

Concord Baptist

Association

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Held with Lexington Avenue Church,
Fort Smith, - - - Arkansas,
September 23-25, - - - 1911.



DIRECTORY:

Moderator: Elder P. C. Mays,
Vesta, Arkansas.

Clerk: Walter E. Kimbrough,
Booneville, -Arkansas.

Treasurer: E. A. Spiller,
Vesta, Arkansas.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J. B. Basinger, Excelsior; W. P. Willson, Fort
Smith; D. W. Bryan, Charleston; Elders J. C.
Williamson, Greenwood; V. C. Neal, Ft. Smith.

Missionary: Elder John E. Tatum, Greenwood.

Next Session to held with Booneville Church, Boone-
ville, Arkansas, September 21-23, 1912.

Proceedings

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Concord Baptist Association assembled in its forty-first annual session with the Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., on Saturday, September 23, 1911, at 10 a. m., the Moderator, Elder. P. C. Mays, presiding.

Prayer was offered by Elder John T. Christian, of Little Rock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Finley F. Gibson. The seventeenth chapter of John was read and several brethren led in prayer.

Reading of letters from the churches was begun, Elder Gibson, P. A. Ball and J. S. Renfro acting as clerks.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Divine Service Pastor F. W. Kerfoot and the Deacons of Lexington Avenue Church, with Pastors Gibson and Neal of the First and Calvary churches, Fort Smith.

On motion by Elder John E. Tatum, the regular order was suspended and the Committee on Finance appointed, consisting of P. A. Ball, Jno. Ayers and Elder H. L. Been.

The Introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Elder H. L. Been. Text, Heb. 8:6; theme, "The Two Covenants."

J. W. Conger led in prayer. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON—2 O'Clock.

The Moderator led the devotional service, prayer being offered by Bros. O'Neal, Mayfield, Brown and Nesbitt.

Reading of letters was concluded and Roll of Messengers called.

Following motion by D. W. Bryan, the rule governing the election of officers was suspended and the Clerk instructed to cast the vote of the Association for Elder Mays for Moderator.

On motion of Elder Neal, Elder Hinsley was directed to cast the vote for Elder Kimbrough for Clerk.

E. A. Spiller was chosen Treasurer, the Clerk being authorized to cast the vote for him for that office.

The Committee to Appoint Committees was announced as follows: D. W. Bryan, Elder V. C. Neal, D. N. Guinn, Elder A. L. Brown.

Religious letter was received from the South Fort Smith church and Messengers seated.

Elder John T. Christian, Missionary Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Elder W. S. Wiley, representative of the Sunday School Board of the S. B. C., were recognized as visitors.

Elds. W. N. Womack and Joseph Connell were seated as Corresponding Messengers from Dardanelle and Clear Creek Associations, respectively.

J. W. Conger, President Central Baptist College, Conway, was introduced.

The Committee on Divine Service reported the selection of Elder Christian to preach at the evening hour. Adjourned.

EVENING—7:30.

C. P. Channingham, Elder H. L. Been and A. B. Vance led in prayer.

Corresponding Messengers to adjoining Associations were appointed as follows:

Clear Creek—Elds. F. F. Gibson and V. C. Neal, and O. Echols.
Buckner—Elds. S. W. Williams, W. J. Hinsley, W. E. Kimbrough, F. F. Gibson, and J. F. Porter.

Dardanelle—Elds. W. J. Hinsley, W. E. Kimbrough, and D. N. Guttm.
Arkansas Valley—Elds. W. P. Martin and V. C. Neal.

The Committee on Divine Service reported the following appointments for Sunday:

Lexington Avenue Church, 11 a. m., Eld. John E. Tatum.
Lexington Avenue Church, 3 p. m., Eld. J. C. Williamson.
Lexington Avenue Church, 8 p. m., Eld. W. J. Hinsley.
First Church, 11 a. m., Eld. W. S. Wiley.
First Church, 8 p. m., Eld. W. E. Kimbrough.
Calvary Church, 11 a. m., Eld. P. C. Mays.
Calvary Church, 8 p. m., Eld. W. S. Wiley.

P. C. Moss and Elders Mays and Christian led in prayer.
At 8:15, Elder Christian preached on "The Experimental Side of Baptism," using as a text Rom. 6:4.

Prayer was offered by P. C. Moss.

It was agreed that the report on Foreign Missions should be had immediately after the Temperance Rally Sunday afternoon, and that on State Missions at 10 a. m. Monday.

P. A. Ball read the report of the Committee on

FINANCE.

Association Missions	\$366.47
Minutes	61.36
Orphans' Homes	10.65
Foreign Missions	4.70
State Missions .....	.96

Total \$444.07

P. A. Ball,

Jno. Ayers,
H. L. Been,

Committee.

Adjourned.

SUNDAY—11 A. M.

The Missionary Sermon was delivered by Elder Jno. E. Tatum,
from I Cor. 3:11.

Cash collection for Association Missions was as follows:

At Lexington Avenue Church	\$33.90
At Calvary Church	20.05
Total	\$53.95

AFTERNOON—3 O'CLOCK.

Elder W. N. Wornack led in prayer.

W. P. Willson read the report on

TEMPERANCE.

Believing the liquor traffic in its various forms to be the greatest evil of the land, and believing that we have been greatly benefited by the local option movement,

Resolved, That the time has come for a greater and higher move for the suppression of this great evil.

