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Next Association to be held with Columbus Baptist Church,  
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before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

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# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Devotional exercises.
2. Call for letters.
3. Appoint committee to read said letters.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Roll Call of delegates.
6. Election of officers.
7. Call for Correspondence. &
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Call for report of committees.

# PROCEEDINGS.

NASHVILLE, ARK, October 27, 1894.

The Howard County Association met with the Mine Creek church in its second annual session, October 27, 1894.

At 10 o'clock A. M. the body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing an appropriate hymn, Bro. C. W. Strickland introduced the service by reading the second chapter of Philippians. Prayer by J. H. Black.

Brethren N R. Lewis, J. L. Rivers and W. P. Craig were appointed reading clerks.

Letters of the churches were called, letters read, and the following delegates enrolled.

AMITY.—J. D. Rodgers, M. F. Dennis, G. C. Bandy.

ANTIOCH —D. H. Allen, L. Y. Compton, W. A. Tommie.

BRUSHY CREEK.—J. L. Ricks, J. Seals, W. A. Canady.

COLUMBUS.—J. W. Huchins, R. H. Burns, J. T. Burns.

CEDAR HILL.—J. C. Blackburn, J. L. Baggett, W. W. Blanton.

CENTER POINT.—J. L. Rivers, J. H. Sellers, J. L. Canon.

COUNTY LINE —B. M. Copeland, F. M. Furgerson, C. E. Dildy.

FRIENDSHIP —No delegates.

HOLLY CREEK —J. J. Bryant, Wm. Crisp, Wm. Byrnes.

LIBERTY.—J. W. Stone, J. T. M. Holt, J. D. Cowling.

MOUNT CARMEL —J. W. Harrison, E. B. Rocket, L. P. Dire.

MINERAL SPRINGS.—E. Hodge, Y. S. Allen, W. A. Turnage.

MINE CREEK.—Eld. C. W. Strickland, J. T. Holt, R. D. Neal.

NEW HOME —J. E. Scaggs, J. W. Quick.

OZAN —A. J. Robbins, C. L. Lewis, G. W. Bell.

PLEASANT VALLEY.—W. P. Craig, W. M. Furgerson, C. C.

Colbourn, J. W. Ramage.

RED COLONY.—A. M. Carroll, Robert McLeod, J. N. Bonum.

SWEET HOME.—S. C. Ford, James Jones, Samuel Henderson.



UNITY.—W. H. Jones, D. A. Clark, G. M. Caerton.

YELLOW CREEK.—P. G. Clayton, Wm. Jarratt, Reuben Clayton.

ZION.—N. R. Lewis, J. M. Stuart, W. M. Gathright.

SULPHUR SPRINGS.—No delegates.

Adjourned for preaching. Bro. W. A. Turnage, by appointment at last session, preached the Introductory Sermon. Subject, Prayer.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock P. M. the body reassembled as per adjournment. After singing and prayer by Bro. T. H. Westbrook, on motion Petitionary Letters were called for. Delegates bearing letters from Red Colony church, asking admission into this body. The letters being read, on motion Red Colony church was received into fellowship. The Moderator, in behalf of this Association, gave the delegates the hand of fellowship. A letter was presented from Friendship church but no delegates present. On motion the application of Friendship church was received and the hand of fellowship would be extended when the delegates presented themselves, at the next annual meeting.

The Moderator announced the election of officers as the next item in the order of business, and appointed W. A. Clark and J. H. Black to take the vote for said officers. Bro. Clark announced that A. J. Robbins was elected Moderator. and R. D. Neal Clerk.

A call was made for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, and responded to by the following: Red River, Eld. E. Merrell and J. W. Conger. Union, J. H. Black. Southwestern, M. M. Cochran, C. M. Powell.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren. The following were received: Dr W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist; Prof. J. W. Conger, President of Ouachita Baptist College; and C. W. Strickland, in behalf of Mine Creek Church and the citizens of Nashville, made a short address welcoming both the delegates and all visitors to their church and homes.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

*Divine Service.*—C. W. Strickland, P. Simpson, M. F. Dennis and Deacons of this church.

