

**Proceedings**  
OF THE  
**Thirty-fourth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**FRIENDSHIP REGULAR**  
**Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

**Pine Bluff First Church**

**Jefferson County, Ark., September 15th, 1906.**

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.....OFFICERS.....

**J. H. W. OVERTON, MODERATOR.**

**J. W McPHERSON, CLERK.**

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# PROCEEDINGS

## FIRST DAY

## MORNING SESSION

Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened with First Church of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, Arkansas, in its Thirty-fourth annual session at 10 o'clock a. m., September the 15th. A. D, 1906.

Called together by singing. The Moderator called the body to order and requested Eld. John X. Smith to conduct Divine services; who read Luke II. Prayer by Prof. J. W. Conger. The Moderator then proceeded with the organization. The letters were called for and read by Bros. H. R. Lucas and U. W. Poss and names of Messengers enrolled.

Bethel No. 1—J W Brown, J D Ward, B F Moody.

Bethel No. 2—C L Tucker, A P May, G G Hobderfield.

Bethlehem—J W Fish, S B Owen, J R Grumbles.

Center—Letter, no messenger.

Cornerville—I Sackett, R G Reed.

Concord—W H Cash, Mable Cash.

Dumas—Not represented.

Enon Letter, no messenger.

Florence—Not represented.

Friendship—By letter.

Harmony—C A Fish, J M Jacks, W Z Stone.

Hickory Grove—M M West

Holly Springs—S J Fish, B F Carrington.

Lone Grove—W J Avens, W J Shoemake.

Macedonia—G A Riggins, Robert Puckett.

Mt. Zion—J E England, J A Preston, F C Taylor.

Mt. Moriah—Not represented.

New Home—W M Willis, M A Barnes, W M Rogers.

New Hope—T D White, J W Veasey.

Oak Grove—Z L Crawford, W D Reed, J E Gase.

Pine Bluff 1st—Ross Moore, H C Fox, U W Poss, W H Fox, Theo. Wolleman.

Pine Bluff 2nd—A O Edwards, S H Campbell, R M Ware, N F Penny.

Pleasant Hill—John X Smith, Henry Brockman, I V Myers.

Pleasant Home—W N Bridges, W M Ginnett, W T Laurane.

Pleasant Springs—J W McPherson, Thos. Rogers.

Pine Hill—Not represented.

Rison—J F Swanson, Browner Mosley.

Pleasant Ridge—J B Wilson, Charley Ross, J W Glover.

Salem—Not represented.

Star City—H R Lucas, A J Cockroft, E V Hellums, J F Grumbles.

Spring Hill No. 1—Not represented.

Spring Hill No. 2—Not represented.

Sulphur Springs—By letter, no messenger.

Tyro—H A Kimbro.

Zion—J H W Overton, O Arthur Steger.

11 o'clock A. M., the hour for the Introductory service, Bro. W. H. Cash (the appointee) filled the stand and preached a very instructive sermon, Text, Hebrews 11-33, after which the body adjourned to 1:30 P. M.,

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order promptly by the Moderator, and after prayer by Eld. John X. Smith: the remaining letters read and Messengers names enrolled. After which the Association permanently organized by electing Eld. J. H. W. Overton, moderator, and J. W. McPherson, clerk and treasurer. The Moderator called for Petitionary letters, none responded. The Moderator appointed as a committee on Divine Services Bros. Ross Moore, S. H. Campbell and the Deacons of this church.

The Moderator called for corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations. Bro. A. F. Willis responded from Columbia and J. A. Barnes from Pine Bluff Association. Called for returning messengers, B. F. Barnes and J. W. Fish to go Pine Bluff Association; W. H. Cash and B. F. Barnes to go to Judson Association; and Ross Moore to go to Caroline Association.

On motion, the report on Divine Services was read and approved.

### Committee on Education Appointed.

A. O. Edwards, W. H. Cash and J. F. Swanson were appointed a Committee on Education.

On motion, the Clerk of the Executive Board of Friendship High School was read and discussed in connection with the report on education.

