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MINUTES
OF THE
SALINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
1907

CONTAINING
THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH SESSION
SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

HELD WITH
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
NEAR DONALDSON, HOT SPRING COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH, 1907

NEXT SESSION

To convene with Fairplay church, Saline county, Arkansas, three miles south of Lott station on the L. R. & H. S. W R. R. and four miles north of Traskwood on the St. L. I. M. & S. R. R. To convene at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1908. Elder R. F. Russell to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. M. Clem, alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SATURDAY—FIRST DAY.

- 1 Devotional exercises.
- 2 Appointment of committee to read letters,
- 3 Call for letters from the Churches.
- 4 Election of officers.
- 5 Introductory sermon.
- 6 Call for petitionary letters.
- 7 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 8 Appoint Committee on Divine Service.
- 9 Appoint the usual Committees.

MONDAY—THIRD DAY.

- 1 Call for the reading of the Minutes of first day.
- 2 Roll of Messengers, and marking the name of absentees.
- 3 Call for the reports of Committees and Treasurer's report.
- 4 Miscellaneous business.
- 5 Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened with Pleasant Hill church on this day, October 5, 1907, and after a few minutes spent in devotional exercises the body was called in business session by the Moderator, Elder A. Tucker, who at once appointed Elders Ben M. Bogard, J. H. Howard and O. C. Robinson to read letters. The letters from the churches were called for and read, showing a representation as follows, to-wit:

- ANTIOCH—Harvey Tillery.
- BISMARCK—N. W. Holcomb, Monro Layne.
- BLUFF SPRINGS—B. F. Landrith.
- BRUSH CREEK—Handsford Deer.
- BETHLEHEM—Ben M. Bogard, J. H. Milburn.
- BIG CREEK—W. W. Morrison.
- BELLEVIEW—By letter.
- CANEY—J. M. Holt, J. R. Adams.
- CEDAR GROVE—J. A. Melton.
- CORINTH—A. C. Files.
- DEROCHE—A. J. Bray.
- DAMASCUS—Marion Norwood, W. P. Paul.
- EVENING SHADE—C. P. Cain.
- FAIRPLAY—W. K. Johnson, J. H. Floyd, J. M. Floyd.
- FRANCEWAY—J. A. Denny, W. A. Carver.
- FRIENDSHIP—R. F. Russell, J. L. Fowler, P. C. Lindsay.
- FOUCHLUKE—Gus Otwell.
- HOT SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH—E. C. Ellis, J. W. McDonald.
- HOT SPRINGS SECOND CHURCH—O. C. Williams.
- HICKORY GROVE—E. W. Thornton.
- HAPPY HOME—John Ashley, W. M. Ashley, R. C. Davis.
- KENTUCKY—By letter.
- LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH—L. G. Luckett, R. G. Bowers.

LONSDALE—J. H. Richardson, Henry Richardson.
 LANDMARK—J. H. Howard, R. H. Sebring, J. M. Clem.
 LONC—J. M. Staggs.
 MAGNET COVE—Jim York.
 MALVERN FIRST CHURCH—J. C. Ross.
 MIDWAY—R. B. Caldwell.
 NEBO—J. G. Rice.
 NEW HOPE NO 1—J. E. Stiles, R. F. Crabb.
 NORTH FORK—A. B. Woodall, B. R. Hunt.
 OAK GROVE—J. G. Scott.
 OUACHITA—P. Stanley, Jewell Thompson.
 PLEASANT HILL—Jno. Porterfield, J. F. Cordell, J. E. Taylor.
 PLEASANT VALLEY—G. L. Jacobs.
 PARK AVENUE—W. A. Matthews, O. C. Stone.
 PLEASANT GROVE—By letter.
 REYBURN CREEK—A. Tucker.
 SALINE—O. C. Robinson, J. J. Edgin, L. L. Newcomb.
 SULPHUR SPRINGS—D. D. Denton.
 SWEET HOME—J. M. Sirratt, R. S. Stanley.
 SMITH CREEK—A. E. Hardin.
 TAYLOR'S CHAPEL—J. M. Hall.
 TEN MILE—S. F. Funk, Jake Williams, A. B. Shockley.
 TRASKWOOD—Levy Brown, W. A. Woodall.
 UNITY—J. H. Hill, A. C. Carlisle.
 WHITTINGTON—William Pigg.
 VALLEY—C. C. Keatle, Will Taylor, W. T. Sherfield.

