

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**Union Association**  
**OF**  
**MISSIONARY BAPTISTS,**

*Held with*  
*Evening Shade Church, Stone County, Ark.*

**Sep. 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1891,**

**AND**

*Walnut Grove Church, Searcy County, Ark.*

**Sep. 9, 10 11 and 12, 1892.**



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### FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The several churches composing the Union Association of Baptists met with Evening Shade Church, Stone County Arkansas, September 11, 1891.

Introductory sermon preached by Eld. O. A. Copeland, from Romans 1—15: 16.

The Moderator and Clerk being absent, Eld. E. Keeling was elected moderator pro tem, and J. W. T. Passmore, clerk pro tem.

Letters were called for and messengers names enrolled.

On motion the body adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by A. R. Braunum.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association met in order. Prayer by Eld. T. G. Delk. Brothers W. O. Kendrick and H. F. Watkins were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the different churches was read and delegates names enrolled.

On motion, brethren from Big Spring Church was received without a letter.

The body went into permanent organization by electing Eld. Jacob King, moderator; W. T. Passmore, clerk; O. Watkins, Treasurer.

Called for correspondence. Which call was accepted by Pee-Dee Association, through her messengers, Eld. J. M. Beavers, B. R. Tubbs, H. F. Watkins and E. M. Guffey; who were welcomed and received the hand of fellowship.

On motion the Moderator proceeded to appoint the following committee:

On Divine Service—Bro. H. T. Hamilton, John Tarwater and W. J. Harness, with the delegates of Evening Shade Church.

On Arrangements—Elds. E. Keeling, T. G. Delk, J. J. Goodman and J. W. Hurd.

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On Finance— Bros. Alfred Payne, H. W. Harness and W. J. Branscum.

On Destitution— Elds. T. G. Delk, Jacob Tarwater and bro. E. B. Branscum.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. W. O. Kendrick, J. E. Branscum and R. E. Brannum.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock a. m. Saturday, Sep. 12, 1891.

Prayer by Eld. T. G. Delk.

## SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING Sep. 12 '91, 8 A. M.

The body met. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by R. E. Branscum. Called the roll.

On motion Bro. W. G. Harness was received as messenger from Walnut Grove church. Renewed the calls for petitionary letters and correspondence. Renewed invitation for visiting ministers.

Called for the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

Called for the report of corresponding messengers to sister associations; the brethren rendering legal excuses, their report was received.

Called for the report of the various committees.

The Committee on arrangements reported as follows, which was adopted:

We your committee on arrangements beg to report as follows:

1st. Annual, introductory sermon.

2nd. Call Association together by the moderator.

3rd. Call for letters and enroll names of messengers.

4th. Election of officers.

5th. Call for petitionary letters.

6th. Call for correspondence.

7th. Appointment of committees.

8th. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

9th. Call and correct the roll and mark absentees.

10th. Call for report of messengers to corresponding bodies.

11th. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.

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- 12th. Call for report of committees.
- 13th. Report of committees in order.
- 14th. Miscellaneous business.
- 15th. Resolutions.
- 16th. Appoint time and place for next meeting.
- 17th. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory sermon.
- 18th. Appoint some one to preach the Missionary sermon.
- 19th. Adjournment.

T. G. Delk, ch'mn.

On motion the body was adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

**EVENING SESSION.**

The body met on time. Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by J. M. Beavers.

Called for report on Destitution, and received and adopted the following:

We your committee on Destitution beg leave to submit the following report:

We find there is much need of Gospel preaching in the bounds of the Union Association. Lone Rock, Baxter County; Richland, Searcy County; Cave Creek, Newton County and Spoon Flat, Stone County, all have need of preaching.

T. G. Delk, chairman.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools, and received the following which was read and adopted:

We your committee on Sabbath schools report as follows:

We desire that every church composing this Association, if they have no Sabbath School, establish a Sabbath School and report at all future meetings, as we believe it promotes the Gospel of our Redeemers Kingdom on earth.

