

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

OF

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

ALMA BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 19-21, 1919.

OFFICERS

E. D. CHASTAIN, Van Auren, Ark.	-	-	-	MODERATOR
W. S. SAVAGE, Alma, Ark.	-	-	-	CLERK
C. R. COUNTS, Mulberry, Ark.	-	-	-	TREASURER

The next session will be held with the Van Buren Baptist Church, beginning at 10:00 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday of September, 1920. Introductory Sermon, Elder Alonzo Yancey, Ozark; Alternate, Elder W. B. Hardin, Denning, Ark.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists convened with the Alma Baptist Church, Alma, Arkansas, September 19, 1919.

In the temporary absence of both moderator and clerk of the former session, the Association was called to order by E. D. Chastain, Treasurer for the last year, at 10:00 a. m.

After the opening song Rev. J. A. Riddle, of Van Buren, was called upon to conduct the devotional services.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Alonzo Yancey, pastor of the Ozark church, preached a very acceptable sermon.

Following some special announcements, motion carried to recess until 2:15 p. m.

The ladies of the Alma church served a bountiful dinner on the lawn of the pastor's home.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order promptly at the hour to which recess had been taken, by former moderator G. W. Barham, of Ozark.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. R. McEwen, pastor of the Alma church.

The moderator appointed Rev. W. R. McEwen and E. D. Chastain as reading clerks, and the letters from the churches were called for and read.

The following is the list of churches with their representatives, according to the best information available to the clerk:

Alma Church: W. R. McEwen, Mrs. W. R. McEwen, W. A. Tucker, J. C. Smalley, I. L. Cole, W. S. Savage.

Altus Church: Rev. C. M. Partin.

Alix Church: Mrs. T. L. Pesterfield.

Center Grove Church: Rev. J. M. Wilson, J. P. Bailey.

Denning Church: J. S. Dodd, Mrs. Susan Bass.

Dyer Church: Rev. Chester Rhodes, Rev. G. H. McNutt, Mrs. G. H. McNutt, Mrs. W. J. James.

Fine Springs Church: J. L. Cunningham.

Haroldton Church: J. S. Moses, E. J. Wells.

Hartman Church: E. W. Williams, Mrs. E. W. Williams.

Macedonia Church: Rev. J. A. Riddle, G. W. Jones.

Mulberry Church: Rev. A. N. Stanfield, C. R. Counts, Mrs. Wisdom, E. B. Ferrell, Mrs. E. B. Ferrell.

New Hope Church: Troy Blevins, C. H. Bennett, Melvin Lantz.

Pleasant Grove Church: R. R. Blevins, Mrs. Will Ruff, Miss Ollie Cook.

Ozark Church: Rev. Alonzo Yancey, Rev. A. E. Cross, Mrs. J. T. Greer, G. W. Barham, Mrs. G. W. Barham.

Rudy Church: J. G. Wofford, Miss Nannie Wofford.

Shady Grove Church: J. W. Fry, C. B. Coble, Mrs. Ella Stewart.

Sweet Home Church: Rev. J. F. Crawford, Sam Jones, C. J. Haley, W. C. Irvin, Miss Carrie Jones, Miss Judith Jones.

Shiloh Church: T. J. Williams, Mrs. T. J. Williams.

Union Chapel Church: H. A. Whinery, Miss Selma Whinery, Miss Dana Whinery.

Van Buren Church: Rev. E. Rawlings, Mrs. E. Rawlings, E. D. Chastain, Mrs. E. D. Chastain, Miss Addie Garner, Mrs. Ella Jack, Mrs. A. F. Houston.

Whiteoak Church: W. E. Anderson, G. W. McKinney.

Zoar Church: Lee Lynn, H. L. White, D. H. Smart, Miss Effie Gowins, Miss Grace Webb.

Following the enrollment of messengers, a motion to proceed with the permanent organization of the Association prevailed.

A motion was made and carried providing for the ballot to be taken by a rising vote.

The balloting for officers resulted in the election of E. D. Chastain, Moderator, W. S. Savage, Clerk, and C. R. Counts, Treasurer.

Motion carried adopting the programme and order of business prepared by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose.

