

Proceedings

—OF THE—

COLLEGE Third Annual Session

—OF THE—

Friendship Regular

LIBRARY Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church,

Cleveland County, Arkansas,

Saturday, September 18, 1915.

OFFICERS:

W. A. FISH, MODERATOR.

J. W. McPHERSON, CLERK.

Next Session will be held with Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Lincoln County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

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SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Forty-third annual session of Friendship Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, in Cleveland County, Arkansas, on Saturday, September 18, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Called together by singing. Prayer led by Bro. U. W. Poss, after which organization was commenced by appointing Bros. W. J. E. Cox and R. W. Glover to read the letters as they were presented

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Bethel—Will Byrd, A. C. Gardner, James Datton.
Bethlehem—J. W. Fish, M. Y. Moran, W. T. Reed, J. J. Adams,
DeWit Millholland.
Center—Not represented.
Cornerville—U. W. Moran, A. L. Boyd, Mrs. A. J. Boyd.
Cllo—Not represented.
Dumas—By letter. No messenger.
Hickory Grove—J. T. Miller, John Dodd, Mrs. J. T. Miller.
Holly Springs—Gilmer Smith, N. R. Womack, Miss Lottie Lord.
Harmony—J. M. Ballew, S. M. Tucker, Ray Stone.
Lone Grove—P. L. Wynn, A. J. Owen, W. J. Owen.
Mt. Moriah—W. J. Caldwell, H. Conrad, Sister Belle Caldwell.
Mt. Zion—J. A. Preston, J. B. Lee, J. E. England.
Macedonia—G. A. Riffin, D. Y. May, J. L. Riffin.
New Home—W. M. Rogers, T. F. Rogers, W. L. Austin.
Oak Grove—G. G. Wray, L. J. Reed, W. A. Winston, B. F.
Ryburn.
Florence—S. Baker, Hugh Whitaker, Sister Sallie Baker.

At 11 o'clock, time for the introductory sermon, Bro. G. G. Wray, the appointee, being present, moved to have Bro. R. W. Glover substituted in his place to preach the said sermon, which motion was sustained.

Bro. Glover then took the stand and choosing as his text "Buy the truth and sell it not," from Prov. 23-23, preached an excellent sermon.

Adjourned for refreshments.

At 1:30 p. m., called together by singing. Prayer by B. F. T. Barns. Called for the balance of the Associational letters.

Pine Bluff, First Church—W. J. E. Cox, U. W. Ross, W. H. Fox, Charles Haycock, Mrs. W. J. E. Cox. Appointed on Divine Service Committee, pastor and deacons of this church.

Ohio Street Church, Pine Bluff—Not represented.

Pleasant Ridge, J. W. Glover, Walter Taylor, A. F. Coats.

Pleasant Home—S. H. Ragsdale, N. A. Gray, W. N. Bridges.

Rison—B. G. Mosley, B. Herrington, Mrs. P. N. Smith.

Tyro—Represented by letter.

Star City—W. L. Compere, J. W. McPherson; W. A. Fish, S. G. Keahey, Ralph Compere.

Friendship—A. Calvert, T. W. Harris, A. G. Favors.

Smyrna—Claud Ringo, Ophelia Hendon, Nettie Chance.

The Association went into permanent organization with the following result:

W. A. Fish was elected moderator and J. W. McPherson clerk and treasurer.

Upon the call for petitionary letters, one responded from Hazle Street Church, Pine Bluff. After reading the letter and discussing its orthodoxy, it was received and Mrs. J. B. Meeks, as messenger, was welcomed by the moderator. The Church was organized October 4, 1914.

In calling for visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations, the following responded:

Pine Bluff Association—F. E. Winston, E. S. Morris, J. M. Williams, R. W. Glover.

J. A. Smith, representing Arkansas Baptist, and E. J. A. McKinney, representing the Baptist Advance.

An amendment to the 15th Article of our Constitution

read, discussed and adopted and made a part of the Constitution.

Report of Executive Board read by Rev. W. L. Compeere and also the Missionary Report. Both reports discussed and adopted.

Report of R. W. Glover, missionary for Friendship Association for the months of July and August, 1915, to-wit:

No. of sermons preached within said territory	62
" " baptisms immediately under this ministry	39
" " by letter	1
" " funerals performed	1
" " lectures made to schools	3
" " days labored in territory, total	41
" " days labored with churches having pastors	15½
" " miles traveled by rail going to and fro to field	210
" " " " " conveyance going to and fro	64
" " " " " automobile	55
" " " " " mail hack	20
" " " " " private conveyance	94

Am't of mission fund collected on field and appropriated to own use..... \$23.55

Total number of days labored as missionary..... 25½

Twenty-five and half days at \$3.00 per day..... \$76 50

Deducting \$23.55, collected on field, leaves a balance due said Missionary R. W. Glover, of..... \$52 95

Respectfully submitted this the 18th day Sept., 1915,

R. W. GLOVER.

ADDENDUM:—The courtesies and hospitality shown me during my labor in this field could not be excelled. Hundreds have testified to the edification of our ministry, and vowed to endeavor to live more consecrated and useful lives in the future. As a whole we feel that the work has been a success from a special view point, and the manifestation of God's spirit in the services confirms this view.

