

Concord Baptist Association



Forty-Third Annual Session

Held With Charleston Church

September 27-29, 1913

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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, Sept. 27, 1913, at 10:00 A. M.

The forty-third session of Concord Baptist Association met with Charleston Church, Moderator D. W. Bryan presiding. Song service led by Bro. E. J. Hogan, Associational gospel singer. Prayer led by Eld. W. N. Womack. Scripture lesson by Moderator, Rom. 12. Prayer by Eld. V. C. Neal. Elds. V. C. Neal, J. F. Brewer and Nathan Kellar were appointed reading clerks and proceeded to read the letters.

11:30 a. m., Introductory sermon by Eld. W. E. Kimbrough, text, Mat. 24:14. Bros. E. A. Spiller, W. A. Mayfield, W. H. Carey and Elds. S. W. Williams and Nathan Kellar were appointed Committee on Divine Service.

Adjourned to 2:00 p. m. Benediction by Eld. J. W. Nobles.

Met at 2:00 p. m. Prayer by Eld. E. Rawlings.

The roll being called, the following Messengers answered present:

Roseville—C. P. Cunningham.

Prairie View—L. F. Wood, M. D. Sewell, Miss Jennie Hill, Miss Willie Powell.

Oak Bend—J. M. Mantooth, J. H. Terry.

Chismville—U. Williams.

Sulphur Springs—Andrew Hunt, E. B. Rippy.

Corinth—G. M. Word, J. W. Erp.

Pine Mountain—Lonnie Bonner, W. R. Duncan, W. H. Carey.

Moore's Rock—E. E. Thomas, C. J. Williams.

Cecil—J. W. Carol.

Lexington Avenue—E. Rawlings, Mrs. Rawlings, M. E. Weden, C. A. McIlroy, John Nesbitt, Mrs. Nesbitt.

Vesta—E. A. Spiller, O. A. Swift, Mrs. Lucy Craft.

First Baptist Church—T. S. Osborne.

Oak Bower—M. F. Gothard, Fannie Card, Emma Meadows.

Kalamazoo—C. C. Haggard, Lewis McElhaney, P. F. Crow.

Booneville—J. C. Calvin, W. P. Cantrell.

Ursula—W. H. Daniel, P. A. O'Neal, Sister Willie Walker.

Greenwood—Sister Mollie Melton.

Oak Grove—H. L. Been, W. H. Cross, W. L. Been.

Union Grove No. 1—L. Acuff, J. C. Ervin.

Charleston—D. W. Bryan, Ervin Stuckey, James Crawford, Sister Kate Grimes.

Bloomer—Joseph Herriman, Joseph Jetton, Sister Bertha Carson.

Calvary—V. C. Neal, Mrs. Neal, W. P. Willson, Mrs. L. O. Ingram, Miss Maggie Ferguson.

Glendale—Jim Harp.

Burnsville—A. J. Williams.

Caulksville—Sister Susan Watson, Fannie Caulk.

Ratcliff—W. W. Pile, H. F. Mosely, Sister Cora Paschal.

Fidelity—Daniel Rowe, Ben Townley.

Branch—C. H. Thompson, W. A. Mayfield, W. A. Garrett.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. A. Sutton, Meg; D. M. Bryant, W. J. Hinsley, W. E. Kimbrough, G. W. Parks, Booneville; H. L. Been; Clermont Daren, John E. Tatum, J. C. Williams, W. P. Martin, G. A. Williams, W. J. Wood, T. A. Rippy, J. T. Watson, Greenwood; J. F. Brewer, Branch; J. W. Comer, Booneville; Virgil C. Neal, Fort Smith, 1835 North Twelfth Street; F. F. Gibson, E. Rawlings, Fort Smith; S. W. Williams, L. J. Burt, Nathan Kellar, Charleston; C. A. Mellroy, Fort Smith; A. J. Watson, Caulksville; A. L. Brown, Barling, Route 1.

Eld. H. L. Been and Bros. John Nesbitt and C. P. Cunningham were appointed tellers to take the vote for Moderator. Bro. D. W. Bryan was elected. Bros. W. A. Mayfield and W. Lee Been were appointed tellers to take the ballots on Clerk. Eld. John E. Tatum was elected. Bros. W. W. Pyle, L. H. Terry and Jim Harp were appointed tellers to take the election for Treasurer. Bro. W. A. Mayfield was elected.

