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PROCEEDINGS.

The Benton County Baptist Association met with the Baptist church at Springtown on Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1909.

Meeting called to order by the former moderator, Eld. J. W. West.

Song, "Gathering Home."

Reading of 1 Cor. 13ch by the moderator.

Prayer by Eld. E. J. Adams.

Song, "More About Jesus."

Prayer by Eld. A. N. Sanders.

Song, "Tell It To Jesus."

W. T. Gann and I. C. Atchley were appointed as reading clerks, and the letters were read and messengers were enrolled.

Short recess was taken, after which the congregation was called together by singing, "Room at the Cross," and the Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. C. Hamby from Heb. 10:1.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Recess was taken till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, "The Solid Rock."

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Hall.

Song, "Heavenly Sunlight."

Moderator appointed committee on Divine Service consisting of W. T. Gann, E. C. Brooks and the pastor and messengers of Springtown church.

I. C. Atchley and E. H. Hall were appointed tellers and permanent organization was effected by the election of W. C. Hamby as moderator and J. L. Chastain as clerk.

A motion prevailed that all visiting brethren who are in sympathy with the work of this association be invited to seats in counsel, and some responded. (See list of visiting ministers.)

On motion took up the question of the time and place of next meeting and the preacher of Introductory sermon resulting in the choice of Antioch as the place and T. F. Jones to preach the Introductory sermon, with J. A. Hall as Alternate.

On motion Article 2 of the Constitution was amended by substitution of Wednesday for Thursday.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 tomorrow.

After preaching at night the moderator announced committees as follows:

On Associational Missions—J. W. West, Jno. Glover, W. J. Langley.

On State Missions—H. C. Chiles, J. O. Atchley.

On Publications—W. G. Sooter, J. B. Burgin, L. C. Fagala.

On Temperance—L. B. West, Paul Broyhill, L. M. Herd.

Obituaries—Richard Edwards, W. H. Box, Jim Jones.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Hall, W. M. Edwards, R. A. Barnes.

Ministerial Education—G. C. Harris, Jas. H. Berry, J. F. Myers.

Ministerial Support—H. V. Chiles, James Ketchum, Jno. Gholson.

Sunday Schools—Jno. Glover, W. E. Garrett, John Begley.

Finance—W. T. Gann, E. C. Brooks, J. G. Watkins.

Resolutions—T. F. Jones, E. J. Adams, J. H. Sharp.

Orphan Home—Sister M. J. Rodgers, Mary Young, J. Q. Chastain.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song, "Happy Land."

Reading of Jno. 14ch. and prayer by Eld. E. J. Adams.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. J. A. Hall and adopted.

Associational Missionary, Eld. T. F. Jones, submitted his report of work for the year, which was spoken to briefly by the missionary and Eld. G. C. Harris, and adopted.

A resolution offered by the committee on resolutions and touching the question of Associational Missions was by motion referred to the committee on Associational Missions.

Resolution No. 1 was offered by the committee and after discussion by Eld. T. F. Jones, I. M. Phillips, W. F. Parker, G. C. Harris, W. M. Edwards, R. C. Ward, James Jones, E. C. Brooks, E. J. Adams. was adopted.

On motion, after preaching, recess was taken till 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Reading of the 17th Psalm and prayer by Eld. T. F. Jones.

The committee on State Missions submitted report which was discussed by E. C. Brooks, H. C. Chiles, W. T. Gann, A. N. Sanders, and adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education submitted report, which was discussed by G. C. Harris, J. W. West, W. T. Gann, J. H. Berry, L. S. Ballard and returned to the committee with instruction to recommend some specific school or schools.

Committee on publications submitted report which was discussed by W. G. Sooter, T. F. Jones, G. C. Harris, I. M. Phillips, A. N. Sanders, J. L. Chastain and adopted.

Committee on Obituaries submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education submitted their amended report which was adopted.

Committee on Orphan Home submitted report, which was discussed by J. L. Chastain and W. T. Gann, after which a collection was taken for Texarkana Orphan Home amounting to \$24.00, and report adopted.

