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Union Grove, Church,
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OPENING SESSION.

The Thirty-first Annual Session of the Russellville Baptist Association was called to order at 10:30 a. m., on Friday, September 29, 1911, with the Union Grove Baptist church, by A. S. Hays, retiring Clerk of the Association in the absence of Bro. J. C. Forrest, the former Moderator of the Association, in accordance with the regulations of Association, the messengers from various churches being present and this being the time and place fixed for the meeting of the Association.

The Association and messengers joined in singing the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," after which the devotional exercises incident to the opening of the body were conducted by Elder O. H. Reid, of Russellville, upon invitation of the presiding officer, who read the 46th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Elder S. J. Burns, of Lamar church. The messengers then joined in singing "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

The first order of business announced by the Clerk, was the selection of a temporary Moderator. Bro. W. M. Phillips nominated Elder S. J. Burns of Lamar, and Bro. J. J. Quilek of the Union Grove church, nominated Elder O. H. Reid of Russellville. Elder Burns was duly elected and took charge as Moderator pro. tem. of the Association. The first order of business was to call for letters to the Association.

The Moderator pro. tem. selected W. S. Jett of Clarksville church, and W. M. Phillips of the Knoxville church, to read such letters, and the following responded with church letters:

Dover, Pittsburg, East Point, Lamar, Pottsville, Russellville, Bayou, Ball Hill, Clarksville and Knoxville, and

the messengers named in the letters were seated as members of the Association.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the Introductory sermon, Elder O. H. Reid of Russellville, who had been at the last meeting of this body selected to preach this sermon took charge of the services. The Association sang "Amazing Grace" and were led in prayer by Elder O. H. Reid after which they sang "What a Friend we have in Jesus." After the reading of the scripture lesson, Elder Reid preached on the subject, "The Lord a present help in time of trouble," saying :

First, God is Omnipresent; second, God is Eternal; Third, God is our Refuge; Fourth, God is our Strength; Fifth, Referring to the local conditions in the bounds of this Association. After prayer by Dr. J. T. Christian, the Association took a recess until 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song service conducted by Elder A. N. Stanfield. The devotional services were conducted by Elder E. B. Greener, who read the 1st Psalm, and prayer by Elder E. J. A. McKinney. The Moderator then took charge of the Association.

The first order of business was the election of the permanent officers of the Association and nominations being declared in order.

Bro. W. M. Phillips of Knoxville, nominated W. S. Jett of Clarksville and J. J. Quick of Union Grove, nominated Elder O. H. Reid of Russellville, for Moderator.

Eld. S. J. Burns of Lamar was nominated but upon his request his name was withdrawn. Eld. O. H. Reid nominated A. S. Hays of Russellville, for clerk and treasurer and there were no other nominations for clerk and both officers were balloted on at one time.

W. E. Atkinson and Dr. J. T. Christian were appointed tellers of the election, who after retiring to count the votes reported the election of the permanent officers of the Association as follows :

W. S. Jett of Clarksville, Moderator, A. S. Hays of Russellville, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. Quick the election of W. S. Jett as Moderator, was made unanimous and thereupon the Moderator-elect came forward and after brief words of thanks took charge of the Association and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The messengers from Oakland church having arrived, the letter from that church was read and the messengers seated as members of this body.

Upon motion of O. H. Reid, the following was adopted as the Order of Business.

- 1, Open Association with Scripture Reading and Prayer.
2. Reading Letters from Churches.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Reading Petitionary Letters.
6. Receiving and appointing Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appointment of the following Standing Committees :
 - (a) Associational Missions.
 - (b) State Missions.
 - (c) Foreign Missions.
 - (d) Sunday Schools.
 - (e) Prohibition.
 - (f) Orphans' Home.
 - (g) Nominations.
 - (h) Publications.

- (i) Finance.
- (j) Ministerial Education.
- (k) Deceased Members.
- (l) Woman's Work.

The Moderator then called Bro. W. E. Atkinson to the chair and retired with the clerk to appoint the standing committees, after announcing the following as the committee on Divine services with request that they report as soon as possible: Elder S. J. Burns and L. B. Howell together with the deacons of the Union Grove church. W. M. Phillips of Knoxville, acting as clerk pro. tem.

