

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Crooked Creek Association
OF
Missionary Baptists
FOR 1914.

FIRST DAY,

10:00 A. M. SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 1914.

The Association convened with Big Springs Church with Elder R. W. Raley, acting moderator and Frank Kindall as Clerk.

Songs:—"Sweet Bye-and Bye" and "There'll Be Joy in Heaven."

Elder A. M. Crain appointed to assist in the delivery of the introductory sermon.

Song:—"Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Elder J. A. Thornton.

Songs:—"Nearer My God to Thee" and "Stand Up for Jesus."

Reading Lesson.—Romans 1.

Prayer by Elder W. F. Graham.

Song:—"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

11 A. M.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. S. Troutt. Text, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16.

Song:—"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Response, by Elder A. M. Crain.

Adjournment, to meet at 2 p. m.

2 P. M.

Song:—"How Firm a Foundation."

Reading of Psalm 110 by Elder O. C. Hefner.

Prayer by Elder J. Baker.

Call for letters, and received letters from twenty-two churches. (See statistical table).

Call for newly organized churches.

Call for letters from other associations and received New Prospect church by letter from White River Association, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship.

Elders A. M. Crain and J. H. Klepper appointed as reading clerks, who proceeded to read letters, and messengers were enrolled. (See statistical table).

Election of officers as follows :

Elder W. S. Troutt, Moderator and Frank Kindall, as Clerk and Treasurer.

Call for corresponding messengers from other associations, and received W. R. Jones and Bro. Dillahunty from White River Association and Elder J. A. Thornton from Taney Association.

Appointment of committee on Divine service as follows: J. F. Pruitt, Marion Long, and messengers of Big Springs church.

Call for reports of corresponding messengers to other associations—Elders J. H. Agee and O. C. Hefner made report of their failure to attend Carroll County Association and was excused.

Call for volunteers to attend other associations, and Elders J. H. Klepper and R. S. Biggs volunteered to attend White River Association, and Elder O. C. Hefner, A. C. Buckley, Mrs. N. G. Crain, G. W. Beason and wife and J. L. Dotson volunteered to attend Taney Association, and D. C. Wood and W. M. Robertson volunteered to attend Carroll County Association.

Reading of constitution and rules of decorum by Clerk.

Call for visiting ministers and the following were enrolled—R. W. Raley, A. M. Crain, L. Cagle.

Report of committee on Divine service. (See report).

Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. F. Graham.

7 P. M.

Devotional services.

7:30 P. M.

Sermon by Elder A. M. Crain on the subject of "Evangelism." Conclusion by Elder J. H. Klepper. Services being over, the Moderator appointed committees, as follows:

Foreign Missions.—Elder O. C. Hefner, Frank Wallis and D. C. Wood.

Home Missions.—Elder W. F. Graham, Wes. Bestrears and J. Sam Raynor.

State Missions.—Elder J. H. Agee, W. V. Ryan and G. W. Casey.

Association Missions.—Elder J. H. Klepper, J. H. Gatlin and Crayton Pottenger.

Orphans' Home.—Elder Mrs. Joe Daniel, Mrs. G. W. Beason and Miss Helen Martin.

Sunday Schools.—Elder L. H. Crawford, D. A. Brown and Wes W. Hudson.

Temperance.—Mrs. W. F. Graham, Grace Crawford and V. P. Farmer.

Christian Education.—Elder R. S. Biggs, Joseph Daniel and C. A. Buckley.

Woman's Work.—Elder J. H. Agee, Mrs. M. B. Hill and Mrs. Maude Tye.

Christian Literature.—Elder J. Baker, J. F. Pruitt and L. M. Murray.
Obituaries.—A. R. Capps, Gus Roberts, Marion Dotson.
Finance.—Vern Logan, J. B. Farmer and K. Morris.
Queries.—John Smith, Will Brady and I. L. Mefford.
Resolutions.—Elder J. H. Klepper, L. M. Murray and Marion Long

Sunday.

9:30 A. M.

Devotional services.

11 A. M.

Sermon by Elder J. H. Agee. Text, "What is that in thy hand? And he said 'A rod.' Exodus 4:2. Response by Elder J. Baker.

