

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**42nd Annual Session**  
**OF**  
**CROOKED GREEK**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**MISSIONARY BAPTISTS**  
**HELD WITH**  
**VALLEY SPRINGS CHURCH**  
**BOONE COUNTY**

October 13-15, Inclusive, 1910.

Next Year the Association will Meet with  
Walnut Grove Church, Boone Co., Ark.

**OFFICERS:**

Elder W. S. Trout, Moderator, Harrison, Arkansas.  
John Sugg, Clerk, Harrison, Arkansas.

## Contributions to Mission Funds.

Oregon; State Missions \$5.40, Pastor's Salary \$8.00. Valley Springs; Home Missions \$5.00, Incidentals \$8.00, Pastor's Salary \$36.75. Oak Grove; Association Missions \$13.30, Orphan's Home \$8.13, Pastor's Salary \$28.35. Walnut Grove; Association Missions \$15.50, Orphan's Home \$3.75, Pastor's Salary \$33.50. Liberty No. 2; State Missions \$8.00, Association Missions \$1.00, Pastor's Salary \$5.00. Union; State Missions \$5.00, Association Missions \$2.25, Orphan's Home \$5.50, Pastor's Salary \$36.00. Hopewell; Orphan's Home \$2.95, Pastor's Salary \$16.50. Liberty No. 1; Association Missions \$4.05, Orphan's Home \$3.15, Pastor's Salary \$21.00. Rock Springs; State Missions \$5.00, Association Missions \$2.50, Orphan's Home \$3.96, Pastor's Salary \$7.91. Peel; Pastor's Salary \$25.00. Sugar Loaf; Pastor's Salary \$13.75. Prairie View; Incidentals \$2.50, Pastor's Salary \$58.25. Big Springs; Pastor's Salary \$17.00. Orion; Pastor's Salary \$12.50. Bellefonte; State Missions \$16.50, Home Missions \$2.50, Orphan's Home \$5.00. Harrison; State Missions \$25.00, Home Missions \$23.00, Foreign Missions \$18.00, Association Missions \$2.00, Orphan's Home \$45.50, Incidentals \$49.50, Pastor's Salary \$125.00 for three months, Sunday School expenses \$33.90.

# FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

## Crooked Creek Association

1910.

### PROCEEDINGS.

The forty-second annual session of the Crooked Creek Association of Missionary Baptists convened with Valley Springs Church, Thursday morning, October 13th, 1910, at 10 a. m. Devotional service 10 a. m. to 10:30 a. m.

Song, "There is a Fountain." Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer, by Elder J. C. Cooper. Song, "Lest Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Prayer, Elder W. B. Collins. Song, "We Praise Thee, O God." Song, "My Savior First of All." Prayer, by Elder R. W. Raley. Song, "Trust and Obey."

10:30. Elder N. W. Bradley delivered the introductory discourse very forcibly, using for his lesson the third chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. After the reading of the lesson Elder L. R. Capps lead in prayer. Song, "Am I a Soldier." Used 2nd Corinthians 10:4 for his text, brought clearly before the minds of all who heard him the fact of the Bible as the foundation and main pillar of our faith and hope. Explained perpetuity of our church and how our lives or our influence will live long after we are gone.

Elder Capps made an appropriate response at 11:40; meeting closed to meet in regular session of the Association at 2 o'clock.

Association called to order by moderator at 5 p.m. Devotional service conducted by Elder L. R. Capps. Lesson from Psalms 27. Prayer by Elder L. R. Capps. Letters received from all the churches.

Elder J. H. Klepper and Elder L. R. Capps were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were read from the following churches: New Enon, Sugar Loaf, Valley Springs, Bethel and Bellefonte.

Alpena, Walnut Grove, Orion, Peel, Oak Grove, Big Springs, Rock Springs, Hopewell, Liberty, Harrison, Prairie View and Liberty Union.

Motion carried that Elder W. B. Collins be seated as messenger from Alpena Church, not being duly sent by that body.

### REORGANIZATION.

Motion carried that Elder W. S. Trout act as moderator for ensuing year. John Sugg elected by acclamation to act as clerk for ensuing year. Motion carried that Brother E. F. Graham be retained as treasurer. Call for petitionary letters for membership. Letters were received from the

following church: Pleasant Grove Church. Motion with second carried unanimously that Pleasant Grove Church be received into the Association. The right hand of fellowship was given the messengers by the moderator, after which the associational letter was read for them.