Petitionary letter received from Center Church and messengers seated. Committee to Appoint Committees: Elds. V. C. Neal, H. L. Been, Nathan Kellar, J. F. Brewer and W. A. Mayfield. On motion of Eld. V. C. Neal the Finance Committee was appointed now, consisting of John Nesbitt, C. L. Hill and W. P. Wilson.

Received corresponding messengers: Dardanelle Association, Elds. W. N. Womack, J. W. Nobles and J. H. Raper; Buckner Association, Elds. J. W. Ramay, W. A. Dodd of the Southwest Seminary, Eld. J. S. Compere of Ouachita College, and all visiting brethren were invited to seats.

Bro. E. M. Bartlett by request led a song. Bro. W. H. Cary was excused. Eld. W. A. Dodd made an announcement in regard to the Southwest Seminary, and Eld. J. S. Compere on behalf of Ouachita College.

On motion of Eld. S. W. Williams, adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Eld. G. A. Williams.

Met at 7:30 p. m. Song service led by Bro. E. M. Bartlett. Prayer by Eld. H. L. Been. Eld. Nathan Kellar made a request that special prayer be offered for revivals this year, as of yore. Prayer and sermon by Eld. E. Rawlings, text, Prov. 23:23. Prayer by Elds. Nathan Kellar and J. W. Ramay.

Report of the Committee on Divine Service.

Sunday at 11:00 a. m.—At Baptist Church, sermon by Eld. V. C. Neal.

At Methodist Church, 11:00 a. m., Eld. John T. Walters. Educational rally led by Eld. J. S. Compere at 2.30. At 7:30 at Baptist Church, Eld. W. N. Womack. At Methodist Church, J. S. Compere. At Branch, Eld. Claude Hill. At Prairie View, Eld. J. W. Comer. On motion Eld. E. Rawlings adjourned to 9:30 Sunday morning. Benediction by Eld. John T. Walters.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.—Prayer by Elds. John E. Tatum and D. A. Sutton. 11:00 a. m., prayer by Eld. W. E. Kimbrough. Missionary sermon by Eld. Virgil C. Neal, text, Mat. 28:19, "Go ye therefore, teach all nations." Adjourned to 3:00 p. m. Met at 3:00 p. m. Prayer by Eld. G. L. Jenkins. Committee on Education reported and rally proceeded. Adjourned to 7:30. Benediction by Eld. C. A. McIlroy. Met at 7:30 p. m. Prayers by Elds. W. A. Dodd, J. W. Ramay and J. F. Brewer. Sermon by Eld. W. N. Womack. Prayer by Bro. Dan Bryan. Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Benediction by Eld. John T. Walters.

Monday, 8:30 a. m.—Prayer by Eld. J. H. Raper. Moderator read 63d Psalm. Sentence prayers by Elds. E. Rawlings, L. J. Burt, H. L. Been, C. A. McIlroy, and Bros. A. J. Williams, C. P. Cunningham, W. W. Pyle and Dan Bryan. Seated visiting brethren Eld. R. E. L. Gossett of Stephens Creek Association, Eld. G. L. Jenkins of Buckner Association. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers: Dardanelle Association, Eld. H. L. Been and Bro. C. P. Cunningham; Clear Creek Association, Elds. H. L. Been, E. Rawlings, J. F. Brewer, V. C. Neal; Buckner Association; Elds. J. F. Brewer, H. L. Been, D. A. Sutton, Bros. T. S. Osborne, A. J. Williams, G. W. Langston and Dan Bryan; Arkansas Valley Association, Eld. C. A. McIlroy; LeFlore County Association, Elds. V. C. Neal and D. A. Sutton. On motion Eld. V. C. Neal, speeches were limited to ten minutes except the chairmen of committees to have fifteen minutes.

The reports of the Committee on Associational Missions, the Executive Committee and Missionary, were all discussed together. While the pledges were being taken the preaching hour arrived and on motion of Eld. F. F. Gibson they were made a special order for 2:00 p. m.

