

Minutes

...of the...

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

...of the...

Liberty Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE LIBERTY CHURCH NEAR
HILLSBORO, ARK., SEPT. 26, 27, 28, 1903.



The next session will be held with the El Dorado Church, beginning Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

W. F. DORRIS, Camden, J. P. CRAWFORD, Lisbon

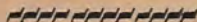
OFFICERS

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator, Mt. Holly, Ark.

W. F. DORRIS, Clerk, Camden, Ark.

B. W. REEVES, Treasurer, El Dorado, Ark.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Liberty Baptist Association convened in its fifty-eighth annual session with the Liberty Church at 10:45 a.m., September 26, 1903.

The Moderator, R. A. Faulkner, being absent, the clerk called the Association to order. The brethren engaged in devotional exercises, the clerk reading and commenting on Ps. 133, also Eph. 4:1-16. A. J. Barton led in prayer.

By motion H. T. Hawkins was elected moderator pro tem.

The annual sermon was preached by W. I. Feazell. Text 2 Cor. 8:23—"The messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ." The preacher showed from the text and context that the early churches co-operated in mission work and made a strong plea for us to imitate their example by uniting our forces for world-wide evangelization. Adjourned for dinner, W. I. Feazell pronouncing the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body assembled at 2:15. Song, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Prayer by C. P. McGraw. J. H. Hughes was appointed to preach in the grove to the "overflow" congregation.

W. I. Feazell, O. J. Wade and F. E. Morgan were appointed to read letters from the churches. The following churches responded by letter and messenger:

- Blanchard Springs*—Failed to represent.
- Camden*—S. A. Rowland, C. B. Rogers and W. F. Dorris.
- Cane Creek*—W. N. Ethridge, T. J. Torrence, Lawrence Griffin; alternates, Tom Griffin and Floyd Mitchum.
- Center Point*—D. M. Saunders, T. M. Gorman, Van Burns; alternates, M. Ballard, W. J. Harrison and W. Burns.
- Champagnolle*—J. H. Johnson, O. P. Cravy, D. S. Betts; alternates, G. B. Armer and S. L. Anderson.
- Ebenezer*—J. A. J. Harrell, H. H. Leveritte; alternates, W. B. Harrell and J. E. Hanry.
- El Dorado*—O. J. Wade, H. W. Goodwin, B. W. Reeves, T. T. Jones, A. F. Riley and W. C. Perdue.
- Elliott*—John Jeffus.
- Green Grove*—Not represented.
- Hillsboro*—H. G. P. Williams, R. D. Newton, C. W. Dearing and J. W. Pratt.
- Hopewell, No. 1*—J. W. Hudson, Percy Tatum, E. L. McGraw; alternates, Shep New and W. E. Mason.
- Hopewell, No. 3*—John Cramer.
- Holly Grove*—J. N. Attaway.
- Junction City*—W. I. Feazell, Henry Booth and G. W. Mason.
- Liberty*—R. C. Sumners, J. H. Morrison, J. E. Jerry, J. C. Bull and J. W. Hill.
- Lisbon*—J. P. Crawford and B. Harrell.
- Lonoke*—L. O. Parks, J. T. Howard and J. D. Holloway.
- Midway*—E. D. Prim.
- Mt. Hope*—J. B. Roberson, J. P. Gresham.
- Mt. Moriah*—W. F. Pratt, J. C. Gardner, J. M. Lyons C. J. Crosswell.
- Mt. Olive*—O. H. Harper, J. E. Hampton.
- Mt. Pleasant*—Not represented.
- New Hope*—C. P. Kinard.
- New London*—B. L. Burnside and L. B. Burnside.
- Norphlet*—E. G. Murphy, W. W. Lawton.
- Philadelphia*—J. H. Lee, B. C. Green, W. S. Perry, Jesse Amason, W. D. Horne.
- Pleasant Grove*—F. A. Lewis, A. C. Martindale.