*Destitution.*—W. A. Turnage, E. B. Rockett, J. C. Blackburn.

*Ouachita College.*—J. T. M. Holt, R. H. Burns, C. C. Calhoun.

*Nominations.*—G. C. Bindy, Walter Stone, W. A. Turnage.

*Prayer Meeting*—W. M. Gathright, I. N. Borum, J. M. Seals.

*Temperance*—J. W. Quick, W. A. Powell, S. C. Ford.

*Documents.*—C. L. Lewis, J. W. Hutchins, J. H. Sellers.

*Finance*—N. R. Lewis, L. Y. Compton, James Jones.

*Foreign Missions*—C. W. Strickland, W. A. Powell, J. D. Rodgers.

*Order of Business.*—W. A. Turnage, J. D. Rodgers, B. M. Copeland, G. M. Cuerton.

*Literature.*—J. D. Rodgers, N. R. Lewis, J. L. Rivers.

*Sunday School.*—J. L. Baggett, E. Holge, R. M. McLeod.

*Family Devotion.*—J. M. Stuart, C. L. Lewis, D. A. Clark.

*State Missions.*—C. W. Strickland, W. P. Craig, F. M. Furger-son.

*Ministerial Support.*—J. T. Holt, J. L. Rivers, C. E. Dildy.

*Home Missions.*—T. H. Westbrook, I. W. Ramage, Y. S. Allen.

*Obituaries.*—J. T. Holt, I. N. Borum, L. Y. Compton.

*Sunday Observance.*—J. C. Blackburn, W. P. Craig, C. L. Lewis.

The Committee on Religious Services reported preaching at this, Mine Creek church, at 7:30 P. M., by Bro. Baars, of Arkadelphia; alternate, J. D. Rodgers. At A nity, T. H. Westbrook.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

On Sunday at 9 o'clock, according to an arrangement of the Committee on Religious Exercises, the people assembled at the church in a Sunday school mass meeting, conducted by Bro. D. M. Galloway, and addressed by Dr. W. A. Clark, Prof. J. W. Conger and Bro. J. H. Black.

At 11 o'clock Dr. W. A. Clark preached a Missionary sermon. Text, James 5: 20. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken amounting to \$15.64.

#### 4 HOWARD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—1894.

Eld. E. Merrell preached at 3 o'clock. At 7:30 o'clock Eld. M. M. Cochran preached. The congregations at all the services on Sunday were large.

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### MONDAY.

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#### MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 8:30 o'clock. After reading the 147th Psalm, and prayer by the Moderator, the roll of delegates was called.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report, as follows:

That owing to the fact that intemperance is one of the greatest of evils, and the Devil's main weapon is King Alcohol, therefore we urge the necessity of total abstinence, and we exhort our churches to exercise New Testament discipline against drunkenness among their members, cutting off such as will not heed the church and reform their lives. We further recommend the use of all laudable means furnished by the laws for the suppression of this evil, and that every lover of peace and good government should look with disgust upon the manufacture and sale of this demon.

J. W. QUICK, Chm'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Observance reported as follows:

The Lord requires one tenth of our income and one seventh of our time. In the beginning the Lord sanctified the seventh day, and in Leviticus 25 the order was changed from the seventh to the first by divine decree, in ordaining the Jubilee, typical of the reign of grace; hence, when Christ came and perfected the new dispensation, the Apostles kept the first day the Lord's day. It becomes the duty of Christ's followers to honor the first day as cheerfully as did the Israelites observe the old Sabbath.

J. C. BLACKBURN, Chm'n.

Remarks by W. A. Clark and others. On motion the report was adopted.



