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OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FAYETTEVILLE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
SHADY GROVE CHURCH

Washington County, Ark.

September 5, 6, and 7

1903

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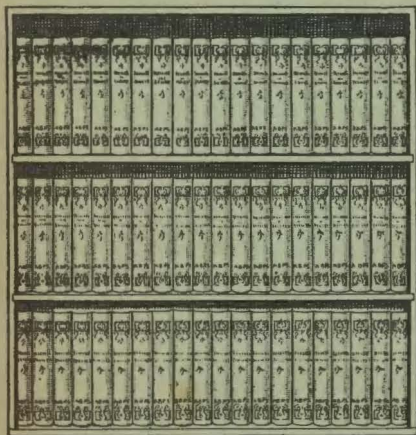
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FAYETTEVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Association convened with Shady Grove church Sept. 5, 1903 at 9 o'clock a. m., and after a chapter of the Bible was read, and prayer by Elder J. A. Smith. On motion Elder D. L. Hood was elected Clerk protem, the regular Clerk A. L. Thompson being absent.

On motion, the letters of the several churches composing the Association were called for, and Brethren G. P. Hanks and J. A. Smith, appointed to read them. The following were received and messengers enrolled:

Lees Creek—R. Hopkins, A. B. Hopkins.

Springdale—I. M. Phillips, J. A. Smith and W. B. Brogdon.

Spring Creek—J. M. Brown.

Little Elm—H. B. Borders, T. J. Johnson, W. A. Jack.

New Hope—G. N. Snyder, Peter Kenedy, J. A. Looper.

Goshen—T. J. Perry, W. H. Vilyard.

Rock Spring—Robt. Diment W. C. Carter.

Bethlehem—W. P. York

Fayetteville—J. R. Harris, J. E. Denham, C. W. Walker

Valley Grove—D. L. Hood, W. E. Williams.

Shady Grove—J. H. Lychliter, R. Graham, Vernon Brooks.

Wedington—A. C. Dees, O. F. Moss, E. J. Moss.

Liberty—F. G. Kimbrough, A. J. Hodges.

Antioch—James Brooks, Abner Anderson.
Elm Springs—John Horton, W. D. Pearson.
Providence—J. N. Herndon, J. Burks, B. S. Hembree.
Apostolic—H. W. Miller.
Mt. Zion—J. A. Stone.
Mt. Pisgah—D. T. Hembree, J. B. Mayes.
Center Point—E. Akers, Henry Murphy.
Mt. Vernon—John Cravens, Andy Oxford.
Prairie Grove—H. P. Green, J. D. Carr, E. Moss.
Vineyard—M. Dooley, J. W. Wheeler, and Ben Greer.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Association met and after singing and prayer by Elder G. P. Hanks was called to order, brother H. C. Winstead preached the introductory sermon text Eph. 4-3.

On motion the Association took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.. Prayer by Elder H. B. Borders.

2 o'clock p. m.—Association again met and was called to order by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by Elder J. A. Stone the Association then proceeded to organize by electing I. M. Phillips Moderator and C. W. Walker Clerk.

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

Petitionary Letters called for—none.

Elder Crawford and the messengers of Shady Grove church were appointed Committee on Divine Service. Circular Letters read by brother Denham, which appears elsewhere in these minutes; letter after being amended by substituting \$500.00 for \$300.00 was adopted.

Visiting ministers invited to seats in the Association: brother J. F. Love Secretary of State Missions, brother O. D. Slaughter. H. C. Winstead, W. E. Flenor, C. J. Lester. Johnson Crawford, G. P. Hanks and J. F. Parker accepted the invitation. Brother Carr assisted by brother Hood appointed to fill the pulpit, at this, Shady Grove church at 7:45 p. m.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Treasurer and Clerks Report read by brother A. L. Thompson and adopted.

Brethren J. R. Harris and G. W. Brooks appointed Committee on Finance.

Report of Executive Board was read and after pertinent remarks by brethren Crawford and Phillips was adopted.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to 7:45 p. m.

