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On Friday before Second Lord's Day in October, 1886.

The annual sermon was preached by Eld. J. W. Bell.
Text, Daniel ii, 34-35.

The former Moderator being absent, Eld. J. W. Bell was called to the chair.

The letters from the different churches were read, and delegates names enrolled:

Mount Zion.—L. T. Dennis, E. H. Clements, John Nutt.

Antioch.—H. H. Hopkins, J. A. Adams, J. C. Edwards, H. C. Hay.

Philadelphia.—F. G. West, E. T. Penix, Lou Penix.

Enterprise.—Eld. J. M. Minton, W. Barrett, F. M. Minton, J. D. Fuller.

Oak Grove.—L. E. Gibson.

New Hope.—M. Douglas, H. M. Vice, T. C. Carter.

Jonesboro.—Eld. J. W. Bell, Eld. E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton.

Hermon.—Jas. Hargroves, L. P. Montgomery, W. B. Montgomery.

Rock Hill.—W. T. Scarbrough, H. N. Howell.

New Hope. (Cross County).—Eld. B. T. Stokes, John Riffey.

Lebanon.—M. K. Settlemier.

Woodland.—D. Rooks.

Bethabra.—A. Pagan, C. B. Center, W. A. Bray, T. H. O'Brine.

Village Creek.—J. S. Jones.

Paragould.—Mattie Wair, Eld. W. S. Barker, Bucher Narvel, John O'Stean.

Cherry Valley.—J. C. Riley, H. Oram, Sarah Peirce.

Big Creek.—J. W. Fears, J. N. Adams, A. J. Adams.

First Creek.—Eld. J. M. Anthony.

Bethel.—R. M. Ford, E. J. A. McKenny.

Macedonia.—J. A. Cole.

Shiloh.—Eld. J. W. Settlemier.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization.

Eld. J. W. Bell, Moderator, and Eld. E. P. Minton, Clerk.

Petitionary letters, none.

Correspondence, none.

Elders L. C. and A. J. Barton, of Jackson, Tennessee, accepted invitation to seats.

On motion, the answering of queries Nos. 1 and 2 that was continued from last Association, was deferred until the afternoon session.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Divine Services.—J. A. Cole, W. T. Barrett and the Deacons of Mount Zion church.

Missions.—Elders B. T. Stokes, E. P. Minton, J. W. Settlemier, J. M. Anthony.

Resolutions.—P. C. Barton, J. D. Fuller, J. T. Penix.

Sabbath Schools.—S. M. Clements, D. Rooks, L. E. Gibson.

Finance.—M. Douglas, T. C. Carter, H. M. Vice.

Literature.—L. P. Montgomery, W. B. Montgomery, R. M. Ford.

Temperance.—Eld. J. W. Bell, Bücher Narvel, Bettie Wair.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by W. S. Barker.

Eld. A. J. Barton preached Friday night. Text, Luke, x; 2.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

After reading the Scriptures the Moderator lead the prayer. The roll was called and minutes approved.

On motion, adopted the report of the Committee of Arrangements of last year.

On motion, suspended the order of business and took up queries Nos. 1 and 2. After discussion, were answered in the negative.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Eld. J. W. Settlemier preached at 11 a. m. Text, John xii; 21.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met. Prayer by Eld. C. L. Barton.

The Committee on Missions reported, which was adopted, as follows:

We find during the last Associational year there has been but little missionary work done. Brethren, why is this? Is it because we have not the means? NO! It is because we have not the zeal and energy. When we come to view the vast field already white to harvest, how can we withhold our means and be at ease in Zion? We believe this Association is fully able to support the mission work. Therefore, we, your committee, would recommend that there be an executive board appointed who shall employ one or two men if they can be supported. One evan-

gelist, and one missionary, and that every church in this Association take up a collection every three months for missionary purposes.

Submitted.

B. T. STOKES,

Chairman.

