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**MINUTES.**

**OF THE**

**Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting**

**OF THE**

**Crooked Creek Association,**

**Of Missionary Baptists,**

**HELD WITH**

**Rocky Mountain Church,**

**Boone County Arkansas.**

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

## ***Crooked Creek Association***

***Of Missionary Baptists***

**FOR 1905.**

**FIRST DAY.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th 1905.**—The Association convened with Rocky Mount Church, Boone County, Ark., and was called to order by Moderator.

Song—"Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer by Eld. O. C. Hefner. Introductory Sermon by Eld. C. L. Mattox, from Matt. 28: 19-20 followed by Eld. O. C. Hefner. By motion Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Eld. M. L. Voyles.

1:30 P. M., met pursuant to adjournment. Song—"Amazing Grace." Reading of 53rd chapter of Isaiah and Prayer by Eld. N. F. Bradley. Churches called in order, letters read and messengers enrolled. Eld. M. L. Voyles and Bro. Jos. E. McGuinn appointed as reading Clerks. Call for newly constituted churches, whereupon Shady Grove handed in a petitionary letter and was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by moderator. By motion the Association went into election of officers by acclamation which resulted in the re-election of W. H. Raley, as moderator, C. L. Hall as Clerk and E. F. Graham as Treasurer.



## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

**Divine Service**—Bros. U. Honeycutt and Jos. E. McGuinn, and messengers of Rocky Mount Church.

**State Missions**—Eld. M. L. Voyles, Bros. T. H. Cook and A. Graham.

**Foreign Missions**—Eld. N. F. Bradley, Bros. A. M. Crane and G. W. Haskins.

**Home Missions**—Eld. C. L. Mattox, Bros. A. K. Toney and J. H. Haskins.

**Temperance**—Eld. J. W. Pettit, Bros. H. Mulford and E. F. Grayham.

**Education**—Elds. W. S. Trout, J. B. Rose and Bro. M. Long.

**Sunday Schools**—Eld. J. W. Pettit, Bros. F. Kindall, J. W. Purdom, Jr.

**Orphan's Home**—Bros. C. Williams, W. F. Ellis and D. B. Eoff.

**Obituaries**—Bros. W. J. Moore, J. J. Cox and L. Smith.

**Finance**—Bros. J. D. Richardson and A. Phillips.

**Queries**—Bros. W. L. Johnston, E. G. Whittaker and J. H. Pettit.

**Periodicals**—Bros. R. Capps, W. W. Rose and R. D. Keeter.

**Associational Missions**—Bros. J. M. Mysinger, J. Hilger, E. R. Pember-ton, and F. M. Copeland.

**Resolution**—Elds. O. C. Hefner, J. A. Foster, and Bro. J. E. McGuinn.

Call for Corresponding Messengers, Elds. J. B. Swanner, and J. G. Walker, Bros. J. G. Dillahunt and L. E. Tucker from White River Association, Bro. J. B. Wilson from Taney County Association of Missouri, were received and hand of fellowship extended by the moderator. Eld. J. C. Cooper, was received as a visitor from White River Association. Bro. Kendall was also received as a visitor.

Call for reports of messengers to corresponding Bodies. Eld. J. B. Swanner attended White River Association, was heartily received and said they were doing a good work for their blessed Redeemer. Elds. M. L. Voyles and C. L. Mattox attended Carroll County Association, were gladly received and found them working in bonds of love and Christian fellowship, and witnessed souls converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Elds. C. L. Mattox and J. W. Pettit, Bros. Uriah Honeycutt and W. H. Raley failed to attend White River Association and were excused. Eld. O. C. Hefner failed to attend Taney County Association of Missouri and was excused. Eld. J. B. Swanner of Gassville, Ark. represents the American Baptist Publication Society.

## APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Eld. M. L. Voyles and Bro. Johny Hilger volunteered to attend White River Association. Elds. M. L. Voyles and C. L. Mattox volunteered to



attend Carroll County Association. Elds. C. L. Mattox and J. B. Rose and Bro. J. D. Richardson volunteered to attend Taney County Association of Missouri.

By motion the reading of the Constitution was omitted and rules of Decorum were read by the clerk. By motion the association adjourned until Monday 8:30 A. M. Prayer by Eld. W. S. Trout.

