

Minutes
OF THE
FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE
Pine Bluff Missionary
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
HARMONY CHURCH
AT PRATTSVILLE, ARK.

October 15, 16 and 17, 1920

OFFICERS:

W. E. SHERRILL, Moderator, Sheridan, Ark.

V. A. ASHCRAFT, Clerk & Treas., Sheridan, Ark.

Next Session will be held with New Friendship Church, 1 1/4 miles west of Detonti, Ark., Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1921, at 10 a. m.

Proceedings.

The Pine Bluff Missionary Baptist Association met in regular session with Harmony Baptist church, at Prattsville, Ark., on Friday, Oct. 15th, 1920, at 10 a. m.

Called to order by V. A. Ashcraft, Clerk of the Association. Prayer by Elder Ben M. Bogard. Elder E. L. Page, Moderator, not being present, V. A. Ashcraft, Clerk, acted until one was elected. The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Gean, Text, Cor. 10:3. Elders R. W. Glover and G. L. Richardson were appointed to read the letters from the various churches. Representatives were present from the following churches:

Jefferson—Mrs. E. K. Heird, Mrs. Maid Walters and Miss May Veasy.

New Hope—Edward Walker, M. M. Burrow and E. A. Phillips.

Sweet Home—Monroe Reynolds, Ed Ashcraft and J. L. Stuckey.

New Friendship—W. B. Gillen, J. D. Glover and J. M. Sutton.

Lost Creek—D. P. Mayfield, C. M. Taylor and Oliver Newell.

Philadelphia—J. T. Ashcraft, J. J. Ray and G. F. Pumphrey.

Shiloh—W. J. Hensley, Mack Barnes and Lonnie Gortman.

Big Creek—R. W. Glover, W. E. Sherrill and J. E. Ratliff.

Bethel No. 1—R. E. Harrison, N. B. Moody and Horace Jaggers.

Antioch—J. A. Smith, Sisler Walker and E. F. Collon.

Haskell—J. M. Gibson, Mrs. Nora Gibson and Mrs. Mary Collatt.

Providence—D. A. Morris. E. Talbott and Dane Talbott.

Marlow—M. F. Mote, W. C. Nelson, D. H. Murry.

Orion—S. P. Gammel, T. Murdock, H. F. Clark.

Corinth—E. L. Page, Mrs. E. L. Page, Jno. Wells.

Liberty—Wm. Sheppard, W. A. Davenport and Jno. Holiman.

Redfield—Wm. Bardwell, Mrs. Nancy Wolf and Mrs. Vickey Campbell.

Harmony—J. W. Kelley, D. H. Sanford, B.E.Hope.

Belfast—R. L. Hicks, G.C.Lovel, Mrs.MyrtleHicks.

Sardis—Felix Ramick, B. L. Wiggins, C. T. Taylor.

Ain—J. P. Plunkett, W. E. Johnson, J. H. Johnson.

Spring Creek—J. C. Davis, W. A. Miller and N. H. Elrod.

Bryant—W. M. Carter, L. T. Couch and Mrs. Annie Carter.

Zion Hill—Frank Skeen, J. M. Turner, Orley Fultz.

Fairview—H. A. Kelley, C. S. Spann and Mrs. C. S. Spann.

Damascus—Delbert Kelley, Mrs. Evalyn Kelley and Everet Park.

Cedar Branch—James Heird, Frank Crossett and Henry Crossett.

Pleasant Home—Gordon Gray, Joe Dison and G. H. Ragsdale.

Palestine—Jno. Harris, Robt. Bearden and Corar Laster.

Little Creek—W. E. Goolsby, R. C. Graves and D. A. Kimmer.

Mount Olive—Ed F. McDonald, C. W. McDonald and J. H. Wise.

Walnut Ridge—Lewis Butler, Jno. Walker and Henry Moring.

Ephesus—Frank Drake, Harrison Puckett and Miss Eunice Haley.

Viney Ridge—J. L. Adams, Minnie Waldrige and R. E. Park.

Landmark—W. H. Comstock, O. P. Bennett and Mrs. Emma Dreher.