Eld. G. H. Faulkner, of the Gainesville Association, was recognized as corresponding delegate.

The Committee on Temperance reported. Adopted as follows :

As intemperance has ever been the great impediment to the progress of our Master's cause, we recommend that we warn our members of the evils of intemperance, and should they then indulge in the use of ardent spirits, that they be expelled from our midst, as their lives and examples are contrary and in direct opposition to the teachings of the Master.

J. W. BELL,

Chairman.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as an Association, bow and return the gratitude of our hearts to Almighty God for the victory over the whisky traffic in this Association, and throughout the entire State, on the 6th of September last. The Association then bowed in prayer, led by Eld. E. P. Mintón.

The committee on Literature reported. Adopted as follows :

As there is great need of information in our Association in reference to our faith and doctrine, and also our progress as a denomination, and as this information can be gathered largely from our denominational papers, we recommend the *Arkansas Evangel*. It is our State paper; our enterprise; our mouth-piece, which the fifty thousand Baptists of the State can make a grand success. It should receive our support first. Then such as the *Gleaner*, *Tenn. Baptist*, *Baptist Flag*, etc.

Your committee would further recommend that we patronize Baptist publishing houses in the printing of our minutes, church records, etc., and that we use Baptist literature in our Sunday schools.

Respectfully,

L. P. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

The Committee on Ordained Ministers. See table.

The Committee on Finance made their report, adopted as follows:

Mt. Zion Church,.....	\$2 00
Antioch Church,.....	1 65
Macedonia Church,.....	1 50
Philadelphia Church,.....	3 50
Enterprise Church,.....	1 50
Oak Grove Church,.....	2 55
New Hope Church,.....	2 00
Jonesboro Church,.....	3 50
Herman Church,.....	2 00
Bethalara Church,.....	1 50
New Hope Church, (Cross County).....	1 50
New Salem Church,.....	15
First Creek Church,.....	50
Bethel Church,.....	1 50
Paragould Church,.....	1 50
Big Creek Church,.....	1 00
Village Creek Church,.....	75
Woodland Church,.....	1 00
Total,.....	<u>\$28 85</u>

M. DOUGLASS, Chairman.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. G. Faulkner.

7 O'CLOCK.

The Association met, read and approved Minutes.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted as follows:

The subject of Sabbath Schools is one that claims the attention of every church. We would recommend the organization of Sabbath Schools in every church, and that they use Baptist literature. We recommend further, that each church report to the Association their superintendents, number of students, and the kind of literature they are using.

We find schools reported as follows:

Bethel church, 40 students. Superintendent, R. M. Ford.

New Hope, 68 students.

Big Creek, 48 students. Superintendent, J. W. Adams.

Mt. Zion, 60 students. Superintendent, R. Cee.

Oak Grove, 86 students. Superintendent, L. E. Gibson.

First Creek, 16 students, Superintendent, G. W. Whitlock.

New Hope, (Cross County,) 28 students. Superintendent, A. J. English.

Total number, 346.

D. ROOKS, Chairman.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator for the impartial manner in which he has presided during the present Session. Adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due, and tendered Mt. Zion church and vicinity for their hearty welcome, generous hospitality, and untiring attentions in entertaining us during our stay here.

On motion, the Moderator was empowered to appoint the Executive Board.

Brethren P. C. Barton, Jacob Sharp, J. M. Raines, F. C. West and R. M. Ford, were appointed.

Philadelphia church was selected as the place for holding the next session of the body, and Eld. E. P. Minton to preach the annual sermon.

On motion, the time for the Association to convene was changed from Friday to Thursday.

On motion, the following delegates were appointed to represent the Association in the State Convention :

Elds. J. W. Bell, E. P. Minton, B. T. Stokes, R. M. Ford, J. M. Raines.

A collection for ministerial support, amounting to \$12.70 was taken. E. P. Minton was elected treasurer.

On motion, Brother R. M. Ford was appointed to look after the Association books, in the hands of Bro. Murdock.