May God's richest blessings abide on the brethren of the Friendship Association, is the prayer of your humble servant,

R. W. GLOVER.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board was not able to have a meeting until the Fifth Sunday in May. We then had two other meetings. We employed Bro. R. W. Glover of Sheridan, as missionary, at \$3.00 per day. He got a late start and only put in 25½ days. He did good and faithful work, and we only regret that he could not have put in more time.

We recommend that the Association take time for the discussion of Associational Missions, and see if we cannot arrange to have a missionary in the field a greater length of time.

W. A. WINSTON, Chairman.

On motion, Monday at 10 o'clock a. m., was the time

set to discuss Associational Missions.

Motion made and carried that Eld. J. A. Smith preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Committee on divine services reported as follows:

Dr. W. J. E. Cox to preach Sunday night; Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by Eld. W. A. Winston, at 10 o'clock a. m., Sunday; Eld. J. A. Smith to preach the Missionary Sermon at the same hour at the church and Eld. E. J. A. McKinney to preach at the schoolhouse.

On motion, adjourned to 3:00 p. m.

At 3:00 o'clock p. m., the Association called together by the Moderator.

Dr. W. J. E. Cox filled the stand and preached a very acceptable sermon.

After which the moderator named the following committees:

Sunday Schools—W. N. Bridges, W. J. Caldwell and W. J. Owen.

Foreign Missions—Dr. W. J. E. Cox, B. G. Mosley and N. A. Gray.

Sabbath Preaching—J. W. Glover, Walter Taylor and A. Calvert.

Orphans' Home—Chas. Haycock, J. A. Preston and J. E. England.

Publications—Dr. W. J. E. Cox, C. W. Moran and A. L. Boyd.

Prohibition—W. H. Fox, H. Conrad and D. Y. May.

Home Missions—G. G. Wray, S. Baker and S. H. Ragsdale.

State Missions—C. B. Lee, J. J. Adams and J. T. Miller.

Associational Missions—W. A. Winston, A. G. Favors and W. T. Reed.

Condition of Churches—J. W. Fish, W. J. Austin and B. F. Ryburn.

Christian Education—W. L. Compere, Miss Belle Caldwell and A. J. Owen.

On motion, adjourned to meet Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Met in Sunday School Mass Meeting. Prayer led by Bro. J. A. Preston and the meeting conducted by Bro. W. A. Winston and speeches by Bros. Winston, Preston, Fox, Fish, Hugh Fox, G. G. Wray, F. Winston, W. T. Reed and Eld. Morris.

Eld. E. J. A. McKinney preached an able sermon at the school house, selecting Luke 41-42 as his text. Collected for Association Missions, \$7.32.

On motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

At 3 p. m., Association was called together by the moderator.

Committee on B. Y. P. U. reported and the report read by S. G. Keahey. Discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

Knowing as we do that the work of the B. Y. P. U. is a study of the Bible in regard to missions and doctrine, as well as training in all lines of church work. We recommend that special effort be made by pastors and laymen to familiarize themselves with the work. We find four A1 unions in this association; therefore, we recommend that every union adopt the standard of excellence and strive for an A1 standard. We also recommend that the committee on arrangements endeavor to secure the services of our Field Secretary for the Fifth Sunday meeting, and that an organizer be appointed at General Association for the district.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. KEAHEY, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday schools read their report, which was discussed and approved.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, make the following report: We find that all, or nearly all, the churches have reported Sunday schools. This is commendable. The question of training children, and inculcating into their minds the doctrines and principles of our Christian religion and teaching them the sacredness of Sabbath observance is of the greatest importance. No church can afford to neglect this great work. Whatever you would have exemplified in the lives of men and women, you must first inculcate in the minds of the youth of the country opportunity is an inheritance. No generation can provide the necessary means and facilities for teaching and improvement and get the full benefit of their effort. Thus each preceding generation must leave better churches, better Sunday schools and better facilities generally if we make progress. We cannot afford to go backward and to be satisfied with present conditions. Stop advancement. So let us put forth greater efforts to maintain wideawake Sunday schools. We, therefore, recommend that the churches lend their influence and and co-operation in maintaining Sunday schools.

W. N. BRIDGES, Chairman.

On motion, Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m., Dr. W. J. E. Cox filled the stand and gave a very interesting lecture on China, her people and

customs; after which an adjournment was had until Monday morning at 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called together at 7.30 p. m. by the moderator.

Called for reports of committees.

