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Proceedings

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Benton County Baptist Association met, according to previous arrangement, with the Baptist Church at Antioch, on Wednesday, October 5, 1910.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator of the previous session, Eld. W. C. Hamby.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Reading of scripture lesson, Jno. 6th Ch. by the Moderator, and prayer by Eld. J. A. Hall.

Song, "Nearer my God to Thee."

W. T. Gann and J. M. Beard were appointed reading clerks, and the letters were read and messengers enrolled.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. T. F. Jones, after reading as a lesson 1 Tim. 6 Ch. from 1 Tim. 6:12.

On motion, recess was taken to 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Song, "Never Alone."

Prayer by Bro. E. M. Bagby.

Election of officers resulted in the choice of W. T. Gann, Moderator, and J. L. Chastain, Clerk.

Committee on Divine Services was appointed, consisting of J. M. Beard, E. M. Bagby, and the pastor and messengers of Antioch church.

Committee on Finance. — T. F. Jones, Flavey DeWitt and J. H. Berry.

Motion prevailed to take vote on place of next meeting of this Association by raise of hands or standing. Election resulted in the choice of New Prospect.

Motion prevailed to go into election of preacher of introductory sermon.

Motion prevailed to elect by nomination and acclamation, resulting in the choice of J. A. Hall, with G. C. Harris as alternate.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 7:30 p. m.

Song, "Meet Me There."

Benediction by Eld. A. N. Sanders.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Preaching by Eld. G. C. Harris from 2 Cor. 8:9.

The following committees were announced:

On Associational Missions—J. W. West, J. A. Hall and John Givens.

On Resolutions—E. C. Brooks, E. L. Allen, Thos. Weaver.

On State Missions—A. N. Sanders, L. B. West and Wm. Edwards.

On Publications—W. C. Hamby, H. C. Childs, F. H. Acuff.

On Temperance—J. M. Beard, T. F. Jones and Dave Setser.

On Obituaries—P. T. Keller, William Brooks and John Pritchard.

On Foreign Missions—G. C. Harris, A. C. Mayes and Paul Broyhill.

On Ministerial Education—J. A. Hall, John Alsberry and J. O. Green.

On Ministerial Support—E. J. Bishop, John Riley, D. M. Edwards.

On Sunday Schools—E. M. Bagby, J. R. Dunagin, Sister Netherton.

On Orphan Home—E. J. Adams, S. Crowley, G. M. Mayes.

Adjourned till 9:00 a. m., to morrow.

Thursday Morning Session.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Reading of the 53rd chapter of Isa. and prayer by Eld. E. J. Adams.

Minutes of Wednesday's proceedings were read and approved.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted report, which was discussed by G. C. Harris, E. J. Bishop, J. H. Berry.

Pending the adoption of the report, a collection was taken for the support of Eld. J. T. Moore, amounting to \$34.70, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on Publication submitted report, which was discussed by W. C. Hamby, G. C. Harris, T. F. Jones, A. N. Sanders, E. C. Brooks, J. H. Berry, E. J. Adams, W. T. Gann, after which the report was adopted.

A short recess was taken, after which the congregation was called together by singing, "Standing on the Promises."

Reading of a portion of the 16th chapter of Luke and prayer by Elder J. W. West.

Singing, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Preaching by Eld. J. W. West from Luk. 16:23 and Luk. 23:43.

Prayer by Eld. T. F. Jones.

Motion prevailed to take recess till 1:30 p. m.

Song, 'Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.'

Benediction by E. M. Bagby.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Song, 'My Soul is Redeemed.'

Scripture reading and prayer by Eld. A. N. Sanders.

The missionary submitted report which was discussed by W. C. Hamby, H. C. Chiles, T. F. Jones, W. M. Edwards, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted.

A collection amounting to \$3.65 was taken to augment the minute fund.

A motion prevailed that the clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services, and that he be instructed to expend the rest of the minute fund for minutes, and distribute to the churches according to the amounts contributed.

The executive committee submitted report, which was adopted.

A motion, made by E. M. Bagby, and seconded by E. J. Adams, prevailed that Eld. G. C. Harris be chosen as the missionary of this association.

The committee on Orphan Home submitted report, which was discussed by E. J. Adams, E. C. Brooks and others, after which the report was adopted and adopted.

A motion prevailed to adjourn till 9:00 a. m., Friday.

Song, 'Tell it to Jesus.'

Benediction by Eld. J. L. Chastain.

