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OF THE

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

RUDY BAPTIST CHURCH

October 6, 7 and 8, 1910

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MINUTES

The Clear Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened in its thirty-eighth annual session, with the Rudy Baptist Church, Crawford County, at 10:00 a. m., on Thursday, October 6, 1910.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder S. A. Renfrow called the Association to order, and Elder C. M. Partin conducted the devotional services.

At 11:00 a. m. Elder J. E. Cox, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon. Text, II Tim. 3:16, 17.

After the sermon announcements were made, and the Association adjourned to meet again at 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder T. R. Early, Elder J. E. Cox was selected as temporary Moderator, and W. F. Blevins as temporary Clerk.

Prayer was then offered by Elder W. E. Kimbrough.

The Moderator then appointed W. E. Kimbrough and W. A. Dodd as Reading Clerks.

Letters from churches were called for and the messengers enrolled.

On motion the roll was called and corrected.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters were called for.

Letters were received from the First Baptist Church of Van Buren, Damascus Baptist Church, and Alix Baptist Church. These letters were read and the churches unanimously received into the fellowship of the Association.

The temporary Moderator then announced the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder C. M. Partin, Moderator; Elder Joseph Connell, Clerk, and Dr. J. P. Blakely, Treasurer.

The Moderator and Clerk elect then took their seats and the Association was declared duly organized.

Corresponding messengers were then called for, and Elder F. F. Gibson, Elder V. C. Neal, Elder W. E. Kimbrough, and O. Echols were seated from Concord Association, and Elder W. A. Dodd, of Buckner Association.

Visitors: Elder G. M. Ford, Greenbrier Association; Elder N. Keller, Concord Association, and W. S. Crowley, Dardanelle Association; Elder M. F. Gathright, Clear Creek Association.

The Moderator then announced the Committee on Divine Services: Elder S. A. Renfro, the deacons of Rudy Church, W. M. Mason, and S. S. Vernon.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Elder F. F. Gibson would preach at 8:00 p. m.

The Association stood adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p. m.

Song and devotion conducted by Elder J. F. Crawford.

Preaching by Elder F. F. Gibson. Text John 3:3. A great sermon. Two professions of faith.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Foreign Missions—A Carlin, W. C. Gentry, W. K. Wofford.

Home Missions—Joseph Connell, B. T. Blevins, A. Jean.

State Missions—S. A. Renfro, J. S. Dodd, Mrs. J. A. Ogden.

Associational Missions—J. E. Cox, W. A. Gowin, J. A. Riddle.

Woman's Work—Mrs. J. T. Greer, Bessie Harris, Mrs. S. T. Westwood.

Orphans' Home—A. J. Norton, W. A. White, J. H. Manuel.

Ministerial Education—J. F. Crawford, W. W. Allen, J. P. Greenwood.

Old Ministers' Relief—R. W. Crowder, J. L. Cunningham, Lula Byron.

Finance Committee—W. A. Laster, W. F. Blevins, J. P. Blakely.

Ordained Ministers—A. R. Triplet, W. Norris, S. M. Hughes.

Sunday Schools—J. W. Fry, C. M. Wofford, Maude Jackman.

Temperance—Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Mrs. N. A. Laster, Mrs. Justus.

Nominations—J. M. Kinnick, J. A. Watkins, Joe Johnston.

Obituaries—J. S. Dodd, W. A. White, Walter Morris.

B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeam Band Work—Mrs. Joseph Connell, Mrs. George Ogden, Mrs. M. A. Okelley.

After the appointment of committees, announcements were made and the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 a. m.

Song and devotion conducted by Dr. J. P. Blakeley.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Elder V. C. Neal would preach at 11:00 a. m.

On motion any member of Clear Creek Association who is in good standing with his church may be seated as a corresponding messenger in sister Associations.

On motion the order of business as laid down in the minutes of the Association was changed so as to call for petitionary letters before the election of officers.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

The present year marks the greatest success for State Missions in Arkansas that we have ever known. During the first three quarters of the year there were more than 3,000 conversions and accessions to our churches, as a result of the labors of our State Missionaries. And the indications are that this number will be more than doubled by the end of the year. Surely God is good to us, and his word has run and been glorified. But still there are multiplied thousands of lost souls in our fair State, that stretch forth their hands to us, and cry for the gospel light. The command of the Lord is, "Preach the gospel to every creature." Shall we heed the call, and obey the command? Then let every loyal Baptist either go, let go, or help go.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that every Baptist inform himself as to the needs of the gospel in our State, and to the limit of his ability strive to supply this need by his prayers, labors, and gifts.

We further recommend that every pastor preach on State Missions and urge every church and each member of every church, to make a liberal offering to State Missions.

