

MINUTES

— OF —

Concord Baptist Association

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held at Charleston Church

September 21st

1907

ELDER P. C. MAYS, Moderator

BROTHER JOHN E. TATUM, Clerk

BROTHER W. A. MAYFIELD, Treas.



NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD AT BOONEVILLE, ARK.,
Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1908.



MINUTES

Saturday, Sept. 21, 1907, at 10:00 a. m.

Met with Charleston church.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, P. C. Mays. The Clerk, John E. Tatum, being a few minutes late, Elder J. F. Brewer was appointed clerk pro tem. and assisted the clerk after his arrival

Prayer by W. E. Kimbrough.

Elds. F. F. Gibson, W. L. Puckett and J. T. Watson were appointed reading clerks.

A number of letters were read.

At 11:00 a. m. Introductory Sermon by Eld. H. L. Been. Text Phil. 1-27.

Prayers by Elds. W. L. Puckett and R. D. Boydston.
Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 1:30 p. m.

Continued reading letters.

Name of Pilot Grove church was changed to New Home.

Eld. J. W. Richardson and Bro. G. W. Hill were allowed to set their personal subscription to Associational Missions to the credit of their churches.

Roll was called.

Eld. P. C. Mays was elected Moderator and made a

short speech and prayer in accepting the position.

The entire ballot of the Association was cast for John E. Tatum for Clerk and W. A. Mayfield for Treasurer.

The point of order was raised by Bro. W. A. Mayfield that he was not a messenger; but the Association held that he was eligible to be elected.

Petitionary letters from Mountain View and Oak Valley were read and their Messengers seated.

Corresponding messengers from other associations:

Dardanelle, Eld. W. J. Pinkerton.

The Moderator appointed Elds. J. W. Richardson, J. F. Brewer, J. F. O'Neal and Bro. R. A. Rowe to assist him in making up the regular committees of the Association.

On motion took up the next order of business after the report of committees.

Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats: Elds. F. P. Turner, N. Marshall, H. E. Marsh and Bro. W. H. C. Ainley.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Appointment of Corresponding Messengers: Dardanelle Association, Bro. R. A. Rowe and Eld. P. C. Mays. Clear Creek, Eld. H. L. Been and Bro. R. L. Been. Buckner, Elds. J. N. Penington, J. C. Williamson, J. W. Richardson, Bros. D. M. Bryant, R. A. Rowe and John E. Tatum.

Had an interesting talk by Eld. Henry Karr and took a collection for him, amounting to \$38.00.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p. m.

Sermon by Eld. J. W. Richardson. Text Heb. 2-1, 2, 3.

Prayer by Eld R. G. Bower.

By request of Association Bro. Bower delivered an able and interesting address.

Adjourned until Sunday morning at 9:30. Dismissed by Eld. J. C. Williamson.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00.

The Moderator read 100th Psalm.

Prayer by Bro. Dixie Jetton.

There was much interest manifested in the Sunday School Mass Meeting, and the question was discussed by the following brethren: Elds. P. C. Mays, O. W. White, J. F. Brewer, J. W. Comer, Bros. Walter P. Wilson, H. A. Rowe and John E. Tatum.

11:00 a. m., sermon by Eld. F. F. Gibson. Text Jude 1-3.

Elds. J. F. Brewer, H. L. Been, J. W. Penington and J. S. Renfrow were appointed to take the collection for Associational Missions, getting \$32.72.

Adjournment to 3:00 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 3.00 p. m.

Bro. M. S. Buckley made an interesting talk on the early history and progress of the Baptists in Western Arkansas.

The annual temperance address was delivered by Eld. J. W. Comer, and the question was discussed by Elds. J. W. Richardson, J. F. Brewer and F. P. Turner.

Eld. Henry Karr thanked the brethren for their kindly remembrance of him in their liberal donation on yesterday.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer by Elds. J. O. Hill and J. W. Richardson.

Sermon by Eld. R. G. Bower, Text 1 Cor. 15-58.

Prayer by Eld. F. P. Turner.

Adjourned to 8.00 a. m. Monday.

