

# MINUTES

OF THE

—THIRD ANNUAL MEETING—

OF

—BIG FORK UNITED BAPTIST—

{ ASSOCIATION. }

—HELD WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH—

—SCOTT COUNTY ARK.—

—COMMENCING OCT. 5th.—

1889

{ J. G. Hardin, Moder'  
James. M. Hilton, Clerk.

G. W. Bates, Printer. Big Fork Polk Co., Ark.

# —MINUTES.—

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State of Arkansas. }  
 County of Scott. } We, the Big Fork United Baptist Association met with Antioco. Church Scott County Ark. Saturday the 5th day of Oct A. D. 1889. Pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. A. Bates, from the 9th Chapter of Proverbs and the 1-2-3 verse. At 11 o'clock A. M. And J. G. Hardin, concluded; after a short Intermission, for Refreshment, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer by Brother R. Suit. And after Prayer, the letters from the different Churches was called for; And Petitionary letters was called for, Liburty Church presented a letter and Big Fork Church Presented a letter who subscribed to the Articles of Faith, and the Rules of Decorum, and received the right hand of fellowship; And the Delegates names was Enrolled from the different Churches, the association, then proceeded to organize by Electing a Moderator and Clerk, and Treasurer, which resulted in the Election of Eld, J. G. Hardin, Moderator, and James. N. Hilton, Clerk and Treasurer of this association.

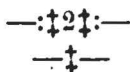
On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee on preaching; James. Standridge, J. H. Reddell, and J. C. Dallar.

On obituary, Z. A. Hilton, J. K. Wilcox, and R. Suite,  
 On finance, A. F. Hooper, R. G. Brown and J. D. Willhite  
 On arrangements, Eld J. G. Hardin, James. M. Hilton,  
 j. W. Dilbeck, A. BLACKWELL, and ELD. A. A. BATES.

On motion the circular letter which was ordered by this Body at its last session, which letter was to be written by ELD. Wm. Lawrehee, AND ELD j. G. HARDIN, AND to be Read to this Body at its next meeting which was done, and the letter was received and ordered to become a part of the minutes of this Body.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday Morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld A. A. Bates.

Sunday 11 o'clock, John Dilbeck, preached and A. A. Bates concluded. At 3 o'clock P. M. Eld J. G. Hardin. Preached and A. A. Bates Concluded. Monday morning 9 o'clock the Association met Pursuant to adjournment Prayer by Eld John Dilbeck; roll was called, the minutes of Saturday, was read and approved. On motion the Rules of Decorum was read by Eld J. G. Hardin, the following committees made there reports And Committees Discharged.



On Preaching, see appendix A. Committee on obituary appendix B committee on finance see appendix C. committee on arrangements see appendix D. On motion called for Correspondence from sister Associations. On Motion, Resolved that this Body return thanks to Antioch Church and vicinity for there kind hospitality during this session of this Association James. Standridge, chairman

See Appendix A.

We, your committee on preaching Beg leave to make this our report; Eld J. G. Hardin, to preach Saturday night at the Church house, and Eld A. A. Bates, to Conclude, and Eld John. Dilbeck. to preach at 11 o'clock Sunday and Eld. A. A. Bates, conclude, and Eld. A. A. Bates, to preach at 3 o'clock P. M. Sunday and Eld J. G. Hardin, to preach at 11 o'clock Monday and A. A. Bates, Conclude.

See Appendix B.

We your Committee on Obituary, Beg leave to make this our report. Bretherin, we find from reading the letters sent up from the different Churches, to this Body that our beloved brother W. F. Brown, who was a worthy member of Antioch church, and our beloved Brotner I. G. Ellison, who was a worthy member of Christial Hill Church, and our beloved Sister, Elizabeth Abernathy who was a worthy member of Christial Hill church, who have been called from the walks of men, brotherin, this Reminds us that it is appointed unto man once to Die, and after this the Judgement, brethren remember the Disconsolated sister; brotherin. pray for sister Elizabeth, ABERNATHYS Husband, in his beraved condstion, pray that God will administer unto THERE WANTS THROUGH LIFE.