At the conclusion of devine service the Association convened for business.

Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committee viz Committee on Orphans Home, W. B. Brogdon, D. T. Hembree and G. P. Hanks.

Sunday Schoole—J. A. Stone, John Cravens and C. O. Farmer.

Finance—John R. Harris, Geo. Brooks.

Devine Service—J. Crawford, J. H. Lichlyter, Vernon Brooks and R. Graham.

Temperance—J. D. Carr, W. P. York.

Nomination—F. G. Kimbrough, O. F. Moss and J. M. Brown.

Ministerial Education—J. E. Denham, H. B. Borders and John Horton.

Obituaries—D. L. Hood, H. Villiard, J. B. Mayes.

Publication—J. A. Smith, Robert Diment and H. C. Winstead.

Associational Missions—H. P. Green and F. G. Kimbrough.

Foreign Missions—A. C. Dees, Andy Oxford and C. W. Walker.

Home Missions—James Brooks, Abner Anderson and W. S. Luper.

State Missions—J. A. Smith, J. E. Denham and G. P. Hanks.

On motion of J. A. Smith Association met in mass meeting Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Sunday-schools read and adopted.

Remarks by J. A. Stone, brothers Moss, J. A. Smith, Ben Greer, J. E. Denham, J. F. Love, brother Helper and brother L. D. Hood adopted.

Intermission for 15 minutes.

On motion Temperance Report set for 3 o'clock.

Leave of absence of brother Akers granted on account of sickness in his family.

Report of Committee on Orphans Home read, discussed by brother Hanks, Helper and others and afterward adopted.

Collection for Orphans Home \$10.45 and at School house \$14.55.

Also \$2.55 turned in by brother Parks.

Recess until 3 p. m.

Association met at 3 p. m. pursuant to adjournment opened with prayer by brother Hambee.

Committee on Temperance presented their report which was read and after discussion participated in by brothers Carr, Crawford and others was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to 7:45.

Association met at 7:45 p. m. pursuant to adjournment. Introductory to the regular service of the hour 20 minutes were spent in song and prayer.

Sermon of the evening preached by brother J. H. Milburn, text "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven (Sermon Conversion.)"

At 8 o'clock a. m. Monday morning the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions was read and after discussion by brethren H. P. Green, W. B. Brogden, C. O. Farmer, Helpler and Denham, and after amendment was adopted. The Association then went into the election of a missionary for the ensuing year; brother J. Crawford was put in nomination and unanimously elected.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education, after discussion was tabled.

Report on Foreign Missions, discussed and adopted. Recess until 11 a. m.

At 11 o'clock a. m. brother Moss preached a most excellent sermon, taking as his text, "I will look to the hills from whence cometh my help," Ps. 12-1. On motion the Association took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

The Association met at 1:30 p. m. and after service of song and prayer resumed the regular order of business.

Resolution No. 3 read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

On motion the Association proceeded to take pledges for Associational missions for the ensuing year viz.

Bethlehem Church.....	\$ 5.00
Shady Grove.....	20.00
Spring Creek	20.00
Center Point	4.00
Liberty	10.00
Springdale	100.00
Elm Spring	5.00
Lees Creek	2.00

Mt. Vernon	5.00
Little Elm.....	5.00
Goshen.....	3.00
Wedington	10.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	5.00
Prairie Grove	15.00
Fayetteville.....	60.00

\$274.60

Brought Forward

\$274.00

Vineyard	10.00
Rock Spring	5.00
Valley Grove	4.65
.....(paid).....	
New Hope	10.00
Apostolic	1.50

By Churches

\$305.15

I. M. Phillips	\$ 10.00
Abner Anderson	2.00
Ben Greer	2.00
W. B. Brogden	10.00
Andy Oxford.....	1.00
.....(paid)	
H. C. Winstead	1.00
M. Dooley	1.00

Personal Pledges.....