Dismissed by Eld. O. W. White.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 8:00 a. m.

Moderator read First Psalm.

Prayer by Eld. H. L. Been.

On motion of Eld. F. F. Gibson Associational Missions was made a special order for 10.00 a. m. On motion Eld. F. F. Gibson the clerk be allowed \$10.00 and one thousand minutes be printed and distributed in proportion to membership.

Prayer by Eld. A. L. Brown.

On motion F. F. Gibson the report of the committee on foreign missions was made a special order for 11 a. m., and Eld. J. S. Compere, returned missionary from Africa, preached on the missionary work in that country.

Prayer by Eld. R. G. Bower.

Adjourned to 1:30.

Dismissed by Eld. N. Marshall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. J. S. Compere.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

First Baptist Church Fort Smith.....	\$100.00
Booneville	50.00
No. 2 Union Grove (\$5 pd).....	20.00
Harmony	10.00
Prairie View	30.00
Bonanza	10.00
Charleston	30.00
Bloomer	5.00
Mt Hope.....	25.00
Lone Star.....	10.00
No. 1 Union Grove.....	8.00
Sulphur Springs.....	00.00
Oak Bend.....	10.00
Mt Nebo.....	00.00
Burnville	5.00

Mt Zion.....	15.00
Oak Grove.....	40.00
Vesta.....	25.00
Glendale.....	10.00
Subrosa.....	00.00
Greenwood.....	30.00
Oak Bower.....	20.00
New Home.....	5.00
Nathan Keller (paid).....	5.00
G. W. Langston.....	5.00
Friendship Hall.....	0.00
L. D. Davis (paid).....	1.00
Branch.....	30.00
Spring Hill.....	10.00
Pleasant Valley.....	10.00
Cauksville.....	7.50
Pine Mountain.....	8.00
Rosville.....	10.00
Z. L. Wright (paid).....	1.00
Mountain View.....	50.00
Corrinth.....	5.00
Webb City.....	5.00
Oak Valley.....	00.00
Mrs. W. L. Puckett.....	2.50
Walter Wilson.....	5.00
B. Y. P. U. 1st C.....	10.00
Mrs. Raney.....	1.00
A. W. Head.....	2.00
C. F. Spiller.....	5.00
Daisie White.....	1.00
Total.....	802.00

The following preachers agreed to hold meetings: F. Gibson, C. L. O'Neal, P. C. Mayes, D. M. Bryant, J. O. Hill, A. L. Brown and J. W. Richardson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Charleston Saturday night, J. W. Richardson,
Branch tonight, W. E. Kimbrough. Urnula, J. W.

Comer. Sunday night, Prairie View, F. F. Gibson.
Committee

DIVINE SERVICE.

Charleston Sunday 11.00 a. m., F. F. Gibson. Charleston, Sunday night M. E. Church S., J. C. Williamson. Charleston Sunday night, R. G. Bower. Charleston Monday 11.00 a. m., Bro. J. O. Hill.

EDUCATION.

Baptists have ever stood for education. We have always been the friends of public education. Our forefathers were in the front of every movement for the betterment of our educational system. Baptist people have always been willing to put money, time and blood into the work of making our educational institutions the best to be found in the world. Baptists not only stand for education but they stand for Christian education. Man is a three part being and has not been properly educated until every part of his being has been trained and developed. There is no way to give to our young people complete training of the body, mind and heart except in our Christian schools. Our denominational schools and colleges stand for heart training and for the developing of our own young people as Baptists. We believe that to be our duty, and we believe that it is the greatest source of our power.

We urge our people to educate as far as possible. We also urge all our people to patronize our own schools and colleges in Arkansas. We would lay on the hearts of our people the responsibility of giving liberally of their means to establish and equip and maintain our schools at the highest possible efficiency.

FINDLEY F. GIBSON,
O. N. WHITE,
J. F. BREWER.

Discussed by Elds. F. F. Gibson, P. C. Mays, J. T. Watson, Bros. W. W. Rivers, President Central Baptist

Female College and H. W. C. Ainley, President of Buckner College.

