

MINUTES
OF THE

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held at Greenwood, Arkansas,
September, 25, 26, and 27,
1897.

27th Annual Session.

OFFICERS:

C. QUINN, Moderator, R. A. ROWE, Clerk,
W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

Will meet with the First Baptist Church, of
Fort Smith, Saturday before the Fourth
Sunday in September, 1898.



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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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HELD WITH

The Greenwood Baptist Church,

Greenwood, Arkansas,

ON THE

25th, 26th and 27th Days of
September, 1897.

ELD. J. F. ONEAL, RETIRING MODERATOR,
ETNA, ARK.

ELD. L. QUINN, MODERATOR, CHARLESTON, ARK.

R. A. ROWE, CLERK, GREENWOOD, ARK.

W. A. MAYFIELD, TREASURER,
NATIONAL SPRINGS, ARK.

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PROCEEDINGS.

GREENWOOD, ARK., September, 25, 1897.

ERRATA.

1. The words, "fame" in the 15th line of the report of Committee on Ministerial Education, page 10; should read, power.
2. The word, "work" in the 5th line of the report of Committee on Religious Literature, page 8, should read, word.
3. In the second line of Article 9 of the constitution, it should read five members.
4. The word, "Sunday," in the second line of Article 11 should read Saturday; the last line of same Article should read 11 o'clock, a. m.
5. In the fourth line, of Article 3, Articles of Faith, the word, "into" should read, unto.
6. The last line of Article 10, Articles of Faith, the words, "or Deacons" should read, and Deacons.

Quinn, John Ayers, R. A. Rowe and W. A. Hill were nominated Clerk. Eld. J. G. Johnson and W. A. Mayfield were nominated Treasurer.

The following tellers were appointed to receive the votes and declare results: For Moderator, John E. Tatum and Eld. A. L Brown; For Clerk, Eld's. J. G. Johnson

PROCEEDINGS.

GREENWOOD, ARK., September, 25, 1897.

The messengers from the churches composing the Concord Baptist Association having assembled with the Greenwood Baptist Church. After a song and prayer, association was called to order by R. A. Rowe, Clerk, the moderator being absent, after which the song and prayer service was continued half an hour, during which time Eld. J. F. O'Neal, moderator, arrived.

An intermission of five minutes was then had, after which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Nathan Marshall, from 1st. Cor., 14: 26.

"Let all things be done unto edifying"

On motion of R. A. Rowe the Association took a recess for dinner until 2 o'clock, p. m.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

After song and prayer the Moderator appointed Elds O. L. Hailey, L. Quinn and W. A. Hill as reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were placed on the clerk's table and read. The churches and messengers' names recorded and the statistical information made known. See statistical table.

The moderator stated that it was necessary to elect a moderator, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

The names of Eld's O. L. Hailey, L. Quinn and E. M. Beals were placed in nomination for Moderator. Eld's L. Quinn, John Ayers, R. A. Rowe and W. A. Hill were nominated Clerk. Eld. J. G. Johnson and W. A. Mayfield were nominated Treasurer.

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and J. W. Nobles; For Treasurer, J. W. Mays and D. M. Bryant. After casting up the ballots, the several tellers reported the following bretheren elected officers for the ensuing year:

Moderator, L. Quinn; Clerk, R. A. Rowe, and Treasurer, W. A. Mayfield.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Called for, presented and read from the following church. On motion of Eld. H. L. Been the church was received; seated, and the right hand of associational fellowship extended by the moderator: Three Miles, W. H Wiley.

Moderator appointed Dr. W. J. Pitman, C. H. Howe, John E. Hodgens, Eld. John A. Sims, John Ayers, D. W. Bryan and J. J. McAlister committee on divine service.

Eld's D. L. Moore and L. S. Smith were seated as corresponding messengers from Buckner Association.

The following motion was made by Eld. O. L. Hailey and passed.

Moved that the Committee on Nominations in addition to the work they had usually done, shall also nominate messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention and to the State Convention and a member of the State Board.

A. J. Williams, Eld. H. I. Been and R. A. Rowe were appointed corresponding messengers to Buckner Association.

Eld. N Marshall, A. R. Hill, J. C. Williams and Eld. H. L. Been were appointed corresponding messengers to Dardanelle Association.

