

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

# Crooked Creek Association

Of Missionary Baptists.

HELD WITH

Big Spring Church,

Marion County Arkansas.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

# Crooked Creek Association

## of Missionary Baptist.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 13th 1904.—The Association convened with Big Spring Church, Marion county, Ark. The Moderator and Clerk were present, the body was called to order by the Moderator W. H. Raley. Prayer by Elder N. F. Bradley. Elder J. M. Walker, who was elected to preach the introductory sermon not being present Elder M. L. Voyles his alternate being present delivered the introductory sermon from Acts, 9:6. Upon motion the Association adjourned until 2 p. M.

2 p. m., met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "O for a closer walk with God." Prayer by Elder C. L. Mattox. Churches called in order, letters read and Messengers enrolled. Elder M. L. Voyles and N. F. Bradley, acting as reading clerks. Motion carried to refer the resolutions sent in by the churches to a committee on resolutions. Upon call for petitionary letters for membership Rocky Mount and New Enon handed in petitionary letters for membership and were received, Messengers enrolled and the right hand of fellowship extended by the moderator. Motion prevailed for the Association to elect officers by acclamation, which resulted in the election of W. H. Raley, Moderator, C. L. Hall, Clerk and E. F. Graham Treasurer. Call for corresponding messengers was made whereupon Bros. L. E. Tucker and J. L. Dunks from White River Association, Elder J. F. Benton from Taney county Association of Missouri, came forward and received the right hand of fellowship by the moderator. Appointment of committees.

RESOLUTIONS:—Elders C. L. Mattox and O. C. Hefner, Bros. J. F. Pruitt, John Thornton and D. B. Eoff.

DIVINE SERVICE:—Brethren J. F. Pruitt. U. Honeycutt, and Messengers of Big Spring Church.

STATE MISSIONS:—Elder J. W. Pettit, Brothers T. H. Cook and J. L. Sims.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Elder J. B. Swanner and M. L. Voyles, Brother J. R. Wilson,

HOME MISSIONS:—Elders M. L. Voyles and J. B. Swanner, Brother J. R. Wilson.

TEMPERANCE:—Elder R. W. Raley and Brethren J. A. Austin and S. M. Payne.

EDUCATION:—Elder N. F. Bradley and Brethren A. Grogan and S. M. Waltrip.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS:—Elder N. F. Bradley and Brethren J. W. Pardom and F. Kindall.

ORPHANS HOME:—Brethren E. Sams, W. C. Reynor, and J. D. Richardson.

OBITUARY:—Brethren A. M. Crane, M. L. Crosswhite and W. G. Thornton.

FINANCE:—Brethren C. Williams and A. K. Toney.

QUERRIES:—Brethren R. Capps W. M. Payne and A. Grogan.

PERIODICALS:—Elders N. F. Bradley and J. B. Rose and Brother D. Mathis.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:—Brethren A. K. Toney, A. R. Wilson and A. Grogan.

Motion carried that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and rules of decorum were read by M. L. Voyles.

Roll of Messengers called and absentees noted. Motion to adjourn until Friday at 8 a. m. Dismissed with prayer by Elder M. L. Voyles.

## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH. 1904, 8 A. M.:—Met pursuant to adjournment. Association called to order by moderator. Song "What Wonderful Love," Elder J. W. Pettit read the 4th chapter of Corinthians for morning lesson. Prayer by Elder J. W. Pettit. A call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies, whereupon the following Brethren reported, Elder M. L. Voyles, visited Carroll County Association and received a cordial welcome and found them doing a grand work for the Master. Elder O. C. Hefner and W. H. Raley visited Taney County Association of Missouri, they said they were heartily welcomed and found them working earnestly for the cause of Christ, and enjoyed themselves splendidly.

Appointment of corresponding messengers, Elder O. C. Hefner volunteered to attend Taney County Association of Missouri. Elders M. L. Voyles, C. L. Mattox and Brethren J. T. Thornton and W. M. Payne volunteered to attend Carroll County Association. Elders J. B. Swanner, C. L. Mattox, J. W. Pettit and Brethren Uriah Honeycutt and W. H. Raley, volunteered to attend White River Association.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:**—The committee's report on resolutions sent in by the churches upon motion was received and adopted without discussion.

**THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS:**—Made a report which was adopted.

**THE COMMITTEE ON QUERIES:**—Handed in a report which was presented to committee by an excluded member of this body, and on motion the body refused to recognize said queries because the motive that prompted the brother to present the queries was well known to this body.

Rub Capps,  
W. M. Payne, } Committee.  
Albert Grogan. }

**COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS:**—Made a report which was received and adopted.

**THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS:**—Was received and after some discussion the report was adopted.

**THE COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS:**—Reported and upon motion the report was received, and after discussion the report was adopted.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION:**—Made a report which was received; after discussion the report was adopted.

A motion to take a recess until 2. p. m.

2. p. m. the body met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by Moderator. Song "Over There." Prayer by Brother Lonzo Thornton. Call renewed for corresponding Messengers whereupon Brother Lonzo Thornton from Taney County Association of Missouri came forward and received the hand of fellowship by the Moderator. Brother J. S. Looney, from Benton County Association, also Brother and Sister Huston and Brother and Sister Eoff of Taney County Association of Missouri, were received as visiting Bretheren and Sisters.

**COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:**—Was received and after discussion was adopted by a rising vote.

**COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES:**—Made a report which was received and adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Prayer by Elder M. L. Voyles. Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning at 8:30 a. m. prevailed.



### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 1904, 8:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by Moderator. Elder O. C. Hefner read the morning lesson from the 15th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Brother John Thornton.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON FINANCE:—Received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS:—Made a report which was received and after discussion was adopted.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:—By motion was amended, received and adopted, and the following brethren were appointed to constitute a board.

Harrison, J. L. Sims; Bellefonte, A. J. Thompson; Prairie View, A. K. Toney; Walnut Grove, W. J. Moore; Cave Hall, W. M. Holt; Bethel J. F. Pruitt; Sugar Loaf, W. H. Raley; Lead Mine, U. Honeycutt; Orion, Elder I. B. Rose; Rocky Point, J. A. Austin; Mt. Zion, L. J. Lewis; Big Spring, J. W. Purdom; Alpena, W. M. Payne; Hopewell, T. H. Cook; Mt. Pleasant, J. L. Benegar; Harmony, J. B. Carlton; New Hope, Z. D. Norton; Antioch, C. Williams; Pleasant Grove, J. Smith; Jasper, E. Sams; Enon, J. R. Wilson; New Enon, A. M. Crane; Rocky Mount, C. C. Ray.

COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN'S HOME:—Made report which was received and after discussion was adopted by a collection of \$20.10.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS:—Received and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:—Motion carried that meeting of the Association be changed from Thursday to Saturday before the third Sunday in October. On motion Elder M. L. Voyles was elected a member of the State Board from the Crooked Creek Association.

Motion to elect Elder M. L. Voyles as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 2. p. m.

2. p. m. met pursuant to adjournment, called to order by moderator. Song "Amazing Grace," Prayer by Brother A. M. Crane. Song "What a Friend we have in Jesus." Motion carried that the Association meet next year with Rocky Mount Church.

Elder C. L. Mattox was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next sitting of this body with Elder O. C. Hefner as his alternate. On motion Elder M. L. Voyles was elected to deliver a sermon on Mission Sunday at 11 a. m. at the next setting of this body.

Motion carried that the clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes and have 500 copies printed, and that he receive \$5.00 for his service. On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Rocky Mount Church, Boone county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. Farewell address by Brother J. S. Looney. Prayer by Elder M. L. Voyles.

C. L. HALL, Clerk.

Harrison, Ark.

W. H. RALEY, Moderator,

Sycamore, Ark.

## DIVINE SERVICE.

Introductory sermon by Elder M. L. Voyles, from Acts, 9:6.

Thursday night at Big Spring Church, by Elder C. L. Mattox, from Mathew 17:5, followed by Elder J. W. Pettit.