Thursday Evening Session.

Song, 'Lord Plant My Feet on Higher Ground.'

Song, 'I Will Follow Jesus.'

Prayer by Eld. E. J. Adams.

Song, 'Stepping in the Light.'

Preaching by Bro. L. B. Moore, from Psa. 1:15.

Friday Morning Session.

Singing.

Reading of Psa. 116, and prayer by Eld. J. W. West.

Motion prevailed that Art. II of the Constitution of this Association be amended by substituting Friday for Wednesday and August for October.

The committee on Ministerial Education submitted report, which was adopted.

The committee on Associational

Missions submitted report, which was discussed by J. W. West, J. M. Beard, E. M. Bagby, J. L. Chastain, W. C. Hamby, T. F. Jones, S. Crowley and W. T. Gann, after which the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed to dispense with preaching today at 11:00 a. m., and proceed with the regular work of the association.

Committee on Sunday Schools submitted report, which was discussed by E. M. Bagby, Wm. Brooks, L. B. Moore, J. M. Beard, A. N. Sanders, W. T. Gann, after which the report was adopted.

The committee on State Missions submitted report, which was adopted.

The committee on Temperance submitted report, which was discussed by J. M. Beard, E. M. Bagby, G. C. Harris, John Givens, W. C. Hamby, David Setser, E. J. Adams, W. T. Gann, after which the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed to take a recess till 1:00 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. T. F. Jones.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Song, 'Meet Me There.'

Motion prevailed that opening speeches on reports be limited to five minutes and subsequent speeches to three minutes.

Motion prevailed to take up collection for Texarkana Orphan Home. Collection amounted to \$13.46.

The committee on Obituaries submitted report, which was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial Support submitted report, which was discussed by A. N. Sanders, E. M. Bagby, T. F. Jones, J. H. Berry, G. C. Harris, Wm. Brooks, after which the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed to allow the missionary two dollars per day for actual time spent in the work east of the Frisco railroad.

Resolution No. 1 was offered by the committee on resolutions and discussed by W. T. Gann, after which the same was adopted.

Motion prevailed that the executive committee for the past year be continued through the coming year.

Resolution No. 2 was submitted by the committee and adopted.

Motion prevailed that resolution No. 1 in last year's minutes be endorsed by this body.

Motion prevailed to take collection in cash and pledges for the mission

work. Collection amounted to \$12.00 in cash and \$81.50 in pledges.

Minutes of today's proceedings read and approved.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place of next meeting.

W. T. Gann, Moderator.

ELD. J. L. CHASTAIN, Clerk.

REPORTS.

Foreign Missions.

We recognize home missions to be the basis of all other missions, but we should not by any means stop with helping those near us, but see to it that the gospel be preached in the uttermost parts of the earth so far as our ability extends.

We recommend that the pastors preach and use their influence to get churches to give regularly and systematically to the support of our foreign missionaries.

G. C. HARRIS,

A. C. MAYS,

P. BROYHILL,

Publications.

We, your committee on publications, report as follows:

We recommend that our Baptist people give a more devout and prayerful study of the Bible, as it is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, that all God's people may be thoroughly furnished to all good works.

As to religious papers, we recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Flag as sound in doctrine. As to Sunday School literature, we especially recommend the literature published by the Landmark Sunday School concern. As to fiction, we recommend The Little Baptist, Grace Truman, Theodisia Ernest, and such like.

W. C. HAMBY,

H. C. CHILES,

F. H. ACUFF.

ORPHAN HOME.

Your Committee on Orphan Home submit the following:

God having committed to our care some of the unfortunate children of our state, whose support and education depend on the contributions of the churches, we insist on the churches to look well to that department of our work, and we advise the churches to take regular collections for the home each month.

E. J. ADAMS,

G. M. MAYS,

S. CROWLEY.

Ministerial Education.

In these days of enlightenment, it is very necessary that the ministry be educated. The opportunities are good for the training of the mind, hence we believe that the churches, before they ordain and send out ministers to preach, ought to see to it that they have a fair education, especially in the study of the Bible. We feel sure that the churches have been negligent along this line in the past, and would recommend that, when the churches are assured of the fact that a young man is called of God to preach they give him their hearty support and assistance that he may obtain the necessary education for the ministry.

J. A. HALL,

J. O. GREEN,

JOHN ALSBERRY.

Associational Missions.