Eld. O. L. Hailey, B. T. Sumner, H. L. Been, N. Marshall and O. Echols were appointed corresponding messengers to Clear Creek Association.

Committee on Divine service reported as follows:— Saturday night, Greenwood Baptist church, Eld. H. L. Been; Greenwood Methodist church, Eld. N. Marshall; Oak Grove Baptist church, Eld. J. F. O'Neal; Burnville, Eld. J. W. Nobles.

Eld. O. L. Hailey moved that any member of this association be authorized to represent this body in any other association, a copy of these minutes being his cre-

dentials—carried.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Eld H. L. Been, preached. Romans 10: 8,
"But what saith it?"

Adjourned till Sunday morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

Eld. L. Quinn led in Sunday School mass meeting. After song and prayer the moderator called on the following brethren for talks; Eld's H. G. Johnson, W. A. Hill, L. Quinn and brother P. A. Ball, responded. Brother J. A. Finney was excused by his own request. Songs were had between talks.

At 11 o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by Eld O. L. Hailey to a large audience in the court house. Text: Romans, 10: 8 "*The word of faith which we preach*" At the conclusion of the service, a collection was taken for the benefit of State, Home and Foreign missions, resulting in a total of \$30.00 to be equally divided between them.

Intermission was then had for dinner which was spread on the court house yard. There was an abundance, and the congregation was bountifully fed.

In the afternoon Elders L. Quinn and H. L. Been made temperance talks in the courthouse, and Eld. E. M. Beals preached to the prisoners in the county jail. Both services were well attended.

Sunday night Eld. O. L. Hailey preached at the Baptist church. His text was selected from Ephesians 3: 9—14:

MONDAY.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, Monday morning, Sept., 27, 8:30 o'clock.

After a song and prayer service in which Bro's John Ayers, C. S. Price, Eld. H. L. Been and Eld. W. A. Clarke offered prayor. This being concluded, Eld. W. A. Clarke, of the Arkansas Baptist, made a talk on "Faith" which was edifying and instructive. On motion of R. A. Rowe the roll was

not called till afternoon. On motion of Eld. O. L. Hailey, T. Lee Agnew, of Makanda, Ill., and Eld. W. A. Clarke, of Little Rock were extended the courtesies of the association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

By the term, Home Missions, in this report, we mean that department of our general missionary work in which the Southern Baptist Convention seeks to supply the demands of our home fields, where the local forces are not strong enough to do so. The Southern Baptist Convention embraces all the states and territories south of and including Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Outside the United States the Home Board has missions in Cuba. The Home Board is at Atlanta, Ga., I. T. Tichenor is Corresponding Secretary. This board, last year had 372 missionaries employed, 20 of whom labored within the bounds of our State Convention, and 56 in Western Arkansas and Indian Territory. These 76 missionaries baptized 855 converts, and received by letter 954 making a total accession to the church of 1,789.

The 372 missionaries added to the various churches 9,456, of these 4,709 by baptism, 4,746 by letter at a total cost of \$103,848, of which Arkansas gave \$1,093 and \$2,296 by cooperation. Total, \$3,389. Of this, Concord Association gave \$126.74, of which \$123.22 was given by the First Baptist church of Fort Smith.

There are strong reasons why one should contribute to the support of this work. The whole work of missions is one, whether it be local church work, associational, state, home or foreign missions, the principle is the same, and God will bless those who freely give to promote the interest of his cause, and the best results will come from systematic work. We request that every church in Concord Association appoint a regular time to contribute to each department of this work. We earnestly request the pastors of the various churches to see to it, that, this plan is carried out, and that each and every church contribute something to each department of the work and that each pastor preach a sermon on the subject once a year.

It will be of interest to many to know that the Home Board has revived the publication of their monthly journal, the Home Field. The price is 10 cents a year and may be had by sending a dime to the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga.

J. W. O'Kelly,
O. L. Hailey,
J. E. Grimes,
L. J. Burt, } Committee.

Eld. L. J. Burt moved that the report be adopted. Discussed by W. A. Clarke.—Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee on Associational Missions would recommend that the Board employ one or more missionaries as soon as practical to work in the bounds of the association where there are no churches. We would further recommend that every church be requested to contribute regularly and liberally to the support of the mission work and remit to W. A. Mayfield, Treasurer of Board.

