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# MINUTES

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

## Texarkana Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Baptist Church, Pisgah, Miller Co., Ark.

OCTOBER 24, 25 and 26, 1896.

The next session of this body will be held with Tennessee church, Miller County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1897.

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

JOHN WINHAM,.....Moderator.  
N. J. RACHEL,.....Clerk.  
J. A. PETTY,.....Treasurer.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

R. F. Fulbright, E. D. Meredith, S. H. Crawford,  
L. Winham, J. C. Watts.

### STANDING RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association in good standing in his own church bearing a copy of the minutes of this Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond.

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## MINUTES.

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1. THE TEXARKANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Twenty-Third Annual Session with the Pisgah Baptist church, Miller county, Ark., Oct. 24, 1896.
2. The moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the clerk.
3. On motion, Bro. B. Chance conducted the devotional exercises by reading 90th Psalm and prayer.
4. On motion, Eld. John Winham was chosen moderator pro tem. Prayer by Bro. Dean.
5. The letters of the churches were called for, presented and read by Bros. L. Winham, and C. W. Mathews, as reading clerks.
6. The following churches were represented by letters and messengers:  
HARMONY, by letter; OLIVE STREET, C. W. Mathews B. Chance, M. V. Mathews; PLEASANT VIEW, by letter; TENNESSEE, A. H. Vandervilt, P. Crow, John Winham; CENTER RIDGE, N. J. Rachel, W. L. Helms; COLLEGE HILL, J. A. Petty; NEW HOPE, by letter; ROCK CREEK, by letter; MT. ZION, R. Higginbottom, Jason Paulk; FIRST CHURCH TEXARKANA, C. W. Daniels, R. W. Humphries; PLEASANT GROVE, W. T. Meredith, L. A. Parker, C. I. Day; NEW BOSTON, Wilson Jones; PLEASANT RIDGE, by letter; BETHEL, J. H. Ramsey, J. E. Corzine, W. L. Quillen; PISGAH, Ed Ramsey, Henry Smith, Odelia Turner; PARK, E. D. Meredith; ANTIOCH, G. H. S. Higgs, John Miller, L. D. Waldrip; MT. PISGAH, C. C. Elkins, J. D. Pruitt; WARDS, J. B. Merchant; DALBY SPRINGS, by letter.
7. The Association was organized by electing John Winham moderator, N. J. Rachel clerk, J. A. Petty, treasurer.

### CALLED FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

8. Letters were presented by Bethsadia and Dalby Springs churches. On motion they were received to fellowship, the hand was extended by moderator to Bethsadia messenger, Dalby Springs church having no messenger present.
9. Invited visiting brethren to seats.

10. Corresponding messenger, J. C. McElroy, Eanon Association was received and seated.
11. The moderator appointed the following brethren as committee on Devine service: C. W. Kimball, C. C. Turner, L. Winham.
12. The moderator appointed the following committees:  
 ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION: L. Winham, W. L. Quillen, P. Crow.  
 FOREIGN MISSION: B. Chance, Joe Corzine, Wilson Jones.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Jason Paulk, A. H. Vandervilt, W. L. Helms.  
 PUBLICATION: J. A. Petty, C. W. Kimball, R. Higginbottom.  
 FINANCE: C. W. Mathews, J. W. Dean, C. I. Day.  
 POST OFFICE: Wilson Jones, P. Crow, L. Quillen.  
 ORPHANS' HOME: E. D. Meredith, C. C. Elkins, L. Winham.  
 PASTORAL SUPPORT: N. J. Rachel, B. Chance, Jason Paulk.  
 STATE MISSION: E. D. Meredith, Odelie Turner, C. W. Kimball.  
 EDUCATION: Lee Lumbley, R. Higginbottom, W. L. Helms.
13. 11 o'clock a. m., preaching by Bro. J. C. McElroy.
14. Adjournment to 1:30 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

15. 1:30 p. m. met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Mathews.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT CALLED FOR.

