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Proceedings OF THE
Forty-Fourth Annual Session
OF THE
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Friendship Regular

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Lincoln County, Arkansas,
Saturday September 16th, 1916

OFFICERS:

W. A. WINSTON, MODERATOR

J. W. McPHERSON, CLERK.

Next Session will convene with Dumas Baptist Church,
in Desha County, Arkansas, on Wednesday before
the Third Sunday in September, 1917,
at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Forty-fourth annual session of Friendship Baptist Association convened with Hickory Grove Baptist church in Lincoln County, Arkansas, on Saturday, September the 16th, 1916, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Called together by singing, prayer led by Bro. Obryant, after which organization was commenced by appointing W. Z. Stone and C. P. Ross to read the letters as they were presented.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Bethel—J. E. Hunter.

Bethlehem—M. Y. Moran, W. M. Reed, James Owen, E. Grumbles, J. R. Owen.

Center—Not represented.

Cornerville—A. J. Boyd, O. F. Mitcham, Lizzie Weatherford.

Dumas—E. J. Nuckols, Sister Emma Nuckols.

Enon—W. T. Garrett.

Friendship—Alex. Calvert, T. H. Favors.

Florence—E. D. Allison, T. S. Tiner, J. B. Rogers.

Hickory Grove—J. W. Russell, J. O. Haddox, W. E. Dodds.

Harmony—J. M. Jacks, W. Z. Stone, S. M. Tucker.

Holly Springs—D. W. Chance, T. J. Y. Johnson, I. L. Vick, Una Smith, Alma Chance,

Lone Grove—J. J. Morrison, Larkin Tucker, Annie Tucker.

Mt. Moriah—D. G. Lee.

Mt. Zion—W. A. Winston, O. B. Lee, Jeff Ward, J. A. Preston.

Madedonia—J. L. Riffin, Sister Riffin, R. W. Puckett.

New Hope—T. D. White, Oscar Veasey, R. T. Tracy.

New Home—J. A. Hankins, F. M. Rodgers, Miss Lonie Dean.

Oak Grove—W. T. Reed, J. L. Reed, M. E. Reed.

Ohio St. Pine Bluff—E. Ryland, J. L. Lee.

Hazel St. Pine Bluff—T. F. Spears J. S. Burchfield, B. T. Scallion
Pine Bluff 1st.—W. J. E. Cox, J. F. West, U. W. Poss, Mrs. Hudson.
Pleasant Hill—Not represented.

Pleasant Home—W. N. Bridges, Joel Thomas.

Pleasant Ridge—G. G. Wray, C. M. Ross.

Pleasant Springs—W. R. Obryant, T. R. (loud.

Rison—C. P. McGraw and wife. J. S. McMurtrey and wife

Spring Hill—M. E. and L H Handley, Ed Swinney, Noble Ross.

Star City—W. L. Compere, A. O. Vick, W. A. Fish, J. W. McPherson.

Smyrna—R. L. Boren, Robt. Ringold, Mrs. T. E. Batchelor.

Sulphur Springs—By Letter.

Tyro—W. C. Kimbro, M. O. Tiner, J. H. Collins and wife.

Zion—Mrs. Fannie Overton, Mrs. Joe Lindsey, W. C. Riffin.

At 11 oclock, the time for the Introductory sermon, W. L. Compere, the appointee, being present, filled the stand and choosing as his text Daniel 3:1 preached a very acceptable sermon.

Adjourned for refreshments which were bountifully furnished at the church.

Called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Carter. On motion, the Concord and Clio churches dropped from the role of churches.

On motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to solicit Center and Pleasant Hill churches to send messengers to the association.

All business being completed, the association went into permanent organization with the following result: W. A. Winston was elect moderator and J. W. McPherson clerk and treasurer.

Upon a call for petitionary letters, one responded from Whiteville Baptist Church located two miles north of Faith in Jefferson county. After reading their letter and discussing its orthodoxy, it was received and Bro. F. L. Ashcraft and Sisters Vinie Koonce Minnie Cooper as messengers were welcomed by the moderator. The church was organized Sept. 15, 1916.

At the call for visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations, the following responded: W. J. Carter, Judson association; J. A. Smith, Howard county association; T. A. Obryant, Pine Bluff association; C. C. Winters, Missionary Treasurer General association, J. A. Smith, representing Arkansas Baptist; E.