2:30 P. M.

Devotional services.

3 P. M.

Sermon by Elder R. W. Raley. Subject—"Gospel Faith and Practice." Response by Elder O. C. Hefner.

6:30 P. M.

Devotional service.

7 P. M.

Sermon by Elder J. A. Thornton from St. John 14: 1-3
Concluded by L. Cagle.

Monday.

8:30 A. M.

Song—"How Firm a Foundation" Scripture reading, Ephesians 4:1-16. Prayer by Elder J. Baker. Song, "What Can Wash Away My Sins?"

Reports called for as follows:

Foreign Missions.—Discussed and adopted (See report).

Home Missions.—Adopted after discussion (See report).

Christian Literature.—Adopted without discussion. (See report).

Christian Education. Discussed, amended and adopted. (See report).

Temperance.—Adopted after much discussion. (See report)

Association Missions—After discussion, was adopted and the following brethren were elected to serve the coming year as the Association Mission Board—Elder W. S. Troutt, Elder W. F. Graham, Frank Kindall, J. F. Pruitt and J. E. McGinn (See report).

State Missions—Discussed and adopted. (See report).
Association Mission Board. Adopted without discussion. (See report).

With prayer by Elder A. N. Crain, association was dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

1:30 P. M

Song—"Happy Day."

Prayer by Elder L. Cagle

Reports as follows:

Sunday School—Discussed and adopted. (See report).

Roll called and absentees noted, and by motion the Moderator was required to strictly comply with No 8, of the Rules of Decorum, and that no messenger be excused for any reason except sickness or because of old age.

Woman's Work—After discussion the report was adopted and the following appointment was made:

Sugar Loaf, Bettie Threet; Big Springs, A. C. Purdum; Prairie View, Mrs. W. F. Graham; New Enon, Mrs. Burns Eoff; Union, Ola Gatlin; Walnut Grove, Lizzie Holt; Hope-well, Bessie Garrett; Grubb Springs, Mattie Holt; Valley Springs, Mrs. Lee Murray; Liberty No 2, Claudie Baughman; Bethel, Sallie Pemberton; Oak Grove, Lillie Self; Wolf Springs, Pearl Cox; Peel, V. P. Farmer; Orion, Mrs. Walter Patton; Flat Rock, Mrs. Dave Brown; Lead Hill, Mrs. George Beason; Shady Grove, Maude Tye; Liberty, Mrs. John Hihath; New Prospect, Tenny Milum. (See report.)

Obituaries.—Accepted with prayer by Elder A. M. Crain. (See report)

Finance.—Adopted without discussion, and a collection of \$5 22 was taken to meet deficit in minute fund. (See report)

Queries.—No report

Resolutions.—Adopted without discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. D. Glass recommended as member of State Board Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes, to have 500 copies printed, and to receive \$5 for services. Association to meet next year with Union church.

Elder R. W. Raley was selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. S. Troutt as alternate

Motion was made to adjourn, and with song and fare well handshake the Association adjourned to meet with Union church at 10 a. m. on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1915

ELDER W. S. TROUTT, Moderator.

FRANK KINDALL, Clerk,

P. O. Harrison, Ark. R. F. D. No 4.

Report of Committee in Regular Order.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Divine Service.—We, the Committee on Divine Service, recommend Elder A. M. Crain to preach Saturday night and Elder J. H. Klepper to follow; Elder J. H. Agee Sunday at 11 a. m., and Elder J. Barker to follow. Elder R. W. Raley at 3 p. m. and Elder O. C. Hefner to follow. Elder J. A. Thornton at 7 p. m. and Elder L. Cagle to follow:

WALTER MCBEE,
J. F. PRUITT,
MARION LONG,
CRAYTON POTTENGER.
S. D. COUCH,
J. W. PURDUM.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions.—We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, make the following report:

Whereas, our Lord and Master has committed to His Church the preaching of the Gospel to all the world and;

Whereas we believe the Missionary Baptists in faith and practice to be carrying out our Lord's commission;

Therefore we recommend that our several churches make a more earnest effort to carry out that commission by our prayers, means and efforts until the entire world shall hear the Glad Tidings of Great Joy, which shall be to all people.