11:30 a. m. Read report on Home Missions. Sermon by Eld. J. F. Love, text, "God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." Prayer by Eld. F. F. Gibson. Adjourned to 2:00 p. m. Met at 2:00 p. m. Prayer by Bro. John Nesbitt. Continued taking pledges for Associational Missions.

PLEDGES ON DEBT 1913.

D. W. Bryan, \$10.00 pd.; N. Kellar, \$5.00 pd.; C. F. Spiller, \$5.00 pd.; Mrs. C. F. Spiller, \$5.00 pd.; H. L. Been, \$5.00 pd.; L. Been, \$5.00 pd.; Julia Williams, \$1.00 pd.; Sister Grimes, \$1.00 pd.; J. D. Moore, \$1.00 pd.; J. C. Calvin, \$2.50; R. L. Been, \$1.00; W. W. Pyle, \$1.00; B. R. Townley, \$1.00; L. B. Walker, \$1.00; Mrs. Cantrell, \$1.00; G. L. Jenkins, \$1.00 pd.; W. H. Cross, \$1.00; J. F. Brewer, \$2.50 pd.; Mrs. Barlow, \$1.00; J. T. Tolleson, \$2.50 pd.; J. W. Ramsey, \$1.00; H. R. Stroud, \$1.00 pd.; S. W. Williams, \$1.00 pd.; W. M. Vance, \$1.00 pd.; L. J. Burt, \$2.00 pd.; E. M. Bartlett, \$2.00 pd.; J. W. Curtis, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. L. M. Daren, \$1.00 pd.; N. Williams, \$1.00 pd.; W. R. Dancin, \$1.00 pd.; W. L. Been, \$1.00; C. Brewer, \$2.50 pd.; W. P. Willson, \$5.00 pd.; Joe Herriman, \$1.00; L. D. Davis, \$1.00 pd.; Miss Willie Powell, \$2.00; W. H. Daniel, \$1.00 pd.; J. E. Stuckey, \$1.00 pd.; Bro. T. S. Osborne, \$2.00 pd.; W. E. Kimbrough, \$10.00; E. A. Spiller, \$5.00 pd.; E. J. Hogan, \$5.00 pd.; Gordon Bryan, \$1.00; E. C. Mitchell, \$1.00 pd.; L. H. Perry, \$1.00 pd.; Dr. Bollinger, \$1.00 pd.; Kittie Holmes, \$1.00 pd.; L. Acuff, \$1.00; Katie Burt, \$1.00; Della Brown, \$1.00 pd.; Rube Hill, \$3.00 pd.; J. A. Harp, \$1.00 pd.; Geo. Lenzson, \$5.00 pd.; Orval Fitzgerald, \$0.10 pd.; W. B. Hunter, \$2.00 pd.; P. F. Crow, \$1.00 pd.; W. O. Willis, \$2.00 pd.; Wallace Haynes, \$1.00 pd.; Hat Collection, \$17.91 pd.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, 1914.

Churches Bloomer, \$5.00; Booneville, \$50.00; Branch, \$27.00; Burnsville, \$12.50; Charleston, \$60.00; Caulksville, \$5.00; Cecil, \$5.00; Fidelity, \$5.00; Glendale, \$10.00; Greenwood, \$25.00; Kalmazoo, \$10.00; Oak Bower, \$25.00; Pine Mountain, \$10.00; Prairie View, \$20.00; Roseville, \$7.50; Ratcliff, \$10.00; Union Grove No. 2, \$10.00; Ursula, \$5.00; Vesta, \$20.00; Central, \$10.00; Union Grove No. 1, \$5.00; First Church, Fort Smith, \$100.00; Lexington Avenue, \$50.00; Lexington Avenue Unions (\$5.00 each), \$10.00; Calvary, \$60.00; Calvary Junior and Senior Unions (\$5.00 each), \$10.00.

