

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Crooked Creek Association
OF
Missionary Baptists
FOR 1915.

FIRST DAY.

2:00 P. M., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1915.

The association convened with Union Church, Elder N. F. Bradley acting moderator; Frank Kindall, clerk.

Song—"Higher Ground."

Scripture Lesson—Isaiah 42:1-11.

Prayer by Elder N. F. Bradley.

Song—"Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Introductory sermon, delivered by Elder R. W. Raley—
Subject: "Soul Winning; or, the Qualifications of the Ministry."

Conclusion by Elder N. F. Bradley.

3:00 P. M.

Song—"How Firm a Foundation."

Elder N. F. Bradley selected as moderator pro tem, and association proceeded with business, as follows:

Call for letters from the different churches.

After receiving letters from seventeen churches the moderator appointed Elder J. E. Rose and C. W. Pruett as reading clerks, who proceeded to read the letters, and messengers were enrolled.

Call for petitionary letters. (None received).

Election of officers for the ensuing year as follows:
Elder N. F. Bradley, moderator; Frank Kindall, clerk and treasurer.

Committee on divine service appointed, as follows:
Steve Willis, C. A. Buckley, Luther Dozier, Garrett Eoff and James Gatlin.

Call for corresponding messengers from other associations, and received Elder W. A. Moffitt from Benton county association; Elder J. W. Routh from Caroline association; and Miss Gertie Cox from Carroll county association.

Call for visiting ministers, and received none.

Report of committee on divine service.

After prayer by A. K. Toney association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

7:30 P. M.

Scripture lesson read by Elder L. R. Capps, from Eph. 2.

Sermon delivered by Elder J. W. Routh. Text, "Preach the Word." II. Tim. 4:2.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A. M.

Scripture lesson—Eph. 4:11-24.

Subject—"Sanctification."

Sermon, by Elder W. A. Moffitt.

2:30 P. M.

Scripture lesson—Rom. 8:12-29.

Subject—"Saints' Security; or, Everlasting Life."

Sermon, by Elder L. R. Capps.

Concluded by Elder J. E. Rose.

At the close of the service the moderator read a list which he had formally prepared, of the names of the committees on all the different branches of our work. For the names of the committees see reports.

7:00 P. M.

Devotional service conducted by Elder J. W. Henderson.

8:00 P. M.

Sermon, delivered by Elder R. W. Raley; subject, "The Events of the Cross of Christ."

After a great spiritual feast the association adjourned until 8:00 a. m. Monday.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY, 8:00 A. M.

Song—" 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Prayer, by Elder L. R. Capps.

Song—"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Reading of constitution and rules of decorum by clerk.

Recall for letters, and letters from four churches were received and read.

Call for report of messengers to other associations, and Elder J. E. Rose reported that he had visited Carroll county.

Call for volunteers to visit other associations, and the following volunteers were received: White River association, Will Brady and J. W. Purdum; Carroll county associa-

tion, Elders L. R. Capps, J. E. Rose, W. F. Graham. and Bros. J. F. Pruitt and W. V. Ryan: Taney association, Elder R. W. Raley, C. A. Buckley and W. A. Wilson; Bentonville association, Elder W. F. Graham.

Roll called and corrected.

Call for reports of committees, which was received as follows:

Christian Education—Discussed and adopted.

Home Missions—Discussed and adopted.

Temperance—Discussed and adopted by unanimous vote.

State Missions—Extensively discussed and adopted.

11:30 A. M.

Song—"Down at the Cross."

Prayer, by Elder F. M. Gathright.

Scripture lesson, read from Matt. 24.37-42 and I Thess.

4:13-18.

Subject—"The Second Coming of Christ."

Sermon, by Elder F. M. Gathright.

A great spiritual feast followed, and a collection of \$19.13 was taken for state missions.

By motion the moderator appointed a committee of three to recommend a place for the next meeting of the association.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. W. Routh.

2:00 P. M.

Song—"Waiting for a Better Day."

Prayer, by Elder J. E. Rose.

Continuation of Reports:

Sunday School—Discussed, amended and adopted.

Woman's Work—Discussed and adopted.

Special committee recommended Mt. Pleasant church for meeting of next association. Recommendation was rejected, and a vote was taken on both Liberty No. 2 and Mt. Pleasant, the latter being chosen.

Foreign Missions—Adopted after discussion.

Christian Literature—Adopted after being discussed.

Association Missions—After much discussion the report was amended and adopted, and an association mission board elected as follows: R. S. Brown, C. W. Pruett, C. A. Buckley, J. W. Purdum and Walton Raley.

Obituaries—Adopted without discussion.

Orphans' Home—Adopted without discussion.

Finance—Adopted; no discussion.

Resolutions—Adopted without discussion.

Miscellaneous—Clerk to superintend printing of minutes to receive \$5.00 for services and to have 500 copies printed.