The following visitors were recognized and seated in an advisory capacity: A. H. Autry, J. W. Conger, J. G. Lile, D. B. Moore, J. B. Moseley.

By special request the women from Woman's Meeting sang, "When Millions Come Pouring In."

The moderator then announced the regular and special committees, whose names will appear attached to their respective reports.

By special motion, Drs. Conger and Lile were given 30 minutes each for addresses, both of which were very acceptable and appropriate.

On motion recess was taken until 8:00 p. m. Prayer by Dr. Conger.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, and Rev. A. N. Stanfield led the opening song service.

Upon the suggestion of Brother Chester Rhodes, the regular appointee, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. H. Autry, of Little Rock, from the text: "Despise ye the church of God."

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association called to order by the moderator.

Devotional services led by Rev. E. Rawlings.

By mutual consent the reading of the minutes of yesterday was omitted.

Associational Missions being the special order for the morning session, Rev. J. F. Crawford, chairman of the Executive Committee, made a verbal report of the work done during the year.

In this connection the minutes of the various meetings of the Executive Committee were read as information, and by motion and second were approved.

Associational Missionary C. I. Walker made a fine report, which was also received and approved by the Association, in connection with the following report submitted by the committee on Associational Missions:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: The conditions of the field are much improved and are better than ever before. The sacrifices made for other causes have had an effect upon the Lord's work. The interest in and the love for the Lord's Cause have wonderfully increased within the last year. The haphazard way of doing things is rapidly giving way to well organized efforts in the Lord's work in our Association. This makes

the outlook fine. People are beginning to learn that God's work must be run in a systematic way. The Associational Missionary has spent a large part of his time in visiting and strengthening weak churches rather than organizing new churches.

We recommend that one or more missionaries be kept on the field for full time next year.

C. I. WALKER,
J. S. MOSES,
E. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Report of C. I. Walker, Associational Missionary.

Days of Labor	311
Sermons Preached	175
Addresses on S. S. etc	50
County meetings in 75 Million Campaign	2
Bible Institutes held	9
Deacons Ordained	12
Religious Visits	225
Prayers in Homes	40
Professions of Conversion	55
Backsliders Reclaimed	10
Additions by Letter, etc	10
Additions by Baptism	15
Different Points Visited	20
Assisted Churches in Locating Pastors	6
Sunday School Institutes	4
Pages Tracts Distributed	30,000
Miles Traveled	3,200

MONEY COLLECTED.

Associational Missions	\$302.95
State Missions	420.00
Home and Foreign Missions	77.50
Orphans' Home	10.00
Subscriptions to Baptist Advance	20

With what was collected on the field and received from the Executive Committee, the missionary has been paid in full.

C. I. WALKER, Missionary.

The above reports were discussed by W. R. McEwen, C. I. Walker, E. Rawlings, D. B. Moore, G. W. Barham.

On motion the discussion of the above report was car-

ried over until the afternoon session, pending the report upon the discussion of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

A strong report on this campaign was offered by Rev. E. Rawlings, and after discussion by A. H. Autry, D. B. Moore, E. Rawlings and W. R. McEwen, was heartily and unanimously adopted.

Motion carried to recess until 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by Mrs. Wisdom.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association called to order by the moderator and prayer by Rev. A. N. Stanfield.

The special order was Associational Missions. The discussion was closed and the reports unanimously adopted.

On motion the action of the Executive Committee in borrowing money to pay the Associational Missionary was endorsed and the obligation assumed, and the churches were asked to cover the amount by cash and pledges, which was done very promptly.

The following report on Woman's Work was read, and after discussion by Mrs. E. Rawlings, J. B. Moseley and E. D. Chastain, was adopted:

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following as our report: We have four Missionary Societies and one Sunbeam Band in the Association. Only three societies sent in reports this year. These three reported \$348.35 contributed to missions and \$446.40 for local expenses.

In the Woman's Meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. W. C. Wisdom; Superintendent, Mrs. E. Rawlings; Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Chastain.

On motion it was determined to hold the Woman's Meeting on the first afternoon of the Association.

We recommend that every church strive to have a W. M. S., and that the pastors and associational missionary co-operate with the Superintendent in organizing and maintaining societies in every church.

