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MINUTES OF THE

Forty-Second Annual Meeting

OF THE

CROOKED CREEK
ASSOCIATION



OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

AT

Walnut Grove Church

Boone County, Arkansas.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION
Of Missionary Baptists
FOR 1911.

FIRST DAY:

Saturday, October 14th, 1911.—The Association convened with the Walnut Grove Church, Boone county, Ark., and at 10 a. m. was opened by prayer by Moderator. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Song, "Blessed Assurance." Prayer by Elder I. D. Lamb, introductory sermon by Elder R. W. Raley, using as his text, "Darkness was over all the land." After a very forceful sermon on the subject, the association adjourned at 11:45 a. m., to meet in regular session at 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—Service opened by Moderator. Song, "Happy Day." Devotional service was conducted by Eld. Bishop, using as his lesson the 10th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Elder Bishop. Song, "Jesus, Lover of my soul." The Association went into regular business session at 2:30.

Call for letters from the churches by roll call.

Moderator appointed Bro. Frank Kendall and Elder J. H. Klepper as reading clerks, and letters from the Rock Springs, Walnut Grove and Bellefonte churches were read and filed with the church. No letter was received from the Alpena church and but two delegates or messengers reported. Letters were also read from New Hope Church, Pleasant Grove, Hopewell, Mt. Pleasant, Bethel, Valley Springs, Sugar Loaf, Peel, Bergman, Harrison, Big Springs, Orion, Union, Prairie View, Liberty No. 2 and the Harrison Missionary Society.

The Association went into reorganization. Elder W. S. Trout was elected Moderator by acclamation. John Sugg was re-elected by acclamation to serve as clerk for the ensuing year.

A motion by Bro. J. E. McGinn and seconded by Elder I. D. Lamb, that the Association retain the present treasurer, Bro. E. F. Graham, was carried unanimously.

Call for petitionary letters from new churches desiring to sit with the Crooked Creek Association was made and letters were received from Pleasant Grove Church at Burlington and Grubb Springs church.

A motion was made by Elder D. H. Gill and seconded by Bro. J. E. McGinn, to receive the above churches, and that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to the messengers. After discussion by J. A. Thornton and Dr. Sims, the above two churches were received into the Association by a unanimous vote, and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Call for corresponding messengers from White River Association. No messengers present.

Call for corresponding messengers from P. D. Association. No messengers present.

Call for corresponding messengers from Carroll Association. Present, Elder James Rose.

Call for corresponding messengers from Taney Association. No messengers present.

A call for visiting ministers was made. Those present were S. D. Frazier Christina Co. Association; and J. P. Lovett, White River Association.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Divine Service.—M. L. Criswhite, J. F. Pruitt, with the messengers of the Walnut Grove church. This committee is requested to report when they deem necessary.

Committee on Foreign Missions.—Elder D. H. Gill, Dave Brown, Frank Kendall

Committee on Home Missions.—J. S. King, Fred Walker, Milas Taylor.

The remainder of the committees were appointed after the night services.

CALL FOR REPORT OF MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Bros. George Nichols and W. S. Trout had volunteered to attend the White River Association. Bro. Trout reported that he was unable to go on account of reasons approved by a good conscience.

Elder R. W. Raley visited the Carroll Association. The other messengers failed to go.

P. D. Association visitors reported. Elder J. H. Klepper gave his reasonable excuse.

Bros. J. W. Purdom, Elder J. Baker and N. F. Bradley were appointed messengers to White River Association, which meets at Bruno, Ark., on Friday before the first Sunday in September. Elder L. R. Capps agreed to attend the Carroll County Association which meets at Grand View before the second Sunday in October. Elder J. H. Klepper agreed to try to attend the Taney Association, which meets at Kisse Mills, about 25 miles from Lead Hill, at 10 a. m. on Friday before the first Sunday in October. There were no volunteers to P. D. Association.