We, your committee on associational missions, submit the following:

That there is great destitution in bounds we do not question. Christ, our dear Master, has committed to us the great work of preaching the gospel to the lost. Therefore we recommend that our missionary be instructed to go into the destitution of our territory and select such places as may in his judgment be most promising, and give them a most thorough test before leaving them to locate elsewhere; and we further recommend that we expend as much as three hundred dollars east of the Frisco railroad in that way, and that we try to do what we can on this side of the railroad, strengthening the churches and preaching the gospel in destitute places.

J. W. WEST,

J. A. HALL,

JOHN GIVENS.

Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following:

We recommend that each church have a Sunday school, and that it be a Baptist Sunday School. We further recommend that each school use Baptist literature and that published by the Baptist Sunday School concern of Little Rock, Ark.

We advise that the older members be more active in the Sunday school work and in the study of God's word.

E. M. BAGBY,

ATTIE NETHERTON.

State Missions.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report as follows:

We recommend that each church take regular collections for State missions, and we further recommend that the churches invite the state missionaries to visit them and lay the work before the churches. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the field.

A. N. SANDERS,
W. M. EDWARDS,
L. B. WEST.

Temperance.

We, your Committee, ask to submit the following:

Believing that intemperance is one of the great evils that confront us in this broad land of ours, and that the use of intoxicating drinks does not only effect the one who engages in it, but all with whom he comes in contact, therefore, we earnestly recommended that the Baptist brotherhood of this entire association use all honorable means to check the evil tendency of this accursed stuff, and that ere long state wide prohibition may be adopted by our votes.

We further recommend that the use of light and trashy literature be discouraged by our Sunday school teachers and pastors of our churches, that the baneful effects of such literature be set forth from time to time in concrete example.

J. M. BEARD,
T. F. JONES.

Obituaries.

We, your committee on obituaries, beg to submit the following report:

The following are the names of our brethren and sisters who have deceased since our coming together last year: Sister M. I. Pearson, of Pleasant Site; Bro. Elliott Allen, of Gravette; Sister Lucy Stone, of Temperance Hill; Sister Nancy E. Looney, (wife of J. S. Looney,) of Lowell; Sisters Rosa Suttle and Mary J. Turner, of Mason Valley; Sister Betty Jones and Bro. J. B. Oaks, of Bethlehem; Bro. Sam Galyan and Sister Mary Brinegar, of Mt. Pleasant; Bro. Wm. J. Collins, Sister Elizabeth Garrett, and Bro. Ed. Test, of Springtown.

We do hereby offer our sympathy

to our bereaved brethren and sisters, and refer them for comfort to the only real comforter of whom Christ said, "If I depart, I will send him unto you." May we all look to Him for comfort and direction, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

P. T. KELLER,
J. T. PRITCHARD,
W. S. BROOKS,
Committee.

Ministerial Support.

We, your committee on ministerial support, submit the following:

From the letters sent up by the churches, it is evident that the majority of the churches are remiss in their duty in contributing to the support of their pastors. The scriptures expressly declare that "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and if they minister to us in spiritual things, how much more should we minister to them in temporal things. No man goeth to warfare at his own charges, and as the churches demand the time of their pastors, they are in duty bound to remunerate them adequately for their services. Hence we recommend to our brethren that they be more faithful in this duty and evidence greater liberality in their support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. BISHOP,
JOHN RILEY,
D. M. EDWARDS.

Committee.

Resolution No. 1.

Resolved, that we oppose the letting out of orphan children from the Texarkana Orphan Home, to private homes, whereas they have a good home, and that from a Baptist standpoint.

E. C. BROOKS,
E. L. ALLEN,
T. J. WEAVER.

Resolution No. 2.

Resolved, that we extend to this church and community our profound gratitude for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this associational body during our stay with them. May the blessing of God rest on this church and community, and may their labors in the Lord be blessed.

E. C. BROOKS,
E. L. ALLEN,
T. J. WEAVER.

Finance.

Wee, your committee on finance, submit the following report of money received by us from the several churches.

For County Missions, from Antioch, \$0.75; Bethesda, \$4.45; Bethlehem, \$13.15; Mason Valley, \$13.50; Mt. Zion, \$4.00; New Prospect, \$30.00; Pea Ridge, \$10.00; Pleasant Grove, \$5.55; Pleasant Home, \$3.15; Pleasant Valley, \$3.05; Temperance Hill, \$20.25; Zion, \$2.75; total \$110.60.