## SECOND DAY.

Monday October 16th 1905, 8:30 A. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Association called to order by moderator. Song, "How firm ye foundation." Prayer by Bro. A. K. Toney. Song: "What a friend we have in Jesus."

Call for reports of committees. Committee on Sunday Schools made a report which was received after discussion and adopted. Committee on Queries made a report which was received and adopted by answering No. 2-12 Rom. 1-16. (See Query.)

Committee on Home Missions, made a report which was received after discussion and adopted.

Committee report on Foreign Missions was received and after some discussion, the report was adopted. Committee on State Mission made a report which was received and adopted. Committee's report on Education was received and after discussion, a Spiritual feast, the report was adopted by an unanimous rising vote. Committee on Obituaries made a report which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote and prayer by Eld. M. L. Voyles. Motion to adjourn until 2 P. M.

2 P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment called to order by moderator. Song, "Wonderful Peace." Prayer by Bro. Rube Capps. Committee on Periodicals made a report which was received and adopted. Committee report on Temperance was received and after discussion was adopted. Committee report on Associational Missions, was received and adopted and the following Brethren were appointed to constitute a board.

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



Committee on Orphans Home made report which was received and after discussion was adopted by a collection of \$10.65 and the following Brethern and sisters were appointed to solicit means and report at the next association.

Harrison, Eld. M. L. Voyles; Bellefonte, C. L. Hall; Pairie View, A. K. Toney; Walnut Grove, J. A. Foster; Bethel, E. R. Pemberton; Sugar Loaf, Eld. O. C. Hefner; Lead Mine, A. A. Huly; Orion, Eld. J. W. Pettit; Rock Point, J. A. Austin; Big Spring, J. W. Purdom Jr; Alpena, E. G. Whitaker; Hopewell, T. H. Cook; Harmony, Sister, Renthia McPherson; New Hope, Z. D. Norton; Antioch, Sister, Irene Ellis; Jasper, Sister D. B. Davis; Eson, G. W. Haskins; Rocky Mount, J. F. Wallis; New Enon, D. B. Eoff; Mt Pleasant, Sister, Nancy King; Shady Grove, Harry Mulford; Committee report on Resolution was received and adopted.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Associational Missionary Board report was received and adopted. Elds. C. O. Hefner and J. A. Foster associational Missionaries made report which was received and adopted. By motion Eld. M. L. Voyles, Brethern A. K. Tony, C. L. Hall and J. E. McGuinn were appointed to district the Churches.

Motion carried that Eighth Art. of constitution be omitted. Eld. M. L. Voyles attended the Southern Baptist Convention made a report which was encouraging to this body. His expenses \$17.00, the amount refunded by the association. By motion Eld. M. L. Voyles was re-elected as a messenger to S. B. Convention. Bro. Jos. E. McGuinn announced there would be a meeting at Hopewell Church, Saturday before second Sunday in April 1906 to organize a Sunday School Convention. By motion Eld. M. L. Voyles was re-elected member of State Board. Motion carried that association meet next year with Harmony Church. Eld. W. S. Trout was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next sitting of the body with Eld. J. B. Rose as his alternate. Eld. O. C. Hefner was elected to deliver a Sermon on Missions, Sunday 11 A. M. at the next sitting of this body. Motion carried that printing of the minutes be given Bro. J. S. Atchley, Parthenon, Ark., and clerk be appointed to superintend the distribution of minutes and have 600 copies printed and that he receive \$5.00 for his services. On motion the reading of minutes were dispensed with. Roll called and corrected. By motion the association adjourned to meet with Harmony Church, Newton County, Ark., on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1906 at 10 o'clock A. M. Farewell hand shaking Prayer by Bro. W. J. Moore.