\$27.00

Total Pledges

\$332.15

Committee on Nominations submitted the following report viz; that W. B. Brogden, D. Christian, Will Searcy, G. A. Graves and J. A. Smith constitute the Executive Board of the Fayetteville Association. 2nd. That Rev. J. A. Smith preach the Introductory Sermon. 3rd. That the Association meet with Spring Creek on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1904. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions tabled.

Report on Home Missions tabled.

Resolution of thanks extended to the brethren and sisters and friends of Shady Grove church for their kind hospitality and Gods blessing invoked upon their homes.

On motion any member bearing a minute from this Association to any other with which we correspond, have the right to represent this Association.

On motion that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to prepare and read before the Association at its

next meeting a Circular Letter, the following named were appointed viz; H. C. Winstead, F. G. Kimbrough and E. Moss.

On motion the association adjourned to meet with Spring Creek church on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1904, at 9 o'clock a. m.

I. M. PHILLIPS, Moderator,

C. W. WALKER, Clerk.

Circular Letter.

Your committee on Circular Letter submit the following setting forth the condition, needs and remedy for the laxness and apathy among the churches of this Association. We have studied somewhat carefully the field, the natural and contiguous advantages, the necessity for the country churches, and the need of more careful and thorough work among them. We have come to think, not to much of the work in our towns, but too little of the work in the country and rural districts. In expecting great thing for carrying on the missionary work in State, Home and Foreign fields, it is very natural for us to look to the larger and more thoroughly organized churches in our towns and cities, but why should we not as confidently appeal to the country churches? If men will give to missions when they move to the towns, why did they not give before? This question has forced a study of the condition of the country churches. We find many of them in an exceedingly primitive state. In some instances almost wholly without development. Some of our churches have no Sunday school, and most of our country churches have no prayer meeting, and a collection for any of our great missionary enterprises meets with little or no response. Such a condition we believe greatly hinders the progress of the Baptist demonination in Washington Co.

2nd We believe the first great need of this Association is, pastors who will develope the churches. Pastors who feel in a great measure the responsibility of soul winning, and who are not only acquainted with the fundamental principals of the gospel, but who can preach the whole gospel, and esteem it necessary to the development of the churches.

The second need is, churches that will be satisfied with nothing less than capable fearless efficient pastors, who will lead them to the greatest usefulness in our Lord's

service. Churches that will pay their pastors a reasonable compensation for their labors. We can expect little from churches that are not interested enough in the cause of Jesus to pay the men who labor and sacrifice for them.

3rd We need more money to help us reach the destitute points in our Association. The past year has been a successful one. Our missionary has done faithful and efficient work. For the year to come we need \$500. and we appeal to every church in Fayetteville Association to come to the help of our board in this work.

4th The remedy, First, Better pastoral support, there are churches of 50 to 100, members in our Association that pay from \$10 to \$25 for pastoral support, and if the pastor loses a day, dock him for it, these same churches are able to pay from \$75 to \$150, per year.

When our churches awake to their financial responsibility then may we expect great things of God.

An another remedy is, Pastors who will lay before their churches the great enterprises of the denomination and ask for a collection for the work we have undertaken.

Pastors who are interested in the work in the broader sense and who will post themselves on the achievements of the lord in State. Home and Foreign Missions, will not fail to develop the spiritual side of their churches. To this end may the year to come be more successful.

Respectfully.

J. S. RENFRO,

J. E. DENHAM.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That this Association meet for morning session at 8 a. m. and adjourn at 11 o'clock a. m. for preaching; meet at 2 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at will; meet 7:45 p. m. for preaching and adjourn at will.

Resolved, That the Thanks of this Association be, and is hereby extended to brother A. L. Thompson for his services as Clerk and Treasurer of this Association.

GREENE.

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the Christian hospitality shown messengers and visitors of this session of the Association by the people of this community, and that the Moderator call upon some brother to pray the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the homes in which we have been so kindly entertained.

Resolved, That the clerks have 500 copies of these

minutes that he superintend and distribute the same, and that be paid \$10.00 for his services.

Report of Committees

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We the Executive Board of the Fayetteville Baptist Association beg leave to report the business transacted for year 1902 and 1903 by them.