On motion adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Song, "Happy Day."

Reading of Mat. 6:19, and prayer by Eld. I. C. Atchley.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Committee on Associational Missions submitted report which was discussed by Eld. J. W. West, I. C. Atchley, I. M. Phillips, E. C. Brooks, W. C. Hamby, G. C. Harris, Sister M. J. Rodgers, and T. F. Jones, and adopted.

Executive Committee submitted report, which was adopted.

On motion went into the election of an executive committee for the ensuing year, whose duty is to be to employ a missionary and to receive and disburse funds. Eld. J. W. West, W. T. Gann and Eld J. L. Chastain were elected.

Pledges amounting to \$530 were taken for the support of the

coming year's work, and ten dollars in cash was paid in.

A cash collection of \$33.31 was taken to pay off the indebtedness to the missionary.

On motion a short recess was taken, dispensing with preaching, after which business was resumed.

Committee on temperance submitted report, which was discussed by I. M. Phillips, G. C. Harris, E. C. Brooks and adopted.

Committee in Ministerial Support submitted report, which was discussed by I. M. Phillips, J. H. Sharp and adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted report, which was discussed by J. J. Glover, Jno. Begley, W. T. Gann and adopted.

Resolution No. 2 was presented by the committee and adopted.

A collection was taken to increase the minute fund amounting to \$3.53.

On motion, the clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services, and instructed to expend the rest of the minute fund for printing and distribution of minutes.

On motion adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Eld. W. C. Hamby, Mod.

Eld. J. L. Chastain, Clerk.

REPORTS.
ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The great commission to preach the gospel to all the world was given to the church by Christ himself. In obedience to Christ it is therefore the duty of the churches to preach the gospel to the world.

We therefore recommend that the churches of this association liberally support our foreign missionaries.

We would further urge that the pastors of the churches be more zealous in peaching these Bible truths to their respective churches, and make earnest efforts to secure contributions for support of same. A committee should be appointed in each church to collect money for this purpose.

J. A. HALL,
R. A. BARNES,
W. M. EDWARDS.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to leave to report as follows:

Because of the great destitution in our state for the want of men and means, we recommend that the pastors of our churches set apart a certain day or days to take collections for state missions. We also recommend that the churches appoint committees to raise means for the same.

We learn that the Lord is wonderfully blessing our missionaries on the field, and that the field is white unto the harvest, but the laborers are few:

We further recommend that the churches invite our state missionaries to come on our field to present the scriptural plan of mission methods and take collections for the state work.

H. C. CHILES,
J. O. ATCHLEY.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following:

We recognize that our missionary has a good report, and that our mission work has made some advancement. Therefore we recommend that a missionary be placed on the field for full time, and that he visit the destitute places, and that he organize Baptist churches in such places as he may deem necessary and supply such places regularly, not as pastor, but until they can supply themselves with a pastor.

We further recommend that each church appoint some sister to collect funds for Associational Missions.

J. W. WEST,
J. J. GLOVER,
W. J. LANGLEY.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following:

We recommend that each church have a Sunday school, and that a Baptist school. We further recommend that each school use Baptist literature, and that published by the Baptist Publishing Company of Little Rock, Ark. We advise that our members take up this work, and that they strive for success.

J. J. GLOVER,
J. R. BEGLEY,
W. E. GARRETT.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The human mind is the key to human activity; hence it is of vital importance that we look after the training of our own children and all those whom we can induce to attend schools that are in accord with our views of biblical truths; and since our young ministers are to be our teachers in the future, we consider Landmark Baptists blind who commit the training of these men to teachers who oppose their ancient doctrine. We recommend that our Baptist people patronize Mountain Home College.

G. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

TEXARKANA ORPHAN HOME.

We, your committee on Orphan Home, find from the best information that we can gather that there are in the home at Texarkana sixteen children whom we have adopted as ours, and we find them in need of means for their support. We recommend the work of the home as one of sacred duty. We further recommend that a collection be taken at this time for the home. We also recommend that the messengers of each church take this matter home with them, and press upon the churches to consider the support of the home, and see that your church send the home something.