A collection of \$3.00 was taken to meet deficit in the minute fund.

Elder L. R. Capps selected to preach the introduction sermon, and Elder J. H. Klepper as alternate.

Association joined in a farewell handshake while singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant church at 10:00 a. m., Saturday before third Sunday in October, 1916.

ELDER N. F. BRADLEY, Moderator,
Bellefonte, Ark.

FRANK KINDALL, Clerk and Treas.,
Harrison, Ark.

Report of Committees in Regular Order.

DIVINE SERVICE.

We, your committee, make the following appointments for divine service: Saturday night, Elders J. W. Routh and L. R. Capps. Sunday, 11:00 a. m., Elder W. A. Moffitt; 2:30 p. m., Elders L. R. Capps and J. E. Rose, 7:00 p. m., devotional service by Elder J. W. Henderson; 8:00 p. m., Elder R. W. Raley. Monday, 11:30 a. m., Elder F. M. Gathright.

STEVE WILLIS,
C. A. BUCKLEY,
JAMES GATLIN,
LUTHER DOZIER,
G. B. EOFF,
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and inquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico by Chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts, but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less, and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we, as an association, undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them, that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal which should be in every Baptist family within our bounds so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

M. F. GATHRIGHT,

MRS. J. L. SIMS.

J. L. SIMS.

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

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

1. Home mission work embraces the work of our Southern Baptist convention, and through the channels of this board churches are organized, church houses are built, Sunday schools are organized, etc., and we believe it proper to state here that when we contribute to home missions we are giving money that will be applied to the development of the work, not only within the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention in a general way, but often comes back to us in helping in the above named work.

There are within the bounds of our convention eighteen million people without religious faith. Out of every 100 persons in the South there are 39 or 40 who are Baptists, or of Baptist persuasion.

The home mission board reported 38,000 accessions last year, due to its immediate efforts. A dollar given to Baptist missions in the South is instrumental in the salvation of a greater number of souls than any other mission dollar given in America.

In Arkansas alone we have 35 associations that are not doing one bit of home mission work.

We believe, in view of this fact, and that no church can grow to be itself in the service of God without being developed along all lines of church work, that every pastor should put forth an earnest effort to develop his people along this phase of church efficiency.

J. H. KLEPPER,

L. R. CAPPS,

J. F. WALLIS,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

(A Suggested Report)

Your committee on State Missions would report as follows:

As the days go by the great importance of state missions grows on the student of missions. If the Baptist denomination would

become weak and lame and lose its power at home and abroad, let us cease to emphasize state missions

State missions by the churches co-operating in the Baptist State Convention includes revival meetings in destitute places and in weak churches, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, projecting and helping to build church houses, and aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday School and Baptist Young People's work, encouraging woman's work, and whatever else will send far and wide the pure gospel of Christ and upbuild the Baptist cause in this great state.

In 1914 the churches operating through the Convention served the Kingdom as follows:

Missionaries employed	47
Days labored	10,123
Miles traveled	65,827
Appointments	74
Sermons	5,490
Other addresses	898
Total sermons and addresses	6,388
Service in homes	1,812
Conversions	1,458
Baptisms	1,270
Additions	804
Total additions	2,074
Amount raised for State Missions	\$12,262.75

The amount of money needed to put the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention out of debt for missions at the State Convention at Conway, November 18, 1915, is approximately \$30,000.

So your committee would make the following recommendations.

First, that agonizing prayer be made daily by all our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second, that every pastor get all possible information about State Missions and give it out in burning messages to his people.

Third, that he try to give his people a larger vision of State Missions and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members, and from every organization in the churches.

Fourth, that the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this body get together and make plans to reach every church in the association for an offering to state missions by the middle of November. It is the time for a great, strong, self-sacrificing, heroic pull all over the state.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, Ark.

J. E. ROSE,

TROY EOFF,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

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, and we recommend that a missionary be placed in the field for full time.

That the association elect a board or committee 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 board or committee, empower the same to employ the missionary, who shall go to destitute and broken down places, and shall pay him out of funds that shall be contributed by the different churches of the association.

We furthermore recommend that this work be carried to the churches by their messengers and laid before their church at their first conference meeting, and that the church appoint two members

to solicit funds for this work and report at once the amount pledged for this cause, and report quarterly thereafter, sending therewith their contributions.

J. F. PRUITT,
R. W. RALEY,
J. W. HENDERSON,
Committee.

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 about 200.

New buildings have been erected during the past year that give fairly good accommodation to the children, but the erection of the home left an indebtedness. This debt, with the support of the children, is to be met by the Baptists of Arkansas, and we recommend the suggestion given in the minutes of last year—that each church within 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.

W. F. GRAHAM,
JOHN ARTHUR,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday School, submit the following report:

We firmly believe and know that the Sunday school is an important factor in soul winning and is one great evidence of a church at work.