Thursday night at Lead Hill, by Elder J. B. Swanner from Matthew 16:27.

Friday 11 a. m., at Big Spring Church, by J. W. Swanner, from Romans, 8:10.

Friday night at Big Spring Church, by Elder J. F. Benton, from Romans, 8:15, followed by Elder R. W. Raley.

Friday night at Lead Hill, by Elder M. L. Voyles.

Saturday 11 a. m., at Big Spring Church, by Elder N. F. Bradley, from Ephesians, 6:10.

J. F. Pruitt,	} Committee.
U. Honeycutt,	
J. Thornton,	
J. W. Purdom,	
H. W. Purdom,	
C. W. Purdom.	

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report: We believe that the Bible teaches the only way of life and salvation, that Sunday Schools should be organized and maintained in all churches where there are none; we therefore recommend that such literature be used as is published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Frank Kindall,	} Committee.
N. F. Bradley,	
J. W. Purdom.	

## EDUCATION.

As we favor the highest education possible for our people, we heartily recommend to those who anticipate attending school the following institutions of learning in our state, first, Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, also the following Academies, viz: Mountain Home, Baxter

county, Bentonville, Benton county, and our Female College at Conway. We would recommend that the churches of this Association co-operate in assisting and maintaining the schools in every way possible, reasonable and legitimate.

N. M. Bradley, }  
S. M. Waltrip, } Committee.  
Alfred Grogan. }

## TEMPERANCE.

We the committee on Temperance submit the following report: We believe the use of intoxicating drinks to be the greatest evil of the day, therefore we would advise our people to abstain from the use of it, and to vote against the sale of the same, and to furthermore make dram drinking a bar to church fellowship,

R. W. Raley, }  
W. M. Payne. } Committee.

## PERIODICALS.

We your committee on Periodicals submit the following report: As the Bible is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our pathway, the only infalible instruction in matters spiritual and temporal. We heartily recommend that our churches in connection with the Bible secure Baptist literature for their Sunday Schools, also that they read the Baptist Advance published at Little Rock.

N. F. Bradley, }  
Dalton Mathis, } Committee.  
J. B. Ross. }

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We the committee on Associational Missions respectfully submit the following report: Whereas there is great destitution in the boundries of the Crooked Creek Association, we recommend that the Moderator appoint an Associational Board consisting of one brother from each church, who shall collect funds from their respective churches for Associational Missions. Five of these brethren when convened together shall constitute a quorum, and that this board shall meet at Walnut Grove church on the first Sunday in May 1905, to organize and put a missionary in the field for at least three months.

A. K. Toney }  
J. R. Wilson, } Committee.  
A. Grogan. }

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S. M. Waltrip, } Committee.  
Alfred Grogan. }

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R. W. Raley, }  
W. M. Payne. } Committee.

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A. K. Toney, }  
J. R. Wilson, } Committee.  
A. Grogan. }



## STATE MISSIONS.

We the committee on State Missions would respectfully submit the following report: Our State Board is located at Little Rock, Ark., and as they are trying by the help of God and their brethren to plant the truth in all parts of the state, and as they have come into the northwestern part of the state, even to our own homes, and have sent to us our beloved brother in the person of M. L. Voyles, whose labors have been abundantly blessed in the salvation of many precious souls, also in great strengthening of the churches, we would therefore most heartily recommend a co-operation with the State Convention in its work of winning souls, for the fields are white unto the harvest and the laborers are few.

J. L. Sims, }  
J. W. Pettit, } Committee.  
T. H. Cook. }

## HOME MISSIONS.

We the committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: Home and State Missions ~~have~~ appeal to us first. The success of Foreign Missions depends largely upon the building up of strong churches in our home field. There are many churches now in our southland giving their hundreds yea thousands for world wide missions that were once mission churches and sustained by our home board. Therefore in supporting the work of Home Missions we are heeding the divine command of our Lord. "For thus it is written and thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47. Therefore we urge our churches to be liberal in the support of Home Missions.