Individual H. L. Been, \$5.00 pd.; P. L. Been, \$5.00; David Logue, \$5.00; Sister Grimes, Charleston, \$1.00 pd.; J. B. Lawrence, Anice, \$2.50; C. Brewer, Charleston, \$2.50; W. F. Gothard, \$2.50; E. J. Hogan, \$5.00; C. L. Hill, \$5.00; J. W. Conner, \$5.00; Frank Spiller and wife, Vesta, \$15.00; W. H. Jordan, Lacya, \$2.50 pd.; J. C. Calvin, Booneville, \$5.00; Mrs. D. A. Sutton, Meg, \$5.00; E. M. Bartlett, Greenwood, \$5.00; J. W. Ramay, Greenwood, \$5.00 pd.; J. F. Brewer, Branch, \$5.00; E. A. Spiller, \$5.00; Prairie View Ch. Increase, \$5.00; W. A. Macfield, Charleston, \$5.00; J. A. Harp, Booneville, \$2.50; Mamie Graham, Lacya, \$2.00; W. P. Willson, Fort Smith, \$40.00; W. E. Kimbrough, Booneville, \$10.00; C. E. Scott, \$5.00 pd.; D. A. Sutton, \$10.00; Mrs. W. P. Cantrell, Booneville, \$2.50; John E. Tatum, Greenwood, \$5.00; A. J. Williams, Greenwood, \$2.50; J. M. Mantoath, Meg, \$2.50; W. A. Dodd, \$2.50; W. N. Womack, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. W. L. Bryan, Charleston, \$2.00 pd.; Mrs. Ingram, \$2.50; G. L. Jenkins, \$2.50; L. H. Perry, Booneville, \$2.50; J. H. Raper, \$1.00 pd.; Mrs. Paschel, \$1.00 pd.; Ladies' S. S. Class, Booneville, \$2.50; J. T. Walters, \$5.00; Philanthro Class, Booneville, \$5.00; Aid Society, Charleston Church, \$2.50; I. S. J. Bunch, \$5.00 pd.; Ladies' Aid, Booneville, \$10.00; W. W. Streeter, \$10.00; L. C. Jackson, Charleston, \$5.00; Bertha Carson, Greenwood, \$1.00; Ladies' Aid, Charleston, \$2.50; J. E. Stuckey, Charleston, \$5.00; Emma Meadows, Lacya, \$10.00; C. Brewer, \$5.00.

PLEDGES ON TENT.

John E. Tatum, Greenwood, \$10.00 pd.; Charleston Church, \$5.00 pd.; Calvary Church, \$5.00; Fair Association, \$10.00; Vesta Church, \$5.00; Prairie View, Miss Jennie Hill, \$5.00; W. W. Streeter, \$2.50; Sister Grimes, \$2.50 pd.; C. Brewer, \$2.50; T. R. Gibson, \$2.50 pd.
Elders E. Rawlings, V. C. Neal and J. F. Prewer pledged to hold one meeting each. Reports of Committees.

TREASURER.

Cash on hand last year.....	\$ 564.14
Collected from all sources	589.99
Total	\$1,154.13
Paid out as follows—	
To J. E. Tatum, Missionary last year.....	\$ 463.27
To D. A. Sutton, Gospel Singer last year.....	127.72
To W. E. Kimbrough, Missionary this year.....	142.50
To W. P. Willson for tent fund.....	10.00
To W. E. Kimbrough, for minutes.....	49.15
Orphanage	26.25
Interest on borrowed money.....	9.16
Expenses30
Total paid out	\$ 828.29
Bal. cash on hand.....	325.84
Total	\$1,154.13
Bal. cash on hand as follows—	
Associational Missions	\$ 240.54
Minutes	43.45
Tent fund	27.50
Monticello Orphans	8.00
Texas Orphans	6.35
Total	\$ 325.84

E. A. SPILLER, Treasurer.

MISSIONARY.

In undertaking the work in Concord Association, your missionary yielded to a conviction of duty, and from time to time evidences have multiplied indicating that his going into the field was in keeping with the Master's will. manifold blessings have attended his labors, the full record of which cannot here be given, but which have brought to him increasing joy.

Beginning the work at a late date, four months of the Associational year having passed, the Missionary sought at once to arrange for the revival campaign, which began on the fourth Sunday in May. He has engaged in seven protracted meetings, each of which, with one exception, was held at a destitute point or with a weak and pastorless church.