The aims of our W. M. S. of the Association are increased spirituality and greater interest in missions, in-

creased gifts, and enlistment of all our women in the Master's work.

MRS. E. RAWLINGS,
MRS. ELLA JACK,
MISS NANNIE WOFFORD.

On motion, all speeches to reports are to be limited to five minutes each.

The following report on State Missions was read and adopted :

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to win the people of Arkansas to Christ, and into Baptist churches. Both these are fundamental and necessary ; the first, to salvation ; the second, to a well rounded Christian life. In Arkansas the worth of a church to the Kingdom is very largely expressed in its attitude toward, and its activity in State Missions.

The following statistics show what was done along these lines for the year ending with the last meeting of the Convention :

Number Association Missionaries helped.....	21
Missionaries and other workers	194
Days of labor.....	22,782
Miles traveled.....	187,181
Sermons and addresses.....	15,224
Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized	136
Churches organized	16
Conversions, in State	2,253
Soldiers converted, near	10,000
Baptisms	2,337
Total additions.....	3,779
Amount raised for Education.....	\$ 6,980.78
Amount raised for Ministerial Education.....	1,662.37
Amount raised for Endowment.....	22,008.00
Amount raised for Orphanage, all sources.....	13,627.53
Amount raised for Home Missions.....	27,000.00
Amount raised for Foreign Missions.....	29,948.00
Amount raised for Mary Forbes Home.....	91.50
Amount raised for Training School.....	1,926.23
Amount raised for State Missions.....	56,626.45
Amount special gift to Home Missions.....	100,000.00
Amount special gift to Foreign Missions.....	100,000.00
Amount for Associational Missions.....	27,800.00

Total for all Missions (except Bottoms gift) 141,374.45
 Grand total, all denominational purposes.....187,670.00
 Grand total, including Bottoms gifts.....387,670.00

W. R. McEWEN,
 J. G. WOFFORD,
 J. M. WILSON,
 Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions has come to be one of our mightiest forces for evangelism and enlistment. It is a vital element in our denominational activities. All real Baptists believe in missions. Our loyalty to Jesus Christ is measured and determined by our loyalty to the cause that brought the Son of God from the Throne in Heaven to die for the sins of the world. We hear and read a great deal these days about "Present conditions and the need of the hour." The real need of the hour is greater loyalty to Christ. This is a tragic hour. Our religious problems are vastly more important than they were before the war. They are more numerous, more complicated, more urgent and more baffling than we have had for a century. Reconstruction is more difficult than war. Unless we lay the foundations deep and build wisely we shall bring reproach to the Lord's cause and ourselves to shame. This is an hour that calls for larger plans, greater deeds and deeper consecration than any we have faced before. Men are thinking in larger terms in every phase of life than they have ever thought before. Unless we enlarge our services in the Kingdom of God we shall convict ourselves of littleness before men and in the sight of God.

Arkansas Baptists did more through the channel of Home Missions last year than they had done any previous year when they gave \$27,000.00. But none of us feel that we should ever stop at such a pittance again. This Association, according to the financial table, gave to this great cause only \$212.85. Brethren, under God we ought to be ashamed of such a record. We did better this year and gave \$471.35, but will still do better next year. The Home Board in its Educational, Evangelistic, Doctrinal, Missionary and Enlistment work has had great success, which was made possible by the blessings of God and the loyalty of Southern Baptists. You and I have never faced such an hour as this. We have shown our ability to finance great propositions in a great fashion from a worldly stand-

point in the vast sums of money we gave to the various interests of the war. Now what shall we do for the greatest of all interests and the most worthy of all causes, the Kingdom of our crucified, buried and risen Lord? First we must go to our knees, and then rise to conquer for Jesus. Our past deeds stare us in the face as a challenge to greater things for the Master.

Your committee feels that it could make no greater recommendation to this body than that we consecrate ourselves anew to the service of God and the need of lost souls, and "go over the top" in this mighty effort among Baptists of the South to raise 75 million dollars for the Master. We can and ought to do it for the sake of our Lord and a lost world. God help us.

A. N. STANFIELD,
W. A. TUCKER.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Never in the history of Southern Baptists has Foreign Missions meant so much as it means to-day. We have finished the fighting part of the great world war, and it has opened new fields for missionary operations. We can not confine our work to fields already occupied, when so many others are calling for work.