S. A. Renfrow,
J. S. Dodd,
G. R. Ogden,
Committee.

This report was discussed by F. F. Gibson, O. Echols, G. M. Ford, and adopted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

We, your Committee on Ordained Ministers, submit the following report:

M. Adams, Ozark, Ark.; W. A. Gowin, Figure Five, Ark.; A. J. Norton, Alex, Ark.; C. M. Parten, Altus, Ark.; W. C. Gentry, Rudy, Ark.; C. R. Johns, Lees Creek, Ark.; J. F. Crawford, Van Buren, Ark.; J. E. Cox, Ozark, Ark.; D. M. Chambles, Van Buren, Ark.; L. Dyer, Van Buren, Ark.; G. M. Hughs, Alma, Ark.; C. M. O'Kelley, Rudy, Ark.; F. Threadgill, Ozark, Ark.; T. M. Garner, Van Buren, Ark.; G. W. Carnes, Alma, Ark.; J. A. Riddle, Lees Creek, Ark.; T. R. Early, Van Buren, Ark.; A. R. Triplett, Van Buren, Ark.; James Isaacs, Hunt, Ark.; H. L. Snyder, Lees Creek, Ark.; S. A. Renfrow, Van Buren, Ark.; J. W. Stone, Van Buren, Ark.; M. F. Gathright, Mulberry, Ark.; A. M. Jean, Dyer, Ark.; S. T. Bright, Mulberry, Ark.; S. S. Vernon, Mulberry, Ark.; S. A. Haley, Van Buren, Ark.; A. Carlin, Ozark, Ark.; Joseph Connell, Van Buren, Ark.

Signed.

G. M. HUGHS,
A. R. TRIPLETT,
WALTER MORRIS,
Committee.

The report was adopted as read.

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

After examining the church letters we find that the following named brethren and sisters have been called to their final reward during the past year:

From Vine Prairie Church, Brother John Roland, Sister Ella Whitlock.

Denning Church, Elder R. M. Small.

Dyer Church, Sister Priscilla Mason, Mrs. Fannie Mason, Mrs. Weaver.

New Hope Church, John Vaughn, Amanda Peeters.

Hartman Church, Mrs. Mellie Cox, Mrs. Frank Nelson.

Center Grove Church, Mary Hall.

Macedonia Church, Nancy Duty, M. F. Wood, Betty Moore.

Rehobeth Church, B. Crawford.

Coal Hill Church, Sister Gussie Allen.

Union Chapel Church, W. H. Irvin, J. B. Riddle.

Fine Springs Church, W. N. Blalock, Brother Coffin.
Sweet Home Church, J. A. Brady, A. Roberson.
Pleasant Grove Church, Merty Rhodes.
Ozark Church, Vera Littleton.

While their going has left sad hearts and vacant homes, we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well.

(Signed) J. S. DODD,
WALTER MORRIS,
W. A. WHITE,
Committee.

The report was adopted as read.

Elder C. M. Parten made a talk on the life, work, and death of Elder R. M. Small, and a free-will offering of $113.03 was taken in cash and pledges to pay off a debt left by the deceased man of God. The cash and pledges were turned over to Elder C. M. Parten to be applied as above indicated.

The hour having come for preaching, the congregation stood and sang, after which Elder G. M. Ford led in prayer.

Elder V. C. Neal, the appointee, then preached a thrilling sermon. Text, I Cor. 3:21-23.

Announcements.

The Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Song and devotion conducted by Elder A. Carlin.

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Minutes and Clerk	$42.45
Associational Missions	16.41
Orphans' Home, Monticello	1.00
Orphans' Home, Texarkana	3.00
Foreign Missions, Convention	1.20
State Association	1.00
Total	$65.06

(Signed) N. A. LASTER,
B. F. BLEVINS,
J. P. BLAKELY,
Committee.

Report was adopted as read.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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

The command of our Lord given to his churches in mission work is, "Both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. This command evidently includes Foreign Missions, to every country and clime. And inasmuch as the entire world is dependent upon Baptists for a full gospel, we should never rest satisfied until a full gospel has been preached by us in every quarter of the earth. We have at present 289 churches with 539 out stations, and a membership of 19,239 under the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, besides the work being done by our "Gospel Mission" brethren, in China, Syria, Persia, and Mexico. We rejoice in what has already been accomplished and feel that under God we must maintain and push forward the work, till all have heard the gospel. We therefore recommend that our people inform themselves of the conditions, and needs, of the foreign fields. We further recommend that every pastor preach at least one sermon a year on Foreign Missions and urge every one in the church to make a liberal contribution to this great work. Let each individual and church contribute through such channels as they believe will best honor God in the salvation of a heathen world.

(Signed) A. CARLIN,
W. K. WOFFORD,
W. C. GENTRY,
Committee.