As several letters did not give name of pastor, a motion carried that the messengers have the name of their pastor inserted in their letter.

A petitionary letter was read from Happy Home church. The church received and her messengers seated.

Visiting brethren were welcomed, namely, as follows:

Elder Carnell, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Elder W. E. Kimbrough representing the Baptist Advance.

Brother R. W. Daniel from Judson Association.

Elder W. W. Gardner representing the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

Elder Ben M. Bogard now spoke a few words as representative of Buckner College.

Elder J. H. Milburn made a few statements in regard to his work as one of the Evangelists of the State General Association.

The Moderator appointed Bros. P. Stanley, R. H. Sebrin and the Deacons of Pleasant Hill church as a committee on Divine Services.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed time.

Prayer led by Elder J. H. Howard.

On motion, Elder R. G. Bowers was requested to preach the introductory sermon at 3:00 p. m.

Little Rock First Church requested through her messenger and letter that she be given a letter of dismission in order that she might join Caroline Association, and on motion the letter was granted.

The Committee on Divine Services reported that Elder J. H. Milburn would preach Sunday at 9:30 a. m., and that Elder Ben M. Bogard would preach at 11:00 a. m.

A motion now carried that Elder W. W. Gardner be given twenty minutes to present the claims of the Monticello Orphans' Home.

The following resolution offered by Elder B. M. Bogard was adopted:

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the support of the orphan children and we recommend that liberal contributions be made by our people toward their support in whatever channel they deem best.

Elder W. W. Gardner now spoke and a collection was taken for the orphan children, resulting as follows: For the Orphans' Home at Monticello, \$6 01; for the Orphans' Home at Texarkana, \$9 46

Elder R. G. Bowers now preached the introductory sermon, using as a text first sentence of the seventh verse of the fourth chapter of James. Theme: Be Obedient to God's Will.

Adjourned to meet Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

SUNDAY—FORENOON SERVICES.

Assembled at 9:00 a. m., and after a few minutes spent in devotional exercises the moderator announced the usual committees.

A motion prevailed that the afternoon services be held in the interest of Associational Missions.

It now being the hour appointed for preaching, Elder J. H. Milburn read the eighth chapter of first Samuel and preached an interesting sermon, using as a text: "Thus sayeth the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good ways, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein. Jeremiah 6:16 Theme: God's Plan of Mission Work.

A collection for State Associational Missions was then taken amounting to \$20.00

It now being 11:00 a. m., Elder Ben M. Bogard who had been appointed to preach at this hour delivered a very entertaining and instructive sermon. Subject: The Origin, Doctrine and Perpetuity of the Church.

Adjourned to reassemble at 2:00 p. m.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the hour appointed. Prayer led by Bro. W. K. Johnson. The Executive Committee submitted their report, which was, on motion, adopted, as follows:

Your Executive Committee, Beg to report that after meeting and conferring, both in January and July, and finding that the Association had but thirty odd dollars for Associational Missions, felt that it would be unjust to employ a missionary for one year without having either funds or pledges to pay him. We did in July elect Elder R. F. Russell to labor up to the meeting of this body at a salary of fifty dollars per month, but finding that his churches would not release him he was forced to decline the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McDONALD,
J. C. ROSS,
J. M. CLEM,
Executive Committee.

The Committee on Associational Missions made their report, which was, on motion, adopted, as follows:

We feel that the time has come for immediate action by this association of the churches to employ a missionary or missionaries to preach at least six months in the destitution of this Association.

We further recommend, That this Association elect a missionary by vote of the messengers. We also recommend that a cash collection and pledges be taken for the support of said missionary. We further recommend that a committee be appointed to collect and pay said missionary.

R. F. RUSSELL,
J. H. HOWARD,
O. C. ROBINSON,
Committee.

Pledges by the Messengers for their churches were taken resulting in \$208.50. The amounts pledged were marked opposite the name of each church on one of last year's minutes. Some brother borrowed the minute and failed to return it, so the clerk has no list, but each church can learn from their messengers the amount pledged, so it will be all right anyway.

Adjourned till 9:00 a. m. Monday.

MONDAY—FORENOON SESSION.

