

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FRIENDSHIP  
REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH  
SARDIS CHURCH, ARKANSAS,  
*September 18th, 19th and 20th, 1880.*

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NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WITH  
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH, LINCOLN COUNTY, ARK.

Commencing Saturday before the Third Sabbath in Sept. 1881.

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❖ Officers :❖

M. Y. MORAN, Moderator.

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

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THE FRIENDSHIP REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Sardis church, Grant county, Ark., September 18, 1880,

TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by J. B. Searcy. Text: 1 Cor. 15: 58: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

At the close of the sermon the congregation partook of the bountiful refreshments furnished on the ground.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the delegates assembled in the house for organization, and the Moderator read the 45th Psalm, and after singing by the congregation, Rev. J. F. Griffin lead in prayer.

Letters were read from the different churches composing this Association, and delegates' names enrolled. (See statistics.)

Upon a call for petitionary letters, Pleasant Grove church, Grant county, was received and her delegates enrolled. (See statistics.)

On motion, proceeded to elect officers for the present session which resulted in the choice of Rev. M. Y. Moran, Moderator, and J. B. Searcy Secretary and Treasurer.

A call was extended for corresponding messengers, whereupon Brother T. A. Morris reported from Pine Bluff Association, and Rev. J. D. Jameson from Liberty Association.

A cordial welcome was extended to the brethren by the Moderator.

The following committees were appointed:

*On Preaching*—J. W. Sadler, E. D. Taylor, A. Hammack.

*On Home Missions*—J. F. Griffin, T. J. Varner, W. T. McCullough.

*On Finance*—Jas. Rogers, W. T. Reed, J. M. Aydelott.

*On Sunday Schools*—W. W. Tinker, D. W. Campbell, L. Quinn.

*On Publications*—E. F. Appling, E. H. Owen, A. J. Wharton.



*On Education*—E. H. Owen, J. M. Cheshier, H. C. Moreing.

*On Documents*—J. H. W. Overton, W. W. Poss, J. A. Phillips.

*On Nominations*—R. C. Rhoden, J. H. Johnson, G. T. Tindall.

The Committee on Sunday Schools read their report, which was adopted. (See A.)

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted. (See B.)

The Secretary of Book Depository read his report, which was adopted. (See C.)

The Secretary of Foreign Missions read his report, which was discussed by a collection for that work amounting to \$5.10. The report was adopted. (See D.)

On motion, proceeded to return correspondence:

To Bartholomew Association—J. F. Griffin, M. Y. Moran, A. Hammack, James Rogers.

To Judson Association—J. F. Griffin, J. B. Searcy, M. Y. Moran.

To Liberty Association—A. J. Whorton, J. F. Griffin.

To Pine Bluff Association—J. B. Searcy, D. W. Campbell, R. C. Rhoden, J. J. Pratt, J. G. Taylor.

To General Association—A. J. Whorton, W. W. Tinker, G. F. Tindall.

To State Convention—J. B. Searcy, W. W. Tinker, M. Y. Moran, E. H. Owen.

On motion, proceeded to select the place of holding the next session of this Body, which resulted in the choice of Hickory-Grove church, Lincoln county.

Adjourned till Monday, at half-past 8 o'clock.

Benediction by the Moderator.

## 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Rev. W. W. Tinker preached at the church. Text: "Ye are the salt of the earth." The sermon was filled with good thoughts and made a good impression.

## SABBATH.

At 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. H. Overton preached at the church. Text: John 17:21. Many good points were raised and argued by the preacher.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. F. Griffin preached the missionary sermon at the arbor. Text: Acts 9:6. The sermon was clear, scriptural and enthusiastic, and a deep, religious feeling pervaded the congregation. At the close of the sermon Rev. J. D. Jameson

took up a collection for missionary work in this Association, amounting in cash to \$14.80; pledges, \$78.85; total, \$93.65.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. M. Y. Moran preached by special request on the origin and perpetuity of the church of Christ and its ordinances. The discourse was the sermon of Brother Moran's life. He went beyond himself.

At 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. D. Jameson preached at the church, on the relation of the Sunday School to the church. Rev. W. W. Tinker followed in an address on the agency of the Sunday School in the spread of the gospel. Rev. L. Quinn followed him in an address on the best method of conducting Sunday Schools. The services throughout were delightful. The Lord be praised.

#### MONDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met for business. Prayer by Rev. L. Quinn.

Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and adopted. The roll was called and corrected.