16. The treasurer reports amount on hand at last Association, showing receipt for same. Report received and adopted.
17. On motion, Tennessee church was chosen as place for next meeting Time, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.
18. To preach introductory sermon, Eld. C. W. Daniels; alternate, Eld. E. D. Meredith.
19. To preach missionary sermon, I. P. Langly; alternate, T. L. Fulbright.
20. The committee on Divene service report. Preaching Saturday night by Eld. E. D. Meredith. 9:30 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting by J. A. Petty, B. Chance, C. W. Mathews. 11 a. m., preaching by Eld. E. D. Meredith. Sunday night, preaching by Elds. Petty and Merchant.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

21. Call for reports. Presented, read and adopted except report on pastoral support rejected. See appendix A.
22. Pending adoption, report on foreign mission collection, cash \$2.30. Orphan's Home collections, cash \$5.50.
23. On motion, adjournment to 7 o'clock p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

24. 7 p. m., the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. E. D. Meredith. Text Acts 10 33. Adjournment to 9:30 a. m. Sunday.



## SUNDAY SESSION.

9:30 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting, addressed by J. A. Petty, B. Chance, C. W. Mathews. 11 a. m., missionary sermon by Eld. E. D. Meredith; text Heb. 11:5. Subject, "Pleasing God." Collection, Association missions \$10.60.

25. Adjournment to 2:30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

26. Met pursuant to adjournment. The report of the executive board was presented and read by L. Winham; received and adopted. (See report.)

27. The following brethren were appointed as executive board for ensuing year, to-wit: L. Winham, E. D. Meredith, R. T. Fulbright, J. C. Watts, S. H. Crawford.

28. Adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

## MONDAY SESSION.

29. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Merchant. Minutes read and approved.

30. After hearing the reports, the same being read and adopted, proceeded to miscellaneous business.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

31. On motion, Eld. I. P. Langley was appointed as delegate to the Texas State Convention.

32. To Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. C. W. Daniels.

33. By resolution, it was ordered that the minute fund be placed in the hands of the clerk; that he have \$10 for his services; have printed the required number minutes; distribute the same; any amount left in his hands to be paid to the Mission Board.

34. Resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered to the Pisgah church and community for their hospitality during our stay among them.

35. Whereas, the will of the Christian and law-abiding citizens has been set at naught, the law disregarded and violated, and in opposition thereto the sale of intoxicating liquors has been engaged in our midst and our families and neighbors are under its baneful influence, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as an Association, set our disapproval against the same and pledge our combined influence to have it expugned, and to this end we would recommend the continual agitation of the temperance cause in our Association. First, by having our ministers to denounce this evil from the pulpit, and that at our annual meetings a committee be appointed on temperance, so that the subject may be brought before this body and discussed at our meetings.

36. On motion, the Association was adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

37. Song was sung, the parting hand extended, prayer by Bro. Meredith, separating thus, hoping to meet again.

JOHN WINHAM, Moderator.

N. J. RACHEL, Clerk.

#### MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Missionary Board appointed at last Association, beg leave to report as follows:

Amount paid H. H. Echols, as balance due him for last year as Missionary, ..... \$30 00

We contracted with Bro. Crawford, a member of the Board to endeavor to work up a fund among the churches for which we paid him..... \$10 00

We contracted with Bro. M. A. Gunter to supply Dalby Springs with preaching once a month after the opening of the Spring season. He made four visits and organized a church at that place, for which service he has received from the Board \$14 00, from the church there \$4 00

Total..... \$18 00

We employed Bro. N. J. Rachel to supply Pleasant Hill once a month at \$50 per year His services amounted to \$46 00, which has been paid in full. Collected on the work..... \$30 00

From Board..... 16 00

Total..... \$46 00

It is recommended by Bro. Rachel that the work be continued there.

We employed Bro. John Winham to supply College Hill, Ark., with preaching after the opening of Spring season, at \$50 00 per year. He went there twice and found that the interest was not sufficient to continue the work. The Board then sent him to Sylvaevania. He went there three times found the interest good and recommends that the work be continued. On account of bad weather on the time he was to be there the last time he could not go, at which time he was to have taken the collection, consequently, he reports nothing collected. We have paid him \$19 00.

We employed Bro. Nichols to supply Red Lick, but have not heard anything from him.

Total..... \$123 00

L. WINHAM,

Secretary.

E. D. MEREDITH,

Chairman.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

Associational mission is the foundation of all missions and should be fostered above all mission. When we build up the associational mission spirit we have accomplished a great work. The proper education of the membership of our churches on the mission question is included in this work and should engage the attention of the Associational Board as the present object of their work.



We think the Board should communicate more frequently with the pastors by a general interchange of ideas and opinions, and genial information about the field and the work. By this means it may learn the needs of all parts of the field and obtain a knowledge of all the available means that might be utilized in the work.