J. K. Wilcox, CHIRMAN.

SEE APPENDIX. C.

We your committee on Finance. Beg leave to make this our report. We find the sum of \$13.35c. sent up from the different Churches of this Association, for the printing of the Minutes of this Association.

R. G. Brown. Chirman.

See Appendix, D.

We, your Committee, on arrangements, Beg leave to make this our report: the time for holding the next Association, will be on Saturday Before the first Sabbath in September, A. D. 1890. And to convene with Liberty Church in Polk Co., Ark. And Eld. John. Dilbeck, to Preach the Introductory Sermon, and Eld Wm. Lawrence his Alternate. And James. M. Hilton, and J. G. Hardin, to write a circular letter for the next Association. And the Clerk of this Body to have 200 coppys of minutes printed and to distribute the same.

A. Blackwell, Chirman.

On Motion adjourned to meet with Liberty Church, Saturdey before the first Sabbath in Sept, A. D. 1890.

Eld J. G. Hardin, Mederator,  
James. M. Hilton, Clerk.

## —FORM OF LETTERS TO THE ASSOCIATION.—

We the United Baptist Church of Christ at..... send Greeting, to the Big Fork, Association which is to convene with..... Church. commencing Saturday before the first Sabbath in Sept 18... We send as Delegates to represent us in your body our beloved Brothers, (here give the names.)——Here state the condition of the church. our statistics is as follows.

Name of church....

Name of county.....

No Baptised.

No Received by Letter

No Restored.

No Dismissed by Letter.

No Excluded.

No died.

No total, in fellowship

Contribution

Sabbath meeting

Name of Post office

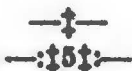
Name of Ordained Ministers

Name of licentuates Done by order of the Church in Conference this the  
1st of 18 Moderator Church Clerk.

# STATISTIC TABLE FOR 1889.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	POST OFFICE	DELEGATES NAMES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total in Fellowship	Contribution	Days of meeting	Ordained Ministers	Licentuates	Pastor.	Clerk.
Sulphur Springs Christal Hill	Montgomery	Big Fork Waters	Jan Srandridge. A. F. Hooper. A. A. Bates. J. D. Willhite. John Dilbeck	8	4	1				50	2	4	2		John Dilbeck. John Dilbeck.	A. F. Hooper. J. R. Cranford.
Antioch Board Camp	Scott	Blansett Board Camp	J. G. Hardin. J. H. Reddell. James M. Hilton. Z. A. Hilton.	1	2		6	1		122	1	2			J. G. Hardin Wm. Lawrence.	J. H. Reddell James M. Hilton.
Union Grove	Scott	Dolan	J. C. Dallar. A. Blackwell	1	2	2				16		4			A A Hatet J G Hardin.	E S E Beauchamp
Liberty	Polk	Egger	J. C. Rutledge. E. S. E. Beauchamp. R Sult J K Wilcox & G Brown and B G Wilcox	1	10					26		2			John Dilbeck A A Bates	J K Wilcox
Big Fork	Polk	Egger	John W Dilbeck	1	10					11		2			Wm Lawrence	E S Stover

Total in Fellowship 311 contribution \$12,200.



## —CIRCULAR LETTER—

By Eld. J. G. Hardin.

Dear, Brethren and Sisters, in the Lord; We again witness the loveing kindness of the Lord, in permitting us once more to meet in council, and we humbly trust that what ever may have been our failings, our great aim has been to promote the Glory of God, our saviour, and the interest happiness and peace of his Church, and people. Our desire to be thankful for the love and condescension which has prevailed since we last met, for his mercies which have secured to us the privelege of meeting once more, this side of a vast and Boundless Eternity. And to stir up your pure minds by way of circular letter, and to warn you of evil, and error, and to exhort you to obedience truth, and faitfulness. There are many societies, in this day, which are called the Church, and, many other institutions, which are called Religious, we will call your attention to the Church of God, and inquire what it is, the Church of God, where is she? and by whom sit up? she was constituted and sit up by Jesus Christ. The word church, is believed to mean a body, or congregation, called out of, Brought into, an united up principles of fellowship in the gospel, so as to make our compact Body the Kingdom of Heaven, our Church of God, was constituted and set up in the world by Jesus Christ, and his kingdom shall stand for ever.