W. H. RALEY, Moderator,  
Sycamore, Ark.

C. L. HALL, Clerk,  
Bellefonte, Ark.



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### DIVINE SERVICE

We, your Committee on Divine Service, submit the following report: Rocky Mount, Saturday night, Eld. W. S. Trout, St. John 14: 16-17; followed by Eld. J. W. Pettit, Westren Grove, Saturday night. Elds. M. L. Voyles and J. A. Foster went but failed to have service. Valley Springs Saturday night, Eld. J. G. Walker, of White River Association, Rom's 5-11 followed by Eld. J. B. Swanner, Rocky Mount, Sunday Eleven o'clock, Eld. M. L. Voyles, Mathew 28-19-20. Sunday 2:30 o'clock Eld. N. F. Bradley Daniel 2-44; followed by Eld. J. C. Cooper of Bruno. Western Grove Sunday night, Eld. M. L. Voyles, Psalms 14:2-4. Valley Springs Sunday night, Eld. W. S. Trout Exodus 32-1 followed by Eld. J. B. Swanner. Rocky Mount, Sunday night, Eld. J. G. Walker, Mark 2-3; followed by Eld. O. C. Hefner.

Jos. E. McGuinn }  
Uriah Honeycutt } Committee.  
J. F. Wallis. }

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools report as follows;  
We know that the Bible teaches the way and the only way of life and salvation. We hereby urge the churches of this association to unite their efforts and organize and maintain Baptist Sunday schools in all churches where there are none, and report to this body annually.

We furthermore recommend such literature as is published by the American Baptist Publishing society and the Southern Baptist convention.

We most earnestly and prayerfully ask our people to awake and work while it is day for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

Frank Kindall }  
J. W. Pettit. } Committee.

### EDUCATION.

As this is an age of prayer and the world is making advancement on all lines, we call the attention of our people to that of education. We would encourage our young people to take advantage of the inducements of the day, especially our young men in the ministry, and that we will encourage and help them. As we believe when other things are equal that we should patronize home institutions, we call attention to our home schools, such as Ouachita college at Arkadelphia and the academies at Mountain Home in Baxter county, and Bentonville in Benton county, also our Female College at Conway. We recommend that our people give them their encouragement and support.

W. S. Trout, }  
J. B. Rose, } Committee.  
Marion Long }



## TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report:

Whereas, the use of intoxicating liquor is one of the greatest evils in the land, we would advise our people to abstain from its use and to discourage the same in every way possible; and we rejoice in the advance the cause of temperance is making. And that as the coming year is election year we would advise our people to use the opportunity to further the cause both by their votes and influence.

J. W. Pettit	} Com.
H. H. Mulford	
E. F. Graham.	

## PERIODICALS

We, your committee on Periodicals, submit the following report:

As the Bible is a lamp unto our feet and a guide to our pathway, the infallible instructor in matters spiritual and temporal, we heartily recommend that our churches, in connection with the Bible, secure Baptist Periodicals for their Sunday Schools in order to gain best results; also that they read the Baptist Advance published at Little Rock.

L. R. Capps,	} Com.
W. W. Rose.	

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, the committee on associational missions, respectfully submit the following report: Whereas there is great destitution in the boundries of the Crooked Creek Association, we recommend that the moderator appoint an associational Board, consisting of one brother from each church, who shall collect funds from their church for associational Missions. Five of these brethren when convened together shall constitute a quorum, and that this board shall meet at Orion church on the third Sunday in May, 1906, to organize and put a missionary in the field for at least 3 months.

Johnny Hilger.	} Committee
J. M. Mysinger.	
E. R. Pemberton.	
F. M. Coplin.	

## STATE MISSIONS.

The great work of winning Ark., for Christ and the Baptists should find the first place in our hearts for thus we love the example of our master. He came unto His own first. How our hearts should go up to God in thanksgiving for his blessings upon the work of our missionary secretary Bro. J. F. Love and our missionaries on the field. There is no doubt that we will be able to report the most successful year's work in the history of



the Baptist State convention when we meet at Fort Smith in November. We have about 60 missionaries in the field and God is wonderfully blessing their labors. We suggest that our churches take a collection for State Missions and forward to Bro. J. F. Love, Little Rock, Ark., to help support these men of God in the great work of winning Arkansas for Christ.

M. L. Voyles, }  
T. H. Cook, } Committee.  
A. Grogan, }

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Our home mission Board reported last year to the Convention in Kansas City 10551 Baptisms; additions by letter 10019; total additions 20570. This was by far the greatest year's work in the history of our home Board.

We wish to express our profoundest gratitude to God for the great blessing on our work during the past year, and pledge to the home board, our hearty co operation in giving the gospel to our own Southern land. Respectfully submitted.