Assembled at the hour named, the moderator in the chair. Prayer led by Bro. A. W. Files.

A motion carried that the body elect an Associational Missionary. Elder Ben M. Bogard and Bro. J. C. Ross were appointed as tellers and the vote was taken resulting in the election of Elder R. F. Russell, and in a few appropriate remarks Bro. Russell accepted the work.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee to assist the missionary in his work on the field and fill the vacancy should our present missionary from any cause retire from the work.

The moderator immediately appointed Bros. Ben M. Bogard, J. M. Clem, J. W. McDonald and J. C. Rees as the aforesaid committee.

A cash collection of \$7.20 was taken for Associational Missions.

The following Report on State Missions was read and adopted, after being discussed by Elders J. H. Milburn, Ben M. Bogard and Geo. F. Rowe.

STATE MISSIONS.

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

Missions in the aggregate is pre eminently the work of the churches of Christ. Assembled with the disciples at the close of his earthly mission Christ said to them: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts, 1:8.

In regard to State Mission work we would say that this feature of mission work is highly important, not only in the way of looking after the numerous points of destitution not occupied by district associations, but state work is exceedingly necessary in the way of teaching, endocinating and strengthening the things that remain, since the primitive missionaries and evangelists not only visited fields of destitution and preached the gospel and constituted churches, but also visited the churches as opportunity afforded and necessity demanded and taught and endocinated them.

Therefore we would recommend, That this association heartily co-operate with the State General Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas and assist in carrying forward this work.

We further recommend, That the pastors of church in this Association preach on missions to their churches and explain to the brethren, as far as possible, the nature and character of this work and take up collections for the same and that the deacons together with their pastors consult together and urge upon the brethren and churches to try and make systematic offering for State Missions and forward those contributions to G. R. Robuck, at Haynes, Arkansas, treasurer of the General Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MILBURN, Chairman,
JIM TAYLOR,
JIM YORK,

Committee.

The following report on Religious Literature was read and adopted:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

We call attention to the fact that a good, pure religious newspaper is one of the greatest sources of religious information. It is a source of profound pleasure and comfort to us to learn what our people are doing in every part of our great state as well as other states, and would recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Flag to our people. But we want to say that no publication, however clear and strong will ever supply the place of the Word of God, the one necessary Book for christian people to read. We sometimes read in our religious papers harsh things that one brother may say about another, we all but come to the conclusion sometimes, that in our newspaper articles we forget that we are brothers. But the eternal Word of God comes to us as a continual refreshing, and as a story that never grows old. Let us all read it constantly and take it as the "man of our council," feeling sure that it will be unto us a perfect guide and will lead us in the path that grows brighter all the way.

J. C. ROSS,
R. F. RUSSELL,
Committee.

The report on Prayer Meetings was read and discussed by Bros. J. H. Howard, J. M. Clem and J. H. Milburn. Bro. Milburn contended that it was as much the duty of the sisters to lead in prayer as any brother, and in support of his argument he read Acts, 1:12, 14; Acts 16:13, 14, 16.

Report adopted as follows:

PRAYER MEETING.

We believe that the Prayer Meeting is the means of the spiritual life of the churches. We believe that through prayer blessings are received, and as we stand in need of help we should pray our Father who art in Heaven to give us this day our daily bread. We recommend that each church in this association strive to keep up a weekly prayer meeting and to get each member to take part in same.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. CLEM,
J. A. DENNEY,
J. M. SIRATT,
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education, read and adopted, as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee believe in education for all the people, and especially emphasize the importance of educating our young preachers. While we recognize the great good which has been accomplished by our aged brethren who have toiled on without an education, we are sure these same brethren could have done better if they had been educated. Education means the development of the mind; it does not mean knowledge or information. But a developed mind can accumulate knowledge faster and can put that knowledge to a better use than an undeveloped mind. Hence the need of mental development—education.

We recommend Buckner College, Witcherville, Arkansas, as a good place to get an education. Buckner College belongs to the Baptist State Association and the charter guarantees that it shall forever remain the property of Landmark Baptists. Those desiring to attend this college should address the president, H. W. C. Ainley, Witcherville, Arkansas, and he will send all the information desired.

We recommend that liberal contributions be made toward building the new college building at Buckner College and that we assist the young preachers at Buckner who need assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

BEN M. BOGARD,

S. F. FUNK,

Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the appointed time. Prayer led by Bro. O. C. Williams.