We therefore recommend that the Baptists of Concord Association totally abstain from the use of liquor in all its forms as a beverage, and that all Baptists inform themselves as to the teaching of God's Word on this subject and be guided thereby; that each pastor in this Association give at least one service during this associational year to the cause of Prohibition, and that all make a united effort, with our means if necessary, and our earnest prayers to God for the relief of the brethren who are burdened with the saloons in their midst.

We further recommend that the Moderator appoint the two Committees mentioned in the last report on prohibition as follows: A committee of three to memorialize congress to pass a law making it a penalty for public carriers to deliver intoxicating liquors in prohibition territory, and a law prohibiting the issuing of government license in prohibition territory; and a committee of five to look after the suppression of the sale of intoxicants in the local option territory within the bounds of our Association.

W. P. Willson,

A. B. Vance,

M. Z. Brotherton,

Committee.

Elder J. C. Williamson delivered the annual Temperance Address.

Discussion of the Temperance report was continued by W. P. Willson and Elder W. S. Wiley, which was adopted.

C. N. Pate presented the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The day is fast passing when Baptist churches do not believe in foreign missions, and the Baptist who asserts that he has no interest in the work

of sending the gospel to the heathen is being branded as only half a Baptist. The secret of the growth and power of our churches lies largely in the fact that they are missionary. The world today is looking upon us as distinctly a missionary organization, and yet few of us are really and whole-heartedly Missionary Baptists. Many of us need to see the world as the Master saw it, in its sin and degradation. We urge:

1. The organization of mission study classes in all of our churches
2. That a special effort be made to secure a foreign mission offering from each member.
3. That our pastors and workers use the S. B. C. literature, especially the Foreign Mission Journal.
4. That each day we carry our Foreign Mission Board and each worker to a throne of grace.

F. W. Kerfoot,

For Committee.

Discussed by Elders Neal and Mays and adopted.

Elders W. J. Hinsley, S. W. Williams, F. F. Gibson, V. C. Neal and F. W. Ferfoot were appointed to select committees called for in the Temperance report, which are as follows:

Committee to memorialize congress, etc.—J. F. Brewer, D. W. Bryan, G. W. Moss.

Committee to look after suppression of the sale of intoxicants, etc.—W. P. Willson, P. C. Mays, J. B. Basinger, R. A. Rowe, J. O. Kincannon.
Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

J. L. Pagdett offered prayer.

Elder T. K. Speakman, representing the Arkansas Baptist, was recognized as a visitor and addressed the body.

Motion carried instructing the Clerk to correspond with officials of the railroads operating within the territory of this Association relative to securing reduced rates for our Messengers to the next annual session.

Motion prevailed to take a collection to cover deficit in the minute fund.

D. N. Guinn read the report on

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In our denominational development and loyalty to truth much depends upon the use we make of good literature. We recommend, first, an earnest prayerful and systematic study of the Bible, for it is the only rule of faith and practice. For Sunday School work we have both our Southern Baptist Convention Series and the American Baptist Publication Society periodicals. We further recommend that our people subscribe for and read our denominational papers to the extent that they keep in touch with our denominational life; also that they supply their homes with such books as will best inspire their children desire for a useful life, loyalty, truth and submission to the call of the Master; also that our churches use nothing but Baptist song books.

D. N. Guinn, Chairman.

Discussed by Elders Christian, Kimbrough, Speakman, Hinsley, Mays, Wiley and Joe Been and adopted.

Elder S. W. Williams reported on

OBITUARIES.

We find that since our last Association the following brethren and sisters of the churches named have died: Sister M. C. Measles, Oak Bower; Sister Mintha Bailey, Booneville; Sister Mattie Roberts, Pleasant Valley; Brother J. C. Morgan, Prairie View; Sister H. C. Lemley, Sister Clara Williamson, Lexington Avenue; Sister Minnie Spencer, Corinth; Sister Priscilla Cone, Brother A. H. Carey, Pine Mountain; Brother J. L. O'Neal, Ursula; Brothers G. K. Jones and E. Tucker, Lone Star; Brother Willie Taylor, Excelsior; Sister Delliiah Sloss, Center Valley; Brother Samuel N. Givens, Sister Lennah W. Barnes, Brother H. P. Finks, First, Fort Smith; Brother W. H. Izell, Mt. Zion; Sister Fannie Goff, Glendale; Sister Freeman, Oak Grove; Sister Mary Partain, New Home.

Brethren and sisters, let us pray God's blessings on the bereaved and that He may fill the place made vacant with others who will help in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

S. W. Williams,
N. A. Martin,
J. T. Young, Committee.

The Committee on Order of Business, composed of P. A. Ball, H. C. Parker and J. F. Porter, reported by H. C. Parker, recommending "the adoption of the order of business as it appears in the Minutes of the year 1910, in its entirety." (See page)

Adopted.

Elder V. C. Neal reported as follows on

NOMINATIONS.

Introductory Sermon—Eld. F. F. Gibson; alternate, Eld. J. W. Comer,
Missionary Sermon—Eld. J. F. Brewer; alternate, Eld. S. W. Williams.
Temperance Address—Eld. W. E. Kimbrough; alternate, Eld. H. L. Been.
Place of Meeting—Booneville.