M. J. HODGERS,
MARY YOUNG,
J. Q. CHASTAIN.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to submit the following:

Inasmuch as the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe; and whereas, God has made choice of man to carry the message, and it has pleased Him by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe; and whereas, it is declared in His word that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel, and whereas, we believe the Baptist church to be the church of Christ, and that each and every member is responsible for the propagation of the truth; therefore we insist that we give freely to the cause as God has prospered us.

H. V. CHILES,
J. M. KETCHUM,
J. L. GHOLSON.

TEMPERANCE.

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

We recommend that we, as Baptists, use our uttermost influence to put down intemperance, or the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

L. B. WEST,
P. BROYHILL,
L. M. HERD.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on publications, submit the following report:

We recommend first of all that our Baptist people especially practice a daily, prayerful reading of God's word, the book of all books, which is able to make one wise unto salvation, and is the best Baptist literature that we can possibly secure. We further recommend the reading of our state paper, the Arkansas Baptist, and any other good sound Landmark Baptist publication, that we may be better informed on the doctrine and polity held by the Baptists.

W. G. SOOTER,
J. B. BURGIN,
L. C. FAGALA.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, beg to submit the following report:

The following are the names of our brethren and sisters who have deceased since our coming together last year.

Brother David Holt of Antioch.

Sister Martha Townzen of Temperance Hill.

Brother W. H. Mason of Mason Valley.

L. G. Murry and D. R. Hall of Pea Ridge.

Sister Nellie Edminston of Pleasant Home.

Catharine Camden, J. L. Beard and T. B. Jones of Lowell.

Sister Martha Holland of Mt. Pleasant.

Sister Addaline Casey of Mt. Zion.

Brinton Hughes and Sister Atlanta Allen of Gravett.

Sister Mary Hamby of Zion.

Sister M. A. Pierce and Brother Ben Hissire of Indianola.

Brother D. F. Hutchens of Maysville.

Brother S. W. Potts of Flint Creek.

We do hereby offer our sympathy to our bereaved brethren and sisters, and refer them for comfort to the only real Comforter, of whom Christ said, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you." May we all look to Him for comfort and direction, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

RICHARD EDWARDS,
JAS. H. JONES, Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to make the following report of funds received by this committee:

	Forn. M.	State M.	Co. M.	Texk O. H.	Minutes
Antioch					\$.85
Bethlehem					1.60
Bethesda.....			\$ 2.27	\$1.50	.50
Gravett		\$2.50	2.90	2.10	1.00
Indianola				3.00	.30
Lowell50	.20	2.75	1.15
Mt. Enterprise.....			5.90	.50	.80
Mt. Zion.....					.50
Mt. Pleasant.....			1.00		1.00
Mason Valley.....			6.25		1.10
Maysville			4.50		.50
New Prospect.....	\$2.00	2.25	18.75	9.00	1.00
Pleasant Home.....			2.91		1.35
Pleasant Grove.....					.90
Pea Ridge.....					1.50
Pleasant Valley.....					1.00
Flint Creek.....	.25		2.30	1.60	.65
Springtown25		1.00	2.05
Temperance Hill.....					1.60
Zion	2.00		7.25	1.25	1.10
	\$4.50	\$5.50	\$54.23	\$22.70	\$20.45

W. T. GANN,
E. C. BROOKS,
J. G. WATKIN,
Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Whereas, the ordinances of the church (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) were committed to the churches, (1 Cor. 12:2) and they alone have the authority to say who are eligible to them.

Therefore be it resolved that this association disapprove of and condemn the act of any Baptist minister who has or shall baptize any one who has not been approved by a church for baptism.

Also that the churches of this association consider it unscriptural and unbaptistic to administer the Lord's Supper to any one without church membership. We also warn the churches against any such irregularities.

T. F. JONES,
E. J. ADAMS,
J. H. SHARP.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolved that we extend to this church and community our profound gratitude for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this associational body during our stay with them. May the blessings of God rest upon them and their labors.

