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# Proceedings.

BLACK SPRINGS, ARK., September 12, 1896.

September 12, Saturday before the second Sunday, 1896, the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association convened at Black Springs church at 11 o'clock a m., in Montgomery county Ark., in harmony with its adjournment in 1895.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elds. H. L. Wasson and T. A. Valentine. Closing prayer by H. T. Howell. Adjourned to meet 1:30 p. m.

## SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The body met at the M. E. church house at the time appointed. The Moderator read Psalm 40, and after singing offered prayer. The body was then declared ready for business.

A preaching committee was appointed, viz.: A. J. Newcomb, A. R. Chitwood and the messengers of Black Springs church.

Letters from the various churches were called for. A. J. Newcomb, J. N. Wasson and Eld. T. B. Burk were appointed to read the letters. The names of the churches and the important contents of the letters will appear in the statistical table. Petitionary letters were called for. None received.

Officers were elected as follows (the same brethren that read the letters held the ballot): H. L. Wasson, Moderator; E. Wright, Clerk; W. F. Willis, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to have seats in council. Correspondence was called for, when B. G. Wilcox and R. G. Brown were received with a letter from Big Fork Association. The body enacted that the Moderator and Clerk make out the lists of committees at night. Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning, September 14. Closing prayer by the Clerk.

## MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body came together, and after some good singing the Moderator read Psalm 133. The 17th hymn "Evergreen" was sung and prayer by the Moderator. The minutes of Saturday



were read, corrected and adopted. The roll was called and absentees marked.

On motion, the speeches were limited to five minutes. The reports of committees were called for, received and adopted as follows:

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We find from the letters and information that religion is more prosperous than it was one year ago in our bounds. A good many of our churches have been blest with revivals, while others are in a lukewarm state. And while Zion is languishing to some extent, we feel encouraged. Dear brethren, let us all use our best efforts through the next associational year to improve more and more, and move in the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T. B. BURK, Chairman.

#### DESTITUTION.

We find considerable destitution within the bounds of this Association, and we recommend that this body take steps to supply such destitution with a missionary.

T. A. VALENTINE, Chairman.

#### DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, make the following report: We have examined the letters sent up by the churches and find nothing demanding any action of your body. But we find on file a letter of correspondence from Big Fork association requesting this association to send a delegation to help to settle a trouble existing between Big Fork and Ouachita associations. We, your committee, recommend that this association appoint two or more brethren to meet with a like number from other associations to investigate, and, if possible, to bring about a satisfactory settlement of said trouble.

With respect, JOHN WELCH, Chairman.

This report brought up the idea of the impropriety of seating the messengers of Big Fork Association, which was in trouble with Ouachita Association, which action of seating said messengers was received.

The Moderator was empowered to appoint two committeemen to meet with other committees expected from other Associations at the next session of Ouachita Association to settle the difficulty between Ouachita and Big Fork Associations. Result, J. N. Wasson and J. H. Peel were appointed. This appointment was ratified by the body. Next, the report on Obituaries.

Liberty Church—Sister Mary West, died June 14, 1896. Born 1822. She lived a consistent member of the Baptist church for many years.

Mt. Pisgah Church—Sister Margaret Tallant, died March 21, 1896; was born February 14, 1854; was baptized in August, 1890. She was much beloved. Also C. C. Bradley, aged 79 years. He was a good old man; visited the sick and was kind.

Mt. Moriah Church—Sister Sarah Smith, born October 13, 1840, died July 28, 1896. She lived a consistent member of the Baptist church for fifteen years.

Antioch Church—Sister Kennia Parks and Sister Zilpha Ann Steller, died 1896.

Bethlehem Church—Tabitha Bagwell, died 1896.

Caney Valley Church—Mitchell Thornton, was born January 12, 1812; died October, 1895; lived a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist church for forty years. Also M. E. J. Adams, was born 1863; died 1896; joined the Baptist church in 1893; lived a consistent member, a devoted wife and mother.

Liberty Church—D. J. Moran, died June 30, 1896; born 1850; joined the church in 1894; lived a worthy brother during his membership. Also Susannah Collier, born in 1827; died March 21, 1896. She lived a devoted Christian for many years.

Black Springs Church—J. S. Bowling and wife, died in 1895. Also Sister Browse, died in October of 1895.

Mt. Zion Church—Sister C. E. Johnson, daughter of B. Johnson, Jr., and Samantha Johnson, born February 26, 1878; died October 26, 1895; joined the church July 10, 1895; baptized July 28, 1895.

ELD. H. T. HOWELL, Chm'n.

#### DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

We suggest that the pastors should not only declare the whole counsel of God to reprove and rebuke with all long suffering, but they should also strive to influence every member to fill his place and do his whole duty in all the work of the churches at large. Also as we believe the Sunday school is the church at work, therefore he should use all his influence in his church to induce the church to the work of the Sunday school. Also to endeavor to induce his members to hold stated prayer-meetings as prayer is the life of the church,

D. T. DRIGGERS, Chairman.

#### DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

It is the duty of churches to administer to the pastor's financial interest, visit him and his family in sickness and encourage him spiritually in his pastoral work. We ought to minister unto him in temporal things, as the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1. Cor. 9;14.

D. T. BRUNSON, Chairman.

#### TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to say that we believe the use of intoxicating liquors is gradually giving away among Baptists and hope the time will soon come when intemperance will be a matter of the past, and we as Baptists condemn the use of native wine as a beverage.

With respect, J. A. SHACKELFORD, Chairman.

#### ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, report as follows:

Dear brethren, there has been no special missionary in the field this associational year. We recommend that all the churches, through their ministering brethren, supply all the vacant places possible. We know of the scarcity of means to support a missionary. Yet the love of our Master should constrain us to give according to what we have. We find on hand for Home Missions, \$3.25.

W. F. WILLIS, Chm'n.



Elnora church was granted a letter of dismission from this Association.

The body enacted that the Clerk have 300 copies of minutes printed and distributed, and that Bro. B. G. Wilcox have a minute; also indigent churches.

Also the body enacted that the Treasurer turn over to the Clerk the necessary funds to cover the expenses of printing and distributing minutes, and that he hold the remaining funds over.

Adjourned for preaching, to reassemble at 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. Wm. Chitwood.

Monday evening the body came together by singing and resumed business at 2 o'clock. Opening prayer by E. Burns. The body was then declared ready for business.

Resolved, That we as an Association desire to tender our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Black Springs church, and also the Methodist brethren for their liberal hospitality and kindness to this Association during our stay among them. Also to our brethren, Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services. Further, that we feel grateful to all that have bid us welcome here.

H. T. HOWELL, Chm'n.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was adopted and it was requested that it be printed at one side of the minute. The report of the Mission Board was received.

#### Report of Preaching Committee:

Saturday night, W. S. Modlin and T. J. Cunningham, from Rev. 22: 17.  
 Sunday, 9 a. m., T. B. Burk and W. P. Taylor, from Matt. 26: 46. At 11 a. m., H. T. Howell and B. G. Wilcox, from 1 Tim. 4: 8.

Sunday, 3 p. m., A. Nelson and J. A. Shackelford, from Luke 24: 47.

Sunday night, T. B. Burk and W. J. Chitwood, from Rom. 9: 3.

Monday, 11 a. m., E. Wright and D. T. Driggers, from 1 John 3: 1.

Missionary Board, A. R. and W. J. Chitwood, report that the funds are out.

Bro. J. E. Cockrell was released from the Board, and Bro. J. N. Wasson was chosen in his place. The body enacted that the missionary funds sent up by the churches be handed over to the president of said board.

Treasurer's report adopted as follows:

|                                              |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Amount on hand from last year.....           | \$19 00 |
| Received from Finance Committee.....         | 3 97    |
| Received from Sunday School Coonvention..... | 1 10    |
| <hr/>                                        |         |
| Total.....                                   | \$42 07 |
| Turned over to Missionary Board.....         | 3 25    |
| Balance.....                                 | 38 82   |

W. F. WILLIS, Treasurer.

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The next session of this body will be held with Forest Hill church beginning on Saturday at 11 a. m., before the second Sunday in September, 1897. This church is a few miles east of Caddo Gap, in Montgomery county, Arkansas. Elds. H. T. Howell and T. J. Cunningham were appointed to preach the next introductory sermon.

By action, this body agreed to correspond with Red River Association. Elds. A. Nelson and H. T. Howell were appointed messengers to Red River Association, and A. Nelson was to write. Also A. R. Chitwood and R. J. Chitwood were appointed to visit Buckville Association. This minute was read and adopted. Adjourned in order. Closing prayer by H. T. Howell. We had a harmonious meeting. The parting hand was extended and that love that lives forever was manifested.