Ten o'clock, the time for the special order of Associational Missions having arrived, on motion Bro. John H. Holland, Bro. Ainley's time was extended five minutes. On motion Bro. R. A. Rowe, Eld. H. Karr was allowed five minutes.

On motion Eld. F. F. Gibson's report on foreign missions was made a special order for 11:00 a. m.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The past year has witnessed the conversion of hundreds on the foreign fields. Never before perhaps in the history of christianity have the followers of Christ manifested such interest in the salvation of the heathen. We have missions in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. All of these are in a flourishing condition

God is the author of this work. He started it because he loved the world.

The work can but continue fruitful because we have the promised power of Christ behind the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Satan has done all in his power to oppose and retard the progress of this work, using ignorance, superstition and wickedness in the heathen lands and selfishness, negligence and other sins in Christian lands; so that today there are two thirds of the race groping in the darkness of sin. Yet in the past century we have made great advancement in missions and it has brought glorious results in foreign lands and blessed results in the church and Christian lands.

Statistics show that out of every \$50.00 given by our churches only \$1.00 is given to foreign missions and that at home we have one preacher to every 750. We have whole cities and territories in heathen countries without a gospel preacher. No voice warning them of the perils of sin and of an ineffable hell and no invitation to God through a loving Savior.

With these conditions before us does it not pain you to see how little Concord Association has given during the past year to this work. And does not the command of Christ, his promised strength, and the blessings of God in the past inspire and urge you to greater efforts in this cause?

We would recommend that no church however weak pass through another year without making an offering to this work.

J. O. HILL,
JOHN H. HOLLAND,
JNO. S. RENFROE,
JAS. FERGUSON,
J. J. PALMER,

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find that there is a vast amount of destitution in our bounds, a crying need for the preaching of the gospel of salvation to lost men and women. While we can not in this report picture to your minds the fields of destitution yet of our own personal knowledge they are great, therefore, we ought to arise in the spirit and power of our Lord and occupy those fields for we are able. While we recognize the fact that most of the churches of this association need more preaching than they are now getting; yet we think that in the wisdom of God we should now at this time concentrate our efforts in occupying those destitute fields.

Therefore we recommend that this Association either in session or by its executive committee employ a Missionary and put him in the field for his full time; and that his work be confined to the destitution and not to churches which have pastors. That collections and pledges be taken at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
H. L. BEEN,
C. H. THOMPSON,
O. H. RIPPY,
Z. L. WRIGHT,
JOSEPH HERRIMAN,

Discussed by Elds. H. L. Been and R. G. Bower.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The principles of teaching in vogue in our Sunday schools are as old as the commandments of the Lord. The devices of Satan are so many and various that it behooves us to be wide awake to the dreadful condition that exists and to labor to save the children from their fearful consequences.

That every church in this Association should have a Sunday School of its own, goes without saying.

We recommend and urge that our brethren organize and maintain a live Baptist Sunday School in every Baptist church in this Association.

C. F. SPILLER,
ARTHUR HILL,
W. R. POWELL,
J. A. CARTER,
NATHAN CARPENTER.

MEMORIALS.

The following brothers and sisters have died since our last Association:

MATTIE McCONNELL.
F. P. STITES.
P. G. BAYLESS.
STEVE GILBERT.
E. E. McCLENDON.
SABIE THOMAS.
JANE BARNARD.
HATTIE FOREMAN.
GROVER BEEN.
HENRY BROWN.
O. J. PENINGTON.
LEM GIBBS.
NIRVY EVANS.
MERTIE MITCHELL.
MARY M. BLAGG.
W. R. BRITTON.
W. N. BURK.
JOHN PRICE.
ASH O'BAR.
STYLES BELL.
ELLA O'NEAL.

Let us sympathize with the bereaved and appreciate the great life work of the departed, and say God bless the lives and characters of the deceased to the good of the living.

P. C. MAYS,
J. W. RICHARDSON,
R. A. ROWE,
J. F. O'NEAL,

PROHIBITION.

