

...MINUTES...

OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

OUACHITA  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION OF CHRIST



HELD WITH MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
POLK COUNTY, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 24-27, 1908

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OFFICERS

S. A. NEIGHBORS, (Potter Arkansas) Moderator  
J. E. TAYLOR, (Mena, Arkansas, R. F. D. No. 1) Clerk  
W. I. GREEN, (Mena, Arkansas) Treasurer

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THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS BODY WILL BE HELD WITH  
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, COMMENCING ON  
THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE 4TH  
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1909

## PROCEEDINGS

The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ met in its Forty-first Annual Session with Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Thursday night, September the 24th, A. D., 1908, at 8:30 p. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. A. Squyres. Text, 2d Tim., 2-8 and 9.

Friday morning, September 25th, 9:30 a. m., the Association came together by singing "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus." The former Moderator, Elder H. C. Ridling, had the 23rd Psalm read. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Haynes.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Enrollment:

Robert Fortner, B. W. Teater and J. A. Hill.

On Finance:

J. W. McDonald, W. W. Brumbley and W. H. Stephens.

On Preaching:

The Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Olive Church, together with Bro. W. E. Tibbs.

The Moderator then called for the letters, which were read by Bros. W. M. Cooksey and B. F. Cannon.

There were 18 letters from old churches, and one petitionary letter from Flat Creek Church was received and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

The Preaching Committee announced that Bro. B. F. Cannon would preach at 11 a. m., Text, Eph. 4th and 30th. The Body adjourned to ——— o'clock p. m.

## FRIDAY EVENING, 2 P. M.

The Body came together by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. W. M. Cooksey. The Body then went into the election of officers.

The Moderator appointed Bro. George West to take the vote for Moderator, Bro. H. F. Gann for Clerk, and Bro. W. I. Green for Treasurer. The result was as follows:

Moderator—Elder S. A. Neighbors.

Clerk—J. E. Taylor.

Treasurer—W. I. Green.

After appropriate remarks by the retiring Moderator and also Moderator-elect S. A. Neighbors, the Moderator called for correspondence.

Bro. George West was seated as a visitor from Beech Street Church, Texarkana, representing the Baptist Advance Home, Field and Foreign Mission Journal.

The report of the Association Missionary, Bro. D. A. Squyres, was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. Squyres, J. J. Haynes, W. M. Cooksey, H. C. Ridling and G. A. Cross. The report was adopted as read.

The Moderator appointed the various committees.

The preaching Committee announced that Bro. J. M. Green would preach Friday night. The Body then adjourned to meet Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Friday night, devotional exercises, led by Bro. J. J. Haynes, after which Bro. J. M. Green preached. Text, Mathew 24th, 14. Benediction by Bro. Haynes.

## SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26TH.

The Body came together by singing. The Moderator read the 17th Chapter of St. John. Prayer by Bro. H. C. Ridling.

The Moderator then renewed the call for letters, and a letter was received and read from the Grannis Baptist Church.

The Moderator renewed the call for correspondence.

Bro. A. S. Robinson was seated as a visitor from Choctaw and Chickashaw Association of Oklahoma.



Bro. S. W. Hilton was seated as a visitor from Caddo River Association.

Bro. J. M. Green was seated as a visitor from Salem Association of Oklahoma.

By vote of the Body all speeches were limited to 10 minutes.

The Report on Education was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. B. F. Cannon, J. J. Haynes, George West and W. M. Cooksey, after which the report was adopted.

The report on Obituaries was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

The Preaching Committee announced that Bro. W. M. Cooksey would preach Saturday at 11 a. m., Bro. Haynes Saturday night, and Bro. George West Sunday at 11 a. m.

The report on Orphans' Home was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. George West, W. M. Cooksey and B. F. Cannon. The report was amended, after which it was adopted.

Pending the adoption of this report the following contribution was made for the Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark.: \$10.00. The report on Temperance was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. John T. Logan, B. F. Cannon, John Hammock, M. L. Ridling, W. M. Cooksey, H. C. Ridling, W. H. Taylor, H. D. Roberts, T. J. Lynn, J. E. White, Frank Tate and C. M. Griffin. The report was amended and adopted. The Body then adjourned for preaching by Bro. Cooksey, Text, Daniel 12th, 7th, preaching an excellent sermon on world-wide missions. Benediction by Bro. John P. Logan.

2:00 O'Clock P. M.—The Body came together by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Green.