We recommend that our Board give more attention to the 5th Sunday meeting and make it their business to be present and endeavor to direct the discussion in these meetings in such a way as to increase the mission spirit among our brethren.

L. WINHAM, Chairman.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Committee on State missions submit the following: We do not know the present condition of the State Board, yet we know that is a work and from the reading of the letters from the churches. We, as an Association have done, but little for this work, therefore we recommend that this Association send to the different churches by their delegates words by which they may be encouraged in this work.

E. D. MEREDITH, Chairman.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report that after having examined the letters from the churches, find that but two of the twenty churches report anything having been done by them along this line of church work this year. Brethren, is it possible that we, as Missionary Baptists, fail to heed the Macedonian cry coming to our ears from across the waters? And are we withholding the Lord's money and using it for our own selfish purposes? Let us arouse brethren to the full measure of our responsibility along this line, and at the close of this next Associational year let it be said of each and every church in this Association, we have done what we could. May the Lord stimulate us to do our duty in sending the Word to them that have it not.

B. CHANCE, Chairman.

#### EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education report as follows: We believe the earnest consideration of education highly important for the greatest success of the Texarkana Association in accomplishing the greatest amount of good for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

B. F. LUMBLEY.

W. L. HELMS.

R. HIGGINBOTTOM

Committee.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee regret to report that the want and great need of interest manifested by a large majority of our churches in the Sunday school work. We find that only four churches report Sunday schools. The four report 302 pupils. Brethren, this should not be so. Let us endeavor to increase work

within the bounds of our Association. We trust and pray that the report will be better another year.

Respectfully,

JASON PAULK, Chairman.

#### PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publications earnestly recommend the careful reading of the Holy Scriptures above everything else. For by them we shall all be judged and we are commanded to try the spirits and again we are commanded, if any one come and bring not this doctrine to receive them not into our house nor bid them God's speed.

That we be careful in reading religious periodicals and try them by the infallible Word. We recommend the reading of our denominational journals and tracts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETTY, Chairman.

#### FINANCE

Churches.	Minutes	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Orphan's Home
College Hill.....	\$2 75	.....	.....	\$1 35	.....	85
Pleasant View.....	75	.....	\$1 10	.....	.....	.....
New Hope.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 2 05
Bethel.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Center Ridge.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethsada.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Boston.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Pleasant Grove.....	1 75	\$ 2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Tennessee.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Myrtle Springs.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Creek.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	1 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antioch.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dalby Springs.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pisgah.....	1 75	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olive Street.....	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Park.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ward Creek.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st Church Texarkana	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	<u>\$31 30</u>	<u>\$15 00</u>	<u>\$1 10</u>	<u>\$1 35</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>\$10 65</u>

We recommend that the pastors of the churches of this Association bring the matter of Associational Missions more prominently before their churches. As you can see by our report that very few of the churches sent any money for that mission.

C. W. MATHEWS,

C. I. DAY,

J. W. DEAN,

} Committee.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS' NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Name.	Post Office.	Name.	Post Office.
John Winham, ...	Edson, Ark.....	R. J. Hairston....	DeKalb, Tex.....
C. W. Daniels,...	Texarkana, Ark....	J. A. Petty,.....	" " .....
I. P. Langley,....	" " .....	J. B. Merchant,...	Dalby Springs, Tex.
P. H. Hill, .....	" " .....	J. S. Thomas, Sr.,	" " " .....
S. H. Crawford,...	" " .....	Geo. E. Pinkham,.	" " " .....
S. E. Hale,.....	" " .....	J. I. Jenkin,.....	Rolyat, Tex.....
W. J. Simmons,.	Park, Tex.....	T. T. Martin,....	New Boston, Tex...
W. C. Echols,....	" " .....	Thos. L. Fulbright,	" " " .....
E. D. Meredith,...	" " .....	H. D. Nichols,...	Hooks, Tex.....
N. J. Rachel,....	Maud, Tex.....	WILSON JONES, Ch'm'n.	

## ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee on Orphans' Home report as follows: We consider it the greatest work of charity in the land, and is dependent solely on the benevolence of the people, therefore, we should not neglect this work, but should give liberally, according as God has blessed us.