T. F. JONES,
J. H. SHARP.

MISSIONARIES REPORT.

	No. of days worked.....	Sermons preached.....	No. of Professions.....	No. of Baptisms.....	Additions to church.....	Backsliders Restored	Homes Prayed in.....	Sunday School Organization.	Money collected.....
PLACES WORKED.									
Butler Creek.....	16	16	8	7	7	1	1		\$ 8.86
Bethlehem	18	21	5	5	5		2		19.75
Bethesda	12	20					3		8.97
Fairmount, S. H.....	14	20	5			4			5.05
Fairview, S. H.....	9	9							1.00
Flint Creek	14	10					5	1	
Gravette	20	27		2	8				147.10
Jay Bird, S. H.....	13	13	2				2		3.08
Maysville	16	15							1.00
Mt. Pleasant	13	14	10		9				
Mt. Zion	18	29	4	2			9		9.68
New Prospect.....	17	23	13	13	13	5			26.25
Oak Grove	7	9							
Ozark, S. H.	9	7							1.10
Pea Ridge	10	14			2		4		38.50
Pace's Chapel, S. H.....	3	2							
Pleasant Ridge	12	12					3		1.58
Springtown	2	4							
Temperance Hill	14	21	7		6	2	8		232.10
Willow Springs, S. H.....	8	7							
Totals	245	293	54	29	50	12	37	1	504.02

Money received from other sources.

Received:

From G. N. Snyder.....	\$ 2.00
From Sister M. J. Rodgers.....	50.00
From Treasurer	123.58
From Zion church.....	7.50
From F. W. Acuff.....	1.33
From Antioch	20.75
From Pleasant Site.....	15.00
From Pleasant Home.....	2.70
From John Byderlinden.....	1.00

Total \$223.86
504.02

Grand Total \$727.88

T. F. JONES, Missionary.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following is a statement of funds that have passed through the hands of our treasurer.

Received:

From balance reported last year.....	\$21.53
From Springtown Church.....	21.60
From Mt. Pleasant Church.....	31.70
From Mason Valley Church.....	10.00
From Zion Church.....	5.50
From Pleasant Valley Church.....	13.00
From Pleasant Grove Church.....	25.00
From Mt. Enterprise Church.....	7.15
From Lowell Church.....	8.20
From Pea Ridge Church.....	7.00
From Flint Creek Church.....	1.50
From Mt. Zion Church by L. B. West.....	2.00
From individuals at Fairmount.....	50
From Finance Committee	54.23
From Special Collections.....	43.31

Total	\$252.22
Paid to T. F. Jones on work.....	\$123.58
Balance in treasury.....	128.64

The balance here reported does not include a final settlement with the missionary. See elsewhere the statement of that account.

J. L. CHASTAIN, Treas.

Benton County Baptist Association in account with Eld. T. F. Jones.

Dr. to year's work as missionary.....	\$900.00
Cr. to collections as per report.....	\$727.88
Cr. to check from A. J. Russell.....	25.00
Cr. to check from treasurer, Oct. 13, 1909.....	129.47
Balance due the missionary	17.65
Total	\$900.00

COLLECTIONS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

CASH.			
W. W. Black.....	\$5.00	Wm. Edwards	5.00
J. M. Gholson.....	2.00	Sister Alden.....	5.00
S. D. Reynolds.....	4.00	Sister Mary Young.....	5.00
M. S. White.....	2.00	J. G. Watkins.....	2.50
Zion Ch. by J. H. Sharp.	4.75	J. Q. Chastain.....	2.50
E. C. Brooks.....	1.00	J. F. Myers.....	2.50
Sister Rodgers.....	3.00	Sister A. N. Sanders...	2.50
W. C. Hamby.....	1.00	R. L. Hurst.....	2.00
Sister Allden	1.00	B. A. Bailey.....	2.00
Others whose names and and several amounts did not get.....	19.56	D. A. Lane.....	2.00
		E. J. Reynolds.....	2.00
		A. R. Hall.....	5.00