For State Missions, from Gravette, \$1.00; Pea Ridge, \$5.00; total \$6.00.

For Foreign Missions, from Zion, \$0.50.

For Texarkana Orphan Home, from Mt. Enterprise, \$0.00.

For minutes, from Antioch, \$1.00; Bethesda, \$0.60; Bethlehem, \$1.25; Butler Creek, \$0.85; Flint Creek, \$0.30; Grayette, \$1.05; Lowell, \$1.10; Mason Valley, \$1.00; Maysville, \$0.50; Mt. Enterprise, \$0.60; Mt. Pleasant, \$1.70; Mt. Zion, \$0.75; New Prospect, \$1.25; Pea Ridge, \$1.75; Pleasant Grove, \$1.10; Pleasant Home, \$1.00; Pleasant Site, \$1.00; Pleasant Valley, \$0.75; Springtown, \$2.10; Temperance Hill, \$1.00; Zion, \$0.75; total \$21.40.

T. J. JONES,

FLAVEY DE WITT,

J. H. BERRY.

Missionary's Report.

The following is a summary of my work as missionary:

Began work January 9, 1910, and worked in all 83 days.

Sermons preached, at Hiwassee, 11; Dug Hill, 4; Mt. Zion, 1; Wann School House, 4; Wet Prairie, 7; Hickory Creek, 10; Rocky Branch, 2; Ozark, 1; Pleasant Ridge, 3; Bozarth, 8; Pleasant Valley School House, 2; Pleasant Grove School House, 3; Cave Springs, 11; total 67.

Amount received, at Hiwassee, \$4.25; Dug Hill, \$2.40; Mt. Zion by L. B. West, \$1.00; Wet Prairie, \$1.40; Zion by G. B. Jones, \$1.40; Pleasant Grove, by L. S. Ballard, \$5.00; Mason Valley, by H. C. Chiles, \$1.00; Bethesda, \$2.75; from the treasurer, J. L. Chastain, \$119.13; total \$138.33.

W. C. HAMBY, Missionary.

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your executive committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Being instructed by the Association to employ a missionary, we secured

the services of Eld. W. C. Hamby on a salary of fifty dollars per month for actual time spent in the work. He began work Jan. 9, 1910, and his report to this body will show something if his work.

Financial Report of Executive Committee.

Received from:

Balance reported last year.....	\$128.64
Bethlehem Church	15.60
Pleasant Valley Church.....	3.95
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	20.15
Antioch Church	3.75
Mason Valley Church	6.00
Pea Ridge Church.....	12.00
Gravette Church	17.25
Springtown Church	26.28
Flint Creek Church	1.75
E. J. Bishop on pledge.....	3.00
Sister M. J. Rogers on pledge.....	50.00
Paul Broyhill, on pledge.....	5.00
Sister Alden, on pledge.....	5.00
Sister A. N. Sanders, pledge.....	2.50
Eld. J. A. Hall, on pledge....	5.00
Bro. Jim Jones, on pledge...	5.00

Total.....\$310.97

Paid to T. F. Jones, balance on last years work.....	\$141.72
Paid to W. C. Hamby, settlement	119.13
Balance on hand	\$ 50.12

\$310.97

J. W. WEST,
J. L. CHASTAIN,
W. T. GANN.

Received since making this report:
From:

Finance Committee.....	\$110.60
Antioch Church by W. G. Sooter	4.00
Special Collection	12.00
Balance reported above.....	50.12

Balance now on hand

Collections for Associational Missions.

Cash.—J. W. West, \$1.00; Sister Attie Netherton, \$1.00; Wm. S. Brooks, \$5.00; E. M. Bagby, \$5.00; total cash, \$12.00.

Pledges.—E. C. Brooks, \$15.00; E. J. Bishop, \$3.00; H. C. Chiles, \$1.00; A. N. Sanders, \$2.00; J. A. Hall, \$5.00; Wyley Etris, \$100; J. O. Green, \$4.00; J. L. Chastain, \$2.00; C. P. Catron, \$1.00; total individual pledges \$34.00.

Church pledges.—Antioch, \$10.00; New Prospect, \$20.00; Pleasant Grove \$10.00; Pleasant Site, \$2.50; Pleasant

Valley, \$5.00; total church pledges, \$47.50; grand total, \$93.50.

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch—Philo Rodgers, P. Broyhill, John A'sberry.

Bethesda—E. L. Allen.