ELDER O. C. HEFNER,
D. C. WOOD,
J. F. WALLIS, } Com.

HOME MISSIONS.

It is highly important that every Baptist should have a good understanding, both of the faith and the work of the denomination. He cannot be a very valuable member of a Baptist church if he is ignorant either of our faith or our work. These Associational meetings ought to enlighten our people on Baptist faith and Baptist work, and the Messengers present ought to carry that enlightenment back to their respective churches.

Of all the work the denomination is doing, none is more important and immediately imperative than that department we call Home Missions. How many of the Messengers understand fully what is meant by Home Missions, and can go home and explain this work to those members of their churches who do not understand what it is?

Home Missions, in a word, signifies the work done by the Southern Baptist Convention to save the lost in the Homeland, to organize churches, Sunday schools, etc., and in other ways to develop and strengthen those who are saved so that they may be effective agents in saving others.

The agency through which Southern Baptists do this work is the Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Georgia, B. D. Gray, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. For the convenience of the brotherhood west of the Mississippi river, and for greater efficiency in the work; an office is maintained in Dallas, Texas, J. F. Love, Secretary.

The work of the Board is manifold, including missionary, evangelistic, educational and church building departments, and work among the immigrants, foreigners, negroes, etc. As it would make this report too long to explain and emphasize this work so that all could understand it as they ought, your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That each pastor is hereby urged to teach the Home Mission work to every Church he pastors.

2. That Pastors, Churches and Missionary Societies make full use of the leaflet literature of the Board, which can be had for the asking of J. F. Love, No. 717, Slaughter Building, Dallas, Texas.

3. That an agent be appointed in each Church in the Association to select subscribers for the *Home Field*, the monthly magazine published by the Board.

These three recommendations are essential to an understanding of this great work.

ELD. W. F. GRAHAM,
M. WES BESHEARS, } Com.
J. SAM RAYNOR,

STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions submit the following:

We consider that State Missions is one of the most important phases of our missionary work because it is the desire and effort of the State Board to reach every destitute field in the State with the Gospel of our Lord and Master. This is done by co-operating with Churches and Associations in employing men to give a part of their time in some instances; in others; all of their time, to the missionary work. The State Board also co-operates with many churches in supporting weak churches and mission stations, by employing pastors until they are self-supporting, thereby enabling them to help support every object of our great denomination, both at home and abroad.

Therefore we repeat that no object or feature of our work is more worthy or important than State missions.

We find from statistics that one half of the counties in the state have not a single full-time self-supporting church, while in many counties there is not a church which has preaching more than one Sunday in each month. In one county in which there are more than thirty Baptist organizations, we have but four meeting houses. Many of these churches would be encouraged to build if the state board could give them a little help. either in the way of a contri-

bution toward a building fund or through the effort of an earnest man of God conducting for them a gracious revival. Therefore we recommend that an offering be taken for state missions by this body before we take up the next report. We furthermore earnestly request all ministers of our association and especially our pastors and missionaries to urge all of our churches to contribute regularly to the support of State missions.

ELD. J. H. AGEE,
W. V. RYAN,
G. W. CASEY, } Com.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Association Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, the work of Association Missions is one phase of our work that is of very great importance, we recommend that two men be placed in the field for three months each, working separately, and that the work be begun about the 15th of July and continue until the Association.

That the Association shall elect a committee or board of five men who shall have the work of Association Missions on their hearts, and who shall reside close enough together to render it easy to get a quorum, which shall be three of the members.

That the Association, in the election of the committee or board empower the same to employ the missionaries who shall go to destitute and broken down places and pay the same out of funds that shall be contributed by the different churches of the Association, provided that the Association has in the treasury at the time of employment as much as one month's salary for each man employed and enough pledges to cover the entire amount necessary to complete the work.

We recommend that each church have a live missionary member appointed by the church to solicit funds which shall be forwarded to the secretary treasurer of the board, who shall keep a correct book of all collections and disbursements, and who shall make his report to the Association.

ELD. J. H. KLEPPER,
CRAYTON POTTENGER,
J. H. GATLIN, } Com.

ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD.

We, the Association Mission Board, submit the following report:

We secured the services of Elder A. M. Crain, at \$50 a month, work beginning November 15, 1913, and ending on October 15, 1914. We applied to the Arkansas State Board to aid us in raising the amount of \$300, but our

application was rejected. We then appealed to the churches to secure the board with their pledges, sufficient to keep the missionary in the field full time. Failing to secure the necessary amount in pledges, the missionary had to leave the field at the end of the fourth month. The next four months no work was done. Having then received the necessary amount in pledges, we put the same missionary back in the field for the remaining three months. Following is a report of the work :

Miles traveled	660
Sermons preached	217
Religious services in homes	5
Religious visits	29
Sunday school addresses	4
Sunday schools organized	2
Addresses to public schools	5
Prayer and experience meetings	3
Cottage prayer meetings	5
Conversions	33
Baptisms	44
Addition by letter	22
Collected by missionary on field	\$71.60
Collected by missionary from churches	\$25.30
Collected by missionary from individual	\$2.50
Balance in treasury from last year	\$13.10
Collected by board from churches	\$242.25
Collected by board from individual	\$1.00
Total	<hr/> \$355.75
Paid missionary	\$350.00
Postage and interest	\$2.35
Total	<hr/> \$352.35
Balance in Treasury	<hr/> \$3.40

J. L. SIMS, Chairman,
FRANK KINDALL, Sec-Treas.

ELDER J. H. KLEPPER,
J. H. GATLIN,
L. M. MURRAY, } Assn. Board.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, desire to submit the following report :

God's Word commands us to be temperate in all things. We understand by this that the Lord meant that we should be temperate and moderate in the use of all things necessary to be used, therefore, we recommend total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. This means the discontinuation of the habit of dram/drinking among church members as well as all other people. We further recommend that we pray for the abolishment of the manufacturing and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes, and that we vote as we pray.

We further recommend that we carry out the spirit of temperance by abstaining from the unnecessary use of tobacco, and refrain from any other habit that is sinful, filthy or unbecoming of God's children.

V. P. FARMER,
GRACE CRAWFORD, } Com.
N. S. GRAHAM,

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, make the following report :

The first home was founded in 1894 by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and located at Monticello, Ark.

The second home was recently founded at Texarkana, and is said to have an enrollment of about sixty children.

The Monticello home is superintended by J. N. Williams.

The work was begun with only two children and a very poor building.

The number of children has increased to 193.

New buildings have been erected during the past year that give fairly good accomodation for the children, but the erection of the home left an indebtedness that now amounts to \$12,000. This debt, with the support of the children, is to be met by the Baptists of Arkansas, and we recommend that the suggestion given in the minutes last year—that each church in the bounds of this association select one or more ladies in each church to take collections each quarter, that Sunday schools take collections each month, that ladies' aids take collections as often as practicable, and that pastors encourage their members in the support of this grand and noble work.

Send all collections to Dr. R. M. Inlow, Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. G. W. BEASON,
MRS. DORTHULA DANIEL, } Com.
MISS HELEN MARTIN,

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report :

We believe and know that the Sunday school is one important factor in soul winning. Therefore we should put forth our best efforts in the work and study and learn the lessons that we may show ourselves approved unto God. We further urge all parents to go to Sunday school and take their children that they, too, may learn about Jesus.

We, as parents and Christians, should be very much interested in the work. We should bring our children up in Sunday school in order that they may be interested in this great work.

WES W. HUDSON,
D. E. BROWN, } Com.
L. H. CRAWFORD.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following report :

This work is of vast importance and cannot be too highly commended.

Important in the first place because when a well organized and working Ladies' Aid Society or Woman's Missionary Union is doing its duty, it tends to develop the spirituality as well as the spirit of benevolence among the ladies of the local church.

In the second place, it is important because its influence and example, when extended to ladies of other churches, many times stimulate them to good works.

Therefore we recommend that the Moderator of this body, by the assistance of the messengers, appoint one lady in each church that has no ladies' organization to take up the woman's work in her church and endeavor to organize a society for the purpose of advancing the cause of our Master.