Total cash\$43.31

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES

Sister M. J. Rodgers...	\$50.00
G. B. Sooter.....	5.00
Paul Brovall.....	5.00
T. F. Jones.....	5.00
W. J. Langley.....	5.00
E. J. Bishop	3.00
James Jones	5.00
J. O. Atchley.....	5.00
H. V. Chils.....	5.00
J. A. Hall.....	5.00
J. H. Berry.....	50.00
J. J. Glover.....	5.00
W. T. Gann.....	5.00
Wilmer Whitlock	5.00
H. C. Chiles.....	1.00
W. C. Hamby.....	5.00
R. Edwards	5.00
Sister R. Edwards.....	5.00

Total Ind'v'l Pledges \$214.00

TRIAL PLEDGES.

Antioch	\$25.00
Bethesda	10.00
Bethlehem	25.00
Gravett	25.00
Mason Valley	25.00
Mt. Enterprise.....	10.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	20.00
Mt. Zion.....	5.00
New Prospect.....	25.00
Pea Ridge	50.00
Pleasant Grove	25.00
Pleasant Site	15.00
Pleasant Valley :.....	5.00
Springtown	25.00
Zion	20.00

Total\$310.00

Grand Total\$567.31

 ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

- Antioch—Sister M. J. Rodgers, W. G. Sooter, Paul Broyhill.
 Bethesda—T. D. Patishall, R. A. Barnes, L. C. Fagala.
 Bethlehem—T. F. Jones, J. B. Burgin, P. T. Keller.
 Cherokee City—Not represented.
 Flint Creek—R. C. Ward, Allen Walker.
 Gravette—Eld. J. W. West, E. C. Brooks.
 Indianola—Represented by letter only.
 Lowell—W. J. Langley, E. J. Bishop.
 Mason Valley—H. C. Chiles, J. L. Gholson, J. M. Ketchum.
 Maysville—Represented by letter only.
 Mt. Enterprise—Jerry Newman, Jim Jones.
 Mt. Olive—Not represented.
 Mt. Pleasant—W. M. Edwards, R. Edwards.
 Mt. Zion—L. B. West.
 New Prospect—W. T. Gann, Eld. J. O. Atchley, L. M. Herd.
 Oak Grove—Not represented.
 Pea Ridge—J. A. Hall, E. J. Adams, H. V. Chiles.
 Pleasant Grove—J. Q. Chastain, J. G. Watkins, Sister Mary
 Young.
 Pleasant Home—W. H. Box, H. C. Riley.
 Pleasant Site—G. C. Harris, J. E. Rife.
 Pleasant Valley—J. F. Myers, T. J. Weaver, J. Roberts.
 Springtown—S. D. Reynolds, W. E. Garrett, Eld. J. L. Chastain.
 Temperance Hill—J. J. Glover, Wilmer Whitlock, J. H. Berry.
 Walnut Hill—Not represented.
 Zion—W. C. Hamby, J. H. Sharp, John Begley, jr.

 DIVINE SERVICES.

- Thursday, Oct. 7, 11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Eld. W. C. Hamby from Heb. 10:1.
 Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Eld. I. C. Atchley on "Our Country," from Heb. 11:16.
 Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p. m., at Methodist Church. Preaching by Eld. G. C. Harris from 2 Cor. 13:5.
 Friday, Oct. 8, 11 a. m. Preaching by Eld. W. S. Luper, from Gen. 37:3.
 Friday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Eld. G. C. Harris from Mar. 6:12.

 VISITING MINISTERS.