### Report on Education

Your committee desires to submit the following: Education under Baptist auspices has made great progress during the past year. Our own academy at Star City under the leadership of Prof. Williams continues to gain strength. We refer to the report of trustees for definite data. The Ouachita Central system of colleges and academies enrolled last year about 1,500 pupils and has property valued at \$250,000. The academies are out of debt and very prosperous. There is yet some debt on Ouachita and Central colleges, and we are glad to note that the efforts of President J. W. Conger to raise money to liquidate these debts are succeeding. Both colleges are making great advancement and are a great credit to our denomination. They will be full of our young people this year. We should not fail to remember these schools at a throne of grace, that these young people may return to their homes and churches, not only stronger in mind but also in spirit. There were in Ouachita the past year 36 young minis-

ters. This number should be largely increased. Many of our young ministers are not enjoying the great advantages now open to them at Ouachita.

We must have well equipped men for our churches if we lead in the evangelization of the world. Let us not forget to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers, and not forget, also, that he expects them to make the best possible preparation for the work.

We, as Baptists, rejoice in all forward movements in all real educational work. But we believe that it is our special duty to hold up to the world christian standards in education. The Baptist colleges should spiritualize our educational ideals. All truth is God's truth, whether physical, mental or spiritual. Some schools may ignore the spiritual, and this gives an incomplete education. But Baptist schools must stand for all truth and a full and pure Gospel. Respectfully submitted, A. O. Edwards, Chairman.

### Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees of Friendship High School desires to make the following report: The past year's school work was quite satisfactory to the friends and patrons of the school. The increased attendance shows the steady growth it is making. The grade our pupils make in the Teachers Institutes show the quality of work being done.

Following the policy of the Board in the past, we again made some improvements, finishing and furnishing some more rooms, hence have not reduced the original debt but little. The Board, however, is of the opinion that unless there can be a sufficient sum raised to pay off the \$400 debt, borrowed money, that it will be not wise to make further improvements, but to apply all moneys pledged, or which may be pledged, toward the payment of the debt. This will, of course, hamper the school and retard its progress, and we trust that you will deal so wisely and zealously in your deliberations that we shall be able to remove all embarrassments. The following financial statement shows the receipts and expenditures for past year:

To Balance due as shown by last report	\$803.44
" Expense on Dormitory	161.87
	<u>\$965.31</u>
By Amount received since last report	\$227.21
	<u>Balance due</u> \$738.10

There has been about \$75.00 expended in building flues and fitting up another recitation room at the school building which was not a charge against the Board, the funds having been paid by the friends of the school in Star City and vicinity.

Prof. Williams has increased his faculty, and with the additional room we hope to have a successful term. We heartily commend this institution and urge upon you the importance of giving it your loyal support and earnest attention. that it may grow and prosper.

### Committees Appointed.

On motion the Moderator appointed the various committees as follows:

Foreign Missions--Ross Moore, M A Brown, J W Veasey.  
Home Missions--S H Campbell, J M Jacks, W M Willis.

State Missions--H R Lucas, Z L Crawford, W T Reed.  
 Associational Missions--A J Cockroft, Charles Ross, J B Wilson.  
 Publication--U W Poss, H A Kimbro, G T Lawrance.  
 Prohibition--B F Moody, W M Ginnett, J W Brown.  
 Nominations--H C Fox, J R Grumbles, S B Owen.  
 Condition of Churches--J F Grumbles, J E England, W J Avens.  
 Obituraries--J W Glover, J E Case, W M Rogers,  
 Orphans Home--John X, Smith, R M Ware, W N Bridges.  
 Sunday School--J F Swanson, T C Rogers, W H Fox.  
 Finance--S J Fish, N F Penny, Theo. Wolleman.

On motion, adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

7:30 p. m.. Called to order by the Moderator, prayer by B. F. Barnes. After the reading of the report on Education by A. O. Edwards and the report of the Executive Board of Friendship High School by E. V. Hellums, Clerk of the Board, and a very lengthy discussion, a collection was taken in cash and pledges for Friendship High School as follows:

### Subscription to F. H. S.

Ross Moore \$10, Emma England \$10. paid, Dr. Conger \$10., A F Willis 10., A O Edwards 5., W H Cash 10., H C Fox 10., J F Grumbles 5., G W Langford 5., S Fish 5. paid, J W Fish 5., M A Barnes 5., S H Campbell 10. Z L Crawford 5. paid, Ross Moore's class 10., J B Wilson 5. paid, C J Lake 5., H R Lucas 5., Miss Edna Lyman 5, J H W Overton 5. paid, E Ryland 5. paid, A S Trig 3. T T Daniels 3., F E Grumbles 3. paid T C Rogers 3., J E England 2. paid, Mrs. P E Leek 1., J J Horton 1. paid, Mrs. Lena Weaver 2., N F Penny 2., Addie Ruebuck 2., Mrs. J M Johnson 3. paid, T F Burks 5., J R Grumbles 2. paid,

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH.