E D MEREDITH.	} Committee.
L. WINHAM,	
ODELIA TURNER.	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts reported paid by the different churches, not other wise reported, for pastoral support, missions, Orphans' Home, church expenses, etc. etc.:

First Church Texarkana.....	\$ 409.80.
New Boston.....	268.65.
Rock Creek.....	46.00.
Pisgah.....	60.00.
Bethel.....	45 75.
Olive Street.....	191.65.
Olive Street Sunday School .....	62.44.
Harmony.....	105.80.
College Hill.....	4.55.
Total.....	<u>\$1,194.64</u>



## DECLARATION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men Divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instructions; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is the true center of Christian Union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

ART. 2. We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from the holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice, being utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ART. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by appointment of the Father freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by His obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

ART. 5. We believe the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification, and justification is the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

ART. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

ART. 7. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;

is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

ART. 8. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable grace wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God, whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king, and relying on him alone as the only all-sufficient Savior.

ART. 9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes, boasting and promotes humanity, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

ART. 10. We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the holy spirit, the sealer and the comforter, in the continued use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

ART. 11. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; their preserving attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God unto salvation.

ART. 12. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precept arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the gospel and the remains of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

ART. 13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gift, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors or deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties



are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

ART. 14. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and the Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in, which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

ART. 15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred for religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

ART. 16. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

ART. 17. We believe there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the spirit of our God are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in the impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men in and after death.

ART. 18. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principle of righteousness.

## CONSTITUTION.

We, the Missionary Baptist Churches of Christ in the states of Texas and Arkansas, having been baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union amongst us and preserve and maintain a correspondent with each other. We therefore propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of an association according to the following plan

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our Association, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The letters from the different churches are to express their members in

full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead since last Association; also inscribe upon the backs of their letters the name of church, post office, delegates, pastor and clerk.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Texarkana Missionary Baptist Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage or to infringe on any of the eternal rights of churches in the Association, but shall be considered an advisory council in matters respecting their internal concerns, for the benefit of all such churches; but the Association shall have power to exclude any church from its body who shall violate or deviate from the rules of the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

4. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to three delegates or messengers, and should any church fail to represent herself she shall state her reasons in her letter to the next Association.

5. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and, upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and the reception thereof manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by regular and popular rules which they are authorized to form for themselves.

7. The Association shall elect a Moderator from among themselves by ballot, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum be attended to, and take the vote of the Association in all questions properly brought before it, and to organize the next Association; also a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings; also a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all money coming into his hands as directed by the Association, giving and taking receipts for the same, and make a report of the same to the Association.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of members present, except in the reception of new churches, which shall require a unanimous vote.

9. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but could not; in which case the Association shall take it under consideration and give their advice.

10. Business which immediately concerns the Association at large, when sent by a particular church as from it or handed in by a member, shall be taken up and decided as soon as an opportunity will admit.

11. The Association shall correspond with other Associations as may be agreed upon when in session.

12. The Association shall elect one of their ministers to preach the introductory sermon and his alternate at the next Association.

13. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings.

14. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the churches composing the Association deem it necessary.

15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected (if necessary) and signed by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk before the Association adjourns.



