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-OF THE-

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## CLEAR CREEK

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SHELD WITHS

THE NEW PROSPECT CHURCH NO. 1,

-AT-

Mulberry City, Franklin County, Arkansas,

♦OCTOBER 22, 23 AND 24, 1891.◆

# OFFICERS:

COL. M. F. LOCKE, MODERATOR. - - - - ALMA, ARK. ELDER JOHN E. COX, SECRETARY, - - - LONELM, ARK. BRO. J. S. RENFROE, TREASURER, - - - - ALMA, ARK.

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The Next Session to be Held with the White Oak Baptist Church, Franklin County, Ark., on Wednesday before the Fourth Lord's Day in October, 1892.

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# CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The members and messengers composing the Nineteenth Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association assembled in the meeting house of the New Prospect Church No. 1, at Mulberry City,

Franklin County, Arkansas, October 22, 1891.

The Moderator being absent the Association was called to order at 11 o'clock, a. m., by the Clerk. Elder Geo. M. Fortune, the appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent, Bro. A. B. Miller, of Little Rock, by request preached the Introductory Sermon; text Jobe 17 chapter, 9 verse. "The righteous also shall hold on his way."

On motion Elder W. R. McLane was elected Moderator pro tem.

After which the Association adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order according to adjournment at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Woodard of the Russellville Association.

On motion Committee on Divine Service was appointed: M. H. Wagner, G. W. C. Lasator, G. W. Westbrooks and Elder William Hicks.

Elder J. W. Richardson and Bro. J. S. Renfroe were appointed to read letters from the Churches. Letters from 29 Churches were read and the names of messengers enrolled as found in the Table of Statistics.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the next year. Dr. A. B. Miller and E'der T. J. Woodard were appointed tellers.

While the vote was being counted, Bro. B. G. Manard, Superintendent of State Missions, presented the claims of the Arkansas

Baptist.

The tellers reported Col. M. F. Locke Moderator, J. E. Cox Clerk

and J. S. Renfroe Treasurer.

The Moderator-elect took the chair and thanked the brethren for their confidence in him, and the honor bestowed upon him by his election.

Called for Petitionary Letters. Letters from New Hope No. 2, and Mountain Top, were presented by their messengers. The letters were read and on motion the Churches were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Called for corresponding messengers. Russellville represented

by Elder T. J. Woodard and Bro. A. F. Moore.

Bro. A. B. Miller, Vice-President of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. B. G. Manard, Superintendent of State Missions, were present.

On motion the brethren were received as corresponding messengers as above stated and invited to participate in our deliberations.

The Committee on Divine Service reported Bro. B. G. Manard to preach here to-night, Bro. C. A. Gowin at Vine Prairie and Bro. J. W. Richardson at Pleasant Hill.

On motion the Association adjourned to 8 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Bro. W. R. McLane.

Bro. Manard preached a Gospel Sermon to the satisfaction of all.

Text "Have faith in God." Theme the personality of God.

The following committees were appointed and the names handed to the chairman of the same, after preaching at night:

On Finance-B. W. Webb and D. K. Moore.

On Associational Missions—W. R. McLane, Joseph McKinney and R. M. Small.

State Missions-W. F. Flowers, M. A. Pillors, David Reed, M. M.

Renager and J. W. Blaylock.

Foreign Missions—L. Atkinson, A. L. Lemley, M. H. Miller, C. R. Johns and P. C. Moseley.

Home Missions-C. A. Gowin, J. W. Story, W. M. Hicks, W. B.

Miller and R. C. Merrill.

On Education—F. J. Allen, W. R. McLane, J. W. Richardson, T. W. Adams and A. B. Baker.

On Nominations—David Reed, J. N. Burton and J. N. Henderson. On Sunday Schools—T. W. Adams, Willis Kelley and John Houston.

On Temperance—C. M. Partin, David Hall and G. W. C. Lasator, On Queries—J. W. Anderson, W. H. Turner and W. M. Mason. On Religious Literature—J. E. Cox, J. W. Cain and John O. Love.