Salem—H. T. Hawkins, J. T. Hawkins and Herbert Lewis.

Shiloh—Not represented.

Spring Hill—F. E. Morgan, S. W. Cobb, W. H. Harris.

Three Creeks—J. D. Crawford, A. C. Jones, C. P. McGraw, J. W. Welch.

Union—D. C. Smith, T. M. Bates, G. L. Graves, W. P. Gaddy, W. F. Graves.

Victoria—P. A. Stephens, A. R. Colvin, Tom Davis.

Zion Hill—E. Ward.

The moderator announced that the association was ready to proceed to permanent organization. By motion of W. I. Feazell, H. T. Hawkins was elected moderator and W. F. Dorris and B. W. Reeves were re-elected clerk and treasurer respectively.

The order of business as appears in the minutes of 1902, was adopted as the order of business for the present session.

Upon a call for petitionary letters, Victoria Church presented her application for membership in our body and was cordially received.

The moderator called for correspondence. J. H. Hughes was enrolled as a corresponding messenger from Everett Association, Louisiana. A. J. Barton, editor of the Baptist Advance, Little Rock, and Frank White, president of Orphans' Home Finding Society, Little Rock, were enrolled as visitors and invited to seats with us.

After a recess of twenty minutes the moderator announced the following committees:

1. Divine Service—Pastor and deacons of Liberty Church with H. G. P. Williams and A. C. Jones.

2. State and Associational Missions—O. J. Wade, S. A. Rowland, A. C. Jones.

3. Home and Foreign Missions—W. I. Feazell, J. A. J. Harrell, C. B. Rogers.

4. Education—A. F. Riley, G. W. Mason, L. B. Burnside.

5. Publications—C. P. McGraw, B. C. Green, J. D. Crawford.

6. Temperance—J. D. Crawford, John W. White, Van Burns.

7. Sunday Schools and Colportage—F. E. Morgan, J. H. Lee and Herbert Lewis.

8. Orphans' Home—H. G. P. Williams, C. P. Kinard, R. D. Newton.

9. Nominations—A. C. Jones, B. W. Reeves, J. W. Hudson, G. W. Mason, J. E. Hanry.

10. Obituaries—J. P. Crawford, E. Ward, S. W. Cobb.

11. Finance—H. W. Goodwin, E. L. McGraw, T. T. Jones.

By motion the following committee on "Digest of Letters" was appointed: O. J. Wade, F. E. Morgan, J. W. Welch. Said committee to "report on the state of religion among the churches in this association."

The committee on divine service made its report: A. J. Barton to preach in the Grove tomorrow at 11 a.m., and Frank White at 3 p.m.

C. P. McGraw at Hillsboro tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourned till 9 a.m. Sunday.

Benediction by Frank White.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association assembled one hour late. J. H. Hughes led in prayer.

The report on Sunday schools and Colportage was read by F. E. Morgan:

"Your committee finds NINE churches in the association reporting Sunday schools with an enrollment of 616 pupils, not counting officers and teachers. This is exactly 30 per cent of the number of churches represented at this association. If the Sunday school is of divine authority, and we verily believe it is, there is a grave fault somewhere. Is it not possible to locate it? We think so. A consecrated membership

means activity in the Master's cause, and vice versa. It is hardly probable that Sunday schools are ever run for vain glory. It requires too much effort of a sacrificing character to admit of such an idea. A successful Sunday school means consecration and sacrifice which are promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Let us prayerfully consider where this neglect of our churches to organize and maintain Sunday schools lies. If it be a want of consecration to our Master's cause, then let us pray that it may be supplied. If our churches should proceed as above suggested we would arise and go to work.

We recommend co-operation with the Sunday school and Colportage Board of the Arkansas Baptist State convention, to the end that Colportage work be instituted and maintained in our bounds."

Several brethren made earnest talks to the report, which was unanimously adopted.