3:30 Call for corresponding messengers and letters. Elder C. Hoge, the visiting messenger from White River Association reported, and gave a short literary talk. Elder J. T. Mabry, the visiting minister from P. D. Association responded but was unable to make any report.

Elder F. P. Turner reported as the visiting member working in the interest of the Orphans' Home at Monticello. Elder J. C. Cooper from the White River Association and Elder N. F. Bradley from Crooked Creek Association were invited to be seated as visiting ministers, with the right to debate and all rights of a regular delegate aside from voting.

Committee on Divine Service—O. K. Toney, J. B. Cook, Brother Catchersides and Otis Wilson.

Visiting members were invited to seats with the body as follows: W. P. Whitney, Cave Hall Church; John Crowe, Pleasant Grove Church; Troy Eoff, Union Church; E. F. Graham, Prairie View Church; Sister Campwell, Pleasant Grove Church; E. C. Hodge and wife. Harrison Church.

Committee on divine service made partial report as follows:

Eld. R. W. Raley appointed to preach Thursday night 7:30 p. m., Eld. J. H. Klepper to follow. Elder F. P. Turner appointed to conduct services at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday; Elder J. T. Mabry to follow. J. H. Cook, chairman. Motion by Elder Collins carried that the partial report be adopted.

4:00 Appointment of Committees.

Committee on State Missions—Eld. C. Hoge, J. F. Pruitt and W. W. Hudson.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elder I. D. Lamb, Sisters J. J. McMillan and H. D. Glass.

Committee on Home Missions—Elder J. T. Mabry, Elder R. W. Raley and W. W. Spurlock.

Committee on Orphan's Home—J. E. McGinn, L. R. Capps and Elder F. P. Turner.

The remainder of the committees to be appointed in the morning.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet for devotional service at 1:30 p. m. and to meet in regular business session at 8:30 a. m. on Friday. The Association dismissed by prayer from Elder Cooper at 4:30.

Thursday night meeting 7:30. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Elder L. W. Raley read his lesson from 2nd Timothy 3:1-9. Prayer by Elder J. H. Klepper. Song, "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord." Elder Raley took for his text, "Ye are my friends if you do what I command you. If you love me you will keep my commandments." Delivered a very able discourse full of the spirit and power, describing the vital necessity of complete surrender to God to ever be able to accomplish what God intends for us. Song, "Jesus paid it all." Elder J. H. Klepper concluded the service with a very appropriate response admonishing all to a life of Godliness.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 a. m.



Devotional service by Brother J. E. McGinn using 40th ch. Psalm. Brother A. K. Toney led in prayer. The body proceeded in regular business session. The following committees were appointed by the moderator.

Committee on Associational Missions—E. T. Trentham, chairman; E. C. Hodges and Brother Purdom.

Committee on Education—D. Eagle, J. H. Klepper and L. M. Murray.

Committee on Sunday School—Brother Carlton, Mrs. E. C. Hodges and Miss Lizzie Holt.

Committee on Periodicals—Elder N. F. Bradley, F. Raynor and Burns Eoff.

Committee on Temperance—Elder J. C. Cooper, W. F. Graham and S. Barker.

Committee on Finance—Jim White, Joe Cox and Brother Martin.

Committee on Queries—Sam Raynor, Milas Taylor and Garrett Eoff.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. Leam Lamb, Mrs. Fanny Graham and Mrs. N. Graham.

Committee on Resolutions—Marion Long, J. Hudson and S. B. Farmer.

Call for report from corresponding messengers to sister Associations. No reports received; some reported but were unable to go. Call for volunteer messengers to corresponding Associations.

To White River Association: Brother George Nichol and Elder W. S. Trout. The Association meets with Hopewell Church via Cotter, Arkansas, on the I. M. Ry. Friday before the 4th Sunday in September.

To Carroll Association: J. F. Pruitt, Elder W. B. Collins, Elder W. S. Trout and Elder L. R. Capps. The Association meets at Omaha, Arkansas, Wednesday before the second Sunday in October.

To P. D. Association: Elder J. H. Klepper.

Elder I. D. Lamb spoke in favor of a committee on Women's work. His talk carried a motion that this committee be appointed and maintained. Elder J. H. Klepper seconded the motion and after some discussion by F. P. Turner and J. H. Klepper the motion carried almost unanimously.

The constitution and rules of decorum were read by the clerk.

After discussion by W. S. Trout, I. D. Lamb, Dock Eagle, F. P. Turner, R. W. Raley and W. P. Collins on the right to strike out of article 1 the word "Delegates" so as to read "Messengers" only. Elder I. D. Lamb made motion to strike out the word "delegate" and insert "messengers" in Article 1. Seconded by J. H. Klepper. The motion was ruled out of order and no vote taken.