Rev. L. Quinn was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at next session of this Body, with Rev. J. H. W. Overton alternate. Rev. W. W. Tinker was chosen to preach the missionary sermon and Rev. M. Y. Moran alternate.

The Committee on Home Missions read their report, which was amended and adopted. (See E.)

A resolution restricting speeches to five minutes each, except by permission of the Association, was adopted.

The Committee on Documents read their report, which was adopted. (See F.)

The query from Zion church was answered. (See query after report on Documents.)

The Committee on Publications read their report, which was discussed and adopted. (See G.)

The Committee on Education read their report, which was adopted. (See H.)

The Committee on Nominations read their report, which was adopted. (See officers of Association.)

The Secretary of the Executive Board read his report, which was adopted. (See I.)

The Committee on Finance read their report, which was adopted. (See J.)

A resolution on constitutional amendments, by Brother Quinn, was adopted. (See Resolutions.)



A resolution of thanks, also one respecting the minutes, were adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Hickory Grove church, Lincoln county, on Saturday (10 o'clock A. M.) before the third Sabbath in September, 1881.

M. Y. MORAN, Moderator,

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

## APPENDICES.

(A.)

Your committee on Sunday Schools would offer the following report: We feel deeply the need of a more active interest in the Sunday School work, and in order that the subject be impressively presented to this body we suggest that Sabbath evening be devoted to the discussion of that subject, with the following programme:

1st. Sermon on the relation of the church to Sunday Schools, by Rev. J. D. Jameson.

2d. The agency of the Sunday School in the spread of the Gospel. An address by Rev. W. W. Tinker.

3d. The best method of conducting Sunday Schools. An address by Rev. L. Quinn.

Submitted,

D. W. CAMPBELL.

(B.)

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### *Debit.*

1879-80.—Received of Finance Committee:

For Minutes.....	\$35 60
For Home Missions. ....	3 55
Total.....	\$39 15

#### *Credit.*

By cash paid for printing Minutes.....	\$17 25
By cash paid for Secretary's Salary.....	15 00
By cash paid balance to Treasurer.....	2 45
By cash paid for Stationery.....	50

Total.....\$35 20

Balance in Treasury for Minutes.....\$ 40

Balance in Treasury for Home Mission.....3 55

Total in Treasury.....\$3 95

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Treasurer.

(C.)

## BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Your Secretary of Book Depository would state that more has been done during the last year in the sale of good books than during all the years preceeding this. Thousands of pages of our literature have been sold, and yet there is a call for thousands more. In addition to the sale of good standard books there are a great many excellent tracts which the brethren ought to buy and scatter broadcast over the land. It is the opinion of your Secretary that more attention ought to be given to the circulation of good tracts.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

(D.)

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would report the following:

Collected at last Association.....	\$ 5 80
Mt. Olive Church, through Brother Griffin.....	5 25
Pleasant Springs           "           "           " .....	4 10
Woodlawn                   "           "           " .....	2 15
E. Breithoapt.....	50
Centerville Church.....	1 00
Enon Church.....	1 00
Holly Springs, Bradley Co.....	3 00

Total.....\$22 80

This is quite a meagre showing but when it is remembered that only six churches and a few individuals are represented we see how that amount might have been one hundred dollars or more.

Respectfully,

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

(E.)

Your committee on Home Missions would beg leave to report that the cause of Missions is one that demands our serious consideration. The command of the Master to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is still binding on us as the gurdians of the truth. Shall we obey the command of our Master? or shall we lie upon our oars while our fellows are perishing in their sins? If we expect the Lord to bless us in our basket and store, as well as spiritually, we must wake up to the discharge of our duty in sending the Gospel to the regions beyond. We would advise all the churches composing this Association to adopt a regular system of giving to this noble cause. We know of no better plan to recommend than to take up collections at stated times, say once a month, or every time the church comes together.

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend that our Missionary Board take into consideration the wants of Pine Bluff church at present, and that they appropriate \$100 to that station.

Submitted,

J. F. GRIFFIN, Chairman.



(F.)

Your Committee on Documents would report that we find, upon examination of the papers laid before us : Number of churches represented, 22 ; number of ordained ministers, 12 ; number of unordained ministers, 5 ; number reported baptized, 19 ; number received by letter, 30 ; number by voucher, 2 ; number dismissed by letter, 47 ; number excluded, 24 ; number died, 16 ; number restored, 10.