Executive Committee—J. B. Basinger, W. P. Willson, D. W. Bryan, Elds. J. C. Williamson and V. C. Neal.

V. C. Neal, J. N. Anderson, Committee.

Elder H. L. Been read the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

Christ came unto His own people first. It was the Lord's will that the preaching of the gospel should begin at Jerusalem and then extend to the uttermost parts of the earth; so that it behooves us to occupy our own beloved land. For if we be strong at home we shall be able to do greater work for the Master in foreign lands. Our home Mission field embraces all lands this side of the great waters. There is a difference, however, between our Home Missions and our State and Association Missions. We make this statement because some of our churches do not seem to know the difference; so they sometimes send up funds for Association missions designating them as Home Mission funds. Home Missions are separate and distinct from Association missions. We, your committee, recommend that collections be taken in all the churches during this year for our Home Mission work.

H. L. Been,
I. W. Garrett,
J. L. Padgett, Committee.

Discussed by Elder Been, J. W. Conger, Elders Wiley, Mays and Neal and adopted.

The Committee on State Missions reported through Elder W. J. Hinsley:

STATE MISSIONS.

When we look at the marvelous way in which God has blessed our State Mission work in the past year, we cry out, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." The year just closing is possibly the greatest in our history. Thousands have been brought from sin to the marvelous light and liberty of salvation through Jesus Christ. But we should not spend our time dwelling on the glories of the past; the future is before us, pregnant with responsibilities. Almost every day people are coming into our great State. They are mostly foreigners and therefore Catholics. The obligation is upon us to meet them with the gospel and Christianize them, or we will as a state be paganized by them. Which shall it be? This is a challenge to Baptists that should call out the heroism of every one. Let us, brethren, prove ourselves soldiers of the cross in deed and in truth. It should be the business of every one of us to see to it that the gospel is preached in its purity in every section of this state. We believe that if we do our duty we can take this State for Christ and for Baptists. We therefore recommend that every church in this Association and every individual member put forth a real earnest effort for the preaching of the gospel and that we pray every day for the coming of the kingdom of our God in Arkansas. The harvest is white and the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Hinsley.

Adopted, after discussion by Elders Hinsley and Christian.

Motion carried to dispense with preaching at 11 o'clock and continue the transaction of business.

Elder J. C. Williamson reported for the Committee on

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

We find that notwithstanding the splendid work of our Association Missionary, Eld. John E. Tatum, for the past three years, there are yet fields within our bounds that need the gospel as Baptists preach it. More particularly is this so as we look around us at the unrest and disquietude among a large number of our people, new denominations and theories arising almost daily to draw away unthinking and unsuspecting Christians. Bro. Tatum's efforts have been untiring in this good work of heralding the gospel throughout our bounds, and the Lord has abundantly blessed his labors at every point he has held meetings. We therefore recommend that Bro. Tatum be appointed to succeed himself as our Association Missionary, with the privileges and liberties granted him in the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Williamson,

E. R. Gibson,

Eugene Bonds,

Adopted.

Committee.

Elder John E. Tatum read his report as Association Missionary:

REPORT OF JOHN E. TATUM, ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

We have held nine protracted meetings, going entirely across the Association from east to west. While not engaged in this work we preached to the pastorless churches and induced a number of them to call pastors. We also assisted in the organization of Sunday Schools, Ladies' Aids and prayer meetings and tried to stimulate the churches to a higher spiritual life. We employed Bro. Mark Pierce as singer until it got too cold to successfully use him. For the summer work we employed Bro. Leon M. Gambrell, one of our Ouachita preacher boys, and he stayed with us until his school opened 13 days ago; since then we have had Bro. Ernest J. Hogan. These young men are consecrated Christians and are able vocalists and have done much for the Master's cause in proclaiming the gospel in song.

Miles traveled	900
Sermons preached	224
Religious talks	192
Conversions	97
Reclaimed	4
Received by baptism	71
Approved for baptism	6
Received by letter	20

Total received	101
Churches organized	1
Sunday schools organized	2
Ladies' Aids organized	6
Funerals conducted	6
Cash collected on the field	\$ 438.12
Pledges on field	\$ 181.51
Cash from treasury	164.12
To Mark Pierce, singer, at \$50 per month	\$ 164.00
To Leon M. Gambrell, singer, at \$50 per month	128.30
To Gambrell's transportation both ways	10.31
To Ernest J. Hogan, singer, for 13 days	21.70
To Tatum on salary, at \$75 per month	427.83
Due Tatum to balance	472.17 472.17

\$1,064.41 \$1,064.41

The incessant rains greatly hindered the success of our summer tent meetings. We tender our sincere thanks to the Executive Committee and especially to the chairman for the great assistance rendered us.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tatum,
Associational Missionary.

Adopted, after discussion by Elder John E. Tatum and Elder V. C. Neal, who, at the suggestion of the Moderator received
PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

Churches.			
Booneville	\$ 35.00	Glenale	10.00
Branch	20.00	Greenwood	75.00
Burnville	5.00	Judson	5.00
Bloomer	5.00	Lexington Avenue	50.00
Calvary	100.00	Moore's Rock	5.00
Charleston	35.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
First	200.00	Oak Bower	25.00
Fidelity	5.00	Oak Bend	\$ 15.00

Prairie View	20.00
Roseville	5.00
Union Grove No. 1	5.00
Union Grove No. 2	20.00
Ursula	10.00
Vesta	25.00
Sulphur Springs	5.00

Pleasant Valley	5.00
Excelsior	15.00
Corinth	5.00
South Ft. Smith	5.00
Ratcliff	5.00
Total	\$72.00

Miscellaneous.