C. L. Mattox. }  
A. K. Toney. } Committee.  
V. James Haskins. }

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In Submitting this report on Foreign Missions we wish to return to God our heart felt thanks for his blessings upon the work of the past year. Never in the history of our Southern Baptist Convention were our missionaries so successful in reaping sheaves for the master. More conversions reported and more accessions by Baptism than in any other previous year. For a number of years our Foreign Mission Board has been able to report to the Convention free of debt. Let us, in the language of the Apostle Paul, thank God and take courage. On account of the increase in the number of missionaries sent out this year by our Foreign Mission Board, it will be necessary for the Southern Baptists to raise \$300,000. Let us count it a privilege to bear some humble part in this great work. We raised last year for the Foreign Mission Board \$247,629.12. Every member of the church purchased with Christ's blood must preach the Gospel to the heathen. If we cannot go in person we must give our money to support those who do go. God has given us three converts for every dollar we have expended in this work, therefore let us pledge our hearty sympathy and support to the great work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention.

Respectfully Submitted.

N. F. Bradley. }  
G. W. Haskins. } Committee.  
A. M. Crain. }



## REPORT OF THE CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION BOARD.

We, your associational Board; met according to appointment at Walnut Grove Church on the first Sunday in May, 1905 and organized by electing T. H. Cook chairman, W. J. Moore Secretary. The following churches were represented and pledged mission Funds: Prairie View, Walnut Grove, Cave Hall, Bethel, Sugar Loaf, Orion, Hopewell, Rocky Mount, and Enon. Amount pledged \$68.27.

It was decided to put two Missionaries in the Field.

On the 11th of June 1905, the Board met at Harrison, A. K. Toney, elected Treasurer, and the following churches sent in their pledges for mission Funds: Harrison, Bellefonte, Big Springs, New Enon, Alpena and Antioch.

Eld. O. C. Hefner and J. A. Foster were elected as Missionaries for two months each at \$30.00 per month.

August 12th the Board met again at Harrison, our missionary J. A. Foster, reported that he had worked 25 days, the Board paid him \$16.85.

October 14th the Board settled with the Missionaries paying J. A. Foster \$23 15 and O. C. Hefner \$24.00.

Balance in treasury \$29.60.

W. J. Moore, Sec. } Com.  
T. H. Cook, Chairman. }

### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

As Missionary for the north part of Crooked Creek Association, I submit the following:

Owing to bad health I have labored but 24 days, 14 conversions, 2 baptisms, collected on field \$4.00. Received of Board \$20.00, total \$24.00.

O. C. Hefner.

### ORPHAN'S HOME.

We your committee on Orphan's Home beg leave to submit the following

We have an Orphan's Home at Monticello, Drew County, Ark., but Brethren we see by the reading of the different letters that the churches of this association have done practically nothing for the support of that home. Brethren, this is a subject that should be very near the heart of every Baptist. Therefore be it resolved:

"That we rally to the support of this institution with our prayers and our means." We would further recommend that this association appoint one member from each church to solicit means for this purpose.

C. Williams, }  
W. F. Ellis, } Committee.  
D. B. Eoff, }



## OBITUARIES.

Ella M. daughter of Rev. J. W. and Martha Pettit was born March 1st 1882, professed a hope in Christ about 4 years ago and was baptized into the full fellowship of the church at Orion of which she remained a faithful member until God called her home, July 15th, 1905. Though her last hours were of suffering she bore it all without a murmur. The one that had been her strength in life was her comfort in death. Shortly before the end she said: Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Yes, he will take us all up higher. She asked those near her to sing, "God said its enough." Jesus took her up higher. May God's blessings be on the sorrowing ones. Look unto him for strength who was sent to heal the broken hearted. Sorrow not as those who have no hope. Let me die the death of the righteous.

We know she is safe on the farther shore, where all the angels and ransomed be. Over the river, the mystic river. The loved ones are waiting to welcome thee.

W. S. Trout, Pastor.

## QUERIES.

We your committee on Queries submit the following:

Can the Heathen be saved without the Gospel?

Answer, No. Roms. 2-12 Roms. 1-16.