The following visiting brethren were introduced and invited to seats with us.

John T. Christian, corresponding secretary of the Arkansas State Mission Board.

Elder E. J. A. McKinney editor of the Baptist Advance. Elder A. N. Stanfield, Pastor, former member of this Association and student of Ouachita College. Elder L. S. Ballard, of Argenta, Editor and publisher of the Missionary Baptist, and each of these visitors spoke of his special work and the policy of their respective papers.

The following volunteered as messengers to the different Associations with which this body were in correspondence.

Dardanelle Association, Elder O. H. Reid.

Clear Creek Association, Bro J. J. Quick.

Trace Ridge, by Correspondence.

United Association, by such brethren as would volunteer.

After which the church letters were read from the churches of Grace church and the German Baptist from Atkins and Piney, by the clerk.

The Moderator then announced the appointment of the committees.

Associational Missions—W. E. Atkinson, O. H. Reid, H. Gerwein.

State Missions—W. M. Phillips, J. J. Quick, Ernest Allmon.

Publications—Elder S. J. Burns, F. M. Taylor, and Sister J. N. Hamilton.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Wharton, Sister Alice Jett, and W. E. Atkinson.

Talks were then made in behalf of the new church buildings at Dover and on Pless Mountain.

Contributions for the one at Dover were then asked for by A. S. Hays, Bro. F. M. Taylor, and the one on Pless Mountain by Elder E. B. Greener.

The committee on divine service reported that they had made the following appointments.

For Friday night Session—Elder E. J. A. McKinney.

Saturday Morning Session 11 a. m.—Elder L. S. Ballard.

Saturday Night 7:30 p. m.—Elder J. T. Christian, which report was received and accepted.

On motion the Association then took up the matter of the Orphans' Home at this time, and the report of the Associational Missionary as being matters of special interest before the regular order of business and after discussion on motion of Bro. W. E. Atkinson, seconded by Elder S. B. Barnett the report of committee on Associational Missions was set for 10 a. m. Saturday. The clerk of Union Grove church then read the announcements of homes of messengers, etc.

On motion of J. J. Quick the Association took a recess till 8:30 p. m. after the evening services. Benediction by Elder S. B. Barnett.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The services were conducted by Elder E. J. A. McKinney, Editor of the Baptist Advance, who preached a soul stirring sermon.

The clerk then read the announcement of committees as follows:

Sunday Schools—E. B. Greener, Theo. Bocksnick, S. J. Burns.

Prohibition—F. M. Taylor, John Kropp, John Smithson.

Orphans' Home—O. H. Reid, S. B. Barnett, L. S. Garner.

Finance—G. L. Smith, Z. M. Jetton, A. Dorn.

Ministerial Education—S. J. Barnett, A. N. Stanfield, L. B. Howell.

Obituary—C. L. Hanna, Jos. E. White, C. A. Lemly.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order by Elder S. J. Burns in the absence of the Moderator, and he conducted the devotional exercises of prayer and song service.

The first business taken up was the selection of a place for the next meeting of the Association.

The churches at Lamar and Knoxville had both asked for the meeting of the body by their letters. G. L. Smith placed Lamar church in nomination, and W. M. Phillips, a member of Knoxville church moved that the invitation of Lamar church be accepted, which motion was seconded by H. Gerwein from Knoxville church, and on a standing vote same was unanimously accepted and the next meeting of this Asso-

elation was voted to meet with the Lamar church at Lamar, in Johnson county.

On motion Elder B. R. Womack of Russellville was selected to preach the Introductory sermon and Elder E. B. Greener of Piney, as Alternate. The Moderator resumed the chair.

Elder J. M. Lawrence made the following report of his services as Associational Missionary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Your Missionary begs to report :

We commenced work August 1st, and labored continuously for forty days. This labor was among the churches in part. In this labor we were received kindly everywhere and with some tokens of success. Our labor in sermons, 46, talks made to young people, 11, total talks and sermons, 57, visited 52 families, public professions of faith, 6, baptised 1, traveled 96 miles and collected \$12.52.

