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STATE OF ARKANSAS, County of Garland, October 17th, 1890.

A convention of delegates from the following Missionary Baptist Churches, to-wit: Buckville, Bethel, Cedar Glades, Mt. Tabor, White Plains, Rock Springs, Concord, McClendon Springs and the Second Hot Springs met with Mt. Tabor Church for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Baptist Association.

The Convention was organized temporarily by electing Elder E. P. Chitwood, Chairman, and H. H. Williamson, Secretary.

A committee on credentials was appointed by the chair, of Brothers James Crofford, M. C. Melton and Bart. Neal, who reported the following churches represented by delegates: Buckville, H. H. Williamson, W. M. Howel, and John Ryan; alternate, J. H. Chew: Bethel, Elbert Vaughn, J. M. Crofford and John Crofford; alternate, J. W. Crofford: Cedar Glades, Bart. Neal, A. Roper and G. W. Sharp: Concord, C. A. Collum, J. Curl and W. B. Roberts; alternate, Stokes: Mt. Tabor, M. C. Melton, W. S. Gamble, J. M. Hicks and S. E. Chote: White Plains, W. D. Glaspie, W. L. Glaspie, Z. T. McGuffey; alternate, T. B. McElroy: Rock Springs, J. J. Adams, W. R. Adams and S. M. Adams: Second Hot Springs, Elder J. M. Haycraft, McClendon Springs; Elder C. W. Harvey.

The above report adopted; and the chairman announced a permanent organization in order. By motion the convention adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m. 18th, 1890.

At 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday, the Convention was called to order by the chairman reading the 5th chapter of Romans; prayer by Bro. John Crofford. A permanent organization was perfected by electing Elder E. P. Chitwood moderator, and Bro. H. H. Williamson, Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator then announced the body ready for the transaction of business.

Several names were proposed for the Association; it was unanimously agreed to be hereafter known by the name of "The Buckville Missionary Baptist Association." The Association adopted for its Constitution, that of the Saline Missionary Baptist Association. The Association adopted the following articles of Faith:

1 We believe in one only true and living God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2 We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revelations of God. That the New Testament is our only rule of Faith and practice.

3 We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the soul unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4 We believe in original sin, by the fall of Adam.

5 We believe in man's incapacity by his own freewill and ability to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6 We believe that the saints are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

7 We believe that the Saints will be preserved in Grace, and never fall finally away.

8 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of

Jesus Christ, that believers are the only proper subjects of Baptism, and that Immersion is the apostolic mode.

9 We believe in resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the reward of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10 We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the Imposition of the hands of a Scriptural Presbytery.

11 We believe that none but regularly Immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.

12 We believe that the Lord's day should be kept as a day of rest and devotional exercises.

The following rules of decorum were unanimously adopted:

1 The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2 The officers of this Association shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3 The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4 A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but not thereafter.

5 But one member shall speak at a time; who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and on obtaining leave shall proceed.

6 The Moderator when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7 No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator, except for information. Ever motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the motioner by consent of his second.

8 Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is taken up.

9 When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

10 A member to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11 No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken. nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject, until the debate has been carried through.

12 The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their address, one to another.

13 The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

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

15 The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as another member, provided he calls another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject, except the Association is equally divided.

16 These rules may be amended at a regular meeting of the Association, by two-third majority of the members present.

17 Any member violating these rules may be reprovod by the Moderator the same day but not thereafter.

The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for and read by Bro. J. M. Powers, and names of delegates enrolled.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Buckville; H. H. Williamson, W. M. Howel and John Ryan.
 Bethel; E. Vaughn, James Crofford and John Crofford.
 Cedar Glades; Bart Neal, A. Roper and G. W. Sharp.
 Concord; C. A. Collum, J. Curl and W. B. Roberts.
 Mt. Tabor, M. C. Melton, W. S. Gamble, J. M. Hicks and S. E. Chote
 McClendon Springs; C. W. Harvey.
 New Prospect; J. M. Hurst.
 Second Hot Springs; J. M. Haycraft.
 Rock Springs; J. J. Adams, W. R. Adams and S. M. Adams.
 White Plains; W. D. Glaspie, W. S. Glaspie, Z. T. McGuffey and

T. B. McElroy.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on preaching, Z. T. McGuffey, C. A. Collum and S. E. Chote.

The Association took a recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. John Crofford. The following committees were appointed:

On Home Mission; J. J. Adams, T. B. McElroy and G. W. Sharp.

On Sabbath Schools; W. S. Gamble, C. A. Collum and S. M. Adams.