Reedsville—H. L. Phillips, J. E. Moore and Mrs. Williams.

Mt. Harmony—B. F. Allen, J. P. Cates and R. S. Westbrook.

Providence--W. W. Sheppard, J. D. Crossett and Chas. Branch.

Leola—W. F. Davis, A. F. Lamb, Jno. Varnell.

Ruth—J. Bain, Daniel Taylor, Joe Shepherd.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. W. Simms. Election of officers being next in order, resulted as follows: W. E. Sherrill, Sheridan, Ark., Moderator, and V. A. Ashcraft, Sheridan, Ark., Clerk and Treasurer, and T. E. Toler, Sheridan, Ark., Assistant Clerk.

Elders J. A. Gean, P. Sheppard, Geo. F. Moody, G. L. Richardson, O. E. Sharp, J. W. Sims and R. D. Kerr were seated as visiting ministers. Mrs. Geo. F. Moody was seated as a visitor. Ruth church was admitted into the Pine Bluff Association; also Zion Hill church, at one time a member of this Association, but after going off with the Conventionites, asked to be admitted back, which was done.

The Clerk was instructed to have form of Association letter printed in the Minutes. The Clerk was instructed to change the words, "Landmark Literature," and have it read "General Association Series," as we have no such literature as Landmark.

The Moderator asked Elder Ben M. Bogard to act as Moderator, while he, with several of the brethren, was selecting the various Committees. Elder R. W. Glover preached while the Moderator was selecting the following Committees:

State Missions—Ben M. Bogard and H. F. Clark.
Temperance—W. D. Dougan and P. Sheppard.
Orphans' Home—J. W. Sims and D. F. Sanford.
Sunday School—J. A. Gean and J. A. Shepherd.
Ministerial Education—J. W. Kelley, W. H. Hodges and A. Vanderhorst.

Foreign Missions—G. L. Richardson, R. L. Kerr.
Home Missions—W. E. Sherrill, J. T. Ashcraft and G. F. Moody.

Documents—L. L. Shoptaw, J. M. Gibson and O. E. Sharp.

Publication—R. W. Glover and W. W. Chambers.
Finance—W. D. Dougan, T. E. Toler, J. L. Stuckey and Matt Taylor.

Romanism—V. A. Ashcraft and J. E. Ratliff.
Memorials—J. J. Ray, H. F. Clark, Wm. Hensley.
Devine Worship—Pastor and Deacons of Harmony church.

Nominations—Ben M. Bogard, Fuller Wiggins and Lee Glover.

The Committee on Devine Worship reported that

Ben M. Bogard would preach at 7:15 p. m., and J. W. Sims would preach at 11 a. m., Saturday.

Adjourned until 7 p. m.

Met at 7 p. m. Prayer by Elder W. D. Dougan. Preaching by Ben M. Bogard. Text Luke 11:1. After preaching, the Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, and, after being discussed by Elder J. W. Sims, a collection was taken, which amounted to \$56.32. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m., Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder E. L. Page. Owing to the fact that W. E. Sherrill, Moderator, was sick and could not attend, a special prayer was offered by the Association, led by Elder J. W. Sims. Elder E. L. Page conducted the devotional exercises for 15 minutes. Reading of the letters was finished. Elder W. H. Hodges was seated as a visiting minister. The Committee on Publication made their report and after being discussed by Ben M. Bogard, was adopted. The Clerk and Treasurer's report was read and adopted. The Committee on Education made their report, and after being discussed by Elders J. W. Kelley, W. D. Dougan, G. F. Moody and Ben M. Bogard, was adopted. Elder J. W. Sims preached at 11:30 a. m., Text, 1st John 3:1-2-3.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. C. S. Bruding. A collection was taken for Bro. Cobb, who is attending the Baptist College at Sheridan, and who has been down with fever for more than a month, which amounted to \$24.22. Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Elders J. E. Ratliff and R. W. Glover, was adopted. Committee on Home Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Elders G. F. Moody and J. W. Kelley, was adopted. The Committee on Nominations made their report, and recommended that Eld. W. D. Dougan be elected to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. R. W. Glover as alternate, and Eld. J. W. Kelley was recommended to preach the next Missionary Sermon. The report was adopted. New Friendship church was selected as the place to hold the next session of the

