

Minutes * of * The

Proceedings * of * The

Twenty-fifth * Annual * Session

Of

Blue * Mountain

Association * of * Missionary

Baptist, Held with Pleasant Grove Church

Stone Co., Ark., Sept. 30, Oct., 1, 1899.

Democrat, * Mountain * View, * Ark.

MINUTES

OF BLUE MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, 1899, the Blue Mountain Association convened with Pleasant Grove church, Stone county, Ark.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. D. Rose. Text—Eph. 3: 8, 9. Conclusion by Eld. J. M. McCallister.

After 15 minutes recess the body was called to order by Eld. A. R. Stephenson, the former moderator. Prayer by the moderator.

The former clerk being absent, Eld. J. M. McCallister was chosen clerk pro tem.

The statistical letters were called for. Brethren Josh M. Hinkle and Albert McCallister were appointed reading clerks.

The messengers' names were enrolled. Brethren J. W. Gray, Joe Stark and W. B. McCasland were appointed as tellers and the Association proceeded to the election of officers.

Eld. A. R. Stephenson was re-elected moderator, Eld. J. M. McCallister clerk and J. W. Hess treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for.

Called for correspondence,—Eld. Joe Stark and Bro. Wm. Daughtery of Little Red River and Bro. C. E. Boyd of Trace Ridge Associations came forward and received the hand of fellowship by the moderator.

Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body.

Eld. W. B. Peeples, representing Central Baptist College, accepted the invitation.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Br'n. J. J. Hancock, sr., H. S. Steele and T. J. Massey.

On Finance—Br'n. A. J. McGee, J. M. Hinkle and W. B. McCasland.

On Religious Literature—Eld. J. D. Rose, Bros. T. J. Massey and Albert McCallister.

On Destitution—Eld. E. E. Branscum, Bros. T. F. Stafford and J. B. Smith.

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On Foreign Missions—Elds. J. D. Rose, J. M. McCallister and S. T. Cypert.

On Home Missions—Elds. Cypert, Branscum and McCallister.

On State Missions—Eld. Joe Stark, Bros. A. B. McCallister and J. M. Hinkle.

On Sunday Schools—Eld. F. C. Murphree, Bros. T. J. Massey and J. B. Smith.

On Christian Education—Elds. W. B. Peeples, E. C. Gray and Bro. J. C. Webb.

On Orphans Home—Elds. S. T. Cypert, J. H. Foster, and Bro. J. W. Hess.

On Temperance—Eld. S. L. Everage, Bros. Reuben Whitfield and E. A. Richardson.

On Obituaries—Bros. Jeff Shannon, J. C. Galloway and Eld. J. M. McCallister.

On Resolutions and Queries—Elds. S. T. Cypert, E. E. Branscum and Bro. B. S. Gray.

On Pastoral Support—J. J. Hancock, J. B. Smith, and T. J. Fergusson.

The moderator made a short speech of suggestions to the various committees. On motion adjourned to 9 o'clock a.m. Sunday. Prayer by Eld. Cypert.

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SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 1.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing "The Worth of Truth," by the moderator and prayer by the clerk, the Mission Board made their report as follows:

We your mission board submit that we requested all our churches to select some one or more of the destitute points designated by the last Association and supply them with preaching. Also to inform us as to what amounts they would contribute toward the wages of a general missionary for the destitution that might not be supplied by the churches under the first proposition. Also we asked them to recommend their choice of brethren to serve as such general missionary, provided that we could procure the services of any brother whom a majority of the churches might recommend. To this request Blue Mountain church promptly

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responded that they would select Flint Ridge and supply it by Eld. J. D. Taylor and his report to the church is submitted to us as follows: "Visits 7; sermons 12; miles traveled, about 112; no visible results." Having received no further response, we asked the ministering brethren to volunteer their services to as many places as they would choose.

Elds. H. H. Russell, W. A. Wade, J. C. Bufford, W. G. Moody, F. C. Murphree, J. H. Foster, J. B. Bradborn, and J. M. McCallister, kindly responded.

As visible results of their labors 46 conversions and 38 baptisms and additions to the churches near the destitution are reported. Also the organization of a church at one point—Turkey creek mountain—is arranged for in the near future.

Bro. Murphree reports the burning of a copy of J. H. Milburn's "Origin of Campbellism" by a party to whom he had kindly lent the book.