Report on foreign missions read by Dr. W. J. E. Cox. Discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Many years ago our Baptist people divided on the subject of Missions, especially Foreign Missions. The churches forming this Association are known as Missionary Baptist Churches; that is, we profess to believe in the use of all wise and proper methods for the evangelization of the world. Are we practicing what our name implies or what we profess to believe? Of the twenty-two churches sending letters to this Association only six reported contributions to the great work of giving the Gospel to the nations that have it not. Can a church be properly regarded as a Missionary Baptist Church that gives nothing to foreign missions? Is a pastor worthy of his calling who does not get a world wide vision of the Gospel of Christ? When a pastor has such a vision his church will give to foreign missions.

There never was a time in the history of Christianity when our opportunities for carrying out the great commission to disciples of all the nations were greater than at the present time. The doors of all nations are open to the entrance of missionaries to carry the good tidings of salvation through a Crucified Redeemer. The heathen religions are losing their hold on the people, many heathen temples are falling into disuse and the heathen people are more and more longing for a religion that satisfies the demands of the soul.

For many years we prayed and plead for men and women who would volunteer to give their lives to the work of foreign missions. Our prayers have been answered. More men and women have volunteered for the work than our people are willing to support. We need now to pray more earnestly than ever that our people will give of their means as the Lord has prospered them for the coming of the Kingdom throughout the world.

We have 382 churches in our foreign fields with a total membership of 33,584. Fifty-six of these churches are self-supporting. Our missionaries reported last year 5,190 baptisms.

W. J. E. Cox, Chairman.

Report of committee on publications read by Dr. W. J. E. Cox. Discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Right development depends on right thinking and acting,

These both depend, in a large measure, on correct knowledge of things. Many things we need to know will not come to our knowledge simply by hearing. We must read. This reading should include our Bible as first; but not that only, it should include devotional, doctrinal and inspirational works. We need all these. As Baptists we should seek to know not only what Baptists believe, but what they are doing and have done. Books, tracts, mission journals and denominational papers should be in all our homes and receive a good reading from every member of the family

In this State we have two papers, The Baptist, representing the State Association, and published at Little Rock at \$1.50 per year, and the Baptist Advance, representing the State Convention, and published also at Little Rock, at \$1.50 per year.

We urge all our people to inform themselves about our work by reading our denominational literature.

W. J. E. Cox, Chairman.

Report of committee on associational missions read by W. A. Fish. Discussed and adopted. A motion by Rev. Compere to reconsider the action of the body on the report was sustained, and the report was amended by striking out the last clause.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, make the following report: There has been twenty-five days' work done on the field by Bro. Glover, our missionary; which has resulted in a revival of the missionary spirit; but there is much destitution yet in the bounds of our Association; also there several churches without pastors. Unless this destitute territory is taken care of by the Association we will inevitably lose it. We, therefore, recommend that some plan be devised whereby this territory may be supplied with the Gospel.

We recommend that pledges be taken from churches for this work, which was done with the following result:

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Bethlehem.....	\$ 20 00
Cornerville.....	5 00
Bethel.....	5 00
Friendship.....	5 00
Florence.....	5 00
Hickory Grove.....	15 00
Harmony.....	5 00
Mt. Moriah.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	5 00
New Home.....	10 00
Oak Grove.....	10 00
First Church, Pine Bluff.....	25 00
W. A. Bridges and S. H. Ragsdale of Pleasant Home.....	5 00
Star City.....	20 00
Tyro.....	5 00

\$145 00

The report of committee on nominations was read by Rev. W. L. Compere, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, nominate Eld. W. L. Compere to preach the Introductory Sermon with Eld. Charles D. Lee as alternate.

Missionary Sermon—Eld. G. G. Wray with Eld. J. D. Allison as alternate.

Associational Board—Elders J. W. Fish, W. A. Winston, G. G. Wray, W. L. Compere and Bro. W. T. Reed.

Place of next meeting is with Hickory Grove church.

W. A. WINSTON, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 p. m., called together by singing. Prayer led by Bro. W. A. Winston.

Report of committee on prohibition was read by Bro. W. H. Fox, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

Since we last met as an association prohibition has made great strides throughout the world. Our own Legislature passed a prohibition law to prevent the issuing of any more licenses to liquor saloons in our beloved State. This means no more licenses for the sale of intoxicants in Arkansas as long as the law is on our statute books. Some nine other States also have swung into the dry column—the last being South Carolina—by a vote 2 to 1. Within the past two weeks the vote in the National House showed a majority favoring submitting a constitutional amendment to make this a dry nation. Many believe a national victory for prohibition is not far in the future. May that glorious day speedily come. The European warring nations are endeavoring to suppress the sale and use of intoxicants. This means better and more vigorous manhood to fill their armies. The sale and use of whisky is the source of so many evils we are unable to enumerate them here. Our duty always is to stand for the law and its enforcement and to assist in electing men to office that will maintain our present laws.