Your Missionary was engaged for two months last preceding the sitting of this body, but owing to the fact that your Missionary's house burned during the time of this labor, he felt it necessary to return home in Cornwallis, Texas. Total amount due for labor, \$66.40. Collected \$12.52. Total amount due, \$53.88.

We should suggest the great need of your attention to the need of this Associational work. Many of the churches pastorless, depleted and going to pieces and some of the pastors resigning and many of the brethren calling for help and saying come and preach for us. Brethren cultivate your field.

J. M. Lawrence.

And this report was adopted and the balance due was ordered paid, and a collection taken among the messengers and the balance due was collected and paid to the Missionary in full for his services.

The roll of ordained ministers was then called by the clerk, and the list appended to this minute was made as correct.

Bro. W. E. Atkinson then read the following as the report of committee on Associational Missions.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The basis of successful Associational Missions lies,

1st. In quickening and reviving your churches.

2. Cooperation of your churches with their members and pastors in the evangelization and development of our several churches.

3. A deep prayerful, self-abasing and self-sacrificing personal interest in preaching.

4. Liberal contributions of time and money for this purpose by our people.

5. A contribution from each member of each church for this purpose.

6. The selection of a Missionary or Missionaries after a long and prayerful seeking of the leading and mind of the Holy Spirit.

7. That the best and most practical methods of doing this by us now will be a wise and prudent committee of five persons selected by this body. We therefore recommend this course.

We further recommend that pledges be taken here for this work.

W. E. Atkinson,
O. H. Reid,
H. Gerwein.

This report was discussed by W. E. Atkinson, Elder O. H. Reid, and E. B. Greener.

The hour having arrived for morning services, Elder L. S. Ballard took charge of the Association and after prayer by Elder Turnage, and song service, preached a most excellent sermon on the "Conquests of Faith and Love," his text being the 17th verse of the 13th chapter of 1st. Cor. "Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love, these three, but the greatest of these is Love.)"

The Association then took a recess until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 p. m. who conducted the devotional exercises and Association sang "Jesus Lover of my Soul" and prayer by Elder W. F. Rose.

W. M. Phillips then read the—

REPORT ON FINANCE.

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

Amount received for clerk and printing minutes.....	\$22.15.
Amount received for Associational Missions.....	33.95.
Amount received for Orphans' Home at Texarkana.....	4.50.
Total Amount received	62.60.
Amount due J. M. Lawrence Missionary.....	66.06.
Amount on hand to pay the same \$35.95, leaving balance due him of	\$31.11.

The amounts are shown in separate sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. Smith, Chairman.

Z. M. Jetton,

A. Dorn.

The collections from the various churches is shown in statistical table appended to this minute, of the amounts contributed as shown by this report of the finance committee. (Clerk.)

This report was adopted as read.

The Association then took up and continued the discussion of the report of the Missionary and a collection was taken to meet the amount due Bro. Lawrence and sufficient amount was raised and he was paid in full.

The Association then continued the discussion of the report of the committee on Associational Missions and Bro. F. M. Taylor moved to amend to make the executive committee elective by the Association instead of appointive, which suggestion was accepted by the committee.

The report was then discussed by Elders J. T. Christian, O. H. Reid, S. J. Burns, and Brethren, G. L. Smith, A. S. Hays and F. M. Taylor.

Pending the adoption of this report, the following amounts were pledged :

CHURCHES

Clarksville.....	\$25.00
East Point.....	10.00
Lamar.....	10.00
Oakland.....	5.00
Piney, German.....	10.00
Pittsburg.....	5.00
Pottsville.....	15.00
Russellville.....	25.00
Trinity.....	5.00
Union Grove (by C. L. Hanna).....	5.00
Clarksville Ladies' Aid Society.....	10.00
Total.....	\$125.00

PERSONAL

S. J. Burns.....	\$ 5.00
O. H. Reid.....	5.00
A. S. Hays.....	10.00
Total.....	\$20.00
Aggregate.....	\$145.00

The Association then proceeded to elect an Executive Board as provided for by the report adopted and nominations being declared in order the following names were placed in nomination. W. E. Atkinson by A. S. Hays, W. S. Jett by G. L. Smith, G. L. Smith by S. J. Burns, O. H. Reid, by J. H. Wharton, F. M. Taylor, by J. J. Quick, J. C. Forrest by O. H. Reid and A. S. Hays by E. B. Greener.