Apparently there is an open door for genuine religious work and an opportunity for a radical transformation of the whole religious situation in Europe. But we must enter the open door quickly lest the opportunity pass. We have been waiting for an opportunity in Russia for years; it may come any day now.

Already we have work in Syria, Bohemia, Persia, Galilee which we have taken over from the Illinois Baptist State Convention.

We gave last year \$1,223,190.47, a gain of \$370,260.76 over the year 1917. In the Baptist Five Year Program we propose to give \$20,000,000 for Foreign Missions. Of this amount Arkansas Baptists are asked to give \$600,000.

Last year we baptized 5,635, and constituted 41 new churches. Native Christians gave \$173,372 to the support of the work. Two churches assumed self support. Our Medical Missionaries treated 129,298 patients. We have on the field 137 men and 131 women missionaries. The

church membership is 49,659. There are 303 houses of worship, 760 Sunday Schools, 36,115 pupils.

We need at least 500 new missionaries to meet the demands of the new day. Let every Baptist rally loyally to the 75 Million Campaign, and we can see soul liberty carried to every nation under the sun.

ALONZO YANCEY,
J. A. RIDDLE,
G. W. JONES.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted :

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit our report as follows :

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Van Buren church, beginning at 10:00 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday of September, 1920; and that Rev. Alonzo Yancey preach the Introductory Sermon, with Rev. W. B. Hardin as alternate.

W. A. TUCKER,
J. S. DODD.

The following report on Temperance was read, and after discussion by W. R. McEwen and Alonzo Yancey was adopted :

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following :

Whereas, all intoxicating drinks are debasing in their effects, and

Whereas, we firmly believe that the earnest and fervent prayers of the children of God have been heard and answered to that extent that the evil of strong drink will soon be banished from our beloved country, for which we are profoundly thankful to the great God of Heaven and the good women of our country;

Therefore be it Resolved, That we as Baptists shall not cease our efforts until the monster of strong drink is entirely put out of existence.

J. W. FRY,
E. W. WILLIAMS,
R. R. BLEVINS.

Motion made and carried that the programme for Sunday afternoon be carried out on Saturday evening.

The following report on Old Ministers' Relief was read by the clerk, and after some discussion by Rev. A. Yancey was adopted :

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief, very frankly confess that we have been very negligent and unthoughtful in caring for our aged ministers. Our Savior said, in effect, that the men of the world show more wisdom in their affairs than do the children of God in theirs. Every civilized government makes provision for disabled soldiers, and we think it high time that God's people should make ample provision for their aged ministers.

Therefore we recommend that we as Baptist people throw our whole soul into the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, because in the funds to be raised there is ample funds to care for these noble veterans of the Cross.

J. L. CUNNINGHAM,
D. H. SMART,
MISS BLAIR.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted :

OBITUARIES.

After an examination of the letters from the various churches we find that the work of some of our brethren and sisters has been completed, their course has been finished, and they have been called from the walks of men into the presence of the Master. It is with sorrow that we note their departure, but we rejoice that they have gone to be with Christ. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord ; their works do follow after them, and they shall rest from their labor."

Alma: C. C. Adams, Mrs. W. A. Cole, Mrs. Drew Spelce.

Altus: Mrs. C. M. Partin, Nannie Rodman.

Alix: Rev. A. J. Norton, Mrs. Mary Cantrell.

Center Grove: Julia Gregg.

Concord: W. J. Rogers, Mrs. Carrie Cunningham, Mrs. Johnnie Sullivent.

Dyer: Mrs. Tom Lytel.

Fine Springs: W. M. Roomner, Mrs. Irma Fox Ball, Sister Susan Rye.

Mulberry : Sarah Fleming, Amanda Burrough.

Ozark : J. M. Self.

Pleasant Grove: Ida Brown, George Gillanwater,
Lucy Brown, Sally Mitchell.

Shady Grove : Mrs. Isaiah White.

Sweet Home: Rev. T. M. Garner, Leona Standard,
Minerva Newton, Martha Weese, Ouita Brodie, Reecie Ir-
vin, Edna Steward

Van Buren : Mrs. Hattie Carrick, Dock Liles, Ray
Dyer.