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

The Committee on Divine Service handed in a report that Elder Lovelace would preach that night and Elder James Rose would conclude the service. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg to submit the following: Our Savior in his parting words to his disciples gave them the command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This command is not limited to our home or to our people, but wherever men are found, there the Gospel is to go. Our hearts are to possess the same spirit as the Master's and be as large in our sympathies as the heart of Jesus. With this spirit the blessing of the constant presence of Jesus is promised—even to the end of the world. While all missions are one, yet we have come to designate that part of our mission work in Foreign lands as Foreign Missions. While we are not doing what we ought to do, we are increasing our labors in this work, and the Lord has blessed our endeavors. We would urge our people to a larger interest in this work. Respectfully submitted by D. H. Gill, Frank Kindall, and David E. Brown. After discussion by Rev. D. H. Gill, and Elders N. F. Bradley, James Rose, J. Baker, Bishop and W. H. Klepper, by motion from Elder N. F. Bradley and second by Dr. Sims, the report was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

By order of the Association the body adjourned to convene Monday morning at 8 a. m. By motion of Elder D. H. Gill, the Association adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock for preaching service, and after preaching the Association was to go into discussion of some of the reports. The motion carried, and the Association adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

7 p. m.—Elder J. P. Lovelace opened the service. He preached a very fine sermon from a text found in the 10th chapter of Romans. He was followed by Elder James Rose, with an appropriate response. By motion from Elder D. H. Gill and second from Joseph E. McGinn, which carried by a majority, the Association went into business session and the report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by Elder Joe S. King. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report the following: We find the Home Board doing work in the United States and her possessions with the stupendous task of carrying the Gospel to 58 percent of her own people besides a million foreigners that have come to our shores every year. To do this requires an army of consecrated souls who love Christ and his cause better than self, and they cannot be backed up by a liberal contribution. We recommend that our ministers preach on Home Missions as often as twice each year, that literature treating on this subject be distributed and collections taken to carry on the work. Signed by Joe S. King, Milas E. Taylor and F. W. Walker. By motion from Elder N. F. Bradley and second by Elder J. H. Klepper, the report was accepted and the committee was discharged after discussion by Elders Joe S. King, Elder N. F. Bradley, who closed his talk by singing his favorite song, and Elder D. H. Gill.

Committee on Divine Service made report: Elder J. A. Thornton preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday. The above report was accepted by the Association. Motion prevailed that Association adjourn to meet at 8 a. m. Monday in regular business session.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICES.

Opened by Elder J. A. Thornton in devotional service using as lesson the 10th Chapter of St. John after song "There is a Fountain" the body was lead in prayer by Elder J. A. Thornton.

8:30 the Association went into regular business session. By motion from Elder D. G. Gill and second by Elder J. H. Klepper that the hour service of 10:30 be given to the discussion of Association Missions the motion prevailed.

Call for petitionary letter from any new Church was renewed by the Moderator and letter from the Flat Rock Church was read and by motion from Elder J. H. Klepper and second by J. H. Henderson the motion prevailed to accept the above named church into the Association and the right hand of fellowship was given the messengers by the Moderator.

Call for Corresponding messenger from other Associations was renewed, Bro. G. W. Ablin reported from the White River Association and was invited to take seat in the Association and assist in any way possible.

The remaining part of the Committees were appointed to-wit: State Missions, I. D. Lamb, W. D. Bishop, N. F. Bradley; Association Mission, R. W. Raley, I. Raynor, J. H. Pettit; Education, J. H. Klepper, W. Henderson, Alvin Taylor; Sunday Schools, M. Carlton, J. E. McGinn, L. Crawford; Temperance, L. R. Capps, W. Self, C. Hudson; Periodicals, W. I. Holt, Charley Manley, M. Robinson; Orphans Home, Mrs. Lean Lamb, Mrs. A. J. Walters, Mrs. Lillie Self; Obituaries, I. J. Cox, D. E. Wislon, Dell Dunlap; Quires, J. W. McCalpin, A. H. Stapleton; Resolutions, J. F. Pruett, E. G. Whitaker, Frank Kindall; Finance, Willis White, W. J. Fisher, J. Catlin; Womens Work, Mrs. E. C. Hodge, Miss Nellie Morris, Dr. Gill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Then the Committee on Education made the following report:

We your committee on Education beg to submit the following: Whereas Christian Influence is always conducive to the up building of any people and the advancement of God's Kingdom, in any place, we urge that this Body of Messengers use their influence first in their respective districts at home in advancing the idea of securing teachers who are Christians where ever they can be had and in no case do we recommend that any one be recommended to teach in our schools who has not a moral character, further more do we recommend that since upon proper education along denominational lines depends our denominational strength we urge that our denominational Colleges and Schools in the different parts of the state be up held with our Liberal support financially and that we give them our patronage when sending our childred to schools away from Home when it is at all practical

Realizing the great advancement in every phase of civilization we desire to impress the fact that in order to keep abreast with the times and promote the cause of our Lord and Master we must educate our people in his teachings, we believe that this can be done best and most effectually through Seminary Training of the young men and women of our land especially of the young men, who go out to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ again we recommend that the Pastor and leader in Church work make an earnest effort to get the ideal planted firmly in each church of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted

J. H. Klepper,

J. W. Henderson,

Alvin J. Taylor.