#### SECOND DAY- MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. R. M. Small.

Letters from Oak Grove and Van Buren presented and read. Al-

so from Shiloh No. 2. No delegates.

Minutes of first day's proceedings read and approved.

Committee on Divine Service reported Bro. T. J. Woodard, to preach at the church at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion it was agreed to hear the report of the Executive

Board first business afternoon.

The Committee on Associational Missions read their report and after remarks by several brethren, the report was amended and on motion the report was adopted as amended as follows:

Your committee on associational missions would recommend the continuation of last year's plan, with this addition: That the Churches be requested to make weekly contributions for associational mis-

sions and forward the same regularly to the Executive Board at its regular sessions and that the Executive Board be intrusted with the missionary work of this body, and that it be requested to concentrate its efforts. All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. R. MCLANE, J. S. MCKINNEY, R. M. SMALL.

Report on Home Missions was read and after a motion to adopt, the report was spoken to by Bro. A. B. Miller. Pending the adoption of the report a collection was taken for Home Mission, amounting to \$14.25. The report was adopted.

See report marked, (A.)

Report on Foreign Missions was read, and on motion the report was recommitted.

Elder A. J. Henson, of North Concord Association, reported himself as a corresponding messenger, and was received and invited to a seat with us.

Committee on Temperance presented their report. After being discussed by Brethren B. G. Manard and A. B. Miller, the report was adopted. Exhibit (B.)

On motion visiting brethren were invited to seats in council.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by T. W. Adams. The report was discussed by Bro. T. W. Adams. On motion the report was laid on the table to be taken up in the afternoon.

The Association took recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Elder T. J. Woodard. Text 1st Corrinthians, 3 chap., 10 verse. Theme: "The Importance of Building on Christ the only Foundation."

The Committee on Preaching reported that Bro. A. B. Miller

would preach at the church to-night.

#### SECOND DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2 p. m. Song by the congregation and prayer by Bro. C. A. Gowin.

Roll called and corrected.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Bro. W. R. Mc-

Lane, as follows:

In the Eastern Division we have raised for Associational Missions \$39.40. Expended for work done as follows: At Lucien Point and Oak Grove by Elder John E. Cox, six days for which \$7.00 were paid. By Elder W. R. McLane, at Hickory Grove, from April to August, at Ford's school house from June to August; for which he was paid \$15.00. Total amount expended \$22.00.

The work at Hickory Grove resulted in the constitution of a church (Mountain Top), to which three were added by experience and baptism and three by letter. Balance in hands of treasurer \$31.

30. \$20.50 promised for the ensuing year.

In the Western Division \$25.80 have been raised and expended as follows: To Elder J. F. Brewer, for labor in the northern portion of Crawford county, \$25.80. The labors of said missionary resulted

in the organization of one Church of five members, to which have been added by experience and baptism fifteen, by letter ten, Sunday School organized, sermons and exhortations 128.

W. R. McLane, Chairman.

The following Board was appointed for the next year:

Alma-Charles Fabor: Altus—P. C. Moseley: Bethel—M. P. Henrey; Coal Hill—E. H. Walker; Cedar Creek—C. R. Johns; Center Point—Dan Moon; Fine Spring—T. W. Smith; Jerico—J. W. Story; Lone Hill—S F. Hall: Mt. Zion—T. J. Davis; Mt. Moriah-Noah Parsley; Macedonia—R. V. Thompson; Moor's Rock—M. M. Renager;