- I. C. Atchley, Henreyetta, Okla.
 W. S. Luper, Johnson Switch, Ark.
 L. S. Ballard, Springdale, Ark.
 J. E. King, Springdale, Ark.
 I. M. Phillips, Springdale, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES	ADDRESSES	CHURCHES OF MEMBERSHIP
Adams, E. J.	Rogers, Ark.	Pea Ridge.
Atchley, J. O.	Herd, Ark.	New Prospect
Brandon, F. M.	Centerton, Ark.	Bethlehem.
Casey, W. I.	Sulphur Springs, Ark.	Mt. Zion.
Chastain, J. L.	Gentry, Ark.	Springtown.
Downing, T. F.	Sulphur Springs, Ark.	Mt. Zion.
Edwards, W. M.	Gravett, Ark.	Mt. Pleasant.
Greene, W. F.	Lowell, Ark.	Lowell.
Hall, J. A.	Rogers, Ark.	Pea Ridge.
Hamby, W. C.	Lowell, Ark.	Zion.
Harris, G. C.	Bentonville, Ark.	Pleasant Site.
Jones, S. H.	Gravett, Ark.	Bethlehem.
Jones, T. F.	Decatur, Ark.	Bethlehem.
Lane, H. T.	Herd, Ark.	New Prospect.
Oaks, J. B.	Gravette, Ark.	Bethlehem.
Paul, J. N.	Gentry, Ark.	Flint Creek.
Pritchard, W. R.	South West City, Mo.	Mt. Zion.
Reynolds, E. J.	Springtown, Ark.	Springtown.
Sanders, A. N.	Centerton, Ark.	Mason Valley.
Setser, G. W.	Maysville, Ark.	Maysville.
Sikes, J. W.	Rogers, Ark.	Pleasant Site.
West, J. W.	Gravette, Ark.	Gravette.
Whiteside, A. P.	Gentry, Ark.	Oak Grove.

ADDRESSES OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPREINTENDENTS

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.
Antioch	Jno. A. Hall, Rogers, Ark.	E. Austin, Gravett, Ark.	
Bethesda	A. N. Sanders, Centerton, Ark.	L. C. Fagala, Rogers, Ark.	
Bethlehem	W C Hamby, Lowell, Ark.	J. B. Burgin, Gravett, Ark.	
Flint Creek	E J Reynolds, Springtown, Ark.	Mary E. Jones, Gentry Ark.	
Gravette	T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.	J. R. Dunagin, Gravett, Ark.	A. M. Rodgers, Gravette, Ark.
Indianola	W. R. Pritchard, S. W. City, Mo.	Andrew J. Peak, S. W. City, Mo.	
Lowell	L. S. Ballard, Springdale, Ark.	E. J. Bishop, Lowell, Ark.	J. M. Beard, Lowell, Ark.
Mason Valley	I. M. Phillips, Springdale, Ark.	J. M. Ketchum, Springtown, Ark.	J. L. Gholson, Gentry, Ark.
Maysville		Lydia G. Sellers, Maysville, Ark.	
Mt. Enterprise	J. W. West, Gravett, Ark.	Wm. Brooks, Gravett, Ark.	D. M. Edwards, Gravett, Ark.
Mt. Olive		W. H. Smith, Springtown	
Mt. Pleasant	A. N. Sanders, Centerton, Ark.	J. A. Calhoun, Gravett, Ark	W. M. Edwards, Gravett, Ark.
Mt. Zion	J. C. Vannoy, S. W. City, Mo.	Godfrey, Winkler, Noel, Mo.	Godfrey Winkler, Noel, Mo.
New Prospect	J. O. Atchley, Herd, Ark.	W. T. Gann, Herd, Ark.	W. F. Masters, Herd, Ark.
Oak Grove		Janie Robinson, Gentry, Ark.	
Pea Ridge	J. A. Hall, Rogers, Ark.	A. R. Hall, Pea Ridge, Ark.	S. C. Parish, Pea Ridge, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Ballard, Springdale, Ark.	T. L. Beard, Lowell, Ark.	
Pleasant Home	Eld. Hiner	C. B. Wilmoth, Decatur, Ark.	
Pleasant Site	M. L. Voyles, Bentonville, Ark.	W. B. Sumpter, Bentonville, Ark.	
Pleasant Valley		R. W. Elrod, Siolam, Sp'gs., Ark.	
Springtown	T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.	Miss Bertie Ogdon, Springtown	L. N. Dodgen, Springtown, Ark.
Temperance Hill	I. M. Phillips, Springdale, Ark.	J. J. Glover, Bentonville, Ark.	J. H. Berry, Bentonville, Ark.
Walnut Hill		Geo. W. Williams, Garfield, Ark.	
Zion	J. Crawford, Prairie Grove, Ark.	G. B. Jones, Lowell, Ark.	W. L. Ice, Lowell, Ark.