W. H. Fox, Chairman.

Committee report on finance read by U. W. Poss, discussed and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, find the following amounts in cash sent up for the various causes, namely :

State Missions, convention.....	\$ 6 00
State Association.....	50
Special collection last night.....	2 65
Monticello Orphans' Home.....	6 50
Texarkana Orphans' Home.....	6 75
Minutes and Clerk.....	41 15
Associational Missions.....	105 15

U. W. Poss, Chairman.

There was also a collection taken on Sunday for Associational Missions, amounting to \$15.30, which was paid to Bro. Glover on his salary as missionary.

Report of committee on home missions read by Bro. W. A. Winston, discussed, corrected and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on home missions, beg to submit the following report: There has been in recent years great interest in spreading the Gospel in our home land. The general association is doing a great work in having the Gospel preached in the home land. The general association has seven men and the home board 1,302 in the field. We recommend that pastors press the needs of missions in our own midst that greater work may be done during our next associational year.

Send all moneys for general association home missions to C. C. Winters, McNeil, Ark., and all moneys for convention home missions to J. S. Rogers, Hollenburg Building, Little Rock, Ark.

G. G. WRAY, Chairman.

Report on State missions read by Bro. C. B. Lee, discussed and adopted.

Dear brethren, we have within Arkansas two State-wide mission principles of work; and organizations for the carrying out of said work. Now, it is not our purpose to foster the principles of either organization as particular to them, but as a NEUTRAL association. Let the churches support which every side to which they may hold; and let every individual of each church be given the opportunity and privilege to support the side of his preference in all love and humility, for we be brethren.

At the present each side in the State work need all the funds either side may contribute. There is quite a lot of work being carried on in the name of each side, and especially by the convention. So we think it best that this association use all forbearance. At the same time we recommend that our people make a thorough investigation of the principles and methods of these bodies; also a devout study of God's Word on missions with sincere purpose to be obedient in word and deed.

CHAS. B. LEE, Chairman.

Committee report on the condition of the churches read by Rev. Wm. Fish, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF CHURCHES.

Your committee on condition of churches make the following report: We find from examination of the letters there are twenty-four churches represented, and one received by letter, making twenty-five represented—two less than last year. A number of churches not represented.

An increase in membership of those represented 410, 238 of whom were by baptism. We find a decrease in membership of 307, leaving a total increase of 103. We find some of the churches without regular preaching. We find that the following amounts of money have been paid by the churches the past year:

Pastors' salary.....	\$4,657 83
Visiting ministers.....	756 74
Orphanage.....	1,051 64
Colleges, schools and education.....	1,584 39
Associational missions.....	223 76
State missions.....	657 70
Home missions.....	601 72
Foreign missions.....	504 86

The most of these amounts have been paid by a few of the churches. We hope that all the churches will do better another year
J. W. FISH, Chairman.

Report of committee on christian education read by
Rev. W. L. Compere, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The necessity of education is well-nigh universally recognized. Those who are to be future leaders in the world's thought will have some kind of an education. We cannot prevent this if we would. But we can have something to do with determining what kind of an education these future leaders will have. Atheistic, or irreligious schools, will give us atheistic or irreligious leaders. Non-christian schools will give us non-christian leaders. Strong, christian schools, with christian ideals and influence, will give us christian leaders. Strong Baptist schools with Baptist ideals and influences will give us Baptist leaders. If we Baptists believe that Baptists principles are Bible principles and that it is our mission to bring the world to the acceptance of those principles, we ought to establish and support, at any cost, schools which will impart these principles. We ought to patronize these schools even though other schools may be cheaper. But we ought, by private contributions, make the cost of an education in Baptist schools as low as it is in any other school. President Futrall, of the State University, published a statement in the Arkansas Gazette last April, in which he intimates that the average cost of tuition for each student in the university is \$155.00 per year, and says this is much less than in other State universities. Of course this tuition is paid by the State and National governments, and is given free to the students. Baptist colleges do not charge more than one-third as much tuition, and cannot, of course, pay their running expenses out of what is received from tuition. Those who believe that Baptist principles are worth more than money must contribute their money to support schools which stand for these principles.

Arkansas Baptists have two great colleges where Baptist ideals and influences are maintained, and which should be supported by our patronage, contributions, influence and prayers. Both of these colleges are greatly hampered by lack of financial support. These colleges, Ouchita College at Arkadelphia, for boys and girls, and Central College, for girls only. The State Baptist Association recommends

the Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas, as a college which stands for the principles they advocate. We cordially commend all of these schools to the support of our people.

W. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

The report of committee on obituaries was read by Frank Coats and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Our letters show that 23 of our members have been called home during the year, as follows:

Friendship—Sister Nancy Harris and Bro. Jephth Ward.

Rison—Sister Whayne.

Cornerville—Bro. I. Sackett.

Bethel—Sister Julia Pucket.