New Hope No. 1-John Houston; New Hope No 2-J. F. Brewer; Oak Grove-David Hall; Ozark-B. W. Webb; Prairie Grove-R. M. Small: Fleasant Grove-John O. Love: Rehobeth—W. R. McLane; Fed Bird—J W Cain; Shiloh No. 1—H. W. blaylock; Shiloh No. 2—J. F. Wood; Union Chapel—J. W. Fry; Unity-R. C. Highfill; Van Buren-J. S. Boatright; Vine Prairie-William Cantrell; Mountain Top—John Nichols; Vine Prairie—V New Concord—W. Kelley; White Oak—J. New Prospect No. 1—W. M. Francis; Zoar—N.Hende New Prospect No. 2—A L. Lemley; Union Grove— Mountain Home—T. S. Day. White Oak-J. N. Blaylock; Zoar-N.Henderson; Union Grove-Wm Ingram;

The following resolution was offered by Bro. W. R. McLane and

adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Churches composing this body, that they recommend in their letter to the Association the brother that they would have appointed on the Board.

On motion it was agreed that Big Mulberry be made the dividing

line between the East and West ends of the Association.

On motion the report on Sunday Schools was taken up, read and discussed by brethren Manard and Woodard, and adopted. Report (C.) On motion the Association adjourned till the close of the service

to-night. Prayer by Bro. Hicks.

The stand was occupied at 7 p. m., by Dr. Miller and at the close of the service the report on education was read by the chairman. The report was discussed by Col. M. F. Locke and Elders Miller and Manard.

Pending the adoption of the report a collection was taken for

Ouachita College of \$19.10 in cash and \$43.00 in pledges.

After which the report was adopted. Report (D.)

Adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m., to-morrow. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Richardson

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Called to order at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. T. W. Adams.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted. Marked (E.)

Report on Foreign Missions was read and after being discussed by Brethren Atkinson, Locke, Manard and Woodard, it was adopted. Report (F.)

The Committee on Queries reported on query from Cedar Creek Church, and after due consideration the Association refused to an-

swer the query.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Flowers and discussed by Brethren B. G. Manard, L. Atkinson, M. A. Pillors, T. J. Woodard, M. F. Locke and W. R. McLane, and was adopted. See report (G).

The report on nominations was read, amended and adopted, as follows:

The next session to be held with the White Oak Baptist Church 5 miles north of Ozark, Franklin Co., to begin on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892, and Elder W. R. McLane to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder C. A. Gowin alternate.

DAVID REED, Chairman.

Appointed corresponding messengers to the State Convention Col. M. F. Locke and Bro. F. J. Allen.

On motion it was agreed that any brother attending any Association with whom we correspond be recognized as a corresponding messenger.

The report on Religious Literature was read and adopted, as fol

lows

Your committee on religious literature would recommend that our people buy and read sound Baptist books and papers, published by our own publishing houses. We would further urge a good system of calportage through which our denominational literature may be thrown out broadcast. We would further recommend a hearty en dorsement and support of our State paper, The Arkansas Baptist And as a sound and able exponent of Baptist doctrines and the exposing of error we would recommend the Baptist Gleaner, published at Fulton, Ky. All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. Cox, Chairman.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. McLane:

Resolved, 1st, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered the brethren and sisters of New Prospect Church and the citizens of Mulberry and vicinity for their kindness in entertaining this body during its sitting with them.

Resolved, 2nd, That Bro. Clerk be instructed to have six hundred copies of the minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed for his services what money may be left after expenses are all paid

The Committee on Divine Service reported Bro. T. W. Adams to preach at night and T. J. Woodard at 11 o'clock Sunday a. m.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the White Oak Baptist Church on Wednesday at 11 o'clock a.m., before the

fourth Lord's day in October, 1892.

While the song was being sung, "God be with you till we meet again," the brethren taken the parting hand doubtless with some of us for the last time on this earth. Thus ended one of the best Associational Meetings of the last eleven, is the opinion of your unworthy Clerk.

COL. M. F. LOCKE, MODERATOR.

JOHN E. Cox, Clerk.

NOTE BY THE CLERK-I find that the fourth session of this asso-

ciation was held in 1876 and the sixth was held in 1879, and owing to the mistake made then this is the nineteenth instead of the eighteenth session. Can any brother furnish me with a copy of our minutes of 1874, 1877 and 1878?

