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Concord Association of Western Arkansas,

CONVENED WITH

Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Scott County, Arkansas,

On Saturday, the 24th day of September, and continued until the 27th of September, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Holland, from 1st Corinthians, 6th chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

It is desirable that all the Churches will appreciate the teaching and instructive suggestions of the speaker.

Elder B. C. Owen followed with a few brief remarks, full of practical worth.

Elder E. L. Compere led in prayer.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

Benediction by Elder S. J. Fuller.

At 2 o'clock P. M., the Messengers met in the church-house.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Miller.

THE COMMITTEE ON PREACHING—The Pastor and Deacons of Cedar Grove Church, R. H. Cook, Elder B. C. Owen and J. W. Cross.

Elders W. H. Holland and J. M. Ledbetter, were appointed Reading Clerks, to read the letters from the Churches.

Petitionary Churches were called for.

Glendale and Burnsville came forward with Letters and Messengers. The letters were read, and, on motion, were received, and the hand of fellowship given their messengers and they seated in this body.

On application, Elder L. H. McClendon was invited to a seat as Messenger from Oak Bower Church.

On motion, proceeded to the election of officers for the present session.

Dr. J. F. Fuller, Elder L. H. McClendon and H. H. Mouser, were appointed to superintend the election, which resulted as follows :

Moderator—E. L. Compere.

Secretary—J. A. Keith.

Treasurer—W. H. Holland.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

ON EDUCATION—M. K. Pitts, Wm. Bridgman and J. H. Baker.

ON PUBLICATION—J. A. Keith, S. J. Fuller and James Edmonson.

ON FOREIGN AND INDIAN MISSIONS—J. J. Holland, B. C. Owen and H. H. Mouser.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. M. Ledbetter, J. N. Pennington and J. D. Aultman.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS—A. A. Speller, L. F. Patterson and L. H. McClendon.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS—W. H. Holland, J. W. Miller and J. R. Patterson.

ON FINANCE—R. P. Clabourn, W. F. Carrick and J. H. Council.

ON DOCUMENTS—A. Loveless, J. H. York and R. H. Cook.

ON NOMINATIONS—H. H. Mouser, J. J. Moonaham and J. A. Bennett.

Preaching at the church-house at night by Wm. Bridgman.

On motion, adjourned until 8 : 30 A. M., Monday.

Prayer by Elder R. P. Clabourn.

Benediction by M. K. Pitts.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock A. M., conducted by J. H. York.

At 11 o'clock the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder L. F. Patterson, from Romans, 1st chapter, 16th verse, followed by Elder J. W. Miller.

After the sermon was over, a collection for Missionary purposes was taken up, as follows: For Domestic Missions, \$13.60; in pledges \$3.00; for Indian Missions, \$6.90; for Foreign Missions, \$10.00.

The friends having plenty of refreshments on the ground, an intermission of one hour and a half was given.

Benediction by J. W. Miller.

After refreshments were over, the people met again and was addressed by Elder J. H. Baker, from Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses, followed by Elder R. C. Clabourn.

Preaching at the church at night by Elder M. K. Pitts, from Acts, 2d chapter; at Sulphur Spring, by Elder L. H. McClen-
don; at J. N. Pennington's, by Elder J. W. Miller.

Benediction by Elder S. J. Fuller.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, 8:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Ledbetter.

Read the minutes of Saturday; corrected and approved.

Called the roll; corrected and approved.

The business of Correspondence being in order, it was taken up.

Appointed to Dardanelle Association—E. L. Compere, R. P. Clabourn, J. J. Holland, A. A. Speller, J. N. Pennington,

J. W. Miller, L. F. Patterson, and Brothers S. C. Benning and J. H. Bennett.

To Ouachita Association—B. C. Owen, L. W. Luper and W. A. Smith.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Elder E. L. Compere preached to the people from Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

After the services were over, an intermission of one hour for refreshments was given.

Benediction by J. H. Baker.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Refreshments being over, the Messengers met again for business.

Prayer by Elder L. H. McClendon.

Resumed the business of Correspondence.

To Creek Association—L. F. Patterson, J. H. York and J. H. Baker.

To Choctaw Association—A. A. Spiller, to correspond by letter and minutes.

To the State Convention—J. J. Holland, to write a letter and send minutes.

To the General Association—E. L. Compere, S. J. Fuller, A. A. Spiller, M. K. Pitts and J. H. Baker. Alternate, R. P. Clabourn.

On motion, a special committee was appointed, expressive of the reasons for withdrawing correspondence from Clear Creek Association.

Committee—J. M. Ledbetter, M. K. Pitts and J. J. Holland.

A special committee was appointed to report on relations which certain brethren sustain to this body.

Committee—J. M. Ledbetter, R. P. Clabourn and H. H. Mouser.