W. L. Johnston, }  
E. G. Whittaker, } Committee.  
J. H. Pettit, }

## RESOLUTION.

We, your committee on resolutions submit the following:

1. Union literature being one of the greatest hinderances to Baptist Sunday schools. Therefore be it resolved that all the churches of Crooked Creek Association maintain Baptist Literature in their schools, teach it and live it.
2. Dear Brethren, owing to the lack on the part of the churches in remunerating their pastors to the extent that they may give their whole time and attention to the preaching of the Gospel there is a general smothering out of the spirit of giving to other mission causes. Therefore be it resolved we press upon our churches the more liberal remunerating of their pastors that a better state of affairs may exist in this association and that a general interest may be awakened on the subject of giving.



3. Resolved that we tender our thanks to the Rocky Mount Baptist church and community for their hospitality in caring for the messengers of this association during our stay with them.

O. C. Hefner,  
J. E. McGuinn, } Committee  
J. A. Foster, }

### THANKS.

Dear Brethren:

We wish to express our thanks to the Crooked Creek Association for the work done by your Missionary Eld. O. C. Hefner at Lead Mine, as the Church had gone down and we were having no preaching; but God has wonderfully blessed and revived us and the Church is in good working order and desires the prayers of this entire body as we are surrounded with false doctrine.

The result of our meeting was wonderful.

### FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows:

Received of churches for minute funds \$19.15.

J. D. Richardson,, } Committee  
Allen Phillips, }

### CLERK'S REPORT 1904.

Printing minutes \$16.00. Postage \$1.25. Clerk's fee \$5.00. Total \$22.25.

### TREASURER'S REPORT 1904.

Received from former Treasurer:	\$ 2.43
Association	17.65
Churches not Represented	2.17
Total	<u>\$22.25</u>
Receipts, for	22.25

E. F. Graham, Treasurer.



## DISTRICTS.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

Harrison, Bellefonte, Prairie View, Walnut Grove, Mt. Zion, Alpena, Cave Hall, Shady Grove, Rocky Mount.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethel, Sugar Loaf, Lead Mine, Rock Point, Big Spring, Hopewell, Orion, Enon, New Enon.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

Harmony, New Hope, Antioch, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Jasper.

### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Days of labor, 40. Sermons Preached, 48. Prayers offered, 48. Conversions witnessed, 25. Baptisms, 4. Received for work, \$40.00.

J. A. Foster.

### OBITUARY REPORT.

As it has been God's pleasure to take from us our beloved members, Ella M. Pettit of Orion church; Sister Jane Totter of Alpena church; and Sister L. J. White of Enon church; Therefore be it resolved that we extend our sympathy and our prayers to their relations.

J. J. Cox. } Committee.  
W. J. Moore. }

### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

In addition to the contributions recorded in the statistical table the following sums have been donated by other churches of the association: Harrison incidental expenses \$72.27; Home and Forgihn Missions, \$23.75; State, \$5.00; Associational Misisions \$10.00; Ministerial \$5.00; Sunday School \$25.00; Other Objects \$30.85; Womans Missionary and Aid Society, State Missions, \$2.50; Home Missions \$5.00; Foreign Missions \$2.50. Total to Missions \$10.00. Aid Society, Pastor's Salary \$12.00; Church repairs and furnishings \$8.50; Charity \$1.00; Total paid out \$31.50; Balance in Treasury \$98.84; Grand total \$130.34.



Bellefonte, Associational Missions \$2.75. Prairie View Associational Missions \$3.00. Walnut Grove, Associational Missions \$11.75; Sunday School Missions \$4.05; Sunday Literature \$9.00. Sugar Loaf, Associational Missions \$8.00. Orion, Associational Missions \$7.15, Big Spring Home Missions \$5.00. Alpena, Missions, \$3.85. Antioch, Associational Missions, \$3.00, Enon, Associational Missions, \$7.05. New Enon, Associational Missions, \$10 00.

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## Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Art. XII. She may correspond with any association as she may determine, while in session.

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

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

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

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

Art. XVII. The association shall at each session determine the time and the place of the next.

## Rules of Decorum.

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

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

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

4. No motion shall be entertained without a second.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Declaration of Faith.

Article I. We believe that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human opinions should be said.



II. We believe there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct and harmonious offices in the work of the redemption.

III. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy estate, in consequence of which all mankind now are sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin; honored the Divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tender sympathies with Divine perfection, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification is the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

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

VII. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the



power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God, whereby, being convinced of our guilt, danger helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believed in the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

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

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

XII. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government, that is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to the fallen man to fulfill its precepts arises from the love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and the means of grace, connected with the establishment of the visible church.