Harmony—Bro. M. Browning.

Pine Bluff—Sister K. O. Wallace, Sister Lela Parker, Bro. A. T.

Whitelow, Sister O. R. Swayze, Deacon A. E. Williams, Bro. Olie Nelson, Bro. Jas. H. Steed, Bro. J. A. Tull, Sister H. F. Ferrington and Sister Bert Gibbs.

Bethlehem—Sister Fannie Grumbles, E. Baren and Baxter Mann.

Smyra—Sister Callie Bradley.

Tyro—Sister Catherine Campster.

Star City—Newt. Little.

Lone Grove—Sarah Cogbill.

A. F. COATS, Chairman.

The report of committee on Sabbath breaking was read by G. G. Wray and discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH BREAKING.

We, your committee on Sabbath breaking, beg leave to say we are taught in God's word to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We recommend the admonition of the Apostle Paul where he says "whatsoever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to the Father." We protest against any member of a church or churches engaging in ball playing or any secular amusement on the Sabbath day. May God help us to keep the Sabbath day holy.

J. W. GLOVER, Chairman.

Committee on Orphan Homes reported, the report read by W. L. Compere. Discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Home at Monticello under the management of the State Convention, is caring for over 190 children, and is in debt from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The Home at Texarkana under the management of the State Association, is caring for 30 children, and is in debt about \$2,000. Both of these Homes are worthy of our hearty support, and both need it. Country churches may help greatly in this work by gathering canned fruit and other farm products, and sending to the Homes. We recommend that every Sunday school give its collections one Sunday in each month to this work.

Send money for the Monticello Home to Dr. J. S. Rogers, Hol-
lenburg Building, Little Rock, Ark., and money for Texarkana Home
to Eld. J. W. Sims, Marvell, Ark. CHAS. HAYCOCK, Chairman.

The following amendment to Article 15 of the constitu-
tion having been submitted at a former meeting of this
body and published in the minutes, was adopted and or-
dered to become a part of the constitution:

ARTICLE 15. Five members elected by the Association and one
member selected by each church composing the Association, any five
of whom shall be a quorum; shall constitute the Executive Board,
whose duty shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent
object of the Association. The officers of this Association shall be
ex-officio members of the Board.

Amendment to the constitution submitted for publi-
cation to be voted on at our next meeting.

Article 8 to read as follows: "The time and place of meeting of
each session of this Association shall be determined at each previous
session and published in the minutes."

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that the clerk of
this association be allowed \$20.00 for his services and the
remainder of minute fund be used for printing and dis-
tributing the minutes.

U. W. Poss.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that we extend our
heartfelt thanks to Pleasant Ridge church and community
for their kind and bountiful hospitality to us during the
sitting of this body. Further, that the thanks of this
body be extended to our officers for their services during
the sessions of this body.

U. W. Poss.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Hick-
ory Grove Baptist church in Lincoln County, Arkansas,
on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, at 10
o'clock a. m., 1916.

J. W. McPHERSON,
Clerk.

W. A. FISH,
Moderator.

CLERK'S REPORT

Cash received from all sources.....\$213 12

DISBURSEMENTS

Cash Paid R. W. Glover (Missionary).....\$76 78
 " Paid State Missions Convention..... 6 00
 " Paid State Missions, Gen. Association..... 3 15
 " Orphans' Home, Monticello..... 6 50
 " Orphans' Home, Texarkana..... 6 75
 " Clerk's Fee..... 20 00
 " Minute Fund..... 26 65
 " Paid G. G. Wray, Treasurer of Executive Board... 67 29

Total..... 213 12

J. W. MCPHERSON, Clerk and Treasurer.

At Palmyra on Oct. 25, 1915, I gave G. G. Wray, a check for \$87.09, all the mission money I hand on hand.

J. W. MCPHERSON, Clerk of Friendship Associacion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers	No. of Students	Expenses	Literature	Superintendents	Post Offices
Bethlehem	1	4	47	6.71	Land Ma'k	M. Y. Moran	Palmyra
Friendship	1	4	65	5.00	Land Ma'k	J T. Anderson	Kedron
Florence	1	5	80	20.00	Land Ma'k	E. Y. Rogers	Foreance
Hickory Grove	1	5	50	8.00	S. B. C. S.	J. C. Haddox	Rest
Holly Springs..	1	6	55	4.00		D. W. Chance	Garnett
Harmony	1	4	38	8.83	L. M. B.	J. M. Jacks	Pine Bluff R 2
Hazel St. P. B.	1	8	122	49.59	S. B. C. S.	T. F. Spears	Pine Bluff R 1
Lone Grove	1	3	32		L M. B.		
Mt. Zion.....	1	5	25			J. A. Preston	Kedron
Macedonia	1	4	47	3.90	L. M. B.	J. A. Riggin	Rison
Oak Grove	1	4	76	7.00	L. M. B.	L. J. Reed	Kedron
Pleasant Home	1	5	53	5.00		W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge	1	4	40	5.83	L. M. B.	J. B. Wilson	Kedron
Pine Bluff 1st..	2	43	530	412.62	S. B. C. S.	T H Harper	Pine Bluff
Rison.....	1	11	155	61.22	S. B. C. S.	W. J. May	Rison
Smyrna	1	4	30	3.50	L. M. B.	Joe Johnson	Dumas
Star City	1	7	100	60.00	S. B. C. S.	H. R. Lucas	Star City
Union.....	1	4	45	11.82	S. B. C. S.	B. G. Bailey	Pine Bluff R 2
Zion.....	1	4	47		L. M. B.	W. C. Riggan	Rison