The report on Foreign Missions was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. J. J. Haynes, W. M. Cooksey, J. M. Green, A. J. Robins, and H. D. Roberts. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Associational Missions was received

and read. The report was spoken to by Bros. W. M. Cooksey, J. J. Haynes, H. D. Roberts, J. E. White, G. A. Cross, Edward Posey, H. C. Ridling, B. W. Teater, Frank Tate and J. A. Hill. The report was adopted as read. By vote of the Body the above report was reconsidered and referred back to the committee.

The report on nominations was received and read. The report was spoken to by Bro. W. E. Beaver. The report was adopted as read.

The report on State Missions was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Sabbath Schools was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

The report on Resolutions was received and read. The report was amended, after which it was adopted.

The report on Ordained Ministers was received and read. The report was corrected and adopted.

The report on Family Worship was received and read. The report was adopted as read.

By the vote of the Body Bro. J. J. Haynes was elected as a member of the State Missions Board.

Bro. W. M. Cooksey was elected as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. J. J. Haynes as alternate.

By motion and second the report of the Associational Mission Board was received and read. The report was adopted as read. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

On motion and second the clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed. The Body voted the clerk \$10.00 for his services.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

By vote of the Body, anyone bearing a copy of our minutes was authorized to represent this Association in any of the Associations with which we correspond.

The Body voted that the collection Sunday be for State Missions.

On motion and second, the report of the Com-

mittee on Associational Missions was reconsidered and the report was adopted as read.

By vote of the Body Bro. Squyres was asked to continue the work as missionary for the next two months.

The Body adjourned to meet with Concord Church on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1909. Closing prayer was offered by Bro. H. C. Ridling

Sunday Morning at 11 O'Clock—Preaching by Bro. George West. Text, Col. 2nd, 9th. Collection for State Missions, cash \$6.21. Pledges, \$125.00.

Benediction by Bro. J. M. Green.

ELDER S. A. NEIGHBORS, Moderator.  
J. E. TAYLOR, Clerk.



## APPENDIX

- 1 Buffalo Church—Robert Fortner
- 2 Concord Church—H. C. Ridling and J. W. Bogle.
- 3 Cove Church—T. A. Hilton, B. H. Risenhaur.
- 4 Corinth Church—J. B. Larman.
- 5 New Prospect Church—Albert Roberts.
- 6 Eagle Fork Church—U. S. Andrews, W. M. Litereal.
- 7 Flat Creek Church—George Weeks.
- 8 Grannis Church—John P. Logan.
- 9 Hatfield—Church—W. H. Stephens, W. E. Beaver.
- 10 Janssen Church—B. F. Cannon, W. S. Mayo and C. M. Griffin.
- 11 Mena Church—W. M. Cooksey, J. J. Haynes and B. W. Teater.
- 12 Mill Creek Church—W. L. Shepherd and S. Thacker.
- 13 Mt. Olive Church—T. J. Hicks and J. T. Ward.
- 14 New Home Church—H. D. Roberts.
- 15 New Hope Church—R. F. Hampton, J. W. Lawrence and W. E. Tibbs.
- 16 Oak Grove Church—J. D. Towry, M. L. Ridling and John Hammock.
- 17 Rock Springs Church—T. J. Lynne, Edward Posey and L. E. Large.
- 18 Salem Church—W. W. Brumbley.
- 19 Sulphur Spring Church—Frank Tate and J. A. Hill.
- 20 Welcome Home Church—J. W. McDonald, G. A. Cross.
- 21 Yockana Church—By Letter.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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

Education is a preparation for the avocations of life with all the advantages. Both in our free school system and colleges there is a lack of intellect somewhere. If you will visit our county schools today you find comparatively few young men. We find that parents are responsible to a degree for this. Without an education we are wholly unprepared to accept a position in the business world, and we, as Baptists, if we would have our children brought up in the way they should go, should see to it well that we place them where they will be surrounded by Christian influence. Last but not least we would impress especially upon this Association the necessity of an educated ministry. Others who are not of us are educating, and if we fail how can we meet opposition. If God calls a man to preach, he calls him to save souls, therefore he should make a thorough study of the Bible, which is God's word, and not only that he should apply himself well to Texts Books as used in our schools and colleges, that he may be prepared to analyze his subject.

Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Ark.; Central College at Conway; Magazine Academy, Mountain Home Academy, Bentonville Academy, Maynard Academy, where we have the opportunity, and if we fail to do our duty, will God not hold us accountable?

