

# *Minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the* **UNION ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS**

HELD WITH

**WALNUT GROVE CHURCH, SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,  
SEPTEMBER, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1892.**



The several churches composing the Union Association of Baptists, met with Walnut Grove Church, Searcy county Arkansas, on the ninth day of September, 1892.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Jacob King, followed by Eld. S. T. Cypert; text, Jude—1:3. Prayer by W. O. Kendrick. Adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

## **EVENING SESSION.**

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. T. G. Delk.

The Moderator called for letters from churches. Thirteen presented their letters, and messengers names enrolled. See table,

Brethren N. N. Sutterfield and Eld. F. M. Harden, were appointed reading clerks.

The body then went into permanent organization by electing Elder E. Keeling, Moderator, and N. N. Sutterfield, clerk.

The Moderator then called for correspondence, which was accepted by Blue Mountain Association, through her messengers, S. T. Cypert and J. D. Taylor, who were welcomed and received the hand of fellowship.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the various committees to wit:

On Devotional exercise: Brethren A. Payne, I. E. Jones, J. E. Branscum and the delegates of Walnut Grove Church.

On arrangements: Elds. T. G. Delk, Jacob King, O. A. Copeland and the Moderator and clerk of the association,

On finance: Brethren E. E. Branscum, Robt. Miller and V. Hen-  
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On Destitution: Eld. J. J. Goodman, W. Kendric and Wesley Copeland.

On Sabbath Schools: Elds. Jacob Kling, O. A. Copeland and F. M. Harden.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by E. E. Branscum.

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SATURDAY MORNING, SEP., 10, 1902.

The body met on time. Prayer by I. E. Jones. Called the roll and marked absentees. Read and approved minutes of Friday's proceedings.

On motion and second, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of electing a Treasurer; which resulted in the election of Bro. J. L. Moore.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters; also for correspondence, and invited visiting ministers, of our faith and order, to seats with us. This invitation was accepted by Eld. S. T. Cypert, who came forward and received the hand of fellowship.

Renewed call for petitionary letters, which was accepted by Pleasant Ridge Church, through her messengers, who came forward and presented a letter asking admission which was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers.

Evening Shade Church, through her messenger, called for a letter of dismission, which was granted.

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

Called for the report of corresponding messengers to sister associations. The brethren rendered a legal excuse and their report was received.

Called for the report of the various committees.

Committee on arrangements reported as follows:

We, your committee on arrangements, submit the following:

1. Call the roll and mark absentees.
2. call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondence.

4. Invite visiting ministers, of our faith and order, to seats with us.
5. Call for report of committees.
6. Select a time and place for the next meeting.
7. Select some one, also alternate, to preach the Introductory sermon.
8. Arrange correspondence.

Jacob King, chairman.

Elder J. J. Goodman was called upon to make a statement in regard to the organization of the church that he organized on the mountain. The report was received and the association sustained the church on the evidence brought forth.

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

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

We find that Big Flat, Turkey-creek Mountain, Owl's Cove and many other places in the bounds of this Association, are destitute of Baptist preaching.

J. J. Goodman, chairman.

The committee on finance was given time, until evening, to make their report.

On motion, the clerk of the last meeting was called upon to make a statement in regard to having failed to get the minutes printed for the year 1891. Said statement was made and received.

The clerk turned over to the Treasurer the sum of \$10.95, and took his receipt for the same; he also turned over, to the present clerk, the manuscript of the proceedings of the last meeting of this body, and the clerk was ordered to have it printed with the minutes of the present meeting.

Eld. A. R. Stephenson was received and welcomed as corresponding messenger from Blue Mountain Association.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock. Prayer by A. R. Stephenson.



#### EVENING SESSION

The Association met on time. Prayer by Bro. T. B. Nowlen.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools and received the following:

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

Brethren, as we find that in the bounds of this Association, there are churches that have no Sabbath Schools; we therefore advise, that this body recommend Sabbath School in every church in her bounds.

We further advise, the churches to organize themselves into sabbath schools, use Baptist literature, invite all to attend and report their success, at the next meeting of this body.

F. M. Harden, chairman.

Called for the report of the Missionaries, and received the following:

*Report, No. 1.*—Brethren, I have preached 23 discourses, traveled 208 miles, restored one church, ordained one deacon, baptized two, labored 32 days and received \$1. 19, while on the mission.

Respectfully submitted,

E. KEELING

*Report, No. 2.*—Dear Brethren, I entered upon the work of Home Mission on the 26 day of July, 1892. I have traveled about 240 miles, held four protracted meetings, witnessed a number of conversions, set in order, as best I could, the business of two churches, preached 31 sermons, baptized five and received \$1. 25, of the people on Paten creek, Vanburen county, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB KING.