Elder W. B. Collins made a motion amending Elder Lamb's motion to read "We your messengers," by majority vote recommend and earnestly desire that you, the churches of the association, amend or embrace the amending of article number 1 of the constitution to read "messengers," leave the word "delegates" entirely out. Second by A. K. Toney. Motion carried 20 for and 10 against. Each church is requested to report in their next letter as to whether or not they favor the change of the constitution as stated.

Letters from Liberty, Oregon and Valley Springs Churches which were received late.

Committee on Association Missions made the following report:— We

your Associational Committee beg to submit the following report:— Realizing the great importance of Associational Missions, we recommend that the Crooked Creek Association Board make an honest, earnest, prayerful effort to employ a missionary for the full year whose duty it shall be to labor in the desolate sections of our Association. First we recommend a mission board of five men, three of whom shall constitute a quorum who have the work at heart, who shall be elected by nomination at such association, whose duty it shall be to render to the next association a complete report of all moneys received and expended, also number of days' work of missionary, number of conversions, number of churches organized, and all the missionary work.

3rd We recommend that a collection be made during this session for associational missions. We further recommend that our board place the importance of this movement on the hearts of the State Board with an effort to obtain a stipulated amount each year for associated missions.

4th. In order to impress this association with the great importance of associational missions, we claim that this movement is the only one which covers every other movement. First, our field is a part of the great State of Arkansas, therefore should receive the favor of the State Missions. Many homes are represented in the desolate places of the association, all serving under the same flag, therefore Home Missions should be interested with us. Every church and every member reached in these desolate places are orphans without the comforting guiding hand of a pastor. Therefore the committee on orphan's home should be favorably impressed. We believe, and the reports will bear us out that a greater amount of good and a greater harvest into Christ's kingdom has been acquired through this movement than through any other in proportion to the money expended. Therefore, we, your committee, earnestly request the hearty support, both spiritually and financially of every member in Crooked Creek Association, and further request that every member within the vicinity of a missionary service render their best assistance and co-operation to our missionary.

E. T. TRENTHAM, }  
J. W. PURDOM, }  
E. HODGES. }

Committee on Divine Service made report for today. Elder Collins to preach that Friday night followed by Elder Raynor.

By motion the Association adjourned at 11:45 to meet in business session at two o'clock.

11 o'clock service; song, "Blessed Assurance." Elder F. P. Turner read Romans 3:4 and delivered to us a sermon full of the power of God, explaining to us the power of our faith and brought to us a message that before he closed all had been reached in such a way as to cause all to weep for joy because of the love of our Lord, after which there was general Christian fellowship handshaking.

2 p. m. Devotional service conducted by E. C. Hodges, song, "Happy Day." Lesson read from Romans 12 by Bro. Hodges, prayer by E. C. Hodges. Association called to order by moderator. Before going further into discussion of the motion before the Association called for report from Association board. The board submitted the following report:

"We, your associated board beg to submit the following: "We employed Bro. J. A. Thornton as associative missionary during first part of the year. He served us twelve days. His reports are herewith submitted. On account of sickness it became necessary for him to resign. We were then without a missionary for some time. We finally succeeded in securing the services of Elder R. W. Raley for a part of his time. He served us for fifteen days. His report is submitted. We, your board, have felt financially and spiritually handicapped because of the lethargy of the churches.

To the credit of some of the churches we wish to say some have responded freely and cheerfully, while others have never responded at all. We wish to state that the State Board, considering the importance of this movement has granted us \$50.

Missionary report: To the mission board of the Crooked Creek Association: I will make the following report on work done in the bounds of your Association. Held two meetings, fifteen days work in all, eight conversions, five baptised.

R. W. RALBY, Association Missionary.

Missionary Report of J. A. Thornton: December 7th 1909: To Mission Board of Crooked Creek Association: Dear Brethren, I have closed a meeting last night at Burlington of eight days, no conversions but the church that has not been doing anything for ten years was revived and called a pastor and agreed to go to work and say they will be represented in the Association. There are fifteen or twenty members. Collection \$1.50.

J. A. THORNTON.

[January 5, 1910. Dear Brethren, I will make the following report: Days work since last report four. In attempting to hold another meeting had to close on account of sickness and bad weather.

J. A. THORNTON Association Missionary.

We heartily endorse the committee's report.

