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OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNITED ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

**Cedar Creek Church, Conway County, Arkansas,
Commencing Saturday, September 11, 1880.**

OFFICERS:

ELD. B. M. STEPHENS, Moderator.
BRO. W. H. LINDSEY, Clerk.
BRO. J. R. JONES, Treasurer.

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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder William T. Box, from the second chapter and fifth verse of the first epistle general of Peter.

Theme—"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"

After a short intermission, the Association was called together by singing.

Elder W. T. Box in the chair. Prayer by Elder Thos. Moody.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for the transaction of business.

Bro. W. H. Lindsey was, on motion, elected temporary Secretary, until the body were permanently organized.

Elder J. A. Johnson and Bro. N. Geer were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the several churches were called for, and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled. (See Statistical Table.)

On motion, the regular rule was suspended, and a call made for petitionary churches; whereupon, letters were presented from Canaan, Sulphur Springs, Saline and Oak Mountain churches,

The Association being satisfied as to the soundness of their faith, the first three above-named churches were received: the Moderator extending to their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, the Oak Mountain church was made the special order of business for Monday, at 8 a. m.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization: which resulted in the election of Elder B. M. Stephens, Moderator, and W. H. Lindsey, Clerk.

Called for correspondents: when Elder E. T. Landers was received from Dardanelle Association.

A motion prevailed to district the Association for the convenience of district meetings.

The order of business of last year was recommended and adopted.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator, to-wit:

On Devotional Exercises—Bros. M. Sugg, A. C. Davis and D. B. Norwood, with the Deacons of Cedar Creek Church.

On Home Missions—Elders T. Nutt, W. A. Hutto and C. W. Hollendsworth.

On Foreign Missions—Elder J. Mayall and Bros. H. C. Ridling and J. C. Abwine.

On Ministerial Education—Elder Thos. Moody, Bros. N. Gees and John Belote.

On Finance—Elder E. N. Kitchens and Bro. D. D. Smart.

On Publication—Elders J. W. Farmer, W. M. Mills and W. F. DeJernatt.

On Sabbath Schools—Bro. J. C. Lee and Elders Thos. Moody and J. E. Drake.

On Districts—Elders J. A. Johnson and T. Nutt and Bro. D. D. Smart.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Preaching at night by Elders E. T. Landers and W. A. Hutto.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1880.

Preaching at 11 a. m., by Elder W. T. Box. After which a collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to \$14.65.

At 2 p. m. the congregation was called together to hear an address by Elder I. R. Hall, Sr. Elder B. M. Stephens concluded with appropriate remarks.

Preaching at 7 p. m., by Elder J. E. Drake.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH.

8 a. m.—Association met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by Elder J. Mayall.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion, the Constitution of the Association was called for and read, etc.

Elder C. H. Herring was not admitted to a seat with the body.

The Moderator renewed the call for correspondents. None received.

The Oak Mountain Church was then taken up; and, after considerable discussion by Elders W. T. Box, Thos. Moody, J. E. Drake, T. Nutt and others, said Church was received.

The name of Bro. W. J. Slonn was inserted as a delegate from Salem Church instead of Bro. Tunnah.

After a short intermission the Moderator called the Association to order, when the Committee on Publication read their report which was adopted. [Appendix A.]

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their report, which was adopted. [Appendix B.]

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was adopted. [Appendix C.]

The Committee on Districts submitted the following report, which was adopted. [Appendix D.]

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. to hear preaching by Elder Thos. Moody.

2 P. M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. M. Mills.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was then called for and read, which was adopted. [Appendix E.]

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was adopted. [Appendix F.]

On motion, agreed to keep up correspondence with the Dardanelle and Caroline Associations; also, with the Baptist State Convention. Messenger to the Dardanelle Association, Elder T. Nutt. Messenger to the Caroline Association, Bro. J. W. Buckner. To the Baptist State Convention, Elders Thos. Moody, J. E. Drake and J. Mayall. Four dollars was collected to pay the fees of recognition of our delegates in the Convention.

On motion, went into election of the Executive Board, which resulted in the choice of Elders J. R. Brouday, Thos. Moody, Bros. G. R. Humphries, N. Geer; W. R. Jones, chairman.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business to introduce resolutions and queries.