It was moved that speakers be limited to five minutes.

Read the following reports :

Finance. Read the report, and it was recommended.

Domestic Missions. See Report "A."

Education. See Report "B."

On Publications. See Report "C."

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock A. M. Tuesday.

Preaching at night at J. N. Pennington's by J. M. Ledbetter ; at Brother Abbott's by Wm. Bridgman.

Prayer by A. A. Spiller.

Benediction by L. F. Patterson.

THIRD DAY.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by L. H. McClendon.

Read the proceedings of Monday, and approved.

The unfinished business on reports was taken up.

Foreign and Indian Missions. See Report "E."

Sabbath Schools. See Report "F."

Finance Report, as amended. See Report "G."

On Documents. See Report "H."

On Deceased Ministers. See Report "I."

Treasurer's Report. See Report "K."

On Nominations. See Report "L."

It was moved that the next session of this body be held with the Friendship Baptist Church, at Dayton, Sebastian county, Arkansas, twenty-two miles south of Fort Smith, on the road to Waldron ; commencing on Saturday, before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1882.

On motion, Elder L. F. Patterson and J. W. Miller, are to continue as Missionaries for the ensuing year, and Elder A. A.

APPENDIX.

REPORT "A."

WHEREAS, There exists great destitution in Churches of this Association, and we recommend that each Pastor bring the subject before his congregation, at their monthly meetings; to take up collections, especially for domestic missions, and be requested to make quarterly reports to Executive Committee.

A. A. SPILLER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF L. F. PATTERSON.

On Missionary work, 142 days. Traveled 1422 miles. Baptized 19.

Received as follows: From Brother Tyler, \$10.00; I. A. Christopher, \$7.00; S. Hannah, \$2.50; T. M. Patrick, \$2.00; W. W. Deshamp, \$1.00; D. M. Anderson, \$5.00; T. B. Anderson, \$2.00; A. Steinbough, \$5.00; J. Condro, \$4.00; H. H. Waters, \$7.50; F. Johnson, \$2.00; J. Pettis, \$10.00; Nancy Fuller, \$1.50; P. Turner, \$1.00; Sabbath Collection, \$15.00; Union Hope, \$1.00; Dr. J. A. Keith, \$9.15; J. M. Dickinson, \$5.00; Amity Church Sabbath Collection, \$7.50; E. Baker, \$6.00; Cedar Grove Sabbath Collection, \$10.65; Brother Mason, \$2.50; W. D. Luper, \$5.50; I. A. Lucas, \$10.00; Poteau, I. W. Condre, \$1.00; Sister Dr. Smith, \$1.00; Sister Raevlin, \$1.00; M. A. Eters, \$.50; Prairie Grove Sabbath Collection, \$15.00; Liberty Hill Sabbath Collection, \$23.00; G. H. Pettus, \$5.00; E. L. Compere, \$7.50; A. Loveless, \$4.00; Davis & Son, \$1.50—Total, \$182.80. Sabbath Collections, for Home Missions, \$13.80.

Some of the donations are lost; from Fellowship Church, \$5.

L. F. PATTERSON, *Missionary.*

REPORT OF J. W. MILLER.

Preached twenty-six sermons. Saw seventy-one immersions. Received \$43.50. At Sabbath Collection at Cedar Grove, \$6.90—Aggregate, \$225.00.

J. W. MILLER, *Missionary.*

REPORT "B."

We believe all men should be educated; that education qualifies men to be useful and more skillful in the word of truth; we feel great need of education. We recommend that further steps be taken to advance the interest of education in our midst. We recommend that a school be commenced in Saline City, in the interest of Buckner College, and that this body advise or request the Board of Trustees to employ a teacher, and begin the school, and we begin to raise means to pay the teacher, and appropriate the tuition to the completion of the college, and

WHEREAS, D. B. Ray, of the Amity Baptist Flag, Dr. H. F. Buckner, of Creek Nation, and Elder Wesley Smith, Missionary to Wild Tribes, and Elder William McCombs, of Creek Nation, (the last two being native Creek Indian preachers), expect to be in attendance on the next General Association, to meet sixteen miles west of Salem, on November 12, and as we believe a visit from these brethren would result in good to the college we are trying to build; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association most earnestly invite the above named brethren to come to Salem City and hold a meeting in the college building, and in the interest of the college, on the 16th of November, and that this action be forwarded to these brethren, and if they accept, that notice of their acceptance be published in the papers.

M. K. PITTS, *Chairman.*

REPORT "C."

We recommend the careful and prayerful reading of the Bible, also Orchard's and Cramp's History of the Baptist Succession, by Ray. As to periodicals, The Baptist Messenger, Louisiana; The Texas Baptist, by R. C. Buckner, are worthy, but we believe the American Baptist Flag, by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo., is the most suitable paper for the Baptists of this section, and it is earnestly recommended to every Baptist family in Concord Association.