J. A. McKirnev, representing Baptist Advance; D. W. Hill, Pine Bluff association; W. F. Dorris, Monticello Home; A. D. Jacks, Bartholomew association.

RETURN MESSENGERS

Frank Bridges, Red River Association; W. A. Winston, Judson association; J. W. McPherson, Bartholomew association; J. D. Denton, Travelling Colporteur; W. M. Barrett, Bartholomew association.

The Association then passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the association authorize the Mission Board to provide for such mission work as they may be able to do for the coming year.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer led by Bro. B. J. Smith. Bro. D. W. Hill occupied the stand and preached a fine sermon. Text: "Christ the Central figure," after which conference convened.

On motion, a letter of dismissal was granted to Pleasant Home church upon her request, that she might unite with the Pine Bluff Association.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING

Called together at 9:30 by singing. Sunday school mass meeting led by T. A. Obryant. After song and prayer led by W. H. Fox, ten minute speeches were made by Bros. C. C. Winters, W. F. Dorris, C. B. Lee, E. J. A. McKenney, and T. A. Obryant.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read by F. R. Bridges, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, offer the following report: We find that nearly all the churches report Sunday schools which is commendable. The question of training the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is one of vast importance. No church can afford to neglect this great work. Whatever we would have exemplified in the lives of men and women, we must inculcate in the minds of the youth. No generation can provide the necessary means and facilities for teaching

and get the full benefit of its effort. Hence the necessity of improving and advancing by proper training of the children. We therefore recommend that the churches lend their influence and co-operation to the progress of Sunday schools.

F. A. Bridges, Chairman, T. D. White.

At 11 o'clock the stand was filled by G. G. Wray, the appointee to preach the missionary sermon. Text, "The Commission." Collected for associational missions in the church \$10.31. At the the some hour C. C. Winters preached in the grove. Collected \$8.40 which was turned over to the treasurer of the Executive Board.

Adjourned for refreshments.

At 3 o'clock p. m., called together by singing. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home read by W. R. Obriant, and while under discussion the following collections were taken in cash and pledges.

Names of Churches	State Aasociation	State Convention
	Texarkana	Monticello
Bethlehem.....	\$10.00	\$5.00
Dumas		2.50
Florence	5.00	
Hickory Grove.....		5.00
Mt. Zion.....	5.00	20.00
J. A. Preston.....	1.00	1.00
Ohio St. P. B.....	2.50	25.00
Hazel St. P. B.....	2.00	10.00
Rison.....	25.50	75.00
Star City.....		50.00

Turned over to J. A. Smith cash \$4.50 for Texarkana Home

Turned over to W. F. Dorris cash \$4.70 for Monticello Home

Report on Orphans, Home adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home submit the following:

The Baptists of Arkansas have two orphan' homes. The churches composing the State Association ave a home for orphans located at Texarkana, Arkansas. They owe \$1,000 on the proper y which is worth \$20,000. They also owe on running expences about \$700. There are about 38 children in the home. T. H. Canter is manager and J. W. Sims, of Maumelle, is treasurer. The Baptist State Convention of Arkansas has an orphans' home located at Monticello. They have children in the home. They owe

\$17,000. They have about 125 to 130.

We recommend that the churches of this association contribute regularly and to support orphans.

W. R. Obriant, M. Y. Moran, L. J. Reed.

On motion, the association adjourned 'till 7:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m., the moderator called the body together. Prayer led by Bro. Carter.

Report of Committee on Prohibition read by Dr. W. C. Kimbro, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

We your Committee on Prohibition make the following report:

Since January 1, 1916, Arkansas has been a dry state. During this time the good effects of prohibition have been seen in the decrease of drunkenness, and other crimes and in the increase of bank deposits by the people and in the making of better business conditions. At the present time, however, efforts are being made to repeal our state-wide law and to fasten on our people one of the most nefarious whiskey laws ever proposed in any state. It is known as Act No. 2 and is to be voted on at the election on November 7th, next. We urge that our people get every voter out to the polls who opposed this liquor measure and to use every right influence to get all to vote right. We also urge our congressman and senators to do all they can to further the cause of national prohibition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Kimbro, J. E. Hunter, T. R. Cloud.

Report on Associational Missions set for 10:30 Monday morning.