On motion of Elder Thos. Moody, it was resolved—

That we, the United Association, recommend to the Churches to discountenance the administration of the ordinance of baptism except when ordered by a regularly constituted Baptist Church; and, further—

That we, as a body, will not recognize such baptisms, nor will we hold in our fellowship Churches that do recognize them.

The following query was discussed by the body;

• Is a minister under any obligation to serve a Church which refuses to support him as she has promised?"

Answer: No.

On motion, resumed the regular order of business.

On motion, it was agreed to hold the next annual session of this body with the Antioch Church No. 2, Van Buren county, Ark., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1881.

The report of Missionary was read and adopted. [Appendix G.]

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [Appendix H.]

The Association went into the choice of ministers to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons at the next session, resulting as follows: Introductory Sermon—Elder J. E. Drake; alternate, J. R. Brouday. Missionary Sermon—Elder B. M. Stephens; alternate, Elder Thos. Moody.

District meetings will be held as follows:

The First District will hold its first meeting with the Coway Church, Faulkner county, Ark., October 31, 1880.

The Second District will hold with Pleasant Valley Church, Faulkner county, Ark., October 31, 1880.

The Third District will hold with the Mount Moriah Church, Van Buren county, Ark., October 31, 1880.

On motion, a letter of dismission from this body was granted to Harmony Church, and the Clerk ordered to furnish the same.

On motion, the Association went into a choice of Missionary for the next Associational year, which resulted in the election of Elder T. Nutt.

On motion, ordered that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he retain \$10 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be hereby tendered to our Moderator and Clerk for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to our brethren, sisters and friends, of this community, for their kindness and hospitality during the session of this body.

On motion, the minutes were read and adopted.

All of the business having been attended to, a parting hymn was sung and the right hand of fellowship extended.

Prayer by Elder J. K. Brouday.

B. M. STEPHENS, Moderator.

WILLIAM H. LINDSEY, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

APPENDIX A.

Your Committee on Publications would recommend: First, that the Word of God be studied by our people more than we have been wont to do in the past. We recommend further, that in addition to the study of the Bible, our people take and read such religious literature as shall be best adapted to aid them in its study. As such literature, we recommend, first of all, *The Tennessee Baptist*, edited by our worthy brother, J. R. Graves, and would urge upon our brethren to support this enterprise by subscribing for and reading the same. We further recommend *Kind Words*, as our Sunday-School paper. We would also recommend *The Christian Repository*, as a worthy exponent of Baptist faith. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FARMER, Chairman.

APPENDIX B

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report the command: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." This marching order given by our great Commander on Olives glory-crowned summit above, eighteen hundred years ago, is still ringing in the heart and pressing upon the conscience of every true Soldier of the Cross. The cry, "Come over and help us," that comes welling up from the perishing millions of God's creatures, and the command of our Lord, "Go teach them," ought to be enough to give every redeemed soul a mighty impulse to send or carry the "great tidings of great joy" to all people, and the finger of God in his Providence appears to be pointing us especially to the three great fields across the sea. First—China: This field demands our attention. Can we not help China some? Italy—Pope-ridden and Papal cursed. Italy, now under the guiding hand of Providence, has the pure Gospel preached to her people. This work demands our sympathy and aid. Poor Africa! She, too, demands some attention from us, who are the favored of God. Yes, Africa, with her millions, is crying "Come over and help us."

In consideration of these facts, your committee would recommend that all our people give this subject their prayerful attention,

Respectfully submitted. 4

J. MAYALL, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

DEAR BRETHREN—We are profoundly impressed as to the importance of an educated ministry which shall be able to cope with all the varied forms of infidelity so prevalent in the world, and that they may be workmen that may not be ashamed.

We recommend that, as an Association, that we give every en-

couragement in this direction to young ministers, and as far as in us lives, give them aid in securing them a liberal education. Respectfully submitted,

THOS. MOODY,
S. GEER,
JOHN BELOTE,
Committee.

APPENDIX D.

We, your committee appointed to divide the Association into Districts, for the convenience of Union meetings, submit the following report:

We recommend a division into three Districts, as follows:

First District—East of the East Cadron: churches belonging thereto: Mt. Zion, Palestine, Oak Bowery, Conway, Salem, Sulphur Springs.