Zoar : Ethel White, Myrtle Stamps.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. CROSS,
MRS. M. E. HUFF,
LEE LYNN.

The following report on Stewardship was read and
adopted without discussion for lack of time :

STEWARDSHIP.

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God ; they are to be used according to God's will and for His glory ; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointment depends on whether or not we have been good stewards. We are born into the world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and to everything that we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man can receive nothing, except it has been given him from Heaven."—I. Cor. 4:7, and John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—I. Peter 4:10.

We recommend and urge—

1. That pastors preach often on Stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on the subject.

2. That classes be organized in all our churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes free of cost, from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

3. That literature on Stewardship and tithing be circulated and read everywhere.

4. That every member of every church in this Association strive to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. McEWEN, Chm'n.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the Executive Committee for next year as follows:

Alix, J. P. Blakeley; Altus, Lester Lucas; Alma, I. L. Cole; Concord, Jay Moore; Coal Hill, O. D. Allen; Center Grove, J. W. Williams; Denning, J. S. Dodd; Dyer, Fred Patton; Fine Springs, J. L. Cunningham; Hartman, E. B. Williams; Haroldton, J. S. Moses; Macedonia, G. W. Jones; Mulberry, A. N. Stanfield; New Hope, Troy Blevins; Ozark, G. W. Barham; Pleasant Grove, J. J. Cook; Shiloh, J. T. Williams; Rudy, J. G. Wofford; Sweet Home, Sam Jones; Shady Grove, J. W. Fry; Union Chapel, H. A. Whinery; Whiteoak, W. E. Anderson; Zoar, Lee Lynn; Van Buren, E. Rawlings. E. D. Chastain, W. S. Savage, C. R. Counts are members ex-officio.

On motion the Association adjourned until 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Bro. C. M. Partin.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Association called to order by the moderator and prayer by Bro. J. S. Moses.

The following report on Orphans' Home was read and after discussion by Brethren Crawford, Walker, Yancey, Fry, Jones and Chastain, was adopted:

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, submit the following:

The Home at Monticello has been in operation for about twenty-five years, and has been a blessing to more than a thousand helpless children.

The policy of the Home now is to place as many of the children as is deemed best in good Christian homes, where such can be secured for them.

At the last report there were forty-five children in the

Home, and some 58 had been placed in good private homes during the past year.

J. E. CRAWFORD,
G. W. MCKINNEY,
H. A. WHINERY.

The following report on Hospitals was read, and after discussion by Brethren Cross, Crawford, Walker and Yancey, was adopted :

HOSPITALS.

We recognize the importance of hospital work. We realize that it is a powerful agency for reaching the hearts and enlisting the sympathies of the sick and afflicted. We have seen the hold that others have on our soldier boys because of such agencies. The Foreign Mission Board has used the hospital as a powerful means of reaching the people on the foreign fields. Other States emphasize the importance of hospital work by the erection and maintenance of such institutions.

Therefore we recommend that a Baptist hospital be established in Arkansas at the earliest practicable date, and that when so erected our people patronize it in preference to that of any other denomination.

In establishing and maintaining institutions for healing we enter into close partnership with the Master, who while here on earth ministered not only to the spiritual needs of the people, but to their physical necessities as well.

We further recommend that this subject be discussed in our churches, associations, conventions, everywhere, until a strong sentiment is created demanding the establishment of a Baptist hospital for Arkansas Baptists.

A. E. CROSS,
G. W. BARHAM.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, a summary of which follows. It was adopted :

FINANCE REPORT.

Money received from the churches and turned over to the Treasurer of the Association as follows :

Associational Missions, \$57.25; Home Missions, \$1.00; Foreign Missions, \$1.00; Monticello Orphans' Home, \$13.50;

Texarkana Orphans' Home, \$2.00; Minutes and Clerk, \$39.95. Total money sent up, \$114.65.

C. R. COUNTS,
E. B. FERRELL,
G. W. BARHAM.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The following report on Religious Literature was read and after discussion by Brethren Cole, Walker, Tucker, McEwen and Yancey was adopted :

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, submit the following as our report :

We are in most hearty accord with the idea of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, which calls for the Baptist Advance in every Baptist home.