Respectfully assigned by the Committee.

ELDER J. H. AGEY,
MRS. MARY B. HILL, } Com.
MRS. MAUDE TYE,

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Christian Literature, beg leave to make 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 correction and instruction in righteousness, that a man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished in every good work, it demands and should have the first place in our hearts and homes. Therefore we advise our churches and Sunday schools to use strictly Baptist literature.

L. M. MURRAY,
ELD. J. BAKER, } Com.
J. F. PRUITT,

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report :

We find that during the past year death has claimed from our membership, seven—Sisters Emma Riddlesperger and Effie Hulen, of Bethel, Sister B. J. Long, of Walnut Grove, Sister Sarah P. Timmons, of Prairie View, Sister Nancy Campbell, of Big Springs, Bro. R. L. Taylor of New Prospect, and Bro. Virgil Wallis, of Valley Springs. Your committee recommends that we extend to the relatives and friends, and to the respective churches our

sympathy, and commend them to Him who came to bind up the broken hearted. and who doeth all things well. Praise His Holy name.

GUS ROBERTS,
A. R. CAPPS,
M. F. DOTSON. } Com.

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have collected for the printing of the minutes, as follows :

Balance in Treasury	\$100.00
From churches	\$22.98
By J. N. Milum	.50
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	\$24.48

G. V. LOGAN,
K. MORRIS,
J. B. FARMER, } Com.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following report:

We recommend that this body vote a vote of appreciation to the church and vicinity of Big Springs church, for their kind hospitality extended toward us during our stay with them.

ELDER J. H. KLEPPER, {
MARION LONG, } Com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

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

We believe that Christian influence is conducive to the upbuilding of any people and the advancement of God's kingdom. Therefore we urge that this body of Messengers use their influence in their respective districts in advancing the idea of employing Christian teachers where it is practicable, and we ask that our schools and colleges in different parts of the State be upheld by our financial support. and that we give them our patronage as far as is practicable. We wish to impress the fact on all that in order to keep up with the times and promote the cause of our Master we must educate the people in his teachings. We therefore recommend that each pastor in the Association devote one hour some Sunday in May, 1915 to the discussion of the principles of a Christian education.

We, your Committee, believe that Baptists ought to patronize Baptist schools and colleges. We therefore earnestly recommend that we put forth our best efforts for the promotion of Christian education among our young people.

Respectfully Submitted,

ELD. R. S. BIGGS,
C. A. BUCKLEY,
JOSEPH DANIEL. } Com.

OBITUARY—SISTER REBECCA J. LONG.

Sister Long was born January 20th, 1844, departed this life January 22, 1914, aged 70 years and two days. She professed faith in Christ at the age of fifteen and lived a consistent Christian until God called her home. Sister Long was married to Bro. Marion Long January 6, 1867. She was the mother of five boys and three girls, of whom four boys and two girls are left, with their father and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. But, sisters and brothers, why should we mourn, when our loss is her eternal gain? Let us rather look to the happy time when we shall clasp Sister Long's hand again in "The Land that is Fairer than Day," when we with her shall meet our blessed Savior where there is no more crying or sorrow, and where God shall wipe all tears away.

J. E. MCGINN.

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 and expenses of the 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 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.

Constitution.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of Messengers, chosen by the Churches in our union, who, on presenting letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE 2. 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.

ARTICLE 3. Each Church in the Association shall be entitled to four messengers, 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.

ARTICLE 4. Letters from the churches shall state the number received by experience, baptism, letters, recommendation or restoration, those dismissed by letter, excommunicated or deceased since the last Association, also the total number of fellowship.

ARTICLE 5. New churches may be admitted into the Association who petition by letter and messengers, adopting or subscribing to our Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 6. The Association shall elect a Moderator and Clerk by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE 7. The Association shall have a fund for support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, sent by the hand of their messengers, which shall be at the disposal for Association purposes only.

ARTICLE 8. 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.

ARTICLE 9. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members, except in the reception of members, which shall be unanimous.

ARTICLE 10. 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.

ARTICLE 11. Some of her ministers shall be appointed by the Association each session to preach the introductory sermon at the next.