The Association having authorized the employment of a Gospel Singer, Brother Sidney Smith of Arkadelphia was employed to begin June 15th, but after only one month's service he was compelled to resign on account of sickness in his family. Brother Smith's place was filled by Brother E. J. Hogan of Lavaca, who has been in the work since July 20th. These brethren are companionable and effective helpers, and much praise is due them for their faithful service.

Summary of Work.

Miles traveled, 1,000; sermons and addresses, 170; conversions, 12; baptisms, 9; by letter, 3; by statement, 1; churches re-established, 1.

The church heretofore known as "Union Valley" has removed to Chismville, and will hereafter be known as "Chismville Baptist Church."

Financial.

Missionary's salary eight months.....	\$600.00
Cash on field	149.16
Cash from treasury	142.50
Paid Smith, singer	14.50
Paid Hogan, singer	8.50
Balance due Missionary	331.34
Balance due Smith	35.50
Balance due Hogan	100.00
Pledges unpaid	18.00

Fraternally,
W. E. KIMBROUGH, Missionary.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

It is with sorrow that we view the great destitution within the bounds of our body. For some reason or other we seem to be making very little progress towards taking the field for Christ.

We recommend that one or more missionaries be employed during the summer months, and also request that each pastor hold a meeting during the year under the direction of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BREWER,
-JOE HERRIMAN,
L. ACUFF,
A. L. BROWN.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At first meeting of board we elected Bro. John E. Tatum for full time at a salary of \$75.00 per month. Bro. Tatum declined to accept work. On Nov. 29 we elected Bro. J. W. Ramay, but he could not accept. On about Jan. 1st we elected Bro. W. E. Kimbrough, who began work on 4th Sunday in January, 1913. We agreed to pay Bro. Kimbrough \$75.00 per month and to furnish a singer for part time at \$50.00 per month.

Bro. Kimbrough has been actively engaged in the Mission work either in visiting churches or destitute places preaching or in holding meetings. Bro. Kimbrough had with him during first month of revival season Br. S. Smith and Bro. E. J. Hogan for remainder of time, including Association. We find of the \$600 pledged last year there remains unpaid as follows: Church pledges, \$90.00; L. A. S., \$37.50; Miscellaneous, \$58.50; total unpaid, \$186.00. We recommend that immediate steps be taken to collect these pledges. The Executive Committee is \$165.00 behind on expenses for this year. We recommend that this amount be paid before the adjournment of this body. We, the committee, find that there is still a balance of \$61.50 due on the tent, while the pledges were taken to cover this amount. We recommend that this amount be provided for at this time.

The Executive Committee,

W. P. WILLSON.

HOME MISSIONS.

It is highly important that every Baptist should have a good understanding both of the faith and the work of the denomination. He can not be a very valuable member of a Baptist church if he is ignorant of either our faith or our work. These Associational meetings ought to enlighten our people on Baptist faith and Baptist work, and the messengers present ought to carry that enlightenment back to their respective churches.

Of all the work the denomination is doing, none is more important and immediately imperative than that department we call Home Missions. How many of the messengers understand what is meant by Home Missions, and can go home and explain this work to those members of their churches who do not understand what it is?

Home Missions, in a word, signifies the work done by the Southern Baptist Convention to save the lost in the homeland, to organize churches, Sunday schools, etc., and in other ways to develop and strengthen those saved, so that they may be effective agents in saving others.

The agency through which Southern Baptists do this work is the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., E. D. Gray, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. For the convenience of the brotherhood west of the Mississippi River, and for greater efficiency in the work, an office is maintained in Dallas, Texas, J. E. Love, Secretary.

The work of the Board is manifold, including missionary, evangelistic, educational and church building departments, and work among the immigrants, foreigners, negroes, etc. As it would make this report too long to explain and emphasize this work so that all could understand it as they ought, your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That every pastor in the Association get at least one good book on

Home Missions, and prepare himself to enlighten his people on the subject.

2. That pastors, churches and missionary societies make full use of the leaflet literature of the Board which can be had for the asking of J. F. Love, 717 Slaughter Building, Dallas, Texas.

3. That an agent be appointed in each church in the Association, to solicit subscribers for the Home Field, the monthly magazine published by the Board.