Prohibition rally led by E. J. A. McKinney, who explained Act No. 2 in the Griffin Liquor Bill. After which, E. J. A. McKinney preached an acceptable sermon. Text, Mat. 23:28.

Adjourned 'till 8:30 a. m. Monday.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 a. m., the moderator called the body to order—then called for report of committees.

Foreign Mission report read by W. L. Compere, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

God is blessing our foreign mission work. The Southern Baptist Convention reports 6,471 baptisms last year on foreign fields and the organization of 77 new churches. Out of our 459 churches on foreign fields, 95 are self supporting. The number of self supporting churches almost double last year. On some of our foreign fields, the churches not only support themselves but are carrying on home and foreign mission work of their own. Baptists in Brazil contributed \$5.72 each last year for religious work. This growth in self support and giving the gospel to others is very encouraging but still there are millions of men and women in heathen lands who have not heard the gospel. They will die without hearing it unless we send it to them. Many heathen communities are begging that christian teachers be sent to them. Surely no Baptist church can afford to go through the year without helping to give the gospel to the nations which have it not. In addition to the foreign mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention already referred to, the minutes of the last session of the State Association report four foreign missionaries. Send contributions for foreign mission work of Southern Baptist Convention to Dr. J. S. Rodgers, Little Rock, Ark. and for the General Association missionaries send to Elder U. C. Winters, McNeil, Ark.

W. L. Compere, R. L. Boren, Robert Ringo.

Report on State Missions read by D. W. Chance, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Dear brethren, we have within Arkansas two statewide missions principles of work and organizations for the carrying out of said work. Let the churches support which ever side to which they may hold and let every individual of each church be given the opportunity and privilege of supporting the side of his proference in all love and humility for we be brethren. There is quite a lot of work being carried on in the name of each side. 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 the sincere purpose to be obedient in word and deed.

D. W. Chance, G. G. Wray.

Home Mission' report read by E. D. Allison, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee, wish to make the following report.
The great work of home missions is immense. Over 18,000,000 people

within our field have not accepted Christ. The General Association has on the field ten missionaries. The Home Board has employed wholly or in part above 1,400 missionaries. Quite a number are supported on the direct plan. All are doing a great work. More than 45,000 baptisms have been reported through all the channels.

1. We recommend that the churches be encouraged to read all tracts, papers and books on missions, that they may learn the needs of the field.

2. That pastors preach on the subject of missions oftener, and strive to enlist the churches to do greater work along this line.

3. Send all contributions for the General Association to C. C. Winters, McNeil, Ark. For the Home Board to J. S. Rodgers, Little Rock, Ark. Other churches that like may send direct.

Fraternally submitted,

E. D. Allison, W. Z. Stone.

Report of Executive Board read by G. G. Wray and amended so as to pay the missionary, D. W. Hill, the balance in treasury \$32.46. Report approved as amended.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Your Board had several meetings, and after prayerful consideration, we employed as missionary Eld. D. W. Hill, of Winthrop, Ark., at a salary of \$75.00 per month. He labored four and three-fourths months for which the board has paid him \$356.25. There is now \$32.46 in the treasurer's hands and whatever amount the Finance Committee receives from the churches. We feel encouraged over the work of the year, and recommend that pledges be taken at this time for another year's work. We herewith submit reports of our missionary and of our treasurer.

G. G. Wray.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSION BOARD

Amounts received McPherson Treasurer of Association, \$87.09

Mt. Zion..... 6.35

Oak Grove..... 15.00

Friendship... 8.30

Tyro..... 12.27

Star City..... 44.75

Pleasant Ridge..... 6.07

Mt. Zion, by W. A. Winston..... 10.00

New Home..... 6.50

G. G. Wray..... 10.00

Holly Springs..... 10.00

Bethlehem..... 34.00

Pine Bluff 1st..... 50.00

Collection on Fifth Sunday Meeting.....	16.40	
Cornerville.....	3.14	
Collection at Assciation, '1916.....	18.71	
Harmony.....	1.10	
Hickory Grove.....	12.10	
Total	\$350.79	
By Amount paid missionary.....		\$218.33
Balance on hand.....	\$32.46	