Association. The Committee on State Missions made their report, and after being discussed by C. S. Bruding and H. L. Phillips, was adopted. The Committee on Romanism made their report, and after being discussed by Eld. W. D. Dougan, was adopted. As Bro. Ben M. Bogard, Assistant Moderator, had to leave, Eld. Geo. F. Moody was elected Assistant Moderator. Adjourned, to meet back at 7 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7 p. m. After some time being spent in devotional exercises, Eld. A. Vanderhorst preached, Text, Jeremiah 12:51. A motion was carried to take a collection for Home and Foreign Missions at the close of the sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday. A collection was taken by Eld. J. W. Kelley for the Baptist College at Sheridan, Ark., which amounted to \$212.60.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. S. R. Cobb. The Committee on Documents made their report, which was adopted. The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and after being discussed by Bros. J. A. Gean, Dock Sanford, W. W. Chambers, W. H. Hodges and Jno. Davis, was adopted. The Committee on Membrials Made their report, which was adopted. At 11 a. m., Eld. W. E. Sherrill preached the Missionary Sermon, Text, Dan. 2:4. There being more people than could get into the house, Eld. A. Vanderhorst preached in the grove to a large crowd, Text, Matt. 7:26-27-28-29. After each sermon a collection was taken for Home and foreign Missions, which amounted to \$76.93. Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder R. W. Glover. The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. A resolution of thanks to the members of Harmony church and the good people of Prattsville for the way they took care of the Messengers to the Association, was offered by V. A. Ashcraft, which was adopted. Adjourned to meet with New Friendship

Baptist church, near Detonti, on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.

V. A. ASHCRAFT, Clerk & Treas.
W. E. SHERRILL, Moderator.

REPORTS READ AND ADOPTED.

State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions reports as follows: By State Missions we mean missionary work in Arkansas by the churches of the Baptist State Assn. There are nine Missionaries who have been putting in either part or full time this year and their labors have been blessed by the Lord. Elder J. A. Smith is the Missionary Treasurer, and his postoffice address is 906 Main St., Little Rock, Ark. Bro. Smith makes no charge for his work as Treasurer, and only receives pay for the time he actually puts in on the field. We do not regard it as being wrong to pay for the work done as Treasurer, but we report the fact for the information of the churches. We recommend that a cash collection be taken for State Missions at this hour and that we engage in prayer that the Lord may send forth more laborers into the harvest. That interest may be increased in State Missions, we recommend that the churches elect Messengers to the State Association, and that all of our people be urged to read The Baptist & Commoner so that they may keep informed concerning the work.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN M. BOGARD,
H. F. CLARK, Committee.

Temperance.

Inasmuch as intoxicating liquors have been driven from our midst by good and adequate laws; and since we are no longer so much concerned with its use as a beverage as with the enforcement of the law to prevent its secret encroachments and return. Therefore, we recommend that our people do their best to help the officers in locating its hiding places and in stopping its secret manufacture and sale.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DOUGAN, Committee.

Documents.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

Number of churches represented	38
Number received by baptism	155
Number received by letter	145
Number received by registration.....	7

Total increase this year	307
Number dismissed by letter	117
Number excluded	37
Number that died	51

Total decrease this year	204
Total membership last report	3,984
Total membership at present	4,087

These figures were taken from last report and the figures sent up by the churches this year.

We earnestly ask that the Clerks of the churches be very careful in filling out the letters to the Association. If you had to go over all the letters, you would be more careful.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. SHOPTAW,

J. M. GIBSON, Committee.

Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report: Believing, as we do, that our Heavenly Father set apart one day out of every seven to be used exclusively for His services, we recommend that every church organize and maintain a Sunday School, and thereby help your pastors in their efforts to stamp out vice and immorality, and in course of time, lead your sons and daughters to Christ, for we are commanded to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Eph. 6:4; and we know of no better place to do this than in the home and Sunday School. And again train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6. A true proverb. Do you believe it? If so, get busy and do it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. GEAN,

J. A. SHEPHERD, Committee.

Amended by recommending the use of the General Association series.