H. L. WASSON, Moderator.

E. WRIGHT, Clerk.

## The Sunday School Convention.

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In pursuance to adjournment the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Amity church in Clark county, Ark., on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

The convention sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. McMillon and Bro. J. R. Motley. Text, John 5: 39. The convention adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

The convention was called to order by the President, W. F. Willis, conducting devotional service, after which a call was made for letters from churches and schools. Next enrolled the names of the messengers. Then elected officers for another year as follows: W. F. Willis, President; J. M. Smith, Vice President; W. W. Smith, Secretary, and W. D. Ward, Treasurer. Appointed S. Z. Moran with the messengers of Amity church a preaching



committee, and S. Z. Moran and R. B. Hollingshead to arrange the music. Then the convention adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

Friday night Eld. T. B. Burk preached from I. Peter 2: 9.

Saturday morning Vice President J. M. Smith conducted the devotional services and the convention proceeded to business.

First appointed a Committee on Arrangements for the next session as follows: W. W. Smith, W. D. White, T. B. Burk and S. Z. Moran. Next heard the reports of the superintendents of Sunday Schools, which were very encouraging. The annual program of essays was then taken up as appointed and we had an interesting time. They were interestingly discussed by W. W. Carson, R. B. Hollingshead, J. M. Kelley, J. J. Dwiggin, W. F. Willis, J. M. Smith, H. T. Howell, J. A. McMillon and D. T. Brunson. Among these essays was one written by Miss Annie Collier. Subject, "Is it the duty of each church to have a Sunday School?" which the convention ordered sent to the ARKANSAS BAPTIST for publication.

Next called for essays by Sunday school appointment, when the following read essays: W. P. Burk, on "The Benefits of Sunday School." The essay was ordered published in the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. Also Jesse Cantrell, on "Charity;" Docie Hollingshead and Lena Florence, subjects, "The Sunday School;" Julia Matthews, "We Must Imitate Christ;" C. C. Henthorn, "Result of not Having Sunday School." These essays were all earnestly discussed and unanimously endorsed by the convention. After prayer by Eld. H. T. Howell, the convention adjourned till 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Saturday night Eld. H. T. Howell preached from Psalm 126: 6 with good effect.

On Sunday morning the convention was called to order by the president conducting divine service.

Called for Resolutions, when the following were presented:

First. Resolved, That the secretary of this convention reserve and file all essays read and endorsed in this body from this time forward for future reference.

Second. Resolved, That each church belonging to this convention furnish their respective pastors with a copy of the literature and request him to deliver a discourse quarterly upon the subject.



Third. Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with Valley Grove church at Rock Creek in Pike County, Ark., beginning on Friday at 11 a. m., before the fourth Sunday in August, 1897.

Fourth. Resolved, That this body tender their thanks to the brethren and sisters of this church and vicinity for their kind hospitality so liberally bestowed upon us while among them. Also to our worthy president and secretary for their faithful service.

The program for the next session was read and received, as follows:

Convention sermon by T. B. Burk and J. J. Hughes.

J. M. Kelley, "Can Baptists Scripturally use union literature and engage in union Sunday schools?"

D. T. Brunson, "Qualification of Sunday School Superintendents and Teachers."

S. Z. Moran, "Has God blessed the Sunday school, and how?"

W. W. Carson, "Ought Baptists to be prompt with their fellow man and in their engagements to worship God? If so, why?"

R. C. Fields, "The best manner of conducting Sunday schools."

Nora L. Smith, Subject of her own choice.

Annie Brunson, subject of her own choice.

Julia Matthew, subject of her own choice.

Docia Hollingshead, subject of her own choice.

Annie Collier, subject of her own choice.

Called for miscellaneous.

Raised forty-five cents to purchase a new record book for this body; also took up a collection to help print the minutes of this session of Convention and Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association. Result \$1.10 which was turned over to the Treasurer.

After taking the parting hand and prayer by W. W. Smith, the convention adjourned to meet with Valley Grove church on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the fourth Sunday in August, 1897.

Dear brethren, we had a good time and I feel that the Lord is blessing the Sunday school work. May the Lord stir up your pure minds to your full duty in the Sunday school question.