The Committee on Womans' Work submitted their report, which was, on motion, adopted as follows:

WOMANS' WORK.

Too much cannot be said favoring the christian work of our sisters in Christ. They have been a power for good throughout all ages, and we believe that we can truthfully say that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world. We know that these noble women of God are doing a great work in this state for the advancement of the Master's cause.

Your committee would recommend the hearty support of this Association toward this noble work. Especially do we recommend the co-operation of our people in the good work carried on by Miss Willie Cross.

ORLANDO C. WILLIAMS,

L. BROWN,

Committee.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee believes that when our Lord and Master said go and preach the gospel to all the world and to every creature that this commission was given to his churches, and he said, "Ye are my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth."

We recommend that pastors keep this before their churches and that funds be collected for Foreign Missions and sent to Eld. J. B. Sellman, Texarkana, Texas, Treasurer of the General Association for the United States.

R. H. SEBRIN,
O. C. STONE,
O. C. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

The following report on Temperance was read and adopted:

TEMPERANCE.

What we need is for every friend of prohibition to not only use intoxicants as a beverage, but fight it with the ballot. If every member of the churches of this Association would stand firm against the liquor traffic they could soon drive it from this section of our state. This is our duty before God and we ought to esteem it a high privilege to aid in such a good cause. If all our people could be made to realize the great evil of stroug drink they would rise in their might and the days of the saloon and dram drinking would be numbered.

We pray God to speed the time when no liquor will be sold and may God hasten the time when it cannot be truthfully said that Baptists drink liquor.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. ELLIS,
J. W. McDONALD,
W. A. CARVER,
Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

Report read and adopted:

We your committee submit the following:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Fairplay church in Saline county, Arkansas, and that Elder R. F. Russell preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. M. Clem, alternate.

L. L. NEWCOMB,
J. H. FLOYD,
Committee,

OBITUARIES.

Report read and adopted.

We find from the letters sent up from the churches that thirty-four deaths have been reported. We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones and wish to encourage them to humbly submit to the Divine will of Him who doeth all things well.

HANDSFORD DEER,
J. G. RICE,
Committee.

A charitable contribution of eight dollars was taken out and paid to Elder B. R. Hunt. Bro. Hunt is blind and this money was paid him in order that he might get a raised-letter Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report read and after some discussion was adopted as follows:

Knowing that upon the children of today will in a few years fall the responsibility that now rests on us, we should be diligent in training them for the work. We would urge every church to carry on this work and teach by precept and example. Also that every pastor use his best efforts in promoting the Sunday School.

PETER STANLEY,
J. E. TAYLOR,
GEO. F. ROWE,
Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We your committee have received the following amounts:

For Associational Missions.....	\$ 53.55
For State Missions.....	4.36
For Home Missions.....	8.00
For Foreign Missions.....	5.55
For Orphans' Home at Monticello.....	4.50
For Associational Minutes.....	51.45

Total.....\$127.41

A. C. FILES,
O. C. STONE,
A. E. HARDIN,
Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We your committee, believe that no duty should weigh heavier on our hearts than the care of the orphan children of our state who are without father, mother or home. We are glad to commend whatever good may have been done in our state for these unfortunate children but we want more and greater good done along this line.

We call attention to the Orphans' Home established at Texarkana in charge of Elder J. B. Sellman, and under the care and supervision of the State General Association. We commend this institution to the churches of Saline Association and ask our brethren to come to its aid with their money and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CLEM,
J. C. ROSS,
W. W. MORRISON,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending October 4, 1907. Also amounts received and paid out for Associational Missions from October 1, 1899, to October 4, 1907.