This report was discussed, amended to read as above, an' adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

We recommend that the next Association meet with Mulberry Baptist Church. We also recommend that Elder C. R. Johns preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, Elder W. A. Gowin.

(Signed) J. W. KINNICK,
J. A. WATKINS,
J. R. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Discussed, amended as above, and adopted.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief, submit the following report:

"They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel," is the words of the Book. Yet many of the preachers of our denomination find it impossible to live on the small and irregular salary that they receive while in active service. Then as old age comes on and they are laid aside, many of them are left without support. Surely no class of men deserve our consideration more than the men who have given their lives to the preaching of the gospel and who because of our lack have come to want. We therefore recommend, first of all, that our people and churches awake to a higher sense of their duty in the support of the ministry, and that we undertake to atone for our shortcomings in the past, by providing a support for our preachers who are, or who may become, destitute and dependent. We further recommend that each church take an offering for this purpose, and that an offering be taken annually at the sitting of this Association, and in this way create a fund for this worthy purpose.

(Signed) R. W. CROWDER,
J. L. CUNNINGHAM,
LULA BYRON,
Committee.

Report discussed, amended to read as above, and adopted.

An offering for old ministers' relief then followed in cash and pledges to the amount of $42.00.

The Committee on Divine Services reported that Elder G. M. Ford would preach at 8:00 p. m.

Announcements.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p. m.

Song and devotional service conducted by Elder W. E. Kimbrough.

At the suggestion of the Moderator, a cash offering of $7.50 was gathered to help defray the expenses of the tent that was spread for the accommodation of the Association while in session.

The hour having come for preaching Elder G. M. Ford preached an inspiring sermon. Text, Phil. 1:21.

After the sermon reports were called for and read.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

It gives us great pleasure to repeat what we gather as facts from many papers and places, of the great growth of the temperance movement, not only in our own Arkansas, but in other States as well. We rejoice to know that our people are coming more and more to see the great evil of intoxicants, and we wonder why this demon has been permitted to exist so long.

It is to be regretted, however, that our United States government will disregard the will of the people, and legalize the location of a distillery in prohibition territory. Even within the bounds of Clear Creek Association may be found such an outrage. Let us, therefore, as temperance workers and as voters, strive for such lawmakers and laws as will protect all prohibition territory, making it illegal to make, sell, transport, or to distribute, intoxicants in any form within prohibition States, counties, or precincts. And let us continue to work, and pray, and vote, till Arkansas and the United States are free from the curse of rum.

(Signed) MRS. A. L. CRUDUP,
MRS. N. A. LASTER,
MRS. WILL JUSTICE,
Committee.

The report was discussed and adopted as read.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, report as follows:

When God created man he made woman to be his helpmate. And from the beginning she has been found performing to the best of her ability the duties assigned her. Her deeds of helpfulness have increased as her environments have permitted. In the glory of this age, woman is found either leading or helping to bear the burdens in every enterprise that has for its object the uplift and salvation of mankind. In the circle of her own home, in her church, in the homes of the sick or sorrowing, the poor and distressed, we find the Christian woman graciously administering. Her time, her talent, her good cheer, her prayers, and her money, make up a large part in the dissemination of truth, and the advance of Christ's kingdom among men. The greatest desire of the Christian woman of today is to do more and more in the service of the Master, and the uplift of humanity.

By request of the W. M. U. your committee would ask that space be given in the Minutes of the Association for a statistical report of the work of the W. M. U. societies of the Association.

(Signed) MRS. J. T. GREER,
MRS. S. T. WESTWOOD,
MISS BESSIE HARRIS,
Committee.

The report was discussed and adopted as read.

B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work, report as follows:

The B. Y. P. U. fills a vacancy in our churches that has long been neglected. The Union is for the younger members of the church who naturally feel a timidity in taking an active part with the members who have had so much experience. The purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is twofold. The first purpose is to inaugurate study of the Bible, and our relation to our fellow-man at home and abroad. Thus by constant study and from facts brought to us of our sister countries, we have instilled in us a missionary spirit that finds expression in our action.

The second and more important object of the B. Y. P. U. is to encourage the young in their Christian growth. Here many offer their first prayer and first testimony for Jesus, and gradually grow to be more like him in spirit.

Therefore we recommend that every church, where practicable, have a B. Y. P. U. and that the older members lend encouragement to the enterprising organization.

(Signed) MRS. JOSEPH CONNELL,
MRS. GEORGE OGDEN,
Committee.

Report discussed and adopted as read.

SUNBEAM BANDS.