By motion the above report was accepted and the committee discharged after it was thoroughly discussed by Elder J. H. Klepper, Bro. J. H. Henderson, Elders D. H. Gill, J. G. Mabrey, J. Baker, W. E. Bishop.

Committee on Orphans Home made report by motion by Bro. J. H. Henderson and second by Bro. Fred Walker, the report was accepted after discussion by Elders I. D. Lamb, W. S. Trout.

The report is as follows: The Apostle Paul informs us that pure and undefiled religion before God the Father and our Savior is this—to visit the Fatherless, and widows in their afflictions and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We understand from the Scripture that the caring for our Orphans is part of our religion and not simply an act of cold Charity. There are one hundred and thirty-seven children the Home at Monticello far from this Association that are depending on the Baptists of Arkansas for their support as the children in our homes depend upon their parents. Shall we fail them? God forbid that. Let us pray that we may more and more feel that we are responsible for the care of these Children therefore we your committee on Orphans' Home earnestly recommend that each church make collections regular for the Home and that each and every member contribute as much as possible and God will bless in doing our duty

Mrs. I. D. Lamb,

Mrs. Lillie Self,

Mrs. A. J. Walters.

Collection for Orphans Home was made, every one present at the Association gave some thing, from 5 cents to One dollar, it was a unanimous collection of 75 members present. The amount of collection \$31.45.

Committee on temperance made report, the report was accepted by motion from Elder I. D. Lamb and second J. H. Pruitt and the committee was discharged after the subject was discussed by Elders Lovlace, E. R. Stauffer and others. The report is as follows: We your committee on Temperance beg to submit the following: Believing Intemperance to be one of the greatest curses to the morals of the country in the past and will be in future unless we educate, we, the Missionary Baptists of the Crooked Creek Association condemn Intemperance in every form. We believe it is one form of the Devil's strongest agencies to corrupt our religious and busi-

ness enterprises and that its deadly grasp reaches out in anticipation of our churches schools and homes. We, the Baptists, believe there is no law found in the Bible which could be constructed to allow one man to sell or give his fellowman that which will destroy his health, his Home and his happiness or cause him to lose his own soul. Therefore, we condemn the law which licenses the Saloons and believe that also God condemns it.

We pledge ourselves to discourage the use and abuse of all intoxicants, and we note with pleasure that the Christian people of the United States are gaining ground on the liquor question, that Prohibition districts are growing larger, while the whiskey districts are growing smaller. We hope that intoxicating liquors will soon be eradicated as beverages from this land of ours. Respectfully submitted by L. R. Capps, Will Self and E. R. Pemberton. Motion prevailed to wait until afternoon to consider the amendment to Report on Temperance. The following amendment to the report on Temperance was offered by Elder R. W. Raley:

"We will not endorse the use of Intoxicants as beverages among the members of our churches; and if, after due admonishment, they will not refrain from its use, we recommend that they be disciplined."

The Missionary Board made report as follows:

"Dear Brethren: The following is the report of the board for the past year. Besides having a man, (Elder Joe King,) in the field for a part of January, we have had a missionary, (Bro. J. G. Mabrey) in the field since February 1st. Through the abundant mercies of our Heavenly Father his work has been a grand success. Up to October 1st there has been 54 conversions and 24 baptisms by the missionary, besides many others from his work, and two churches have been organized. We will not go into details of the work in this report but leave for the statistical table at close of this report also what Elder Mabrey will give himself. We can only say "Thank God, to him be all the glory. We paid Elder Mabrey from account in treasury up to June. For the months of June and July the board borrowed \$45.00 to pay him for those two months. For the month of August we were able to pay him from funds in the treasury. But we were compelled to again borrow \$21.42 to pay him up to October 1st.