We thank God for the good work done through the power of Local Option. Its assets have proven inefficient to uproot or even sufficiently checkmate the pernicious results of the drink demon.

We believe prohibition to be the only complete remedy to eliminate the curse of the evils growing from the manufacture and sale of strong drink, therefore, as one step towards this: We recommend that the place of delivery be made the place of sale.

J. T. WATSON,
A. J. BOON,

NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Association meet with the church at Booneville in 1908.

We recommend that Eld. J. F. Brewer preach the introductory sermon. Alternate Eld. J. C. Williamson. Missionary sermon, Eld. F. F. Gibson, alternate H. L. Been. Temperance lecture Eld. P. C. Mays, alternate John E. Tatum. Executive committee: H. L. Been, F. F. Gibson, R. A. Rowe, J. W. Richardson and J. S. Jones.

The above report is concurred in by all the committee except that part which recommends place of meeting. Bro. Jones is for Spring Hill church for place of meeting.

D. W. BRYAN,
D. M. BRYANT,
J. F. O'NEAL,
J. S. JONES.

Discussed by Elds. J. F. Brewer, J. W. Richardson and J. T. Watson.

Report amended by putting Spring Hill in lieu of Booneville church. Vote by which amendment was adopted reconsidered and the original report adopted.

FINANCE.

Minutes.....	\$ 50.75
Orphan's Home.....	19.55
Foreign Missions.....	5.03
Associational Missions.....	151.19
Total	\$226.52

W. R. WILSON,
JOHN R. HART,
W. L. PUCKETT.

EXECUTIVE.

A short time after the adjournment of the last session of the Association, we employed Bro. J. W. Comer for all of his time to labor in the destitution of our bounds, at a salary of fifty dollars a month, and he labored ten months and has been paid in full.

Respectfully submitted
H. L. BEEN,
Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We learn from the report of last year, that the average salary of our pastors was \$76.00. We are glad to say our churches have paid their pastors more than this amount this year. Resolved,

First, That as it is taught in God's word that our pastors ought to be paid for their work, and that they should be separated from all secular business. that they may be able to devote their entire time to the work. See Romans 1-1 Separate to the gospel of Christ. Resolved,

Second. That a more practical and a more scriptural view should be taken at once, therefore, we recommend to our pastors that they educate their churches more on this great doctrin.

J. W. COMER,
L. ACUFF,
N. G. CUMBIE,
J. N. PENINGTON.

MISSIONARY.

Began work Nov. 1st 1907. Actual service 10 months; miles traveled 1197; sermons preached 145; religious visits 25; professions of conversion 47; baptized 25; received by letter 4; received by restoration 2; assisted ordaining deacons 2; assisted ordaining ministers 1; visits to sick 7. Money received on field.

Mt. Zion.....	\$ 20.83
Mt. Harmony.....	14.30
Oak Grove and Union Grove No. 2.....	37.70
Rosville.....	6.15
Total.....	<u>\$ 78.98</u>
From Treasurer.....	49.04
Pledges from churches.....	130.06
Personal pledges.....	<u>26.50</u>
Grand Total.....	274.58
	<u>6.67</u>
	\$281.25

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COMER,

Missionary.

ORPHANS HOME.

In the home at Montecello there are 75 children. The expense is about \$300.00 per month. The educational and spiritual conditions are good. The policy of the home is to take homeless and parentless children of all denominations and of no denomination and keep them in the home until eighteen years of age. Bro. F. P. Turner is financial agent and is pushing the work satisfactorily.

We recommend that this body together with the churches of the state, contribute liberally to the support of the home.

NATH. KELLER,

T. A. RIPPY,

A. L. BROWN,

MRS. M. L. MELTON.

TREASURER.

Received from all sources.....		\$333.85
Paid J. W. Comer.....	\$218.78	
Paid for Minutes.....	37.95	
Paid Orphans Home.....	2.50	
Paid Expense.....	.16	
Paid Foreign Missions.....	3.00	
Total	\$257.35	\$888.85
Total Amount on hand.....		\$76.00

W. A. MAYFIELD.
Treasurer.

WOMANS WORK.