By motion a collection in cash and pledges was taken for Sunday school and Colportage work as follows:

PLEDGES.

Camden.....	\$ 25 00
Cane Creek.....	2 50
Center Point.....	2 50
Champagnolle.....	2 50
Ebenezer.....	1 00
El Dorado.....	100 00
Elliott.....	2 50
Hopewell, No. 1.....	2 50
Holly Grove.....	5 00
Junction City.....	30 00
Liberty.....	2 50
Lonoke.....	2 00
Midway.....	3 00
Mt. Moriah.....	2 50
Mt. Olive.....	1 00
New Hope.....	2 50
New London.....	5 00
Norphlet.....	2 50
Philadelphia.....	5 00

Pleasant Grove	2 50
Salem	5 00
Spring Hill	10 00
Three Creeks	5 00
Union	5 00
Zion Hill, (E. Ward.)	1 00
Victoria	5 00
C. P. McGraw	2 50
J. P. Crawford	2 50
Cash	8 70
 Total	 \$246 70

A. J. Barton, Frank White and C. P. McGraw preached at the time and places mentioned in "report on divine service." The large congregations who heard our beloved brethren were fed with the bread of life, and many are the prayers that shall ascend the "hill of the Lord" for their power and usefulness in our dear Lord's kingdom.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association assembled by singing, "What a Friend we have in Jesus." F. E. Morgan led our prayers that God would give us a gracious session of the day.

Minutes of the preceding session read, corrected and approved.

The report on temperance was read by J. D. Crawford.

"Temperance is the ground of the Christian graces as mentioned by the Apostle, when he says 'add temperance to knowledge,' etc. We think temperance should be practiced by the members of all our churches as well as preached by all our ministers, for the reason that intemperance is working so much evil in our country, robbing homes of their loved ones, men of their reason, flooding the world with paupers and criminals and filling hell with drunkards! Perhaps nine-tenths of the murders committed in this country are due directly or indirectly to intemperance. With sadness we ask, 'How can we remedy this monster evil?' The answer comes, 'By standing firm against it; using our moral influence to

stamp it out, and then use the ballot box.' No man is worthy the support of moral and christian people who is intemperate, or who is in league with the liquor traffic. We, therefore, recommend that all our members do all in their power to elect such men to county, state and national offices, as are known to be against this nefarious business."

After an earnest discussion the report was unanimously adopted.

The report on obituaries was read by J. P. Crawford.

"It is with regret that we are called upon to report the departure of our beloved brother in the ministry, J. G. McCain, who has been called to his reward since our last meeting. In the death of Bro. McCain we sustain an irreparable loss, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Bro. McCain wrought well and long for the Master's cause, and his labors are ended upon earth and he now enjoys his rich reward which God has promised those who are faithful. He was an able and earnest preacher and a faithful pastor; an exemplary christian. We extend to his bereaved children our deepest sympathy."

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CRAWFORD,
E. WARD,
S. W. COBB.

The report was discussed and unanimously adopted.

The report on orphans' home was read by H. G. P. Williams.

"Brethren, have you ever seriously considered the condition of the helpless orphans, bereft of father, mother and relatives?—left without sympathising friends—neglected and abused—without culture, to grow up in ignorance, and falling victims to all the evils of the world, and surrounded by cesspools of sin and corruption? Such is often the case with orphans.

You have only to compare the above picture with the happy condition of the inmates of our orphans' home at Monticello, founded and presided over by that grand woman, Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner.

We now have 57 of these little parentless children in the home, where they enjoy the motherly care of Sister Gardner, and receive literary and spiritual training to fit them for the battles of life.

This is a work that appeals to the sympathies and substantial aid of all our Baptist people. The donations to this institution have been quite liberal, but the increasing number of its inmates correspondingly increases our obligation to provide for their needs. Everything, so far as we can learn, is carried on in the most economical way possible. No funds needlessly expended. Let us, dear brethren, pray for these precious trusts God has given to us, and give of our means to support this noble work. God will not withhold his blessings if we help the helpless."