W. O. Kendrick, ch'mn.

**APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.**

To White River Association—E. Keeling, T. G. Delk and Jacob King.

Crooked Creek Association—H. T. Hamilton, R. E. Branscum and J. J. Goodman.

'Pee Dee: L. E. Brannum, C. Wadkins, J. R. Martin and O. A. Copeland

On motion and second, delegates were appointed to bear a petitionary letter to Blue Mountain Association, asking correspondence, to wit: O. A. Copeland, J. J. Goodman, E. E. Branscum and S. P. Clark.

Called for Miscellaneous business. On motion and second, the reports of Elds. E. Koeling and Jacob King, our home missionaries, was received, and they discharged.

Called for Resolutions.

On motion the body was adjourned until 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING, Sep. 14, 1891, 8 A. M.

The body met. Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. J. Branscum. Called the roll. Read and approved minutes of Saturday's proceedings. Resumed work on resolutions.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1.—*Resolved*, that this body, request the several churches, composing this Association, to take steps to raise funds to pay the Missionaries, and invite visiting ministers to visit the destitute parts, and get up funds to pay the missionaries for their service.

Adopted.

Resolution No. 2.—*Resolved*, that no member of this body shall speak longer than 10 minutes at any time on any one subject.

Adopted.

Resolution No. 3. —*Resolved*, that this Association, on the account of the great love she has for Pleasant Hill Church, appoint Elders: O. A. Copeland, J. J. Goodman, Jacob Tarwater and Jacob King to meet with her, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, '92, to hold a protracted meeting.

Resolution No. 4.—*Resolved*, that we tender our sincere thanks to the members of Evening Shade Church, and vicinity surrounding it, for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

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**Resolution No. 5.**—*Resolved*, that we appoint two brethren to the work on home missions, in the bounds of this Association, beginning the first Sunday in July; '92, and work until the next meeting of this body.

Our next meeting will be held with Walnut Grove Church, Searcy county, Arkansas, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the body adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by Eld. E. Keeling, Moderator pro tem.

J. J. Goodman was chosen to preach the eleven o'clock sermon on Sunday, with T. J. Delk, alternate.

Called for the report of committee on finance, and received the following:

We, your committee, on finance, beg leave to report the following:

Pleasant View,	\$ .70
Walnut Grove,	1.75
Bethlehem,	1.10
Bethany,	.75
Big Springs,	1.20
Mt. Pisgah,	.50
Shady Grove No. 2,	1.10
Shady Grove No. 1,	1.00
Pleasant Hill,	.25
Corinth,	1.50
New Prospect,	.50
Antioch,	.50
Evouling Shade,	.50
Richland,	.75
<b>Total,</b>	<b>11.70</b>

W. J. Bruce, m. cl'm'n

On motion, the Association took up a collection of minute funds for churches not represented.

On motion and second the Treasurer was ordered to turn over the minutes and to the clerk, and take his receipt for the same.

On motion the clerk was ordered to have \$10. 50 worth of minutes printed, and retain, ballance on hand for his service.

On motion, the clerk was ordered to have the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, published in the minutes.

On motion and second, the Missionary fund was drawn out of the treasury and paid to the Home Missionaries, first, in payment for their past labors, and the remainder reserved for the ensuing year.

On motion and second, the Home Missionaries was elected by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elders, E. Keeling and Jacob King.

By order, those who contribute to the Missionaries, will deposit their produce at Shady Grove Church, No. 2, in the Western district, and at Eld. J. J. Goodman's, Alco, in the Eastern district.

By motion and second, the corresponding messengers, to sister Associations, was allowed to write their own letter.

By motion and second, our Missionaries are to be paid \$1. 50 per day for their labors, beginning the first of July '92, and working until the next meeting of this body.

By motion and second, the clerk was ordered to make all necessary corrections in the minutes.

By motion and second, the body was adjourned to meet at time and place herein mentioned.

Prayer by bro. E. E. Branscum.

JACOB KING, MODERATOR.