We, your Committee on Sunbeam Band Work, report as follows:

The Sunbeam Band is a growing branch of our State work. As suggested by the name, it is not the whole light, but a mere beam that sheds its rays for Jesus. The work of this department is for children, and if an apt leader is provided, how they enjoy it. An efficient leader will train the little ones along broad lines of

giving. She impresses them with the fact that Jesus was the first great missionary, and that the whole world was his field, and in order to be like him they must shine in every nook and corner of the earth. They are also taught Bible stories, and that Jesus loves the little ones. By this means their little hearts are kept tender, so that they are easily led to Jesus as they come to years of accountability. When saved, they are ready to work more earnestly and efficiently for the Great Light of the World, a part of which the Sunbeams are. We cannot spend too much time in training our little ones for Jesus. Satan begins early and never tires. Then shall we leave our children to him, or shall we try to win and train them for Jesus?

We recommend that every church have a Sunbeam Band, and that an efficient, pious leader be selected for their training.

(Signed) MRS. JOSEPH CONNELL,
MRS. GEORGE OGDEN,
Committee.

Report discussed and adopted as read.

Announcements.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8:00 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 8:00 a. m.

Song and prayer service.

Reading of the Minutes called for. Read and approved.

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Clerk the sum of $10.00 for his services, and the Clerk was instructed to use the remainder of the minute fund in printing and distributing minutes.

On motion the Association extended a vote of thanks to Rudy Baptist Church for her abundant hospitality in entertaining the Association.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to the Moderator for his efficient and impartial rulings during the Association.

On motion preaching at 11:00 a. m. was suspended.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee report as follows:

We have had but two meetings this year. We met at Pleasant Grove Church in January and elected Elder T. R. Early and

T. J. Woodward as missionaries to begin work the first of April, at a salary of $45.00 per month. The committee then met at Dyer on the first day of April.

On motion the missionaries were requested to locate their work at such points as in their judgment the most good could be accomplished.

Owing to conditions not here explained, the missionaries did but little work. Brother T. J. Woodward worked twenty-one days, and Brother Early four days. We cannot give a detailed report of their work, as they failed to make a report to us. However, these brethren have been paid in full for their services.

Your committee recommends that this Association elect a missionary for full time, who is able to preach the gospel in its fullness, and in the power of the spirit; and that he be instructed to make the salvation of lost souls and the uplift of our weak churches the object of his efforts, not meddling with mission methods.

Signed by the committee.

The report was discussed, the election of the missionary referred to the Executive Committee, and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, report as follows:

When we think of the multiplied thousands of foreign and heathen population that pour into our Southland from year to year, bringing with them their low moral ideas, false religions, and skepticism, we stand awed at the awful responsibility that rests upon us as Baptists. At the present rate of immigration, it would only take a few years to put the balance of power in America in the hands of heathen people, were it not for the fact that through the preaching of the gospel many of these people are saved and become ardent supporters of the Christian religion, and American institutions. Hence the safety of our nation as well as the salvation of lost souls depends upon the successful preaching of the gospel as Baptists hold it. Together with increased commercial development have come increased demands for the gospel. How to supply this need is a question of great moment, and yet the solution of this problem is the object of Home Missions.

We praise God for the response of his people to this great cause. During the past year 27,426 persons have been converted

and baptized by our Home Missionaries and a total of 52,910 persons have been added to our Baptist Churches through the same agency. Yet looking out upon the great seething mass of lost souls that wait at our doors for the gospel, we feel that we have but begun the work of their redemption. It is a sad comment upon our Baptist loyalty to note the great numbers of our Southern Baptist Churches that never give anything through any channel for this great and worthy work.

We therefore recommend that our people more fully inform themselves of the great need of Home Mission work.

We further recommend that all who have helped to push the work thus far, become more zealous in prayer and gifts, and that every church in this Association take at least one worthy offering for Home Missions each year.

(Signed) JOSEPH CONNELL, *Committee.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, submit the following report:

We are glad to note that many of the churches in our Association have wide awake Sunday schools. We believe that a good Sunday school is essential to a live and progressive church.

We therefore recommend that every church having no school see to it that one is immediately organized and enthusiastically prosecuted. In this way, the gospel of Christ may be preached so effectually as to avert the sweep of heresy among our people in after years.

We note with sadness the indifference of so many parents to the Sunday school. Parents should not send their children to Sunday school, but go and take them, from the least to the greatest.

We further recommend that our pastors and all interested Sunday school workers wage a vigorous campaign this year enlisting parents and children in the Sunday school. As helps we would recommend such as are published by the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., or such as may be had from our Baptist Supply Houses of Little Rock, Ark.