MEMORIALS

OUR DEAD.

Bro. Jim Bratton	Sister Barnes
Bro. Jim Lockhart	Sister Jane Lockhart
Bro. John Kerr	Sister Bertheny Keesee
Bro. Jacob Lavillain	Sister Victoria Adams
Bro. W. A. Westmoreland	Sister L. E. Stuckey
Bro. W. M. Morrison	Sister Smith
Bro. Henry Mayhugh	Sister Paralee Carter
Bro. James Indman	Sister Lucinda Germany
Bro. L. L. Musgraves	Sister Zular Moring
Bro. W. A. Webb	Sister Felsilla Worthen
Bro. James Webb	Sister Esther Barth
Eld. J. M. Bowen	Sister Norah Crook
Bro. W. H. Marshall	Sister Lov Spray
Bro. Alfred Crowder	Sister Etta Hall
Eld. R. E. Shipp	Sister Mattie Gober
Bro. King Waters	Sister Edna Webb
Bro. John Jagers	Sister Sibbie Edmonson
Bro. Humphrey Croxton	Sister Etta Wrather
Bro. Enoch Rucker	Sister Jane Spann
Bro. Will Morrison	Sister Nora Gathright
Sister Lizzie Taylor	Sister Flora Mitchell
Sister Sarah Appling	Sister Chloe McNeil
Sister Edna Varnell	

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with them. John 14:1; 1 Thes. 4:14.

J. J. RAY,
H. F. CLARK,
WILL HENSLEY,
L. L. SHOPTAW, Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

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None

None

None

None

CHURCHES	Incr.			Members Last Year	Decr.			Present Membership	Minutes and Clerk Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	The Poor	Sunday School Expenses	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church Property
	Baptisms	Let of Stat.	Restoration		Total Incr.	Letter	Excluded															
Bethel No. 1				83			3	3	80		\$21 06			\$24 85		\$8 87						
Big Creek	20 19		39	309	2	2	2	6	342	16 00	47 10	\$42 66	\$27 63	100 00		52 00		\$50 00	\$194 00		100 00	\$2000
Viney Ridge	1 4		5	39	1		1	2	44	2 90	7 05			24 41		11 52		8 15	43 06		100 00	
Landmark	27 2		29	156	3		1	4	185	2 50						14 00			82 40		175 00	
Haskell		1	1	23	1			1	23		4 00	7 36		5 00				5 00	25 00		56 25	
Redfield	4 3		7	23	3		1	4	26	1 00	2 00	2 00		5 66		15 00			29 25		60 00	
Zion Hill		1	1	87	22	1		23	64	3 25	168 00			9 60		34 68	300 00	44 00			298 10	
Sweet Home	9 1	1	11	105			1	1	115	1 00	2 50	1 50		3 00				7 22	40 00		71 85	
Shiloh	1 2		3	102		4	1	5	100	3 00				13 65							133 30	
Harmony	2 1		3	279	4	3		7	275	8 40	31 33	25 83	25 83	60 00	29 25	35 24	11 80	28 03	102 70		300 00	
Spring Creek	4 6		10	142	8	1		9	143	3 50		13 91		48 59	8 25	18 91			178 75		370 00	
Belfast	11 4		15	36	2		2	4	47	1 00	5 00			8 10		2 10			55 00		80 00	
New Hope	15 2		17	108	3		1	4	121	2 60	3 90			4 00					26 75		69 00	
Walnut Ridge	16 4		20	108			1	1	127	50		2 50		2 50		8 00				\$28 32	225 00	
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Providence (Grant Co.)	1		1	28					29	1 50	5 06								16 30		40 00	400
Mt. Olive	8 3		11	144	3		5	8	147	2 05	5 66	4 10	17 40	5 10		18 55	7 70	13 50	82 00		125 00	
Leola		1	1	96	3		2	5	92	1 50				21 00					65 00		200 00	
Little Creek	4		4	47	6	2	1	9	63	2 02	10 50			8 15		10 34		66 50			70 95	
Fairview	2 4		6	114	4	1	3	8	112		3 57			2 50		12 00			50 00		140 00	
Liberty				62					62	3 15								40 00	34 25		100 00	
Philadelphia	4 4		8	165	8	3		11	162	2 95	8 95			22 35			188 50		42 00		150 00	
Jefferson				20	3	1		4	16	1 00						4 00					65 00	
Ephesus	7		7	188	1		3	4	191	3 90	4 00	4 00	4 00	19 92					71 15		150 00	
Lost Creek				100			2	2	98	4 00	13 10			10 72			3 00				50 00	
Cedar Branch	5		5	52		1	1	2	55	1 50	1 75			7 75					45 00		50 00	
New Friendship		6	3	9		3	1	3	7	160	5 70			15 46	32 75	16 25		25 00	115 00		200 00	1000
Mt. Harmony	2		2	92			2	2	92	1 50	4 06			3 24		4 43	149 00				157 50	1500
Sardis	5		1	6	279	4	1	2	7		27 30		7 50		53 00	9 45	90 40		30 00		104 28	
Palestine	2		2		5	2		7	70	1 90						5 50		16 80			150 00	500
Antioch	2 60		62	100	13	2	1	16	146	2 50	73 50		10 50	121 00	75 00	35 13	50 00	33 20	171 20		\$1014	3500
Bryant	8 7		15	43	1		1	2	56	1 50	2 50	10 00	8 00	5 00	25 75	11 00	275 00	18 00	60 00		245 00	
Marlow				48		1		1	47	1 10				6 00	35 00	6 00		6 75	26 45		103 00	600
Damascus	4		4	23	4	1		5	22					1 00								
Pleasant Home				109	5	10	1	16	96	2 00		7 75		5 25					18 00		120 00	
Ruth	4 4		8	7					15	1 15	1 15			2 40								
Corinth	1		1	70			3		68	1 00		1 00		25 00		6 68	50 00	53 17	38 00		122 25	
Reedsville		1	1	58			1	1	59	48	1 50	1 75	1 00	2 00			30 76		50 25		200 00	
Orion	2		2		7		4	11	179	1 14	2 95	2 65	2 95	2 95		6 06		1 00	53 37		89 15	
Providence		4	4		1	2	2	5	80	2 75	3 95			3 90		9 00			30 00		112 70	