Money received from the churches and the financial committee of the last Association. Also the money on hand at the close of the last Associational year (to wit.)

On hand from last year.....	\$ 17.62
Received from financial committee last year....	106.36
Received from Missionaries on the field....	48.38

Received from the churches as follows:

Springdale.....	76.01
Fayetteville.....	50.00
Spring Creek.....	20.00
Friendships.....	5.00
Mt. Zion.....	5.00
Vineyard.....	5.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	5.00
Bethlehem.....	5.20
Prairie Grove.....	3.50
Ladies Aid Society, Prairie Grove.....	2.50

Total amount received from all sources	<u>\$349.57</u>
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Paid out as follows:

Paid brother J. Crawford.....	\$241.07
Paid " T. F. Jones.....	35.91
Postage and Stationary.....	4.24
Sent W. W. Gardner Orphans Home.....	1.50
Clerks fee Sup. printing minutes.....	10.00
Sent State Mission Board....	1.00
Sent Cox Home Missions.....	4.82
" " Foreign ".....	5.50
Printing minutes.....	15.00
To balance in Treasury.....	<u>30.53</u>

All of which is submitted.....	<u>\$349.57</u>
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer and Clerks report of the Fayetteville Baptist Association for the years 1902 and 1903.

1902	Dr.	Cr.
Sept. 8, Balance on hand last Association.....		\$ 17.62
" " Received from financial committee last Association.....		106.36
Received by the missionaries on the field		48.38
Received from the churches of the Association...		177.21
Total received.....		<u>\$349.57</u>
Paid out as follows:		
Paid the missionaries	\$276.98	
For stationery M. O. fees, postage and etc.....	4.24	
Home missions	4.82	
State missions	1.00	
Orphans Home.....	1.50	
Foreign missions.....	5.50	
Clerks fee....	10.00	
Printing minutes.....	15.00	
Bal. in treasury	30.53	
		<u>\$349.57</u> <u>\$349.57</u>
Bal. due the Association.....	\$30.53	

A. L. THOMHSON
Clerk and Treasurer.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The work for Associational Missions for the past year, has been more successful and prosperous than for many years in the bounds of our Association and still the cry comes to us from many places, "Come over and help us."

There are many places within the bounds of the Fayetteville Association and some churches, of real destitution of the gospel of Christ. Therefore, we recommend that the (Executive Board supply the same by employing a Missionary for the whole time) in the much needed work. And we recommend further and kindly request that the churches and the people at large contribute liberally of their means towards this, the noblest and most worthy of all things else, the salvation of men and women.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. GREENE,

F. G. KIMBROUGH,

Committee.

The Association elect a Missionary for the entire time and he be paid \$500.00.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report the great commission, "go ye into all the world" was given by christ absolutely to his church and we the Fayetteville Baptist Association being a part of the great Baptist body of the world feel it our duty to carry out our masters command by sending of our competent men supporting them by our prayers and our money for we find many nations of which the great majority is steeped in ignorance and heathren darkness bowing down to stocks and stones and paying their money to priests and popes to pray away their sins which is only serving to sink them deeper and deeper into irretrievable woe.

Submitted by your committee

A. C. DEES,
A. L. OXFORD.

PUBLICATION.

We your committee on publication beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend first of all that our people read and study the word of God and take it as a perfect rule of faith and practice in all religious work. We also recommend the reading of any other literature which is sound in its teaching.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. WINSTEAD,
ROBERT DIMENT,
J. A. SMITH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Your Committee on Sunday-school believe the Sunday-school work to be of great importance in helping to Evangelize the world. We find that but few of our churches have their Sunday-schools.

We recommend therefore that each church of this Association organize and maintain a Sunday-school and see that the pure word of God is taught to those under their influence.

J. A. STONE,
C. O. FARMER,
JOHN CRAVEN,

STATE MISSION.

Much has been done to evangelize Arkansas. A great deal more needs to be done. The state is a great white harvest field. The churches in this Association have not been as active in the mission cause as they should be or as we hope they will be.