The election was by ballot and Bro. S. J. Burns and L. B. Howell were appointed tellers who after canvassing the vote reported the election of the following members of the executive committee. W. S. Jett and W. E. Atkinson of Clarksville, J. C. Forrest of Dover and O. H. Reid and A. S. Hays of Russellville.

The committee on Divine service reported that they had selected Elder J. M. Lawrence to conduct the memorial service at 10 a. m. Sunday, and the service at 11 o'clock of that day to be conducted by Elder A. N. Stanfield.

F. M. Taylor read the report of the Committee on Prohibition.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, make the following report :

We find by reading God's word that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. We recommend that this Association stand for Prohibition and vote for the abolishment of the cause. That we consider the use of intoxicating liquor the worst curse that we have to contend with.

F. M. Taylor, Chairman.
John Smithson,
John Kropp.

Which report was discussed by W. E. Atkinson, F. M. Taylor and Elder Joseph E. White and adopted as read.

Bro. J. H. Wharton read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A great work is being done by our brethren through the Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have sent out 270 Missionaries, thirty of them sent out last year. They have gathered and trained 531 Native helpers, and hundreds of others are being trained. The Missionaries returned 3618 baptisms last year and the work is growing rapidly. They have seven woman's training schools with 140 students and nine theological training schools with 212 students. They have 15 medical Missionaries with thousands of patients who open the home of millions of people to the gospel. The printing plants are sending out the Bible and millions of pages of religious literature in the language of people. This board is expending about \$600,000.00 per year.

We recommend that our people help by prayer, by subscribing for our Mission Literature and reading it; by distributing tracts on it; by giving liberally to it.

J. H. Wharton, Chairman,
W. E. Atkinson,
Alice Jett, Com.

Which was discussed by Dr. J. T. Christian and adopted. The chairman of the committee, Brother Ernest Allmon, submitted the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to report :

We believe our obligations are to preach the Gospel as Baptists interpret it throughout the entire state. We heartily believe in the co-operation of churches to do Mission work. If the churches in the country are not able to have the gospel preached let the city churches help them, or vice versa. We are glad to know that our people in both country and cities have been engaged in this great work for many years, with success.

Last year there was 6274 conversions under the State Board Missionaries and Pastors, besides Missionaries and Pastors of the General Association and Gospel Missionaries, of which we have no statistics at hand. And we believe this work is being done in this state for less money than in any other state under similar circumstances.

We have this year, under the State Board, 117 Missionaries. We would respectfully urge every Baptist church to be a sure enough Missionary church, remembering our Saviour's command to preach the gospel to every creature. We would urge that every Baptist in the bounds of Russellville Association would make a personal application of this command.

W. M. Phillips, Chairman,
J. J. Quick,
Ernest Allmon.

Dr. Christian, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention discussed this report at length and the same was adopted by unanimous vote.

The committee on Sunday schools then submitted the following report through Elder S. J. Burns, which was as follows :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows :

We believe that Sunday schools are a stimulant to any church.

We recommend that each church keep up a regular Sunday school and therefore comply with the teachings of God's word in bringing up our children in "The nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Literature in a Sunday school is a very important matter to consider. We, your committee, recommend the "American Baptist Publication Society, and the Southern Baptist Convention Series, also the publications of the Landmark Publishing Co. as sound Baptist literature and recommend any of these as suitable for the use in our Sunday schools. Yours in the Sunday School work.

E. B. Greener, Chairman,
Theodore Bocksnick,
S. J. Burns.

Which after discussion by Bros. O. H. Reid, White, Atkinson, Jett, Hays and Christian, was adopted.

The Committee through its chairman, Elder O. H. Reid then submitted the following report on Orphan's Home.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Our Baptist Brotherhood now have two orphanages in Arkansas, one at Texarkana, the other at Monticello. There are about 100 children at the Home at Monticello and about 25 children at the Home at Texarkana.