Bethlehem—T. F. Jones, P. T. Keller.

Butler Creek—Ralph Killion, John Pritchard.

Flint Creek—Represented by letter only.

Gravette—J. W. West, E. C. Brooks.

Indianola—Not represented.

Lowell—J. M. Beard, E. J. Bishop.

Mason Valley—John Glvens, H. C. Chiles, A. N. Sanders.

Maysville—F. H. Acuff, Sister Attie Netherton.

Mt. Enterprise—Dave Setser, Wm. Brooks.

Mt. Olive—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant—George Hart, W. M. Edwards, Richard Edwards.

Mt. Zion—L. B. West.

New Prospect—W. T. Gann.

Pea Ridge—J. A. Hall, E. J. Adams.

Pleasant Grove—G. M. Mays, A. C. Mays.

Pleasant Home—Wyley Etris, John Riley.

Pleasant Site—G. C. Harris.

Pleasant Valley—Thos. J. Weaver, Flavey De Witt.

Springtown—J. O. Green, J. L. Chastain.

Temperance Hill—E. M. Bagby, J. H. Berry, S. Crowley.

Zion—W. C. Hamby.

Ordained Ministers.

Adams, E. J., Rogers, Ark., member of Pea Ridge church.

Atchley, J. O., Herd, Ark., member of New Prospect church.

Brandon, F. M., Centerton, Ark., member of Bethlehem church.

Casey, W. I., Sulphur Springs, Ark., Mt. Zion church.

Chastain, J. L. Gentry, Ark., member Springtown church.

Downing, T. F., Sulphur Springs, Ark., member of Mt. Zion church.

Edwards, W. M., Gravette, Ark., member of Mt. Pleasant church.

Greene, W. F., Pea Ridge, Ark., member of Pea Ridge church.

Hall, J. A., Rogers, member of Pea Ridge church.

Hamby, W. C., Springdale, Ark., Zion church.

Harris, G. C., Rogers Ark. member of Pleasant Site church.

Jones, T. F. Decatur, Ark., member of Bethlehem church.

Jones, S. H., Gravette, Ark., member of Bethlehem church.

Lane, H. T. Herd, Ark., member of New Prospect church.

Reynolds, E. J., Springtown, Ark., member of Springtown church.

Sanders, A. N., Centerton, Ark., member of Mason Valley church.

Setser, G. W., Maysville, Ark., member of Maysville church.

Sikes, J. W., Rogers, Ark., member of Pleasant Site church.

West, J. W., Gravette, Ark., member of Gravette church.

Addresses of Pastors, Clerks and Sunday School Superintendents.

Antioch—J. A. Hall pastor, Pea Ridge, Ark., E. Austin, clerk, Gravette, Bethesda—W. S. Looper, pastor, Johnson, Ark., L. C. Fagala, clerk, Rogers, Ark.

Bethlehem—T. F. Jones, pastor, Decatur, Ark., J. B. Burgin, clerk, Gravette Ark.

Butler Creek—L. Creason, pastor, Ella Killion, clerk, Sulphur Springs.

Flint Creek—L. B. Moore, pastor, Gentry, Ark., Mrs. E. Jones, clerk, Gentry Ark.

Gravette—J. E. King, Pastor, Springdale, Ark., J. R. Dunagin, clerk, Gravette, Ark., E. C. Brooks superintendent, Gravette, Ark.

Lowell—Fred A. Lewis, clerk, Lowell, Ark., J. M. Beard, Supt., Lowell,

Mason Valley—J. M. Ketchum, clerk, Springtown, Ark., J. M. Ketchum, superintendent, Springtown, Ark.

Maysville—Lydia G. Sellers, clerk, Maysville.

Mt. Enterprise—A. N. Sanders, pastor, Centerton, Ark., William Brooks, clerk, Gravette, Ark.

Mt. Pleasant—A. N. Sanders pastor, Centerton, Ark., James Jones, clerk, Hiwassee, Ark., W. R. Edwards, superintendent, Gravette, Ark.

Mt. Zion—T. F. Downing, pastor, Sulphur Springs, Ark., Godfrey Winkler, clerk, Noel, Mo.

New Prospect—T. F. Jones pastor, Decatur, Ark., W. T. Gann, clerk, Herd, Ark., W. T. Gann, Supt., Herd, Ark.

Pea Ridge—J. A. Hall, pastor, Rogers, Ark., A. R. Hall, clerk, Pea Ridge, Ark., H. H. Patterson, superintendent, Rogers, Ark.