CHURCHES

	Day of meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by letter	By relation or restoration	Dismissed by letter	Excluded or dropped	Deceased	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Paid to Pastor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Other purposes	Average attendance of S. S.	Officers and Teachers	S. S. Expenses
Antioch	4				1	1	1	55		\$ 85.05	\$ 20.75				\$.85	\$32.50			
Bethesda	4	1			4	4		54		21.00	11.05			\$ 1.50	.50				
Bethlehem	3	12	4	1	4			78	4	37.30	19.55				1.60				
Cherokee City....	1							13											
Flint Creek.....	2						1	23	1	11.25	3.50		\$.25	1.60	.65				
Gravett	1	2	7		6	5	2	35	1	100.00	47.10	\$2.50		9.00		26.25	25	5	\$ 6.00
Indianola	4			1			2	9						3.00	.30				
Lowell	1	4	2	1	12		3	107	1	70.00	8.20	.50		2.75	1.15		40	7	8.00
Mason Valley....	3	3	4	4	7	1	1	117	1	98.75	16.25	2.00		6.00	1.10	6.90	43	10	8.13
Maysville	4	2	3		7		1	32	1	72.00	4.50			8.00	.50				
Mt. Enterprise....	4	1			15			95		37.75	15.00			.50	.80		27	8	6.50
Mt. Olive.....	3							37											
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	16	2		4	2	1	112	1	46.30	32.70			16.25	1.00	11.50	30	6	3.44
Mt. Zion.....	1	2	1		1		1	42	3	28.27	9.68				.50		20	3	8.46
New Prospect....	4	13	9		4			91	2	50.00	55.00	2.25	2.00	4.00	1.00		37	6	8.00
Oak Grove.....	2							21											
Pea Ridge.....	2		2		1		2	101	2	109.50	45.50			5.50	1.50		35	7	8.50
Pleasant Grove...	3	31			2	1		89		112.80	25.00	4.07			.90	32.00			
Pleasant Home....	1	1	6				1	48		45.00	2.91				1.35				
Pleasant Site....	1							70											
Pleasant Valley...	1				1	13		49		75.75	13.00				1.00				
Springtown	4	5	1		5	1		124	2	19.20	21.60	.25	5.30	1.00	2.05		28	11	7.19
Temperance Hill..	4	16	4		3	3	1	89		311.50	232.10		28.00	3.10	1.60	40.05	42	9	12.46
Walnut Hail.....	4							38											
Zion	4	12	1		4		1	78	1	70.00	20.35		3.50	1.25	1.10	11.00	47	7	5.44

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe that the Holy Bible was 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; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity the Godhead 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.

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 consequences of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined the 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 offices of the son of God, who by the appointment of the father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, by his death made a full atonement for our sin; thus having arisen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate, and 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; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work 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.

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 inherent 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 of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convicted 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 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, 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, love, humility, 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 effect 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 holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the heart of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the sealer and comforter in the continued 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 preserving attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. 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 disabilities which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arise entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to an unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of 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 baptized 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 spiritual 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, unto the name of the Father, the Son, and 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 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 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 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 the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical 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 will 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 judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Art. II. This Association shall meet annually on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in October, at the place previously appointed; and after public worship, and reading the letters from the churches, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Art. III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

Art. IV. Each church may send three messengers. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes.

Art. V. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letters and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by a unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Art. VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Art. VII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to inquire into their

standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. VIII. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations, as may be deemed expedient.

Art. IX. It shall be the duty of the association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom, and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Art. X. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

A FORM OF CHURCH COVENANT.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy; and hoping, that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins; and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we do this day before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree, that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy; and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.