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

There seeme to be some misapprehension as to the work of the Home Board, and we would explain that the field of this Board's operation is the destitution in all the Southern States, the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. A large number of missionaries are employed on this vast and very important field, and the work being done is of the most satisfactory character. The success of work in Cuba by Diaz and his helpers is phenomenal, and the house for their work in Havannah should be paid for as scon as possible.

The Home Board has long helped our work in Arkansas, not less than two thousand dollars a year coming from that Board to our State Board, thus placing our people under the most weighty obligation to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the work of this Board—and we would suggest that a collection be taken at this Association for the work of the Home Board; also recommend that all of our Churches take at least one collection every year for this work.

W. B. MILLER, J. W. STORY, W. M. HICKS.

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Your committee note with serious apprehension the increase in the sale of intoxicants, and the inroads that the indulgence, in their use, are making on society—its peace, happiness and prosperity. With shame we note that our Churches share in this ruin. Your committee would urge that the pulpits fearlessly hold up this great iniquity before their people—that they be the spotless, the blameless rather than stumbling blocks; that the Churches, in no sense, connive at this monstrous curse of our people.

C. M. PARTIN. DAVID HALL, G. W. C. LASATOR, Committee.

We your committee on Sunday Schools begleave to make the following report: We are glad to find that our denomination are manifesting a greater interest in later years, in the Sunday School work than in former times. Yet but few Churches in our Association, if any, are as efficient in this as it is their privilege and duty to be. We believe that our denomination and Churches are losing much by the neglect of the early Biblical training of the children of our land, We also believe that there is now no better way available of getting access to the We also believe that there is how no better way available of getting access to the children than the Sunday School, hence we recommend, (1) that the delegates to this body urge the necessity and responsibility of the Sunday School on their individual Churches; (2) that the pastors during the coming year, preach at least one sermon direct to the parents upon this great work; (3) that they organize as far as practicable a Sunday School in each of their Churches.

T. W. Adams, Chairman.

We your committee on education beg leave to report as follows: We recognize that the day of ignorance is no longer .winked at, and to keep from being ignorant we must educate. Whatever may have been said as to our ignorance can no longer truthfully be said. Education and truth on our side have raised us to our now honored position. Again to be able to cope with atheism, infidelity and all the isms and cisms of the world, we must educate. Education is of vast importance both in public and private life, but it is more necessary in this advanced age of the world than ever before. Ignorance is the tyrant monster that keeps its victims chained in spiritual darkness "Having a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof." Hence, we, your committee, insist that parents should educate their children to the full ability that God hath given them. We further insist that our young ministers avail themselves of the opportunities now offered them in many of our schools and colleges to get an education free of tuition. While there are many good schools in our state, we would recommend the Ouachita College, as our State denomination college; is the best equipped and the most suitable place to educate our children and our young ministers; hence we insist that it be given our hearty support and patronage.

F. J. ALLEN,
W. B. McLane,
J. W. RICHARDSON,
T. W. ADAMS,
A. B. BAKER,
Committee,

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We your committee on finance report as follows: Cash sent up from all the churches represented.

For Minutes, \$35 10
Associational Missions, 30 65
Foreign Missions, 4 00
State Missions, 6 00
Home Missions, 1 35

Total amount, \$77 10 Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WEBB, D. K. MOORE.

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Your committee on Foreign Missions report as follows:

Whereas we have in this Association sixteen hundred and twenty-five (1625) members; and that a contribution of ten cents per member would amount to one hundred and sixty two dollars annually, probably more than double the amount now given each year. Therefore

amount now given each year Therefore
Resolved, That we earnestly urge, that each Church this associational year
give not less than ten cents per member, thereby honoring the name, Missionary
Baptist, and also doing what is asked from us in this centenial year of the modern Missionary movement—just 10 cts from every member. All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. ATKINSON, Chairman.