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. CANNON, Ch'm.

W. S. MAYO.

J. W. McDONALD.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME

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

There are now in the Home 70 children; in all there have been cared for in the Home 110. Out of this number there has never been one who was not saved as soon as they arrived at the age of accountability. The Home was never more wisely managed than now. The wants of children in every way are most carefully looked after. The school facilities were never better. Sunday school services are of a spiritual character in the Home, as the result already mentioned will prove. The fact that every child is taught to work at something useful is another important point in favor of the management. The girls are taught to sew, to sweep, to cook, to make beds, and other house-keeping work. The boys are taught to work on the farm they have in connection with other useful employment. We recommend that a collection be taken now for the Home, and that every church and every member be given an opportunity to give something when we return to our homes.

Everything, houses and farm, in connection with the Home, is paid for, and all out of debt.

We recommend that some one in every church be elected whose duty it shall be to see every member of his church during the year and solicit a contribution for these orphans.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HAMMOCK,  
R. F. HAMPTON,  
J. D. TOWRY,

Committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, would report:

First—That the sale and use of intoxicating drinks in this county is one of the greatest curses in the land. With the sale of whiskey and beer the gamblers den are closely connected, and fallen women, which includes fallen men. To fight the whiskey business is to fight all of the crimes and shameless sins that blight the home and sinks the individual soul in misery. Here and in the future we recommend that all legitimate means be used to induce total abstinence, especially among the churches, for prohibition throughout the land. We believe that Arkansas should be a prohibition State, and that the United States of America should be a prohibition nation. The Scriptures teach that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God. We recommend that our Senator, John P. Logan, be asked to frame a bill to be submitted to the next lawmaking body of Arkansas, or take any other such steps as in his judgment are necessary looking to state-wide prohibition in Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. L. RIDLING,  
T. J. LYNN,  
W. W. BRUMBLEY,  
Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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

This report should embrace the Master's command of world-wide missions. In fact, the Master impressed this one thought: Preach the Gospel to all the world, to every creature, and always. We all agree



that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, therefore the importance of preaching this Gospel in order to salvation, as there is no salvation without God and God's powers, which is the Gospel. This being the case, we see at a glance the great importance and responsibility of the subject of Christian Missions. The question is, are we really as Baptist and Baptist churches engaged in this work? The facts and figures say eloquently we are not. For instance, Arkansas has 1,389 churches. Of these 175 churches contributed to foreign Missions, and not one half of the members of these churches gave anything, and the members that do give do not give one-third of what they are able to give. For instance, Arkansas gave for Foreign Missions in 1907 and 1908, \$10,345.48, or 11 cents per member. We repeat, these facts show as churches and individuals that we are not obeying the Master's command, "Go Ye Into All the World." The Southern Baptist Convention has 556 Missionaries on the Foreign, including the native workers. In 1907 and 1908 there were 2,174 baptisms, with 139 houses of worship, with total amount of collections \$402,328.16. Out of the 20,854 Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 10,769 contributed the above amount, while 10,085 gave nothing—nearly one half—and yet we claim to be Missionary Baptists. Yet after all we thank God for the great work that is being done, notwithstanding Southern Baptists only gave 20 cents apiece to the work in 1907 and 1908, far less than any other denomination that propose to evangelize. Brethren, we recommend that you enlist your churches and move forward in the mission work which is the work of God and his churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAYNES,  
H. D. ROBERTS  
J. T. WARD,

Committee.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that the State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is assisting our Association this year to the amount of \$62.50, for which we feel very grateful, and desire to express our gratitude to the State Board for this help, and we therefore advise and recommend a hearty co-operation of all our churches with the State Board in the Evangelization of our beloved State. We advise that our clerk express our thanks to the State Board for the help.

Respectfully submitted,  
D. A. SQUYRES,  
J. W. BOGLE,  
J. B. LANNAN,  
Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to report as follows:

While believing Sunday Schools to be highly necessary to the development of the ensuing generation in Christian education; believing it to be the primary department of Christian training, therefore we recommend and insist that every church support and keep up a well-regulated Sunday School. We also recommend that all churches be careful in the selecting of literature, superintendents and teachers.

D. A. SQUYRES,  
Chairman of Committee.

## REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD OF OUACHITA ASSOCIATION.

Your Board would report as follows:

We employed Bro. D. A. Squyres as missionary for three-fourths time, at a salary of \$50.00 per month, he to furnish his own conveyance. Bro. Squyres has labored four and one-half months.