Report read and adopted as follows:

RECEIPTS	
To amount received for Associational Minutes.....	\$ 39.56
To amount received for State Missions.....	32.85
To amount received for Home Missions.....	6.35
To amount received for Foreign Missions.....	7.60
To amount received for Sunday School and Colportage....	.25
To amount received for Ministerial Education.....	.50
To amount received for Ministerial Relief.....	.50
To amount received for Orphans' Home ...	34.29
To amount received for Foreign Missions from Lono church.....	5.00
To amount received for Associational Missions, 1899, from J. C. Ross.....	1.45
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1899, ..	23.75
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1900,	5.80
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1901,	3.85
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1902,	17 50
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1903,	42.90
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1904,	57.70
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1905,	115 92
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1906,	42.50
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Finance Committee, 1907,	53 55
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Lonsdale Church, 1907,	5 00
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Deroche church, 1907,	5 00
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Midway church, 1907,	5.00
To amt. rec'd for Associational Missions from Parsons and other churches...	138.37
Total,	\$645 19

DISBURSEMENTS

By amount paid for printing minutes	\$ 31.00
By amount paid for mailing out minutes	6.18
By amount paid Associational Clerk	20.00
By amount paid Elder R. G. Bowers for State Missions	11.00
By amount paid Arkansas Baptist Publishing Company, State Missions. . .	21.85
By amount paid Elder C. R. Powell, Home Missions	6.35
By amount paid Elder C. R. Powell, Foreign Missions	9.25
By amount paid Elder J. B. Sellman, Foreign Missions	5.00
By amount paid Elder H. L. Winburn, Ministerial Education50
By amount paid Elder O. J. Wade, Ministerial Relief50
By amount paid Elder O. T. Finch, Orphans' Home	34.29
By amount paid Elder S. L. Holloway, Sunday Schools25
By amount paid Elder A. Tucker, 1899, Associational Missionary	23.75
By amount paid Elder R. F. Russell, 1899 and 1900, Associational Mission'y	16 50
By amount paid Elder C. C. Warnock, 1904, Associational Missionary	33.52
By amount paid Elder J. W. McDonald, 1905 Associational Missionary	185 00
By amount paid M. P. Thomas, 1906, Associational Missionary	100.00
By amount paid Elder J. W. McDonald for Traskwood church	50 00
By amount paid for printing and mailing out blank Associational letters	2 48
By balance on hand for Associational Missions	86.32
By balance on hand, Minute fund	1.45

Total, \$ 645.19

Fraternally Submitted,

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

The following report adopted:

We believe that God calls into His work those whom He would have to preach His word. The scriptures teach that the ministry should be supported by the churches. It teaches that those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Who goeth a warfare at any time at his own charge? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock? It is our duty to give of our means to the support of the Gospel in order that our ministers may be liberated and free to preach the everlasting Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

[Signed.]

J. A. MELTON,
Chairman of Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We have been so kindly and royally entertained during this meeting of our Association,

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude and extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community and especially to the members of Pleasant Hill church for their generous hospitality accorded us during this session of our Association.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$20 for his services.

After a few well-chosen and feeling remarks made by Elder J. H. Milburn, a motion carried to adjourn. A song full of melody and praise, a hearty handshake, and a fervent prayer led by Elder A. F. Lamb were the closing moments of the sixty-eighth session of Old Saline Association.

ELDER A. TUCKER, Moderator,
A. B. SHOCKEY, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTEN- DENT	SECRETARY	POST OF- FICE	Number of Pupils	Cost of Literature
Big Creek	E. S. Warington	C. A. Hendrixson	Opps	52	
Caney	M. A. Perry	E. T. Smith	Duffie	39	4.40
Deroche	C. G. Hughes		Duffie	40	4.50
Fairplay	W. K. Johnson	Cora Johnson	Slocomb	50	6.60
Franceway	T. J. Silvers		Gifford	40	1.50
Friendship	J. W. Hardage		Friendship	35	7.50
Hot Springs 2d ch	J. W. Brock		Hot Springs	114	35.16
Hickory Grove	E. W. Thornton	Effe Hardin	Deroche	35	4.00
Lonsdale	H. Richardson		Lonsdale	65	7.50
Landmark	L. R. Sweeney		Malvern	60	10.50
Lono	W. D. Brooks		Lono		
Malvern 1st ch	B. F. Draper		Malvern	100	56.00
Midway	J. W. Terrell		Honey	60	5.00
New Hope	E. A. Funk		Lono	25	3.40
North Fork	R. H. Ray		Brazils	43	7.22
Pleasant Grove	F. P. Nowland	Etta Goodson	North Point	55	
Reyburn Creek	D. T. McDougal	W. F. Westerman	Reyburn		
Smith Creek	John James		Owensville	36	1.60
Traskwood	L. F. Cash		Traskwood	64	5.24
Whittington	R. M. Zeigler		Whittington	30	2.00
Total				943	\$157.62