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction with the methods of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. There are good reasons for dissatisfaction. Churches do not like to pay money to support men, at large salaries who are not missionaries neither do Baptists, like the unscriptural and episcopal methods of the convention and its board. Therefore be it resolved that this Association withdraw from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

J. A. SMITH,
G. P. HANKS.

SUBSTITUTE.

That while we rejoice in every effort for the evangelization for purpose of our state, of harmony, we for the present as an Association under the circumstances abstain from endorsing either the State Convention or the General Association.

J. E. DENHAM.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance, would submit the following report. Never before in our history has the sentiment against spirituous liquors been so strong as at the present time, and largely because of the attitude taken by Christian bodies against the traffic. While the volume of sentiment against drink is constantly growing stronger, it is no reason why we should be less vigilant in our work for the overthrow of the liquor curse.

Therefore, let churches maintain strict discipline against its use. Let parents and guardians watch closely over their children lest they form a taste for strong drink. Let educators fortify the minds of their pupils against it. Let phillanthropist scatter temperance literature far and wide, and last but not least, let the citizenship of the great baptist brotherhood of our country fall into line, and with the ballot, (that most powerful of weapons,) wipe out the curse that is now blighting lives, breaking up homes, corrupting government and thereby undermining our republic.

Com. { J. D. CARR,
 { W. P. YORK.

FINANCE.

We your finance committee would ask to submit the following:

Churches.	Minutes Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Assn'l Missions	Orphan's Home
Fayetteville ..	\$1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springdale ...	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie Grove.	1.50	.....	.....	.....	9.50	.....
Vineyard	1.00	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah ..	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rock Springs.	.55	.....	.....	.....	2.25	.....
Wedington ...	1.25	.....	.....	.....	1.45	.....
Little Elm....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00
Providence ...	.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elm Springs..	.50	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....
New Hope	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove.	1.30	.....	.....	.....	20.30	.25
Mt. Vernon...	.90	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....
Black Oak .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Valley Grove.	1.15	.....	.....	.....	4.65	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem....	.75	.80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lees Creek....	.60	.....	.....	.....	1.60	.....
Oak Grove .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Point..	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.50	.....
Mt. Gilead....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goshen .....	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Creek.	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Apostolic.....	.25	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.75	1.00
Antioe	1.00	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....
Total	21.30	8.05	2.50	1.00	53.06	4.25
Collection for Orphan's Home at the Association \$25.00.						

J. R. HARRIS.

G. W. BROOKER.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee would state as shown by the letters from the churches. Fifteen deaths have occurred in the Association for the past year, to-wit: Little Elm one, W

H. McWhorter; Mt. Vernon two, Wm. Nelson, Ben Johnson; Wedington, one H. P. Armstrong; Rock Spring, two. W. A. Sanders, Cintha Diment; Springdale, eight, Sister Nelson, Stepenson Talley, Davis Churchman, brother Berry, Cardwell Fink; Fayetteville, one, Sarah Mayes; Shady Grove, one, D. Bridenthal.

Again we recommend that the clerks report the names of their dead to the Association. Brethren we mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep.

D. L. HOOD,

J. B. MAYS,

W. H. VILLYARD.

Comm.

I herewith submit my annual report as missionary:

Days of labor.....	167
Conversions	96
Cash collected on field.....	\$47.88
Prayers	161
Miles travelled.....	658
Visits	205
Sermons	155
Baptised by Missionary.....	10
By Pastors.....	31

J. CRAWFORD.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations would report the following:

First: That we recommend the following named brethren to constitute the next Executive Board.

W. B. Brogden, A. L. Thompson, D. Christian, Will Searcy and G. A. Graves.

Second: That we appoint Elder J. A. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Third: That we recommend the Spring Creek Church as the place of Meeting of next session of this body.

Com. { F. G. KIMBROUGH,
O. F. MOSS,
J. M. BROWN.

ORPHANS HOME.