W. P. Martin, Burnville	\$ 5.00
Pine Mountain	10.00
S. W. Williams, for Chas. ch.	5.00
Arthur Smith, Meg.	5.00
Prairie View (increase)	3.00
Bible Class, Calvary (by W. P. Willson)	35.00
Jno. E. Tatum, Greenwood..	10.00
F. W. Kerfoot, for Lexington Avenue	10.00
M. L. Perry, Greenwood	5.00
H. C. Parker, Vesta	5.00
M. E. Gattis, Roseville	5.00
Sister J. E. Grimes (paid)...	1.50
W. A. Mayfield, for Branch church	5.00
L. A. S., Fidelity	5.00
J. B. Basinger, Excelsior ..	10.00
Mrs. J. B. Basinger	5.00
L. A. S., Excelsior	5.00
Geo. T. Williams, Ft. Smith	10.00
Bro. Morrison, Ft. Smith...	10.00
Charleston S. S., (Bryan)..	5.00
E. A. Spiller, Vesta	5.00
W. J. Hinsley, Booneville ..	5.00
W. P. Willson (paid)	1.00
S. W. Williams (paid)	1.00

I. N. Anderson (paid).....	\$ 2.00
Oak Bend	2.50
L. A. S., Charleston	5.00
Geo. William's class, First church	10.00
Primary Class Calvary....	10.00
Calvary (increase by Phila-thea class)	5.00
First ch. (Osborne)	5.00
Vesta S. S.	5.00
Morrison's Class, Lex. Ave..	5.00
H. A. O'Neal and wife	4.00
Ursula (increase)	5.00
F. W. Kerfoot	10.00
V. C. Neal	10.00
P. C. Mays	10.00
Mrs. F. M. Long, Ft. Smith..	5.00
P. A. Ball, Ft. Smith	10.00
Jno. Dilbeck, Ft. Smith	10.00
J. S. Renfro, Ft. Smith....	5.00
Jno. E. Tatum.....	1.00
Mrs. F. M. Long (paid)	1.00
Total	\$287.00

Total all pledges\$1,013.00

AFTERNOON—1:30.

Elder John E. Tatum led in prayer.

E. A. Spiller read his report as Treasurer, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from W. A. Mayfield, treasurer	\$ 526.02
Received from all other sources	750.44
Paid out:	
To J. E. Tatum on last year's salary	\$ 353.91
To J. E. Tatum on this year's salary	111.66
To Mark Pierce, singer, last year	119.02
To Mark Pierce, singer, this year	13.75
To J. B. Basinger, postage	4.45
To J. S. Rogers, state missions	1.00
To W. E. Kimbrough, minutes	52.41
To F. P. Turner, Mont. Orphans	40.27
To J. W. Sims, Tex. Orphans	7.55

To expenses .....		.70	
Total	\$	704.72	
Cash on hand		571.74	
Total	\$1,276.46	\$1,276.46	
Associational Missions	\$	483.27	
Minutes		73.22	
Mont. Orphans		6.19	
Tex. Orphans		3.46	
State Missions .....		.90	
Foreign Missions		4.70	
Total cash on hand	\$	571.74	
E. A. Spiller, Treasurer.			

The Committee on Queries, composed of Elder H. A. O'Neal, G. W. Honeyman and J. H. Izell, reported by Elder O'Neal that "no queries proper for submission" had been received.

The report on Digest of Letters was read by O. Echols and adopted. (See page)

W. A. Mayfield read the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the Concord Association there are 39 churches represented, only 26 having Sunday Schools. We recommend that wherever possible a Baptist Sunday School be organized and maintained. We further recommend that our Missionary urge the organization of Sunday Schools wherever he works; and further, that all Sunday Schools be urged to teach the Bible (which is the truth) as understood by the Baptists.

W. A. Mayfield,
J. B. Basinger,
J. F. Stewart,

Adopted.

Committee.

J. A. Sturgeon reported for the Committee on

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We wish to call the attention of the brethren to the extremely low pay of our Baptist ministers of Concord Association. Of the 41 churches reporting last year, we find a total of \$8,279.15 paid in salaries, or an average of \$201.93 per church. We find that outside of the city churches the average is \$61.90 per year. We recommend that deacons and pastors lay this matter on the hearts of their churches and insist that it is not only a duty but a great privilege to give of their means to spread the gospel. We find by our report last year that those who gave most received most in the salvation of the lost and in additions to the churches. May God help us as His people to awake to this great obligation we owe to Christ, the world and the churches. Let us all lay by in store on the first day of the week as God has prospered us, that our ministers may give their time to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

J. A. Sturgeon, Arthur Smith, Committee.

Discussed by Arthur Smith and W. A. Mayfield and adopted.