Your Board has received from the churches and collected on the field \$162.50. We have received from the State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist State convention \$62.50. Total amount received and expended, \$225.00. Your Board would request that all the churches do more mission work, and take Ouachita Association for Christ.

Your Board is able to report the Missionary paid in full to date.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. TAYLOR,

Chairman of the Board.

W. M. COOKSEY, Clerk of the Board.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Association Missions, beg leave to report as below:

It gives us great pleasure to report that this feature of our work is in a healthy condition. Our Missionary, Bro. Squyres, did us noble work, having gone into needy fields, and was used of God to lead a goodly number of souls to Christ. We recommend that a Missionary be employed for full time, and that Bro. Squyres be given the preference. That the salary be fixed on a basis of \$50.00 per month, and that the churches be asked to pledge themselves through

their messengers here now to raise the amount necessary to pay the same.

And further, that the Missionary try to collect as much of his salary as possible on the field.

W. M. COOKSEY.

ROBERT FORTNER.

J. W. LAWRENCE.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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

Amount for minutes.....	\$23 56
For Associational Missions.....	23 05
For Orphans' Home.....	1 25
For Home Missions.....	1 00
Total for All Purposes.....	\$48 86

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BRUMBLEY,

J. W. McDONALD,

W. H. STEPHENS,

Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FAMILY WORSHIP.

We, your Committee on Family Worship, would report as follows:

We regret that so many neglect family prayers. No Christian who neglects family prayer is fully discharging their duty. We cannot successfully lead our children in the way they should go if we neglect



public service in our homes. God loves his children who call on his name daily for needed blessings.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. CROSS,  
C. M. GRIFFIN,  
FRANK TATE,

Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARIES.

Your Missionary Committee would report as follows:

Days of labor .....	135
Miles traveled .....	700
Sermons preached .....	104
Addresses .....	8
Homes visited .....	100
Baptisms .....	19
Additions by Letter .....	5
Total Additions .....	24

### Finance:

Received of the State Mission Board .....	\$ 62 50
Received from the Associations Missions B'd .....	148 00

Total amount received .....\$ 210 50

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SQUYRES,  
Missionary.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions beg to make this our report:

First. That this Association meet on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, A. D., 1909.

Second. That this Body tender its sincere thanks

to the people af Mt. Olive Baptist Church and community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay among them.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. J. HAYNES,  
Church of Cove.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations report as follows:

That Elder H, C. Ridling preach the introductory sermon at the meeting of this Body. Bro. S. A. Neighbors alternate. We also recommend that the next meeting of this Body be with Concord Church. We recommend that the next fifth Sunday meeting be held with Rock Spring Church, ten miles northeast of Mena, Polk county, Ark. We recommend that the Associational Mission Board be composed of one member from each church, and that the Board select their own chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. TIBBS,  
H. C. RIDLING,  
Committee.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTERS.

We your Committee on Ordained Ministers beg to submit as follows:

As below, we find there are 24 ordained ministers in our Association, and 21 churches. Eight of these churches are without pastors. Since we have so many ordained ministers and so many churches without

pastors, this presents a sad condition. This indicates that mistakes have been made somewhere, either on the part of our churches in the ordinations, or some of the brethren as to their call to the ministry. The Lord tells us to lay hands hastily on no man. We would recommend that our churches be cautious along this line, and that our ordained ministers who are not preaching and have no pastorates, that they prayerfully take the matter to the Lord, asking him to open fields of labor to them.

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## REPORT ON ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

- 1 Broad, H., Mena, Ark.
- 2 Borland, J. S., Smithville, Okla.
- 3 Bates, J. D., Mena R. F. D. No. 2, Ark.
- 4 Cooksey, W. M., Mena, Ark.
- 5 Cannon, B. F., Hatton, Ark.
- 6 Cross, G. A., Cove, Ark.
- 7 Duek, B., Big Cedar, Okla.
- 8 Eades, W. C., Cove, Ark.
- 9 Haynes, J. J., Mena, Ark.
- 10 Hollingsworth, T. M., Cove, Ark.
- 11 Harvey, W. C., Mena R. F. D. No. 1, Ark.
- 12 Johnson, G. W., Grannis, Ark.
- 13 McDonald, J. W., Cove, Ark.
- 14 Neighbors, S. A., Potter, Ark.
- 15 Posey, Edward, Quito, Ark.
- 16 Phelps, T. P., Mena R. F. D. No. 2., Ark.
- 17 Ridling, H. C., Mena, Ark.
- 18 Ridling, M. L., Vandervoort, Ark.
- 19 Roberts, H. D., Big Cedar, Okla.
- 20 Squyres, D. A., Potter, Ark.
- 21 Shelton, Wm., Ink, Ark.
- 22 Smail, J. E., Mena, Ark.
- 23 White, J. E., Hatton, Ark.
- 24 Widener, J. M., Hatfield, Ark.