The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

We believe the first and indispensable qualification of the ministers of God is the regeneration of heart and a divine call to the work; and in order that he may be otherwise qualified for the obligations laid upon him, it is essentially necessary that he should devote much of his time to the prayerful study of God's word. And remembering that the Scriptures teach that they that preach the gospel shall also live of the gospel, therefore we believe it is the indispensable duty of every child of God to contribute liberally to the support of the ministry that their hands may be loosed from secular work and they may be devoted to the work whereunto they are called. We would therefore urge our brother deacons to press this duty upon our brethren throughout the bounds of our Association, believing that a failure on our part to support the ministry, brings the responsibility upon us for failure to preach to edifying the brethren. We should do our duty, and thus prepare our ministers to rightly divide the word of truth and give each their portion in due season.

J T HOLT, Chm'n.

Remarks by J. T. Holt, C. W. Strickland, W. A. Powell  
On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Home or Associational missions reported as follows:

We conceive the idea that in all our missionary efforts we should adopt the Scriptural plan, that is, beginning at Jerusalem, or at home, and working out, fully believing that where our Baptist people are worked up on the mission question in their home field, that the disposition to go into the foreign field will naturally follow. Therefore we would earnestly urge every brother and sister of our Howard County association to lay the question of the evangelizing of our own territory and the propagation of Baptist truths on the altar of their hearts, and with our prayers and contributions, never rest satisfied until our destitution is supplied with gospel truth. We would further recommend for the consideration of this body that they select a missionary at this meeting to fill the desti-



tution for the coming year, and the said missionary be under the supervision of the Mission board of this Association.

T. H. WESTBROOK, Chm'n.

On motion the report was tabled, to be called up immediately after the Mission board makes its report. At 11 o'clock the Mission Board made its report, immediately after which the report on Home or associational missions was called up. The report, on motion of W. A. Turnage, was amended, that this body elect a missionary for his full time, and that this Association raise for his support \$300, and the Mission board be, and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to call on the State board for the sum of \$150, to be paid to said missionary for his services.

Remarks by W. A. Turnage, M. M. Cochran, C. W. Strickland and several other brethren. On motion the report with the amendment was adopted.

The Committee on Literature, reported as follows:

We recommend the careful and prayerful study of the word of God, as the rule of our faith and practice. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist to be sound in doctrine, and worthy the support of every Baptist in this association, and further urge that we patronize the same, it being essential to their spiritual development and strength, in all church work. We recommend the Kind words series and the American Publication series for Sunday schools.

J. D. RODGERS, Clm'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Ouachita College, reported as follows:

We, the Baptists of Howard County Association, recognizing the importance of a classic education, and especially its advantages to our ministry in giving them beneficent influence for our cause. And recognizing in Ouachita Baptist College an institution surpassed by none in the energy and talent of its faculty, and its facilities for promoting education, and recognizing in it an institution peculiarly our own, and one in which we feel a special pride. Therefore recommend that our people, all over this state, lend their

fostering aid in the way of their prayers, influence and patronage. We further recommend that a special effort be made to give our young ministers the advantages offered by that college. We extend our commendations for its grand work of the past, our warmest congratulations in the present outlook, and pray God's blessings on its future labors.

J. T. M. HOLT, Chm'n.

Remarks by J. W. Conger J. H. Black and W. A. Clark  
On motion the report was adopted, after which there was a collection taken up to assist the young ministers now in college, resulting in cash and good pledges to \$31 70.

The Committee on State missions reported as follows:

Though this department of our work has labored under serious difficulties this year, it is in a hopeful condition. During this conventional year the board has aided thirty-two missionaries, nineteen in rural districts and thirteen in railroad towns, total amount expended \$2600; \$1500 to Associations and country churches; \$1100 to town churches. The receipts have been as follows: 70 per cent from churches in towns and cities, 30 per cent from country churches. The board will need about \$300 to meet obligations made, and we recommend that this Association send by her delegates a contribution to State missions. We also heartily approve the Associational representation on State board.