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

XIV. We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion, in water, of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator, to show faith in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effects in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the undying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from secular labor and sinful recreations, by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remains for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that the government is of appointment, for the interest 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 Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds good among men both in and after death.

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



## Order of Business.

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



Churches.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Messengers.	By Exp & By Letter.	By State.	By Restor.	By Letter.	By Expul.	By Death.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiates.	Members.	Church days.	By Churches.	By State.	Minute Funds.	S. S. Scholars.
					Increased.	Decr'd.									Minis.	Sup.		
Harrison,	Harrison,	M. L. Voyles,	P. C. Maggard,	M. L. Voyles, C. L. Mattox and W. E. Johnston.	4 8	7 2	2						95 3-4	1-2	\$600 00		1 50	
Bellefonte,	Bellefonte,		C. L. Hall,	F. M. Copeland, R. D. Keeter C. L. Hall.	3 1	6							54 2		100 00		1 55	25
Prairie View,	Harrison,	C. L. Mattox,	W. F. Graham,	A. Phillips, E. F. Graham, A. K. Toney, J. N. Brewer.	3 1	2 7	2						58 4		40 00		1 50	
Waln't Grove	Gaither,	J. A. Foster,	J. E. McGuinn,	M. Long, W. J. Moore, J. A. Foster, J. E. McGuinn.	4 2		1						70 1		50 00		1 05	75
Mt. Zion,	Hill Top,	J. A. Foster sup	A. A. Reser,	A. A. Reser.	4								12				50	
Alpena,	Alpena Pass	J. A. Foster,	J. S. Ethridge,	E. G. Whitaker, A. L. Grogan.	5 4	1 5	1 1						27 1-3				1 00	
Shady Grove,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	J. E. Rose,	W. W. Rose, J. B. Rose, H. Mulford, J. E. Rose.	16 4 1		1						25 2				1 00	
Rocky Mount	Vall'y Sprgs,	J. A. Foster,	J. F. Wallis,	A. B. Hampton, J. F. Wallis, C. C. Ray.									17 3		13 65		1 00	
Bethel,	Self,	J. A. Thornton,	S. M. Waltrip,	E. R. Pemberton.	7	8							74 3		37 00		1 00	
Sugar Lea,	Sycamore,	R. W. Raley,	W. H. Raley,	W. C. Hefner, W. H. Raley.	4 5 1	4	3						7 3		6 00		1 00	
Lead Mine,	Willis,	O. C. Hefner,	U. Honeycutt,	U. Honeycutt, A. A. Huey, Sister G. A. Manley.	2 1	5 2							24 1				50	
Big Springs,	Peel,	R. W. Raley,	J. T. Thornton,	W. and J. Purdom, M. M. Hichey.	2 1	1							32 1		12 50		1 00	
Hopewell,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	F. Kindall.	W. S. Trout, R. Capps, T. H. Cook, Frank Kindall.	25 2		2 1	75	1				30 00		\$30 00		1 65	
Orion,	Harrison,	W. S. Trout,	J. J. Cox,	J. W. Pettit, J. M. Mysinger, J. H. Pettit, J. J. Cox.	5	1 9	2 1 1	95	3				22 25				1 20	
Enon,	Boone.	O. C. Hefner,	G. W. Haskins,	J. D. Richardson, G. W. Haskins, James Haskins.	2	1	1 1 1	35	2				4 00				50	
New Enon,	Lowery,	R. W. Raley,	J. Hilger,	D. B. Eoff, A. M. Crane, J. Hilger	14 2	2		37	4				3 15				1 00	
Harmony,	Murray,	N. F. Bradley,	J. B. Carlton,	N. F. Bradley, Sister S. F. Bradley, Sister R. A. McPherson.	1 2 1		1 1 1	42	1				5 75				75	
New Hope,	Swain.	P. Young,	A. E. Wilson,	Represented by letter.		4 3	-3	35	3				5 75				45	
Antioch,	Cassville,	N. F. Bradley,	C. Williams,	C. Williams, W. F. Ellis, L. Smith	1	3		27	4				7 75				40	
Mt. Pleasant.	Wayton,	N. F. Bradley,	J. E. Henderson	Sisters N. King L. Henderson.				56	2								50	
Total Messengers—55.					91 36 10	4 47 18	3 18	3 968					\$837 50				19 15 1 00	