## LICENSED MINISTERS.

- 1 Andrews, U. S., Big Cedar, Okla.
- 2 Belew, J. A., Hatfield, Ark.
- 3 Dickerson, A. G., Egger, Ark.
- 4 Fisher, J. L., Big Cedar, Okla.
- 5 Hensley, F. Y., Hatfield, Ark.
- 6 Large, L. E., Ink, Ark.
- 7 Nations, Daniel, Vandervoort, Ark.
- 8 Robins, A. J., Mena R. F. D., No. 2, Ark.
- 9 Taylor, W. M., Mena, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,  
U. S. ANDREWS,  
S. THACKER,  
L. A. HILTON,  
Committee.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from B. W. Teater, Treasurer Associa-	
tional Missions .....	\$12 05
Received from Finance Committee for Associa-	
tional Missions .....	23 05
For Home Missions .....	1 00
For Orphans' Home (Monticello) .....	1 25
For Minutes .....	23 36
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Total received .....	\$60 71
Paid to J. E. Taylor, Clerk:	
For Associational Missions .....	\$35 10
For Minutes .....	23 36
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Total expended .....	\$58 46
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Balance on hand .....	\$ 2 25

Respectfully submitted,  
W. I. GREEN,  
Treasurer.

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## OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows:

By looking over the letters we find as below:

Bro. J. C. Akin, Cove Church, aged, died May 30th, 1809.

Bro. C. Sartin, Mill Creek Church, died March 18th, 1908.

Sister Jennie Harris, Oak Grove Church.

Sister Ruth Cooksey, Mena Church, died April 24th, 1908.

Sister T. J. Howard, Mt. Olive Church, died August 9th, 1908.

Bro. J. L. McDonald, Yockana Church.

Sister Josie Robertson, Concord Church, died October 25th, 1907.

All of these were faithful members of their respective churches. We bow in humble submission to He who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. HILTON,

U. S. ANDREWS,

W. E. M. POSEY,

Committee.

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## RULES OF DECORUM .

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of members present.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.

4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but not thereafter.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and, obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by this Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

9. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resume their seats.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission from the Association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close the debate until the subject has been fully discussed.



12. Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.

13. The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator is entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only the day the breach be done.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three in one.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe election through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed into them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

7. We believe that good words are fruits faith,

and follow after justification, and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful baptized persons, who are Christian fellowship, and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only lawgiver, and the deciple is with the body and should be kept faithfully up for the glory of God and the prosperity of His people.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but true believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.



## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ."

2. This Association shall be composed of churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before taking their seats.

3. The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no author-



ity except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel; to union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted to this union through the representation of three delegates at the annual session of this Association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored, or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This Association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

8. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.



9. The Association shall take no cognizance of query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th Chapter of Mathew, and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The Clerk of this Association shall keep a file of the minutes of this Body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association, by the concurring voices of two-thirds of its members; provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this Association.

12. At each annnal meeting there shall be an introductory and missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m., for preaching.