M. L. Voyles, }  
E. B. Swanner. } Committee.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee on Foreign Missions, ask leave to report as follows: In the great command Christ gave his churches, he said: "Go ye. therefore and teach all nations," Mathew, 28: 19-20. Therefore we believe the Baptist above all other people are under blood bought obligation to preach the gospel to every nation. We believe the departing command of our Lord is just as binding on us as the command to be baptized, and every member of Christ's Churches must obey this command, or incur the displeasure of their Lord and suffer loss. Our work on the foreign field was

never more hopeful than at the present. The Lord of the harvest is crowning the work of our missionaries with success, and many precious souls are being saved. The Lord is setting before us many open doors and putting it into the hearts of the very best of our home land to enter. There are many new missionaries who have been appointed this year, and many who are saying "Here am I, send me. therefore we pledge our hearty sympathy and support to the work of Foreign Missions.

J. B. Swanner, }  
M. L. Voyles. } Committee.

### OPHAN'S HOME.

We your committee on the Orphan's Home gladly report that our Home in Monticello was never in a better condition, and the outlook is very encouraging. There now sixty children in the Home, more room is needed and money is now being raised to erect a \$2000 addition containing twelve rooms. This work appeals to every heart. Therefore be it resolved, that we pledge to the Orphan's Home our sympathy, our prayers, and our money. Respectfully submitted.

M. L. Voyles, }  
J. D. Richardson, } Committee.  
W. B. Raynor, }  
E. Sams, }

### OBITUARY REPORT.

We your committee on obituaries report as follows: After an examination we find that our churches of the Crooked Creek Association have suffered a loss of fourteen members, they are as follows: Sister L. M. Maggard and Frank Glass, Harrison; Brother J. W. Ellis, Antioch; Sister Sarah E. Edwards, Hopewell; Sister Elzada Woodard, Orion; Sister Sintha Blackwell, Big Spring; Brother Martin Davis and Sister Jane Whitaker, Prairie View; Sister Jane Norton, New Hope; Brother R. A. McPhearson and Sisters Lulu Sparks and Martha Chapman, Harmony; Brother Mastin Waltrip, Bethel; Sister Maggie Raley, Sugar Loaf. We as brethren in Christ extend our sympathies to the loved ones of the deceased who are left to mourn their departure, but would bid them in the name of the Lord to press on to Christ.

W. G. Thornton, }  
M. L. Crosswhite, } Committee.  
A. M. Crane. }

## OBITUARIES.

### MAGGIE RALEY.

We desire to submit the following obituary in memory of our beloved Sister Maggie Raley, wife of Elder J. M. Raley. Our dear sister became a member of the Sugar Loaf church, June 17th, 1882, where her membership remained until God called her home. Jesus said: "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved," and again, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." She was called from this world July 15th, 1904, and left to mourn her loss, her dear husband and children. But dear brother, let us not mourn as those who have no hope for we shall meet all our loved ones in Christ and will never say good bye

O. C. Hefner, }  
M. L. Crosswhite, } Committee.

### MASTIN WALTRIP.

The subject of this sketch was born July 7, 1822. In October, 1840 he professed a hope in Christ, joined the Missionary Baptist church and was baptized into the fellowship of the church called Oak Grove in Kentucky. About 1844 he was regularly elected and ordained deacon which office he held till death. He was married to Martha Eldson, April the 28th, 1841, from which union there was 10 children—6 girls and 4 boys—born. The grim monster—death—came around and caused a separation in February 21, 1862. Then later on in October 11, he was married to Elizabeth Reames, from which union there was 5 boys and 6 girls born to them. He departed this life April 18, 1904, at 12 o'clock. Oh! how sad it is to think that he has gone. We will miss his loving words and kind deeds, for a seat is vacant in our church and home which never can be filled. But how can we weep for him when his great sufferings have all turned to joy and he has gone to meet his Savior? A few days before he died when his sufferings were very great, he said: "Oh! Jesus, how long will it be till I will be with thee?" He was sick five weeks with that fatal disease called diabetes, but he bore his sufferings with great patience. He talked a great deal of Christ and asked his blessed Lord to relieve him, but he would say, "Not my will, O Lord, but thine be done." He was a loving companion and one of the very dearest and best of fathers, was gentle and Christ-like in all his ways, was loved by all who knew him, especially those who knew him best. It seemed like his greatest earthly desire was to live in peace with his God and all mankind, and to work for the salvation of the souls of his children and his neighbors' children, and for the souls of the children of men. He leaves an invalid wife and 13 children to mourn his departure. May the Lord bless and comfort his dear wife and companion in her declining years, for he hated to leave his poor old crippled wife. He bade his children to look after their mother and may the Lord help us all to do His bidding.