(Signed) J. W. FRY,
MISS MAUDE JACKMAN,
C. M. WOFFORD,
Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, report as follows:

We have a positive command in God's word to care for the orphans among us. In compliance with this command, we have established two Orphans' Homes in Arkansas. It is the purpose of these homes to feed, clothe, shelter, protect, and educate, the unfortunate children of our State, who have been left to the mercy of the world. In the Home at Texarkana there are about twenty-five such children while in the Home at Monticello there are about one hundred and twenty-five children. These children are largely dependent upon the gifts of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas for support, education and Christian culture.

We therefore recommend that every Baptist in Clear Creek Association join in this noble work. Let every church take a worthy cash offering each year and send it to the respective Homes. Ladies' Aids may help materially by providing suitable clothing each season for one or more children. Measurements for clothing may be had on application to the manager of either Home.

(Signed) A. J. NORTON,
M. A. WHITE,
J. H. MANUEL,
Committee.

This report was followed by a cash offering of $13.87 for the Home at Monticello, and $9.33 for the Home at Texarkana.

On motion this money was turned over to the Treasurer to be forwarded to the respective Homes.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows:

Realizing that our Lord first called the Apostles and then carried them through a course of personal training before sending them out on their mission, we are convinced of the need of a trained ministry. To meet this need, and to carry out the principles of our Lord, we have established schools of learning, where the men whom God has called into the ministry may not only be trained in science, art, and literature, but helped to a better understanding of God's word, and taught the most practical methods of pastoral and evangelistic duties.

In the providence of God the great majority of the young

men called into the ministry are poor in this world's goods, and in order to profit by our schools require while in training, at least partial support from the church.

We therefore recommend that our churches heed the call of our schools and rally to the support of the young preachers now in training.

(Signed) J. F. CRAWFORD,
J. P. GREENWOOD,
W. W. ALLEN,
Committee.

Report discussed and adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions report:

We find our work in very bad condition in many of the churches, and much of the territory of our Association is entirely destitute of Baptist preaching. But little has been done this year along the line of Associational Missions. We are sure that something must be done to bring our people closer together and to awaken a more active endeavor on the part of the churches before our work will succeed.

(Signed) J. E. COX,
W. A. GOWIN,
J. A. RIDDLE,
Committee.

Motion to adjourn till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator.
Song and prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer submits the following report for the Associational year beginning October 8, 1909, and ending October 6, 1910:

Received from Finance Committee October 9, 1909:

For Printing Minutes	$ 36.36
Associational Missions	61.02
State Missions, Convention	2.00
State Missions, Association	7.90

Foreign Missions, General Association	5.60
Orphans' Home, Monticello	35.01
Orphans' Home, Texarkana	18.20
Old Ministers' Relief	5.69
Total at Association	$171.78
Since the Association 1909:	
Associational Missions	$ 67.04
Grand Total received	$238.82

Amounts paid out during the year which ended October 6, 1910:

To T. P. Nelson for Minutes and Clerk	$ 36.36
To A. N. Stanfield, Missionary for last year	80.02
Foreign Missions, General Association	5.60
Orphans' Home, Texarkana	18.20
Orphans' Home, Monticello	35.01
State Missions, Convention	1.90
State Missions, General Association	7.90
Old Ministers' Relief	5.69
To Associational Missions this year	37.50
Grand total paid out	$228.18
Amount turned over to new Treasurer	$ 10.54
Exact balance	$238.82

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Alma—Sid Savage.
Altus—John Mosly.
Coal Hill—G. R. Ogden.
Concord—Bud Boling.
Center Grove—Will White.
Center Point—Bud Hall.
Dyer—W. N. Mason.
Denning—J. S. Dodd.
Fine Springs—C. Little.
Hopewell—T. G. Byron.
Mount Olive—G. M. Hughs.
Mulberry—N. A. Laster.
New Prospect—M. L. Chambles.

New Hope—W. R. Peters.
New Home—James Isaac.
Ozark—S. S. McLain.
Pleasant Grove—B. C. Blevins.
Rehobeth—J. E. Cox.
Rudy—Dan Wofford.
Shady Grove—J. W. Fry.
Sweet Home—S. W. Haley.
Shiloh—M. Taylor.
Vine Prairie—John Swafford.
Zoar—W. N. Carney.
Van Buren—C. M. Wofford.
Alex—H. N. Norton.
Damascus—Mr. Brite.
Hartman—Walter Morris.
Union Chapel—R. L. McDowell.
Shiloh No. 2—A. R. Triplett.
Macedonia—T. H. Duty.

Moderator called the first meeting of the Executive Committee for Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1910, at Mulberry Baptist Church.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Mulberry Baptist Church, Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1911, at 10:00 a. m.

Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

General hand-shaking and benediction.

OBITUARY OF ELDER R. M. SMALL.

Elder R. M. Small was born in Indiana in 1826, and died at his home in Altus, Arkansas, July 23, 1910.