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLELKS AND POST OFFICES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Bethel.....	G. G. Wray	Randall	W. L. Goggans	Herbine
Bethlehem.....	W. A. Winston	Kedron Box 45	J. R. Owen	Palmyra
Center.....				
Cornerville.....			C. F. Mitcham	Cornerville
Concord.....				
Olio.....				
Dumas.....	N. C. Denson		I. N. Moore	Dumas
Enon.....				
Friendship.....	F. E. Winston	Sheridan	W. F. Harris	Kedron
Florence.....	E. D. Allison	Florence	E. Y. Rogers	Florence
Hickory Grove.....	W. L. Compere	Star City	J. C. Haddox	Rest
Harmony.....	G. G. Wray	Kedron	W. Z. Stone	Pine Bluff R 2
Holly Springs ..	"	Randall	D. W. Chance	Garnett
Lone Grove.....	W. A. Winston	Kedron Box 45	W. J. Owen	Feenyville
Mt. Moriah.....	W. M. Barrett	Selma	W. J. Caldwell	Wincheser
Mt. Zion.....	W. A. Winston	Calmer	A. T. Taylor	Kedron
Macedonia.....	J. W. Fish	Star City	D. Z. May	Rison
New Hope.....				
New Home.....	G. A. Wray	Kedron	T. F. Rogers	Kedron
Oak Grove.....	W. A. Winston	"	R. L. Ryburn	Kedron
Ohio St. Pine B.				
Hazel St. Pine B			Clyde Vowell	Pine Bluff R 1
Pine Bluff 1st ...	W. J. E. Cox	Pine Bluff	W. L. Mathews	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill.....				
Pleasant Home ..	F. E. Winston	Sheridan	W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge..	W. A. Winston	Kedron	A. F. Coats	Kedron
Pleasant Springs				
Rison.....	C. P. McGraw	Rison	J. W. Elrod	Rison
Star City.....	W. L. Compere	Star City	J. G. Atkinson	Star City
Spring Hill.....				
Sulphur Springs	J. B. Harolson	Pine Bluff	H. G. Hanna	Pine Bluff R
Tyro.....	W. L. Compere	Star City	J. H. Collins	Tyro
Union.....	J. H. Hankins	Pine Bluff	B. G. Bailey	Pine Bluff R
Smyrna.....	E. D. Allison	Florence	H. L. Pertuis	Dumas
Zion.....	W. A. Winston	Kedron	W. C. Riggins	Rison