Education.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows: Inasmuch as ignorance is condemned and wise study commended by the Bible, we feel that suitable institutions to this end are necessary. Hence the Missionary Baptists of Arkansas have located and established a Missionary Baptist College at Sheridan, Ark., for the above named purposes, which is now in the midst of its second year's work, with most encouraging prospects. While this is true, there is yet a task ahead which takes faith and courage and sacrifice to perform: that is the building, equipping and maintaining said College. We furthermore feel that inasmuch as this important institution to our cause and people has been located within the bounds of the Pine Bluff Association, that every church and pastor within the limits of this Association should not be satisfied until they have put forth an honest, earnest effort to help in this great enterprise. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KELLEY,

W. H. HODGES, Committee.

Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following report: A reading people is a thinking people, and a thinking people will seek after the truth. Therefore, we recommend the Bible as the Book of books, and believe it an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and urge our people to read and study it more, that we may be enabled to withstand the heresies and follies of modern times. We recommend the Baptist & Commoner as a sound Baptist paper, one that stands for the plain unvarnished Gospel Truth, and one that is fearless in denouncing error. We further recommend and urge our churches to use our General Association Series of Sunday School literature, published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee at Texarkana, and that we stamp our disapproval on the use of Convention literature by our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. GLOVER,

W. W. CHAMBERS, Committee.

Home Missions.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: By Home Missions we mean mission-

any work done anywhere in the United States. There is great destitution in many places in the United States. We need more men in the field. They should be men that are able to meet all opposition. If we have them, we must support them. So we recommend that our pastors and churches take collections for Home Missions, and send to C. C. Winters, the Treasurer, so that they may be paid.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. SHERRILL,
J. T. ASHCRAFT,
GEO. F. MOODY, Committee.

Foreign Missions.