Realizing that our Father hath a purpose in every life redeemed by His precious blood and that he has seen fit to give to woman as well as man His gracious salvation, we believe and heartily recommend to every Christian woman, that she show herself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

We wish to urge further that the sisters in every church see to it that the women of their church be organized at once into an Auxiliary that more effective work may be done in the Masters cause. An isolated worker may do much, but think sisters, how much more our united efforts will accomplish for the Lord.

We are only able to give a short tabulated report of work done during this year.

Greenwood Church Ladies Aid Society has given:

On new church house.....	\$500.00
On Foreign Missions and Pastor's Home.....	40.00
Total.....	\$540.00

Charleston Aid Society:

On Pastor's Home.....	\$25.00
Balance in Treasury.....	15.00
Total.....	\$40.00

Aid Society First Church Fort Smith:

Paid for Pastors' Home.....	\$200.00
Paid for Church Aid.....	351.30
Paid for Foreign Missions.....	13.75

Paid for Foreign Missionary Support	
of Miss Voorhies.....	50.00
Paid for State Missions.....	25.00
Paid for Montecello Orphans' Home.....	23.32
Paid for Lexington Ave. Church.....	105.00
Total.....	<u>\$768.37</u>
Number of Members.....	57

We, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Concord Association desire to state to the Association in session, that the sisters of this Association have organized themselves into a body that we may the better assist our brethren in the Lord's work and hereby ask that you recognize us and accept any aid we can give you.

MRS. M. L. MELTON,
MRS. NORA SPILLER,
MISS MAMIE BRYANT,
SISTER BOND.

The Auxiliary as per last part of report was duly recognized.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That we request the churches sending messengers to the Association next year to send those who will stay until the session adjourns.

FINDLEY F. GIBSON.

Resolved; that this Association tender its thanks to Charleston church and the citizens of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the messengers and visitors of this Association.

Resolved further: That the thanks of this Association be extended to Bros. P. C. Mayes and John E. Tatum, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of Moderator and clerk of this Association.

FINDLEY F. GIBSON.

LADIES AUXILIARY CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Art. 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Auxiliary of Concord Association.

OBJECT.

Art. 2. The purpose of this Auxiliary is to aid our brethren in all the causes fostered by our Baptist Churches.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 3. This Auxiliary shall be composed of one delegate from each local Auxiliary or Aid Society having fifty members or less. Each additional twenty-five members shall entitle the society to one additional delegate. The President of each local society and the officers of this body shall be ex-officio delegates.

OFFICERS.

Art. 4. The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding and Traveling Secretary.

MEETINGS.

Art. 5. This Auxiliary shall meet at the time and place of the Association.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. The duties of President shall be those usual to such office.

Sec. 2. The duties of Vice President shall be to act instead of the president in her absence.

Sec. 3. The duties of Secretary shall be to keep a faithful record of all proceedings of the meetings.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys belonging to the Auxiliary and shall pay same only as directed by the Auxiliary.

Sec. 5. The duty of the Corresponding and Traveling Secretary shall be to correspond with all societies organized in the Association and to travel in destitute places

stirring up interest among our women and organizing them into societies.

MRS. NATHAN KELLER,
MRS. M. L. MELTON,
MRS. J. N. PENINGTON,

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Ples., Mrs. M. L. Melton, Greenwood; Vice Pres., Mrs. Nathan Keller, Charleston; Sec'y., Mrs. B. W. Webb, Fort Smith; Treas., Mrs. C. F. Spiller, Vesta; Corresponding and Traveling Sec'y, Miss Mamie Bryant, Booneville.