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Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property		Total.....	Sunday School Expenses	Minutes and Clerk's Fund	Ministerial Education...	Colleges and Schools	Orphans Home at Texarkana	Orphans Home at Monticello	W. M. U.....	Foreign Missions.....	Home Missions.....	State Missions.....	Association Missions	Poor Fund.....	Visiting Ministers....	Building & Repairing	Other Objects.....	Pastor's Salary	Present Membership	Died.....	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter..	Restored.....	Received by Letter...	Baptized
Bethel.....	9	3	1	4	1	1	128	125 00	12 50					5 65												
Bethlehem.....	50	1	3	1	7	3	231	73 91	3 00	112 70	21 95			5 74	6											
Center.....																										
Cornerville.....	1	1				1	60		3 00					8 50												
Concord.....																										
Clio.....																										
Dumas.....	7	11					53	180 00						76 50	10 00	10 00	50 00									
Enon.....																										
Friendship.....		2				2	67	100 00			21 80			5 00												
Florence.....	10	2	1	2	3		68			125 00				7 35	5 00											
Hickory Grove.....						1	83	100 00	6 75		22 70	1 60		7 50												
Harmony.....					2	1	55	33 50	40					8 40												
Holly Springs.....	11					6	1	179	24 00					3 76												
Lone Grove.....	6	2	2	2		1	85				7 05															
Mt. Moriah.....							25	30 00			5 00			25 00	50 00	1 25	25									
Mt. Zion.....		3	7			2	60							5 00												
Macedonia.....	4	4	1				36	15 00			2 45															
New Hope.....																										
New Home.....	16		1				50	75 00	5 00					5 00	3 40											
Oak Grove.....	12	1				1	124	85 00	6 00		15 62			7 60	10 00											
Ohio St. Pine B.																										
Hazel St. Pine B.	3	4					48	275 00	56 60		47 41															
Pine Bluff 1st ..	95	64		63	174	10	805	2374 32	1598 72	746 60	410 05	150 63		25 00	465 00	425 21	342 65	1283 51	643 05		3 00					
Pleasant Hill.....																										
Pleasant Home.....	6	3	4	3			98	72 00	5 00		7 50															
Pleasant Ridge.....	4	r	1				82	53 55	2 65		14 08			1 75	5 40	1 75										
Pleasant Springs.....																										
Rison.....	20	2		1		1	162	360 00	38 50	3500 00	57 00			43 90	37 31	36 97	80 50	24 30		2 50	1 25	1 50	67 22	4249 95	4250 00	
Spring Hill.....																										
Star City.....	5	6		6		1	212	600 00	50 00		51 35			20 00	118 56	61 80	61 80	55 50	171 81		127 25	39 50	3 00	60 00	1400 21	
Sulphur Springs.....							20																			
Tyro.....	14			3		1	123	125 20			37 80			5 00		6 10	6 50	30 00	62 00			5 00	1 25	10 00	289 10	
Union.....	7			3			62	75 00	21 25		12 85	45 00		6 00	6 00	33 25	33 75		25 70		31 25		75	11 82	309 65	
Smyrna.....		3				1	36	75 00	2 50	748 75						7 48	7 48						1 00	3 50	852 24	
Zion.....	7	3		2			35	15 00			5 13															
Totals.....	297	67	21	98	183	27	2987	4866 28	1811 87	5238 05	739 74	197 23		151 65	789 70	606 99	522 54	1542 90	987 04	82 01	1446 79	153 50	40 15	670 63		92898 35

CONSTITUTION

1. This confederation of churches shall be known by the name of "Friendship Regular Baptist Association.

2. The object of this association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth by the preaching of the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior; by aiding in the support of missionaries who first have been called of God to preach the Gospel, and who feel impressed of the Spirit to do mission work and have been set apart to that work of the church to which they belong, (Acts 13:2-2); and by the universal spread of the Bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other and appropriate means in keeping with the Scripture.

3. The association shall consist of messengers from the churches now forming this union, and such other Baptist churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every church shall be entitled to three representatives without regard to the number of their members respectively; and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty, provided: that no church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties usually devolving on such officers, and to continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election. Provided: No person shall be elected and serve as Moderator of this association more than two years in succession.

6. The clerk shall preserve a regular record of the association and have it present at the meeting of the body, and when he vacates the office, deliver the same with all other books and papers relative to said office to his successor.

7. The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all internal affairs and to exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them. Nevertheless, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body; by becoming either heretodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give, at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in September in each year and not to adjourn until all the business shall have been regularly finished except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

9. Baptist churches not before united in this association may be admitted as members into this union on application by a written petition or letter presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by such church or churches; provided, that they give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith and practice.

10. Every minister of the gospel, either ordained or licentiate whose membership is in or who may be a pastor of any church belonging to this association shall be ex-officio a member of this body with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking but not voting unless specially delegated by the church of which he is a member.

11. When in session the association shall be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt itself.

12. It shall be the duty of the churches, respectively, to report to the association their general condition, the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, dead, amount paid pastor in value during the year, and the names and each office address of all Ministers, whether ordained or licensed, designating each, and, also the name and address of their clerks. They shall also report on any special matters required, and send up contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

13. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a messenger or messengers in this association for three consecutive years shall be cause to withdraw from the church at the discretion of the association.

14. This association may correspond by letter or messenger with any other religious body of the same faith and order.

15. Five members elected by the Association and one member selected by each church composing the Association, any five of whom shall be a quorum; shall constitute the Executive Board, whose duty shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent object of the Association. The officers of this Association shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

16. The minutes of the association shall be publicly read and corrected, if necessary, and then signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

17. Any amendment may be made to this constitution at any meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided, the same shall have been published in the minutes of the preceding year.

PROCEEDINGS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The sixth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Friendship Association was called at 1:30 p. m. on September 18th, 1915, at Pleasant Ridge church with our president, Mrs. W. L. Compere, of Star City, presiding.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. H. C. Fox, of Pine Bluff. Of the nine organized societies in Friendship Association, seven were represented.

The following were enrolled as delegates:

Pine Bluff 1st.—Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Mrs. Chas. Dunnington,

Mrs. A. L. Rafferty, Mrs. H. C. Fox.

Pine Bluff, Hazel St.—Mrs. J. B. Meeks.

Pine Bluff, Beech St.—Mrs. M. A. Hudson, Mrs. C. S. Smith.

Rison—Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Curry.

Hickory Grove—Miss Effie Miller, Mrs. M. M. West.