After an enthusiastic discussion the report was adopted.

By motion a collection was taken in cash and pledges for the orphans' home as follows:

PLEDGES.

Camden	\$ 25 00
Cane Creek	1 00
Center Point	2 50
El Dorado	100 00
Hillsboro	5 00
Hopewell, No. 1	2 50
Junction City	25 00
Lisbon	5 00
Lonoke	2 50
Midway	5 00
Mt. Hope	5 00
Mt. Moriah	2 50
Mt. Olive	2 00
New Hope	5 00
New London	2 00
Norphlet	1 00
Philadelphia	2 50
Pleasant Grove	5 00
Salem	5 00
Spring Hill	10 00
Three Creeks	5 00
Union	5 00
Victoria	5 00
Cash	6 60

Total.....\$235 10

By motion, the following committee on ministerial relief was appointed: F. E. Morgan, J. T. Hawkins, O. J. Wade.

The committee on state and associational missions made its report as follows:

The history of state mission work in Arkansas has been gratifying. Whatever success has come to the Baptists of Arkansas has depended largely upon the wise conduct of our mission work by those to whom the direction of such work has been committed from year to year.

The report of the State board for last year is exceedingly encouraging. The amount expended in state mission work was \$9,346.68. We note that last year we had the services of 5 general missionaries, 8 associational missionaries and 32 missionary pastors. We note also the following items reported by the board: Conversions, 722; baptisms, 401; received by letter, 379; by restoration, 48; making a total addition to the churches of 828 members.

Though much has been done, there is yet much that must be done. There is scarcely a section in the state where mission work is not needed. But it is especially needed in those new and growing sections into which the unconverted multitudes are pressing. If we, as Baptists, expect to take this state in our Master's name we must do much in these new and rapidly developing sections. We must do this work or others will.

Last year we did nothing in the way of associational mission work. We would urge, with all possible emphasis, that our churches take collections for this work. Your executive board could do nothing last year because of a lack of funds. Let us make all possible effort to enlarge our contributions to state and associational missions. Every dollar spent in this work is an indirect contribution to all phases of our mission work. We must strengthen the stakes at home if we are to succeed in foreign fields. Consecrated men are ready to do the work. Let us contribute our money that they may be able to do it. We suggest that our churches take

collections for this work at the earliest date possible, and that our executive board do all in their power to carry on the work in our own association.

O. J. WADE,
A. C. JONES,
S. A. ROWLAND.

Discussed by several brethren and unanimously adopted.

W. I. Feazell read the report on home and foreign missions.

“Our risen Lord’s last command was to preach the gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem. Our Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Atlanta, Ga., has done, and is still doing, a great work in the southern states, territories and Cuba, and deserves the support of every Baptist. Our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., has wisely conducted our mission work on the foreign fields. Our work in China, Africa, Japan, Brazil, Italy and Mexico is prospering, and the glorious reports from our missionaries should increase our interest in, and contributions for this work. The fields are white unto harvest; the command of Christ is urgent, and no Baptist or Baptist Church is worthy the name who does not take part in the work.

Believing that our churches are willing to follow the wise leadership of their pastors, we urge them to preach often on missions and take collections for this work.”

The report was discussed and unanimously adopted.

Adjourned for dinner. Benediction by B. C. Green.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association assembled by singing ‘Come Thou Fount.’
Prayer by C. P. McGraw.

G. W. Mason read the report on education.

“The Baptists of Arkansas have just right for feeling proud of our schools and of their liberal support. The Ouachita-Central correlated system of colleges and academies has

enrolled *over one thousand students* last year and each school has opened the present session with the most flattering prospects in their history. President J. W. Conger has, by his untiring energy and enthusiasm, made Ouachita College not only the leading college of the state but one of the leading colleges of the south. From this college has gone out to all parts of our country strong men and women whose lives are advancing every cause of the Master.