These institutions have both been fairly prosperous the past year. P. N. Williams and wife are Superintendent and Matron at Monticello and T. D. Carter and wife are Superintendent and Matron at Texarkana.

All money for the Home at Monticello should be sent to Brother Williams at Monticello. All money for the Home at Texarkana should be sent to J. W. Sims, Marvell, Arkansas.

The children in the two Homes are being taught to work. They are also being schooled and taught to reverence God. More than 25 of the children in the Home at Monticello have been converted during the last year.

We recommend that the Pastors and Sunday schools take regular collections for each of these institutions.

O. H. Reid, Chairman.
S. J. Burns,
L. S. Farmer.

A. S. Hays moved the date of the meeting of this Association be changed from Friday to Thursday before the first Sunday in October of each year and after being discussed by Elders O. H. Reid, J. E. White, G. L. Smith, J. H. Wharton and A. S. Hays was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Elder A. N. Stanfield and was as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The importance of an educated ministry is so great that no man can truthfully say that he is a friend of religion while he opposes the education of our preachers. We believe that a true preacher is called of God into the work, and we also believe that this call to preach carries with it the obligation to make every possible preparation for the most efficient service. The preacher is the key to almost every situation and the times demand the very best talent and training in the ministry to meet the pressing needs of the hour.

We note with pleasure the forward step recently taken by our own Ouachita College in this direction, and earnestly pray the blessing of God upon Bro. J. S. Rogers in the work he has undertaken there.

We recommend that our churches give every possible encouragement and assistance to young men called of God to preach the gospel. There are now in Ouachita College more than fifty strong young men studying for the work of the ministry. Many of these are there at untold sacrifice to themselves. We urge that collections be taken in our churches to help them to bear this burden. We are not undertaking to make preachers, but to help the God-called preachers to better qualify themselves for the work to which God has called them. With the tremendous obligations upon us to preach a full gospel, we must educate or retrograde. Our churches are rightfully demanding better preaching, but they cannot have it unless they are willing to invest money in ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. Barnett, Chairman.

L. B. Howell,

A. N. Stanfield.

Discussed by Elder Stanfield and adopted as read.

Bro. C. L. Hanna then read the following as the report of the Committee on Obituary.

REPORT ON OBITUARY.

We find that since our last meeting, fourteen of our members have passed to their reward. The Lord giveth and He taketh away. We miss them here, but hope to meet them on the eternal shore where we part no more.

C. L. Hanna, Chairman.
Joseph E. White,
C. A. Lemley.

The Committee on Publications reported as follows, through its chairman, Elder S. J. Burns.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

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

1. We recommend a prayerful reading and study of the word of God.

2. Knowing that the Denominational Paper is one of the great factors in building up our cause in the State, we therefore urge that every Baptist in this Association subscribe for and read our State papers and that he be his own judge to select the periodicals he may desire.

3. We also recommend that sound Baptist tracts be read.

We further recommend that sound Baptist Literature be used in our Sunday schools.

Respectfully,
F. M. Taylor, Chairman.
Sister J. M. Hamilton,
S. J. Burns.

The following was submitted to the Association as the report on Woman's Work.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Superintendent's Report, from Dec. 1, 1910 to October 1, 1911.

Number of churches in Russellville Association, 28.

Number of Woman's Missionary Unions, 7.

Number reporting to Superintendent, 5.

Number of letters written during the year, 105.

Packages of Literature sent out, 75.

Number of societies visited by superintendent, 3.

Expenses, including stationery and postage, \$5.00.

The years work in this Association has been marked by steady progress along all lines. While we did not reach our aim in new societies we feel sure we have sown seed that can soon be harvested. With grateful hearts for what ever we have attained the past year and with praise and thanksgiving to the All Wise Father, whose guiding hand ever leads his children, we enter upon a new years work with a larger vision, stronger purpose and greater faith to undertake mightier things for the Master and the advancement of His kingdom. The organized work of Women and Children is one of the greatest chapters in the new Acts of the Apostles. No part of the work has had more difficulties to overcome or disastrous danger to avoid, than Woman's Work. In none has the guiding and overruling wisdom of the Master been more apparent. Years of patient self sacrificing toil has put it where it deserves the hearty thanks and hearty commendation of all. The officers of these Unions have their remuneration in the approval of their Master, and their work has the fragrance of His self devoted spirit, and may we strive on and upward until when we have finished our work here, our Master may say to us ;

“Servants of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter the Master's Joy.”