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The field is the world, and while we would reverently harken to the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," we yet recognize the duty of improving the great opportunity now presented to us of planting the Gospel firmly and securely in every neighborhood of our own beloved State. Not only this but that we adopt systematic methods among our Churches in our Association by which funds may be raised to further the work of the Board. At least one collection should be taken annually in the interest of this work and not later than the second week in October The demands on the Board cannot be met for want of funds The highest obligation bids us as far as possible to supply the wants of these great white harvest fields. We think

it would help increase the mission interest if this Association would co-operate with the State Board. Its missionary become that of the State Board. We heartly pledge ourselves to raise what means we can in our several Churched during the coming year for this work and will aid with our practical assistance in every way in our power for the spread of the Gospel until every home within our borders shall have the preaching of the word in their reach. We recome mend to the Churches a quarterly contribution. Respectfully submitted, W. F. Flowers.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE
L. Atkinson,	Coal Hill.
M. Adams,	
T. W. Adams,	
J. C. Crudup,	
J. H. Bourland,	
J. F. Brewer,	
C. A. Gowin,	
W. M. Hicks,	
Sam Horner,	
J. E. Cox,	
John L. Allen,	
C. R. Johns,	
W. R. McLane,	
M. L. Wilson,	
M. A. Pillors,	Dyer.
T. N. Parker,	
C. M. Partin,	
J. W. Richardson,	
S. A. Renfroe,	
P. A. D. Smith,	
R. M. Small,	
J. L. Sykes,	Coal Hill,
R. V. Thompson,	



#### NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Alma	J. S. Renfroe, W. F. Flowers, Charles Fabor, & S. Smit
Altus	W. T. Hopkins, H. W. Moore, P. C. Mosely
Bethel	D. K. Moore
Coal Hill	L. Atkinson, G. T. Martin. C. A. Gowin, C. R. Johns, G. W. Roberts
Codor Crook	C A Gowin C R Johns G W Roberts
Contac Point	William Mason, J. S. Stapp
Eins Springs	R C Runton
Toring Optingo	B. C. Burton John Swafford, J. W. Story
Tomo EE 13	M H Willow & B II-11
LOHU THILL.	M. H. Miller, S. F. Hall. R. C. Merrill, Louis Scott, T. J. Davis
Mt. Zioii.	R. C. Merrin, Louis Scott, T. J. Davis
Mt. Moriah	3.6 3.6 3.0
Moore's Rock	M. M. Renager
Macedonia	R. E. Sunmerhill W. H. Turner, W. M. Hicks, G. W. Westbrook
New Prospect No. 1	W. H. Turner, W. M. Hicks, G. W. Westbrook
New Prospect No. 2	A. L. Lemley
New Hope No. 1	John Houston, G. W. Houston
New Hope No. 2	J. F. Morgan
	John Nichols
Ozark	F. J. Allen, B. W. Webb, Joe McKinney
Oak Grove	David Hall, G. M. Gregg, M. L. Wilson
Prairie Grove	
Pleasant Grove	J. O. Love, B T. Blevins
Rehobeth	WR McLane, JECox, JC Brooks, JH Bourland, JW Richard
Red Bird	J. W. Cain, J. E. Wilson, Josiah Beard
Shiloh No. 1	A. B. Baker, W. B. Miller, J. W. Blaylock
Shiloh No. 2	***************************************
Unity	B. F. Payton.
Vine Prairie	M. A. Pillors, David Reed, W. T. Cantrell J. S. Boatright
Van Buren	J. S. Boatright
White Oak	W. N. Blaylock, J. W Anderson, A Sanders
Zoar	J. N. Henderson, W. N. Watters, S. E. Winfrey
Mountain Home	Not represented
Union Grove	Not represented
New Concord	Not represented
	Collection for Home Missions
	Total

NOTE Sundays collection for State Missions, \$6.00.

## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	By Baptism.  By Letter.  Restored	etter.	Total Membership.	Days Meeting.	For Minutes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's	Church Repairs.	Average Attend.	Officers & T'chrs.	Sunday School Literature.	Value of	Church Property.
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