C. W. STRICKLAND, Com'n.

Remarks by M. M. Cochran, W. A. Clark, C. W. Strickland and J. H. Black On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

We insist that the messengers of this body representing the churches of this Association urge the great necessity of maintaining a Sunday school in each of their respective churches. We believe that a church without a well-organized Sunday school is leaving undone a very important part of its duty, for we believe the Sunday school is a part of the church's work, or the church at work. We therefore request pastors to urge this important duty upon the members of their respective churches, that this work may be more successfully carried out.

J. L. BAGGETT, Chm'n.

On motion the report was adopted:

The Committee on Family Devotion reported as follows:

Believing as we do, that the family worship is a duty largely neglected by our brethren, we would herein urge its importance; and to realize its importance, we should remember that God, in blessing us with a family, has largely committed to us the moral and religious training of their tender minds and hearts; hence the burden of our hearts in family devotion should be, the smiling presence of the Lord in our homes, the salvation of our children, the instruction in duty and strengthening in the grace of those that are his, and withal, that God may be glorified in the character and lives of the members of our families. We urge the brethren to take up this duty.

J. M. STUART, Chm'n.

Remarks by Bros. Strickland, Clark, Stuart and others

On motion the report was adopted.

The Associational Mission board reported as follows:

We, your Associational Board of Missions, report that we, in accordance with your instructions to employ a missionary for one-fourth of his time and place him in the field at once, would say that we employed G. W. McCarty, who accepted the work, but afterwards declined to serve us, whereby causing some delay. We then elected A. W. King, who entered the field, served as missionary 90 days, for which we paid him \$40 per month, less \$28 due him. We would recommend that should you see proper to send a missionary in the field for another year, that this body elect him while in session.

J. H. GRUMBLES, Chm'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

Eld A. W. King, missionary of this Association for the present year, makes his report as follows:

Days of service, 90; miles traveled, 706; Bibles sold, 5; Testaments sold, 5; Bibles given away, 4; Testaments given away, 26; pages of tracts distributed, 156; sermons preached, 55; addresses made, 7; prayer meetings held, 20; families visited, 166; families found destitute of Bibles, 15; persons baptized, 15; churches con-



stituted, 1; Sunday schools organized, 2; Sunday schools addressed, 5; Sunday schools aided by donation, 2; money collected on field, \$3 35.

A. W. KING, Missionary.

The Treasurer reports as follows:

Receipts.

Collected at fifth Sunday meetings and from other sources.....	\$88 60
Amount collected by missionary .....	3 35
	<hr/> \$91 95

Disbursements.

By amount paid A. W. King, by order of board.....	\$91 95
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R. D. NEAL, Treas.

On motion the report was adopted

The Finance Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Receipts

From public collections for Associational missions.....	\$15 65
From the different churches .....	20 65
For publishing minutes.....	20 55
Total.....	<hr/> \$56 85

N. R. LEWIS, Chm'n.

The Chairman of the Committee on Divine Service announced preaching at this church tonight by Eld. C. M. Powell, of Brownstown, Ark.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M. tomorrow. Dismissed by C. M. Powell

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## TUESDAY.

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### MORNING SESSION.

The brethren reassembled as per adjournment, the meeting being opened by the Moderator, who read Psalms 139. Prayer by M. M. Cochran, after which the roll was called.

On motion of J. T. Holt, the election of missionary was set for 10 o'clock sharp.

On motion, Bro J. T. Lewis was enrolled as a delegate from Zion church

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted:

We acknowledge the protecting care of a benign Heavenly Father, in that he has not called home any member of this body since our last convocation; and while we acknowledge his power in that he has taken to himself seven members of the various churches composing this association, we bow in humble submission to his will, and pray that he may ever keep us ready to answer the summons when we are called.

J. T. HOLT, Chm'n.

The Committee on Documents reported as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Columbus church, Hempstead County. We find no other matter coming under our jurisdiction.