On motion, the clerk was allowed \$5.00 for his services, and that he superintend the printing of Minutes, and that he have them published at the Evangel office.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Philadelphia Church, Craighead county, Ark., on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1887, four miles north of Jonesboro.

After singing a song and extending to each other the right hand, the Brethren separated with the best of feelings.

Eld. E. P. Minton preached Sunday at 11 a. m. Text, Heb., ii. ; 3.

Eld. J. W. Bell. preached at 2 p. m. Text, 2nd Cor. v. ; 1.

ELD. J. W. BELL, MODERATOR.

E. P. MINTON, CLERK.

The following list is designated in the order named :
Church, county, pastor, clerk, post office ;

Mt. Zion, Greene, G. H. Faulkner, L. C. Dennis,
Walcott, Ark.

Antioch, Craighead, E. P. Minton, H. H. Hopkins,
Brookland, Ark.

Philadelphia, Craighead, J. W. Bell, N. S. Maser,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Enterprise, Craighead, J. M. Minton, W. D. Barton,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Oak Grove, Craighead, E. P. Minton, R. P. Wilkins,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Jonesboro, Craighead, J. W. Bell, Jacob Sharp,
Jonesboro, Ark.

New Hope, Craighead, J. W. Bell, T. C. Carter,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Herman, Craighead, E. P. Minton, O. N. Albright,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Rock Hill, Craighead, Thos. Williams, W. H. Lyerly,
Greensboro, Ark.

New Hope, Cross, P. T. Stokes, A. H. Hammett,
Wittsburg, Ark.

Lebanon, Poinsett, J. W. Little, T. N. Henderson,
White Hall, Ark.

Woodland, Cross, B. T. Stokes, J. D. Rooks, River-
side, Ark.

Bethlahara, Craighead, J. T. Arrington, J. H. Percell,
Lake City, Ark.

Village Creek, Greene, L. C. Diggs, J. S. Jones,
Bethel, Ark.

Paragould, Greene, J. W. Bell, J. C. Barnett, Para-
gould, Ark.

Cherry Valley, Cross, J. W. Settlemier, H. Owen,
Cherry Valley, Ark.

Big Creek, Greene, Thos. Williams, T. J. Colier,
Lorado, Ark.

First Creek, Cross, J. M. Anthony, G. W. Whitlock,
Nolton, Ark.

Bethel, Poinsett, J. W. Settlemier, C. E. Stated,
Harrisburg, Ark.

Macedonia, Craighead, L. C. Diggs, W. R. McEwen,
Jonesboro, Ark.

Shiloh, Poinsett, J. W. Settlemier.

Total Bap̄tised in Association,.....	85
“ Received by Letter,.....	39
“ Restored.....	19
“ Dismissed,.....	28
“ Excluded,.....	16
“ Dead,.....	17

The following is a list of Ordained Ministers and their postoffice address :

J. W. Bell, E. P. Minton, J. M. Minton, J. T. Ar-
rington J. M. Raines, Jonesboro, Ark. ; L. B. Stemer,
Greensboro, Ark. ; L. C. Diggs, C. L. Butler, T. W. Wil-
liams, Lorado, Ark. ; W. S. Barker, Paragould, Ark. ; J.
W. Settlemier, White Hall, Ark. ; W. L. Hughes, Wm.
Anderson, Harrisburg, Ark. ; G. M. Settlemier, Cherry
Valley, Ark. ; J. M. Anthony, Nolton, Ark. ; B. T. Stokes,
Wittsburg, Ark. ; J. N. Batt, Cache, Ark.

Licentiates.—G. W. Adams, Lorado, Ark. ; D. C.
Narvell, Paragould, Ark. ; R. M. Ford, Harrisburg, Ark. ;
E. J. A. McKenney, J. T. McKenney, White Hall, Ark. ;
A. C. Reaves, Harrisburg, Ark.