Central College has met a demand for female education and by devotion and energy of President W. W. Rivers has already taken its place among the best female institutions of our country. Here our daughters receive such training as will fit them properly for life. Already many strong and useful women have gone from this institution and its prospects of usefulness are now the brightest in its history.

The various Baptist academies of our state are doing much good in the cause of christian education. We recommend that a committee of five be appointed to see to locating a Baptist academy in this association. That the duty of this committee shall be to receive bids, take subscriptions and in general to look after locating, building and equipping such academy. That this committee have full power to act in the premises as its judgment may approve.

We heartily recommend these institutions as entirely worthy of our support and believe that all Baptists in this association will do their part in giving their support, influence and prayers to make these christian schools the best in the nation."

Committee, { A. F. RILEY,
GEO. W. MASON,
L. B. BURNSIDE.

After the discussion and adoption of the above report, the following committee was appointed as provided in report: G. W. Mason, O. J. Wade, B. W. Reeves, A. F. Riley, W. F. Dorris and H. T. Hawkins was added.

C. P. McGraw read the report on publications.

"We would unhesitatingly recommend the diligent study

of God's word. Jesus said: 'Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they that testify of me.' Paul said: 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' As a means of spiritual culture we cannot afford to neglect the reading of christian literature, and as Baptists we should keep posted in all matters touching our denominational affairs. We would, therefore, recommend the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday school literature.

We furthermore recommend that our people subscribe for and read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., which tells of our operations as a denomination in foreign fields. We also recommend the *Home Field*, published at Atlanta, Ga., which deals with our operations in the home field, and lastly, we would recommend that our people subscribe for and read our denominational papers."

Respectfully submitted,

Committee, { C. P. MCGRAW,
B. C. GREEN,
J. D. CRAWFORD.

Report adopted.

A. C. Jones read the report on nominations.

The next association to be held with the ElDorado church, beginning Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in Sept. 1904, at 10 a.m.

W. F. Dorris to preach the introductory sermon, and J. C. Crawford, alternate.

W. I. Feazell, messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

As members of the executive board—R. A. Faulkner, O. J. Wade, A. F. Riley, J. D. Crawford, H. T. Hawkins and W. F. Dorris.

As member of the state board, R. A. Faulkner.

The report was unanimously adopted.

H. W. Goodwin read the report on finance as follows:

For Minute Fund.....	\$55 80
“ Home Missions.....	6 62
“ Foreign Missions.....	3 15
“ State Missions.....	51 44
“ Orphans' Home.....	55 46
“ S. S. & Colportage.....	8 70
“ Ministerial Education.....	1 00
“ Ministerial Relief.....	50

\$182 70

H. W. GOODWIN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

O. J. Wade read the report on digest of letters. The report dealing with statistics, the clerk refers the reader to the “Statistical Table” appended to minutes. At this juncture special prayer was made by the body, led by A. J. Barton, for God’s blessings on the pastors and churches during the coming year, in the great work of soul winning.

F. E. Morgan read the report on ministerial relief.

“Your committee would recommend that our pastors take collections in their churches, and all other places they may see proper, for funds to be known as “funds for the relief of aged and infirm ministers,” which are to be turned into our treasury, and to be paid out on the order of the executive committee. We recommend that these collections be made at as early a date as possible.

We further recommend that preachers in this association receive the first consideration.”

Discussed and adopted.

B. W. Reeves made the following report as treasurer:

Fy balance (October, 1902).....	\$ 2 45
By cash for ministers, etc.....	51 95
By cash for Orphans' Home.....	50 87
By cash for Foreign Missions.....	1 95

By cash for State Missions	26 50
By cash for Home Missions	7 10
Total	<u>\$140 82</u>
To cash to W. F. Dorris for minister	\$ 51 95
To cash to W. W. Gardner	50 87
To cash to B. Cox for missions	35 55
.....	138 37
By balance on hand	<u>2 45</u>
Total	<u>\$140 82</u>

B. W. REEVES, Treasurer

Adopted.