We trust that our people will thoroughly inform themselves as to every line of Kingdom work, and supply themselves with good reading matter.

We especially recommend the Baptist Advance, Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service.

E. W. WILLIAMS,
L. L. COLE,
E. J. WELLS.

The following report on Christian Education was read, and after discussion by Rev. A. E. Cross was adopted :

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We recognize the importance of Christian education. Our denominational schools are the only ones upon which we can rely to properly direct the moral and religious ideals of our people. In many State and public schools false ideals and doctrines are taught. The union movement is using the public schools to insidiously undermine our denominational life. In order that our young people may be trained for service according to Baptist ideals and interpretation of the Scriptures we must have Baptist schools. We urge our people to patronize our own institutions. We most heartily commend and endorse the idea of establishing a Baptist school near Clarksville, Arkansas. We need more schools and better equipment for

those we already have. Let us provide for them in the 75 Million Drive:

A. E. CROSS,
J. C. SMALLEY,
MISS GARNER.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows.
Report adopted without discussion:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the people of Alma for their generous hospitality which has been shared by the messengers and visitors to this meeting of the Association:

Resolved, That we extend thanks to our Moderator for the efficient and impartial way in which he presided over the meetings of this session of the Association:

Resolved, That the clerk be allowed \$10.00 and the necessary postage for his work for this year.

J. W. FRY,
A. E. CROSS.

The following resolutions on Sunday Schools was read, and after discussion by Bro. J. B. Moseley, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was adopted:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following as our report:

Since more than ninety per cent. of our church members come from the Sunday Schools, we urge the following recommendations:

1. That we make an earnest effort to establish and maintain an A-1 Sunday School in every church in our Association.

2. We very earnestly recommend and urge that all who teach in our Sunday Schools prepare themselves by taking the Normal Training Course for teachers.

3. That all Baptist Sunday Schools refrain from any participation in the so-called Union Sunday School movements, or interdenominational organizations of any kind.

W. A. TUCKER,
C. I. WALKER.

Upon regular motion and second the Association ad-

journd to meet with the Van Buren Baptist church, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the third Sunday of September, 1920.

E. D. CHASTAIN, Moderator.

W. S. SAVAGE, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Alma: W. R. McEwen, pastor; C. H. Fischer, Clerk; W. S. Savage, S. S. Superintendent; C. H. Fischer, S. S. Secretary; Mrs. W. B. Owen, President of the W. M. S.; Mrs. J. T. Richards, Secretary of the W. M. S.; Miss E. Lake, President of the B. Y. P. U.; Miss Ethel Burt, Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Postoffice of all, Alma, Ark;

Altus: No pastor; C. L. Lucas, Clerk, Altus, Ark.

Alix: No pastor; J. P. Blakeley, Clerk, Alix, Ark.

Concord: No pastor; Jay Moore, Clerk; S. S. Superintendent, Jay Moore; S. S. Secretary, C. M. Sangster; all Van Buren, Ark.

Center Grove: J. M. Wilson, pastor; W. A. White, clerk; both Mulberry, Ark.

Dyer: W. R. McEwen, pastor, Alma, Ark.; Fred Patton, clerk; Fred Patton, S. S. superintendent, Dyer, Ark.; Elizabeth James, S. S. secretary, Dyer, Ark.

Denning: No pastor; J. S., clerk; W. B. Hardin, S. S. superintendent; Gertrude Stone, S. S. secretary; Mrs. J. Emory, president of the W. M. S.; Gertrude Stone, secretary of the W. M. S. Postoffice of all, Denning, Ark.

Fine Spring: J. F. Crawford, pastor; M. C. Cowert, clerk; both Alma, Ark.

Haroldton: J. F. Crawford, pastor, Alma, Ark.; Grady Putnam, clerk, Van Buren, Ark.; J. S. Moses, S. S. superintendent, Van Buren, Ark.; Ona Sangster, S. S. secretary, Van Buren, Ark.

Hartman: A. E. Cross, pastor, Ozark, Ark.; E. W. Williams, clerk, Hartman, Ark.; E. W. Williams, S. S. superintendent; Mrs. Lucy Lewis, S. S. secretary, Hartman, Ark.