C. L. LEWIS, Chm'n.

A motion was made by B. M. Copeland to table the report to be called up at 10:30 A. M. Motion lost. After remarks by several of the brethren, the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend the following: Home Mission board, M. F. Dennis, J. H. Sellers, J. H. Grumbles, Peter Simpson and D. W. Cornish. To preach the sermon at next annual session, Eld. J. D. Rodgers; alternate, Eld. T. H. Westbrook. To preach the Missionary sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday, Eld. C. W. Strickland; alternate, Eld. J. M. Copeland.

G. C. BANDY, Chm'n.

After motion to adopt, the question was opened for discussion. Bro. Dennis offered as an amendment that this body elect five ministers of this association to act as the Missionary board. After some discussion on the amendment, a motion to amend the amendment was made to have six members, three to be ministers and three to be laymen. A motion was made to table the report and this body elect the Mission Board of this association. The motion to table was carried, and the body proceeded to elect the board. C. W. Strickland was elected Chairman; J. M. Copeland, M. F. Dennis, J. M. Grumbles, Peter Simpson, J. H. Sellers and D. W. Cornish were elected members of the board to hold until the next session of this body.

On motion the service at 11 A. M. on Sunday was left vacant by this body to be filled by the Committee on Divine Service appointed at the next session when convened with Columbus church, Howard county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

The news from the work in foreign fields is truly encouraging. God is honoring the work of those on the field greatly in many places, giving them much success. Not only is God blessing the work of those on the field, but he is also blessing the churches and individuals much who are supporting the work. These facts should inspire our hearts with greater zeal in the work. We recommend to our brethren the Foreign Mission Journal, that they may keep themselves posted in the foreign work. We recommend further that our churches honor God by contributing to the foreign mission work.

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chm'n.

Remarks by Bros. Clark and Strickland and several other brethren. On motion the report was adopted. A collection was then taken for foreign missions, amounting to \$5.10.

The Committee on Destitution reported as follows:

We report the following as being without gospel preaching: Fulton and Blackland in Hempstead county, Franklin school house, Bluff Springs, Mt. Zion, and the Daniel Wems neighborhood in Howard county, and Star of the West and New Hope in Pike county.

W. A. TURNAGE, Chm'n.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting reported as follows:

Prayer is a duty enjoined upon all Christians, and as we are abundantly taught, in union there is strength so in blending our prayers in one common interest, there is great power. Nothing can take the place of a lively prayer meeting in a church. Brothers who work earnestly in a prayer meeting are always at peace with one another, love and fellowship prevails. Thus imbibed in truth and cemented in love, it is easy, in Jesus' name, to gather in the



golden sheaves; the church thus blessed is a shining light, shining unto all that sit in darkness. Brethren will not long pray with envy, malice or hatred in their bosoms. The prayer meeting is an institution of the church. We therefore recommend that pastors urge this work in every church until all have regular prayer meetings. Brethren, pray for any and all churches who have not a good prayer meeting.

W. M. GATHRIGHT, Chm'n.

Remarks by several brethren. On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made its report, which was adopted.

At 10 o'clock, the hour appointed for the election of an Associational missionary, the body was called to prayer by T. H. Westbrook, led by Moderator. After which the Moderator appointed M. M. Cochran and R. D. Owens as tellers to hold the election and report results. T. H. Westbrook was the choice of this body.

On motion proceeded to elect a member of the State board from this Association, resulting in the election of J. M. Copeland. On motion his election was made unanimous.

County Line church presented her grievance with the Mine Creek church in her letter to this body. The Committee on Documents failing to report same, it was called up on motion by the delegates of County Line church. The grievance was that Mine Creek church received into her membership one whom the County Line church had excluded. After some discussion the Moderator ruled that this body had no jurisdiction in the matter whatever.

An appeal was taken to the house on the ruling of the Moderator; the appeal was lost, the house sustaining the Moderator in his ruling.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to the good citizens of Nashville and community for their hospitality during the session of this body. Bros. J. M. Copeland, J. D. Rodgers, W. A. Turnage, W. P. Craig and R. H. Burns were elected delegates