We have on hand \$4.50.

W. B. McCasland, Cha'm.

J. M. McCallister, Sec.

J. D. Rose, J. M. Hinkle.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools made the followig report: From the reading of the statistical letters there is but little interest in Sunday schools. We would therefore urge our people to do more for the promotion of Sunday schools as we believe them to be a very important means in the impression of truth upon the minds of the young. On motion the report was adopted and the body adjourned to 8 o'clock a.m. Monday.

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MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 2.

The Association was called to order, prayer by Eld. Murphree. The roll was called and marked the names of absent messengers with a *.

Renewed the call for correspondence.

Renewed the call for petitionery lettters.

Renewed the invitation to visiting ministers.

Called for the report of the committee on Religious Literature

and received the following: We believe the doctrine taught by the Baptists to be the doctrine of the Bible; therefore, we urge each of the members of our churches to read and study at least one chapter of the Bible each week. As reading matter we recommend the Arkansas Baptist, of Little Rock, and the American Baptist Flag; also, we recommend that Baptist literature alone be used in our Sunday schools.

J. D. Rose,

Albert McCallister, T. N. Massey,

The committee on destitution made the following report: We find that Flint Ridge and Spoon Flat, Stone Co., and Lower Big Creek and Cedar Creek, six miles west of Big Flat, Seary county, are destitute of gospel preaching, and we recommend that this association elect a missionary to supply these places and that the moderator appoint a board of five members to assist in the collection of funds for his support. E. E. Branscum, Cha'm.

The report was adopted and the moderator appointed Elds. J. D. Rose, E. C. Gray, F. C. Murphree, J. M. McCallister and Bro. J. J. Hancock sr., as such board.

The Association elected Eld. S. L. Everage as missionary and the following amounts were paid and pledged toward his support:

A R Stephenson, Paid	\$1 00	E A Richardson, Pledged	\$ 50
C E Boyd.....	50	E E Branscum.....	1 00
J C Webb.....	25	A J McGee.....	50
H A Hall.....	50	J B Bradburn.....	1 00
S Price.....	25	T J Furgesson.....	1 00
J W Webb.....	25	W J Shannon.....	50
I B Northcutt.....	50	E C Gray.....	1 00

PAID	\$3 25	PLEGDED.....	\$5 50
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Called for the report of the committee on Foreign Missions and received the following: We your committee on Foreign Missions submit that we believe that we should have a deeper interest foreign missions than has been formerly manifested by this body. We recommend that the Pastors secure the appointment, in each church, of a lively member to canvass the membership for contributions to this work, and that the Pastors instruct their respective churches as to the necessity of giving to this great cause, and that money be sent to R. J. Williamson Sec. Richmond, Va. or direct to the Missionaries in the field,

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(Their address may be found on page 7 of the American Baptist Flag. CLERK.) J. M. McCallister, J. D. Rose.

Pending the discussion of the report a collection of \$5.30 was taken and the report was adopted.

The committee on State Missions made their report as follows: We much desire the establishment and prosperity of the Baptist cause throughout the State, and, especially, the destitution lying between Batesville and Marshall, and therefore recommend that we co-operate with Little Red River, Pee Dee and United Associations through the State Board, or otherwise, in keeping a man in the field to supply said destitution, and that we contribute of our means to help in the noble undertaking.

Joe Stark, Albert McCallister.

Pending discussion \$3.10 was contributed and report adopted. On motion the body took recess until 3 o'clock p.m.

At 3 o'clock p.m., the Association was called to order.

The committee on Christian Education submitted their report: By education we mean the harmonious development of all ones powers—physical, mental and spiritual. Our faculties all need development. We are not born with the strength of giants, but must acquire whatever power we come to have. And the acquisition of this power; the cultivation of these talents is the duty of all. We, your committee, would lay great emphasis on the importance of Christian education. Purely secular training is not the best education and may prove hurtful. We think only the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ can furnish the best kind of education and that it is therefore, one of their great duties. And the religious denomination that leads in the educational development of our country will lead in the religious progress as well. There are no more important factors in our denominational progress than our colleges at Arkadelphia, Conway and Mountain Home. And one of the great duties of Arkansas Baptists is to stand by these colleges and give them their sympathy and hearty support. Ouachita and Mountain Home colleges are co-educational. Central college at Conway is a strictly female school. All of them are, splendid schools and well worthy of our patronage. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Peoples, J. C. Webb, E. C. Gray.