We loved him, yes, we loved him, but angels loved him more;  
And they have sweetly called him, to yonder shining shore.  
A form we loved is missing, a gentle voice said come;  
And with farewells unspoken, he calmly entered home.  
—Written by a Daughter.

SARAH E. EDWARDS.

We, your committee appointed by Hopewell church beg leave to make the following report: Whereas death has visited us and has taken from us our beloved sister, Sarah E. Edwards, who was the wife of Elder W. N. Edwards deceased. Sister Edwards professed a hope in Christ and joined the Missionary Baptist Church when very young, and lived a faithful and consistent member until death which occurred on the 30th day of August, 1904.

T. H. Cook, John Raynor, J. W. Pettit,	}	Committee.
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CYNTHIA BLACKWELL.

Our dear sister has been a member of the Baptist Church for about 25 years, and also she has been a mother in Zion. Her doors have always been open to receive God's children and such have always been welcome. We realize that we have suffered a great loss but realizing our loss has been her gain and she is safely housed in the mansions above, we sympathize with the bereaved and earnestly pray that we may also become lights in the churches on earth and meet the sister and mother in Heaven. Died August 28th, 1904.

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#### REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Mount Hall Church has departed from Baptist usage in the reception of Rev. A. A. Neal into their fellowship who is excluded from a sister church of like faith and order without his becoming reconciled to the church of which he was a member, therefore be it resolved that we refuse said church and its messengers representation in our body.

C. L. Mattox, O. C. Hefner, J. F. Pruitt, J. S. Thornton, D. B. Eoff,	}	Committee.
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## THANKS.

We your committee on Resolutions submit the following: Resolved that we tender our thanks to brothers and sisters of Big Spring church and community and also the people of Lead Hill for their kind hospitality in caring for the messengers of this Association during our stay with them.

C. L. Mattox, } Committee.  
O. C. Hefner, }

## FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:  
Received of churches for Minute Funds \$17.65.

A. K. Toney, } Committee.  
C. Williams, }

## CLERK'S REPORT OF 1903.

Printing minutes \$15.00. Postage \$1.50. Clerk's fee, \$5.00. Received for advertisements, \$5.00.

C. L. Hall, Clerk.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1903.

Minute funds on hand, \$2.88. Received of Association for Minute funds \$16.05. For State Missions \$6.00. Receipts for \$22.50, balance on hand, \$2.43.

B. F. McMillan, Treasurer.

## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

In addition to the contributions recorded in the statistical table, the following sums have been donated by churches of the Association, Harrison, Foreign Missions, \$10.10 Incidentals, \$102.35 Orphanage, \$20. State Missions, \$39.05 Ministerial Education, \$5.00 Home Missions, \$50.00 School expenses, \$25.00 By W. M. W., and L. A. S., Foreign Missions, \$2.50 Orphans Home, \$2.50 Missionary Union, \$5.00 Charity, \$14.50 Balance on hand, \$109.48 Bellefonte, State Missions, \$1.73 Sunday School Literature, \$8.00 Prairie View, Visiting Ministers, \$15.50 Home Missions, \$4.00 Sunday School, \$10.00 Completeing Church, Building, \$20.00 Orion, State Missions, \$23.10 Foreign Missions, \$1.40 Alpena, State Missions, \$10.35 Hopewell, State Missions, \$12.38 Benevolence, \$7.30 Sunday School Literature, \$5.00 Jasper, State Missions, \$9.15 Building Fund, \$300.00

# Constitution.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, called Baptists, being assembled through our delegates at Bellefont, Boone county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in May, A D., 1869, agree to form ourselves in an Association for the purpose of instruction, edification and promotion of the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

Article I. The Association shall be composed of messengers or delegates, chosen by the churches in our union, who, on presenting letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. II. The messengers thus chosen, when convened, shall be known as the "Crooked Creek Association," who shall be not merely an advisory council, but also for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Art. III. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to four delegates, and any church failing to represent herself shall render the reason to the next Association; failing to do so she shall be dropped from the roll of the Association.