T. H. COOK, Chairman, J. F. SMITH,

E. C. HODGES,

A. K. TONEY, Treas,

ALLEN PHILLIPS,

J. E. MCGINN, Secy.

J. F. SHOTWELL,

After discussion by Elder Bradley, Elder Turner and Elder Lamb on the report of the committee on associational missions relative to the adoption of the report. Report adopted almost unanimously and committee discharged.

The following brothers volunteered to preach in the services of the association as much as one meeting: Elder I. D. Lamb, Elder J. Raynor, Elder C. Hodge, Elder W. B. Collins, Elder W. S. Trout, Elder R. W. Raley.

The question of adopting the report of the Executive Board was discussed, also regarding the discharging of the committee. By motion from Brother W. B. Collins seconded by I. D. Lamb that the report of the Association Board be received and the Committee discharged. Motion carried.

Call for report from Committee on Orphans Home work. The Committee submitted the following report: Your Committee on Orphanage work respectfully submits the following: Our Orphans Home at Monticello has had another prosperous year. There has been seven or eight

children who have reached the age and gone out for themselves. Four or five have been adopted out into good Christian Homes. The school in the home has been far better than ever before. More than eighty of the children are now in school. The spiritual influence has been excellent. More than twenty-five of the children have professed conversion and have been baptised the past year.

The number of children in the home has not increased much the past year for two or three reasons; First, because of the number that have gone out and second, because we have had to decline to take fifty or more that have applied to us because we haven't the room to house them; neither are our receipts of money large enough to feed and clothe them.

There has been some increase in systematic giving the past year. More Sunday schools and Aid societies have adopted the once a month plan of helping us the past year than ever before.

We urge all our churches and Sunday schools to give more systematically and liberally to this noble work. We also urge that this Association now make an offering in cash and pledges to this work. Finally, it is the prayer of this Association that our Baptist Brotherhood move this institution to the central part of the state as soon as possible.

J. E. MCGINN, Chairman.

L. R. CAPPS }  
F. P. TURNER. } Committee.

Elder F. P. Turner talked by permission of the Association twenty-five minutes on the Orphan's Home work and the needs of our Home at Monticello. By motion and second carried that report be adopted and Committee discharged. Collection taken in pledges and cash to the amount of \$80.10.

By motion and second Association adjourned to meet in night session at 7:30.

Night service 7:30. Devotional; Song, "Thine the Glory." Prayer, N. F. Bradley; Song, "Blessed Assurance." Lesson; Luke 17, 20-30; Prayer, Elder W. B. Collins. Song, "Showers of Blessings." Elder W. B. Collins gave a very forcible discourse after which there was another Christian hand shake. Closed at 9 o'clock by prayer from Elder Collins.

8:30 a. m. Saturday. The Association convened in regular session. Devotional services conducted by Elder N. F. Bradley; Song, "What a Friend We Have." Prayer, Elder Bradley; Lesson. Motion carried that Peel church be allowed a portion of minutes, they not sending any minute fund as they had not received any minutes for two years.

The following committee on woman's work was appointed: Mrs. J. J. McMillan, Mrs. Leam Lamb and Mrs. E. C. Hodges.

The following amendment was made to the report of Committee on Associational Missions, by motion by E. C. Hodges and second by A. K. Toney, the amendment is as follows: We your Associational Committee beg to submit the following amendment to our report as follows: That every pastor in this Association is invited to contribute one meeting for the benefit of Associational Missions. That he is requested to place himself under the jurisdiction of the Association Board for that meeting and



report to them days work and conversions. This is suggested merely to systematize this movement. We further recommend that all pledges be placed in the hands of the board.

COMMITTEE.

## Report of Committee on Temperance.

Report from committee on Temperance was read, by motion from Elder I. D. Lamb and second by A. K. Toney. Discussions by Elder R. W. Raley. Elder C. Hodges two times and Brother Martin.

The report adopted unanimously and Committee discharged. The report is as follows: Believing intemperance to be one of the greatest curses of the human family of the past and present, and unless eradicated it will be the greatest curse of the future, we the Missionary Baptists of the Crooked Creek Association condemn intemperance in every form and that we heartily pledge ourselves to put forth an earnest effort to eradicate the Devil's strongest agency, the Octopus of intemperance whose grasping unyielding arms are even now getting possession of our lawmakers, our business enterprises, mechanics, business men, farmers, doctors and others; further that its deadly grasp reaches out in anticipation of our churches, schools and homes.