On Finance; John Crofford and W. S. Glaspie.

On Documents; John Crofford, M. C. Melton and Z. T. McGuffey.

On Ministerial Education; W. S. Gamble, J. M. Hicks and G. W. Sharp.

On Religious Literature, J. M. Haycraft, J. J. Adams and C. W. Harvey.

On motion of Bro. Haycraft, the naming of the Association was reconsidered. The names of Hot Springs and Buckville were put in nomination, the body choosing that of Buckville by a majority of votes.

On motion the Association chose Friday before the second Sunday in October, of each year for its time of annual meetings. The next annual session is to be held with the Buckville Baptist Church, commencing Friday at 11 o'clock, a. m. before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

Elder W. S. Gamble was appointed by the Association to preach the introductory sermon at its next meeting. Elder M. C. Melton, alternate.

Brother S. M. Adams was granted leave of absence.

The Association adjourned at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by J. M. Haycraft.

At 7:30 p. m. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother James M. Crofford. Reports of committees called for.

Committee on Home Mission was read and adopted. See appendix A.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature, read and adopted. See appendix B.

Report on Sabbath School read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education, read and adopted. See appendix D.

Report of Committee on Documents, read and adopted. See appendix E.

Report of Committee on Finance, read and adopted. See appendix F.

By motion the body ordered two hundred copies of the minutes published and distributed among the churches by the Clerk. On motion the Moderator appointed H. H. Williamson, G. W. Sharp, C. A. Collum, J. M. Hicks and J. M. Crofford as a Missionary Board for this Association.

By motion the Moderator appointed John Crofford and J. M. Crofford as delegates to the Dardanelle Association.

C. W. Harvey and Z. T. McGuffey, delegates to the Saline Association.

H. H. Williams and E. P. Chitwood delegates to the Cado River Association.

J. M. Haycraft delegate to the State Convention.

By motion the Association tendered its thanks to the brethern of Mt. Tabor Church, and community for the hospitable, kind and brotherly manner in which they entertained the body during its session.

The Association by motion, tendered its thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the efficient manner in which they served the body.

The Moderator announced the work of the body complete. A suitable hymn was sung and the parting hand given. Peace, harmony and love prevailed. The Association was closed by prayer by M. C. Melton.

ELDER E. P. CHITWOOD, Moderator.

Attest: H. H. WILLIAMSON, Clerk.

P. S.—Next session of this body will be held with the Buckville Baptist Church, commencing Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

The Missionary Board is to meet at Buckville on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1891.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. M. Haycraft, Hot Springs Post Office.

C. W. Harvey, Hot Springs Post Office.

J. J. Adams, Cedar Glades Post Office.

John Lanier, Gladstone Post Office.

M. C. Melton, Gladstone Post Office.

A. H. Armstrong, Aly Post Office.

W. S. Gamble, Gladstone Post Office.

H. A. Beloit, Cedar Glades Post Office.

LICENTIATES.

M. M. Blocker, jr., Cedar Glades Post Office.

Jas. B. Adams, " " " "

James Sharp, " " " "

John Crofford, Ony " " " "

S. E. Chote, Gladstone " " " "

Appendix "A."

HOME MISSION.

We respectfully submit the following in view of the destitute condition throughout this county, on account of a want of more laborers in the vineyard, we would recommend the employing of a missionary for at least two months time, to preach within the bounds of this Association, and that the pastors of the different churches throughout this Association give at least one Sabbath in each month in preaching to the people that have not the Gospel.

J. J. Adams.

Appendix "B."

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Religious Literature, make the following report: We recommend that our churches buy their Literature from Baptist houses, giving our own state the preference, to-wit: The Arkansas Baptist Book

House of Little Rock. We recommend our State Paper, the Arkansas Baptist, and the Bible to be read and studied daily.

J. M. Haycraft.
C. W. Harvey.

Appendix "C."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following: We are glad to report that some have taken an interest in Sunday Schools, yet we want more interest, zeal and effort in this grand and glorious work, we do not believe we have the interest in this work that should characterize the true lovers of the Lord, Jesus Christ. God in His word has not only provided for the religious training of the young, but urged his people to bring them up in the way they should go. We believe that the Sunday School is God's plan of teaching the wonderful truths of the Gospel, not only to the children, but the whole church. We do not believe that any member of the church can truly discharge his or her duty, who will not engage in the Sunday School work. Therefore we recommend that our pastors preach at least one sermon every year to each of their churches, urging and pressing this great interest. Respectfully submitted.