These three recommendations are essential to an understanding of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. RAWLINGS,
LONNIE WOOD,
FRANK NEAL.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

There are according to last year's roll and letters to this meeting 48 churches in this Association. Thirty-two of them report by letter to this body with a membership of 349 members, pastors' salaries totaling \$7,174.24. Seven of the churches pay \$0.00, while 25 of the churches reporting by letter this year are paying an aggregate of \$1,078.00.

Brethren, how shall the people have the gospel if it be not preached, and how shall they hear it without a preacher? May God put His Spirit upon all of us, and give us grace and courage to do the work another year that we have failed to do this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WILLSON,
W. A. MAYFIELD,
CLAUD L. HILL.

OBITUARIES.

Our dead for the past year are as follows:

C. R. Rutherford Sister Hannah Stewart Sister Esther Reed, Sister Mary Brown, Oak Grove Church; Bro. T. N. Sloat, Bro. A. D. Richmond, Miss Hessie Spirewell, Lexington A. M. Church; Sister Martha J. Mutchler, Bro. R. L. Netherton, Sister Bettie S. Johnson, First Baptist Church; Bro. J. R. Larimore, Jr., Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Miss Arise McAteer, Calvary Church; Bro. George Sharp, Sister Mollie Sharp, W. E. Thomas Moore's Rock Church; Pine Mountain, dead one, name not given; Hiram Callahan, Alvin Womack, Corinth Church; G. W. Young, J. D. Corley, P. E. Carrett, Mrs. J. C. Calvin, Booneville Church; Sue Colbert, Sue O'Neal, Peace Church; Sister Jackson, Bro. J. L. Langley, Charleston Church; Bro. A. H. DeWitt, Oak Bend Church. Total number of our dead, twenty-nine.

In the passing of these, our brethren and sisters, we are often and forcibly reminded that none are immune to the power of the grim reaper; that life's best is only a matter of a few days and that its end is sure.

We mourn for the passing of these, not for their sakes, but for our own. For from henceforth we shall see them here no more; no more shall we feel the inspiration of their companionship and the strength of their comradeship in our common warfare.

Let us hold them ever in living remembrance and be it ever our prayer to God to raise up soldiers loyal and true to fill the depleted ranks and be it also our prayer that when the summons comes to us, we go not like one driven to an unknown fate, but supported by the hope of the Gospel may we pass gladly into the presence of our Saviour King.

D. A. SUTTON,
C. H. THOMPSON,
O. A. SWIFT,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions are fundamental. It is finding your brother, your neighbor, and bringing him to Christ. It is taking the gospel to the lost who have it not and is carrying out the commission of our Lord who said begin at Jerusalem. That there is destitution in our state no one denies or fails to recognize. Our business, our privilege, our duty is to get the gospel to these in the

destitute communities and with the truth meet the error that is being preached all over our state, for it is not worth while to condemn error unless we have something (that is truth) with which to meet it, neither is it right to leave the less favored in these destitute communities exposed to error for they are our neighbors and we are not to pass them by on the other side.

So we recommend that the pastors preach State Missions, talk State Missions and take collections for State Missions and as our Lord looks down on the lost and to us who are to carry them the Bread of Life, may He see no failure on our part.

V. C. NEAL,
W. W. PYLE.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg to report as follows: Introductory sermon by Rev. V. C. Neal, alternate J. F. O'Neal. Temperance, Claude Hill, alternate J. F. Brewer. Place of meeting, Branch. Executive Committee, W. P. Willson, Nathan Kellar, E. A. Spiller, E. J. Hogan, Rev. E. Rawlings.

Respectfully,

W. P. WILLSON,
W. A. MANFIELD,
E. A. SPILLER.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Churches represented, 1912, 35; Churches represented, 1913, 33. Decrease, 2.

Value of church property, 1912, \$116,650.00; value of church property, 1913, \$101,175.00; decrease \$12,175.00.

Baptisms, 1912, 153; baptisms, 1913, 193; increase, 40.

Pastors' salaries, 1912, \$7,886.55; pastors' salaries, 1913, \$6,266.19, decrease; \$1,620.36.