Macedonia: A. Alverson, pastor, Van Buren, Ark.; G. W. Jones, clerk, Uniontown, Ark.

Mulberry: A. N. Stanfield, pastor; C. R. Counts,

clerk; J. S. Wilson, S. S. superintendent; Carl Ferrell, S. S. secretary; Mrs. W. C. Wisdom, president of the W. M. S.; Mrs. W. N. Nichols, secretary of the W. M. S. Postoffice of all, Mulberry, Ark.

New Hope: No pastor; C. H. Bennett, clerk; Troy Blevins, S. S. superintendent; Miss Vash Rogers, S. S. secretary, Alma, Ark.

Ozark: Alonzo Yancey, pastor; L. O. Fisher, clerk; G. W. Barham, S. S. superintendent; L. O. Fisher, S. S. secretary; Mrs. A. L. Crudup, president of the W. M. S.; Miss M. A. Webb, secretary of the W. M. S. Postoffice of all, Ozark, Ark.

Pleasant Grove: Chester Rhodes, pastor, Dyer, Ark.; J. J. Cook, clerk, Alma, Ark.; J. H. Cole, S. S. superintendent; Miss Ollie Cook, S. S. secretary, Alma, Ark.

Rudy: W. R. McEwen, pastor, Alma, Ark.; H. L. Winfrey, clerk, Rudy, Ark.; H. L. Winfrey, S. S. superintendent, Rudy, Ark.; Miss Mabel Long, S. S. secretary, Rudy, Ark.; Miss Mabel Long, president of the B. Y. P. U., Rudy, Ark.; Miss Floy Carney, secretary of the B. Y. P. U., Rudy, Ark.

Sweet Home: W. R. McEwen, pastor, Alma, Ark.; W. C. Irvin, clerk, Van Buren, Ark.; J. N. Baxter, S. S. superintendent, Van Buren, Ark.; Rubel Nelson, S. S. secretary, Van Buren, Ark.

Shady Grove: C. B. Coble, pastor, Uniontown, Ark.; J. W. Fry, clerk, Cedarville, Ark.

Shiloh: A. E. Cross, pastor; J. T. Williams, clerk; both Ozark, Ark.

Union Chapel: No pastor; H. A. Whinery, clerk, Cedarville, Ark.

Van Buren: E. Rawlings, pastor; Mrs. J. J. Izard, clerk; J. J. Izard, S. S. superintendent; B. E. Covery, S. S. secretary; Mrs. Hal Brown, president W. M. S.; Mrs. E. D. Chastain, secretary W. M. S.; Miss Leora Blair, president B. Y. P. U.; T. Goldsmith, secretary B. Y. P. U. Postoffice of all, Van Buren, Ark.

Whiteoak: T. W. Smith, pastor, Mountain Top, Ark.; James Anderson, clerk, Ozark, Ark.

Zoar: W. A. Gowins, pastor; C. C. Matterly, clerk; E. J. Lynn, S. S. superintendent; Angie Henderson, S. S. secretary. Postoffice of all, Figure Five, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. R. McEwen, Alma; J. W. Wilson, Mulberry; A. N. Jean, Dyer; Chester Rhodes, Dyer; Sam. Hall, Ft. Smith;

W. B. Hardin, Denning; E. J. Blevins, Alma; A. N. Stanfield, Mulberry; Alonzo Yancey, Ozark; P. L. Kelley, Ozark; A. E. Cross, Ozark; J. F. Crawford, Alma; E. Rawlings, Van Buren; J. W. Thompson, Ozark; J. A. Riddle, Van Buren; W. A. Gowins, Figure Five; A. Alverson, Van Buren.

LICENSED PREACHERS.

G. H. McNutt, Dyer, Ark.; C. B. Coble, Uniontown, Ark.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists.

Sec. 2. It shall be composed of pastors of the churches in this Association, and the messengers from Missionary Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers for the first fifty members or a fraction thereof, and one additional messenger for each additional fifty members or major fraction thereof.

Sec. 3. The sessions of this Association shall convene on Friday at 10:00 a. m. before the third Sunday in September of each year. The Introductory Sermon shall be preached at the evening session of the first day, and the Associational Sermon shall be preached at the morning session on Sunday morning of the Association.