G. G. Wray, Treas. of Board.

REPORT OF MISSION WORK DONE

Brethren: I have been on the field six months and have done four and three-fourths months work. The people, for the most part, have received me with open hearts where I have gone. The field is large and needy. The result of my work has not been what I had hoped for. I feel that there has been seed sown that will bring fruit to the harvest later on. I have not been able to visit all the needy points as the field is so large. Some of the stronger churches and some mission points I could not reach. I visited and held services at twenty-seven points. I visited some of these points several times. An itemized report is as follows: Labored $4\frac{3}{4}$ months, points visited, 27, sermons preachad 114, services attended 139, churches organized 1 at Faith, members received in meetings in which I labored 41, oy baptism 31, by letter 6, by restoration 3, Sunday schools organized 1, Sunday schools visited 12. families visited 95, miles traveled about 1,000, collected on field \$27.92, paid by Bro. Wray \$182.93, total \$220.85, paid by Bro. Wray at Association \$134.40. total \$355.25

COLLECTIONS BY MISSIONARY

Frank Coats 50c, Wm. Rogers, \$1, Sister Lee \$5, Preston 50c. New Hope church \$1, Faith collection 85c, Holderfield \$1, Faith \$1.25, Brown, Macedonia church \$.50, Bethel for Wray \$4.85, Ladies Aid H. G. Bro. M. \$1.50, Connerville collection \$1.85, Johnson Star City \$5, Faith 90c, W. A. Winston 50c, New Hope church \$2.37, collected at Sulphur Springs \$2.35, Mt. Moriah church \$5, total \$37.92

Report on Nominations read by G. G. Wray, discussed and amended by striking out Oak Grove and inserting Dumas and after the vote was made unanimous the report was adopted as amended.

Amendment to Article 8 of our Constitution was adopted.

REEROT ON NOMINATIONS

We nominate Eld. E. D. Allison to preach the Introductory Sermon

and Eld. C. B. Lee alternate. Missionary sermon Eld. W. A. Winston and as alternate Eld. D. W. Hill.

Associational Board—T. J. Y. Johnson, Eld. W. A. Winston, Eld. G. G. Wray, Eld. W. L. Compere, W. T. Reed.

We your committee find that seven churches have invited the next session of the association to meet with them. They are as follows: Rison, Oak Grove, Macedonia Pleasant Ridge, and Dumas. We, your committee suggest that the 1917 session of the association convene with Oak Grove church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. Wray, J. A. Owen, P. H. Favor.

Dumas was selected as the place of our next meeting and to meet on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in September at 10 o'clock a. m., 1917.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Moderator called the body to order.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read by T. S. Tiner, discussed and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries report as follows: Our letters show that 35 of our members have been called home during the year as follows:

Rison—Sister W. H. Cash.

Enon—Mrs. Adeline Halbrook, Mrs. Nillie Halbrook, B. Y. Searcy.

Ohio St. Pine Bluff—Wiley Shadrick, W. A. Elder.

Tyro—Manuel Anderson.

Hickory Grove—Otto Owen.

Cornerville—Sister O. A. Jordan, E. W. Boston, J. H. Bibb.

Pleasant Home—Sisters Abernathy and Spires.

Holly Springs—Sisters Inez Carter and Maggie Johnson.

Pleasant Ridge—Sisters Mary Dutton and Maggie Stringfellow.

Bethlehem—S. J. Owen, W. G. Phillips, Monroe Adams, Sisters Irwin and Elizebeth Ellington.

Pine Bluff 1st—Sister L. M. Snider Perdue, J. M. Westall, Bulah Camptster, T. C. White.

Macedonia—Sister Francis Puckett.

Bethel—Sister Henry Vinson.

Florence—M. R. Lord, Arthur Williams, Sister T. E. Mize.

Hazel St. Pine Bluff—W. A. Bobo.

Pleasant Springs—Sister J. A. Cameron, W. E. Thornton.

Star City—W. A. Adams.

Submitted W. E. Dodds, J. H. Collins, T. S. Tiner,

Report of Committee of Publications read by C. B. Lee, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Right developement 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 inspiritual 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 our homes and receive a good reading from every member of the family. We urge all our people to inform themselves about our work by reading our denominational literature, which can be obtained from the different Baptist publishing companies.

C. B. Lee, T. J. Y, Johnson.

Report of Committee on B. Y. P. U. read by J. A. Hankins and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U.

As the Sunday school is intended to be the teaching service of a church, so the B. Y. P. U. is intended to be the training service for the young people of the church—training in doctrine, missions, and service. A number of country churches are maintaining good B. Y. P. U's. as well as our city and town churches, and we would recommend that our churches strive to organize and keep alive these organizations for the training of our young people.