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS	POST-OFFICE	COUNTY
Bethlehem	Ben M. Bogard...	Little Rock..	Pulaski
Bethlehem	J. H. Milburn....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
Big Creek.....	J. L. Byrd.....	Ops	Hot Spring
Bluff Springs.....	J. B. Gatlin	Traskwood..	Saline
Caney.....	J. M. Holt.....	Deroche	Hot Spring
Corinth	G. F. Rowe.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
Deroche.....	W. J. Hardin	Deroche	Hot Spring
Fairplay	J. M. Beard.....	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Fairplay	P. C. Hammonds..	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Friendship.....	R. F. Russell....	Saginaw	Hot Spring
Hot Springs 1st ch..	W. T. Amis.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
Hot Springs 1st ch..	J. W. McDonald..	Hot Springs..	Garland
Hot Springs 2nd ch.	G. W. McCarty...	Hot Springs..	Garland
Hot Springs 2nd ch.	N. H. Harley	Hot Springs..	Garland
Hickory Grove.....	M. P. Thomas....	Bismark	Hot Spring
Ouachita.....	N. D. Jones.....	Donaldson ...	Hot Spring
Land Mark.....	J. M. Clem	Malvern	Hot Spring
Land Mark.....	J. H. Howard....	Malvern	Hot Spring
Magnet Cove.....	J. T. Thornton...	Magnet	Hot Spring
Malvern 1st church..	R. C. Rhoden....	Malvern	Hot Spring
North Fork.....	T. H. Green.....	Brazils.....	Saline
North Fork.....	B. R. Hunt.....	Brazils.....	Saline
Reyburn Creek.....	A. Tucker.....	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Sweet Home.....	J. W. Burks.....	Deroche	Hot Spring
Taylor's Chapel....	J. J. Thompson ..	Malvern.....	Hot Spring
Ten Mile.....	S. F. Funk	Slocomb	Saline
Unity.....	Joseph Taylor....	Brazils.....	Saline

LICENTIATES.

Fairplay	J. L. Waldrop ...	Slocomb.....	Saline
Friendship	J. W. Edmonson..	Social Hill..	Hot Spring
Friendship	O. M. Burnett....	Social Hill..	Hot Spring
Fouchluke	G. W. Aringe....	Hot Springs..	Garland
North Fork.....	A. B. Woodall ...	Brazils.....	Saline
Reyburn Creek.....	M. G. Wade.....	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Reyburn Creek	J. M. L. Westerman	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Saline	J. A. Moore.....	Benton.....	Saline
Saline.....	O. C. Robinson ..	Benton.....	Saline

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

Art. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Art. 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. 7. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

Art. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

Art. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

Art. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

Art. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A moderator and a clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.

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

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

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

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

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

9. When a question is taken 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 raising from their seats and those in the negative retain theirs.

10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

11. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission from the moderator.

12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have done so, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject till the debates have been carried through.

13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the association by members in their address to one another.

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

15. The names of members shall be called as often as the association may direct.

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 shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating the rules may be reprov'd by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be made.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Baptist Association."

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

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

Art. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members—the messengers from the churches—and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order; may be admitted into this union, on their sending three messenger to the annual meeting of the Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored or deceased, since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 7. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the As-

sociation and shall present annually, for insertion in the Minutes, a clear and sufficient statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same, and have failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body; and to deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members then present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this Association.