Believing that the Missionary Baptist churches alone have a divine commission to preach the Gospel, and that Missionary Baptists, known as State and General Association Baptists, are the only people who preach a full Gospel, and that the commission given to the churches to preach the Gospel was and is worldwide. Jesus said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Again Jesus said, "The field is the world." We recommend and urge our churches to co-operate with the General Assn. of Baptist Churches, and take regular collections for our Foreign Mission work, and send the cash to Eld. C. C. Winters, Treas. We pray that God will speed the day when our Baptist people will open their eyes to the great opportunities that lie out before us and rally to the support of our Foreign Mission work, thus helping to carry out the commission of Jesus Christ by carrying the Gospel to all nations.

Respectfully submitted,
G. L. RICHARDSON,
R. D. KERR, Committee.

Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: We recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held at New Friendship. We recommend that Eld. W. D. Dougan preach the Introductory Sermon, with Eld. R. W. Glover as alternate, and recommend Eld. J. W. Kelley to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
BEN M. BOGARD,
J. L. GLOVER, Committee.

Orphans' Home.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, make the following report: We have, in Texarkana, Ark., a good substantial brick Orphans' Home, with 32 rooms, mostly all finished, located in a good part of the town, on a ten-acre plat of land, surrounded on every side by nice homes, many of them newly built, and occupied by good citizens, making the property now worth almost, if not quite, twice what it cost us; and, to the joy of all of us, this part of our home is all paid for. We have in this home two good mules and a wagon, several head of cattle and several nice hogs, and all this is paid for. We also have quite a lot of nice chickens, and they, too, are ours. We have in this home, together with several applications already approved, about forty children, counting Bro. Carter and his wife; all that God in His mercy and love to us, and in His confidence in us, has entrusted to us to feed and clothe; and greatest of all, to not only care for their bodies, but also to care for the welfare of their souls; and this we are doing, evidenced by the fact that all of them who are old enough are now Christians, and members of the Baptist church. For this our hearts and lives should be filled with gratitude. But now comes the other side: We have run behind during this Summer, and up to now, during this period of high cost of living, about \$1,500.00 running expenses. This we owe to the good merchants of Texarkana who have been more than kind to us. We also have a farm of 140 acres of good land, which has cost us, in principal and interest, ten thousand dollars, on which we now owe a little over \$5,000. I have paid the interest up to August 25. We recommend that a collection be taken here tonight, first in cash to be paid tonight, then in pledges to be paid by January 1st, and that God being our helper, all of us give until we feel it away down in our souls. We have on this farm about 30 acres in good average cotton, from which we already have gathered five bales of cotton, and have sold only one of them. So we have four bales of cotton, together with some more that is not picked, to help us on these debts. We have several acres of just fairly good corn, and a good crop of potatoes, peas etc., to help us in feeding the children. Of course we have to pay the man on the farm that goes with the children and shows them how to work—one-fourth of what is made on the farm. We do this to

keep from paying him a salary. May God help that we do our full duty.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SIMS,
DOCK SANFORD, Committee.

Romanism.

Roman Catholicism is the greatest enemy to our "American Liberty" and Christianity. They are continually endeavoring to gain the balance of power through official positions and by using their influence in our legislative bodies. We believe they are making inroads into our government through our common schools by injecting their ideas and sentiments into our text books. Therefore, we recommend that our preachers warn the people against their encroachments and that all who love God and our American liberty use their utmost care when casting their votes for men in office.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. DOUGAN,
J. E. RATLIFF, Committee.

Clerk and Treasurer.