Sunday 10 o'clock a. m. After prayer by Dr. Conger, a Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by J. F. Swanson which was a success.

11 o'clock a. m., the hour for the Missionary sermon, Bro. S. H. Campbell (the appointee) filled the stand and preached a very able and instructive sermon. Text Acts 16— 9 and 10.

### Orphans Home

Called to order at 2:30 p. m., and report on Orphans Home read by John X. Smith. Discussed and the following pledges taken.

Cornerville \$2.50, Harmony \$5., 1st Church Pine Bluff \$50.00, 2nd Church Pine Bluff 10., Pleasant Springs 5., Rison 10. Star City 25. Tyro 5.,

On motion adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

After services called to order to take pledges for Orphans Home.

Bethel No. 1 \$5., Bethel No. 2, 5., Concord 5., Hickory Grove, M M West 5., J T Miller 5., Holly Springs 5., Lone Grove 2.50, Mt. Zion 2.50, New Home 5., New Hope 5., Oak Grove 5., Zion 5., Mrs J B York (paid) 5.

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH.

Called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by J. W. Fish, after which the Clerk read the proceedings of this body for Saturday and Sunday which were corrected and approved.

The Moderator called for the reports of the Committees. Committee on Home Missions read by S. H. Campbell, chairman, and after discussion the report was sent back to the committee for amendment.

By motion all speeches limited to 15 minutes.

Committee on Foreign Missions report read by Ross Moore, chairman.

#### Foreign Missions.

This past year has witnessed great prosperity and advancement in the Foreign Mission work. Not only has there been a decided increase in giving, but also in workers and baptism. Over \$300,000 was contributed by our southern churches last year for the sustenance of this great work and our 500 workers report nearly 2,500 baptisms. New missionaries are constantly being sent out, but the great field is pleading for more laborers to help gather the gracious harvest. Brethren, never before has the work on the Foreign field been so encouraging as it is now. God is gloriously blessing our missionaries. Let us hear the call of God and do our duty. Let us pray that the day may soon come when on every christian banner within this association may be written "The World for Christ." He wants no less. He would have us reach out for "every creature" in "all the world" He knows what we have and what we need. Let us ask Him to open our eyes, our hearts and our hands. Let us all return to our different churches saying, "Lord forgive my past indifference and by thy help I will do better.

Ross Moore, Chairman.

#### State Missions

Committee on State Missions report read by H. R. Lucas, chairman.

Your committee reports as follows: We are profoundly thankful to God for the manifestation of his power, so generously poured out upon us during the past year. Missions is the all absorbing question that concerns us as God's servants, because it means salvation to a lost world; it means a higher civilization; a broader and more consecrated citizenship. Each day, month and year throngs of people are coming into our State, new towns are springing up, rapid strides are being made from a material stand-point that it behooves us to awake to a realization of the great duty God has laid upon us as Baptists to carry His message in its purity and power. Our Board and State Missionaries have done a good work the past year and large plans are being laid for the future. We should encourage this grand work by our prayers, our energies and our means. From an inspection of the letters sent up by the churches composing this association, we find that

14 have contributed the sum of \$932.67 while 12 have paid nothing. From the minutes of our own State Convention we find the following report:

Sermons and addresses, 8,330; conversions, 2,675; baptisms, 1,927; additions by letter, 1,049; additions by restoration, 164; churches organized, 18; Sunday schools organized, 78; money collected on field, \$18,879; missionaries giving more or less of their time 70; and by the General Association as follows: Sermons and addresses, 341; conversions, 112; baptisms, 59; additions by letter, 80; additions by restoration, 0; churches organized, 0; Sunday schools organized, 0; money collected on the field, \$1,689; missionaries giving more or less of their time, 7.