Mrs. W. H. McPherson,
Supt. of Russellville Assn.

**Report of W. M. U. of Clarksville Church, of Russellville Association
for Year Ending 1911.**

Number of meetings held, 40

Number of Members enrolled, 17.

Average Attendance, 8.

Amount contributed to Associational Missions.....	.50
State Missions.....	\$10.00
Home Missions.....	29.00
Thank Offering to Home Mission.....	
Boxes to Home Missions.....	
Christmas offering to Foreign Missions.....	8.00
Foreign Missions.....	
Total to Missions	\$47.50
Sunday School Board.....	
Ministerial Education.....	\$10.00
Baptist Schools and Colleges.....	53.50
Orphans Home.....	3.50
Boxes to Orphan's Home.....	58.50
Old Minister's relief.....	
Arkansas W. M. U. Expense fund.....	1.00
Associational Expense fund.....	
Pastor's Salary and Church expenses.....	150.00
Church building, repairs and furnishing.....	61.80
Training School endowment.....	
Training School support.....	
Training School student.....	
Church and Sunday School Literature.....	200.00
Margaret Home.....	
Church Charity.....	46.55
Grand Total.....	\$480.55

Name of President of Society, Mrs. W. H. McPherson, Clarksville, Ark. Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Davis, Clarksville, Ark. Secretary, Mrs. J. N. Hamilton.

Which report was discussed by Elders O. H. Reid, J. E. White and Bro. W. E. Atkinson, and adopted.

Bro. W. E. Atkinson moved the adoption of the following: "Be it Resolved that the thanks of the messengers and visitors of Russellville Association are due to the good people of Union Grove church and neighborhood, for the splendid way in which they have entertained this meeting of the Association and for their hospitality and generous way they have opened their homes to us, and we pray that this will prove a blessing to them as it has to us." W. E. Atkinson.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

Elder O. H. Reid moved that 300 copies of the minutes of this meeting of the Association be printed and that they contain the constitution of the Association, which motion was adopted.

The Association then took a recess for the preaching services at 7:30 tonight.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the exercises conducted by Dr. J. T. Christian, who preached a splendid sermon which was enjoyed by the large congregation.

On motion the thirty-first meeting of this Association adjourned to meet with the church at Lamar on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1912, and all joined in singing, "God be With You Till we Meet Again," and the parting hand was given and benediction pronounced by Eld. S. J. Burns.

W. S. JETT, Moderator.

A. S. HAYS, Clerk.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.

Great and glorious meetings were held during Sunday, but I was not present and no written report was made of the speakers or their subjects which I regret.—[Hays, clerk.]

CONSTITUTION.

I. We believe 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, inexpressibly 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 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 consequence 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 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 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, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins, that having risen 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, a 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 the principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemers blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of 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 convinced 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 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 a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and 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 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 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 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 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 to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and 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 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 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 recreations; 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 the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that 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 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.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st. This body shall be known as the Russellville Baptist Association.

ART. 2d. It shall be composed of Messengers sent from Baptist Churches, known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three Messengers. One hundred members shall entitle a church to four Messengers. And churches with more than one hundred members shall be entitled to one Messenger for every succeeding hundred.

ART. 3d. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by a two-third vote, at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4th. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body, according to parliamentary usage. The clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the printing and publication of the minutes keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to an order from the body.

ART. 5th. The objects of the Association shall be: 1st. To promote fellowship among the churches, secure unanimity of faith, and cultivate the piety of its members. 2d. To labor for Domestic and Foreign Missions; and for the establishment of Sabbath Schools in all the churches. 3d. To encourage the circulation in reading of Baptist Literature. 4th. And a special objects shall be to encourage and provide assistance for the Education of the rising Ministry, and for this purpose to establish an institution of learning in our midst, as soon as practicable.