J. F. O'Neal,
W. H. Wiley,
H. F. Moseley, } Committee.
N. Marshall,
Samuel Floyd,

J. E. Grimes moved that the report be adopted. Eld. O. L. Hailey, asked, "where are the places of destitution?" Eld. J. F. O'Neal was called to the chair and Eld. J. W. Nobles, J. T. Watson, H. L. Beon L Quinn E. M. Beals, Brothers, L. D. Davis, J. E. Grimes and D. M. Jetton, mentioned the following places of destitution: Chismville, Caulksville, Central, Lively school house and Arbuckle Island. Elder L. D. Burt spoke of employing a missionary, and J. F. O'Neal and B. P. Branch discussed the report which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission work is under the direction of the State Convention and is managed by the State Mission Board which is located at Little Rock. Eld. W. A. Clarke is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. The Board cooperates with the Home Mission Board and receives help from the Home Board. They employed last year twenty missionaries for all, or part of their time.

Last year the State gave to their work \$1,699 and the Home Board \$2,519. Concord Association gave \$155.90.

We would recommend that every church make a contribution to this work at least once a year.

We desire to call attention to a recommendation of the State Convention which is as follows:

Resolved further: that each association in our bounds be, and is hereby urgently requested to select some suitable place and build a camp ground with a suitable tabernacle and hold a regular camp meeting at least once a year.

We recommend that the association through its committee on nominations appoint a committee of seven brethren to consider this question, and if found practicable, to prosecute such a plan, and report to the next sitting of this association.

H. L. Been,	Committee.
B. R. Townly,	
J. B. Flynn,	
J. W. Nobles,	
O. L. Hailey,	

A. L. Lawrence moved to adopt the report. Discussed by Eld's, W. A. Clark and O. L. Hailey. On motion of Eld. H. L. Been, association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Eld. W. A. Clark preached at 11 o'clock. Text: John, 4: 5.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song—Prayer by Eld. E. M. Beals.

Report on state missions taken up and adopted. On motion of Eld. O. L. Hailey the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved: That, the Executive Board of this association, be, and are hereby instructed to enter into correspondence with the State Board of Missions and the State Sunday School Board with a view of securing cooperation in our associational mission work.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools:

We find from the report of the churches, that thirteen churches with a membership of 1,302 have sunday schools

with 1,019 scholars. Twenty-one churches with a membership of 736 have no Sunday Schools.

FIRST.—We recommend that each church and Sunday school in the association be represented in the Baptist Sunday School Convention, to be held with Prairie View Sunday School the second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1898.

SECOND.—We recommend that each church that has no Sunday school, organize one if possible.

D. W. Bryan, }
A. L. Brown, }
J. M. Clay, } Committee.
P. Buckner, }
C. S. Price, }

Eld. H. L. Been moved the adoption of the report. Discussed by Eld's. O. L. Hailey J. T. Watson, H. L. Been, E. M. Beals and W. A. Clark. Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance:

We hold and maintain that the drunk demon works more devastation to home, church and state than any other one evil that now besets us. And that he who encourages the sale or use of intoxicants as a beverage, puts the cup to his neighbor's mouth to make him drunk.

Therefore be it resolved:—That we as a christian people exert all our legitimate influence in checking and finally stopping the sale or use of all intoxicants as a beverage.

And further reccommend that we be temperate in our advocacy of temperance.

J. T. Watson, }
T. A. Holder, }
E. D. Spain, } Committee.
N. B. Denruore, }
T. J. Flynn, }

Eld. J. T. Watson moved the adoption of the report. Discussed by Eld. J. T. Watson. Eld. O. L. Hailey requested that the county vote against license to help Fort Smith. Report adopted.

Eld. O. L. Hailey introduced the following resolution:
We, the Concord Baptist Association, in annual ses-

sion send greeting to the State Convention when it shall meet at Pine Bluff and ask that they express in a suitable way their earnest condemnation of the course and conduct of Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. And our representatives who shall be in attendance are hereby instructed to vote our sentiments in accordance with the above.

Our clerk is hereby instructed to send this communication to the Secretary of the convention. Properly endorsed. Resolutions adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on religious literature report as follows:

Whereas we have, from many of our churches a very discouraging report, and an expressed lack of a better understanding as to the true teaching of God's work; Therefore we recommend that our churches try to arouse their members to a more diligent searching of the Holy Scriptures, and a hearty support and study of our state paper to wit: The Arkansas Baptist and Sunday School, the Southern Baptist Convention series.