Second District—Between the Cadrons: Churches Cadron Valley, Mount Moriah, Pleasant Valley, New Hope, Need's Creek, Valley Home, Macedonia.

Third District—North of the Cadrons: Churches Cedar Creek, Mount Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Antioch No. 2, Bayou, Hopewell, Sardis, Lone Grove, Mountain View, Pleasant Springs, Smyrna, Cherry Hill, Canaan, Oak Mountain.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. JOHNSON,
THOMPSON NUTT,
D. D. SMART,
Committee.

APPENDIX E.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

The destitution in our midst has, from time to time in previous reports of this Board, been declared very extensive, there being very many in our bounds who have not the pure Gospel preached unto them. Along the Arkansas river, within the bounds of this Association, there is a considerable population of colored people. These people need instruction; very many of them are Baptists. But, whether Baptist or not Baptist: whether religious or not religious, it appears to your Committee that we are under special obligations to look after their spiritual welfare. Beyond our bounds, in the great State of Arkansas, there is much destitution. Our State Convention is making a hard struggle to supply this destitution. Shall we not help in this great work? With much regret do we record the fact that our churches are not properly awake upon the great subject of missions. Our prayers and our works are not in harmony with each other. We are wont to pray the Lord to send more laborers into the field, while we are virtually starving those to death whom He has sent. Report after report has been written; appeal after appeal has been made, and yet our churches are unmoved. Brethren, how long shall

this state of things continue? How long ere the churches of this Association shall rise in the might and power of the God of their salvation and declare by their acts that they are emphatically Missionary Baptists. Respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON NUTT, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report the following:

Believing, as we do, that the Scriptures were written by inspired men, and have been miraculously preserved under many circumstances, and now placed within the reach of every person, to be carefully read and studied for our eternal happiness.

We believe that there is no better way to implant good and lasting principles in the minds of the young than through Sabbath-Schools and Churches, and we do regret that there is as little interest taken in this branch of Christian instruction as is at this time.

We earnestly solicit the pastors to look carefully after this important cause and urge the members of their churches to go into the Sabbath School work and organize schools at all their churches, believing that the aged, as well as the young, will be spiritually benefitted.

We further recommend that the Bible and its teachings be exclusively used in said schools, and request that each school church make an annual report of their schools to the Association. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEE, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Your Missionary would beg leave to submit the following as his report:

I have spent three-fourths of my time traveling and preaching. Number of miles traveled, 1,562; number of sermons preached, 150; number of churches organized, 3; baptisms administered, 10; collected for my support, \$185.30.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. NUTT,
Missionary.

APPENDIX II.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:
We find: For printing Minutes, \$36.35; for Home Missions, \$1.60.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE UNITED ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.
B. M. Stephens.....	Greenbrier.....	Faulkner.
W. M. Mills.....	Greenbrier.....	Faulkner.
G. W. Ford.....	Plummersville.....	Conway.
Thomas Moody.....	Morrilton.....	Conway.
J. A. Johnson.....	Morrilton.....	Conway.
W. A. Hutto.....	Bee Branch.....	Van Buren.
T. Nutt.....	Scotsville.....	Pope.
J. E. Drake.....	Scotland.....	Van Buren.
J. K. Brondaway.....	Plummersville.....	Conway.
J. Mavall.....	Lick Mountain.....	Conway.
L. R. Hall, sr.....	Greenbrier.....	Faulkner.
E. N. Kitchens.....	Conway.....	Faulkner.
C. W. Hollendsworth.....	Springfield.....	Conway.
J. Reid.....	Center Ridge.....	Van Buren.
J. W. S. Leslie.....	Marshall.....	Searcy.
J. W. Gwin.....	Enola.....	Faulkner.
R. L. Maynard.....	Enola.....	Faulkner.

LICENTIATES.