W. F. WILLIS, President.

W. W. SMITH, Secretary.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                       |                 |                      |               |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| W. P. Taylor.....     | Kirby           | R. P. Wilkinson..... | Kirby         |
| D. Bright.....        | Point Cedar     | E. Wright.....       | Lucky         |
| D. T. Driggers.....   | Hickory station | R. W. Pate.....      | Plata         |
| T. A. Volentine.....  | Silver          | H. L. Wasson.....    | Black Springs |
| A. Nelson.....        | Hickory station | J. J. Hughes.....    | Rock Creek    |
| T. B. Burk.....       | Amity           | J. E. Cockrell.....  | Bear          |
| T. J. Cunningham..... | Bear            | H. T. Howell.....    | Amity         |
| J. M. Smith.....      | Rock Creek      |                      |               |

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

|                     |                 |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| J. R. Motley.....   | Kirby           | L. T. Bagwell.....  | Kirby           |
| M. A. Tollison..... | Kirby           | R. C. Fields.....   | Caddo Gap       |
| J. W. Hays.....     | Plata           | S. W. Caldwell..... | Hickory Station |
| B. D. Millsaps..... | Hickory Station |                     |                 |

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

## FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory sermon
2. Appoint a preaching committee.
3. Call for letters from the churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invite visiting members to seats.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Call for a report from the Committee on Preaching.

## SECOND DAY.

1. Call for the reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call and marking of the names of absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointment for next session.
6. Call for Treasurer's report.



## Rules of Decorum.

**RULE 1.** This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

**RULE 3.** The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

**RULE 4.** A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.

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

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

**RULE 7.** No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or unless words of personal reflection are used. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

**RULE 8.** Every case taken up by the association shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.

**RULE 9.** When a question is up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats, and those in the negative shall retain theirs.

**RULE 10.** The Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

**RULE 11.** Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

**RULE 12.** No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the association, nor more than once until every member who wishes to speak shall have spoken.

**RULE 13.** The appellation of Brother shall be used in the association in addressing one another.

**RULE 14.** The names of the members shall be called as often as the association may direct.

**RULE 15.** No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

**RULE 16.** The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

**RULE 17.** Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion; but only on the day that the breach is made.

## Articles of Faith.

### I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

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, and the 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 conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

### II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that 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 hearth; 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 but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

### III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now 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 to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

### IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient savior.

### V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works 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 other blessing needful for time and eternity.

### VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.



## VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

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 effected 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. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

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 deeply 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 time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

## IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

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 free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that 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 the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

## X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in hearts of believers by the presence and power of the holy spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means, especially, the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

## XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers and endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

## XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

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 fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their 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 of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

## XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

## XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER,

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of the believer into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a 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 dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

## XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

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 all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

## XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

## XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, 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 among men both in an after death.

## XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.



**Statistical Table.**

| CHURCHES.              | MESSENGERS.                                             | PASTORS.<br>Last Year. | CLERKS.               | POST-<br>OFFICES.    | Baptized. | Rec. by Letter. | Restored | Dis. by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Total<br>Membership. | Minute Fund. | Day of<br>Meeting. |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                        |                                                         |                        |                       |                      | 5         | 3               | 4        | 3               | 2         | 1     | 24                   | \$0 55       | 4th                |
| Bethlehem.....         | W. P. Taylor, J. B. Cowart.....                         | W. D. Gardner.....     | W. J. Taylor.....     | Kirby.....           | 1         | 3               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 24                   | \$0 55       | 4th                |
| Mt. Moriah.....        | W. F. Rucker.....                                       | E. Wright.....         | T. Deaton.....        | Ussery.....          | 5         | 3               | 4        | .....           | .....     | ..... | 1 40                 | 1 25         | 3d                 |
| Antioch.....           | R. C. Fields, R. B. Thornton, John Welch.....           | H. T. Howell.....      | John Welch.....       | Rock Creek.....      | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 1 20                 | 1 00         | 2d                 |
| Mt. Pisgah.....        | E. Wright, R. Tallant.....                              | E. Wright.....         | P. M. Whisenhunt..... | Lucky.....           | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 3 25                 | 65           | 2d                 |
| Liberty.....           | A. J. Newcomb, G. M. McLean, W. S. Robinson.....        | H. T. Howell.....      | A. J. Newcomb.....    | Ophir.....           | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 3 51                 | .....        | 2d                 |
| Mt. Zion, North.....   | D. T. Triggers, G. W. Pettitt, T. M. Pettitt.....       | D. T. Triggers.....    | W. T. Pettitt.....    | Plata.....           | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 1 15                 | 50           | 1st                |
| Zion Hill.....         | W. J. Caitwood.....                                     | .....                  | .....                 | .....                | 1         | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 46                   | 25           | .....              |
| Corinth.....           | Not represented.....                                    | T. J. Cunningham.....  | R. E. Conine.....     | Alamo.....           | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 13                   | 50           | .....              |
| Black Springs.....     | H. L. Wasson, T. P. Edwards, W. H. Guthrie.....         | H. L. Wasson.....      | W. H. Guthrie.....    | Black Springs.....   | .....     | .....           | 10       | 1               | 3         | 38    | 1 50                 | 2d           | .....              |
| Elnora.....            | T. A. Valentine, J. J. Hays, T. P. Sanlin.....          | T. A. Valentine.....   | J. J. Hays.....       | Silver.....          | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 24                   | .....        | .....              |
| Mountain Home.....     | B. D. Millsaps, J. C. Thomas.....                       | T. A. Valentine.....   | J. C. Thomas.....     | Hickory Station..... | 3         | 11              | 6        | .....           | .....     | ..... | 54                   | 1 00         | .....              |
| Valley Grove.....      | D. T. Brunson, A. Nelson.....                           | .....                  | .....                 | Rock Creek.....      | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 28                   | 1 55         | 4th                |
| Valley Grove No 2..... | R. J. Chitwood, J. D. Cunningham, J. A. Coleman.....    | T. J. Cunningham.....  | R. H. Wright.....     | Crystal Springs..... | 2         | 2               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 14                   | 50           | 4th                |
| Bethel.....            | T. A. Burk, W. F. Willis, G. L. Black.....              | H. T. Howell.....      | G. L. Black.....      | Amity.....           | 10        | 4               | 2        | 2               | 1         | ..... | 41                   | 55           | 2d                 |
| Spring Grove.....      | J. P. Hawthorn, J. M. Kilgro.....                       | E. Wright.....         | J. M. Kilgro.....     | Mazara.....          | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | .....                | 60           | 4th                |
| Providence.....        | G. C. Rowton, J. M. Rowton.....                         | J. J. Holland.....     | J. R. Edwards.....    | Black Springs.....   | 3         | 4               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 50                   | 55           | 2d                 |
| New Home.....          | J. E. Cockerell.....                                    | D. Bright.....         | W. L. Cockerell.....  | Bear.....            | 5         | 1               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 29                   | 65           | 2d                 |
| Union.....             | T. J. Cunningham, J. J. Cunningham, A. R. Chitwood..... | H. L. Wasson.....      | A. R. Chitwood.....   | Crystal Springs..... | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | .....                | 1 00         | .....              |
| Caney Valley.....      | H. T. Howell, W. T. H. Thornton, J. D. Caldwell.....    | H. T. Howell.....      | S. Z. Moran.....      | .....                | 3         | 1               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 71                   | 1 67         | 1st                |
| Forest Hill.....       | J. A. Shackelford, E. Burns, E. Fane.....               | J. J. Hughes.....      | J. H. Adcock.....     | Hickory Station..... | 12        | 4               | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 42                   | 1 00         | 1st                |
| Pleasant Valley.....   | M. A. Robins, J. N. Wasson, J. H. Teal.....             | J. A. Shackelford..... | J. H. Teal.....       | Manfred.....         | .....     | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | 19                   | 1 00         | 2d                 |
| Salem.....             | W. D. Ward, B. P. Thrash.....                           | .....                  | A. F. Wilson.....     | Wilson.....          | 7         | .....           | .....    | .....           | .....     | ..... | .....                | 55           | .....              |

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| CHURCHES.         | MESSENGERS.                                          | SCHOOLS.          | MESSENGERS.                                     | SUPER-<br>TENDENTS. | No. of Scholars |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
|                   |                                                      |                   |                                                 |                     |                 |
| Bethel.....       | W. F. Willis.....                                    | Amity.....        | T. A. Hollingshead, Eva Kee, Delana Kelley..... | W. D. White.....    | 75              |
| Caney Valley..... | W. W. Smith, P. A. McLain, Nora L. Smith.....        | Bethel.....       | W. P. Burk, Eva Willis, Mattie McCallum.....    | T. B. Burk.....     | 42              |
| Amity.....        | A. J. Rush, J. N. O. Worldy, R. B. Hollingshead..... | Caney Valley..... | J. D. Caldwell, G. W. McLain, Arrena Moran..... | S. Z. Moran.....    | 77              |
| Bethlehem.....    | J. R. Motley.....                                    | Valley Grove..... | N. P. Richardson.....                           | D. T. Brunson.....  | 46              |
| Valley Grove..... | D. D. Brunson, Annie Brunson.....                    | Salem.....        | A. F. Wilson, Emma Echols, J. N. Taylor.....    | J. B. Echols.....   | 40              |
| Salem.....        | B. T. Thrash, Leanna Florence, Clem Taylor.....      | .....             | .....                                           | .....               | .....           |
| Alpine.....       | W. M. Howell, John Howell.....                       | .....             | .....                                           | .....               | .....           |

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