Associational Missions, 1912, \$821.98; Associational Missions, 1913, \$348.95; decrease, \$473.03.

State Missions, 1912, \$936.54; State Missions, 1913, \$761.91; decrease, \$174.63.

Home Missions, 1912, \$540.71; Home Missions, 1913, \$303.13; decrease, \$237.58.

Foreign Missions, 1912, \$600.00; Foreign Missions, 1913, \$426.20; decrease, \$173.80.

City Missions, 1912, \$222.65; City Missions, 1913, \$27.60; decrease \$195.05.

Orphanage work, 1912, \$254.73; Orphanage work, 1913, \$219.05; decrease, \$44.68.

Sunday schools, 1912, 20; Sunday schools, 1913, 15; decrease, 5.

Sunday school pupils, 1912, 2,298; Sunday school pupils, 1913, 1,736; decrease, 562.

Officers and teachers, 1912, 215; officers and teachers, 1913, 125; decrease 90.

Literature, 1912, \$732.43; literature, 1913, \$717.14; decrease, \$15.29.

Mount Hope Church reported no statistics whatever, and there are 18 churches reporting no Sunday schools. On account of there not being a uniformity of Associational letters, it is very difficult to collate and form anything like a perfect report; we would recommend that our Associational Clerk furnish the Church Clerks a uniform Associational letter each year, on which to make uniform reports.

C. A. McILROY,
F. C. ERWIN,
L. P. BANNER,
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions and its meaning as to words. They express locality. A place distant. The remotest fields of Christian activity. Fields that are never seen by the greater part of God's servants. But though these fields are

never seen by many of us yet they are a part of God's great world and the people there are included in the plan of redemption the same as those of our own home land. Foreign Missions point out a specific act of obedience and loyalty to Christ. He said, "Go into all the world and preach my gospel."

A study of Foreign Missions brings to our knowledge the need of the people without the gospel, their ignorance, superstition, slavery, idolatry and formidable devices of the devil which prevail. We sin against God and rob the heathen of his rightful heritage when we fail to send the gospel of Christ to foreign lands. Therefore we recommend that each church in this Association contribute liberally to the support of Foreign Missions.

NATHAN KELLAR,
J. W. COMER,
H. L. BEEN.

WOMAN'S WORK.

It is with regret that the W. M. U. of Concord Association has not accomplished more this year. We want to urge every member of this Union to resolve to do much more this coming year, in our work. The time to begin is today. Each society will be expected to send a report to the W. M. U. Auxillary of Concord Association, and send one or more messengers, to meet with the Missionary Union at the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

PROHIBITION.

It is difficult to employ adjectives and invectives sufficiently numerous and strong to fitly expose the baseness and evil results of the liquor traffic. History and observation emphasize the denunciation heaped upon the sins of drinking and drunkenness in the Word of God.

Concord Association has ever stood against intemperance and for prohibition. We regard it as a violation of Christian principle and as a breach of church discipline for one of our number to even vote for license. We note with great satisfaction the progress made in the recent passage of laws on this question, both by Congress and in our Legislature. Let us seek the enforcement of these measures in every legitimate way, being careful to give the enemies of sobriety no advantage over us.

AUTHUR GARRETT,
E. A. SPILLER,
E. E. THOMAS.

EDUCATION.

Education is the leading out, the developing and training of the natural talents of the individual. This ought to be done along the lines that will produce the highest possible good; for when one is made better and stronger by reason of his environment and training his strength and influence, in kind, may be extended to others and made felt by the whole community.

Christian education embodies that which is Christ-like—all that ennobles and makes better and gives higher ideals and conceptions of the purposes of life. All education should be for the purpose of promoting good, and when this purpose fails, the education itself is a failure. Even in secular matters the man who has been trained to regard his own individual good above and detrimental to that of the community, cannot be a good citizen, much less a good Christian. Character, disposition and purposes are formed largely by environment. The business world has its methods, the secular colleges have theirs, and the Christian colleges have theirs, and it needs no argument to tell where the highest training and influences for good may be obtained.