Therefore, brethren, let us go back to our respective churches and do more for the spreading of the Gospel throughout our State than ever before. And we pray God that before the convening of another association every church within our bounds will pay something for State Missions to help sustain God's servants while they are traveling the mountains and valleys preaching the unsearchable riches of God's love to a lost people.

H. R. Lucas, Chairman

### Associational Missions.

Associational Mission report read by A. J. Cockroft. and on motion, the Missionary report was read by A. F. Willis, Missionary of Friendship Association. Both reports discussed and approved and are as follows:

We your committee on Associational Missions submit the following brief report: That the work done by our present Missionary has been very gratifying considering the difficulties of the field, and limited time of three months actual work done. He reports 29 baptisms on the field. We recommend that this work be continued, and that Bro. Willis be continued in the work for at least 6 months at a salary of \$50 per month, and that our churches be urged to pay him whatever he may collect on the field and have it credited on his salary during the year. Also, that our messengers be asked to subscribe the amounts they think their churches can pay towards this work, this coming year.

Respectfully submitted

A. J. Cockroft, Chairman.

### Missionary Report

Days labored 81; sermons preached 87; Families visited 128; miles traveled 1,785; conversions 31; baptisms 26, families found without Bibles 18; homes supplied with Bible 2; Individuals supplied Bibles and Testaments 12; lectures delivered 19; tract pages distributed 1321.

To 1-2 month work May	\$25.00	By Amt'. from Bethel No 1	\$ 8.15
" 1-2 " " June	25.00	" " " Oak Grove	3.30
" 1-2 " " July	25.00	" " " Pleasant Ridge	3.50
" 1 " " August	50.00	" " " Treas. West	35.00
" 1-2 " " Sept.	25.00	" " " Center	9.60
	\$150.00	" " " Macedonia	2.15
		" " " New Hope	2.50
		" " " Clio	2.55
		" " " New Home	5.21
		" " " Zion	5.00
			<u>\$76.96</u>



### Pledges for Associational Missions.

Bethel No. 1 \$10; Bethlehem 25.; Center 10., Harmony 10., New Home 6., New Hope 5., Oak Grove 5., Pine Bluff 1st 25., Pine Bluff 2nd 25., Pleasant Springs 10., Hickory Grove 10., Rison 10., Star City 10.

Adjourned to 1-30 p. m.

1:30 p. m., called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by S. A. Ward.

### Nominations.

The following report of Committee on Nominations was read by H. C. Fox and approved:

Your committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following report: We nominate as Executive Board of this association as follows: Brethren B F Moody, H R Lucas, M M West W T. Reed and J W Fish.

We nominate as Trustees of Friendship High School brethren J F Grumbles, J W. Fish and E V Hellums for three years.

We nominate Eld. John X Smith to preach the Introductory sermon, and Eld. Ross Moore to preach the Missionary sermon.

We nominate Cornerville as the place for holding the next meeting of this association. Respectfully submitted H. C. Fox, Chairman.

### Prohibition.

The following report by the committee on Prohibition was read by B. F. Moody, discussed and approved.

We your committee on Prohibition report as follows: We believe the use of King Alcohol destroys lives and robs more mothers and children of their homes and happiness than all other disasters that is now in the world. By it many of our church members are dwarfed and they become stumbling blocks in the way of the unsaved, and for these reasons we believe that every church ought to withdraw from the social dram drinkers. In obedience to God's command, therefore, we recomend that every christian regardless of party or creed work for prohibition. Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Moody, Chairman.

### Home Missions.

Report on Home Missions read by Bro. S. H. Campbell was referred back to the committee which was called up later, discussed and adopted.

The Home Mission Board was organized by our fathers in 1845, and has, under God, grown to be the greatest agency for good among Southern Baptists. Its purpose has been from the beginning to reach every needy soul within its power; to enlighten and enlist our people in the cause of world-wide evangelization, and to lay a deep, broad and enduring foundation upon which future generations might build.

Year by year the work has grown in power and broadened in scope until we count all the states in the south east of the Mississippi River together with Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma in the great

southwest, and Cuba as the field of the Home Board.