W. T. PASSMORE, CLERK.





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*Articles of Faith.*

1. We believe in the one, only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are of Divine authority, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in original sin.

4. We believe that man cannot, by his own free will or ability, recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by nature.

5. We believe the doctrine of election according to the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification unto obedience of the spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Christ.

6. We believe the saints will preserve in grace, and never finally fall away.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper, are ordinances of the church of Christ; that baptism by Immersion is the only Apostolic mode; that true believers are the only proper subjects and that washing the saints' feet is a duty.

8. We believe in resurrection of the dead, and a general Judgment.

9. We believe that the joys of the saints and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances except those who have been regularly baptized, and called of God and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

11. We believe it to be our indispensable duty to do all we can for the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom, and for the spread of the Gospel.

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*Rules of Decorum*

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and a majority of votes cast shall elect.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. Any member, not satisfied with the ruling of the moderator, may appeal to the body, on the same day but not afterwards.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by calling the speaker by name.
7. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject; or, unless words of personal reflection are used.
- Every motion, made and seconded, must come under the consideration of the body, unless withdrawn by the mover.
8. Every case taken up by this body, shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.
9. When a question has been taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body on the subject, and those voting in the affirmative shall signify the same by rising to their feet; the negative, by like sign.
10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.
11. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.
12. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the body, nor more than once before every member, that wishes to speak, shall have spoken.
13. The appellation of brother shall be used in the association by members in addressing one another.
14. The names of the members shall be called as often as the association may direct.
15. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
16. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.
17. Any member violating these rules, may be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion; but only on the day that the breach is made.

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*Constitution of the Union Association of Baptists.*

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1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name "The Union Association of the Baptists."

2. This association shall be composed of delegates from churches in union; each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches, before they take their seats.

3. The delegates when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by a ballot of the members of the body, at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. It shall regard them as separate bodies, in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It, however, claims authority over its members, the delegates from the churches, and in justice must have power to withdraw from, and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming Heterodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice. It shall therefore regard all, united under this constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal 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 to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially those united under this constitution.

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

6. The churches composing the Union Association, shall transmit to every annual meeting a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, deceased; number of hearers; and ordained ministers holding mem-

bership with them, and such other information as they may deem necessary, which will be read and minuted accordingly.

7. This Association may have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches; and all the money 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 shall hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall retain and manage funds according to the orders of the Association, and shall present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent them by the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve them and failed; nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions given in the XVIII chapter of Mathew, and failed to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and to deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Association, by a concurring voice of two thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing her.



### *Missionary Reports.*

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September 12, 1891.

To the Union Association of Baptists Greeting.

Brothren: I have worked 87 days, traveled about 75 miles, held five protracted meetings, preached about 17 sermons, delivered many exhortations, witnessed many conversions, baptized 15, assisted in organizing one church, delivered three charges to churches and received \$9.00. Respectfully submitted. JACOB KING.

September, 1891.

To the Union Association of Baptists, Greeting.

Brethren: I have traveled 243 miles, preached 38 discourses, labored 23 days and received \$2.50, from Richland church and friends.

Respectfully submitted. E. KEELING.

*Pledges to the Missionary.*

E. E. Branscum,	\$10. 00.
Jacob King,	10. 00.
O. A. Copeland,	7. 50.
W. J. Branscum,	5. 00.
E. Keeling,	10. 00.
J. E. Branscum,	7. 50.
J. J. Goodman,	10. 00.
J. R. Martin,	5. 00.
R. E. Brannum,	5. 00.
H. T. Hamilton,	2. 50.
John Tarwater,	5. 00.
A. Payne,	8. 00.
Willie Price,	2. 00.
R. Miller,	5. 00.
C. Wadkins,	5. 00.
J. A. Clark,	5. 00.
W. O. Kendrie,	2. 50.
W. T. Passmore,	2. 50.
J. W. Passmore,	3. 00.
T. F. Moody,	7. 50.
John Connor,	2. 00.
W. E. Phillipps,	2. 50.
Total,	\$112. 50.