On motion R. A. Rowe the Constitution was printed in the minutes of the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. C. Williamson, J. J. Hartsfield, Route 2, J. W. Comer, Route 1, H. L. Been, Route 1, J. E. Stone, Route 1, and T. A. Rippy, Greenwood. O. H. White, — J. T. Watson, Cauksville. P. C. Mays, Vesta. Henry Row and J. F. O'Neal, Etna. J. W. Richardson, J. N. Penington, A. L. Hall, G. W. Parks and W. E. Kimbrough, Booneville. James F. Brewer, L. J. Burt, Nathan Keller and J. K. Whelchel, Charleston. A. L. Brown, Lavaca. F. F. Gibson and F. G. Calaway, Fort Smith. C. J. Inkleberger, Effa. N. A. Williams, Denning. D. M. Bryant, Route 1 and J. L. Sykes, Boonville. R. D. Roydston, Barber. J. W. Renfrow, Rosville. S. B. Cole, Barling.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

M. F. Gothard, Lavaca. S. W. Williams, Booneville.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger.

ART. III. The officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. IV. SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

SECTION 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

ART. V. The object of this association shall be to promote Fellowship among the Churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the Churches, and to aid in this last object several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

ART. VI., SECTION 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but will act as advisory counsel whenever it shall be necessary.

SEC. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the Churches, 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.

ART VII. Newly organized Churches; or Churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messenger to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from the

Association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association, but any Church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

ART. IX, SEC. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this Committee shall be to superintend the Missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The Committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment said Committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

SEC. 2. The regular Committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance. Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphan's Home.

ART. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct Missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries, as means may allow, and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its treasurer out of any funds in its hands except the money sent for publishing Minutes of every annual meeting.

ART. XI. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI. Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

ART. XIII. 1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession.

Adopted in 1882.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3d. Missionary sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service Committee. Adopted in 1894.

4th. Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

5th. All moneys collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this Association.

6th. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers, and all ordained ministers belonging to said churches are Messengers without election. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger. Adopted in 1905.

7th. The Association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday. Adopted 1905.

8th. The Association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday. Adopted 1906.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, constituting the only all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, who, being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy

state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the conditions thereof are repentance and faith; the evidence thereof love to the brethren.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet statedly and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian Churches are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the Church as such in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. An introductory sermon shall be preached by a minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.

3. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator

to arrange and report the "Order of Business."

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote.

2. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

11. The appellation of 'Brother' shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to the other. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Reverend," "Parson," and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges 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.

14. Any person violating these rules may be re-proved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this association by a majority vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading church letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Roll call.
4. Election of officers by ballot.
5. Call petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of committee on Divine Service.
7. Call for Letters and Messengers from corresponding Association.
8. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Appointment of corresponding Messengers.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Calling for reports of committees.
13. New business.
14. Appointment of place for next meeting.
15. Reading the Minutes.
16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	SUPER., P. O., R. F. D.	SEC'Y, P. O., R. F. D.	Officers & Teachers	Classes	Pupils	Helps	Cost	Baptisms
Rosville								
Burnville	W O Reding, Burnville	Nannie Williams, Burnville	7	4	58	S B	1 75	1
Oak Valley			6	3	36	A B		
Lone Star								
Pine Mountain								
Charleston	D W Bryan, Charleston		7	4	60	A E	9 00	
Bonanza	D E Pritchard, Bonanza	Roy Crawford, Bonanza	9	6	65	S B	21 50	14
Mt. Zion	E Rains, Hackett Route 1	Miss Eddie Griffin, Hackett	6	3	49	A B	6 00	
Mt. Hope								
First Church Ft. Smith	R A Clarkson, Ft. Smith	J W Meek, Ft. Smith	24	21	368	S E	177 82	
Oak Bend	D Y Burk, Megg	J T Valentine, Megg	7	4	40	A B	3 25	
Center Valley								
Pleasant Valley	J E Andrews, Mixon	Ellen Wooldridge, Mixon	8	5	60	S E	1 50	18
Union Grove 2	J D Moore, Greenwood 1	Karl McClendon Greenwood 1	10	7	67	A B	8 00	
Branch	W A Mayfield, Branch	Nellie Abbernathie, Branch						
Prairie View	W R Powell, Etta		7	4	40	A B		
Caulksville								
Spring Hill								
Harmony	A J Boon, Greenwood 2	Ada Edwards, Greenwood 2	7	4	40	A B		
Van Buren								
Vesta	J F Spiller, Vesta	Ferra Bonner, Vesta	10	7	100		16 00	4
Oak Bower	J E Renfro, Lavacon	Malcy Cannon, Lavacon	9	6	85	A B	30 00	
Oak Grove	L Been, Greenwood 1	Pearl Joyce, Greenwood 1	8	5	75	A B		
Sulphur Springs								
New Home	W F Briggs, Etta	Ora McKenney, Webb City	7	4	45	A B	1 75	
Glendale	Leroy Bryant, Boonville	Addie Williams, Boonville	7	4	47	S B	5 00	
Boonville	J O Kincannon, Boonville	Nellie Ervin, Boonville	15	11	250	S B	59 57	
Bloomer	Joseph Herriman, Bloomer	Etta Rucker, Bloomer	7	4	55	A B	10 00	2
Greenwood	R A Rowe, Greenwood	Mrs Nora Withers, Greenwood	9	6	115		30 00	7
Mt. Nebo								
Mountain View								
Corinth								
Union Grove 1								
Webb City								
Total			170	112	1355		381 14 46	