Pleasant Grove—L. S. Ballard, pastor, Springdale, Ark., T. L. Beard, clerk, Lowell, Ark.

grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and that the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Art. II. This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, at the place previously appointed; and after public worship, and reading the letters from the churches, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Art. III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

Art. IV. Each church may send three messengers. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes.

Art. V. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letters and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by a unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Art. VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Art. VII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to inquire into their standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Art. VIII. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations as may be deemed expedient.

Art. IX. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom, and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Art. X. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of all members present.

A FORM OF CHURCH COVENANT.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy; and honoring, that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins; and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we do this day before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love, to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy; and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.

	Day of Meeting.	Received by Baptism.	By letter.	By re ation or restoration.	Dismissed my letter.	Excluded or dropped.	Deceased.	Present membership.	Ordained Ministers.	Paid to Pastor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Orphans Home.	Minutes.	Other Purposes.	Average attendance of S. S.	Officers and teachers.	Paid for Literature.	For other purposes.
Antioch	4	1		2	2			54		\$135.80	\$ 8.50	\$	\$ 6.00	\$37.00	\$1.00	\$ 8.00				
Bethesda	4	4	3	2	1			56		52.20	7.20				.60					
Bethlehem	2					2		77	3	53.90	30.00				1.50					
Butter Creek	4			1	3	1		25		35.00					1.00					
Flint Creek	2							15	1	5.40	1.75				.30					
Gravett	4		4	2		1	36	1		84.00	17.35	1.00	4.50	11.45	1.35		25	4		
Lowell	1		1	3		1	116								1.20		40	7	8.00	
Mason Valley	3			8	2	2	101	1		16.40	17.50		1.35	3.50	1.20	6.26	40	9	7.75	1.50
Maysville	4	1	2	1			36	1		60.00				6.00	.75					
Mt. Enterprise	2			14	2		70							.50	.80					
Mt. Pleasant	1		5	1	2	1	2	109	1	47.40	20.15			8.50	2.10	15.00	30	8	4.00	4.06
Mt. Zion	3			5			40	2		10.65	5.00				1.00					
New Prospect	3	1	10	2	22	3	72	2		84.10	30.00			10.00	1.50		30	8	10.00	
Pea Ridge	3	2	3	14			92	3		96.00	22.00	5.00		7.70	1.75		33	7	11.00	
Pleasant Grove	3		1	12	2		84			107.00	11.50				1.20	20.50				
Pleasant Home	1	7	2				57			15.00	3.15				1.00		30	8	3.00	5.64
Pleasant Site	1					1	69	2		25.40			3.40		1.00		25	6	5.37	
Plasant Valley	1		2	3	1		47			115.75	7.50				1.00	14.25	28	8	3.93	
Springtown	4	5	6	2	1	3	128	2		100.00	26.28		2.71		2.60		31	11	6.00	14.17
Temperance Hill	4	5		3	1	1	98			275.80	20.25		41.25		1.25		53	9	10.51	14.75
Zion	4			3			74	1		64.20	4.25		2.00		.95					

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION.

The Baptist Church at to the Benton
County Baptist Association when convened with the Baptist church at New
Prospect on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1911, Greeting:

We have selected as messengers

as alternates

to represent us

in your body. Our statistics are as follows:

Church Membership

Increase

Decrease

By baptism By death

By letter By letter

By relation By exclusion

By restoration Otherwise dropped from roll

Present membership

Our pastor is P. O.

Our clerk is P. O.

Our day of meeting is the Sunday and Saturday before
the.....Sunday in each month.

NAMES OF OUR DEAD.

[illegible]

The following named Ordained Ministers hold membership with us:

Names

Postoffices

We have collected the following amounts the past year:

For Pastor.....	For building and repairs.....	For As-
sociational (County) Missions.....	For State (Associational) Mis-	
sions.....	For Foreign Missions.....	For Texarkana Orphan
Home.....	For other purposes.....	

Of which we send the following with letter:

For County Missions.....For State Missions.....For
Foreign Missions.....For Orphans Home.....For min-
utes.....

Our Sunday School statistics are as follows:

Number of officers and teachers.....Average attendance of
school..... We use literature published by
..... Paid for literature For other pur-
poses..... Name of superintendent
..... P. O.....

Remarks

Approved in Church Conference 1911

Moderator

Church Clerk.