At the age of twelve years Brother Small was converted and joined the Baptist Church, and from that time forward lived a consistent Christian life. When twenty-five years old he was ordained to the ministry and remained a faithful preacher of the gospel till his death.

At an early age Brother Small was married and to this union three children were born. But one by one these children and this wife were laid to rest, leaving a sad hearted husband and father alone in the world.

In the beginning of the Civil War Brother Small enlisted as a volunteer in the Union army and continued faithful to his

country through the entire siege. Among the notable battles in which he engaged were Shiloh, Missionary Ridge, and Chickamauga.

In after years Brother Small was married to Mrs. Mary E. Burns, with whom he lived happily the remainder of his life.

Three days before his death Brother Small gave complete directions as to his burial and funeral services, and left a most blessed testimony of the saints triumph over death and the grave. Just before his spirit took its flight his wife, who is now old and helpless, asked to be led to his bedside, and there expressed her desire to accompany her husband into the spirit world.

The feeble temple of clay in which this good man lived now rests in Houston Cemetery, awaiting the blessed morn of the resurrection, when the dead in Christ shall hear the trump of God, and come forth from the grave, to join the glad host of the redeemed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas It has pleased Almighty God to take from us our worthy and beloved Brother R. M. Small, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Denning Baptist Church, that while we bow in humble submission to God's will, yet we deeply mourn the death of so good a man. Be it further

Resolved, That in his death the community has lost one of her noblest and truest citizens; that our church has lost one of her purest and most loyal members, and that his family has lost a loving husband and a compassionate father.

Resolved, further, That we express to the bereft family our tenderest love and sympathy, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our church and published in the Minutes of Clear Creek Association.

Approved by the church in conference:

H. H. HARGER,
J. S. DODD,
J. M. HONEA,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists.

SEC. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from missionary Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Association shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the body, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session and deliver the same to his successor in office.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the body, or her Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to each sitting of the body.

SEC. 7. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to secure unanimity of faith, and concert of action in mission work, and also to cultivate the purity of the churches.

SEC. 8. This Association shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will be requested to act as an advisory council when necessary. It, however, claims authority over its members, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

SEC. 9. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers, at any annual meeting, by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

SEC. 10. Churches may be dismissed from this Association

by application at any annual meeting, for the purpose of joining any body that we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

SEC. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of one member from each church and the officers of this body by virtue of their relation thereto shall be members of said committee. This committee shall have direction of the missionary operations of the association, and shall be required to make an annual report of its proceedings. This committee shall have authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session. Each member of this committee shall constitute a missionary agent for his respective church to collect funds for mission work and shall report the same to each meeting of the committee. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except Section 8, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is full of unmixed truth, and is a perfect rule of faith and practice. II. Timothy 3:16.

2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from the happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 3:20-24.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone through faith. Romans 4:16; Gal. 3:15-16.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith, without a deed of law, in the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the gospel. John 3:15-16.

7. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter. John 3:3; I. Cor. 15:50.

8. We believe that repentance towards God and faith in

the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of everyone who hears the Gospel. Acts 20:21.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners through faith in Christ. I. Peter 1:2.

10. We believe that sanctification, beginning in regeneration, is an ever progressive process, by which we are made partakers of God's holiness. I. Peter 1:2; II. Peter 1:5; I. Cor. 1:30.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. I. Peter 1:5; Psalms 37:28.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government. Matthew 7:12.

13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances, and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and deacons. Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:46-47; John 3:5.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized in water and received into the fellowship of a regular organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Acts 2:46; I. Cor. 11:2.

16. We believe the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious services. Gen. 2:3; Heb. 10:25.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the Governors of States and Nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the gospel. Matthew 27:17-21.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead; the righteous to everlasting life, and the wicked to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 7:12.

19. We believe in final judgment, and in that day the righteous and wicked shall be separated forever. Rev. Twentieth Chapter.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE I. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE II. A member not satisfied with any decision of the moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day, but not at any other time.

RULE III. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, and in a respectful manner, address the Moderator and on obtaining the floor, proceed.

RULE IV. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection, or otherwise gets out of order, when he shall be called to order by the Moderator, and on yielding to order, may proceed again.

RULE V. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are stated. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided the previous question has not been ordered, or vote is being taken.

RULE VI. When a debatable question is before the Association, any member may move the previous question, but before it is put it shall be seconded by at least three members. After the previous question has been moved and the motion prevailed, no further debate shall be allowed only by the mover of the main question, who shall be allowed ten minutes in which to close the debate.

RULE VII. Any member desiring to absent himself, shall obtain leave of the Association; and the name of any member absenting himself without leave, shall be dropped from the minutes.

RULE VIII. These rules may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear the reading of the letters from the churches and enroll the names of their messengers.