J. A. Hankins.

Committee on Condition of Churches read by D. G. Lee, discussed and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on Condition of Churches, wish to make the following report: Twenty-nine churches are represented and one received by letter making thirty represented. Some two or three not represented and two dropped from the roll. We find some of the churches in poor condition. The churches report the following:

Pastors' Salary.....	\$5 409 38
Visiting Ministers	400 90
Orphanage.....	1 168 81
Schools, Colleges and Education.....	294 95
Association Missions.....	274 89
State Missions.....	1 150 34
Home Missions.....	398 90

Foreign Missions.....	1 287 93
Membership of Churches.....	3 274
Baptisms Reported.....	232
Sunday Schools Reported.....	23
Number of Pupils.....	1 882
We hope the churches will do greater work another year.	

Fraternally, D. G. Lee.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Breaking read by C. M. Ross, discussed and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH BREAKING

We, your Committee on Sabbath Breaking, beg leave to say, we are trusting in God's word to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We recommend the admonition of the Apostle Paul when he said "whatsoever you do in words or deeds, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to the Father. We recommend that the churches and their pastor become more interested in the Sunday school and the promotion of gospel music. Some localities we are sad to say have Sunday baseball and we recommend that the churches and pastors do all in their power to discourage this kind of Sabbath desecration. May God help us to live and teach the young generation to remember the Sabbath day and keep it more holy in the future than we have in the past.

C. M. Ross, A. Calvert, Committee.

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to appoint chairmen of the following committees: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Ministerial Education report to this body the first day of our next annual meeting with their reports prepared.

Report of Committee on Finance read by C. M. Ross, corrected and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, find the following in cash sent up, for various causes, namely:

Monticello Orphans Home.....	\$2.25
Texarkana Orphans Home.....	2.25
Minutes and Clerks Fund.....	50.25
Associational Missions.....	42.17
Total.....	\$76.02

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Ross, W. Z. Stone, I. L. Vick.

Report of new Mission Board presented by W. L. Compere, chairman of the new board and approved by the body.

REPORT OF NEW MISSION BOARD

Your board met at the noon hour today. As there is nothing in the constitution as to when or how often churches shall elect their board members, it was decided that members elected last year by the churches would continue as members until their successors are elected. The board unanimously elected Eld. W. A. Winston as missionary from now till next Association. He is to work three fourths time, and is to receive for his work \$540.00. The board further took action asking all the churches to try to raise at once the amount of their pledges while the money season is with us. This will enable us to pay our missionary as he works, and will bring us to the next Association with money on hand with which to begin next year's work. The board begs for earnest prayer and co-operation of all the churches that this may be a great year in our mission work. Send money to Eld. G. G. Wray, Kedron, Ark.

G. G. Wray,
Sec'y and Treasurer.

W. L. Compere,
Chairman.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Bethlehem	\$40.00	Cornerville	\$10.00	Whiteville	\$ 5.00
Dumas	10.00	Enon	10.00	Friendship	10.00
Florence	10 00	Hickory Grove	10.00	Harmony	10.00
Holly Springs	15.00	Lone Grove	5.00	Mt. Moriah	10.10
Mt. Zion	20.00	Macedonia	5.00	New Home	10.00
Oak Grove	15.00	Ohio St. P. B.	25.00	Hazel St P. B.	20.00
1st. Pine Bluff	75.00	Pleasant Ridge	10.90	Pleasant Springs	10.00
Rison	25 00	Spring Hill	5.00	Star City	40.00
Tyro	15.00	Union	10.00	Zion	5.00
Smyrna	10.00	Total	\$455 00		

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Christian Education submit the following:

The Bible is definitely in favor of christian education, Matt. 28-20; Ephesians 4-18; Hosea 4-6. Every word in God's book that speaks against ignorance is for christian education. Jesus himself was a great teacher. Christ and his apostles everywhere emphasized the importance of knowledge about christian work. As Baptists and followers of Jesus and his apostles, we must believe in and practice christian education as much as we do missions. The education of our preachers is one of the greatest works we can do. If we neglect this fundamental, we cannot grow and develop and do the work our Lord has committed to us. We urge, therefore, that every young preacher in this association to do his best to get a good education. Preachers are given free tuition in all our Baptist schools in the

state—at Ouachita College and Mountain Home. Other financial aid is given when needed. Dr. C. E. Dickens is president of Ouachita and Dr. J. W. Conger is president of Central College at Conway. We had last year in both of the schools about five hundred pupils. Rev. H. F. Vermillion is president of Mountain Home Academy; Rev. W. A. Cummins is president of Maynard Academy. Both of these schools are mountain schools of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga. The State Association is co-operating with the Jacksonville College at Jacksonville, Tex. As to the condition of this school we have been unable to learn.