Sec. 4. The officers of the Association shall consist of Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the body, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the body, or the Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to each sitting of the body.

Sec. 8. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to secure una-

nimity of faith and concert of action in mission work, and also to cultivate the purity of the churches.

Sec. 9. This Association shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will be requested to act as an advisory council when necessary. It, however, claims authority over its members, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

Sec. 10. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers, at any regular meeting, by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Sec. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each annual meeting, composed of the following: the Moderator, the Clerk, and the Treasurer of the Association, with one member from each church to be appointed by the Moderator. This committee shall have authority to elect workers, and shall have direction of the missionary operations of the Association, and shall have authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session, and shall be required to make an annual report to the Association. Three members constitute a quorum.

Sec. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except Section 9, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP						CONTRIBUTIONS.																	
	Incre'se			Decre'se			Local Expenditures.							Missions and Benevolences.										
	Baptism	Letter	Restored	Letter	Death	Excluded	Church	S. School	Incidental	S. School Expenses	Visiting Ministers	Pastors' Salary	Building Repairing	Minutes	Associa-tional Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Christian Education	The Poor	Other Objects	Total Offerings	Value Ch. Property
Alix.....				6	1		38							2.00	5.00				20.42			2.00	14.00	
Alma.....	1	9	1	11	3	17	110	125	191.25	92.81	91.75	570.00	904.05	5.00	56.00	60.00	41.50	40.00		18.00	32.00	232.28	2,331.96	6,000
Altus.....														2.00	2.00				3.25				4.00	600
Concord.....	7	2		5	3		66					125.00		1.00	2.75		6.33	6.33					142.66	
Center Grove.....		2			1		35							2.50					6.00				2.50	109
Denning.....		1				1	32	35		21.45	22.00		45.00	2.50	10.00	11.00	25.00					6.00	159.45	1,000
Dyer.....	4	2		6	1	28	75	50	20.00	14.00	20.00	175.00		3.00	4.32	27.85	5.00	6.00				3.00	275.15	1,000
Fine Springs.....					1		18					120.00		1.50	5.25		3.50	5.50	3.30				136.75	1,000
Haroldton.....	16	4	7				43	45		8.00		200.00		1.50	12.50				10.00		5.00		229.70	
Hartman.....		1				28	17	60		24.00		34.00		2.00	2.00		8.00	8.00	26.09				88.00	800
Mulberry.....		4		6	1		86	75	113.00	76.00		1000.00		3.50	50.00	120.50	77.10	77.15	2.00				1,519.34	3,000
Macedonia.....							45							1.60				1.00					4.60	250
New Hope.....		1		1		1	40	25				12.25							36.21	.60			12.85	
Ozark.....	1	11					42	53	46.24	58.60		426.00		1.85	16.67		30.80	30.80		8.42		7.65	653.31	3,000
Ple'snt Gr'Ve.....	2				4	34	53	42	25.00	12.00	15.00	125.00	10.00	1.00	20.00	6.00	9.00	9.00	7.50				232.00	1,000
Rudy.....		6			1	5	45	88	32.00	27.80		55.00		2.50	12.90	27.00	11.50	13.00		7.00		2.50	203.20	1,000
Sweet Home.....	2	2		13	7		136	58	56.52	35.00		175.00		5.50	8.50	121.00	7.50	7.50	5.00	7.25	4.00	25.00	447.77	1,000
Shady Grove.....							40							1.00	4.00								10.00	
Shiloh.....							17					43.00					2.50	2.50					49.25	500
Union Chapel.....							132							1.50	1.75				1.50				4.75	
Van Buren.....	31	34		15	3	12	200	175	316.72	187.36	45.00	1500.00	709.72	3.00	104.65	185.00	239.05	111.15	11.00	156.80		726.48	4,292.95	12,000
Whiteoak.....	15		8	1			34					50.00		1.50	70.00		2.50	2.50					126.50	
Zoar.....	17						72					133.00		1.50									134.50	
Totals.....	96	84	11	64	24	126	1256	831	530.72	548.02	103.75	4668.25	1668.77	47.45	389.54	558.35	471.18	320.43	132.27	198.13	41.00	1004.91	11,112.13	30,859