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OF THE

# Union Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

## Corinth Church,

Nevada County, Ark.;

On September 30th, and October 1st and 2d, A. D. 1876.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
4. Appoint Committees.
5. Receive Correspondence.
6. Return Correspondence.
7. Call for Reports of Committees.
8. Elect a Treasurer.
9. Call for Reports from District Meetings.
10. Appoint some person to preach the next Annual Sermon.
11. Appoint some person to superintend the Printing and Distribution of the Minutes.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

# PROCEEDINGS:

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The UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Church, Nevada county, Arkansas, on Saturday, September 30, 1876.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. J. Butcher; text, Eph. 5:16.

After a recess of one hour the messengers assembled in the meeting house for business. The Moderator called the Association to order, and led in the usual devotional exercises.

The letters from the churches were then called for and read, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

Called for petitionary letters. Two letters from White Oak Church (so claimed) were presented, and, on motion, action in reference thereto was postponed. Letters from Prescott and Mount-Zion Churches, were read and received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

On motion, proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. Elected: Elder J. J. Byers, Moderator, and B. W. Bourland, Clerk.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted.

Invited visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats. Elder J. F. Shaw accepted.

The following committees were appointed:

*On Preaching*—Elder J. T. Downs, W. J. Carter, J. J. Haynes, J. D. Regan, and Deacons of Corinth Church.

*On Documents*—Elder T. J. Butcher, J. E. Askew and James Regan.

*On Finance*—R. H. Mitchell, A. B. Luck and W. Parsley.

*On Education*—Elders A. J. Cummings, J. O. Luck, D. E. McGraw and J. F. Shaw.

*On Temperance*—Elders J. F. Shaw, J. T. Downs and E. J. G. Carter.

*On Sabbath Schools*.—J. B. Perminter, J. McDowell and R. L. Knighton.

On motion, requested Elder J. F. Shaw to deliver a lecture on Temperance before the body during the present session.

The Committee on Preaching reported.

On motion, took up the case of White Oak, whereupon, on motion, a committee of investigation was appointed, composed of one messenger from each church, and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

Received and welcomed as corresponding messengers from Columbia Association : Elder R. B. Bryan, S. Fulmer and J. L. J. Gilbert.

Elder R. B. Bryan preached at 2 P. M. Text : Mark, 10 : 26.

On motion, adjourned to half-past 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder J. O. Luck.

Elder D. E. McGraw preached at candle-lighting. Text : Rom., 6 : 23.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Elder J. F. Shaw preached on the commission at 10 A. M.

Elder A. J. Cummings preached at 2 P. M. Text : Zach., 8 : 23.

A public collection was made for Bro. Hartwell, missionary to China, amounting to \$30.45.

Elder R. B. Bryan preached at candle-lighting. Text : John, 6 : 30.

MONDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met. Moderator read 19th Psalm. Prayer by Elder J. T. Downs. The roll called and corrected.

Called for correspondence. Appointed corresponding messengers as follows :

*To Columbia Association*—Elders King, Downs and Luck.

*To Red River Association*—Elders Butcher, Cummings and Byers.

*To Liberty Association*—Elders Downs, Luck and Byers, and A. B. Luck.

The Committee on Documents read their report, which was adopted. (App. A.)

Recess one hour for refreshments.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The report of the White Oak investigating committee was read and adopted. (App. B.)

(At this point a temperance lecture was delivered by Elder J. F. Shaw.)

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. (App. C.)

The report on Finance was read and adopted. (App. D.)

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (App. E.)

The report on Education was read and adopted. (App. F.)

Bro. J. D. Regan was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The First District appointed their next meeting with Pilgrims' Rest Church, on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1877; also appointed the next session of the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION to convene with Mount Pisgah Church, Nevada county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1877.

The Second District appointed their next meeting with Providence Church, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1877.

Elected Elder J. T. Downs and Elder A. J. Cummings, his alternate, to preach the next introductory sermon.

On motion, ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That we recommend an effort by the Baptists of South-Western Arkansas to establish a first-class school at some eligible site in our section, to be under the special patronage of the denomination in general.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the favor of our brethren the Southern Baptist Publication Society, the "Western Baptist," "The Baptist," and "Kind Words."

On motion,

*Resolved*, That we deprecate the evils of Intemperance, so prevalent in our midst, and respectfully recommend to our brethren more zealous

efforts to arrest the destructive tide of intemperance, by faithfully enforcing the teachings of God's word; and that we indorse the lecture delivered by Elder J. F. Shaw, and request its publication in the "Western Baptist."

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the work of a missionary is both needed and desired within our bounds.

On motion, appointed an Executive Board, to-wit: J. W. Daly, A. B. Luck, T. H. Boswell, J. D. Regan and Wm. Parsley, to collect funds and employ a missionary to labor in the home mission field during the year.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the brethren of Corinth Church, and the people of this vicinity generally for the cordial and hearty manner in which they have received and entertained this Association.

On motion, adjourned.

A parting hymn was sung, the parting hand extended. Prayer by Elder A. J. Cummings.

B. W. BOURLAND, Clerk.

J. J. BYERS, Moderator.

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## APPENDICES.

(A.)

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report: We find some of the letters, we think, unnecessarily long, and would respectfully recommend abbreviation. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. ASKEW, Ch'm.

(B.)