Art. IV. Letters from the churches shall state the number received by experience, baptism, letter, recommendation or restoration; those dismissed by letter, ex-communicated or deceased since the last Association, also the total number in fellowship.

Art. V. New churches may be admitted into the Association, who petition by letter and delegates, adopting or subscribing to our articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

Art. VI. The Association shall elect a Moderator and Clerk by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. VII. The Association shall have a fund for support which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the churches sent by the hand of their messengers which shall be at the disposal for Association purposes only.

Art. VIII. Donating or withholding our means for religious purposes shall be at the free volition of any member, and is no bar to fellowship.

Art. IX. Questions may be sent by churches in their letters or brought in by motion and second, and may or may not be investigated as the Association may determine.

Art. X. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members, except in the reception of members, which shall be unanimous.

Art. XI. The Association shall have power to withdraw her fellowship from any church in her union who, after due admonition, shall be unsound in her faith and practice.

Art. XII. Some of her ministers shall be appointed by the Association each session to preach the introductory sermon at the next.

Art. XIII. She may correspond with any Association as she may determine, while in session.

Art. XIV. There shall be a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to her as she may direct.

Art. XV. The Clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings, which shall be printed and distributed among the churches according to the contributions.

Art. XVI. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk, before the Association recess.

Art. XVII. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the churches may deem it necessary.

Art. XVIII. The Association shall at each session determine the time and the place of the next.

## Rules of Decorum.

1. The Moderator shall cause each session to open and close with prayer.

2. Ministers present invited to take seats are privileged to speak with us on all subjects, but vote on none.

3. Those who speak shall rise to their feet and respectfully address the brother Moderator.

4. No motion shall be entertained without a second.

5. If when a motion has been made and seconded, a member oppose its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question. Should this question be discussed? And if negatived the subject shall be dropped.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time,

7. No one shall speak more than three times on any subject without special leave of Association, and not more than ten minutes.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator, if so, his name shall be left off the Minutes.

9. The stand shall be supplied with preaching from time to time during the session, only by consent of the Association.

10. The Moderator shall decide by his vote all questions upon which there is no majority.

11. The Moderator shall state and explain questions before the Association, and take the sense of the Association in all cases where a vote is taken, except by ballot.

12. No motion shall be entertained until the one under discussion has been disposed of, except a motion to adjourn, postpone, amend, or put the main question.

13. The Moderator shall call to order any member who, while speaking, uses any discourteous language, or departs from the subject under discussion.

14. These rules may be amended at any time when the majority of the members may deem it necessary.

## Declaration of Faith.

Article I. We believe that the 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, 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 opinions should be said.

II. We believe 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 and harmonious offices in the work of the 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 estate, in consequence of which all mankind now are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tender sympathies with Divine perfection, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, 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 is the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by the cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined 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 affected 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 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 receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only 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 moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; 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 in the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and 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, and 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 Healer and Comforter, in the continued 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 to the end, and that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from the superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by 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 the fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises from the 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 the means of grace, connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors or Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are found in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion, in water, of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator, to show faith in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effects 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 undying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn 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 secular labor and sinful recreations, by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remains for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that the government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed except only in things opposed to the 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 wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ 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 good among men both in and after death.

XVIII. We believe that the end of the world is approaching; and at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves for final retribution; that a solemn separation will take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy, and that the judgment will fix forever the final state of man Heaven or hell on the principles of righteousness.

## Order of Business.

1. Annual Introductory Sermon.
2. Call of the Association to order by the Moderator, if present.
3. Call for church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters for membership.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
9. Call and correct roll and note absentees.
10. Call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of Association.
16. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
17. Appoint some one to have minutes printed.
18. Adjournment.