L. J. Burt,
Oliver Pennington, } Committee.
D. Y. Burke,

R. A. Hill moved to adopt report Eld. W. A. Clarke was allowed to announce that he had copies of the Arkansas Baptist Report discussed by Eld's. H. L. Been, J. T. Watson and brothers James W. O'Kelly and J. E. Grimes. Report adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on woman's work report that we regret very much the lack of such societies in the churches composing this body, or rather the lack of reporting them. We think and earnestly recommend that every church organize at once a Woman's Missionary Society. We think it next to the Sunday school in importance to the church. Women are ever mindful of their Pastor: also they are often found devising plans to raise means for missions, etc.

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Mrs. M. A. Neal,	Committee.
Mrs. P. A. Bell,	
Mrs. H. C. Armstrong,	
Mrs. F. M. Long,	
Mrs. E. M. Ruy,	
John E. Tatum,	
John. A. Sims,	
Miss Delia Reed,	
Mrs. T. C. Price,	

Discussed by Eld. E. M. Beals, Bro. A. R. Hill and Eld. O. L. Hailey. Report on motion of O. L. Hailey was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions are based on the example and precepts of the Lord. Christ and the apostles were Missionaries, and he had commanded his people to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. We feel that this work has not received the proper attention in our association.

Therefore we reccommend that the pastors and chuyches also the Sunday school Superintendent and teachers should co-operate in raising money for this purpose.

W. A. Hill,	Committee.
W. A. Mayfield,	
D. M. Jetton,	
A. R. Hill,	
A. J. McAmis,	

On motion of J. E. Grimes the report was adopted.

By a unanimous vote the committee on Woman's Work was made a regular committee.

On motion of D. W. Bryan the clerk was ordered to have printed 600 copies of the minute, and clerk to have the remainder of the minute fund for his services as clerk. (The clerk believing it will take 800 minutes, has 200 printed on his own account.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Sunday Collection	\$30 00.
Associational Missions	\$24.28.
State	\$59.17.
Home	" \$144.51.
Foreign	" \$120.20.
Minutes	" \$88.41.
Total	\$416.57.

Only \$82.39 was paid to Treasurer the other having been forwarded to proper departments.

The committee recommended that the churches state in their letters to the association the amount and to whom they have forwarded the funds collected for the several mission enterprises..

J. F. Stewart,
John Ayers,
P. A. Ball,
G. W. Amos, } Committee.

On motion of D. M. Bryan report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We are taught in the word of God to give heed to education. We believe it to be the duty of every young man who feels himself called and impressed with the solemn duty to preach "The Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things" to use every means in his power to obtain a literary and theological education. Paul, who called Timothy his own son in the faith and who had so much concern about his success and well being as a young Christian and Minister. Among other instructions, said: "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is an age of education. All the leading nations of the earth are raising and spending large sums of money for the common education of their citizenship to obtain knowledge. Knowledge is fame, the more fame, the more good can be accomplished. And as we are now expending considerable sums of money for the support of the ministry. We believe that more good would be affected if the churches would spend more money in preparing and educating its preachers for their work. We therefore urge every pastor to take a collection at least twice a year for ministerial education and forward the same to those boards of education that are instructed to aid our needy young preachers.

John E. Tatum,
A. J. Williams,
A. P. Scott,
E. S. Murphy,
J. T. Harkins,
E. F. Carter,
Var. Moore, } Committee.

Eld. H. L. Been moved the adoption of report. Discussed by Eld's. O. L. Hailey, W. A. Clark, J. T. Watson and H. L. Been. Report adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your committee on Digest of Letters report that the following named brothers and sisters have departed this life since we last met:

James S. Meek, Wise A. Cooper, N. M. Vancleave of First Baptist church, Fort Smith; A. J. Rippy, Sulphur Springs; Sallie Debin, New Harmony; Lucinda Brown, Oak Bower; Sister Bell, National Springs; F. M. Shaw, G. W. Snock, Prairie View; Annie Powell, Pilgrim Rest; John Carter, Greenwood; one, Charleston; Sister Blackwell, Caulksville; Two, at Bloomer; Bettie Gant, Della Haywood, R. B. Jackson, Sister R. B. Jackson, Obe Townley, Oak Grove; Harry Mifany, J. Right, R. C. Bryant, Susana Spangler, Boonville. God bless the memory of the departed dead.