We recommend that our Baptist people patronize our Baptist schools. They are as good as the best. We recommend that our preachers preach often on the needs and benefits of our schools. We further emphasize the great importance of every church in the association making a worthy offering to our schools each year. The churches co-operating with the State Convention are giving about \$15,000 this year to christian education. Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee.

Resolution No. 1. Be It Resolved, that we extend our heartfelt thanks to Hickory Grove 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 this session.

Resolution No. 2. 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 distributing the minutes. Read by U. W. Poss and adopted.

On motion the association adjourned to meet with Dumas Baptist church in Desha county, Arkansas, on Wednesday before the Third Sunday in September at 10 o'clock a. m., 1917.

J. W. LcPHERSON,

Clerk.

W. A. WINSTON,

Moderator.



CLERK'S REPORT

Cash Received from all sources.....\$96 92

DISBURSEMENTS

Texarkana Orphans' Home.....\$ 2 25
 Monticello Orphans' Home.....2 25
 Minutes and Clerk.....50 25
 Association Missions.....42 17

Total.....\$96 92

J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Treasurer.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Bethlehem.....	W. A. Winston	Kedron.....	J R Owen.....	Palmyra
Bethel.....	G. G. Wray.....	Kedron.....	W L Goggin.....	Herbine.....
Center.....				
Cornerville.....	G. G. Wray.....	Kedron.....	C F Mitcham.....	Cornerville.....
Dumas.....	N. C. Denson.....		I N Moore.....	Dumas.....
Enon.....	W. J. Carter.....	New Edinburg	W E Reynolds.....	Rye R 1.....
Friendship.....	W. A. Winston	Kedron.....	A G Favors.....	Kadron.....
Florence.....	E. D. Allison.....	Florence.....	E Y Rogers.....	Florence.....
Hickory Gr'ye	W L Compere	Star City.....	W E Dodds.....	Rest.....
Harmony.....	F E Winston.....	Sheridan.....	F M Tucker.....	Pine Bluff.....
Holly Springs..	W A Winston.....	Kedron.....	D W Chance.....	Garnett.....
Lone Grove.....	W. M. Barrett	Kedron.....	W J Owen.....	Feenyville.....
Mt. Moriah.....	W A Winston.....	Selma.....	W J Caldwell.....	Winchester.....
Mt. Zion.....	W A Winston.....	Kedron.....	A J Taylor.....	Kedron.....
Macedonia.....	J W Fish.....	Star City.....	D Y May.....	Rison.....
New Hope.....			J A Preston.....	Kedron.....
New Home.....	G G Wray.....	Kedron.....	T F Rodgers.....	Kedron.....
Oak Grove.....	R W Glover.....	Pottsville.....	R L Ryburn.....	Kedron.....
Ohio St. P. B.	J H Hankins.....	Pine Bluff.....	R M Ware.....	Pine Bluff.....
Hazel St. P. B.	James Bridges	Arkansas.....	Clyde Vowell.....	Pine Bluff G D
Pine Bluff 1st.	W J E Cox.....	Pine Bluff.....	W L Matthews.....	Pine Bluff.....
Pleasant Hill..				
Pleas'nt Home	F E Winston.....	Sheridan.....	W N Bridges.....	Double Wells..
Pleasant Rdge	G G Wray.....	Kedron.....	W H Taylor.....	Kedron.....
Pleasant Sp'gs	E D Allison.....	Florence.....	W R Obryant.....	Coleman.....
Rison.....	C P McGraw.....	Rison.....	J W Elrod.....	Rison.....
Star City.....	W L Compere	Star City.....	J G Atkinson.....	Star City.....
Spring Hill.....	A H Jacks.....	Comminto.....	M E Handley.....	Plantersville..
Sulphur Sp'gs	J B Harolson.....	Pine Bluff R 1	H G Hanna.....	Pine Bluff R 1
Tyro.....	W L Compere	Star City.....	J H Collins.....	Tyro.....
Union.....				
Whiteville.....	F E Winston.....	Sheridan.....	T L Adams.....	Faith.....
Smyrna.....	E D Allison.....	Florence.....	Claud Ringo.....	Dumas.....
Zion.....	W A Winston.....	Kedron.....	Prest'n Phillips	Rison.....