No	CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	S. S. SUPT.	Sunday School Scholars	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Mem. Last Year	Total Mem. This Year	Pastor Salary	State Missions	Associational Missions	Building	Orphans' Home	Minutes	S. S. Expense	Value of Church Property	Total for All Purposes	Value of Pastor Home	Foreign Missions	Visiting Ministers	Home Missions	Incidentals	The Poor	Ministerial Education
1	Buffalo	2 Polk	S. A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	Robert Fortner	Robert Fortner	Cove, Ark			9	2	1	2	1	33	39	\$ 24 75			\$8 05		\$ 50	\$100 00	\$33 30								
2	Concord	3 Polk	H. C. Ridling	Mena, Ark	J. W. Bogle	J. W. Bogle	Quito, Ark	J. C. Yell, Ink, Ark	1	40	7	2	1	1	26	33			\$13 00	50 00		50	\$3 00	500 00	66 50							
3	Corinth	2 Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter, Ark	J. T. Law	J. T. Law	Mena, Ark	J. T. Law, Mena	1	24	7	5			41	24			13 05		\$5 00	1 45	500 00	19 50								
4	Cove	2 Polk	S. A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	T. L. Gulley	T. L. Gulley	Cove, Ark			6	9	1	1	1	14	27	25 85		5 70	10 00		1 00					\$12 65					
5	Bagle Fork	1 Okla	U. S. Andrews	Big Cedar, Ok	Raymond Wilson	Raymond Wilson	Octavia, Ok	Raymond Wilson	1	25	4				5	11	10 00		1 00			90	1 00	50 00	12 90							
6	Flat Creek	2 Polk	D. Nations	Vandervoort, Ark	G. T. Weeks	G. T. Weeks	Vandervoort			2	3					5																
7	Grannis, Ark	3 Polk		Grannis, Ark	G. T. Smith	G. T. Smith	Grannis	John P. Logan	1	63	7	3	3					\$35 00		150 00		1 50	9 00	500 00	220 50		25 00					
8	Hatfield, Ark	3 Polk	J. M. Green	Mansville, Ok	J. S. King	J. S. King	Hatfield	W. E. Beaver	1	85	5		1		24	31	46 06		20 72		2 50	1 00	16 90	500 00	84 53				2 85			
9	Janssen	1 Polk	B. F. Cannon	Hatton, Ark	W. S. Mayo	W. S. Mayo	Vandervoort	W. S. Mayo	1	23	10	7	9	1	17	25		42 50	4 15	4 25		1 50	7 45	500 00	70 93				9 25	1 80		
10	Mena	all Polk	W. M. Cooksey	Mena, Ark	W. E. Holt	W. E. Holt	Mena School No. 2	W. E. Holt	2	240	59	37	4	15	1	276	359	1000 00	13 00			5 00	40 00	1500 00	1868 43	\$1500 00	115 00	165 00	109 00	149 85	\$28 58	\$ 0 00
11	Mt. Olive	1 Polk	D. A. Squyres	Potter	J. E. Taylor	J. E. Taylor	Mena R. F. D. No 1	J. C. Whitaker	1	35	5	9	7	1	91	97	51 00		25 44		12 50	2 00	5 00	500 00	90 94							
12	Mill Creek	2 Polk	E. G. Bell	Mena R. F. D. No. 1	S. Thacker	S. Thacker	Mena R. F. D. No. 2								40	13 75						1 00			14 75							
13	New Hope	2 Polk	S. A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	J. S. Lawrence	J. S. Lawrence	Shady, Ark	John Bell	1	51	11	2	3	7	67	76	40 00		10 00		1 56	1 69	300 00	57 90								
14	New Home	3 Okla	P. R. Turner	Mena R. F. D. No. 2	P. J. Roberts	P. J. Roberts	Big Cedar, Ok								12	12			1 00			50			1 50							
15	New Prospect	2 Polk	J. D. Bates	Mena R. F. D. No 2	Callie Daniels	Callie Daniels	Bulger, Ark								30	30																
16	Oak Grove	3 Polk	M. L. Ridling	Vandervoort	D. Nations	D. Nations	Vandervoort	H. M. Wilkins	1	28	4		1	1	29	32	5 00		5 50			1 50	1 88	75 00	13 88							
17	Rock Spring	2 Polk	W. M. Shelton	Ink, Ark	Mollie Woodruff	Mollie Woodruff	Quito, Ark			2	1				13	16			40			75			1 15							
18	Salem	3 Polk	H. C. Ridling	Mena, Ark	W. T. Fite	W. T. Fite	Nunley	W. A. Brumbley	1	68			4		44	40	3 00		1 00			1 10		500 00	13 10							
19	Sulphur Springs	2 Okla	G. A. Cross	Cove, Ark	R. N. Hill	R. N. Hill	Watson, Ok	Josh Webb	1	20	7	10	7	1	25	34	25 00		10 00		0 00	1 50			17 50							
20	Welcome Home	3 Polk	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	W. G. Thweatt	W. G. Thweatt	Cove, Ark			7			5		33	35	21 24		2 50			75			24 40							
21	Yockana	1 Polk	C. Burnett	Board Camp	G. W. Corley	G. W. Corley	Ink, Ark			2			8	10	72	55	19 30			50 00	1 25	00		250 00	24 00			2 85				
	Big Cedar	1 Okla	S. A. Neighbors	Potter, Ark	not represented	not represented									44																	