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

Your committee on finance wishes to report as follows:

Blanco church,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ .50.
Walnut Grove church,	-	-	-	-	-	1. 00.
Pleasant View	"	-	-	-	-	.50.
Bethlehem	"	-	-	-	-	.85.
Bethany	"	-	-	-	-	.85.
Big Spring	"	-	-	-	-	.90.
Mountain Star	"	-	-	-	-	.50.
Steady Grove	"	-	-	-	-	1. 00.

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Richland	"	.	1. 00.
Corrinth	"	.	1. 00.
Pleasant Ridge	"	.	.50.
Total,			<u>\$8. 10.</u>

E. E. Branscum, chairman.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.



Crooked creek Association—Brethren, Robert Miller and Louis Long.  
 White River—Brethren, E. Keeling and T. B. Nowlen.  
 Pee Dee—Brethren, N. N. Sutterfield and J. J. Goodman.  
 Blue Mountain—Brethren, A. R. Stephenson Jr., E. Keeling, N. N. Sutterfield and O. A. Copeland.  
 Trice Ridge—I. E. Jones, T. B. Nowlen and Eld. E. Keeling.

Burr Oak and Blanco churches was granted letters of dismission, by their own request.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, a. m. Monday.

Prayer by F. M. Harden.

MONDAY MORNING, SEP., 12, 1892.

The body met on time. Prayer by Bro. Miller. Roll called. Minutes of Saturday's proceedings, read and adopted. On motion and second, the Association rescinded the act of four years ago, in regard to giving churches authority to join the Pee Dee Association.

Called for Resolutions.

Resolution No. 1, was discussed and lost.

Resolution No. 2.—Be it *Resolved*, That we dispose of the Home Mission, for the ensuing year, and ask that the ministers of this Association, look after the destitute points within their bounds, and do all they can for the advancement and spread of the Gospel, and the upbuilding of our Lord's kingdom.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION

The body met on time. Took up a collection for the missionary, and received \$8. 65.

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Following is a list of pledges made for the payment of the balance due on mission work:

Alfred Payne,	\$3. 00
W. O. Kendric,	2. 50
W. E. Phillips,	2. 50
C. Wadkins,	5. 00
J. E. Lake,	1. 25
J. J. Goodman,	5. 00
W. J. Branscum,	5. 00

Resolution No. 3, was read and received as follows:

Be it *Resolved*, That the Union Association of Baptists, do not invite any strange ministers, who may come into our midst, to work, until they have shown their right to the ministry, from their church and also from some association of our faith and order.

On motion and second, the next session of this association will be held with Shady Grove Church, No. 2, Searcy county, Arkansas, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1893.

Elder Louis Long was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld J. J. Goodman, alternate.

Eld. Jacob King was chosen to preach a missionary sermon, on Sunday of our next meeting, at 11 o'clock a. m., Eld. T. G. Delk, alternate.

Resolution No. 4, was received and adopted.

By motion and second the vote, by which the 18th clause of our minutes was stricken out, was reconsidered.

On motion and second, the Treasurer turned over the minute fund, \$19.30, to the clerk, and was receipted for the same.

The clerk was ordered to have 200 copies of the minutes, of the proceedings of this body, printed, and distribute the same to the several churches, in proportion to their contributions.



#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE.

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We, your committee on Devotional exercise, wish to submit the following report:

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Friday at 11 o'clock, preaching by Eld. Jacob King from Jude I : 3 followed by Eld. S. T. Cypert. Friday night, by Eld. Louis Long, followed by Eld. R. Miller. Saturday at 11 o'clock, by Eld. T. G. Delk, from St. John, X : 9, followed by Eld. J. J. Goodman. Saturday night, by Eld. A. R. Stephenson, from Acts, III : 19, followed by Eld. S. T. Cypert. Sunday at 11 o'clock, by Eld. E. Keeling, from Hebrews, II : 23, followed by Eld. Jacob King. Sunday at 4 p. m. by Rev. F. M. Hardén, followed by Eld. O. A. Copeland. Monday at 11, a. m. by Rev. E. E. Branscum, from, Acts, II : 17, followed by Eld. W. O. Kendric.

I. E. Jones, chairman.

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The clerk was authorized to make all necessary corrections in the manuscript.

On motion and second, the body adjourned to time and place herein mentioned.

ELD. E. KEELING, Moderator,

N. N. SUTTERFIELD, Clerk.

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