Your committee on the case of White Oak Church would respectfully report that we have prayerfully, and at length, investigated the matter respecting the church at White Oak; and are satisfied there is little prospect of the adjustment of their difficulties at present; and that we are satisfied that this Association cannot, under existing circumstances, receive either party as the church at White Oak. And, furthermore, we believe that nothing further can be done with their case at present than to advise them to return home, and both parties endeavor to labor in the spirit of Christ, and of love, to effect a reunion. We would also recommend that this body forbear further discussion on this subject.

J. J. BYERS, Ch'm.



(C.)

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that we regard the Sabbath School, not as the church, or a part thereof, but as one of the means of the highest order for the proper training of youthful minds, and the advancement of Bible knowledge, and would recommend a more careful attention to this subject; that each pastor labor to establish this work with all his churches (using the Bible as the chief text-book), and that a uniform system of Sabbath Schools be established.

J. B. PERMINTER, Ch'm.

(D.)

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report: We find the amounts sent up by the churches .....\$44 25

R. H. MITCHELL, Ch'm.

(E.)

Your Treasurer would offer the following report:

1875.

*Debit.*

October 4 For cash received from Finance Committee..... \$43 05

*Credit.*

By amount handed Clerk for minutes.....\$23 05

By amount paid Clerk for services..... 20 00—\$43 05

Respectfully submitted, J. D. REGAN, Treas.

(F.)

We, your Committee on Education beg leave to report: That on this subject we believe that enough has never been said. When we consider the importance of education in our denomination, we feel that efforts too great cannot be made. It is often charged upon Baptists that they are an ignorant, selfish and stupid set, while the fact that we have more schools under the patronage of Baptists in the United States than any other denomination, except the Roman Catholic. In point of talents we are second to none. All to urge our attention to the work of promoting education among our people, and in general, cannot be said in this report.

An effort to establish a school under the control of the Baptists of South-Western Arkansas is being agitated, and we would suggest that this Association adopt a resolution recommending such an enterprise as worthy the fostering care of this and all other Associations in South-Western Arkansas. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. CUMMINGS, Ch'm.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS	DEACONS.	MESSENGERS	POST OFFICE.	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Unbaptized	Excluded	Returned	Dead	Total	Days of Meeting	Contributions
Bethsaida.....			Not represented.....											
College Hill.....	J. O. Luck.....	J. E. Askew.....	J. H. Finley, J. Askew.....	†J. O. Luck, J. E. Askew, J. J. Luck	College Hill.....	2				1		24	1	\$1 50
Corinth.....	J. T. Downs.....	J. W. Daly.....	J. K. Dunn, J. W. Daly.....	J. K. Dunn, R. May, J. B. Hairston..	Falcon.....	4	3	1				53	1	3 50
Falcon.....	J. J. Byers.....	J. J. Pelt.....		†J. B. Permitter, A. C. Tucker, J. J. Pelt	Falcon.....	1		1				18		2 00
Harmony.....	W. H. H. King	L. M. Dodson.....		†W. H. H. King, T. D. Bull, E. Kersey	Emmet.....	8	4		1	1		29		2 00
Lebanon.....			Not represented.....											
Mount Piegah..	J. J. Byers.....	J. D. Regan.....	J. M. Munn, B. S. Almond, B. P. Almond	†J. W. Ghormley, J. D. Regan, D. P. Hazzard	Prescott.....	16	9	1	2	1	1	105	1	5 00
Macedonia.....	C. P. Sweeny.....	J. J. Haynes.....	W. Huckabee, M. M. Baxter.....	†J. T. Downs, J. J. Haynes.....	Hope.....	5	2	2				59		3 50
Mount Olive....	J. T. Downs.....	R. H. Mitchell..	A. B. Luck, R. H. Mitchell.....	M. M. Keeling, A. B. Luck, R. H. Mitchell	Rosston.....	1	11	4		2		50	2	3 00
Mount Nebo....		J. A. Powell.....		J. A. Powell.....	Spring Hill..							21		1 10
Mount Zion....		J. B. Hancock..		W. S. McDaniel, L. H. Pitt, Sr.....	Rosston.....							13		1 75
Providence....		J. M. Phillips..	Aden Johnson, F. M. Martin.....	A. Johnson, J. D. McDowell, W. M. Martin	Spring Hill..	1	4	4		1		34	4	2 00
Pleasant Grove	T. J. Butcher..	R. H. Kearby..	H. Kearby, H. C. Wood, W. J. Carter	W. J. Carter, †E. J. G. Carter.....	Bluff City....	7		3	2		1	71	2	3 00
Pilgrims' Rest..	T. J. Butcher..	A. J. Cole.....	J. W. Regan, W. C. Vineyard.....	†T. J. Butcher, D. E. McGraw, J. W. Regan	Prescott.....	2		3			1	28	4	1 50
Pleasant Hill..	J. J. Byers.....	Wm. Parsley..	J. Haynes, W. B. Reason.....	Wm. Parsley, W. B. Reason.....	Rosston.....	3						38	3	2 50
Prescott.....	John Aaron.....			†A. J. Cummings, W. Lee.....	Prescott.....	6				1		12		1 50
Siloam.....	C. P. Sweeny..	Foster Johnson	Powell, A. J. Partel, W. Aubry, B. L. Rye		Hope.....	2	2	3			1	53	4	3 00
Shiloh.....	R. B. Bryan..	T. N. Nix.....	J. W. Lanter, T. M. Knighton.....	L. Nix, R. L. Knighton.....	Falcon.....							27	1	3 00
Union.....	J. J. Byers.....	John Parker..	T. H. Boswell, W. Mattison, E. B. Rockett	†J. J. Byers, B. W. Bourland, T. H. Boswell	Rosston.....	7	3	16	8	2		84	4	5 00
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