W. A. Mayfield,
J. W. Mays,
R. F. Sumner,
E. W. Pippin,
S. E. Thomson,

Committee.

On motion of A. L. Lawrence, report was adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the next meeting be held with the First Baptist church at Fort Smith. We nominate to preach the introductory sermon A. L. Brown, E. M. Beals, alternate; to preach the Missionary sermon J. T. Watson, J. W. Nobles, alternate; to deliver the Temperance address, C. J. Frederick. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, O. L. Hailey. Five messengers to the State Convention—R. A. Rowe, A. L. Lawrence, W. A. Hill, N. Marshall and C. H. Howe, and that should any nominee not attend the convention, that those present may fill any vacancy from messengers attending this association as reported in the minutes. To be members of the Executive Board, five—J. T. Watson, J. T. Hollingsworth, C. J. Frederick, L. Been and J. J. McAlister. To be member of the State Mission Board—O. L. Hailey.

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To be committee on Camp Meeting ground—O. L. Hailey, A. L^t Brown, J. F. O'Neal, N. Marshall, R. A. Rowe, W. A. Hill and W. A. Mayfield.

John Ayers,	Committee.
P. A. Ball,	
B. P. Branch,	
J. W. Curtis,	
A. L. Lawrence	
J. J. McAlister,	
Jno. E. Tatum,	

Report was adopted on motion of B. R. Townley.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from all sources.....	\$80 20
By cash paid R. A. Rowe for minutes.....	\$24 65
By cash to A. J. Henson, missionary.....	24 60
By cash to J. W. Truelove, missionary.....	22 35
By cash, foreign missions.....	1 10
By cash, state missions.....	2 40
By cash, colored Baptist pastor, Charleston.....	4 55
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	\$80 20—\$79 65
To balance.....	55

W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

On motion of J. E. Grimes report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At a board meeting \$25.00 was appropriated in accordance with the resolution of last association to supplement the salary of colored pastor of the colored Baptist church at Charleston. J. F. O'NEAL, Chairman.

Article 9, Section 2, of the by-laws, is amended as it appears in the constitution

D. W. Bryan introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to this church and community for their generous hospitality in entertaining this body, and also tender thanks to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house Saturday night. Resolution adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1898. Song, "Parting Hand," and Benediction.

L. QUINN, Moderator.

R. A. ROWE, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

ARTICLE 2.

It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptists Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger.

ARTICLE 3.

The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE 4.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2. The clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 2. The treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

ARTICLE 5.

The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation; and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches, and to aid in this last object several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

ARTICLE 6.

Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heretodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

ARTICLE 7.

Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application by letter.

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and messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ARTICLE 8.

Churches may be dismissed from the Association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

ARTICLE 9.

Sec. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of this body, with 6 members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the Missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Support, Temperance, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work.

ARTICLE 10.

It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries as means may allow and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through his Treasurer, out of any funds in his hands, except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

ARTICLE 11.

The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Sunday before the 4th Lord's day in September, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 4 o'clock a. m. for preaching.

ARTICLE 12.

This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article 6, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENT 1, ARTICLE 18.

No persons shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Amended 1882.

AMENDMENT 2.

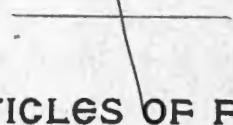
The Constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of this Association. Amended 1893.

AMENDMENT 3.

Missionary Sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service committee. Adopted in 1894.

AMENDMENT 4.

Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing minutes. Adopted in 1895.


ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one, true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of faith, doctrine and discipline and practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercises of the Eternal Love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them into the adoption of children through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through faith unto salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy; but by willful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholly image of Adam and children of wrath by nature and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ, and no other way.

6. We believe in order to be saved; sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy

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Spirit in connection with the Divine truth, and the proper evidences thereof are repentance, faith and obedience to God.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the scripture teaches that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet stately and have covenant together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian churches are Bishops or Pastors or Deacons.

11. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by regularly ordained Baptist Minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positively commemoration ordinance of Jesus Christ to be observed in the church as such, in remembrance of Christ and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's day, and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator, or, if absent by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading church letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of officers by ballot.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of committee on Divine service.
6. Call for letters and messengers from corresponding Associations.
7. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

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8. Appointment of committees.
 9. Appointment of corresponding messengers.
 10. Miscellaneous business.
 11. Calling the roll.
 12. Call for reports of committee.
 13. New business.
 14. Appointment of place for next meeting.
 15. Reading the minutes.
 16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.
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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An introductory and missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure, the sermon on either to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. A committee of arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and, upon obtaining leave, shall proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays, or otherwise.

MINUTES.

10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.
12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Letters, that are unknown to the scriptures, such as "Rev." "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed or appear on the minutes.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
15. Any person violating these rules may be reprobated by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
16. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.



Church.	Messenger.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Decrease.	Addit.	Total Membership.	Missions.			Total
							Excluded.	Dismissed.	Deaths.	
Bloomer	J. W. Jetton, E. D. Spain.	E M Beals, Bloomer.	E D Spain, Bloomer.	4	1	178	\$2.80			\$ 2.80
Boonville	Nathan Marshall.	Nathan Marshall, Cardiff.	L B Carlson, Bonnville.	1,385	9	12	6	94	\$1.00	\$ 1.00
Burnville	J. J. McAlister, Wm. Crow, R. M. McGee.	H L Been Greenwood.	R M McGee, Burnville.	4	6	1	1	26		
Caglesville	No messengers.	No Pastor.	O C Paschal, Caglesville.	4	1	1	1	36		
Center Valley	J. W. Nobles, G. W. Amos, P. Buckner.	J W Truelove.	J T Kersey, Auburn.	1	4	1	2	65		
Charleston	D. M. Jetton, L. Quinn, L. J. Burt.	H L Been Greenwood.	J A Robertson, Charleston.	2	2	1	2	135	2.25	
Corinth	D. M. Bryant.	D M Bryant.	Jas H Yarboro, Magazine.	2	2	2	2	38	45	
1st Ch. Ft. Smith	See foot note.	G L Hailey, Ft Smith.	John Ayers, Fort Smith.	118	21	1*3	32	43388	55.61	182.49 105.00 8486.80
Greenwood	Jno A. Sims, John E. Tatam, Mrs. M. A. Neal	H Hesterly, Greenwood.	John A Sims, Greenwood.	2,4	5	1	8	.69		8.00 2.00
Harmony	C. W. Woodruff, M. J. Milam.	Jno G Harris, Excelsior.	J W Planket, Excelsior.	3	4	1	1	21		
Huntington	No messengers.	No Pastor.	J L Finney, Jenny Lind.	3	2	6	9	676		8.04
Jenny Lind	W. F. Gibbs, L. M. Minton, T. P. Long.	Fanny Jarrard, Atus.	W H Yelverton Greenwood.	2	2	2	2	34		
Judson	W. J. Ming, W. H. Yelverton, C. N. Tomlin.	No Pastor.	W H Yelverton Greenwood.	3				26		
Mt. Zion	Jesse Edwards, H. K. Basinger, A. P. Scott.	J W Miller, Camoron, I T.	Jesse Edwards, Excelsior.	1		2	110	52		2.00
Mt. Hope	J. F. O'Neal, H F Mosely, J W Mays.	E M Beals, Bloomer.	H M O'Neal, Etna.	2	5	2	6	494	5.00	
Montreal	W W Reed, Frank Stewart, Wm Allen.	J Pinkerton Kulachabhi IT	Mary Allen, MONTREAL.	3	2	5	1	28		2.00
National Springs	W A Mayfield, S E Thompson.	J T Watson, Greenwood.	T B Hanston Nat'l Spring.	1		1	1	182	5.85	2.50
New Harmony	M B Harrison, W H Daniel.	A L Brown, Lavaca.	M B Harrison, Beverly.	2	2	1	1	248		8.40
Oak Bowe	J M Clay, A L Brown, H G Johnson.	No Pastor.	Maggie Stem, Lavaca.	1	3	5	1	106	2.78	
Oak Bend	J T Harkins, John Terry, D Y Burke.	J B Flynn, Charleston.	D Y Burke, Sub Rosa.	3			3	237		2.50
Oyk Grove	H L Been, B R Townley, J T Perry.	E M Beals, Bloomer.	J M Needham, Greenwood.	1	4	4	1	5	93	3.00
Oak Valley	J A Windford, W H Thomas.	H G Johnson, Greenwood.	A N Hopkins, Central.	2			2	21		4.55
Pilgrim Rest	J B Flynn, N B Dearmore, Thos J Flynn.	No Pastor.	Thos Flynn, Charleston.	3	1	9	1	852	25	
Pine Mountain	D W Bryan, W H Cary.	No Pastor.	W H Cary, Leon.	4		1	1	42		
Planter	A. J. Williams, E. S. Murphy, J. C. Williams.	H L Been, Greenwood.	*G L Williams,	1		4	4	158		
Pleasant Valley	A R Hill, A J McAmos.	E H Gray, Corley.	A J McAmis, Mixon.	3		1		26		
Prairie View	W A Hill, L D Davis, B P Branch, J W Curtis.	J W Nobles, Auburn.	H B McMath, Etna.	4	9	3	1	13	4111	
Providence	E W Pippin.	J F O'Neal, Etna.	W T Terry Etna.	4	3			120	1.00	
Shiloh	B F Sumner, W C Reding, A L Lawrence.	J T Evans, Cecil.	W C Reding, Paulina.	4	6	1	2	87		
Six Mile	Mrs E M Ray.	* A J Watson.	J Q Metcalf, Six Mile.	2	2			64		
Sulphur Springs	Jas Ferguson, Oliver Penington, T O Gann.	J W Nobles, Auburn.	Ames Oldham, Auburn.	2	6	2	1	7		
Three Mile	W H Wiley.	No Pastor.	Not reported.	3						
Union Grove	L Acuff, Con Clark.	No Pastor.	J C Erwin, Bonnville.	3		1		947	1.00	
Union	Sam Floyd.	No Pastor.	Sam Borum, Chismville.	2	15	2	1	127		
Vesta	C S Price, J E Grimes, T A Holder.	L Quinn, Charleston.	C S Price, Vesta.	2	10	11	11	401	50	
Washburn	Frank Carter, Van Moore, Estelle Carter.	H L Been, Greenwood.	Miss Lilly Glass Washburn.	3	4			18		