STATISTICAL TABLE

Value of Church Property	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 and repair	Other Objects	Pastors Salary	Present Members	Died	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Received by Letter	Baptized
700	8 00	1 00											10 00		26 00	75	123	1	3	1			1
	4 95	2 50			18 35					9 85	40 00		13 66		50	64 30	221	6	1	3			3
800	5 00	1 00								3 14	6 00				5 00	85 00	71	3				7	
		1 25				47 00		10 80			10 00		100 00			240 00	57	4				4	
500	5 00	1 00									8 30				10 00	37 20	106	2				2	
400	5 00	1 00								43 10	7 75				10 00	62 00	66	3		3		1	
1000	15 00	2 00			5 00					30 05	15 00	53 00	34 50		40 00	100 00	81	1				3	
1000	8 00	1 50	2 50			50 90	95 65	11 00	10 10		15 00		18 00			100 00	169	3				2	
		2 00									4 65					100 00	65	22				6	
	9 00	1 00			7 75						5 00		6 90	25 25		22 75	95	1				8	
500		1 65								2 00	5 00		10 65			42 00	24	1				2	
1000		1 90			13 15						5 00					22 00	50					3	
		1 25				5 75			22 27	4 50		5 00	9 00		5 70	32 70	51	1				7	
	7 00	1 50														41 05	65	3				5	
225		1 00														13 70	59	2				11	
		1 00				12 91				3 70	10 45	6 50	15 50		3 25	68 21	107	2	2			2	
	6 00	1 50			20 00					27 00	15 00		41 34	10 00		160 00	323	2	2			44	
2500	80 85	2 50	20 00			71 79	131 25	50 00	56 60	16 92		24 00	5 00	1992 70	220 00	538 28	12	2	2			15	
2000	130 95	2 00	8 00			45 46	22 30	9 00	2 00	2 00			10 50	105 10	10 50	222 15	70	2				14	
58000	934 84	5 00	749 80	594 50		586 73	1024 69	1068 98	283 73	662 18	83 33	77 17	231 00	2700 24	1825 25	2500 00	803	5	8	35	50		84
		1 30				2 20	2 20				8 00		9 40		5 00	72 00	101						7
600	4 00	1 75								7 40	4 32		25 00	33 03	49 24	77 09	74	2	1	6			5
580	4 95	1 75			9 39					25 00	2 12					75 00	87	1	2				5
800		2 50														360 00	183	1	1				6
4600	105 08	1 50	1 25			84 00	147 49	46 70	39 30	67 75			20 00	108 00	68 00		30	15					5
1750	40 00	3 00	1 00	69 75		119 25	71 00	75 25	55 00	214 70	43 75	20 00		92 00	40 00	600 00	209	1	1	4			3
1000		50									6					13 95	20						
1020	15 00	8 05	24 25							47 36					6 00	125 00	41	1					4
500		2 00	5 75			36 00	10 75	4 00	3 77	26 50	12 27					150 00	123	9	1				12
																	19						
		1 00															44						10
500	8 40	1 00														35 00							