J. B. Basinger, Chairman, read the

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the close of the last Association we employed Bro. John E. Tatum as missionary for full time at a salary of \$75 per month, with the privilege of employing a Singer when needed at a salary not to exceed \$50 per month. Brother Tatum has been constantly in the field and energetically and ably pushing the work. When not engaged in revival meetings, looking after the absolutely destitute places, organizing Sunday Schools and Ladies' Aids, assisting the pastorless churches and stimulating them to call pastors. Brother Tatum had with him at different times Bro. Mark Pierce, Eld. Leon M. Gambrell and Bro. Ernest Hogan as singers, and he and these consecrated men have done much for the cause of the Master in the bounds of the Association. For further details, see Brother Tatum's report. Brother Tatum was engaged in revival meetings for over five months and had with him a singer during this time. We heartily commend them and their work to the brethren, and recommend that a missionary be employed for full time, with the privilege to employ a singer when needed. You will see, as per our last report, that the old tent gave way and a new one had to be purchased. A new tent and a full set of seats and an organ was purchased in March, 1910, costing \$350.36. Bro. John E. Tatum Robt. A. Rowe and John H. Holland signed a note and borrowed \$325.00 to apply on the purchase of this outfit. There is now due upon this matter \$207.84. We recommended last year that a collection and pledges be taken to pay of this debt, but it was overlooked. We now recommend that this be done and that we not let the brethren suffer who borrowed the money that this good work might go on. The tent, seats and organ is the best equipage in the State for summer work, and one of which we may well be proud.

Fraternally submitted,

D. W. Bryan, E. A. Spiller,
Virgil C. Neal, W. P. Willson,
J. C. Williamson, J. B. Basinger,

Executive Committee.

Adopted, after discussion by J. B. Basinger and Elder Neal, who took a collection as follows to apply on the

TENT FUND.

L. A. S., Greenwood	\$ 5.00	Mrs. E. B. Holder (paid) ..	\$ 1.00
L. A. S., Lex. Ave.	5.00	J. B. Basinger, Excelsior...	5.00
L. A. S., First	5.00	Mrs. Jno. Nesbitt, Ft. Smith	
L. A. S., Calvary	5.00	(paid)	1.00
L. A. S., Excelsior	5.00	Bro. Morrison, Ft. S. (pd) ..	1.00
Jno. E. Tatum, Greenwood..	10.00	Arthur Smith, Meg (paid) ..	1.00
W. A. Mayfield, Charleston		Hardin Burt (paid)	1.00
(paid)	5.00	H. L. Been (paid)	1.00
D. W. Bryan, Charleston....	5.00	W. G. Garrett (paid)	1.00
W. P. Willson, Ft. Smith		M. L. Perry, Greenwood....	5.00
(paid)	5.00	W. P. Willson (paid)	1.00
V. C. Neal, Ft. Smith	10.00	L. A. S., Oak Bend	5.00
F. W. Kerfoot, Ft. Smith ...	10.00	Mrs. V. C. Neal	5.00
P. C. Mays, Vesta (paid)...	10.00		
Mrs. P. A. Ball, Ft. Smith..	10.00	Total	\$123.00
H. C. Parker, Vesta	5.00		

W. P. Willson introduced, and the Association adopted, the following

RESOLUTION.

In view of the fact that the winter season is an inopportune time to hold tent meetings in the country, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee instruct the missionary to arrange meetings in the suburbs of the cities during the winter in the bounds of this Association.

The Association adopted the following report on

EDUCATION.

One would scarcely think it necessary in this day to emphasize the importance and value of education. Its value is recognized by all those who realize the opportunities of a life, and its power is sought by those who would attain the accomplishments in life for which an education furnishes the equipment. Our denomination in Arkansas has provided schools for the training of its youth, where body, mind and heart may be symmetrically fitted out for the highest duties of life. Like all good things, an education can only be acquired by striving for it. If one would attain the power and privileges it brings, he must pay the cost of the getting. Many times it must be the gift—in part—by the community. Our schools have been enabled to do some of this giving in the past through the beneficence of liberal and patriotic men and women, who love their fellowmen. The schools have already repaid many-fold all the labor and money invested in them. Think of the young men and women who have gone out from their halls into the life of our State and denominations. What have they accomplished as transforming powers in communities all over our State and nation! Seeing that our investment in Christian education in the past has brought us such great returns, surely contemplating this, our churches will be moved to a greater fostering care for our schools, and to so highly esteem and regard them as to give them a regular and prominent place in their offerings for missions and benevolence, in order that a liberal support for Christian education may be supplied. Until our schools can be endowed so as to care for the annual expense account that is inevitably greater than the income from tuition and fees, our people must provide for them out of their benevolences. This is imperative if it is to be possible for our schools to continue their work that is of such great moment to our growth as a denomination. And not only so, but we must see to it that we so equip them that their ability to mould, train and develop our youth along all desirable lines shall continue to grow as our denominational life shall increase its demands on them.

C. N. Pate, N. A. Martin, Committee.

Read by, W. P. Willson and discussed by J. W. Conger.

Elder W. J. Hinsley submitted, and the body passed, the following

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this body extend our heartiest thanks to this church and pastor and to others who have joined them in the way in which they have received and entertained us; also to the Moderator for his faithful service, fairness and the impartiality of his rulings, and to the Clerk for his patient, earnest and efficient service.

That the clerk be paid \$10 for his service and expend the remainder of the minute fund in printing and distributing the minutes.