Our missionary has been paid up to the present month, one hundred and ninety five dollars (\$195.00), sixty five dollars and forty two cents of which has been advanced individually by the board.

The following is a summary of the work of the Missionary: Days of labor 236. Miles traveled 1750, sermons preached 162, religious visits 348, other religious addresses 44, services in homes 60, collected for Association Missions \$11.42, for State Missions \$11.42.

Besides this he has done other work to advance the cause of the Master in the distribution of our 200 tracts also collected on College Debt \$88 00, and other Colportage work.

We as your board respectfully submit the above. E. C. Hodges, chairman; Joe. S. McGinn, secretary; W. I. Holt, W. Spurlock, Ed Trantham.

By motion from Edler Bradley and second by Elder J. G. Mabrey, the

Association adapted the Missionary Board's report also the report of Association which is as follows:

We your committee on Association Missions submit the following report: Realizing the great importance of Association Missions, we recommend that the Crooked Creek Association Board make an honest, earnest effort to employ a missionary for at least one half time beginning about July 1st, whose duty it shall be to labor in the destitute sections of the Association. We recommend a Mission Board consisting of five gentlemen three of whom shall compose a quorum, who have the work at heart who shall be elected at this Association, whose duty it shall be to render to the next Association a report of all monies received and expended, also number of days worked by Missionaries, number of conversions, number of churches organized and all the missionary work.

We recommend that a collection be taken during this session by money and subscriptions. Respectfully submitted R. W. Raley, John Raynor, J. H. Pettit

By motion from J. Pruitt and second by Elder D. H. Gill the following amendment which was offered by D. H. Gill. amendment: Strike out the words from the above report, "for at least one half time beginning about July the 1st" and insert "the entire year" or as much time as in their judgment they deem necessary. After discussion by Bro. J. E. McGinn, Elder N. F. Bradley, the amendment was adopted

ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY'S REPORT TO THE CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION.

This is my report for the first 15 days of October 1911: Miles traveled 98, religious visits 32, religious services in homes 5, sermons preached 10, other religious addresses 5, churches organized 1.

J. G. Mabrey, missionary.

This report was accepted at same time above two reports were accepted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MISSIONS AS ASSEMBLED:

We your committee on Association Missions submit the following: Realizing the great importance of Association Missions we recommend that the Crooked Creek Association make an honest earnest prayful effort to employ a missionary for the entire year, or as much time as in their judgment they may deem possible, whose duty it shall be to labor in the destitute sections of the Association. We recommend that a board of five gentlemen three of whom make a quorum who have the work at heart which shall be elected at the Association, whose duty it shall be to render to the next Association all money received and expended also number of days work, number of conversions, number of churches organized, and all the missionary work.

We recommend that a collection be made at this Association, for Association Missions.

R. W. Raley,	} Committee.
John Raynor,	
J. H. Pettit.	

THE COLLECTION:

Big Springs:	
Dan Brown	\$ 2.00
Jno. Purdon	2.00
Chas. Manley	2.00
Reel Church	5.00
Orion Church	5.00
L. Crawford	2.50
W. White	2.50
Union Church	5.00
Jim Gatlin	2.50
Bethel	5.00
Bellefonte	
Miss Koen	5.00
N. F. Bradley	5.00
Oak Grove	5.00
Bill Self	5.00
Walnut Grove	20.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Hopewell	15.00
Elder John Raynor	5.00
Oregon	12.00
Valley Springs	5.00
Elder J. H. Klepper	10.00
Harrison	36.00
Pleasant Grove #2	2.50
Grub Springs	10.00
Sugar Loaf	20.00
Flat Rock	5.00
John Sugg	1.00
Eld. I D. Lamb	3.00
Total,	\$198.00

By motion from D. H. Gill and second by Elder N. F. Bradley, the Association took a standing vote of thanks to the Association Missionary Board for their valuable and earnest work for the past year. By motion from Elder D. H. Gill and second from Elder J. H. Klepper the Association took standing vote of thanks to Elder J. G. Mabrey for his earnest services as the Association Missionary. By motion from J. E. McGinn and second by J. H. Klepper the Association took standing vote of thanks to Mr. E. C. Hodges and Elder R. W. Raley, for their subscription of \$30.00 each which started the great increase in the work of Association.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet in regular session at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened in regular session at 2:00 p. m., the amendment on report on Temperance was read and by motion from Elder D. H. Gill

and second by Elder Klepper, the amendment was accepted and amendment is inserted just under the regular report on Temperance. The original report on Temperance was adapted and committee was discharged.