W. S. Gamble.
C. A. Collum.

Appendix "D."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education offer the following report: We find that many isms and cisms, are coming into our country, which are at variance with the teachings of God's word. In order to meet and refute these the minister must study to show himself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. As a soldier, he must learn to command, and obey, taking upon him the whole armor of God, having his feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; his loins girt about with truth, putting on the breastplate of righteousness, and the helmet of Salvation; taking the shield of faith, and sword of the Spirit which is the word of God; he must march forth to the conflict with principalities, and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places, heeding the commands of the Great Captain of Salvation. As an ambassador for Christ, the minister must go forth with the word of reconciliation, bearing the message of pardon and peace to lost souls, in the rebellion against heaven's King, knowing the terror of the Lord at His coming, to evil doers; he must plead with them earnestly to flee the wrath to come. Therefore we recommend that our young ministers educate themselves to the very best of their abilities.

W. S. Gamble.
J. M. Hicks.
G. W. Sharp.

Appendix "E."

ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents submit the following as our report: We have examined the letters from the different churches, and find that peace, harmony and great prosperity prevails almost throughout our bounds; to God be all the praise. We recommend that each church keep up a regular prayer meeting. Respectfully submitted.

James M. Crofford, Chairman.

Appendix "F."

ON FINANCE

We your committee on Finance submit the following report, to-wit:

The amount set opposite the names of the several churches for printing minutes:

Buckville,.....	\$1 50.	Cedar Glades.....	\$2 00
Mt. Tabor,.....	2 50.	Bethel,	1 20
Second Hot Springs.....	1 50.	McClendon Springs.....	1 50
Concord.....	2 50.	Rock Springs.....	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	20.	White Plains.....	1 50
		Donation.....	6 70

Total,.....\$22 10

J. M. Crofford, Chairman.

We your committee on preaching submit the following: Friday at 11 o'clock a m Elder E. P. Chitwood, from Eph. 2d chapter. At 7 o'clock p m Elder J. M. Powers, from John, 5 ch. 16 verse. Saturday at 11 o'clock Elder J. M. Haycraft, 1st cor 3 ch 11 verse. At 7 p m Elder C. W. Harvey, Romans 7 ch 25 verse. Sunday at 9 o'clock, Elder E. P. Chitwood, Cr., 24th chapter, 48 verse. 11 o'clock Elder J. M. Haycraft, 1st chapter John.

C. A. COLLUM.
Z. T. McGUFFEE.
S. E. CHOTE.

Partial Statistical Table, Several Churches Failed to Send Full Statement.

No. of Church.	Name of Church.	Name of County.	Received			Dismissed			Total in Fellowship, Sunday Meeting.	Names of Pastor.	Name of Clerk.	Post Office.	No. of Ordained Ministers	No. of Licentiates.	For Minutes.
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Recommendation	By Letter.	Exclude L.							
1	Buckville.	Montgomery.	1	...	2	...	...	15	1	E. P. Chitwood.	H. H. Williamson ...	Buckville, Ark...	...	...	1.50
2	Bethel.	Yell.	3	...	3	5	...	35	2	W. F. Smith.	J. M. Crofford.	Onyx, Ark. ....	...	...	1.20
3	Cedar Glades. ...	Montgomery. ....	...	...	2	...	...	35	2	M. C. Melton.	E. G. Neal.	Cedar Glades.	1	...	2.00
4	Concord.	Montgomery.	6	...	...	...	...	33	...	M. C. Melton.	W. B. Roberts.	Aly, Ark. ....	...	...	2.50
5	Second Hot Springs...	Garland. ....	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	J. M. Hayercraft.	T. J. Estes.	Hot Springs, Ark.	1	...	1.50
6	McClendon Springs...	Garland. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C. W. Harvey. ....	...	Hot Springs, Ark.	...	...	1.50
7	Mt. Tabor.	Garland. ....	...	...	...	...	...	46	3	M. C. Melton.	F. M. Ratcliff.	Gladstone, Ark...	2	1	2.50
8	Rock Springs.	Garland. ....	...	...	...	...	...	40	1	J. J. Adams. ....	...	Cedar Glades, Ark	2	2	1.00
9	White Plains.	Montgomery. ....	...	...	...	...	...	22	2	M. C. Melton.	Z. T. McGuffey.	Buckville, Ark ...	...	...	1.50
10	New Prospect.	Garland.	1	3	...	3	...	14	1	John Lamer.	James Hurst.	Gladstone, Ark...	1	...	...