Table of Statistics, 1907.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST-OFFICE	COUNTY	INCREASE				DECREASE				Present Membership	Sunday of Meeting	PAID TO MISSIONS.				OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS				Total Contributions	Value of Church Property
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Death	By Letter	By Expulsion	Total Decrease			Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Associational Minutes	Orphans' Home	Incidental	Pastor's Salary		
Antioch.....	John Lanier.....	B T Vaughn.....	Blocher.....	Saline.....	3	1		4	1	12		3	33	Fourth	\$ 1 00		\$	\$ 50	\$ 1 15	\$ 50	\$ 15 00	\$ 18 15		
Bluff Springs.....	Wm Winston.....	J W Nichols.....	Traskwood.....	Saline.....	19	2	1	22		3	5	51	Second			\$ 3 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00		\$ 40 00	\$ 46 00	300		
Bell View.....		J F Huchingson.....	Owensville.....	Saline.....						4	6	49						1 00			16 00			
Big Creek.....	J M Clem.....	E O Collier.....	Ops.....	Hot Spring.....	2	3		5	22	3	2	8	102					1 00		15 00	1 75			
Brush Creek.....	A F Lamb.....	W F Brashears.....	Lucian.....	Hot Spring.....						2	8	40						1 00			26 00	600		
Bismark.....	J W Burks.....	N W Holcomb.....	Bismark.....	Hot Spring.....	8	8		16	1	3	2	4	30	Third	5 00			1 00		30 00	9 00	45 00		
Bethlehem.....		W M Gresham.....	Little Rock.....	Pulaski.....	5	4		9		2	5	37				60 00		1 25		50 15	600 00	711 40		
Caney.....	R F Russell.....	E T Smith.....	Duffie.....	Hot Spring.....	3			3		1	1	39				2 50		90			25 00	28 40		
Cedar Grove.....	S F Funk.....	I P Newcomb.....	Alum.....	Saline.....		1		1		4	4	27	Second				1 00	85	1 00		2 85			
Corinth.....	G F Rowe.....	Mrs T L Files.....	Hot Springs.....	Garland.....						4	4	33					2 50	1 00			6 00			
Damascus.....	N D Jones.....	W H Fitzhugh.....	Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....								38	Fourth					50			24 00	400		
Deroche.....	W T Whitten.....	C C Orr.....	Duffie.....	Hot Spring.....	29	4	7	40	18	7	25	165			5 00	15 75		1 00			75 00	96 75		
Evening Shade.....	S F Funk.....	J C Norman.....	Whittington.....	Garland.....	11	5		16	4	3	7	50	Fourth					1 25			1 25			
Fairlay.....	J T Kelley.....	J H Floyd.....	Slocumb, R F D I	Saline.....	8	3	1	12	1	1	3	5	272	Third	5 00			2 25		31 20	80 00	118 45		
Franceway.....	W A Winston.....	H G Clift.....	Gifford.....	Hot Spring.....	1	1	1	3	1	2	4	7	67	Third			2 50	1 00			79 00	80 70		
Friendship.....	A F Lamb.....	A Lindsay.....	Friendship.....	Hot Spring.....	4	5		9		2	7	73			5 00	2 50	2 50	1 50		12 50	50 00	78 50		
Fouchluka.....	G F Rowe.....	G W Aringe.....	Hot Springs.....	Garland.....	7	5		12				44	Fourth				2 50	1 25			3 75	300		
Hot Springs 2nd ch.....	J W Burks.....	Oliver Ashley.....	Deroche.....	Hot Spring.....	4	13		17	1	16	17	106	Every	10 50	6 55			1 25	31 00	177 95	720 00	950 38		
Happy Home.....	John Holt.....	E W Thornton.....	Deroche.....	Hot Spring.....	7	5		12				28						1 00		100 00		161 00		
Hickory Grove.....	C C Warnock.....	Everett Ashcraft.....	Grape.....	Saline.....		1	1	2	1	1	1	36						1 80	2 55		50 00	54 05		
Kentucky.....	J M Clem.....	G W Smith.....	Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....	2	19		21	1	1	2	81	2d & 4th	10 00	80 95			1 50		7 00	95 00	195 35		
Land Mark.....	J W McDonald.....	Henry Richardson.....	Lonsdale.....	Garland.....	1	4	1	6	1	8	2	11	46	2d & 4th	10 00			75		05 00	100 00	176 75		
Lonsdale.....	N D Jones.....	E B Deer.....	Lono.....	Hot Spring.....		2		2	1	3	3	7	50					50				59		