Committee on periodicals made report, the report is as follows: We your committee on periodicals beg to submit the following report: As the Bible is the best and oldest book in the world and the only rule of our faith and practice and as all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for reproof for instruction in righteousness that the man of Good be thoroughly furnished into all good works, it demands and has the first place in our hearts and homes and should be read around our family firesides daily.

We advise our churches to use the best Baptist Literature in connection with our Baptist paper, The Baptist Advance, along with any other good sound Baptist Literature.

W. I. Holt,
W. M. Robertson,
W. C. Manly.

Motion prevailed to accept the report of above committee and committee was discharged.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the same report as last year, with the same amendment, as follows:

We believe that the Sunday school problem should be solved with the greatest consideration. We recommend 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; and noting by experience the handicap over our Sunday schools because of the absence of parents, we desire to impress upon the hearts of every father and mother in the 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 neighbors' children, whose parents are not Christians, and do not take any interest in Sunday school work; also that each parent should 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.

L. H. CRAWFORD,
M. CARLTON,
J. E. MCGINN.

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 the Sunday School Supervisor, and render his hearty assistance in organizing and building up Sunday Schools. Offered by Committee.

The report was accepted by the Association and the Committee discharged.

Association appointed the same Missionary Board to be retained for the next year.

By motion from Elder D. G. Gill and second by Elder J. H. Klepper, that Dr. Sims to be appointed as messenger to State Board.

By motion from Fred Walker and second by Elder I. D. Lamb, that the Association shall meet with the Sugar Loaf Church five miles west of Lead Hill; the motion prevailed.

By motion from Elder R. W. Raley and second by Elder Gill, that Eld. N. F. Bradley, with Elder W. D. Bishop be appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year. The motion prevailed.

By motion from Elder J. H. Klepper and second, that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services. The above motion prevailed.

Out of 20 churches represented in the Association 14 of them voted in this Association letter to strike out "Delegates" and have Article I of constitution to read "Messengers" only—and other 6 did not vote at all.

Three churches voted for change in Article 16—7 voted against it and 10 did not vote on any change in article 16. Therefore Article I will read "messengers" and Article 16 will stand as it is.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1912 with Sugar Loaf Church.

W. S. Trout, Moderator.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our Faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church: in knowledge, holiness and comfort: to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, doctrines: to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling; backbiting; and the exercise of anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be

slow to take offense but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER TYE

On December 24, 1910, God saw best to take from our midst our beloved sister, neighbor and friend, Mrs. Emiline Tye. Sister Tye was born August the 9th 1833, and was 77 years old. She is survived by five children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Aunt Emiline (as she was familiarly called) professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Cave Hall Baptist Church about 19 or 20 years ago. Afterwards she removed her membership to Shady Grove Church and three years ago when Rock Springs Church was organized, she moved her membership to that place and was one of our honored members until her death. How true death loves a shining mark! May God's grace teach her children how to live so when they are called they can meet mother where sorrow can never come. Her funeral services were conducted by her pastor assisted by Bro. Pettit (a former pastor) and Bro. J. B. Rose and others, after which she was laid to rest beside her husband in the old Denning cemetery.

The church has lost one of its most beloved members, the community an honored friend and her children a faithful and true mother.

I. D. LAMB, Pastor.

Report of Elder I. D. Lamb on voluntary work done in 1911: Days work 26; Sermons 26; Conversions 4; Baptism witnessed 7; Assisted Ordination of 2 deacons and 1 preacher, assisted in organization of one church. Miles traveled 170.