D W. Bryan reported as follows on

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Baptists of Arkansas are maintaining two homes; one at Monticello, in which there are 139 children, and one at Texarkana, in which there are 27 children. The Home at Monticello is badly crowded, as many as 24 children being kept in one room. These Homes both need funds and we recommend that the churches adopt a more systematic method of raising money for their support. The support of these Homes is obligatory on us as Baptists and we must not fail. We suggest that agitation for the removal of the Home from Monticello has crippled the work, and we are of the opinion that it should be ended one way or the other as soon as possible.

B. W. Webb,

D. W. Bryan,

A. A. Raney,

Committee.

Discussed by D. W. Bryan and adopted.

Pledges were received for Orphanage work as follows: L. A. S., Greenwood (Monticello), \$10; Glendale church (Home not designated), \$10.

Motion carried to dispense with the reading of the proceedings, and that the Clerk be empowered to make all necessary corrections in statistical reports.

After valedictory remarks and prayer by the Moderator, a hymn was sung, the parting hand extended, and the Association adjourned to meet with Booneville church, Booneville, Ark., on Saturday, at 10 a. m., before the fourth Sunday in September, 1912.

Prayer and benediction by Elder John T. Christian.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Barber—W. O. Pyles.

Bloomer—Joseph Herriman.

Booneville—Walter E. Kimbrough, Mrs. W. E. Kimbrough, W. J. Hinsley, J. W. Hamby, I. W. Garrett, Mrs. I. W. Garrett, Mrs. Mattie Edwards, D. N. Gulnn.

Branch—W. G. Garrett, W. A. Mayfield, J. C. Mayfield.

Burnville—J. L. Padgett, A. L. Williams, Jr.

Charleston—D. W. Bryan, Randolph Gibson, W. L. Pickens, Eugene Bonds.

Calvary—Virgil C. Neal, W. A. Palmer, J. A. Sturgeon, P. A. Ball.

Center Valley—P. Buckner, A. T. Hunt.

Corinth—J. L. Callahan, H. Callahan.

Caulksville—A. J. Watson, H. W. Wiley.

Excelsior—W. F. Taylor, J. B. Basinger.

Fidelity—J. F. Stewart, G. F. Hearne, Miss Ethel Douglas, Dan Rowe.

First—Finley F. Gibson, John Ayers, Geo. F. Williams, Geo. W. Moss, W. P. Willson, B. W. Webb, R. A. Clarkson, Jack Owensby, Mrs. Lucile Gibson, Miss Fannie Baker, Mrs. B. W. Webb, Miss Bertha Gray, Miss Ida Moss.

Glendale—S. K. McCafferty.

Greenwood—C. R. Tate, Sisters M. L. Perry, M. R. Clark, Addie Reding, R. F. Jones.

Judson—Sisters Sarah Johnson, Lucy Selph.
 Lexington Avenue—Mrs. Vina Reynolds, G. N. Pate, John Nesbitt, Louise
 Wheedon, John Dilbeck.
 Lone Star—W. P. Martin, N. A. Martin, Miss Ira Martin.
 Mt. Zion—J. H. Izell, James Israel, W. F. Gibbs.
 Moore's Rock—G. W. Honeyman, E. E. Thomas.
 New Home—E. W. Pippin, C. F. Partain, L. H. Buckner.
 Oak Bend—Nola Stephens, Arthur Smith, Pearl Terry.
 Oak Grove—H. L. Been, Homer Davis.
 Pine Mountain—J. T. Cayre, A. A. Roney, S. B. Bonner.
 Prairie View—C. P. Cunningham, M. Z. Brotherton, W. H. Burt, Voyt
 Hill, Miss Nellie Fleming.
 Pleasant Valley—John Finley, John A. Owens, John F. Porter.
 Roseville—M. E. Gattis, Henry Nichols, Sister Mollie Gattis.
 Ratchiff—W. W. Pyle, Addie Stiles, H. G. Moseley.
 South Ft. Smith—H. W. Bearden, Mrs. H. W. Bearden, Jack Person.
 J. Person, Mrs. Minnie Person, Mrs. Effie Dalton.
 Second—O. Ecnos.
 Sulphur Springs—O. H. Rippy, T. A. Rippy.
 Spring Hill—J. A. Ray, Sister Margaret Clark, W. N. Clark.
 Union Grove No. 1—L. Acuff, J. C. Ervin, Early Ervin.
 Union Grove No. 2—I. N. Anderson, Karl McClendon, J. T. Young.
 Ursula—A. B. Vance, Bun Harris.
 Vesta—E. A. Spiller, H. C. Parker.
 Webb City—Z. Parks, Sister Julia Hooper.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Been, H. L., Greenwood.	Martin, W. P., Burnville.
Been, Joe, Greenwood.	Mays, P. C., Vesta.
Brewer, J. F., Lavaca.	Nolen, P. M., Barling.
Burt, L. J., Charleston.	Neal, Virgil C., Ft. Smith.
Bryant, D. M., Booneville.	O'Neal, H. A., Ratchiff.
Brown, A. L., Lavaca.	O'Neal, J. F., Ratchiff.
Comer, J. W., Booneville.	Parks, G. W., Booneville.
Gibson, Finley F., Ft. Smith.	Pennington, J. N., Booneville.
Hinsley, W. J., Booneville.	Rippy, T. A., Greenwood.
Hill, C. L., Booneville.	Tatum, John E., Greenwood.
Heartsfield, J. J., Excelsior.	Williamson, J. C., Greenwood.
Kimbrough, Walter E., Booneville.	Williams, Geo. A., Burnville.
Kellar, N., Charleston.	Williams, S. W., Charleston.
Kerfoot, F. W., Ft. Smith.	Watson, J. T., Huntington.
Lee, R. L., Ft. Smith.	Watson, A. J., Ratchiff.