Lono.....	Ben Cox.....	J E Taylor.....	Little Rock.....	Pulaski.....	39	50	2	91	7	36	43	595	Every	15 00	575 00	517 00	660 60	2 00	32 00	4093 93	1800 00	8261 53		
Little Rock 1st ch.....		J C Ross.....	Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....		3	3	1	7	1	9	272	Every		130 50	90 50	79 25	2 50	20 00	216 70	800 00	1339 45		
Malvern 1st church.....		H M Verser.....	Magnet.....	Hot Spring.....		3	3	4	4		8	95	2d & 4th		10 50		2 05	1 50			60 00	74 55		
Magnet Cove.....	J W Avery.....	I H Phillips.....	Honey.....	Hot Spring.....	5	6		11	1	1	1	74	First	5 00				50		11 10		31 60		
Midway.....	C C Warnock.....	R H Ray.....	Brazils.....	Saline.....	2	4	2	8	1	4	3	63	Fourth			1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	7 22	60 00	73 22		
North Fork.....	N D Jones.....	J D Rucker.....	Lono.....	Hot Spring.....		2		2	1	2	4	25	Second					50				50		
New Hope No. 1.....	B R Hunt.....	J G Rice.....	Shoppach.....	Saline.....	2	4		6				17	Third	1 00		1 00	1 00	50			20 00	23 50		
Nebo.....		J R Hodges.....	Social Hill.....	Hot Spring.....							39	1st & 4th			1 00		1 00		1 00		1 00			
Oak Grove.....	R F Russell.....	Tom P Nix.....	Donaldson.....	Hot Spring.....	18	4	1	23	1	1	2	81			2 50			1 50			4 00			
Onachita.....	A F Lamb.....	B A Davis.....	Donaldson.....	Hot Spring.....	1	2		3	3	5	8	96						1 50			1 50			
Pleasant Hill.....	E Webber.....	George Prothro.....	Frank.....	Pulaski.....	18	4		22		8	5	8			1 60	2 20	3 00	3 00	50	3 00	8 50	60 00		
Pleasant Grove.....	W A Neighbors.....	Nora Jacobs.....	Magnet.....	Hot Spring.....	2	11		13		1	1	24	Third		1 35			75			15 00	17 05		
Pleasant Valley.....	R F Russell.....	W F Westernman.....	Reyburn.....	Hot Spring.....	15			15	1	1	2	70	First		1 00			1 50				2 50		
Reyburn Creek.....	J S Hamilton.....	L L Newcomb.....	Benton.....	Saline.....	19	6	18	34				34	Third			1 80		50			40 00	42 30		
Saline.....	S F Funk.....	J H Fittrell.....	Lawrence.....	Garland.....	5	3	1	9	1	5	6	75	Third		1 20			1 00			19 00	21 80		
Sulphur Springs.....	C C Warnock.....	A C Huchingson.....	Lonsdale.....	Garland.....	5	5		10	2	3	5	33	Third		2 50			75	65	5 95	36 00	47 85		
Smith Creek.....	J W Burks.....	Girdie Siratt.....	Sanders.....	Hot Spring.....	1	2		3	1	14	3	18	30					1 00			30 00	31 00		
Sweet Home.....		L F Cash.....	Traskwood.....	Saline.....	2	4		6		4	4	21	1st & 3rd		5 00			1 00			10 74	90 00		
Traskwood.....	S F Funk.....	J E Williams.....	Slocumb, R F D I	Saline.....	6	6		12		1	1	70	First		5 00			1 75		7 00	36 00	49 75		
Ten Mile.....	J F Thompson.....	J Mouro Hall.....	Elmore.....	Hot Spring.....	1	2		3	2	15	1	18	First			1 00		60			1 60	700		
Taylor's Chapel.....	C C Warnock.....	W C Carlisle.....	Brazils.....	Saline.....						7	4	11	62	First				1 10			1 10			
Unity.....	J M Thomas.....	George Hall.....	Valley.....	Hot Spring.....	1			1		2	31							1 60			1 00			
Valley.....		T J Burgess.....	Whittington.....	Garland.....						2	2	53	Third			2 00		65			2 65			
Whittington.....	W T Amis.....	Mrs M G Thompson.....	Hot Springs.....	Garland.....	14	18		32	5	1	6	220	Every		275 00	150 00	150 00		90 60	120 00	1500 00	2285 00		
*Hot Springs 1st ch.....	B J Matthews.....	Ira Ross.....	Hot Springs.....	Garland.....	18	11		25		22	23	117	Every		23 00		3 50			79 40	900 00	1005 93		
*Park Avenue H. S.....		Geo Fumor.....	Lonsdale.....	Garland.....						1	6	7	19	Third							36 00			
*Center View.....																								
Totals.....					285	231	36	555	41	202	87	330	3922		\$02 65	\$1201 26	\$ 763 50	\$ 911 40	\$51 90	\$ 183 70	\$3711 40	\$ 7489 00	\$ 10407 81	\$ 86550

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