Smi	ary.....	10 2	0 0	0 0	59	2 00				
27 Pilgrim's Rest.....	Choceville	Sebastian	C. P. Tupper	W. R. Vang	born, G C Anthony, J P Bowerman.....	14 0	1 0	0 0	50	2 00				
28 Pleasant Valley.....	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian	Joseph Barnes	W. A. Sorre	ells.....	24 3	0 0	0 1	32	1 50				
29 Smyrna.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	E. J. Over	and Wm A Fields.....	4 15	0 0	0 2	41	2 00				
30 Union.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	Jas. Campbell	A. W. Mad	bell, G W Glass, A W Maddox.....	4 6	0 2	0 0	15	1 00				
31 Washburn Creek.....	Boonville	Sarber	A. J. Rippy	W. P. Kenni	arnes, Wm Bunch, W R Kellington.....	6 8	0 4	0 1	21	1 50				
32 Waldron.....	Waldron	Scott	A. A. Spiller	J. M. Road	eller.....	2 3	0 0	1 0	10	1 50				

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