In Arkansas we have two splendid Baptist colleges, Ouachita for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, and Central, for girls, at Conway. For many years the former has made itself felt through the Christian education of its young men and women throughout the state and the Southwest. The latter is rapidly growing in prosperity and usefulness through the Christian training and higher education of the girls and young women of the state.

At Ouachita College last year there were 358 students. Of these fifty-four were studying for the ministry, and more than thirty-five ministerial students have enrolled for the present year. This college is doing a great work in the education of our young preachers. The general atmosphere of the school is a powerful factor in forming and building a strong character for the student. If we are to have a strong, well-trained ministry we must support and patronize our Baptist colleges and seminaries in an effort to secure the highest and best results; for few of our ministers come from the secular colleges.

Central College had about two hundred students last year, and has opened up this year with a good enrollment and under its present efficient management we believe it is entering upon an era of increasing and higher usefulness in the education of the young women of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. OSBORNE,

M. F. GOTHARD,

B. I. CHANEY,

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We are very sorry to note that the interest in our Sunday school work is not very great. Outside of the larger churches, the work being done is small indeed. We are in distressing want of trained leaders and workers in our Sunday schools. To turn attention to the need of better preaching and teaching is a long step in the right direction. Here, as in many things, we need patience in well doing. This work goes to the root of future prosperity. We are not working for a day or a year, but for all time to come. It is the long run that wins the prize.

We recommend the organization of a Baptist Sunday School Convention as soon as possible in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BREWER,

CLYDE CUNNINGHAM.

S. W. WILLIAMS.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In our work as a people our loyalty to God depends on our knowledge of God's word. Therefore we recommend that first of all our people more carefully and prayerfully study the Bible for it is given by inspiration of God and is a thorough furnishing to all good works.

We therefore recommend that only such books and papers be used as will give us a better knowledge of the Bible. We recommend that every Baptist family subscribe for and pay for and read one or more Baptist papers that they may keep posted on our Baptist work and use only Baptist literature in our Sunday schools.

H. L. BEEN,

W. H. DANIEL.

RESOLVED, That this Association extend a vote of thanks to the Charleston Church and the good people of the town and community for the good way in which they have cared for us during this session.

The following were appointed a committee to organize a Sunday School Convention: W. A. Mayfield, J. F. Brewer, E. A. Spiller and Ernest Hogan. The clerk was directed to have all the minutes printed the money on hand would pay for after deducting ten dollars for his service.

Valedictory by Moderator and parting hand.

CLERK'S REPORT.

To cash from Treasurer.....	\$48.36	
To cash Sebastian County Bank adv.	2.50	
To cash Farmers Bank adv.	2.50	
To cash Chas. E. Osborn adv.	2.50	
To cash Dawson and Stewart adv.	2.50	
To cash Davis Bros. adv.	2.50	
To cash Tatum Hardware adv.	2.50	
By cash for blank Associational letter		\$.60
By printing 600 minutes		45.00
By approximate postage		6.00
By Clerk's fee		10.00
By balance on hand		1.46
		\$63.06
		\$63.06

Brethren, it is a shame for the churches not to send money enough to publish the minutes. If the least church will send not less than \$1.50 and the larger churches continue their liberal contributions we will have ample money for printing the minutes.

CLERK.



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by Moderator, or, if absent, the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Enrolling of messengers by Clerk and verbal reports from churches.
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.
8. 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 for next meeting.
16. Reading the minutes.
17. Valedictory by Moderator, parting hymn and prayer.

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 third 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 of action, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches; and to aid in the best manner 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 to Messengers 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 no 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 the 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. 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 the 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.
7. 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, and all ordained ministers belonging to said churches are Messengers without election. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger. Adopted 1905.
8. The Association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday. Adopted 1905.
9. The Association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday. Adopted 1906.

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 Testament 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 the 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 stably 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 until 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 in a general Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

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MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL EXPENSES

MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Baptisms	Letter and Statement	Deceased	Lettered	Excluded and Dropped	Membership last Year	Membership this Year	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School Expenses	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Minutes	Visiting Ministers	Associational	State	Home	Foreign	College and Schools	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Miscellaneous	Total Contributions	Value Church Property	SUPERINTENDENTS		Deacons this Year	Profits	Officers and Teachers																									
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