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	No. of Schools		No. of Teachers		No. of Students		Expenses	Literature	Superintendents	Post Offices
Bethlehem	1	5	40	4	95	Land Mark	M. Y. Moran	Palmyra		
Bethel.....	1	4	45	3	00	Land Mark	Dalton	Herbine		
Friendship	1	4	60	5	00	Land Mark	Alex Calvert	Kedron		
Hickory Grove	1	5	40	8	00	S. B. C. S.	J. C. Haddox	Rest		
Harmony	1	4	44	7	00	Land Mark	J. M. Jacks	Pine Bluff		
Hazel St. P. B.	2	14	188	52	44	S. B. C. S.	J. S. Birchfield	Pine Bluff R. 1		
Macedonia	1	4	65	7	00	Same	A. A. Brown	Rison		
Enon	1	4	50	5	00	Same	J. H. Atkins	Anover		
Florence	1	5	57	15	00	Land Mark	E. Y. Rogers	Florence		
New Home	1	6	44			Same	W. M. Wilhs	Pine Bluff R 2		
Ohio St. P. B. ..	1	11	170	36	69	S. B. C. S.	J. L. Lee	Pine Bluff		
Oak Grove	1	6	82	6	00	Land Mark	C. S. Ryburn	Kedron		
Pleasant Home	1	3	30	4	00	Same	Joel Thomas	Double Wells		
" Ridge	1	4	63	4	95	Same	J. B. Wilson	Kedron		
Pine Bluff 1st...	2	39	540	619	56	S. B. C. S.	T N Harper	Pine Bluff		
Rison	1	8	150	68	66	Same	W. J. May	Rison		
Zion	1	5	30	3	40		W. C. Riggin	Rison		
Smyrna	1	4	33	15	00	Land Mark	Joe Johnson	Dumas		
Star City	1	6	75	40	00	S. B. C. S.	H. R. Lucas	Star City		
Spring Hill.....	1	3	40	5	40	Same	M. E. Handley	Plantersville		

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 heterodoxy 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 time and place of meeting of each session of this Association 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, ex-communicated, 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 seventh annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Friendship Association was called at 2 p. m., September 15th, 1916, at Hickory Grove Baptist church, with the president, Mrs. W. L. Compere, of Star City, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Marion Hudson.

Delegates from the various societies of the association were as follows.

Star City—Mesdames Leek and Compere.

Tyro—Mrs. Cross Tiner.

Rison—Mesdames C. P. McGraw, McMurtrey.

Hickory Grove—Miss Vera Moran, and Mesdames Eva Haddox M. Bailey.

First Church Pine Bluff—Mesdames M. Hudson, Will Fox, W. J. E. Cox, R. A. Chestnut.

Associational Superintendent's report for the year read by Mrs. Will Fox. Discussion of report followed. (See report on another page.)

It was a splendid report of the work done and was adopted as read.

Personal service work was discussed by Mesdames Fox, Cox and others; and it was urged that all the societies try to do more along this line.

Election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Compers, President.

Miss Vera A. Moran, Secretary.

Mrs. W. H. Fox, Associational Superintendent.

Ways and means of awakening more interest in our societies was informally discussed. That each society ought to help defray the traveling expenses of our associational superintendent, making it possible for her to go to distant parts of the association to organize and stimulate new societies. She gives her time and services willingly but the various societies ought to help bear the actual expenses and thus help along the good work.

It was decided that we have an Institute in the association for the W. M. S. and study our field and its needs, and to try to learn also what each of us can do in our local societies to advance the work of the kingdom.

Star City was chosen as the place to hold the Institute as it was about centrally located. The time to be decided by the president.

MRS. W. L. COMPERE,
President.

VERA A. MORAN,
Secretary.



Report of Associational Superintendent From Sept. 1, 1915 to Sept. 1, 1916

CHURCHES	Total.....	Building and Repairs	Church Expense.....	Benevolence.....	Value of Boxes to Orphans.....	Cash to Orphans Home.....	Christian Education..	Boys Dormitory.....	Ministerial Students..	Executive Board.	Minutes Money.....	Old Ministers.....	Mary Forbes Home	Bible Fund S. S. B.	Christmas Offering	Foreign Missions.....	Thank Offering H.M.	Home Missions.....	State Missions.....	Associational Mission
	Pine Bluff 1st.	1189 65	20 00	66 65	12 00	86 06	84 58	1 00	40 40	1 00	2 00	18 00	20 00	.....	59 89	108 15	.....	100 05	366 18	.....
	Y. M. Mission Circle.....	362 45	.....	18 00	44 10	105 60	30 00	14 00	42 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	77 55	.....
	Ohio St. Pine Bluff.....	133 65	68 50	.....	2 50	.....	44 65	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 10	.....
	Hazel St. Pine Bluff.....	64 30	3 95	16 55	14 50	.....	12 55	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	4 00	2 00	2 75	.....
	Rison.....	146 80	77 25	9 00	.....	31 55	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	6 25	.....	.....
	Star City.....	93 80	.....	.....	8 00	25 00	11 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	7 50	31 00	.....
	Tyro.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....
	Hickory Grove.....	100 01	23 95	23 86	9 50	25 00	4 30	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	1 25	2 50

Grand Total..... \$2,710 86