Star City—Mrs. W. L. Compere.

Harmony—Mrs. H. H. Mondell.

We all enjoyed the president's address and found many helpful suggestions in it.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As we look over the work and learn more of its needs in our Association, we are reminded of the words of our Lord when he said: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest." and again, "The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few; and ought we not then to consider the ways and means of enlisting more laborers and gathering more sheaves from

the fields that are white unto the harvest.

We can never become much interested in a work when we do not know or realize its importance. Our report shows that nine societies only in our Association are alive and at work. Last year in our Associational minute thirty-three churches reported. By this we see that in not much more than one-fourth of our churches are the women actively at work.

A band of consecrated christian women, even tho few in number, can accomplish great things in the kingdom. We know our savior promised where two or three are gathered together in his name that he would be with them, and we know that if he meets with us we have received a blessing.

We have three societies in our country churches, One was recently organized, but two of them have been actively at work now for a year. The ladies meet and study the Bible and pray together and together study of the work of the kingdom. A Sunbeam Band has been organized in these two churches and the young children are being taught for the Lord. This, it seems to me is a great work for the women. Women are largely responsible, especially in this busy rushing age, for the training of the children and our young people. Some of us get so busy we scarcely take time to help our little ones to get their Sunday school lesson. We are missing our opportunities filling their young hearts and minds with God's words. We find in the 119 Psalm, 11th verse: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Thus we see when we fill these young minds with God's word we help them to resist the evils around them.

There are no doubt places near each of us, who have active societies, where by a little extra effort we could reach out our hands and help these sisters to organize at least a Bible study class and perhaps a sunbeam band would follow. In Nehemiah we are told, when they were so successful rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, that every man worked over against his own house, and they all had a mind to work.

If the women of Friendship Association that have had opportunities and advantages would look out over this field and behold the sisters, the dear women and children, who perhaps have never been so blessed if a great love and concern and sympathy would fill the hearts of these capable women and stir them to go out in the highways and hedges, in the undeveloped parts, and help the weak ones to start and grow and expand, it would not be long until more laborers would help glean in the harvest so white and so ready for the reaping.

The most important need in all our work is a closer walk with God that we may have His spirit to lead us and direct us. We must always bear in mind that all our efforts, all our activities will be as wood, hay and stubble unless we have His leadership and the divine touch in what we strive to do.

Let us resolve this next year to be more in earnest prayer, to have more of the devotional in all our meetings, to look to Him for constant guidance, wisdom and strength that our work may bear the test of eternity, that it may be all be as enduring as that rock on which it should be built, that rock Jesus Christ.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Compere, President, Star City,

Mrs. F. C. Cross, Sec'y, and Treasurer, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. W. H. Fox, Associational Supt., Pine Bluff.

The annual report was read by our associational Superintendent and it was a very good report and showed improvement along all lines of work.

Mrs. Hudson read a paper written by Mrs. Ross of Hickory Grove church. "What a Country Church Can Do" and it was moved, seconded and carried that this paper be published in the Advance.

Mrs. W. J. E. Cox gave us a very fine missionary talk on China and told us of her travels in that country and the needs and progress of the work.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the session was called to order by the president, and Mrs. Cox talked to us about Medical Missions in China, having spent some time there in the home of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Taylor. We feel that missions will mean more to us all after listening to these interesting and instructive talks from one who had been on the field and one too, whose own children labor there, thus bringing the work so close to her heart.


The Associational Superintendent's report is given on another page.

MRS. W. L. COMPERE,

MRS. F. C. CROSS,

President.

Sec'y and Treasurer.



Report of Associational Superintendent From Sept. 1, 1914 to Sept. 1, 1915

CHURCHES

	Total.....	Minutes Money.....	Ministerial Education	Associational Mission	Church Expense.....	Ouachita.....	Christmas Offering to China.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	State Missions.....	Value of Boxes to Orphans.....	Cash to Orphans Home.....	Christian Education..	Benevolence.....
Pine Bluff 1st.	1309 71	3 00	35 00	2 00	56 30	176 00	50 00	50 00	35 00	165 00	169 40	197 85	227 50	142 66
Ohio St Pine Bluff.....	224 45	1 05			72 50	2 00	1 20	3 00	23 50			75 05	7 00	41 15
Beech St. Pine Bluff.....	85 71				33 01		3 50	2 50			8 00	31 00	5 00	
Hazel St. Pine Bluff.....	68 99		12 50		17 14			3 85	1 40			5 55		28 55
Star City.....	80 50	1 00		1 00				8 00	8 00	11 50	25 00	8 00	13 00	5 00
Rison.....	107 00	1 00			63 50			5 00	5 00	10 00	30 00		2 50	
Hickory Grove.....	43 55	50			15 00			4 55	4 00		15 00	4 50		
Tyro.....	25 90		5 00					3 00	2 00		15 90			

Grand Total..... \$1,945 81