LICENTIATES.

Pope, H. H., Bloomer.	Law, J. F., Ratchiff.
Meadows, B., Lavaca.	Dearin, Clearmont, Greenwood.
Gothard, M. F., Lavaca.	Pippin, E. W., Ozark.
Hill, A. P., Mill Town.	Gardner, Joe, Kenyon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading church letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
4. Roll call.
5. Election of officers by ballot.
6. Appointment of committee to appoint committees.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Call for letters and Messengers from corresponding Associations.

9. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
10. Appointment of committees.
11. Appointment of corresponding Messengers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Call for reports of committees.
14. New business.
15. Appointment of place of next meeting.
16. Reading the minutes.
17. Valedictory by Moderator, parting hymn and prayer.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Auxiliary to Concord Association met in regular session Monday morning, September 25, 1911.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. M. L. Melton; after which the following officers were elected:

Mrs. M. J. Armstrong, Fort Smith, Superintendent.

Mrs. Mattie Edwards, Booneville, Secretary.

Written reports came from Lexington Avenue, Charleston, Calvary, First, Oak Bend, Booneville and Greenwood. The Society at Oak Bend was newly organized and all were pleased with this new member. South Fort Smith gave a verbal report.

After reading of the reports, Dr. Conger gave a fine talk on Christian Education, after which the meeting adjourned to meet at Booneville on the fourth Monday in September, 1912.

SUMMARY OF WORK BY W. M. U.

Pastors' salaries	\$ 20.00
Incidentals	382.77
Charity	31.00
State Missions	80.00
Home and Foreign Missions	209.80
Associational Missions	32.50
Orphanage	119.51
Ministerial Education	22.80
College debt	238.00
Building and repairing	614.45
Training School	5.00
Minutes	5.99
Miscellaneous	31.90
Gospel Tent	2.00
Total	\$1,795.22

DIGEST OF LETTERS

CHURCHES.

Year	Churches	Member-ship	Value Property	Baptisms	Salaries Pastors	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	City Missions	Monticello Orphanage	Texarkana Orphanage	Not Designated
1908	40	3170	\$72,400	352	\$6,709.00	\$ 542.00	\$1,593.00	\$100.00	\$815.00				
1909	43	3315	75,000	319	7,220.00	316.00	1,796.00	472.00	779.05	\$600.00			
1910	41	3371	98,350	341	8,279.15	1,095.47	1,307.86	570.62	680.29	413.35			
1911	39	3637	104,976	294	7,281.70	977.44	1,023.00	693.50	467.62	300.00	\$14.65	\$20.51	\$364.03
Increase		266	6,625					122.88					
Decrease	2			47	997.45	118.03	284.86		212.67	113.35			118.28

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Years	Schools	Pupils	Officers and Teachers	Cost of Literature
1908	21	2280		\$672.00
1909	19	2136		560.00
1910	19	2661	137	862.40
1911	24	3332	153	985.20

Respectfully Submitted,

O. ECHOLS, }
T. A. RIPPY, } Committee,

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Article II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger.

Article III. The officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article IV. Section 1.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Section 2.—The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Article V. The object of the Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches; and to aid in this last object, several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Article VI. Section 1.—This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory counsel whenever it shall be necessary.

Section 2.—It, however, claims authority over its own members; the Messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Article VII. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messenger at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Article VIII. Churches may be dismissed from the Association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining another Association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

Article IX. Section 1.—There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the best interests of the cause of Christ.

Section 2.—The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Association Missions, Sunday school Missions, Educational, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphans' Home and Obituaries.

Article X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries, as means may allow, and designate the field

of labor and pay them quarterly through its Treasurer out of any funds in its hands, except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

Article XI. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September. The Introductory Sermon shall be preached at 11 a. m. on the same day. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching.

Article XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

1. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.

2. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3. Missionary sermon is placed in the hands of Committee on Divine Service. Adopted in 1894.

4. Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

5. All moneys collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this Association.

6. The Introductory sermon shall be preached at 11 o'clock on the first day of the annual session. Adopted in 1910.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, constituting the only all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that Election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestined them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, who, being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and in no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and that the conditions thereof are Repentance and Faith, the evidence thereof love to the brethren.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet steadily and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of

Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian churches are Bishops (or Pastors) and Deacons.

11. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist Minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the church as such in remembrance of Christ and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

.. RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. An Introductory Sermon shall be preached by a Minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure, the sermon to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a Temperance address.

3. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the Order of Business.

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote.

5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave, shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to the other. Titles that are unknown to the Scripture, such as "Reverend," "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

12. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association is equally divided.