The report was adopted,

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The committee on Orphans Home submitted as follows: We see from the statistical letters that only one church—Pleasant Grove—has contributed any thing to the Orphahs Home at Monticello, Ark. This is a laudable enterprise and all our churches should contribute liberally to its support. There are now 25 inmates in the Home. May God bless them and those who train them for Him. J. H. Foster, J. W. Hess, Com.

While the report was being discussed \$2.35 was voluntarily contributed and the report was adopted.

The committee on Home Missions was called upon for their report and submitted the following: The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is engaged in the very important work of supplying the gospel to the destitute places in our Southern States, the Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Cuba and Puerto Rico. Especially do they labor among the colored population of the Southern States. Cuba and Puerto Rico are now opened to us as never before; we therefore urge our churches to pray for this work and support it with their menas. We therefore request our Pastors to fully instruct the churches on this matter.

E. E. Baanseumb, Cham.

As this report was being talked up, \$1.60 was laid on the table for Home Missions and the report was on motion adopted.

Called for the Temperance committee's report and received the following: We your committee on Temperance, believe that the greatest curse of the world to-day is the use of intoxicants as a beverage. It is a shame and reproach upon Christianity that some professed Christians drink to excess. A great deal of the poverty and crime in our land is caused by the use of strong drink, and we recommend that our churches withdraw fellowship from any member who encourages the sale of whisky as a beverage or uses it as such himself.

S. L. Everage,

Reuben Whitfield, E. A. Richardson.

This report was freely discussed and adopted.

The committee on Obituaries reported: We find that death has visited six out of sixteen churches of this body and without respect of classes has taken from one to three from the roll of their members. He has not only snatched the pure and lovely

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maiden of 14 years, but has also smitten the blessed mother of 97 years. Not sufficient—the strong and vigorous man of 23 years, but the true and faithful father of 58 years, and we are impressed that, before long, we too, shall all be called to go as they have gone. Let us strive to do all the good we can before the day approaches. We give you the following dates:

RICHWOODS:	Essie Brownlow, Died May 25, 1899, Age 14.
“ “ “	Christian Risner, “ Aug. 3, “ “ 58.
FLATWOODS:	Charlotte Northcutt, Feb. 28, “ “ 64.
“ “ “	Lucinda Lancaster, “ “ 61.
EVEN'G SHADE:	Elizabeth Price, “ Dec. 29, 1898 “ 97.
“ “ “	Peggy A Shannon, “ Feb. 3, 1899 “ 69.
“ “ “	Elvina Shannon, “ Sep. 20, “ “ 18.
HEPSHERA:	Dollie Verser, Unknown.
MT. PLEASANT:	Jasper Sutterfield, “ July 22, “ “ 23.
MT. ZION:	Andrew Sutterfield, “ Jan. —, “ “ 28.

We recommend that the prayers and sympathies of this body be extended on behalf of the bereaved ones who mourn the loss of our beloved fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters.

J. C. Galloway, J. M. McCallister.

The report was adopted and the Association bowed in prayer led by Eld. J. D. Rose, then sung “O Sing to me of Heaven when I am called to die.”

Called for report of the committee on Pastoral Support which was received as follows: We notice with sadness the growing negligence of our churches with regard to pastoral support and would urge upon them a radical change of their course and a liberal support of all our pastors to the honor of God and up-building of His cause, J. B. Smith, T. J. Fergusson.

The report was adopted.

Called for the Finance report. The committee responded with the following: We have received for minute fund \$17.30 For Orphans Home \$1.00. W. B. McCasland, Cham.

On motion adopted.

The Treasurer made his report as follows:

Minute Fund	\$ 17.30.
Foreign Mission Fund	5.30.

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Home Mission Fund	1.60.
State Mission Fund	3.10.
Orphans Home Fund	3.35.
Balance Associational Mission Fund, last year,	4.50.
J. W. Hess, Treas.	

The committee on Resolution presented Resolution No. 1. Resolved, that we deplore the fact that Mormonism is infesting our country with its Missionaries and, as a consequence of the depraved nature of our human race, is gaining some hold in many places. And, be it further Resolved that it is the sense of this body that Congress should not admit the Mormon Congressman Roberts to a seat in our National Legislature.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 2. Resolved that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Grove church and vicinity for their kind entertainment during our stay with them, and we pray "God be with you 'til we meet again."

Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To Rocky Bayou—J. B. Smith, T. J. Fergusson, H. H. Moffit

To Little Red River—Elds. J. D. Rose, J. D. Taylor J. McCallister.

To Troce Ridge—Elds. A. R. Stephenson, E. C. Gray and Bros. J. B. Smith, A. J. McGee, W. B. McCasland, J. T. Gray.

To Pee Dee—Elds. J. D. Taylor, J. D. Rose, S. L. Everage.

To White River—Elds. A. R. Stephenson, E. E. Branscum and J. D. Rose.

To Arkansas Baptist Convention—Elds. J. M. McCallister, S. T. Cypert, and Bro. W. B. McCasland.

Blue Mountain Church, 10 miles west of Mtn. View, was selected as the place for the next Association on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1900. Eld. J. M. McCallister was elected to preach the Introductory sermon. Eld. A. R. Stephenson, alternate.

The clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of as many copies of the Minutes of this Association, containing the Articles of Faith, as the funds will procure after retaining \$5 for his services. Read and approved the Minutes.

On motion adjourned to time and place above appointed.

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Prayer by the clerk. Eld. A. R. Stephenson, Moderator.
Eld. James M. McCallister, Clerk.

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DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

were conducted as follows: Preaching Saturday night by Eld' W. B. Peeples, text 3 Jno. 8 v. Conclusion by Eld. S. T' Cypert.

Sunday at 11 a.m., Eld Stephenson preached, followed by Eld. McCallister, text Matt. 28:18-20.

Sunday at 4 p.m., Elds. Joe Stark and J. D. Rose preached from Luke 2:10.

Monday at 11 a.m., preaching by Rose and Bradburn, text Eph. 2:8.

Monday night services by Elds. Stark and Everage, text Gen. 24:58.

These sermons were all well timed and it is to be hoped they will be held in memory and put into practice by the congregations who attentively gave attendance upon these sermons.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bradburn, J. B., Timbo. Ark.	McCallister, J. M., Hanover, Ark
Branscum, E. E. Big Flat, "	Moody, J. W. Prim, "
Bufford, J. C., Hanover, "	Moody, W. G., "
Cypert, S. T., Mtn View, "	Murphree, F. C., St. James, "
Everage, S. L., " " "	Rose, J. D., Campbell, "
Foster, J. H., St. James, "	Russell, H. H., Timbo, "
Gray, E. C., Timbo, "	Taylor, J. D., " "
Hester, H. F., Coras, "	Wade, W. A., Mtn. View, "
Horton, I. J., Box, "	Wilson, R. J., Timbo, "

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction;

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, and shall remain, to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. We believe that 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—inexpressible glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners—not by constraint, but by choice; being, by nature, utterly devoid 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.

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

V. We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles 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 imparted 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.

VI. 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 his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. 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; that it 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 in life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger 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 and Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners 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 humility, 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.

X. 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 carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the sealer and comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

XI. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering 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; through faith, unto the salvation.

XII. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy and good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, 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 means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to show forth, in a solemn and a 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 a pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the

members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ — preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to 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.

XVI. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests 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.

XVII. We believe there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only 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 impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

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

Coustitution.

Art. 1. This Association shall be called Blue Mountain Association of Missionary Baptists

Art. 2. Members composing the Annual Meetings of this Association shall consist of messengers sent by the Church.

Art. 3. The messengers to the Annual Meetings shall not exceed four from each church.

Art. 4. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have been previously appointed.

Art. 5. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority annually at the Annual meetings.

Art. 6. This Association shall have no power to control or regulate the internal affairs of discipline of any Church; but it may adopt and recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to produce the harmony and prosperity of the Churches and advance the Redeemer's Kingdom; advise and consult upon such matters as the churches may at any time present for its consideration and advice. And it may receive Churches into, or dismiss Churches from, the Body; inquire into the state of Religion within its bounds and suggest meas-

ures for its advancement; and be a common board of union among the Churches; but shall not exercise any Legislative power over the Churches.

Art. 7 This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided, notice shall have been given at the previous meeting.