2. Give an opportunity for other churches to become members of the body and extend the hand of fellowship to their messengers.

3. Elect Officers.

4. Receive corresponding messengers and other visiting brethren.

5. Appoint committees.

6. Hear report of Executive Committee.

7. Elect Executive Committee.

8. Appoint corresponding messengers.

9. Hear reports of committees.

10. Determine place and time of holding next session and who will preach the introductory sermon.

11. Provide for publishing minutes of proceedings.

12. Resolutions and other miscellaneous matters.

REPORT OF W. M. U. WORK OF CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphans' Home	Boxes to Orphans' Home	Church Building and Repairs	Pastors' Salary	College Debts and Endowment	Charity	Bible Fund	Associational Missions	Incidental Expenses	Totals
Coal Hill	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 4.00	$	$ 24.00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 43.00
Denning	.....	3.00	5.00	5.00	.....	25.00	30.00	133.50	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	213.50
Hartman	.....	.....	16.75	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101.75
Mulberry	5.00	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	30.00	.....	49.00	15.00	1.75	.....	.....	5.00	125.75
New Prospect	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	6.65	30.00	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	52.65
Ozark	27.00	.....	18.53	.....	.....	164.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24.20	10.37	51.15	295.90
Van Buren	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	5.00	31.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	360.00	411.50

FINANCIAL TABLE OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	Pastors' Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidental Expenses	Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Schools and Colleges	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief	Minutes and Clerk	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property	Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils Enrolled	Average Attendance	Annual Expenses
Alma	$115.00	$	$ 26.00	$	$ 3.00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$1.00	$	$ 144.00	$ 500.00				$ 11.00
Altus	35.00					26.25			29.00				1.25		91.50	800.00	*			
Alix						60.00							1.50		61.50					
Center Grove													1.25		1.25	300.00				
Center Point													2.00		2.00					
Coal Hill	300.00	24.00	110.00	69.75	2.00	10.00	7.81	7.55	15.69		7.50		2.00		254.30	1,000.00	*			
Concord	50.00												1.45		51.45		5	65	40	6.00
Damascus													1.00		1.00					
Denning	117.60			6.00		27.00	8.75		11.17				2.20		172.72	1,000.00	6	100		
Dyer	125.00				5.96								1.50		132.46	1,000.00	*			
Fairview													.50		.50					
Fine Springs	100.00		10.00	15.40	.75								1.45		127.60	800.00	7	47	35	8.00
Graphic													.50		.50					
Hopewell													1.00		1.00					
Hartman	350.00		25.00			85.15	3.85		5.00		2.50		2.00		473.50	1,000.00	4	68		
Kenner Chapel													.40		.40	300.00				
Macedonia					2.85				.50				.75		4.10	350.00				
Mt. Olive	50.00				2.02								1.00		53.02					
Mulberry	450.00	15.00		50.00		30.00	21.00	15.00	54.00		31.00		2.50		708.50	1,000.00				.40
New Home													1.00		1.00					
New Prospect	175.00	21.00	52.65	35.40		8.70			12.92				1.60		317.90	600.00	7	85	40	10.63
New Hope	48.00												.65							
Ozark	420.00		31.00		20.57	26.00			294.65				1.90		828.82	3,700.00	14	69		34.70
Pleasant Grove	100.00	8.00			13.45				7.36			1.75	1.80		144.93		6	76	50	12.56
Rehobeth	60.00		1.95		1.00								1.00		63.95	600.00				
Rudy	150.00	81.25				2.00	3.60	3.55	20.00		2.50		1.50		278.01	650.00	5	72		15.11
Sweet Home	100.00	138.00	8.00	5.30								5.00	1.00		269.30	1,000.00	8	125	60	12.00
Shady Grove	61.00				.75	20.00		.50	1.00				1.55		94.30	1,000.00	4		35	10.00
Union Chapel					3.00								.70		3.70					
Vine Prairie					.50								1.00		1.50	100.00				
Van Buren	1000.00	2901.13	166.40	200.00	61.50	180.00	62.50	62.50	56.50	5.00	25.00		2.10	2.00	4,932.53	12,000.00	10	150	100	100.00
Zoar	75.00	15.70	12.00		8.00				10.35				1.50		132.55		4		25	10.00

*—Have a School—no report.

MESSENGERS, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES AND MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AND DECREASE.