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.
J. W. Farmer.....	Mount Vernon.....	Faulkner.
D. H. Honeycutt.....	Center Ridge.....	Van Buren.
J. J. Cook.....	Perryville.....	Perry.
W. W. Reid.....	Center Ridge.....	Van Buren.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	DELEGATES.	POSTOFFICE.	Received by Ex and Imp. Received by Letter.	Received by Illustration.	Disinited by Letter.	Disinited by Exclusion.	Disinited by Death.	Amount Sent for Minutes.	Amount Sent for Missions.	No. Ordained Ministers. Licentiates.	Total No. in Fellowship.
Mt Zion	W. M. Mills	B. B. Hemington	James Farmer, J. J. Clanton, S. Morris	Mt. Vernon	1	5	1	11	.....	2	45	2	182
Mountain View	J. E. Drake	E. A. Woolverton	J. E. Drake, J. H. Rainey, G. A. Owens	Scotland	1	.....	4	.....	.....	1	50	1	28
Cedar Creek	J. Mayall	J. J. Stanton	B. M. Stephens, C. W. Hollendsworth, G. R. Humphries	Springfield	1	5	.....	4	2	2	1	2	48
Pleasant Springs	J. Mayall	O. L. Wright	G. L. Wright, D. B. Norwood, J. J. George	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	80	.....	19
Smyrna	J. E. Drake	J. W. Todd	J. W. Todd, M. W. Beld	Rondo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Conway	J. G. Melton	A. F. Livingston	E. N. Kitchens, A. C. Hoyle, W. A. Buckner	Conway	11	16	.....	6	2	1	2	1	85
Oak Bowers	J. W. Gwin	S. F. Martin	R. L. George, B. F. Griffith, S. F. Martin	Conway	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	43
New Hope	J. W. Gwin	A. B. Henry	I. H. Hall, Sr., J. Beloit	Greenbrier	2	3	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
Pleasant Hill	B. H. Bearles	W. W. Reed	W. J. Sims, T. W. Scroggins, W. W. Reed	Center Ridge	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	42
Mt. Moriah	W. A. Hutto	H. P. Tatro	W. A. Hutto, N. Geer, J. M. Terry	Bee Branch	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	41
Cadron Valley	W. M. Mills	P. H. Glover	P. H. Glover	Greenbrier	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	35
Hopewell	Thomas Moody	A. C. Hays	A. C. Hays, G. P. Minor, James Finley	Adkins	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
Pleasant Valley	G. W. Ford	W. H. Lindsey	N. B. Hiett, W. H. Lindsey, J. C. Lee	Conway	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Bayou	J. Dally	S. P. Adams	T. Nutt, H. Birch, W. H. Ross	Seville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	.....	28
Lone Grove	C. H. Herring	W. F. Noland	J. Mayall, J. H. Ridling, T. J. Noland	Solobachia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Harmony	R. M. Stephens	L. D. Laird	L. D. Laird, J. W. Jones	Quinnan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
Macedonia	W. T. Box	S. Glen	W. G. Miller, W. F. DeJernatt	Greenbrier	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
Bards	J. W. Gwin	J. M. W. Masingill	J. Williams	Old Hickory	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Sharon	W. A. Hutto	T. M. Wilson	N. B. Harrol, G. W. Williams, James Mabry	Muddy Bayou	25	13	.....	2	6	1	1	.....	63
Valley Home	J. K. Broadaway	J. T. Pike	A. A. Neal, H. F. Parish, J. W. Parish	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Mt. Pleasant	J. E. Drake	A. H. Wilson	N. K. Broadaway, Thomas Moody, J. A. Johnson	Plummersville	14	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	4	31
Need's Creek	W. M. Mills	W. H. Hollowell	M. Sugg, M. Lindsey, Henry Wood	Scotland	15	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	53
Canaan	J. W. S. Leslie	James Glen	W. M. Mills, James Glen	Greenbrier	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	27
Mulphur Springs	E. N. Kitchens	Kayd Wright	I. Horton, R. T. Parks	Marshall	3	3	.....	3	4	.....	.....	.....	39
Salem	T. Nutt	G. M. Easterwood	J. A. Reed, R. T. Blackwell	Conway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Oak Mountain	.....	D. D. Smart	W. J. Sloan, D. D. Smart	Conway	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antioch No 1	.....	R. B. Edwards	A. C. Crowell	Scotland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Cherry Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reed's Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fellowship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
View Prospect	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

The Roll was not called, hence the Absentees are not marked.