We the Baptists here convened believe there is no law or privilege to be found in the Bible which could be construed to allow one man to sell or even to give his fellowman that which will destroy his health, his home or happiness or cause him to lose his own soul, therefore we condemn the law which licenses the saloon and believe that God condemns it all. We believe that no Christian man can accept a license or be instrumental in granting one either by approval or ballot. We pledge ourselves to discourage the use and abuse of all intoxicants and we further note with pleasure that the Christian people of the United States are rapidly gaining ground on the liquor question, that the prohibition districts are becoming larger and larger while the whisky districts are growing smaller and smaller. We hope and trust and pray that it may soon be entirely eradicated as beverages from this fair land of ours.

S. BARKER.

W. F. GRAHAM.

J. C. COOPER.

Brother Tom Ruble seated as a visiting member of the Association and allowed to speak on the Sunday School report.

## Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Report from Committee on Sunday School work read by motion from J. E. McGinn, second by J. F. Pruitt. Discussion by Mrs. E. C. Hodges, I. D. Lamb, Elder C. Hodges, Tom Ruble and John Sugg.

Amendment to the report was offered by E. C. Hodges, motion carried, the amendment follows the report which is as follows: We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to report as follows: We believe that the Sunday School problem should be solved with the greatest consideration because we think it one of the most important problems with which we have to contend. We recommend:

First, that every pastor in the Crooked Creek Association make it a part of his obligations to attend Sunday School and take part in the work.

Second, noting by experience the handicap over our Sunday School because of the absence of parents, we desire to impress upon the hearts of every father and mother in this Association that their Christian obligation is not fully performed by sending their children to Sunday School but that their duties are performed only when they take their children and their neighbor's children, whose parents are not Christians and do not take any interest in Sunday School work.

Third, that each parent realize that the study of the Sunday School lesson is much more important than day school work and that therefore they encourage the study of the lesson in the home.

M. CARLTON.

Mrs. E. C. HODGES.

Miss LIZZIE HOLT.

} Com.

The amendment; We recommend that the Moderator be authorized to appoint some person who has Sunday School on their heart who shall be known as Sunday-School Supervisor, whose duty it shall be to promote the Sunday School movement in every way possible by making an honest effort to visit every Sunday School in the Association and more especially to organize Sunday Schools wherever there are none. We recommend that the Association Missionary work in co-operation with Sunday School Supervisor and render his hearty assistance in organizing and building up Sunday Schools. Offered by Committee.

By unanimous vote the report was adopted and committee discharged.

By motion from Elder I D. Lamb and second, that Elder C. Hodge preach at 11 o'clock, carried.

### Report of Committee on Finance.

Committee on finance reported as follows: We your committee on finance, received from messengers \$18.46 for minute fund.

By motion carried to take offering to enlarge minute fund sufficiently to pay all expenses, carried. Collection \$3.15. Total \$21.61.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Report from clerk last year as follows: Your clerk, J. L. Sugg begs to submit the following:

Received for Orphans Home	\$12.35
Received for Clerk and Minutes	25.85
Total	<hr/> \$38.20
To Orphans Home	\$12.35
For printing minutes	18.00
For Clerk	5.00
To Association Treasury	2.32
Total	<hr/> \$38.20

## Report of Committee on State Missions.

Committee on State Missions reported. Report was read by Elder C. Hodge. Motion by Elder C. Hodge and second by Elder I. D. Lamb to adopt report after discussion by Elder C. Hodge and J. E. McGinn.

Report was adopted and committee discharged. The report is as follows: We your Committee on State Missions submit the following:

After having a more perfect knowledge by personal touch of the great needs of the fields known as North Arkansas we recommend, first that the pastors of our Association be urged to acquaint the churches of the institutions in our bounds and as leaders of God's host, strongly emphasize and encourage sympathetic giving to relieve the situation. Since the Lord has so abundantly blessed us in material things this year, surely every loyal Baptist ought to be responsive to the call of the Master. We further recommend that each church make at least an offering once every year. Also that the churches, as far as consistent co-operate with the State board and encourage them to assist in taking North Arkansas for Christ. Also that the body make an offering at this sitting for State Missions.

Fraternally submitted.

C. HODGE.

J. F. PRUIT.

W. W. HUDSON.

### WORK DONE IN 1909 BY STATE MISSION BOARD:

Men employed	81
Conversions	4,115
Baptisms	3,202
Churches Organized	25
Sunday Schools Organized	93
Houses Built	21
Amount State Missions	\$28,568.00
Amount Home Missions	10,158.00
Amount Foreign Missions	12,432.00
Ministerial Education	1,518.00
Orphans Home	7,113.00

### WORK DONE IN 9 MONTHS OF 1910:

Men employed	111
Conversions	3,018
Baptisms	1,833
Additions	3,112
Churches Organized	15
Sunday Schools Organized	61
Amount State Missions	\$ 5,423.00
Amount Home Missions	12,587.00
Amount Foreign Missions	13,184.00
Amount collected for State Missions in past 18 months	25,612.00

Collection at Association for State Missions \$28.65. Harrison Church \$5.00. Total \$33.65

Association adjourned to meet in business session at 2 o'clock.