CHURCH STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK, P. O., R. F. D.	Singing Days	GAIN		LOSS		Total Membership	MISSIONS			Orphan's Home	Deaf & Blind	Incidentals	Minutes	Building and Repair	Value Church Property	MESSENGERS													
				By Baptism	By Letter	Statement Restored	Died		By Letter	Associational	State								Home	Foreign											
Rosville	P C Mays	J W Renfrow, Rosville		6	4	2		34	5 00			12 50	50 00		1 00			W H Nichols, Frank Webb													
Burnville		Lovie Reding, Burnville		1	1			10	50	2 25		3 50	17 25		1 00	150 00		J L Padgett, J J Palmer													
Oak Valley	T A Rippy	J A Carter, Lavaca	3	5	2	2		15	1 50						95			J A Carter, William Carpenter													
Lone Star	W J Goff	Bird Newman, Burnville	4	6	3		1	51	5 00				40 00		1 00			J S Martin, N A Martin													
Pine Mountain	J N Penington	W H Carey, Leon		4	4		1	35	5 05				100 00		75			W R Duncan													
Charleston	Nathan Keller	J A Robertson, Charleston		11	9			3	95	20 00		3 00	200 00		1 50	400 00		D W Bryan, W W Streeter, J A Robertson													
Bonanza	O W White	M Ming, Bonanza		14	12			6 5	42	2 00			5 50	25 60	1 50	84 26	700 00	W J Ming, J H White, O W White													
Mt. Zion	J C Williamson	C A Edwards, Hackett 1							78	28 48		5 08	7 00	100 00	1 80	13 50		T L Skinner, Jas W Griffin, Mrs Lela Comer													
Mt. Hope		H M O'Neal, Peterpinder		1			2	3 1	77	20 00	5 25			40 00	1 80	650 00		H F Mosley, W K Jackson, H R Stroud													
First Church Ft. Smith	F F Gibson	John Ayers, Ft. Smith	all	47	41	3	4	53	7	490	75 00	511 75	181 70	503 15	50 40	1000 00	187 83	5 00	733 00	40000 00	F F Gibson, B W Webb, W P Wilson, W H Evans, J S Renfroe, Mrs Olive Webb										
Oak Bend	P C Mays	Anna Burk, Megg		16	2	1	1	1	68	5 00			1 75	5 00	60 00	1 90	6 30	600 00	Lee Terry, Jas Mantooth												
Center Valley	W J Goff	J H Griffin, Charleston 1	3				8		79	2 50					80			W H Gilliam, P Buckner, J H Griffin													
Pleasant Valley	Hall	B F Austin, Mixon		18	2	1	3	2 1	94	5 00			100 00		1 50		400 00	J F Porter, B F Austin													
Union Grove 2	A L Brown	Jeff McClendon, Greenwood 1		8	3		1	2	50	12 50			52 00		2 00			N G Cumbie, J B Ray, Maud Comer													
Branch	Nathan Keller	Roy Austin, Branch		2	3			1	97	20 00			4 00	100 00	1 50		1200 00	C H Thompson, Arthur Garrett, Nora Branch													
Prairie View	P C Mays	R D Hill, Efa		7		1	1	4	156	20 00			3 50	100 00	35 00	2 00	750 00	G W Hill, W E Adkins, W K Powell, Arthur Hill, M Z Brotherton													