16. The Association shall at each annual session appoint a Missionary Board, which shall choose its own officers, which shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Clerk and Treasurer. Said Board is required to report at each session of the Association.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Each session of the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. But one shall speak at a time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator.
3. During a discussion no member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of reflection.
4. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the one that made it.
5. Every case taken up by the Association shall first be decided on or withdrawn before another is offered.
6. No member shall depart from the session of the Association without leave.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave obtained, nor shall any proposition be made to close subject until all debates are closed.
8. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address to each other.
9. Any person breaking these Rules of Decorum may be reprovved as the Association may think proper.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Association to order.
2. Call for and read letters from the churches.
3. Preach the introductory sermon.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
7. Call for corresponding messengers.
8. Appoint a committee on divine service
9. Appoint the following committees: 1, on Associational Missions; 2, on Foreign Missions; 3, on Sunday Schools; 4, on Publications; 5, on Finance; 6, on Deceased Ministers; 7, on Orphans' Home; 8, on Ministers' Names and Post Offices; 9, on Pastoral Support; 10, on State Missions; 11, Education; 12, Home Missions; 13, call for Treasurer's report.
10. Select the place of next meeting.
11. Appoint a minister to preach next introductory sermon.
12. Appoint a minister to preach missionary sermon at next meeting
13. Call for report of Associational Mission Board.
14. Call for reports of committees in order of their appointment.
15. Miscellaneous business.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	STATE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	STATE	INCREASE				DECREASE				Total	Mentorship	DAYS OF MEETING.
							Baptism	Letter	Restored	Statement	Letter	Expulsion	Death	Dropped			
New Boston.....	T. L. Fulbright.....	New Boston.....	Tex.	J. A. Ellis.....	New Boston.....	Tex.	39	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	85	2d and 4th Sundays.....	
Pleasant Ridge.....	T. T. Martin.....	"	"	W. L. Duran.....	"	"	7	5	0	5	2	0	0	0	26	"	
Mt Pisgah.....	N. J. Rachel.....	Maud.....	"	R. A. Elkins.....	Texarkana.....	Ark.	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	25	"	
Bethel.....	E. D. Meredith.....	Park.....	"	N. L. Quillen.....	Roberts.....	"	2	5	0	0	4	1	0	0	26	"	
Myrtle Springs.....	H. D. Nichol.....	Hooks.....	"	J. O. McCutcheon.....	Hooks.....	Tex.	5	1	5	0	5	5	0	0	62	3d Sun. and Sat. before.	
Center Ridge.....	N. J. Rachel.....	Maud.....	"	W. L. Helms.....	Maud.....	"	1	0	1	0	8	1	0	0	30	3d Sunday.....	
Tennessee.....	John Winham.....	Edson.....	Ark.	W. H. Buffington.....	Edson.....	Ark.	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	32	2d Sun. and Sat. before.	
New Hope.....	J. A. Petty.....	DeKalb.....	Tex.	J. T. Kenedy.....	Hodgson.....	Tex.	3	5	0	0	5	0	1	0	38	"	
1st Ch Texarkana.....	C. W. Daniel.....	Texarkana.....	Ark.	W. H. Tilson.....	Texarkana.....	"	19	14	0	0	21	3	4	0	185	Every Sunday.....	
Pleasant Grove.....	"	"	"	J. R. Mitchell.....	Park.....	"	6	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	32	2d Sunday.....	
Bethsadia.....	J. T. Jenkin.....	Rolyat.....	Tex.	W. A. Dean.....	Hodgson.....	"	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4th Sun. and Sat. before.	
Pleasant View.....	J. A. Petty.....	DeKalb.....	"	J. W. Odell.....	DeKalb.....	"	0	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	13	3d " " " "	
Ward's Creek.....	G. E. Pinkham.....	Dalby Springs.....	"	Joseph Peters.....	Dalby Springs.....	"	6	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	35	2d " " " "	
Rock Creek.....	N. J. Rachel.....	Maud.....	"	G. V. Burnett.....	New Boston.....	"	7	8	4	0	6	0	0	0	51	1st " " " "	
Pisgah.....	John Winham.....	Edson.....	Ark.	Miss Odellia Turner.....	Boggy.....	Ark.	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	44	4th " " " "	
Olive Street.....	I. P. Langley.....	Texarkana.....	"	C. W. Mathews.....	Texarkana.....	Tex.	7	16	3	0	10	7	0	0	93	Every Sunday.....	
College Hill.....	E. D. Meredith.....	Park.....	Tex.	J. L. Alexander.....	DeKalb.....	"	6	8	2	0	5	0	1	3	73	1st Sun. and Sat. before.	
Harmony.....	"	"	"	E. C. Greer.....	Texarkana.....	"	7	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	31	"	
Antioch.....	"	"	"	L. D. Waldrip.....	Fouke.....	Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3d Sun. and Sat. before.	
Mt. Zion.....	"	"	"	R. Higginbottom.....	Texarkana.....	"	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	36	1st " " " "	
Sand Hill*.....	"	"	"	Ollice Tidwell.....	Siloam.....	Tex.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	49	4th " " " "	
Bethlehem*.....	"	"	"	J. M. Haynes.....	Pope.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	53	1st " " " "	
Hubbard Chapel*.....	"	"	"	F. P. Cleghorn.....	DeKalb.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	43	3d " " " "	
DeKalb*.....	"	"	"	J. S. Owens.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	68	1st " " " "	
Salom*.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Spring Hill*.....	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Dalby Springs.....	J. B. Merchant.....	Dalby Springs.....	Tex.	Mrs. Alice Perley.....	Dalby Springs.....	Tex.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	"	
Total.....							123	77	12	7	95	24	12	3	1214		

\*Not reported this year. Statistics of last year.

†Dropped from roll.