Committee on obituaries reported Sister Lamb read the report. By motion from Brother Eagle and second by Brother A. K. Toney the report was adopted unanimously and the Association was led in prayer by E. C. Hodges. The report is as follows.

## Report of Committee on Obituaries.

We your Committee on Obituaries find that God in His providence has called four of our members up higher: Brother L. Williams of Harrison, Sister Goss, of Hopewell, Sister Nichols, of Orion, and Sister Dixon, of New Enon. Our loss is Heaven's gain for blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

LEAM LAMB	} Committee.
NARCISSUS GRAHAM	
NANNIE GRAHAM	

In memory of our beloved sister, Cynthia Goss, who was born Dec. 16, 1863. When 14 years of age she professed a hope in Christ and united with the Methodists. She was married July 16, 1884 to Bro. B. J. Goss. She was baptised into the fellowship of the Hopewell Baptist Church Oct. 2, 1904. She departed this life April 23, 1910. For several weeks she was very low but bore her suffering patiently. She would often express a wish to go and be at rest, her conversation seemed to be in Heaven. In a prayer-meeting held at her house sometime before her death she exhorted those present to do all they could for the Master and said she would soon be at rest. In the death of Sister Goss the Church sustains the loss of one of its most faithful members. Her place was seldom vacant at church and Sunday School. The sick sustains the loss of one of their best friends, for she was ever ready to administer to the wants of the sick. Her husband, the loss of a faithful and loving companion; her child, his best earthly friend. May God's grace sustain all and help us all to "Work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work."

W. S. TROUT	} Committee.
J. RAYNOR	
FRANK KINDALL	

Sister Dixon was born May, 1845 and departed this life January 22nd, 1910. She was converted fourteen years ago and joined the Baptist church at the place where she lived until three years ago, when she came to us by letter. She was faithful until God saw fit to call her home, and bore her suffering with meekness, though it was great, for she died after being ill with dropsy for several months. She left a husband and three children to mourn for her. Their loss is her great gain. God saw fit to call her to a home in Heaven. She is missed here. Her work was one of love and mercy to the sick and suffering of her kind, to whom she went day or night. Let us all pray that her children may turn to the Lord and live. Written by Docia Eoff.

Sister Gertie Nichols was born near Batavia, Ark., Dec. 28th, 1883 and departed this life on August 6, 1910, at Synarek, Wash. In October 1903 she professed a hope in Christ and was baptised into the fellowship of Orion church, where she remained a true and faithful member until



death. She lived the last few months of her life in the State of Washington, and though she could not attend her church personally, she wrote encouraging letters that she was still abounding in the work of the Lord, and that her greatest desire was to remain faithful to the end. She lived an everyday Christian life and was very faithful in visiting the sick and distressed. She leaves a husband and two little children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. During her last sickness and suffering, which was very great, she seemed to know that she must soon depart and be with Christ, and she sang many songs, one of which was 'There is Room in Heaven for Me.' Yes, there is room for all the Redeemed of the Lord. So let us strive to live in such a way that when the summons comes we will be willing and ready to go to that place where Jesus has gone on to prepare for us, that where he is we may be also. May God's richest blessings rest upon the broken-hearted, to bless and aid while Hope looks beyond this vale of tears to a mansion far over the sea, where kindred and friends and the saints of all ages are waiting and watching for us.

L. H. CRAFT, }  
J. SAM RAYNOR, } Com.  
W. W. WHITE. }

Committee on queries called on to report. No queries received by Committee, there were no reports to make.

Committee on Woman's Work reported; Mrs. E. C. Hodges read report. By motion and second carried by unanimous vote adopted and Committee discharged.

The report appears later. As supervisor of Woman's Work Moderator appointed, Mrs. E. C. Hodges. Moderator appointed E. C. Hodges as Sunday School Supervisor.