The efforts of the Board have been to evangelize the mountain districts of Virginia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama; to give permanent aid to the negroes of the south; to strengthen the hands of the Baptists in this great southwest; to evangelize the Indians, and to save the people of Cuba. Through the aid of the Board many churches have been constituted, houses of worship built, schools established, and souls saved. In fact there is not a department of our work at home or abroad, that has not received impetus from our home Board. From the latest report of the Home Board we learn the following facts: There were employed last year 880 Missionaries, and these report 15,436 Baptisms; 12,178 additions by letter, making a total of 27,614 additions to the churches. There were 302 churches constituted; 201 houses of worship built and improved, and 541 Sunday schools organized.

No man can compute the good that has been accomplished, but there are yet great problems to solve. How to deal with the Negro race problem; to check the evil growing out of the influx of foreign immigration into the South and Southwest; how to meet the great demands that are daily confronting us in our congested cities, and in Cuba, are problems that are taxing the minds and breaking the hearts of Drs. Gray and Love.

Brethren, the material development of the South is taking on enormous proportions, and ere long our towns will be turned into cities, and the busy hum of factories will be heard the land over. Foreign immigration will flock to the South, and houses of worship must be erected and men and women prepared to meet this situation. And yet the destitution in the mountainous sections of our country cannot be neglected, nor can we turn a deaf ear to the piteous cries of the starving millions in this great Southwest and in Cuba, for this is but the voice and command of God, saying, "Do your duty." Cuba must be saved while the people are sick of Romish oppression, and before Rome can change her tactics, and lay her hand of power upon those people who are looking earnestly toward us for help.

At Chattanooga the board was asked to enlarge its work by adding the department of Evangelism which means an increase of \$25,000 more to be raised by Southern Baptists for this work. Dr. W W Hamilton, of Louisville, Ky., was called to this work, and has just entered upon his duties. In him we have a wise master-builder and a consecrated servant of God to lead us. With such men to lead us we can easily raise what the Board asks for and more if we will only give as the Lord has prospered us.

We wish to add that the General association of America at its last annual meeting appointed two missionaries to do work in America. They are brethren C R Powell, of the Arkansas Baptist, and J A Scarboro, of Georgia. They will make their first annual report at the next meeting of the General Association.

Brethren, the eyes of the world are on us and the Lord Jesus is looking to us to do this great work and we cannot afford to fail. Oh, let us do nothing of which we will be ashamed when we stand before Him to give account of our stewardship. Let us go up and in the name of the Lord possess the land.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam H. Campbell Chairman.

### Publications.

Report of committee on Publications read by U. W. Poss, Chairman.

We your committee on Publications offer the following report: We recommend the Bible as our guide, faith and practice, and admonish our brethren as did the Savior to search it daily. We recommend as good papers The Advance and Arkansas Baptist, both of which we believe are edited by good sound Baptist brethren. We recommend for the Sunday schools the Southern Baptist series and American Baptist series, and as good literature for the children, Kind words. Respectfully submitted.

U. W. Poss, Chairman.

### Obituaries.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read by J. W. Glover as follows:

By looking over the letters, we find that 28 of our members have died. Showing an increase of 8 more than was reported last year. We mourn our loss, but feel that our loss is their gain. We bow to the will of our Lord and God who doeth all things well. Submitted, J. W. Glover, Ch'r'm,

On motion of H. R. Lucas the following amendment to the above report was adopted:

That one hour be set aside at our next meeting for the purpose of holding memorial services in honor of our deceased brother J S Fish.

### Sunday Schools.

Report of Committee on Sunday schools read by J. F. Swanson and adopted.

We your Committee on Sunday schools beg leave to report: The condition of our Sunday schools is not what it should be. In examining the letters from the churches, we find 14 churches report schools with a membership of 1,203 scholars and 79 teachers. The remaining 13 churches report no school. Such is a very sad state to be in. Believing as we do that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church, as we are taught to train up the child in the way we desire it to go. If we are interested in the children, we will look after their interests, and as Baptists we ought to look after their spiritual interest. We would recommend to the association that they begin work along this line. That our Missionary be urged to work up the Sunday school. Wherever there is a church there ought to be a Sunday school. That the regular meeting of the Sunday school on each Sabbath day will be a great help to maintain a church in any locality.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. Swanson, Chairman.