ARTICLE 12. There shall be a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to her, as she may direct.

ARTICLE 13. The Clerk shall keep a Minute of the proceedings, which shall be printed and distributed among the churches, according to contributions.

ARTICLE 14. 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.

ARTICLE 15. Amendments of the Constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the churches may deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 16. The Association, shall, at each session, determine the time and 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 seats are privileged to speak 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 should put the question, "Should this question be discussed?" and if negatived the question 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 one subject, without special leave of the 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 off 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, except 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 a majority of the members 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,

Article 2. We believe that there is only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, thy Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressible 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.

Article 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 state, in consequence of which all mankind are now 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.

Article 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 tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

Article 5. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification, that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness that 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

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

Article 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 in 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.

Article 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 re-

generation, 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.

Article 11. We believe that only such 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.

Article 12. We believe the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government, that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely 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.

Article 13. We believe that a Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of baptised 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 only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are found in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Article 14. We believe that Christian baptism is the 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.

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

Article 16. We believe that the government is of Divine 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.

Article 17. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the 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.

Article 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 judgment 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 present.
3. Call for Church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Call for petitionary letters for membership.
5. Election of officers.
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 the next meeting of the Association.
16. Appoint someone to preach Introductory Sermon.
17. Appoint someone to have minutes printed.
18. Adjournment.

Clerk's Report

Received from committee on finance	-	-	\$24.48
Collected at association	-	-	5.22
Total	-	-	\$29.70

Paid for printing the minutes	-	-	\$23.00
For services of clerk	-	-	5.00
Reserved for postage	-	-	1 70
Total	-	-	\$29.70

FRANK KINDALL, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	CLERKS	MESSENGERS	By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Ordained Ministers	Membership	Church Day				
															Increased		Decreased	
Harrison	Harrison	J. H. Agee	John Suggs	Elder J H Agee, Elder R. S. Biggs	5	60			30				2122	1. 2.				
Sugar Loaf	Lead Hill	W S Troutt	Zell Dunlap	C A Buckley, I L Mefford		4			2				3	89				
Bellefonte	Bellefonte	J E Rose	J A Thompson	Represented by letter									1	57				
Big Springs	Dodd City	R W Raley	S C Purdum	S A Couch, Walter McBee, Crayton Pottenger, J. W. Purdum	10				12	1	1		1	75				
Prairie View	Harrison	W S Troutt	M E Taylor	Helen Martin, Elder W. F. Graham and wife					2	2			2	59				
New Prospect	Pyatt	R W Raley	Will Brady	G W Casey, F A Lowery	11	5								66				
Union	Harrison	L R Capps	J S Barker	J H Gatlin, Wes W Hudson	4				3					60				
Walnut Grove	Harrison	L R Capps	R J Jones	K Morris, Marion Long					6					39				
Pleas Grove No. 2	Burlington	Willie White	Willie Robertson	W M Robertson										56				
Hopewell	Harrison	W S Troutt	Frank Kindall	Elder W S Troutt, Frank Kindall, A. R. Capps, Vern Logan	2	1			2				3	43				
Grubb Springs	Harrison	J E Rose	Fred Walker	Joe Daniel and wife	1	3								35				
Valley Springs	Valley Springs	H Davidson	L M Murray	L M Murray, Frank Wallis, Mendy Wilson, Billy Wilson	1							1		36				
Liberty No. 2	Harrison	L R Capps	Walter Baughman	Elder J H Klepper, Jessie Klepper, C C Harden	9	6		1						46				
Bethel	Self	O C Hefner	E R Pemberton			1					2			35				
Oak Grove	Prosperity	J W Pettit	Tom Brown	J F Pruitt	5	2			2					48				
Wolf Springs	Harrison		Joe Brown	Represented by letter					9					26				
Peel	Peel	R W Raley	W W Treadway	J B Farmer, V P Farmer, Elder J Baker, John Fisher	6						1			49				
Deer	Deer			Not represented														
Orion	Prosperity	J Raynor	L H Crawford	L H Crawford and wife, Sam Raynor and wife	7	20			4					61				
Shady Grove	Harrison	R S Biggs	Maude Tye	Oscar Cox, Merle Cox, Thena Farlie, Maude Tye	2	4								14				
Flat Rock	Bellefonte	H Davidson	Ida Johnson	Dave Brown	1	2								22				
Liberty	Prosperity		J M Hihath		9	10								39				
New Hope	Swain	A E Wilson	C C Sams	Represented by letter	2			1					2	35				
Lead Hill	Lead Hill		G W Beason	Mrs M B Hill, Marion Dotson, Mrs. G. W. Beason	5	3								24				
Pleasant Grove				Not represented														
TOTALS					80	121	.1	2	73	1	7	15	1136					

