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J.	W, FRY, Cedarville, Ark.,	-	49	-	-	-	Me	oderator
J.	F. CRAWFORD, Van Buren.	Ark		-	_	-	-	Clerk
W	ALTER MORRIS, Hartman,	Ark.		-	_	-	T	reasurer

The next session will be held with Zoar Baptist Church, Crawford County, Ark., Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1915. Introductory sermon by Elder J. F. Crawford; alternate, Elder J. L. Taylor.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists convened its forty-second annual session with Denning Baptist Church, October 8th, 1914.

Devotional services were conducted by Elder J. L. Taylor. Bro. Taylor read the 107th Psalm and led in

prayer.

After spending several minutes in singing and praying, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The appointees being absent, Eld. L. L. Lusk preached the introductory sermon. His subject was: "The First Church of Jerusalem."

The sermon was well received.

The Moderator appointed the Messengers and Pastor of Denning Church committee on Divine Services.

On motion adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. F.

Crawford.

FIRST DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met promptly at 2 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by Elder G. W. Bray. Eld. W. B. Hardin led in prayer.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for

business.

Eld. L. L. Lusk and Dr. J. P. Blakley were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were read from several churches and messengers' names enrolled.

Correspondence was called for. Bro. J. J. Quick

of Russellville Association was seated.

The Moderator announced the Association ready to go into the election of officers for the ensuing year, and appointed Bros. H. A. Whinnery and Walter Morris as tellers to hold the election.

The tellers reported that Bro. J. W. Fry was reelected Moderator, Eld. J. F. Crawford re-elected Clerk, and Walter Morris Treasurer.

'After some announcements the Association adjourned. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Stone.

FIRST DAY-NIGHT SESSION.

The congregation assembled promptly at 7 o'clock. After song and prayer services, Elder J. L. Taylor preached to a large congregation, using as a text Matthew 5-16.

The sermon seemed to be enjoyed by all who heard it.

At the close of the sermon the Moderator appointed the following committees:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS-J. E. Stone, Ed. Lynn.

STATE MISSIONS—J. L. Taylor, G. W. Beard, Wm. Mason.

HOME MISSIONS—L. L. Lusk, H. A. Whinnery, Porter Fry.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—F. Threadgill, W. M. Crowley.

Prohibition — Mrs. R. B. Walker, Miss Minnie Jones, Mrs. J. P. Blakley.

OBITUARIES—Mrs. Joseph Connell, Maud Savage, Miss Dollie Ingram.

ORPHANS HOME—Dr. J. P. Blakley, W. M. Painter, J. P. Greenwood.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—G. W. Bray, J. S. Barger, E. Bass.

FINANCE-W. F. Blevins, Walter Morris.

NOMINATIONS—John Mosley, J. P. Greenwood.

WOMANS WORK—Miss Nannie Wofford, Mrs. J. T. Greer, Mrs. Joseph Connell.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS-J. E. Cox, R. W. Crowder.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. J. W. Story, Mrs. Joseph Connell.

After the committees were appointed the sisters took charge of the services. After several good talks on woman's work, a splendid paper was also read by Mrs. Joseph Connell.

On motion adjourned, Benediction by Elder C. M. Partin.

SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock.

The congregation engaged in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer was led by Dr. R. M. Inlow.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted. [See Memorial Page.]

The report on Ministerial Education was read and recommitted for a special report on Ouachita College.

The Moderator appointed the Executive Committee

as follows:

Alma, Sid Savage
Altus, John Mosley
Alix, JP Blakley
Center Grove, JL Cook
Cedarville, H A Whinnery
Coal Hill, JS Barger
Concord, Bud Boling
Chester, J D Hoffman
Denning, JS Dodd
Dyer, Al Jean
Fine Spring, S D Fox
Hartman, Walter Morris
Hopewell, A J Norton
Haroldton, R Putman
Macedonia, J A Riddle

Mt. Zion, Henry Baldwin Mulberry, N A Lasater New Hope, S F Peters New Prospect, W W Allen Ozark, S S McClane Pleasant Grove, J J Cook Rehobeth, M J Stewart Rudy, Dan Wofford Red Bird, J W Cain Sweet Home, T M Garner Shady Grove, W A Gowen Shiloh, R L Taylor Union Chapel, C R Johns Van Buren, C M Wofford Zoar, Ed Lynn

On motion, any member of this Association visiting any sister Association be allowed to represent us in such bodies.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the chairman, and after several enthusiastic speeches were made the report was adopted:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools, report that we find only about 17 Sunday Schools in the Association, and these are on or near the railroads. It is a fact that as a rule the parents take but little interest in Sunday School work.