ART. 6th. This body shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council, whenever it may be necessary. It claims, however, authority over its own members—the Messengers of the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principle of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

ART. 7th. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon their petitioning by letter and Messengers at our annual meetings, and by their Messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. 8th. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application, at an annual meeting for the purpose of joining any body which we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association; but any church desiring to withdraw from this Association, is requested to do so by applying for a letter.

ART. 9th. A quorum to do business in this Association shall consist of at least two thirds of the Messengers, who may assemble at its session.

ART. 10th. This Constitution may be altered, or amended at any regular meeting of this association, by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members who are in attendance.

By-Laws adopted are same as those adopted by Land Mark Association.

In Memoriam

In Loving Recollection we Mourn our Departed

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BRETHREN—

ELDER A. M. SHAYERS, Clarksville.

J. E. LAMB, Knoxville.

J. H. CROWDER, Knoxville.

E. C. VINSON, East Point.

CARL TRICKEY, Russellville.

SISTERS—

PINK MARTIN HUNTER, London.

LOUISA EPPS, East Point.

CLEMMIE HEARD, Knoxville.

BESSIE STILLIE, Knoxville.

CARRIE EGGLESTON, Clarksville.

And others not named in church letters.

Pittsburg Church, two members.

Ball Hill, two members.

Lamar, one member.

Piney German, one member.

Job 19, -26—And though after my skin, worms destroy this body yet in my flesh shall I see God.

John 11, -28—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Rom. 6, -23—The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord

FINANCE REPORT.

CHURCHES	Minutes.	Assn. Mission.	Orphan's Home.
Dayou	\$1 00	.	.....
Knoxville	2 80	5 00	.....
Grace	1 00	.....	.....
Pottsville	1 50	2 50	.....
Hall Hill	25	2 50	1 50
Trinity	1 95	5 00	.....
Dover	50	.....	2 00
East Point	1 00	7 70	.....
German Baptist	1 00	2 50	.....
Clarksville	1 50	.....	.....
Pittsburg	1 00	5 00	1 00
Oakland	75	75
Lamar	1 05	5 00
Public Col.	6 85
Totals	22 15	35 95	4 50

Statistical Table.

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Thirty-first Annual Session

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							CONTRIBUTIONS.							
	1910	Increase.			Decrease.			Minutes.	Associational Missions.	Orphans Home.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Schools and Colleges.	Total Contributions During Year.	Value of Church Property.
	Members.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Death.	Letter.	Exclusion.								
Bald Hill.....	48		2	1	2			95		1 50					
\$Bayou.....	12	6	4	3				1 00							
Big Piney.....	29														
Blackville.....	55	3	2			3	1	1 25	2 00					60 00	
Clarksville.....	107		1		1	7		1 50	10 00	02 00	27 50	31 50	108 00	950 31	5000 00
Corinth.....	41														
Dover.....	27	3				5		50		2 00					1000 00
East Point.....	03	5	2	2	2			1 00	7 70						
Fair View.....	70														400 00
\$Friendship.....	26														
Grace.....	25					1		1 00		0 55	40 00	3 00	10 00	50 55	500 00
Hopewell.....	80														
Knoxville.....	132	4	7		4	0		2 00	5 00	0 50	25 00		23 00	222 00	1000 00
Lamar.....	32	20	14		1	8	1	1 05	5 00		30 00				800 00
London.....	39														800 00
Oakland.....	39	3	3					75	5 00						
Piney German.....	42				1	3	6	1 00	2 50	3 00	60 00	5 00	10 00	307 00	1300 00
Pittsburg.....	68	3			2	0	2	1 00	5 00	1 00					
Pottsville.....	95	1	6			2		1 50	2 50	9 50	64 00		18 00	111 50	600 00
Russellville.....	119	1	26		1	5		2 50	10 00	40 00	27 50	14 00	7 50	840 80	3500 00
Scottsville.....	50														
\$Spadra.....	38														
Trinity.....	52	16	2	3				1 95	5 00	5 00					
Union Grove.....	39		2					1 50	5 00					73 50	500 00
Totals.....	1335	65	71	9	14	46	10	19 75	64 70	142 05	274 00	53 50	242 50	2635 00	15400 00

List of Churches Clerks, Pastors, Etc.