Resolved, That the constitution be amended as follows:

1. That the words "delegate and delegates" be dropped and the words "messenger and messengers be inserted in lieu thereof.

2. That article "12" be repealed.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to Liberty Church and surrounding community for their liberal hospitality extended to us while here.

Unanimously adopted.

By motion of O. J. Wade the clerk was allowed twenty (\$20.00) dollars for his services in superintending the printing and distributing the minutes.

(The clerk omitted to record in minutes of 1902, the loss of a motion to amend the constitution so as to provide for a committee on credentials, as notice was given in minutes of 1901.—CLERK.)

The business of the association being transacted, the moderator made an appropriate address, thanking the brethren for their help in making this so harmonious a session.

The association then adjourned to meet with the El Dorado Church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in 1904, at 10 a.m.

"God be with you," and "Sweet bye and bye," were sung, and the brethren bid each other good bye until we meet again.

Benediction by Frank White.

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator.

W. F. DORRIS, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bates, T. M., Juno, Ark.
Bishop, J. R., Junction City, Ark.
Burnside, L. B. New London, Ark.
Burns, Van, Hillsboro, Ark.
Crawford, J. D., Three Creeks, Ark.
Crawford, J. P., Lisbon, Ark.
Dorris, W. F., Camden, Ark.
Green, B. C., Wilmington, Ark.
Hudson, J. W., Wesson, Ark.
Jean, H. W., Tubal, Ark.
Kinard, C. P. Tubal, Ark.
McGraw, C. P., Tubal, Ark.
Newsom, J. W., El Dorado, Ark.
Powell, B. F., Smackover, Ark.
Sawyer, D. K., Blanchard Springs, Ark.
Wade, O. J., El Dorado, Ark.

LICENTIATES.

Hampton, J. E., El Dorado, Ark.
Harper, M. A., El Dorado, Ark.
Morgan, F. E., Caledonia, Ark.
Parker, W. S., Three Creeks, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. F. Dorris, Camden, Ark.
O. J. Wade, El Dorado, Ark.
R. A. Faulkner, El Dorado, Ark.
A. F. Riley, El Dorado, Ark.
H. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly, Ark.
J. D. Crawford, Three Creeks, Ark.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Blanchard Springs				
Camden	W. F. Dorris	Camden, Ark.	S. B. Lide	Camden, Ark.
Cane Creek	L. B. Burnside	New London	W. M. Ethridge	Hillsboro
Center Point	Van Burns	Hillsboro	T. M. Gorman	Hillsboro
Champagnolle	T. M. Bates	Champagnolle	Geo. B. Armer	Champagnolle
Ebenezer	J. P. Crawford	Lisbon	H. H. Leveritte	ElDorado
Elliott	W. S. Young	Arkadelphia	Ben F. Rogers	Elliott
ElDorado	O. J. Wade	ElDorado	H. W. Goodwin	ElDorado
Green Grove				
Hillsboro	J. P. Crawford	Lisbon	C. W. Dearing	Hillsboro
Hopewell No. 1	C. P. McGraw	Tubal	Percy Tatum	Three Creeks
Hopewell No. 3	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	J. P. Neely	Smackover
Holly Grove	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	W. L. Reynolds	Attaway
Liberty	J. P. Crawford	Lisbon	R. C. Summers	Hillsboro
Lisbon	J. P. Crawford	Lisbon	S. A. McCarty	Lisbon
Lonoke	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	N. A. Fagg	Smackover
Midway	J. P. Crawford	Lisbon	J. H. Scarborough	Shuler
Mt. Hope	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	W. D. Brakefield	Wesson
Mt. Moriah	D. K. Sawyer	Blanchard Sprgs	W. F. Pratt	Lockhart, La.
Mt. Pleasant				
New Hope	C. P. McGraw	Tubal	J. G. Adams	Tubal, Ark.
New London	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	J. R. Harrison	New London
Norphlet	T. M. Bates	Juno	E. G. Murphy	Norphlet
Philadelphia	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	H. B. White	Wilmington
Mt. Olive	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	O. H. Harper	ElDorado
Pleasant Grove	D. K. Sawyer	Blanchard Sprgs	A. C. Martindale	Hillsboro
Salem	R. B. Devine	Stephens	H. T. Hawkins	Mt. Holly
Spring Hill	W. C. Wood	Hot Springs	C. C. Mayfield	Upland
Three Creeks	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	F. H. Jones	Three Creeks
Union	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	G. L. Graves	Juno
Victoria	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	J. M. Wallace	Victoria
Zion Hill	D. K. Sawyer	Blanchard Sprgs	D. W. Ward	Wesson
Junction City	W. I. Feazell	Junction City	John L. Green	Junction City