There seems to be a tendency in some Sunday Schools to turn the children loose when the school is over, when they should be kept in for the preaching service.

We believe that there should be a school in every church. But that the school ought to be conducted so as to teach the children that the preaching of the gospel is the most important part of the church work. We believe that if we cannot keep children in both the preaching and Sunday School, we had better dispense with the school and keep them in the preaching service.

J. E. Gox.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. J. L. Taylor. On motion the discussion of the report was deferred until 11 o'clock.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on State Missions report: State Missions is that department of our work having to do with the establishment of churches in destitute territory and aiding weak churches in evangelical work and supporting their

pastors.

To understand the crying need of this department of our work we have but to view the alarming destitution in our State. More than one-half of the counties of the State have not a single church having full time preaching and self-supporting, while in many of these associations have but one Sunday preaching. In these churches there is absolutely nothing being done to educate our young people in christian work.

There are many other features of the work which we may not mention for want of space. We recommend that we redouble our energies along all lines touching this phase of our work.

J. L. Taylor.

G. W. Beard, W. M. Mason.

The report on Associational Missions was read by Eld. J. E. Stone and after some discussion the report was adopted:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on Associational Missions beg to

submit the following:

Seeing the condition of things in Glear Greek Association, we recommend that this association take the matter in hand, and recommend that the Committee put some good man in the destitutions for all or a part of his time, and that the churches take monthly collections for his support.

Joel E. Stone, Ed. Lynn. The Report on Home Missions was read by its committee chairman, and was spoken to by Eld. L. L. Lusk and was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missionary Board work has three special de-

partments of operation:

The Department of Evangelism, with its 24 workers engaged in soul winning. Last year 4,982 baptisms; 6,978 additions to church, and 1,202 volunteers for the ministry and mission work, were reported.

The Department of Enlistment and Co-operalistment is maintaining 12 special workers who aid in developing unde-

veloped churches.

In the Department of Church Building the Board is asking to raise a million dollar building fund, to help the 3,000 unhoused churches and the more than 3,000 inadequately housed churches in equiping themselves with proper houses of worship.

The Board is maintaining 30 workers among the immigrants and foreigners, both in the ports and interior cities

of the South.

Through the Publishing Department millions of pages of gospel tracts are distributed. The "Home Field" is a great factor for good.

For all the work of the Board \$37.500 is needed each

month, or \$438,000 for the current year.

We urge that all churches and individuals pray for and contribute faithfully to this work. We further urge that every Baptist in our Association subscribe for and read the "Home Field."

L. L. Lusk,

H. A. Whinnery, Porter Fry.

At 11 o'clock Dr. R. M. Inlow preached a very profitable sermon on State Missions. The sermon was well received, after which the report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned. Prayer by

Eld. J. E. Cox.

SECOND DAY -- AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met promptly at 1:30 o'clock. After singing a song Eld. G. W. Bray led in prayer.

The report on Christian Education was read by the committee chairman, and spoken to by Dr. Inlow and was adopted:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Our greatest aim in educating our children should be to prepare them for service in the world. Too many of us think only of the commercial advantages to be derived from an education. The truly useful person in this world is the one who forgets self and strives to be his brother's keeper. Many an educated man has lived in vain because he had not Christ in the heart.

The greatest aim of our christian school is to lead the student to Christ and train them for service in the Kingdom. The strong men of our denomination are the men educated in our Baptist schools. They have become indoctrinated in youth, hence are not swept off their feet by every heresy they meet. Education is strengthened by a strong christian character. Non-sectarian schools can not teach the whole Bible because of offense. Hence we recommend our own Baptist Schools, Baptist College, and Baptist Seminaries.

Furthermore, in view of the critical condition of Ouachita at this time, which threatens its very existence as a denominational institution, we urge our people both as churches and individuals, to contribute as generously as possible to the immediate relief of this debt, and thus save to our State our greatest denominational asset. All money for this purpose must be in the hands of the General Secretary by Oct. 31. Mrs. Joseph Connell.

Mrs. J. W. Storev.

A motion was made to donate the balance in the Treasury of \$25.80 to Ouachita College, to be applied on the indebtedness of said College. A cash collection of \$11.30 was taken up and given to Dr. Inlow to be applied on same debt.

The report on Religious Literature was read and

adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee on Religious Literature recommend the Baptist Advance, Arkansas Baptist and Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field. Sunday School Literature-Southern Baptist Series, Journal of Arkansas, and the Bible. G. W. Bray,

J. S. Barger, R. E. Baird.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. F. Threadgill, and after speeches by Elds. F. Threadgill, L. L. Lusk, J. L. Taylor and G. W. Bray, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From our Savior's teachings as found in the Bible, all the world where there are human homes is a mission field. Christian systems have divided the field and located different parts of it by using different names. The foreign mission field covers all not embraced in the other mission fields.