Total males, 403 ; females, 685 ; grand total, 1,088.

Friendship, No. 1 ; Hickory Grove, Enon, and Bethlehem, each, asks for the next session of this Body to be holden with them.

Zion church sends the following query : "Is it Scriptural for church members belonging to different churches of the same faith and order to commemorate the Lord's Supper together?" The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association answer the query from Zion church—that we deem this an important question, and that we propose to consider it till next session, and we urge the churches to investigate this question calmly in the sight of the Sacred Scriptures.

(G.)

Your Committee on Publications would report that we regard the religious press as a powerful auxiliary in dethroning error and propagating the truth, and as such we should look well to the literature we read and circulate. We, as professed Christians, ought to be on the alert. If we allow our children to read poisonous doctrine, we may expect their minds to be poisoned. Pedo-Baptists are scattering their books, tracts, etc., all over the land. Let us take pattern after them in giving to the world our doctrine. We would recommend as such the Bible, "The Baptist," Kind Words," and the "New Southern Psalmist." We earnestly recommend "The Baptist" as our medium of communication, and solicit each family to subscribe for and read the paper.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. F. APPLING, Chairman.

(H.)

Your Committee on Education would report that we consider education of great importance. The parent cannot give to the child a legacy of greater value. We consider it the duty of every parent to educate his child to the best of his ability. The position the child enjoys in society, depends upon it; the honor of our race and country depend upon it; and may we not even say the prosperity of the churches, to a great extent, depends upon it. While we should give attention to the cultivation of the mind, we should not neglect moral culture; hence the importance of selecting

the right class of teachers. There is an addage, "Like priest-like people." It is no less true—like teacher, like pupil. If we send our children to teachers who have bad morals and erroneous religious views, we may expect them to partake of the same.

The Centennial Institute, at Warren, Ark., is such a school as we can cheerfully endorse as a suitable place for the intellectual, moral and social training of our children, and we urge the members of this Association to encourage and do all they can to permanently establish that school.

Submitted,

E. H. OWEN, Ch'n.

#### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend as your Executive Board.

Rev. M. Y. Moran, President.

Rev. J. F. Griffin, Secretary.

Rev. E. H. Owen.

Brethren O. P. Conner, J. M. Wharton, Rev. L. Quinn, Secretary of Sunday Schools; Rev. J. B. Searcy, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Book Depository, and Ministerial Education.

Submitted,

R. C. RHODEN, Clerk.

(I.)

Your Secretary of Home Missions would report that but little has been done during the last year. What money we have collected for Home Missions, we have turned over to the Board of the General Association.

J. F. GRIFFIN, Ch'n.

(J.)

Your Committee on Finance find :

Amount sent up for Minutes.....	\$ 33 50
Amount sent up for Home Missions .....	11 80
Amount sent up for Foreign Missions.....	10 30

Total.....\$ 55 60

J. P. ROGERS, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

(I.)

WHEREAS, Our time of meeting when the churches are not generally able to do much financially. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That a motion is hereby made to amend the Constitution of this Association, by striking out Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, and inserting Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in October, as the time of meeting of this body, and that the churches be requested to vote upon it, and report for or against the amendment in their letters to next session.

L. QUINN.

(2.)

*Resolved*, That the Secretary have the minutes of this Association printed and distributed, and that he receive \$15 for his services.

J. F. GRIFFIN.



(3.)

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Body be, and they are hereby tendered to the members of Sardis church and vicinity for their hospitality extended to us during the session.