Following is a list of cash contributions to Associational Missions for the past year: R. W. Raley, \$30.00; E. C. Hodges, \$30.00; J. H. Klepper, \$4.00; Dr. Simms, \$5.00; W. Spurlock, \$5.00; Ed Trentham, \$5.00; Orion Church, \$10.45; Big Springs Church, \$11.25; L. R. Capps, \$5.00; I. D. Lamb and wife, \$7.00; Oregon Church, \$1.00; Valley Springs Church, \$3.50; W. I. Holt, \$5.00; Wm. Moore, \$2.00; W. Trout, \$7.00; Mt. Pleasant Church, \$1.25; Prairie View Church, \$2.50; Liberty No. 2, \$1.75; Cedar Grove Church, \$0.57; Bro. Couch, \$1.00; Henry Brown, \$0.50; Bro. Coker, \$0.50; Bro. Parrish, \$0.50; J. W. Phelps, \$3.00; Eli Hunt, \$0.50; Marion Long, \$1.00; C. M. Hunt, \$1.00; Hopewell Church, \$0.50; Elisha Brisco, \$0.50; John Hancock, \$0.50; K. Morris, \$1.00; T. Holman, \$1.00; J. Raynor, \$2.50; D. Dunlap, \$0.25; Rock Springs Collection \$0.80; Pleasant Grove No. 2, \$1.25; W. H. Raley, \$1.25; Collected by Bro. Mabrey, \$1.00; R. Howard, \$1.00; Union Church, \$4.80; I. E. McGinn, \$5.00.

WOMAN'S WORK.

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Report of the Ladies Aid and Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Harrison, Ark., to the Crooked Creek Association from Oct. 1910 to 1911: Number of Meetings, 41; Members Enrolled, 20; Average Attendance, 9.

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED:

State Missions.....	\$ 5.00
Foreign.....	5.00
Baptist School and Colleges.....	30.00
Boxes to Orphans Home, October 1910.....	13.00
Boxes to Orphans Home, April 1911.....	9.00
Money to Home.....	5.00
Pastor's Salary.....	50.00
Church Expenses.....	25.25
Dime Fund.....	1.00
Missionary Journal.....	.35
" Field.....	.20
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$143 81</u>

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK.

The committee on Women's Work made the following report: Knowing that the women of the churches bear a large part of the burden of the work, and realizing the greater efficiency of organization we recommend:

1st. That Woman's Missionary Unions and Aid Societies be organized in all the Churches.

2nd. That where organized they be represented in the Association by asking the churches to appoint one of the ladies as messenger to the Association.

3rd. That the Moderator be authorized to again appoint a Superintendent of Woman's Work for another year, whose duty it shall be to organize societies and aid the work in any possible way.

4th. That the Societies be given credit in the minutes for their work. So far as known to the Committee, there are only three societies in the Association; of these two have been organized during the past year by Supt. Mrs. E. C. Hodges, who was appointed for last year.

Respt. Submitted,
Mrs. E. C. Hodges,
Miss Nell Morris,
Rev. D. H. Gill.

Bellefonte Society:—Mrs. H. Bruton, Pres; Mrs. T. Koen, V. Pres; Miss Annie Bruton, Sec; Miss Addie Bruton, Treas. This society has nine members.

Walnut Grove Society:—Miss Lizzie Holt, Pres; Mrs. J. R. Hickman, V. Pres; Mrs. A. W. Allen, Sec; Miss Nell Morris, Treas. This society sent

box to Orphans Home, value \$3.50, Pastors salary \$5.00, Church expenses \$1.85, and some material on hand. They have 8 members.

Harrison Society:—Mrs. A. J. Walters, Pres; Mrs. H. F. McMillian, V. Pres; Mrs. H. D. Gill, Sec'y; Mrs. H. D. Glass, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. D. B. Davis, Treas. This society has 20 members, they have contributed during past year: State Missions \$5.00; Foreign Missions \$5.00; Schools and Colleges \$30.00; Boxes to Orphans Home \$22.00; Pastor's Salary \$50.00; Church expenses \$25.00; Dime Fund \$1.00; Missionary Journals 55 cents; Orphans Home \$5.00. This Society has not been disbanded since 1897.

Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rules of Decorum.

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

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

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

4. No motion shall be entertained without a second.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Declaration of Faith.

Article 1.—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.

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

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

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

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

6.—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.

7.—We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

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

9.—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 free moral agency of man, it comprehends all 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.

10.—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.

11.—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.

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

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

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

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

16.—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 the earth.

17.—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.

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

Order of Business.

1. Annual Introductory Sermon.
2. Call of the Association to order by the Moderator, if prdsent.
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 report 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 someone to preach the Introductory Sermon.
17. Appoint some one to have minutes printed.
18. Adjournment.

Statistical Table.