Your Committee on Orphan's Home beg leave to submit the following. Among our many benevolent enterprises we deem our duty and obligation to our Orphans Home at

Monticello as second to none. The welfare of those bereft little ones without father or mother should demand our special attention. It is not only human but Christ-like to take them in the arms of our affection and sympathy, and continually bless them, we recommend upon the adoption of this report that a liberal collection be taken and forwarded to the institution for their benefit.

W. G. BROGDON,

G. P. HANKS,

D. F. HEMBREE.

ARTICLES OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

“We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.”

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

“That there is only one true and living God, whose name JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth: inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.”

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

“That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his maker; but by voluntary transgression from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defence or excuse.”

IV.—THE WAY OF SALVATION.

“That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death, being risen from the dead He is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful personal the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all sufficient Savior.”

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great Gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, in Justification; that Justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

“That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.”

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

“That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel: and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.”

VIII.—OF GOD’S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

“That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with that end; that it is a most glorious display of God’s sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.”

IX.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

“That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from mere profes-

sors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

"That the law of God is the eternal unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church."

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

"That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers and Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus."

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

"That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, the purifying power of faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by a solemn self examination."

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

"That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all labor recreations; by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth to the people of God."

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

"That civil government is of divine appointment, for

the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the prince of the kings of the earth."

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

"That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death."

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

"That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness."

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be composed of Messengers who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to seats by consent of the body) and shall be styled the Fayetteville Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II.—This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, at the place previously appointed, and after public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting upon those soliciting membership, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by the voice through tellers both of whom shall hold their office until others shall be elected.

ARTICLE III.—It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for that purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

ARTICLE IV.—The churches shall each send not more

than three messengers who shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with their letter money for printing the Minutes.

ARTICLE V.—Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letter and messengers and upon giving satisfactory information of their being sound in character and correct in practice and Faith, they may be received by a unanimous vote in token of which the moderator shall give to their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

ARTICLE VI.—We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisprudence is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from Faith.

ARTICLE VII.—When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us and shall be dropped from the Minutes of the Association, unless at least two members request their standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE IX.—It shall be the duty of the Association from time to time to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be deemed wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's Kingdom and spread the gospel throughout the world.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every meeting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Ministers present invited to seats with us, may debate on all subjects before the Association but shall not vote on any.

3. Those who speak shall rise from their seats and address the Moderator, and shall cast no personal reflections.

4. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.

5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

6. Any question susceptible of division shall be divided at the request of any member.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless it be so ordered at the time.

8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

9. All questions brought before the Association for action shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No member shall absent himself during business without leave of the Moderator, nor leave the Association; if so, his name shall be left off the Minutes.

11. The Minutes of each session of this body shall be read and approved before the rising of the Association and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

12. That it shall be the duty of the Association to make arrangements for the preaching of two or more sermons on each day during her session.

13. These rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair, immediately after the organization of each thereof.

14. Alterations or amendments may be made to these rules of order, at any subsequent regular session of this Association.