Churches.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Messengers.	By Exp & By Letter.	By Statement.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Expulsion.	By Death.	Ord. Ministers.	Licentiate.	Membership.	Church days.	By Churches.	By State Bd.	Minute Funds.	S. S. Scholars.
					Increased.	Decr'd.									Minis.	Sup.		
Harrison,	Harrison,	M. L. Voyles,	P. C. Maggard,	M. L. Voyles, C. L. Mattox and W. E. Johnston.	4	8		7	2	2			95	3-4	\$600 00		1 50	
Bellefonte,	Bellefonte,		C. L. Hall,	F. M. Copeland, R. D. Keeter C. L. Hall.	3	1		6					54	2	100 00		1 55	25
Prairie View,	Harrison,	C. L. Mattox,	W. F. Graham,	A. Phillips, E. F. Graham, A. K. Toney, J. N. Brewer.	3	1		2	7	2			58	4	40 00		1 50	
Waln't Grove	Gaither,	J. A. Foster,	J. E. McGuinn,	M. Long, W. J. Moore, J. A. Foster, J. E. McGuinn.		2				1			70	1	50 00		1 05	75
Mt. Zion,	Hill Top,	J. A. Foster sup	A. A. Reser,	A. A. Reser.	4								12				50	
Alpena,	Alpena Pass	J. A. Foster,	J. S. Ethridge,	E. G. Whitaker, A. L. Grogan.		5	4	1	5	1	1		27	1-3			1 00	
Shady Grove,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	J. E. Rose,	W. W. Rose, J. B. Rose, H. Mulford. J. E. Rose.	16	4	1				1		25	2			1 00	
Rocky Mount	Vall'y Sprgs,	J. A. Foster,	J. F. Wallis,	A. B. Hampton, J. F. Wallis, C. C. Ray.									17	3	13 65		1 00	
Bethel,	Self,	J. A. Thornton,	S. M. Waltrip,	E. R. Pemberton.	7			8					74	3	37 00		1 00	
Sugar Lea;	Sycamore,	R. W. Raley,	W. H. Raley,	C. Hefner, W. H. Raley.	4	5	1	4		3			7	3	6 00		1 00	
Lead Mine,	Willis,	O. C. Hefner,	U. Honeycutt,	U. Honeycutt, A. A. Huey, Sister G. A. Manley.	2	1		5	2				24	1			50	
Big Springs,	Peel,	R. W. Raley,	J. T. Thornton,	W. and J. Purdom, M. M. Hichey.	2	1	1						32	1	12 50		1 00	
Hopewell,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	F. Kindall.	W. S. Trout, R. Capps, T. H. Cook, Frank Kindall.	25	2				2	1	75	1	30 00	\$30 00	1 65		
Orion,	Harrison,	W. S. Trout,	J. J. Cox,	J. W. Pettit, J. M. Mysinger, J. H. Pettit, J. J. Cox.	5			1	9	2	1	1	95	3	22 25		1 20	
Enon,	Boone.	O. C. Hefner,	G. W. Haskins,	J. D. Richardson, G. W. Haskins, James Haskins.		2		1		1	1	1	35	2	4 00		50	
New Enon,	Lowery,	R. W. Raley,	J. Hilger,	D. B. Eoff, A. M. Crane, J. Hilger	14	2	2						37	4	3 15		1 00	
Harmony,	Murray,	N. F. Bradley,	J. B. Carlton.	N. F. Bradley, Sister S. F. Bradley, Sister R. A. McPherson.	1	2	1		1	1	1	42	1	5 75		75		
New Hope,	Swain.	P. Young,	A. E. Wilson.	Represented by letter.				4	3	3			35	3	5 75		45	
Antioch,	Cassville;	N. F. Bradley,	C. Williams,	C. Williams, W. F. Ellis, L. Smith	1			3					27	4	7 75		40	
Mt. Pleasant.	Wayton,	N. F. Bradley,	J. E. Henderson	Sisters N. King L. Henderson.									56	2			50	
Total Messengers—55.					91	36	10	4	47	18	3	18	3	968	\$837 50		19 15	1 00