On motion of H. R. Lucas, the report on Associational Missions was reconsidered and discussed by quite a number of brethren. It was amended by stating six months in the report.

### Finance.

Report of Committee on Finance read by S. J. Fish.  
Reports the actual cash coming into our hands for the different purposes

as follows: Minutes \$39.05; Orphans Home \$39.50; State Missions \$5.00; Home Missions \$3.85; Foreign Missions \$2.30; Total \$89.70.

Respectfully submitted, S. J. Fish, Chairman.

### State of Churches.

The following report on the state of the churches was read by W. J. Avens:

Your Committee on the State of the Churches submit the following report: There has been during the year added to the churches by baptisms 180, an increase over last year of 95; by letter 152; by restoration 13. The churches have decreased in the last year by dismissions 60; by exclusion 10; by death 25.

J. F. Grumbles, Chairman.

### Executive Committee.

We your Executive Committee submit the following report: We met on the fifth Sunday in October 1905 and proceeded to organize by electing Bro. J W Fish, chairman, and M M West, secretary and treasurer. Having no pledges from the churches; requested the Pastors present to see their churches and report to our Secretary what they would pay for Associational Missions. Our next meeting was at Tyro at which time the Board employed Bro. A F Willis at a salary of \$37.50 per month for 3-4 time, and he began work on the first of May; and for work done we refer you to his report. His salary has been paid in full and a balance left in the treasury of \$60.52. Respectfully submitted. J. W. Fish, Chairman.

M. M. West, Secretary.

### Amendment to Constitution Submitted.

Be it resolved: That Saturday night during the sitting of this Association be set apart for the consideration of Associational Missions.

John X. Smith.

### Resolutions.

The following resolutions by John X. Smith were adopted:

Resolved 1st: That this Association extend their appreciation and thanks to the Pine Bluff 1st. church for their unexcelled and hospitable entertainment of this body.

Resolved 2nd: That our faithful and efficient Clerk be allowed the sum of \$15.00 for his services, and that the remaining Minute Fund be used in printing the minutes of this association and that they be sent to each church, pro rata, according to the amount of money paid in by the several churches.

### Adjournment.

On motion, the association adjourned to meet with Cornerville Baptist church, Lincoln County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m.

While singing a song the parting hand was extended amid joy and many good byes. Thus ended a very nice, sweet prosperous and harmonious session.

J. W. McPherson

J. H. W. Overton,

Moderator,

Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

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1 This confederation of churches shall be known and called by the name of "Friendship Regular Baptist Association."

2 The object of this association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth by the preaching of the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior; by aiding in the support of missionaries who first have been called of God to preach the gospel, and who feel impressed of the Spirit to do mission work and have been set apart to that work by the church to which they belong, (Acts 13: 2-3); and by the universal spread of the Bible, the word of the true and living God and by other appropriate means in keeping with the Scripture.

3 The association shall consist of messengers from the churches now forming this union, and such other Baptist churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4 Every church shall be entitled to three representatives without regard to the number of their members respectively; and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty, provided: that no church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5 The officers of this body shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be ex-officio treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties usually devolving on such officer, and to continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6 The clerk shall preserve a regular record of the association and have it present at the meeting of the body, and when he vacates the office deliver the same with all other books and papers relative to said office to his successor.

7 The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all internal affairs and to exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them. Nevertheless, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches and have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body; by becoming either heretodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give, at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information when sought, to any church connected with it.

8 The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in September in each year and not to adjourn until all the business shall have been regularly finished except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

9 Baptist churches not before united in the association or those dismissed from other associations may be admitted as members into this union on application by a written petition or letter presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by such church or churches; provided, that they give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith and practice.

10 Every Minister of the gospel, either ordained or licentiate, whose

membership is in or who may be a pastor of any church belonging to this association shall be ex-officio a member of this body with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not voting unless specially delegated by the church of which he is a member.

11 When in session the association shall be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt itself.

12 It shall be the duty of the churches respectively, annually to report to the association their general condition, the number of members in fellowship, the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, dead, amount paid pastor in value during the year, and the names and post office address of all ministers, whether ordained or licensed designating each, and, also the name and address of their clerks. They shall also report on any special matters required, and send up contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

13 The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a messenger or messengers in the association for three consecutive years shall be cause to withdraw from the churches at the discretion of the association.