This is the Kingdom of which Daniel, Prophesied saying, there was given him dominion and Glory, and a Kingdom that all People, Nations and languages shall serve him, his

Dominion is an everlasting Dominion, which shall not pass a way and his kingdom which shall not be Destroyed. John, the Baptist, came in the fulfillment of Prophecy Preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and to make ready a People Prepared for the Lord, John bore testimony to the Saviour and taught Repentance, and faith, in him that the people should bring forth fruit meet for Repentance, and be Baptized with water unto Repentance, his Baptism was from Heaven, and did testify the sufferings, Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, to Glory. This Jesus proved when he came to John to be Baptized, and said suffer it to be so now for thus it becometh us to fulfill all Righteousness. Hence we see the Scripture prove that Church and Kingdom of God was set up in joint compact by Jesus Christ. In his sermon delivered on the mount to his Disciples, Mathew. ch 5-6-7-8-9-10 he describes the subjects of his Kingdom and Church also the prin-

ciples and laws for the Government of his People, informing them that they would be Reviled, Persecuted, and Evilspoken of, falsely, for his name sake. Ye are said to be the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world, a City sit on a hill cannot be hid, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and gloryfy your fother who is in Heaven. Be ye perfect, even as your Fother, which is in Heaven is perfect. He chose twelve of his Disciples, whom he ordained appostles, and that they should be with him, and be his first Incipient Church, Mathew, ch 1 2-3 vers. Mark. ch 1. 2-3 vs. Luke, 5 ch. acts 1 ch 2 vs. At the time of Pentecost, the number of the names together, was about one hundred and thirty. When the day of pentecost was fully come they was all with one accord, in one place, and when Peter preached the word to the people, some inquired, what shall we do. Peter, said, Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus. Chrest, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Then they that gladly received his word were Baptized.

And the same day there were added to them three thousand souls. And they continued Steadfast in the Apostles Doctrine and in Fellowship and in breaking bread and in prayers. These with other Scriptures Prove that Church and Kingdom were set up by our Lord, Jesus Christ. And that the subjects were Redeemed from all Iniquity. Born of the Spirit, Baptized, 1st to testify the sufferings, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ, and 2d. in the figure that they are dead to sin, and alive unto God, by the spirit, being planted to gather in the likeness of his Death, and showing also the Resurrection of the body after Death. And 3d. the answer of a good Conscience towards God by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Being confirmed by the apostles as a Church. At pentecost from this Church Jerusalem, the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven went forth, and will be fully Preached by the apostles and other ministers who are called of God, and qualified by the Holy Ghost, and preach the word, and testify of Jesus, they are set apart by the Church and ordained by a presbytery of faith and order and in Fellowship with the Church at Jerusalem and each other so they were the United Body. And this is the reason why We are called the mystic body of Christ. Being connected together by joints and Bands and knit together in love that there should be no schism although perilous things should come and some Depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and Doctrine of Devils and the man of sin be Revealed and seen sitting in the temple of God, whose comings is after the workings of Satan with all power, and signs, and lying wauers.