Rules of Decorum.

Rule I. The Association shall commence with religious exercises, and a sermon by some preacher who shall have been previously appointed, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

Rule II. The moderator of the previous session shall preside and the Clerk shall act (provided they attend) until the letters from the Churches connected with the Body shall have been read and a moderator and Clerk elected.

Rule III. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meeting during its session, appoint committees unless the Association shall otherwise direct, and preserve order; and he shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair and shall examine and correct the minutes if necessary.

Rule IV. The Clerk shall keep a correct copy of the meetings, read the letters and documents, and call on any member to assist him; and at the close of the meeting take charge of all the papers and documents, unless otherwise directed by the Body.

Rule V. A committee of arrangements, consisting of three shall be appointed by the Moderator at the commencement of each session, whose duty it shall be to regulate the Religious exercises and by whom performed, unless otherwise directed by the Association.

Rule VI. The Churches shall designate their Messengers and report their condition by letter.

Rule VII. Preachers in good standing in other Baptist Churches or Associations, with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meetings shall be invited to seats as correspondents, and these meetings shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Rule VIII. Every member may speak twice on any one subject in debate before the meeting, but not more without leave from the body; and, when speaking, shall stand and address the Moderator, and use decorous and Christian language. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator. Any person who shall violate these rules of the Constitution, shall be reprov'd as the Association may think proper.

Rule IX. These Rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

Rule X. The Churches shall contribute funds to meet the ordinary expenses of the Body—such as, printing the minutes, paying traveling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other Bodies.

Rule XI. Public collections may be taken up at each session, and applied to such benevolent purposes as the Association may direct.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS NAMES.	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Received by baptism.....	Received by letter.....	Restored.....	Dismissed by letter.....	Excluded.....	Deaths.....	Total in fellowship.....	Minute fund.....	Orphans home.....	Foreign mission.....	Home mission.....	State mission.....	Sabbath of meeting.....
Big Flat,	Eld. E E Branscum, J W Webb	E E Branscum	J W Webb	Campbell							12	\$.50					1
Blue Mtn,	Elds A R Stephenson, S T Cypert*, J D Taylor Bro J C Webb	S T Cypert	J D Taylor	Timbo	1	1	1				71	1.75					4
Eveni'g Shade	S L Everage, W J Shannon, S Price, Mitch Price.....	S L Everage	R R Wilson	Mtn View	3				3	3	52	.65					1
Fair View	A J McGee.....	" " "	P S Jessen	" "				2			11	.50					3
Fellowship	J W Douglass, T F Stafford, J J Hancock Sr.....	H F Hester	G W Gray	Bellmore	3						50	1.55					3
Flatwoods	W B McCasland, R Whitfield, I B Northeutt. J M Hinkle...	S T Cypert	J M Hinkle	Mtn View	2	1	7			2	154	1.60					2
Hepsheba	J C Galloway, R G A Murphree, A J Moss *.....	W G Moody	J C Galloway	Prim	14	4	4	4	1	53	.75					2.51	3
Macedonia	No letter nor messenger.....																
Marshall	John W Gray.....	None	J T Gray	Marshal							24	1.25					2
Mt Joy	Elds. J H Foster, J B Bradburn, F C Murphree, T J Feigusson	None	W W Caknard	St James	35	5	3	1			55	1.10					3
Mt Pleasant	John B Smith.....	C T Cotton	W B Thomas	Leslie	4				1	1	48	1.25					1
Mt Zion	Eld J D Rose, T J Massey, T N Massey	C T Cotton	S E Mabrey	Campbell	24	5	1	1	1	1	89	1.65					3
Noric's Chapel	A C Dewey*.....	W G Moody	S F Stroud	Kahoka	2	2		2			17	.50					1
Philadelphia	Eld E C Gray, B S Gray.....	J W Kimbell,	B S Gray	Box	2			3			27	1.10					2
Pleas. Grove	E A Richardson, H S Steele, H A Hall, J M Stafford.....	J M McCallister	J W Copeland	St James	3	2		3			95	1.60	\$1				1
Richwoods	J C Bufford, J M McCallister, J w Hess, Alb. McCallister....	" " " "	A T McCallister	Hanover	5	4	1			2	51	1.50					1
Total.....					98	19	11	23	9	10	809	17.30	\$1	00	00	2.51	0