Therefore we should put forth our best efforts in the work, and study the lessons, that we may show ourselves approved unto God.

Furthermore, we urge all parents to take, and not send, their children to Sunday school, that they may learn more about the Christ.

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

A greater interest may be awakened by writing Bro. D. S. Campbell of Little Rock, who will hold Sunday School Institute at any place when he can. So we may invite him or Bro. W. A. Moffitt and they will give us a date.

MAYME HOLT,
M. E. TAYLOR,
W. M. DUNLAP,
J. W. PURDUM,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, are glad to report that great progress is being made on this line in all the land.

There are now nineteen prohibition states. As we all know, Arkansas joined the ranks at the last legislature,

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on Resolutions, report the following:

Be it resolved, that we extend our heartfelt thanks to church and vicinity of Union church for their kind hospitality extended toward us during our stay with them. May God bless them.

JOE BROWN,
G. W. WHITE,
ED FARMER.

Committee.

Report of Association Board.

Balance in treasury	\$ 3.40
Received from Pleasant Grove	3.50
" " Big Springs	10.00
" " Valley Springs	3.50
" " Flat Rock	2.75
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Paid out for postage----- .40

Balance in treasury----- \$22.75

W. S. TROUTT, Clerk.

Clerk's Report.

Received from committee on finance	\$22.97
Collected at association	3.00
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Total	\$25.97

Paid for printing the minutes	\$20.00
For services of clerk	5.00
Reserved for postage	.97
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Total	\$25.97

FRANK KINDALL, Clerk.

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 regularly and cheerfully 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 in our dealings, faithful to 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, which, 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, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence

and love; that in the unity of the God-head 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 effected 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 regeneration, 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 fulfil 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 baptized 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 Committee in Order.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint a Place for the Next Meeting of the Association.
16. Appoint Someone to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
17. Appoint Someone to Have Minutes Printed.
18. Adjournment.

Church Officers and Messengers

CHURCH	POSTOFFICE	PASTOR	CLERK	MESSENGERS
Harrison	Harrison	F. M. Gathright	Jno. Sugg	Elder F. M. Gathright, Jno. Sugg, J. L. Sims, Mrs. J. L. Sims
Bellefonte	Bellefonte	J. E. Rose	Ernest Bulin	Elder N. F. Bradley, W. J. Hall, Woody Norton, J. A. Thompson
Sugar Loaf	Lead Hill	R. W. Raley	W. M. Dunlap	Elder R. W. Raley, Walton Raley, W. M. Dunlap, C. A. Buckley
Big Springs	Dodd City	R. W. Raley	S. C. Purdum	J. W. Purdum, Charley Manley
Lead Hill	Lead Hill	R. L. Carson	G. W. Beason	C. W. Pruett, Etta Pruett
Walnut Grove	Harrison	N. F. Bradley	R. D. Jones	Lizzie Holt, Ertia Jones, Mayme Holt, Bertha Wagley
Oak Grove	Prosperity		Tom Brown	J. F. Pruitt
Pleasant Grove	Willcockson		S. M. Carlton	Walter Spurlock
Hopewell	Harrison	J. W. Pettit	Frank Kindall	Elder L. R. Capps, Vern Logan, Frank Kindall
Orion	Prosperity	Jno Raynor	L. H. Crawford	J. L. Benegar, Mrs. J. L. Benegar, Will Benegar, L. H. Crawford
Welf Springs	Harrison	R. S. Biggs	Joe V. Brown	Joe Brown, Bunyan Boatright and wife
Valley Springs	Valley Springs	J. H. Klepper	L. M. Murray	D. E. Wilson, L. M. Murray, Ida Murray, S. N. McAlpin
Grubb Springs	Harrison	N. F. Bradley	F. W. Walther	Oscar Daniel and wife
Prairie View	Harrison		M. E. Taylor	M. E. Taylor and wife, Helen Martin, Jno. Toney
Union	Harrison	J. E. Rose	J. Sol Barker	Luther Dozier, Bertha Beene, Olie Gatlin, Troy Eoff
Liberty No. 2	Bellefonte	L. R. Capps	C. S. Roberts	Elder J. H. Klepper, Esther Klepper, C. Roberts
Bethel	Self	O. C. Hefner	E. R. Pemberton	Wes Bashears, George White, Minnie White
New Enon	Lowery		T. E. Eoff	John Arthur
Peel	Peel	R. W. Raley	W. W. Treadway	Edd Farmer, Jim Casebolt, V. P. Farmer
New Prospect	Pyatt	R. W. Raley	Will Brady	Will Brady, Walter Kelly, A. J. Wilkerson
Mt. Pleasant	Wayton	J. W. Henderson	T. W. Taylor	Steve Willis, Nora Henderson, Cansady Taylor, J. H. Henderson

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