and with all conceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. The scriptures assures us that God, will preserve and bear up his Church, and Kingdom, in the world, as first set up by Christ, and confirmed by his apostals, through grace given for this purpose. Although, the Church, should go in to the wilderness for a time, times and a half time, in consequence of persecution, and many saints be put to death for the testimony for Jesus. Yet, she will come out of the wilderness, leaning on the arm of her beloved. Read, and compare, the Scriptures with Church History, by Jones. Benedict, and Robinson. the proof is clear, that this period is past, and that the Church, is now in her United, Compact, call the Kingdom militant. She is now opposed by gog, and company, and the anti-christian, powers, Rever' Ch 13. The two Beasts, the first of which rose up out of the sea, and the Dragon gave unto his power, and seal, then the Beast Reigned, and not the Dragon. Then the second Beast Reigned. This is the time when Satan, was bound a thousand years. John, saw THRONES, and THEM THAT SAT upon them. And Judgement was given unto them, and he also saw the Souls of those that was Beheaded. For the word of God, and the testimony of Jesus, and they lived, and Reigned, with them a thousand years. And when the thousand years were ended, Satan was loosed, a short season, and went out to deceive the Nations which were in the four quarters of the earth. Gog, and magog, to gather them together, to Battle, the number of which is as the sand of the sea. And they went upon the Breath of the earth and compassed the camp of the Saints, about the beloved City. The Church in her Compact faith and order, which is the ground, and pillar, of the truth, the mystic Body of Christ. Read Ezekiel. Chapter. 38 and 39, on the rise of gog and company, which should come upon the mountains of Israel, and there be consumed. Which, the fall of Babilon, the reaping of the earth, the gathering of the Saints in the end of the world is one time Gods, people are commanded to come out of her that they be not partakers of her sins. And they receive not her plagues. This gog and the chief Prince of meshack tubal, the earth, the word that is carried or led by gog. Roof or covering maygog, roof or that which covereth them. Gog with his many as a cloud clothed with all kinds of armory, is the fulfillment of the man of sin, the son of Perdition. Rev. Chapter 9. The opening of the bottomless pit, and the locusts, and the power given unto them, and their shape which was like horses prepared for battle, is believed to be the time when the man of sin was reviled, and the time of the sitting up of the anti-christian Kingdom. And the sixth Angel sounded and the



and the four angels were loosed, and John, saw the army and the horses and them sat upon them, and their power was in their mouth, and in their tails. (Rev XVI 12 etc.) and the sixth angel poured out his vial, and John, saw three unclean spirits, like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and of the mouth of the beast, and out of false prophets, they are the spirits of devils, working mericles which go forth into the Kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that greag day of God almighty,. And he gathers them to gather, in the place called in the Hebrew, tongue armagedon, which is the mountain of the Gospel. What we have written, we believe is sufficient to satisfy any candided mind in surch of truth, that now is the time of gog and his army, horses, and horsemen, clothed with all kinds of armor. The many societies, and Religions Institutions, set up by men, Holding councils appointing agents, collecting money, to carry in to effect their designs, and purpose; all after the rudiments of of the world, and which things HAVE indeed, a show of wisdom. And will

worship, and voluntary humility, and in neglecting the body. Touch not, Taste not, Handle not, the unclean thing. For all these things are to perish with there using. After the commandments and the doctriens of men. We close this letter with an admonition to the churches to examine, wailther or not, you are Constituted, regularly and in the faith and order, of the Gospel ministers ordained regularly and are Regular United Baptist, churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, And exhort you to pray without ceasing. Live in the spirit, keep the communion of bread and wine, in union and fellowship, in spirit and truth.

Walk in the commandments of the Lord, blameless. Bare oas anothers burdens, forgive each other in love, contend for the faith of the Gospel, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Put on charity as the bond of perfection, remain all ways in the truth. Have no fellowship for the unfruitful works of darkness. But reprove them, hold forth the word of life in midst of crooked and perverse generations, and live in peace.

Now Bretherin, we commend you to God, and the word of his grace, preying that the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost rest and abide all you all. Amen.

{ CONSTITUTION, }  
of the Big Fork, Association of  
—| UNITED BAPTIST. |—

Article 1. This union of churches, shall be known, and distinguished by the name, and title of Big Fork united Baptist, Association.

Art 2. This association, shall be composed of delegates from churches, in union. Each church shall be entitled to their delegates, who shall be Requested to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointments, by their church before taking their seats.