Churches	Post Office	Pastors.	Clerks	By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Letter	By Expulsion	By Death	Ord. Ministers	Licentiates	Church Days	Members
				Incr'd			Dec'd						
New Hope	Swain			1	2					4			36
Pleasant Gve	Harrison	I. D. Lamb	Artie Spurlock		4			1	1	1		1	24
" No. 2	Burlington		J. F. Edwards	13	2				2	1		1	42
Orion	Harrison	Ernest Rose	J. H. Pettit				9	1		1			79
Peel	Peel	R. W. Raley	T. H. Farmer	12	1		4		2				20
Big Springs	Monarch	R. W. Raley	S. C. Purdon	14						1			56
Prairie View	Harrison	M. E. Taylor		11	2		3		1				52
Bethel	Self	L. R. Capps	L. M. Pemberton	3		2	3	1					37
Flat Rock	Bellefonte		Mrs. Ema Hale	3		2						1	
Sugar Loaf	Lead Hill	J. Baker	M. L. Croswite	7	2	1	2		1	2			97
Valley Spgs	Valley Spgs	J. H. Klepper		11			4						33
Mt. Pleasant	Wayton		J. W. Taylor	1	1		2						40
Harrison	Harrison	D. H. Gill	H. D. Glass	12			13		1			4	85
Liberty 2	Harrison	J. H. Klepper	W. Baughman				2						17
Rock Spgs	Harrison	I. D. Lamb	Miss R. Brown	1	5		3	3	1	2			29
Grub Spgs	"	E. R. Staufer	F. W. Walker										21
Walnut Gve	"	L. R. Capps	J. E. McGinn	10	5		2	1					94
Oak Grove	Prosperity	W. S. Trout	E. Trentham	13	1								43
Oregon	Bergman	J. S. King	Alvin Taylor	18	2	1	1						47
Bellefonte	Bellefonte		J. D. Eagle	6	5		2			1			55
Union	Harrison	J. H. Klepper	Troy Eoff	2			1						48

Grub Springs Church has just been organized.

Contribution of the Churches.

Pleasant Grove:—Pastors Salary \$33.00; Orphans Home \$5.00; Minutes \$1.00; Total \$39.00. Pleasant Grove No. 2:—Minutes \$1.25; Total \$1.25. Orion:—Pastors Salary \$12.50; Minutes \$1.10; Association Mission \$10.45; Total \$24.05. Peel:—Pastors Salary \$8.00; Minutes \$1.00; Total \$9.00. Big Springs:—Pastors Salary \$14.00; Minutes \$1.00; Total \$15.00. Prairie View:—Pastors Salary \$40.25; Minutes \$1.00; Association Mission \$2.50; Buildings \$67.50; Sunday School \$10.00; State Mission \$6.00; College \$6.00; Total \$135.25. Bethel:—Pastors Salary \$24.00; Minutes \$1.00; Total \$25.00. Flat Rock:—Minutes 50c; Total 50c. Sugar Loaf:—Pastors Salary \$20.50; Minutes \$1.00. Valley Springs:—Pastors Salary \$35.00; Minutes 60c; Association Mission \$3.00; Buildings \$8.00; State Mission \$2.50. Mt. Pleasant:—Minutes 50c; Sunday School \$8.00; Harrison:—Pastors Salary \$500.00; Orphans Home \$57.00; Minutes \$2.00; Buildings \$108.00; Sunday School \$73.00; State Mission \$40.50; College \$142.20; Total \$1222.70. Alpena:—Minutes 75c. Liberty:—Minutes 50c; Association Mission \$8.75; State Mission \$3.50; College \$9.00; Total \$21.75. Hopewell:—Pastors Salary \$4.50; Minutes \$1.50. Rock Springs:—Pastors Salary \$10.00; Association Mission \$5.00; Buildings \$3.00; Total \$22.50. Grub Springs:—Minutes \$1.21. Walnut Grove:—Pastors Salary \$88.50; Minutes \$1.00; Association Mission \$12.00; Total \$101.50. Oak Grove:—Pastors Salary \$30.00; Orphans Home \$10.20; Minutes 60c; Association Mission \$8.00; Total \$48.80. Oregon:—Pastors Salary \$45.52; Minutes \$1.00; Association Mission \$2.00; State Mission \$1.00; Bellefonte:—Pastors Salary \$20.00; Orphans Home \$5.00; Minutes \$1.00; Sunday School \$12.00. Union:—Pastors Salary \$43.85; Orphans Home \$5.05; Minutes \$1.00; Association Mission \$4.00.