The following men pledged their fund for Association Missions:

E. C. Hodges	\$30.00
W. S. Trout	12.00
Elder I. D. Lamb	10.00
R. W. Raley	30.00
I. H. Cook	5.00
J. H. Klepper	15.00
L. R. Capps	5.00
Mrs. I. D. Lamb	2.00
H. D. Glass	5.00
Total	<u>\$114.00</u>

Matter of deciding the place of next meeting; Walnut Grove and Sugar Loaf were put in nomination; vote was 20 to 10 in favor of Walnut Grove. Walnut Grove selected as next place of meeting.

Elder R. W. Raley was appointed to preach the introductory sermon with L. R. Capps as alternate. Elder W. S. Trout put in nomination as member of State Board in Arkansas State convention. Motion carried.

By motion from L. R. Capps and second by I. H. Cook to empower the member of State Board, Elder W. S. Trout, to learn the needs of the

Association and allow him to use his own judgement and ask the State Board in behalf of the Association anything for the welfare of the Association. Motion carried.

By motion from Brother J. E. McGinn and second by Brother A. K. Toney to have the clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and pay him \$5.00 for his services.

Committee on Resolutions reported; Moderator read the report. Report adopted unanimously by the Association.

The report is as follows:

### Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We your Committee on Resolutions submit the following: Resolved, that we extend our heart-felt thanks to our Brethren and Sisters and the entire community of Valley Springs Church for their kind hospitality in caring for us as messengers and visitors of the Association during our stay with them. May God's blessings be with them

J. B. HUDSON	}	Committee.
MARION LONG		
S. B. FARMER		

Motion from J. H. Klepper and second by Rev. Raley to change time of meeting of the Association from Thursday to Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Discussion by E. C. Hodges and J. G. Mabry. Motion carried.

Committee on Divine service made report. Elder C. Hodge to preach tonight (Saturday) at 7:30 p. m.

By motion and second Association voted to adjourn to meet with Walnut Grove Church, Boone County, Arkansas, Saturday before the third Sunday in October. Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Prayer by Elder C. Hodge.

JOHN SUGG, Clerk.

W. S. TROUT, Moderator.

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### Report of Committee on Education.

We the Committee on Education ask to submit the following report:

In-as-much as we appreciate the proverb that says "First of all get wisdom and with all of thy getting, get understanding," we owe it to ourselves and to posterity to see that the mind is directed in the channels which will result in making of the individual a fit member of society.

In this day of scientific achievement, it almost staggers the senses of the casual observer when he tries to measure the limit to which the finite mind has attained; and all because of education. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," is an axiom that has become the motto of every civilized nation.

True it is that with any highly specialized commercial system there has been a falling off in many cases of the fundamental elements of education, among others the respect for religious ideals. Thus in order to be progressive and yet preserve the tenets of our creed, it has become necessary for our church to establish denominational schools and colleges where the spiritual as well as the material needs of the student are supplied.

These institutions are located in different sections of our state and the young lady or young man desiring to secure the maximum efficiency in college training is advised to attend one of these institutions.

We earnestly advise that whenever possible that our ministers speak of these schools and colleges, commenting more especially on the great advantages offered to ministerial students at these institutions.

For the benefit of those who may not be informed as to the location and equipment of these institutions, it might be of interest to state that Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas, offers unexcelled advantages to young ladies desiring a college education, while Ouchita Baptist College, our co-educational school at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, is not excelled in the scope of its work, by any institution in the South.

Besides these colleges the Baptists of Arkansas have excellent academies at Maynard, Mountain Home, Bentonville and Magazine.

L. N. MURRAY.	} Chairman.
J. H. KLEPPER.	
J. D. EAGLE.	

## Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

We your Committee on Woman's Work beg to submit the following:

We believe that the women of this Association bear no small part of the burden of the work done in this Association, therefore we believe that we should be represented in every Association:

First, We recommend that each and every church should have a woman's society whose duties and privileges shall be to render every assistance possible to the church and the Sunday School and every other department in Christ's Kingdom.

Second, We recommend that the Moderator be authorized to appoint a superintendent of woman's work who shall have the interest of Christ's cause heavily upon their heart whose duties it shall be to come in touch with every society for women in this Association and make an honest effort to have societies organized in every church.

That the woman's department shall receive credit for all monies paid to pastor's salary, Associational Missions, State Mission, Orphan's Home and every other good movement to which they shall contribute their funds.

That each society recommend a messenger to their church from their society as one of the four delegates of each church to be elected by the church in conference.

That a report be expected from every society and also from their superintendent at the next Association.

MRS. J. J. McMILLAN.	} Committee on Woman's Work.
MRS. LEAM LAMB.	
MRS. E. C. HODGES.	