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Sunday Schools.

Ordained Ministers.

To Church Work.

Parson	Incidental	Repairs	Minutes	Property Value of Ch.	Off's & T's	No of Classes	No of Pupils	A t t e n d u n c e	Literature	Cost	
\$ 50 00	8 2 00		\$ 60	\$ 600	4						E M Beals..... Bloomer
165 00			1 05	800	12	7	75	50	S.B.	9 60	J N Penington...Boonville
80 00			1 00								N Marshall..... Cardiff
25 00			1 00								P Hinson, Boonville
15 25			1 20		10	6	7	40	S.B.	2 25	H R Fowler.... Barnville
40 00			1 00	500							J W Nobles..... Auburn
25 00			75								L Quinn Charleston
1400 00			7 50	5000	20		265				L J Burt..... Charleston
207 00	42 11		2 00	1000	.7 4		75	35	S.B.	20 00	D M Bryant...Boonville
			85								O L Hailey.... Ft Smith
49 25	13 00	50 00		1200	11	7	90	66	A.B.	28 40	J L Lee..... Ft Smith
8 00											Jno A Sims..... Greenwood
			80								J F O'Neal..... Etna
			75								A S Jackson..... Etna
50 00			1 10	600	7	4	50	87	N.B.	8 00	J W Trulove..... Etna
13 65			1 01								W W Reed..... Montreal
50 00			2 00								Wm Greenlee N't'l Springs
25 00			35								A L Brown..... Lavaaca
65 00	17 00	3 50	1 60	1000	10	6	75	55	A.B.	15 00	P C Mays..... Lavaaca
14 50			85								H G Johnson..... Greenwood
60 00			2 00	700	9	6	77	40	N.B.	8 00	H L Bean..... Greenwood
7 00			46	500							J B Flynn..... Charleston
10 00			50								J T Watson...Greenwood
6 00			1 00								J W Comer..... Effa
			1 00								W A Hill..... Effa
			55	250	7	4	38	22			J T Evans..... Ceol
54 50			2 00	600	6	5	71	50	N.B.	5 50	T A Rippy..... Auburn
20 00	75		35								Henry Carr..... Sub Rosa
			60								
29 25			30				68		N.B.	1 70	
			90								
			50								
25 00			50	150	10	8	69	40		7 00	
19 00		14 00	50	600							
20 00			60								