Churches	Messengers	Membership								Pastor	Clerk	Post Office
		Increase			Decrease							
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	By Exclusion And Erasure	Membership Last Year	Present Membership			
Alma	By Letter	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	40	No Pastor	S. Savage	Alma
Altus	C. M. Partin, G. A. Henry	..	..	..	4	1	....	59	56	No Pastor	R. J. West	Altus
Alix	J. P. Blakely, A. J. Norton, Maud Jackman	27	42	..	..	..	....	....	69	No Pastor	J. P. Blakely	Alix
Center Grove	W. A. White	1	..	..	3	1	1	....	40	J. E. Cox	J. L. Cook	Mulberry
Center Point	J. E. Hall	14	3	..	4	..	....	52	65	James Isaacs	W. E. Blaylock	Brink
Coal Hill	Mrs. Rose Collins, Mrs. Geo. Ogden, Dona Aldridge	11	1	1	11	1	....	104	105	S. B. Barnett	J. A. Brady	Coal Hill
Concord	C. C. Hart, Bud Boling, Mabel Boling	14	2	1	..	..	....	38	55	J. F. Crawford	Mabel Boling	Van Buren
Damascus	S. T. Bright	1	13	..	..	..	....	....	14	S. T. Bright	C. W. King	Alma
Denning	J. S. Dodd, J. P. Greenwood Bessie Harris	4	7	4	15	1	2	117	114	S. A. Renfrow	J. S. Dodd	Denning
Dyer	W. M. Mason, A. N. Jean, J. F. Manuel	..	..	..	3	..	....	69	66	G. M. Hughs	A. N. Jean	Dyer
Fairview	C. W. O'Kelley	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	16	No Pastor	Mary O'Kelly	Rudy
Fine Springs	J. L. Cunningham, M. C. Cowart, Miss Myra Douglass	..	5	..	3	2	....	62	62	J. F. Crawford	Nannie Douglass	Van Buren
Graphic	John Lewis, Josiah Beard	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	20	A. N. Jean	Dora Anglin	Graphic
Hopewell	Lula Pyron	..	2	..	..	1	....	....	17	No Pastor	T. T. Pyron	Hunt
Hartman	R. W. Crowder, Walter Morris	10	8	..	15	2	1	66	66	Nathan Keller	W. Morris	Hartman
Kenner Chapel	By Report	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	6	W. C. Gentry	Sallie Berry	Rudy
Macedonia	E. R. Breeden	2	..	1	2	3	11	122	106	J. A. Riddle	G. W. Jones	Uniontown
Mount Olive	G. M. Hughs	8	..	..	..	..	....	....	39	J. E. Cox	J. M. Parks	Ozark
Mulberry	N. A. Laster, Mrs. M. Justis, Mrs. S. M. Vernon	13	5	..	..	..	....	121	139	M. F. Gathright	J. F. Turner	Mulberry
New Home	James Isaacs	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	16	J. Isaacs	R. E. Ingram	Hunt
New Hope	J. W. Kinney, J. W. King	1	..	..	1	2	8	45	35	S. A. Renfrow	W. R. Peters	Mountainburg

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		Increase			Decrease							
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	By Exclusion And Erasure	Membership Last Year	Present Membership			
New Prospect	W. W. Allen, W. F. Blevins, C. Faber	5	9	1	10	..	2	129	132	J. E. Cox	M. L. Chamless	Van Buren
Ozark	A. Carlin, Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Mrs. J. T. Greer	..	5	..	7	1	3	65	59	A. Carlin	L. O. Fisher	Ozark
Pleasant Grove	B. T. Blevins	2	..	..	3	1	9	116	105	T. R. Early	I. L. Cole	Alma
Rehobeth	J. E. Cox	..	..	..	..	1	....	53	52	G. M. Hughs	R. L. Boykin	Ozark
Rudy	W. K. Wofford, Dan Wofford, Mrs. S. T. Westwood	3	5	..	2	..	....	54	60	S. A. Renfrow	S. T. Westwood	Rudy
Sweet Home	J. F. Crawford, S. A. Renfro, J. R. Johnson	8	3	4	6	3	....	255	261	J. F. Crawford	M. Crawford	Van Buren
Shady Grove	J. W. Fry, W. A. Gowin	11	4	..	2	..	7	70	76	W. A. Gowin	Claude Coble	Figure Five
Shiloh No. 2	A. R. Triplett	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	A. R. Triplett	L. C. Conts	Uniontown
Union Chapel	J. A. Riddle, R. L. McDowell	12	..	..	3	2	13	....	137	J. A. Riddle	Iva Allen	Lindsey
Van Buren	Joseph Connell, C. M. Wofford, Mrs. Joseph Connell	44	19	2	8	..	25	....	145	Joseph Connell	J. J. Izard	Van Buren
Vine Prairie	John Swofford	..	2	..	2	2	....	26	24	No Pastor	W. J. Brannon	Alma, R. 2
Zoar	S. E. Winfrey, W. M. Carney, J. A. Watkins	17	3	3	2	..	1	....	106	W. A. Gowin	S. E. Winfrey	Figure Five

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