# Constitution.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, called the Baptist, 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 of our union, who, on presenting letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Article II. The messengers thus chosen, when convened, shall be known as the "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.

Article 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 Association; failing to do so, she shall be dropped from the roll of the Association.

Article IV. Letters from the churches shall state the number received by experience, baptism, letters, recommendation or restoration; those dismissed by letter, excommunicated or deceased since the last Association, also the total number of fellowship.

Article V. New churcker may be admitted to 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.

Article VI. The Association shall elect a Moderator and Clerk by the suffrage of the members present.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

Article XII. She may correspond with any Association which she may determine, while in session.

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

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



Article 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.

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

Article XVII. The Association shall at each session determine the time and 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 the 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.

## 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 that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Master 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 the 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 in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the 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 imparted 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 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 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 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 believe 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 it 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 baptised 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 of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian Baptism is an immersion in water of a believer, into the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator to show fourth 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 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 the 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 the 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 the Prince of the Kings of 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 judgment 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.



# Statistical Table

CHURCHES	P. O.	PASTORS.	CLERKS	MESSENGERS.	By Exp. & Bap.	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	By Expulsion	Ordained Ministers	Membership	Church Days	Ministers	Support	Minute Fund	S. S. Scholars
					Increased				Decreased									
Big Springs	Monarch	R. W. Raley	S. C. Purdom	John Purdom, Katie Purdom,	5	2			1			1	41	1		\$17.00	1.00	
Peel	Peel	R. W. Raley	L. P. Purdom	J. B. Farmer	10							26				25.00		
Orion	Harrison	L. R. Capps	J. H. Pettit	J. J. Cox, Sam Raynor,	16		1	12	1	1	1	91				12.50	.80	
Alpena	Alpena	J. B. Rose	J. Cantrell	W. B. Collins					8	1		91	1				1.00	
Union	Harrison R. F. D. 2	J. H. Klepper	W. W. Hudson	L. Dozier, W. W. Hudson	13	3						48	1			36.00	1.00	30
Bethel	Self	O. C. Hefner	S. M. Pemberton				1	1				40	2			8.00	.70	
Pleasant Grove	Elmwood	I. D. Lamb	Artie Spurlock	W. Spurlock, I. Gooch, M. Carlton, C. Campbell, T. Nichols	13							1	22	1			1.50	
Liberty No. 1	Prosperity	J. W. Pettit	B. R. Vaughn	Melvin Woods, Jas. White, I. Presley	4				2			43				21.00	.80	
Bellefonte	Bellefonte		J. A. Thompson	J. D. Eagle	1				3			38	1				1.00	
Sugar Loaf	Lead Hill	J. Baker	M. L. Crosswhite	M. L. Crosswhite, J. B. Hudson, R. W. Raley		2			6			2	92	1		13.75	1.00	
Prairie View	Harrison	L. R. Capps	M. E. Taylor	M. E. Taylor, W. F. Graham and wife	3				2		1	45	2			58.25	1.00	
Oak Grove	Burlington	W. S. Troutt	E. T. Trentham	J. F. Pruitt, E. T. Trentham	13	4						29	1			28.35	.85	
Walnut Grove	Harrison	N. F. Bradley	J. E. McGinn	M. Long, J. E. McGinn, Miss Lizzie Holt, Miss Lottie McGinn,	2							82	1			33.50	1.00	75
Rock Springs	Harrison	W. S. Troutt	Leam Lamb	I. D. Lamb and wife, Mrs. E. J. Hawkins, Miss Mellie Hunt,	9				9			2	83			8.00	.50	
New Enon	Lowry	R. W. Raley	G. H. Springer	D. B. Eoff, John Arthur						1	2	50	1				1.00	
Hopeweli	Myrtle	J. W. Pettit	F. Kindall	J. Raynor, W. S. Troutt, L. R. Capps,														
				I. H. Cook,	1				8	1		3	59	1		16.50	1.50	
Oregon	Bergman		Jas. Taylor	J. H. Klepper,	2		1										.90	
Valley Springs	Valley Springs	J. C. Cooper	L. M. Murry	N. Ketcherside, O. Wilson, D. Ashley,	1	1			1	1		28	1			36.75	.60	
Cave Hall																		
Enon																		
Liberty No. 2	Harrison	J. H. Klepper	U. Baughman	J. H. Klepper	3	1						20				5.00		
New Hope																		
Harrison	Harrison		H. D. Glass	A. K. Toney, H. D. Glass, Mrs. J. J. McMillan, John Sugg,	8	9			18	1	13	87			(3 mo)	112.50	2.00	108