Art. 3. The Delegates when convened, shall organize themselves in to a Deliberate body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual Association. and continue in Office, until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This association, shall not interfere with the right of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies, in all matters of internal Government: and shall only act as an advising council assuming no authority, except, what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently, implied by the very nature of compact. It nevertheless, Claims authority over its own members, and her delegates from the churches and in justice, and propriety, must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact, by teaching heresies in faith, or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united with this Constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to Promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace, on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate union, and Fellowship withall the churches of Christ. Especially with those united under this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending up three delegates to the annual meeting of this Association, with a petition for admission, and by their Delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles here with Published.

Art. 6. The churches in this Union, shall transmit to every Annual Session of the association, a written communication specifying the name of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number Baptized, Received or Excommunicated, Restored or dismissed, since the last session. And all other information which the church may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 7 This association shall have a fund, supplied by contribution of the churches, and all money, thus contributed, shall be transmitted from the Churches, and paid over through the committee of finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the association, and manage the funds agreeably. He shall return to the order of the association, and present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear, and sufficient statement, of all the receipts, and expedituæ.

Art. 8. This association, shall furnish the churches, with the minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This association, shall take cognizance, of no query sent up from the churches, unless, they have endeavored to solve the same, and have failed; nor of any difficulty, between churches, unless they have pursued the dictations, of the 18th, Chapter of Mathew, and have not been able to settle them. Then, this association shall take such matter, into consideration, and act upon them at its discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, of this Association, to keep a regular file, of the printed minutes of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in Office.

Art. 11. This Constitution, may be altered, or Amended, at regular meetings of the associations, by the coacting voice of two thirds of the members then present. Provided such alterations, or amendments, be approved by the Churches, of the Association.

Art. 12. There is to be no Sunday collections taken up in this Association, nor men appointed to preach, what is called missionary sermons, but to chuse their own subject.

## —RULES OF DECORUM.—

1. The Association, shall be opened, and closed, by prayer.

2 A moderator, and Clerk, shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3 The moderator shall be considered a Judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.

4 A member not satisfied with this decision, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but not thereafter.

5 But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to their feet, address the moderator, obtain permission, and then proceed to speak.

6 The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7 No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless, he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the association unless withdrawn by him that made it.

8 Every case taken up by this association, shall be decided or withdrawn, before another is approved.

9 When any question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator, shall take the voice of the association, on the subject, and the members on the affirmative shall signify the same by rising from their seats. and those in negative, shall when the question is put to them, rise from their seats.

10 Any member wishing to retire; shall obtain permission, from the moderator.

11. No member shall speak, more than twice, on the same subject, without permission of the association. Nor more than once, till every member wishing to speak shall have spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject, till the debate is carried through.

12. The application of brothers shall be used in the association, by members in their address to each other.

13. The names of the members, shall be called as often as the association, shall direct.

14. No member, shall be tolerated, in any practice, which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15 The moderator, shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech, as any other member, provided, he appoint another, to fill his seat during that time, but shall not be allowed to vote, on any question, unless the Association, be equally divided, then, he may give the deciding vote.

16. Any member violating these rules, may be reproved by the moderator, at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be done.

## { ARTICLES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH. }

Art. 1 We believe in only one true, and living God. And that there is a trinity of persons in the God head, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

Art. 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old, and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and that the depravity of his fallen nature, was entailed upon his posterity, and in the importance of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

Art. 4. We believe in Election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Art. 5. We believe in the final Resurrection of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

Art 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, and by the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them; and that it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

Art 7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follows after justification, and are evidence of our own Gracious state.

Art 8 We believe, there will be a resurrection of the dead; and a general Judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be never ending.

Art 9 We believe, the visible Church of Christ, is a congregation of faithful persons, baptized, who have gained christian Fellowship, with each other, and give unto the Lord, and one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly, disciplin agreeabl to the rules of the Gospel.

Art 10. We believe, that Jesus Christ, is the great Head of the church, and the only law-giver, and the disciplin is with the body, and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God, and the prosperity of his people,

Art 11. We believe, that Baptism by immersion is the apostolic mode, and true believers the only fit subjects

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Art 12. We believe, THAT THE LODRS, SUPPER, are ordinance, of the Church, and SHOULD BE CONTINUED, till Christa, second coming.