To the Pine Bluff Missionary Baptist Association, assembled with Harmony church of Prattsville, I beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit:

To amount of money collected from all sources during the sitting of the Association at Sheridan, Oct. 17, 18 and 19, 1919-----\$712.07

By amounts paid out as follows:

Printing of Minutes -----	\$ 57.50
Postage in sending out Minutes-----	4.20
Clerk hire -----	25.00
State Missions -----	160.52
Foreign Missions -----	189.18
Home Missions -----	65.18
Orphans' Home -----	141.90
Baptist College -----	68.59
Association Letters -----	1.00
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	\$713.07
To balance due Clerk -----	1.00
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	\$712.07

V. A. ASHCRAFT, Clerk & Treas.

Resolutions of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That we, the Messengers of the Pine Bluff Missionary Baptist Association, in regular session, extend our most sincere thanks to the members of Harmony church, and the good people of Prattsville and the adjoining communities, for the hospitality extended while in their midst, and especially to the good women who have furnished the fine eats while here, for we feel that it could not be beaten. May He who doeth all things well guide this noble church under the leadership of their noble pastor, Eld. J. W. Kelley, until life's day is done. V. A. ASHCRAFT, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. L. Page	Sheridan	J. E. Ratliff	Sheridan
H. L. Phillips	Double Wells	F. E. Winston	Sheridan
R. D. Keer	Redfield	G. F. Moody	Rison
R. W. Glover	Sheridan	S. J. Morris	Lamont
W. B. McCool	Prattsville, R. 1	J. H. Shoptaw	Sheridan
J. J. Ray	Prattsville, R. 1	J. A. Shepherd	Double Wells
J. T. Ashcraft	Sheridan	Walter Griffin	Sheridan
W. D. Dougan	Prattsville	J. A. Williams	Sheridan
J. W. Kelley	Prattsville	G. L. Richardson	Sheridan
P. Sheppard	Belfast	A. Van der Horst	Sheridan
A. F. Lamb	Leola	W. E. Sherrill	Sheridan
J. M. Gibson	Sheridan	J. E. Cobb	Sheridan
E. B. Jones	Sheridan	W. E. Davis	Sheridan
O. E. Sharp	Grapevine	Miles Kelley	Prattsville
J. A. Gean	Sheridan	C. W. McDonald	Pine Bluff
W. H. Hodges	Sheridan	G. F. Wilkinson	Viney Ridge
L. L. Shoptaw	Sheridan	C. B. Barnett	Prattsville
J. W. Avery	Little Rock, R. 3	E. F. Appling	Grapevine
J. A. Smith	Little Rock	J. A. Lawhon	Little Rock, R. 4
B. M. Bogard	Little Rock		

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of three Messengers chosen from each church in our union, provided that nothing in this Article shall be construed to bar any minister in good standing from serving as Moderator or Clerk, and from serving on committees.

Article 2. This Association shall be known as The Pine Bluff Baptist Association.

Article 3. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three Messengers.

Article 4. The object of this Association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

Article 5. This Association shall be considered an

advisory concil and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

Article 6. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and Messengers; provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their Abstract of Faith and Church Government.

Article 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified.

Article 8. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of the Minutes of the Association and turn same over to his successor in office.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money, to each annual meeting, as shall be necessary to defray the incidental expenses of the Association; and each church shall be furnished with Minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity, the names of her Messengers, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers, the number baptised, received by letter, by voucher, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, dead, total in membership, time of regular meetings, postoffices, etc.

Article 11. Any church may send up any query asking advice of the Association.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of the Association and to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association from time to time may think proper.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid him for the use of this Association according to order.

Article 14. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association when two-thirds of the members present may deem it necessary.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God through the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and belief of the truth.

Article 4. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary transgression fell from the holy state, consequently he and all his posterity became dead in trespass and sin.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ through faith in His name.

Article 6. We believe in the preservation of the saints in grace.

Article 7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteousness and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 8. We believe that the Christian church is a congregation of baptised believers who meet statedly and have connection together to maintain the ordinances and discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the church of God.

Article 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

Article 10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institutions, and the only ordinances of the church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion alone is baptism.

Article 11. We believe that regularly baptised believers only have the right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

Article 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

2. The officers of this Association shall be elected by a majority of the members present by ballot.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.

4. Any member dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.

5. One member shall speak at a time. He shall proceed without interruption unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.

6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without obtaining leave of the Association.

7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.

8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association, unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the number present.

10. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other during the session of the Association.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and also in case of a tie to give the deciding vote.

12. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary.

14. All questions shall be decided by "aye" and "no", unless the "ayes" and "noes" are called for by motion and seconded, in which case the decision shall thus be taken.

15. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.