14. Any person violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Churches	Pastors and Postoffices	Clerks and Postoffices
Barber.....	D. M. Bryant, Booneville...	Lulu Smith, Barber
Bloomer.....	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.....	G. T. Card, Lavaca
Booneville.....	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville...	J. O. Kincannon, Booneville
Branch.....	S. W. Williams, Charleston..	Arthur Garrett, Charleston
Burnville.....	Geo. A. Williams, Burnville..	G. L. Williams, Greenwood
Charleston.....	S. W. Williams, Charleston..	J. A. Robertson, Charleston
Calvary.....	Virgil C. Neal, Ft. Smith....	P. A. Ball, Ft. Smith
Center Valley.....	P. M. Nolen, Barling.....	J. H. Griffin, Charleston
Corinth.....	J. W. Comer, Booneville.....	Oma Miller, Booneville
Caulksville.....	A. J. Watson, Ratcliff.....	Mrs. J. L. Roberts, Ratcliff
Excelsior.....	Oscar Stallings, Magazine...	Minnie Basinger, Greenwood
Fidelity.....	Oscar Stallings.....	J. F. Stewart, Greenwood
First (Ft. Smith).....	Finley F. Gibson, Ft. Smith...	John Ayers, Ft. Smith
Glendale.....	J. W. Nobles, Magazine.....	Claude Pyles, Booneville
Greenwood.....	J. C. Williamson, Greenwood..	C. R. Tate, Greenwood
Judson.....	W. P. Martin, Burnville.....	Lucy Selph, Jenny Lind
Lex. Ave. (Ft. S.).....	F. W. Kerfoot, Ft. Smith....	John Nesbitt, Ft. Smith
Lone Star.....	Nathan Keller, Charleston..	B. E. Newmans, Burhville
Mt. Zion.....	J. C. Williamson, Greenwood..	C. A. Edwards, Hackett
Moore's Rock.....	L. J. Burt, Charleston.....	R. L. Honeyman, Lavaca
Mt. Hope.....	.....	J. A. Shetterly, Ratcliff
New Home.....	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff.....	C. F. Partain, Ozark
Oak Bend.....	P. C. Mays, Vesta.....	J. H. Terry, Ozark
Oak Bower.....	.....	W. M. Southard, Lavaca
Oak Grove.....	W. P. Hall, Witcherville....	Homer Davis, Greenwood
Pine Mountain.....	S. W. Williams, Charleston..	W. R. Bonner, Charleston
Prairie View.....	H. L. Been, Greenwood.....	R. L. Hamm, Branch
Pleasant Valley.....	R. R. Elmore, Blue Mountain	Maude Porter, Mixon
Roseville.....	Alford O'Neal, Ratcliff.....	W. T. Terry, Ozark
Ratcliff.....	H. A. O'Neal, Ratcliff.....	W. W. Pyle, Ratcliff
Second (Ft. Smith).....	.....	O. Echols, Ft. Smith
South Ft. Smith.....	Nathan Kellar, Charleston..	Jack Person, Ft. Smith
Sulphur Springs.....	P. M. Nolen, Barling.....	H. N. Gann, Greenwood
Spring Hill.....	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.....	J. A. Ray, Barling
Union Grove (1).....	C. L. Hill, Booneville.....	J. A. Franks, Booneville
Union Grove (2).....	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.....	Ethel Shackelford, Greenwood
Ursula.....	H. L. Been, Greenwood.....	P. A. O'Neal, Ursula
Vesta.....	.....	T. F. Staten, Vesta
Webb City.....	P. C. Mays, Vesta.....	P. T. Hooper, Webb City

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. OFFICERS.

School	Superintendents and Secretaries	B. Y. P. U. President and Secretaries
	G. V. Boss	
Barber.....	Lillian Cornett.....	
	Joe Herriman	
Bloomer.....	Sula Davis.....	
	J. O. Kincannon	Mrs. Mertie Kimbrough
Booneville.....	Miss Bartha Tiffin...	Mrs. L. L. Green
	W. A. Mayfield	
Branch.....	Gertie Mayfield.....	
	D. W. Bryan	
Charleston.....	Essa Burt.....	
	P. A. Ball	Joseph A. Sturgeon

Calvary.....	Henry Fort.....	Miss Bessie Smith
	J. H. Griffin	
Center Valley.....	Lucy McClelland....	
	D. T. Taylor	
Excelsior.....	Ed. Griffin.....	
	R. A. Clarkson	E. P. Hilliard
First (Ft. Smith).....	Jas. W. Meek.....	Miss Bertha Gray
	Will Lassiter	
Glendale.....		
	R. A. Rowe	R. A. Rowe
Greenwood.....	Miss Alta Taylor...	Jas. Stinson
	T. D. Jones	
Judson.....	Chas. Tomlin.....	
	John Dilbeck	Mrs. V. Bezeman
Lex. Ave.....	Frank Mowery.....	Frank Condit
	B. E. Nemans	
Lone Star.....	Lunda Floyd.....	
	C. A. Edwards	
Mt. Zion.....	Thurry Griffin.....	
	Walter Webb	
Moore's Rock.....	Ardilla Coon.....	
	P. H. Stearns	
Oak Bend.....	Ada Stewart.....	
	H. E. Renfrow	
Oak Bower.....	W. M. Ray.....	
	R. L. Hamm	
Prairie View.....	Arthur Powell.....	
	J. E. Andrews	
Pleasant Valley.....	Lillian Porter.....	
	O. C. Paschal	
Ratcliff.....	Reca Pettigrew.....	
	S. N. Lewis	
Union Grove No. 1.....	Ethel Sharp.....	
	J. T. Young	
Union Grove No. 2.....	Irene Moore.....	
	C. F. Spiller	
Vesta.....	O. A. Swift.....	