✎ If the Clerk has made a mistake in the above names and Postoffices it is due to the fact that many of the letters did not give Postoffices of Pastor and Church Clerk. One Pastor was mentioned as having two Postoffices. Wesson's Church Clerk did not appear in the letter. Hence I used W. D. Brakefield from former minutes.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCH

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Visiting Ministers	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Sunday School and Colportage	Orphans Home	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Total	Value Church Property	Baptisms last year	Baptisms this year	Gain	Loss	Average per Member for Missions
0 00	\$30 00	\$.....	\$ 14 60	\$ 10 10	\$ 29 85	\$4 35	\$124 85	\$ 55 00	\$5 00	\$ 20 00	\$6 50	\$3468 90	\$12 000 00	32	2	2	30	\$ 22
.....	2 70	2 50	42 50	150 00	2	12	10
.....	2 15	1 50	6 20	2	9	7
.....	1 00	1 00	4 15	04
.....	6 00	3 00	6 50	3 50	150 00	04
5 75	79 70	100 00	120 00	122 00	5 00	30 00	105 00	102 75	121 00	400 00	18
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be composed of members, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Liberty Baptist Association, which shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely, if one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the help thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the help so called, or the church may bring the case before the association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the association will take cognizance of no such case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, and other parts of the Scripture which define the nature of offenses and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the association a written communication, specifying the names of the messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 4. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representatives in the following manner, viz: Each church shall be entitled to three messengers for the first fifty members or under, and one for every fifty over. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into our union

by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, the moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their messengers the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

ART. 6. The association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular, proper decorum, which she is authorized to form, and amend, according to her own views.

ART. 7. At every session of the association, a moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the association on all subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings, and record the same in a well bound book kept for that purpose.

ART. 8. The association shall have the power to withdraw from the union of any church that may violate the constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 9. The association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that that she endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such cases the association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered as an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 12. The association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted for the churches by their messengers and handed over to the committee on finance. The committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the association fund, and dispose of same agreeable to order; and make at every session a fair and substantial report of its proceedings.

ART. 13. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the minutes of every session of this body.

ART. 14. The association shall not adjourn until it shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 15. The minutes of the association shall be read

and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session closes.

ART. 16. In all cases the association shall be governed by a majority, only when conflicting with the constitution.

ART. 17. Amendments to the constitution may be made by submitting the same at one session of the association, which stand over until the session following, and then be voted upon, requiring two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative to affect a change.

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, composing 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 foreknowledge 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 by 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 regular 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.

ARTICLE 1. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

ART. 2. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

ART. 3. 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 of the affirmative side of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats or otherwise, and those on the negative side shall retain their seats.

ART. 4. The moderator shall announce the decision of the association.

ART. 5. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than once on the same proposition, without permission from the association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

ART. 7. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the association by members in their addresses to one another.

ART. 8. The names of the members shall be called as often as the association may direct.

ART. 9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

ART. 10. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

ART. 11. Any member violating these rules, shall be re-proved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.