Churches.	Post Office.	Pastors	Clerk	Days of Meeting. Sunday.	Messengers.
Bald Hill.....	Mill Creek.....		W. R. Worley.....	*second	P. H. Kendrick, Malen Johnson.
Bayou.....	Scottsville.....	Jos. E. White.....	S. H. Burch.....	*fourth	R. B. Hogan, J. E. White, J. E. Huffman.
*Big Piney.....	London.....	E. B. Greener.....	Annie Zachary.....	fourth	
Blackville.....	Blackville.....	T. B. Nowlin.....	C. O. Guy.....	first	By Letter.
Clarksville.....	Clarksville.....	J. T. Howell.....	J. R. Ransom.....	all	W. E. Atkinson, W. S. Jett, L. B. Howell, and Sister J. N. Hamilton, Sister W. H. McPherson.
*Corinth.....	Knoxville.....		David Clubb.....		
Dover.....	Dover.....	O. H. Reid.....	F. M. Taylor.....	third	F. M. Taylor, J. C. Forrest, Sister Jessie Jarrett.
East Point.....	London.....	O. H. Reid.....	J. H. Whorton.....	2d & 4th	O. H. Reid, J. H. Whorton, J. T. Vinson.
*Fair View.....	Dover.....	H. L. Bowers.....	D. R. Grant.....	*fourth	
*Friendship.....	Dover.....		R. L. Thompson.....		
Grace.....	Atkins.....	S. B. Barnett.....	Corrine Allmon.....	1st & 3rd	S. B. Barnett, J. E. Allmon, Corrinne Allmon.
*Hopewell.....	Atkins.....		O. C. Alewine.....		
Knoxville.....	Knoxville.....	M. F. Gathright.....	J. W. Higgs.....	third	W. M. Phillips, J. T. Crowden, H. Gerwein, Alice Jett.
Lamar.....	Lamar.....	S. B. Barnett.....	John Ganoway.....	second	G. L. Smith, C. Y. Bishop, J. T. Stillians.
*London.....	London.....		W. S. Spillars.....		
Okland.....	Lamar.....	S. J. Burns.....	Emma Blackford.....	*second	Z. M. Jetton, T. A. Richard, L. F. Johnson.
Piney German.....	Piney.....		Theo. Bocksnick.....	all	Theo. Bocksnick, John Kropp, A. Dorn.
Pittsburg.....	Lamar.....	E. B. Greener.....	Urcie Burns.....	*third	S. J. Burns, L. S. Garner, John Brown, J. N. Lollis.
Pottsville.....	Pottsville.....		R. O. Morton.....	1st & 3rd	Ernest Allmon, Blanche Morton.
Russellville.....	Russellville.....	R. F. Kirby.....	William Wooten.....	full time	A. S. Hays, W. O. Reynolds, J. W. Reynolds, Joe Blackstock.
*Scottsville.....	Scottsville.....		T. B. Friar.....		
*Spadra.....	Spadra.....				
Trinity.....	Clarksville.....	J. M. Woodard.....	E. F. Brazen.....	first	C. A. Lemley, M. F. Riddle, Sister Alice Lemley.
Union Grove.....	Clarksville.....	Jas. Isaacs.....	G. Harkreader.....	first	J. J. Quick, J. M. Bowen, Walker Basken, Sister Lula Quick, A. J. Bowen.

New church. *And Saturday before.

Ministers in Russellville Association 1911.

S. B. Barnett, Atkins.
H. H. Haigwood, Clarksville.
T. J. Woodard, Clarksville.
H. L. Bowers, Dover.
R. S. Dailey, Dover.
R. L. Loyd, Dover.
W. F. Rose, Dover.
James Isaacs, Hunt.
S. J. Burns, Lamar.
T. M. White, Lamar.
E. B. Greener, London
M. F. Gathright, Mulberry.
O. H. Reid, Russellville.
B. R. Womack, Russellville.
Joseph E. White, Scottsville.
J. M. Woodard, Clarksville, Licentiate.
Otis L. May, London, Licentiate.
T. B. Friar, Scottsville, Licentiate.
A. W. Johnson, Scottsville, Licentiate.
Jas. H. Evans, Blackwell, Licentiate.