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Name of Church	Pastor	Clerk	Postoffice.	County.	Names of Ministers.
Antioch.....	E. F. Holland.....	Abner Anderson.....	Fayetteville, Ark.	Washington.....	
Apostolic.....	D. L. Hood.....	H. W. Miller.....	Sydenham.....	do.....	
Bethlehem.....	M. H. Spires.....	J. W. Caviness.....	Blackburn.....	do.....	M. L. Spires, P. L. Spires.
Center Point.....	J. A. Stone.....	N. W. Phillips.....	Elkins.....	do.....	
Elm Springs.....	W. Hamby.....	R. H. Clayton.....	Elm Spring.....	do.....	
Fayetteville.....	J. E. Denham.....	Dan Lipsy.....	Fayetteville.....	do.....	E. F. Holland, J. E. Denham, J. C. Lester.
Lees Creek.....	M. H. Spyers.....	R. Hopkins.....	Anna.....	Crawford.....	A. C. Taylor.
Liberty.....	E. Moss.....	F. G. Kimbrough.....	Prairie Grove.....	Washington.....	
Little Elm.....	D. L. Hood.....	J. F. Borders.....	Elkins.....	do.....	H. B. Borders.
Mt. Zion.....	J. A. Stone.....	C. L. Burchet.....	Elkins.....	do.....	
Mt. Pisgah.....	D. A. Squire.....	Sadie Fulgham.....	Lincoln.....	do.....	
New Hope.....	W. S. Luper.....	G. P. Hanks.....	Johnson.....	do.....	G. P. Hanks.
Providence.....	D. L. Hood.....	J. B. Burks.....	Elkins.....	do.....	
Mt. Vernon.....	D. L. Hood.....	F. M. Brooks.....	Elkins.....	do.....	O. D. Slaughter.
Prairie Grove.....	E. Moss.....	S. R. Wilson.....	Prairie Grove.....	do.....	I. D. Carr, J. Crawford, H. C. Winstead, J. F. Parker.
Rock Springs.....	H. F. Henderson.....	Robt. Diment.....	Rhea.....	do.....	Ezekiel Hurn.
Springdale.....	J. A. Smith.....	A. W. Bevers.....	Springdale.....	do.....	J. H. Pigman, T. B. Miller, I. M. Phillips, J. D. Bevers.
Spring Creek.....	I. M. Phillips.....	W. F. Grimsly.....	Springdale.....	do.....	
Shady Grove.....	I. M. Phillips.....	G. W. Brooks.....	Springdale.....	do.....	J. H. Amaker.
Valley Grove.....	D. L. Hood.....	J. W. Duncan.....	Elkins.....	do.....	D. L. Hood.
Vineyard.....	J. H. Burnett.....	Ben Greer.....	Evansville.....	do.....	
Wedington.....	A. C. Dees.....	J. E. Dees.....	Wedington.....	do.....	
Goshen.....	J. A. Stone.....	D. O. Gilliland.....	Elkins.....	do.....	

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Churches	Meeting Days	Baptisms	By Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Membership	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Mis- sions.	Minutes	Sunday School	Church Houses	Orphans Home	Ordained Ministers	Ministerial Education	Pastor, Salary and Church Expenses
Antioch.....	2	6	2	3				25					\$1.00			\$1.50			
Apostolic.....	1							10		\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.75	.25			1.00		.25	
Bethlehem.....	1	3		1				37	.79	5.20			.75	1	1		2		
Center Point.....								43	*5.00			2.50	1.00		1				\$ 20.75
Elm Spring.....	3		3					25				1.50	.50						
Fayetteville.....	1 2 3 4	1	2					189	42.00	78.50	49.00	50.00	1.50	1	1	37.00	3	\$12.00	1,127.90
Lees Creek.....	3	1				3	1	16		1.60			.80		1	1			
Liberty.....	1	7				3		56					1.00		1				87.00
Little Elm.....	3	6	2					52				5.00	1.00	1			1		50.00
Mt. Zion.....	1	5						17				5.00	.30						
Mt. Pisgah.....	1							41				5.00	1.00		1				
Goshen.....	2	1	3	3				23				10.00	.50		1				17.25
New Hope.....		13						63				5.00	1.00		1		2		31.00
Providence.....	4	5	10					42	1.80			5.00	.75			2.00			35.00
Mt. Vernon.....		9	8					76				5.00	.90	1	1	.25	1		58.25
Prairie Grove.....	4	3	14					62	2.95		20.00	15.50	1.50	1	1		3		70.89
Rock Spring.....	1	8	2	5				30				12.25	.55				1		
Springdale.....	1 2 3 4	35	27					238	30.90		52.85	75.00	1.50	1	1	10.00	4		867.25
Spring Creek.....	2							51	9.00			20.00	1.00	1	1				186.23
Shady Grove.....	3	5			1	10	4	114					1.00	1	1		1		
Valley Grove.....	2	2						43				4.65	1.25			1.00	1		30.00
Vineyard.....	4							33		1.25		5.00	1.00	1	1				73.00
Wedington.....	4							75				5.00	1.25						6.25

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