In addition to above, Harrison Church contributed \$4 55 to other objects; Harrison \$28.75 and Sugar Loaf 50 cents to Home Missions; Harrison \$25 75 Sugar Loaf 50 cents

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STATISTICAL TABLE

MESSENGERS	By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Ordained Ministers	Membership	Church Day	Pastors Support	Minute Fund	Sunday School	Orphan's Home	Association Missions	State Missions	Incidentals	Charity	Building or Repairing	Visiting Ministers													
	Increased		Decreased																														
Elder J H Agee, Elder R. S. Biggs	5	60			30			2	122	1.	2.	3.	4	\$850.00	\$2.60	\$43.85	38.43	60.10	111.50	100.00	7.95	127.78											
C A Buckley, I L Mefford		4			2			3	89		2			31.75	1.50	18.00	1.55	17.05	2.00														
Represented by letter								1	57		2			60.00	1.00		4.35	16.20															
S A Couch, Walter McBee, Crayton Pottenger, J. W. Purdum	10				12	1	1	1	75		1			15.75	1.00			20.45	.50	10.00	11.82												
Helen Martin, Elder W. F. Graham and wife					2	2	1	2	59		2			74.25	1.00	8.61	4.25	18.05	7.00														
G W Casey, F A Lowery	11	5							66		4			24.75	1.00				1.25		8.00												
J H Gatlin, Wes W Hudson	4				3				60		2			50.00	1.30	10.00	1.75	11.70	.5		15.00												
K Morris, Marion Long					6		1		39		3			22.00	.90			2.00	1.10														
W M Robertson									56		1				1.00		2.25																
Elder W S Trout, Frank Kindall, A. R. Capps, Vern Logan	2	1			2			3	43		1			25.50	1.20	3.50	7.00	30.55	1.50	3.30													
Joe Daniel and wife	1	3							35		1			60.00	.75	13.00		5.00	.5														
L M Murray, Frank Wallis, Mendy Wilson, Billy Wilson	1						1		36		3			36.68	.55		2.75	10.25	21.25	20.00	820.00	2.00											
Elder J H Klepper, Jessie Klepper, C C Harden	9	6	1	1					46		4			30.00	.50			10.25	1.00		5.00												
J F Pruitt		1			1		2		35		4			12.10	1.00	6.00																	
Represented by letter	5	2			2				48		2			8.50	1.10		8.60	22.25	50														
J B Farmer, V P Farmer, Elder J Baker, John Fisher	6				9				26		2				.50		3.90	2.25															
Not represented							1		49		3			22.25	1.18	3.50	8.00	10.70	1.50		24.50												
L H Crawford and wife, Sam Raynor and wife	7	20			4				61		3			26.50	1.00	4.15	8.05	25.60	1.00														
Oscar Cox, Merle Cox, Thena Farlie, Maude Tye	2	4							14		1				.25						4.00												
Dave Brown	1	2							22		1			28.00	.75	12.00					9.70												
Represented by letter	9	10							39						.95	8.00																	
Mrs M B Hill, Marion Dotson, Mrs. G. W. Beason	2			1				2	35		3				.40						13.00												
Not represented	5	3							24					10.50	.70				2.00														
	80	121	.1	2	73	4	7	15	1136					1388	53	22	78	130	61	83	63	267	35	23	50	132	80	27	95	957	78	93	20

objects; Harrison \$28.75 and Sugar Loaf 50 cents to Home Missions; Harrison \$25.75 Sugar Loaf 50 cents, and Hopewell \$2.35 to Foreign Missions.

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