14 This association may correspond, by letter and messenger, with any other religious body of the same faith and order.

15 A board consisting of five members any three of whom to constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the association, and the officers of this association shall be ex-officio members of the board.

16 The minutes of the association shall be publicly read and corrected, if necessary, and then signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

17 Any amendment may be made to this constitution at any meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided the same shall have been published in the minutes of the preceding year.

### Ordained Ministers

Ross Moore	Pine Bluff	S L Pine	Foreman	J H W Overton	Toledo
S H Campbell	"	B F Barnes	Toledo	A J Cockroft	Star City
I M Ashcraft	"	W H Cash	"	S A Ward	Randall
W C Kimbr	Tyro	John X Smith	Garnett	J W Fish	Palmyra
A C Rogers	Foonyville	J B Haroldson	Brookside	J A Preston	Kedron

### Treasurer's Report

To Cash received from all sources \$91.20

#### DISBURSMENTS.

Orphan's Home	\$39.50
Foreign Missions	2.30
Home	3.90
State	5.00
Clerk's Fee	15.00
Stationery	1.00
Printing Minutes	24.50

Total \$91.20

J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Ex-Officio Treasurer.

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES	No. Schools	Teachers and Officers	No. Scholars	Literature	Superintendents	Post Offices
Bethel No. 1	1	7	40	A. B. P. S.	B F Moody	Rison
Bethlehem	1	4	66	"	Wm. Sackett	Palmyra
Concord	1	4	52	"	J H Cash	Toledo
Cornerville	1	3	30	S. B. C. S.	C F Micham	Cornerville
Harmony	1	6	35	Testament	C A Fish	Pine Bluff, R F D 2
Hickory Grove	1	3	25	A. B. P. S.	T J Bailey	Rest
Oak Grove	1	6	40	"	R L Ryburn	Calmer
Pleasant Home	1	5	43	"	J D Kelley	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge	1	6	42	"	J W Glover	Faith
Pine Bluff 1st.	1	22	432	S. B. C. S.	U W Poss	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 2nd.	1	10	183	"	J E Daniels	"
Rison	1	5	67	"	J F Swanson	Rison
Star City	1	7	60	"	E V Hellums	Star City
Tyro	1	4	68	A. B. P. S.	T S Tiner	Tyro

Churches. Pastors. Clerks and Postoffices.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Bethel No. 1		W L Moody	Rison
Bethel No. 2	W H Cash	J E Hunter	McKinney
Bethlehem	J W Fish	J A Owen	Palmyra
Center		J E Roberts	Calmer
Cornerville	A J Cockroft	C W Moran	Rest
Concord	W H Cash	Minnie Lane	Toledo
Dumas			
Enon	Clark Sims	W E Reynolds	Rye
Friendship		W J Harris	Randall
Florence			
Hickory Grove	A J Cockroft	T J Bailey	Rest
Holly Springs	John X Smith	L F Johnson	Garnett
Harmony	W H Cash	H C Hunt	Pine Bluff R F D 2
Lone Grove		R K Mullikin	Feenyville
Mt. Zion	J H W Overton	F C Taylor	Randall
Mt. Moriah			
Macedonia	J A Preston	J L Riffin	Rowell
New Hope		T D White	Calmer
New Home	J W Fish	W M Willis	Glendale
Oak Grove	J W Sims	O F Reed	Calmer
Pine Bluff 1st	Ross Moore	Thos. Green Sr.	Pine Bluff
" 2nd	S W Campbell	Elmo Marsh	"
Pleasant Hill	John X Smith	C H Brockman	Edlill
" Ridge	J H W Overton	J B Wilson	Faith
" Springs	John X Smith	J W McPherson	Coleman
" Home	E F Aplin	J B Murdock	Double Wells
Pine Hill			
Rison	M W Whayne	E W Emerson	Rison
Salem			
Spring Hill No. 1			
" 2			
Star City	A J Cockroft	J G Atkinson	Star City
Sulphur Springs	J B Haroldson	H G Hanna	Pine Bluff R F D 1
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