J. F. GRIFFIN.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Y. MORAN, Palmyra, Arkansas.

J. R. VICK, Star City, “

T. B. O'NEAL, Star City, “

J. H. W. OVERTON, Toledo, “

A. J. WHARTON, Alcondra, “

E. D. TAYLOR, Grape Vine, “

C. A. GARTMAN, “ “ “

J. F. GRIFFIN, Selma, “

E. H. OWEN, Bradley, “

J. S. TAYLOR, Randall, “

J. G. TAYLOR, Darysaw, “

E. F. APPLING, White Oak, “

L. QUINN, Pine Bluff, “

J. B. SEARCY, Annover, “

W. W. TINKER, Pine Bluff, “

## UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. B. OWENS, Montongo, Arkansas,

R. C. RHODEN, Darysaw, “

J. F. OWEN, Palmyra, “

WM. COATS, Alcondra, “

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Received by Voucher	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	No. Males	No. Females	Total Membership	Amount for Minutes	Amount for Missions	Amount Paid Pastors	PAPERS TAKEN.
Bethlehem	J R Vick	W J Avens, Palmyra, Ark.	M Y Moran, Charles Owen, Nathan Owen	1	4	0	0	1	2	1	50	76	126	\$ 3 00	\$ .....	\$ .....	5 copies of The Baptist.
Bethel No. 1.	E D Taylor	George Green, Gum Springs, Ark.	T J Varnell, B F Moody, E D Tate	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	11	22	1 50	3 80	.....	3 copies Baptist, 5 copies Reaper.
Bethel No. 2.	J H W Overton	W T McCullough, Bradley, Ark.	W T McCullough	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	10	18	28	1 00	.....	.....	2 .....
Centerville	J B Searcy	S J Matthews, Macksville, Ark.	J M Aydelott, J M Smith, J W Andrews.	0	1	0	0	5	1	1	20	40	60	1 00	3 00	.....	2 .....
Enon	N C Denson	J B Searcy, Annover, Ark.	J B Searcy	2	4	0	0	9	1	2	17	19	36	1 00	10 65	35 00	11 .....
Friendship No. 1.	J B Searcy	George W Reed, Randall, Ark.	B F Williams, J A Phillips, W T Reed	0	4	0	1	2	3	3	59	71	130	2 50	2 50	80 00	10 .....
Friendship No. 2.	J C Gartman	J C Cheshier, Como, Ark.	J M Cheshier, J E Cheshier	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	13	36	43	70	80	.....	1 .....
Holly Springs	J R Vick	C H Hawk, Garnett, Ark.	Letter, but no delegates	2	3	0	0	2	3	1	22	32	54	2 00	.....	.....	1 .....
Hickory Grove	E H Owen	C F Jenkins, Cornerville, Ark.	R M Fish, E H Owen, J C Bailey	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	24	26	50	2 00	28 00	29 00	2 .....
Macedonia	E H Owen	Samuel McDaniel, Toledo, Ark.	J J May	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	9	20	29	1 00	1 00	.....	1 .....
New Hope	J S Taylor	John Clark, Alcondra, Ark.	J W Saddler, A J Wharton	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	8	12	20	1 00	.....	.....	1 N. Baptist.
Pleasant Springs	J F Griffin	J W Oswald, Coleman, Ark.	James Rogers	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	28	31	59	1 55	58 73	.....	3 .....
Providence	E D Taylor	D W Branch, Darysaw, Ark.	L Quinn, R C Rhoden, M H Jeanett	5	1	0	0	3	1	0	26	51	77	3 00	7 00	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	L Quinn	J H Johnson, Ain, Ark.	D W Campbell, J H Johnson, H C Moreing.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	10	1 00	2 00	.....	3 .....
Pine Bluff	W W Tinker	H C Fox, Pine Bluff, Ark.	W W Tinker, G T Tindall	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	13	18	1 00	.....	4 00	4 .....
Sardis	E D Taylor	D R Williams, Grape Vine, Ark.	E D Taylor, W W Poss, Z J N Taylor	4	3	0	3	0	2	0	27	47	74	2 00	3 00	27 00	.....
Selma	J F Griffin	J A Harrell, Selma, Ark.	J F Griffin	5	2	0	0	1	2	0	13	24	37	1 25	12 75	.....	5 .....
Spring Hill No. 1.	M Y Moran	L B Owens, Montongo, Ark.	A Hammack, M Handley	3	2	0	0	10	0	3	23	22	45	1 50	4 00	33 30	2 .....
Spring Hill No. 2	E D Taylor	J H Wafford, Brooks, Ark.	E F Appling, J B D Williams, J J Pratt	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	10	29	39	1 50	.....	.....	1 .....
Star City	J R Vick	E Helms, Star City, Ark.	Letter, but no delegates	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	8	14	22	1 00	.....	.....	4 .....
Whitaker	L Quinn	Charles Rumph, Darysaw, Ark.	C T Bush	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	7	11	1 00	.....	.....	1 copy Reflector.
Zion	J H W Overton	J M Whorton, Toledo, Ark.	J H W Overton, T B Cash	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	11	24	35	2 00	.....	.....	3 .....
Mt. Moriah	.....	J M Lee, Selma, Ark.	Not represented	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion	.....	J W Cash, Randall, Ark.	Not represented—Last report	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	13	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	24	33	3	7	48	25	18	412	615	1047	\$33 70	148 25	604 30	.....