Caulksville	J N Penington	O C Pascal, Caulksville	1	4	2	1	2	2	47	5 00	5 85	3 00	2 85	2 00	80 00	1 50		W L Puckett, O C Pascal, Mrs J T Watson													
Spring Hill	J F Brewer	J S Bullington, Barling		14	13	2			58	6 00			4 50	80 00	13 00	1 90	331 70	J S Jones, S D Cole													
Harmony	H E Marsh	J W Plunkett, Greenwood 2		1		4		7 1	47	14 30		5 25		50 30	1 75		300 00	A J Boon, J V Walraven													
Van Buren	J O Hill	W V Boatwright, Van Buren		18	14	1		12 1	115		75 00	80 00		60 00	80 00	45 00	10 00	J O Hill													
Vesta	Nathan Keller	T F Staton, Charleston 2		4			1	2 1	64	10 00		1 00	5 00	100 00	3 00	1 00	675 00	J E Carroll, Mrs Nora Spiller													
Oak Bower	A L Brown	M H Graham, Lavaca		19	5		2	4 5	157	10 00			9 00	65 00	80 00	1 50	150 00	1200 00	E E Thomas, J K Heyndon, Will Card												
Oak Grove	J C Williamson	J A Stewart, Greenwood 1		8	5		2	7	123	25 00			18 00	11 10	125 00	3 00			John H Holland, John R Hart, D H Stewart, Cleveland Davis												
Sulphur Springs	W J Goff	Arnes Oldham, Greenwood			7	1		4 2	40	5 00				60 00	1 00				James Ferguson, E M Golden, O H Rippy												
New Home	J F O'Neal	E W Pippin, E na	3	5	4	2	2	1 5	80	1 00				9 75	1 5	50 00	400 00	W F Bridges, E W Pippin, C F Partain													
Glendale	D M Bryant	Ulysses May, Boonville		16	16	1		5 5	100	5 00				50 00	1 00				S W Williams, Ulysses May, G T Dilda												
Boonville	J W Richard	G A Bryant, Boonville		67	54	6	1	4 1	246	26 60	6 15	24 00	12 00	10 00	100 00	29 47	3 00	95 70	2000 00	Mamie Bryant, Mrs J N Penington, Geo Parvin, T H Ward, Mrs T H Ward, Jennie Oathout											
Bloomer	A L Brown	Claude Jetton, Bloomer		2	1	1		12 2	67	5 10				80 00	70				Joseph Herriman, G T Card, J W Jetton												
Greenwood	J O Williamson	Chester Holland, Greenwood		17	2			2	104	25 00				80 00	2 05	2000 00	2000 00	R A Rowe, Mrs M L Melton, John A Sims, John E Tatum													
Mt. Nebo	N Forrester	I D Steelman, Greenwood 2					2	2	24	2 25					75				Z L Wright, J D Steelman												
Mountain View	N Marshall	ES Amos, Ione	4		4				18						50				E G Amos, B A Amos, J N Rowlet												
Corinth	J W Nobles	R A Patterson, Boonville		5	4		1	20	55	5 00				50 00	1 00		500 00	N A Carpenter, Mrs M A Carpenter, J T Mills													
Union Grove 1	M P Henry	I A Franks, Boonville		4	1	1		6 3	53	6 00					1 00				L Acuff, S K McCafferty, J C Ervin												
Webb City	P C Mays	J M Fuller, Webb City	2	4					13					50																	
Total				330	218	27	7	34	176	40	2922	280	53	604	00	288	700	550	53	189	70	4037	80	324	40	46	45	10930	75	50725	00