## Form for Association Letter.

To the Crooked Creek Baptist Association when convened with (place)

(time)

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the Church of Jesus Christ, known as Missionary Baptist, worshipping at.....send as messengers to represent us in your body.....and.....

During the past year our church has been increased: By baptism.....; by letter.....; by statement.....; by restoration.....; Decreased: By letter.....; by exclusion.....; by death.....

Ordained ministers.....; Licentiates.....; Present Membership.....; Present Pastor.....; Contribution for Pastorial support \$.....; for Minutes \$.....  
Days of Church meeting.....  
By order of the Church on.....

Moderator.

Clerk.

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CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	By Exp. & Bapt.	By Letter.	By Statement.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Membership.	Church Days.	Pastoral Support.	Minute Fund.	Sunday S Scholars
					Increased	Decreased												
Harrison,	Harrison,	M. L. Voyles,	P. C. Maggard	M. L. Voyles, C. L. Mattox, J. L. Sims and Willie Casey,					12	11	2	2		93	1234	\$311 45	\$ 2 00	45
Bellefonte,	Bellefonte,	J. M. Walker,	C. L. Hall,	J. B Swanner and wife, C L Hall,		2			5		1			56	2	30 00	1 50	35
Prairie View,	Harrison,	J. M. Walker,	W. F. Graham,	A. K. Toney and E. F. Graham.		2				2	2			54	4	23 50	1 50	45
Bethel,	Self,	J. A. Thornton	S. M. Waltrip.	S. M. Waltrip, J. F. Pruitt, and L. H. Matlock,	2	2			1	1				77		27 50	1 10	
Sugar Loaf,	Sycamore,	R. W. Raley,	W. H. Raley,	R. W. Raley, O. C. Hefner, W. H. Raley and M. L. Crosswhite,	1	1			2	1	3			72		12 00	1 00	
Lead Mine,	Lead Hill,		U. Honeycutt,	Uriah Honeycutt and A A Huey.										30	1		50	
Orion,	Harrison,	C. L. Mattox,	J. J. Cox,	J. W. Pettit and J. B. Rose,	48	5	1	2	4	1	1	1		95	3	25 00	1 00	
Rock Point,	Lead Hill,	R. W. Raley,	W G Thornton	J. A. Austin, Sister C. J. Austin, W. G. and Sister S. E. Thornton,										14	4		50	
Big Spring,	Monarch,	R. W. Raley,	L F Purdom,	J. Thornton, J. W. Purdom, H. W. Purdom and C. W. Purdom.			1		1	1	1			28	1	15 25	1 00	
Alpena,	Alpena Pass,	W. B. Collins,	E. G. Whitaker	Alfred Grogan and W. M. Payne,										19	1	36 00	1 00	
Hopewell,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	Frank Kindall	T. H. Cook, Frank Kindall, Reuben Capps and W. C. Raynor,	25	2	1			1	1			49	1	7 50	1 00	27
Harmony,	Murray,	P. Young,	J. B. Carlton,	N. F. Bradley,		1	2	2	1	3	1	1		40	1	13 00	75	
New Hope,	Swain,	P. Young,	A. E. Wilson,	Represented by Letter,	10					2	1	4		36	3	5 00	50	
Antioch,	Cassville,	N. F. Bradley,	C. Williams,	C. Williams,	1			1	5		1			28	4	7 25	50	
Pleas'nt G've	Parthenon,	A. E. Wilson,	C F Breedlove	Represented by Letter,										39	4		50	
Jasper,	Jasper,	N. F. Bradley,	D. B. Davis,	Ed Sams,		3				1				15	3		60	
Enon,	Boone,	O. C. Hefner,	G. W. Haskins,	J. H. Haskins, J. D. Richardson, and J. B. Wilson,	18	1	2	1	1		1			35	2	19 35	60	
Rocky Mount	Vall'y Spr'gs		J. F. Wallis,	C. C. Ray,	8	1		1						15			1 00	
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