The great work needed in the mission field at the present time, as well as in the past, is a work of righteousness, .

F. M. Threadgill, C. M. Partin.

The report on Orphans Home was read by Dr. J. P Blakley and spoken to by several of the brethren. A cash collection was taken amounting to \$3.55, after which the report was adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

We your committee on Orphans Home beg to report as follows:

In our great Book we are often reminded of the orphan children who are left in our hands to be cared for, and there is no greater way to show our love for our Savior than to care for these little ones.

We, the Baptists of Arkansas, have under our supervision two Orphans Homes—one at Monticello, the other at Texarkana. There are in the home at Monticello about 200 children, who rely upon the convention alone for support; the one at Texarkana has 30 children and depends on the general association for support.

We think it the duty of each Church, Sunday School and Society to reserve one Sunday in each year for an offering.

J. P. Blakley, W. M. Painter, J. P. Greenwood.

The report on Prohibition was read by Mrs. Walker and was spoken to by Bros. Bray, Taylor, Partin, Crawford and Stone, and was adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We your committee on Prohibition submit the following report:

There is the Demon drink throughout our fair land that is the destroyer of our strong youth, brings sorrow to our

homes, corrupts our ballots.

We implore that each christian shall be a "Watchman on the tower of Zion." and Prohibition shall be pushed by every means that the christian has in their power. And we shall add, that if there were no Buyers there would be no Sellers of drink. Mrs. R. B. Walker,

Mrs. W. M. Jones. Mrs. Allie Blakley.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on Nominations submit the following

report:

We recommend that the next Association be held with Zoar Church, and that Elder J. F. Grawford preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. L. Taylor alternate.

J. P. Greenwood, J. L. Moselev

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Bray.

SECOND DAY-NIGHT SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 7:00 o'clock. After several songs were sung, Elder W. B. Hardin led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for

business.

The report on Womans Work was read by Mrs. J. T. Greer, of Ozark. and adopted by the Association. Also a very fine paper was read by Mrs. Greer on Womans Work.

REPORT ON WOMANS WORK:

We realize the importance of our Woman's Missionary Union in our churches. It is in these societies we find our most spiritual church members, our best Bible students, our pastors' most loyal co-laborers, and our most cheerful giv-

ers. We notice that the churches which have organized societies are our most prosperous, soul winning churches. The work we are trying to do should be stressed by every pastor and encouraged by every member.

We now have ten Unions, and they have given more than \$790.00 to the various purposes fostered by our Union. We hope to increase the number of our Unions greatly, and our gifts in proportion.

We recommend that each pastor co-operate with the Superintendent to this end, until every church in our Asso-

ciation has a prayerful W. M. U.

Miss Nannie Wofford. Mrs. J. T. Greer. Mrs. Jos. Connell.

A cash collection was taken to supplement amount already on hand to pay for printing the minutes, amounting to \$5.32.

After which Eld. L. L. Lusk preached a splendid sermon. Theme used: "The Triumphs of the Cross."

Text. Romans 8-37.

A resolution of thanks to Denning Church and community was offered and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Zoar Church, Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1915.

Closing prayer by Eld. G. W. Bray.

J. W. FRY, Moderator.

J. F. CRAWFORD, Clerk.

OBITUARY.

We. your committee on Obituaries, make the following report:

We find by the records sent to this Association that there have been called from our midst:

Mrs. D. V. Claybourne, Van Buren.

E. R. Breeden, Uniontown.

David Phelps, Uniontown.

William Duty, Uniontown.

M. A. Muncey, Goal Hill.

J. H. Lovell, Alma.

W. Swofford, Alma.

J. B. Swofford, Alma.

Ed. Walker, Denning.

Sister Stephenson.

Sister Mary Small.

We submit to God's will, and say with Job: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. blessed be the name of the Lord."

MRS. JOSEPH CONNELL, MRS. MAUDE SAVAGE, MISS DOLLIE INGRAM.

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 sit-

ting 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 dis-

missed 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-third vote of the members

present.

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.

FINANCIAL TABLE OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

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

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Chester	Represented by Letter	1-5	*								Haley H Spyers	Mabel Bolling E S Smith	Alma Chester
Denning	J P Greenwood, W M Painter, E Bass					4	2				Partin	Wallace Harger	Denning
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Macedonia					-		1				R Allen	G W Jones	Uniontown
Mulberry	J L Taylor, Mrs J W Story		11		1	4	4				Taylor	C R Counts	Mulberry
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