J. A. KEITH, *Chairman.*

REPORT "E."

That the Savior gave the commission to the church to preach the Gospel to every creature, and that is a fact, that there are multitudes, both of heathens and individuals, who are destitute of the Gospel, which is the promise of God unto salvation. We therefore recommend that all possible steps be taken to send the Gospel to each destitution.

J. J. HOLLAND, *Chairman.*

REPORT "F."

Owing to neglect of the churches to report the Sabbath Schools in their church statistics, we have no definite idea of either their success or number, more than we learn that several of our churches have good schools, while others have none. We feel that the great importance of Sabbath School instruction is being more appreciated by our churches than formerly. We recommend that the pastors of the churches use their influence in the promotion of Sabbath School work by lecturing and instructing their churches with reference to their importance, to bring about, if possible, a united effort for good in that direction. The Sabbath School is certainly the best auxiliary to promote morals and Bible learning we have for the people.

J. M. LEDBETTER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FINANCE--AMENDED "G."

For Printing Minutes, \$29.20; Sabbath collection, \$39.95, two-thirds of which is applied to use of Concord Missionaries, and one third for Elder Wesley Smith, Missionary to wild Indians; For Foreign Missions, \$10.05. From Sisters of Amity Church: For Home Missions, \$1.40; For Foreign and Indian Missions, \$1.15; For Foreign Missions, \$1. Sisters of Fellowship Church: For Home Missions, \$5; For Wesley Smith, \$5; For Foreign Missions, \$5.

R. P. CLABOURN, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS "L."

The committee nominate M. K. Pitts to preach the introductory sermon, and J. M. Ledbetter to be his alternate. E. L. Compere to preach the Missionary Sermon, and L. F. Patterson, alternate. For Executive Committee, Brethren Council, Cook, Cross, Ledbetter and I. Davis.

J. M. LEDBETTER, *Chairman.*

REPORT "K."

Received from Finance Committee, \$55.30. Paid Clerk for Minutes, \$29.20; to Brother Patterson, \$10; to Brother Miller, \$10; to Moderator for Indian Missionaries, \$6.90. Received special collection for Domestic Missions, \$20.

W. M. HOLLAND, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE "M."

WHEREAS, There are certain brethren in the bounds of the Concord Association that have protested against the Kregal party, and whose sympathies are with us,

Resolved, Therefore, that we recommend to form themselves into churches on the principles adopted by the Concord Asso-

ciation, and send up petitionary letters to that body, and they will be received into the same, and

WHEREAS, Brethren Robert Patterson, L. T. Hale and Craft Cone, recognize this body as the Concord Association, they are invited to seats with us.

J. M. LEDBETTER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS "H."

WHEREAS, Friendship Baptist Church asks for the next session of this body to be held with her, the same is recommended.

They recommend, upon the request of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, that B. T. Johnson be published as holding a letter in disorder.

Also, recommend Elder W. H. Holland to the General Association as a suitable missionary to the Choctaw Indians, and that he be appointed.

A. LOVELESS, *Chairman.*

REPORT "I."

In the providence of God there has not been any ministerial brethren taken from us. But we learn that our much esteemed brother, Martin V. James, a native Choctaw Indian (minister), has been called from his labors to his reward. In that, the Lord has taken him from among us whose loss we mourn, but our loss is his eternal gain. The death of Brother James is a great loss to the Choctaw natives on our frontier, and his place of operations among his people will scarcely be filled soon; and we feel confident very soon some of our old ministers will be called away from their labors, and will join in the company of the redeemed. Brother James leaves a loving wife and five children to mourn his loss, with whom we sympathize, and the spirit will direct them in the way of wisdom.

WM. M. HOLLAND, *Chairman.*

REPORT "N."

WHEREAS, F. L. Kregle fled from this Association to escape the discipline due him for practicing an imposition on the same, by claiming to be a member and messenger from Prairie Grove Church, and afterward affirmed he never belonged to said church; and

WHEREAS, The said Kregle imposed himself on the Fort Smith Baptist Church by making the impression that he was regularly dismissed from the Massaponax Church in Virginia, when such was not the fact, hence, his continued imposition; and

WHEREAS, The Alma Baptist Church, in Clear Creek Association, did receive and continues to hold the said Kregle in her fellowship; therefore,

Resolved, That this body do not correspond with said Association.

The said Kregle was a delegate from Concord Association to the General Association, which met at Russelville in October following, under appointment as messenger from that body.

J. M. LEDBETTER, *Chairman*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.		Baptized by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Restored.....	Excluded.....	Dead.....	Total.....	Contribution for minutes.....	For domestic mis- sions.....	Church meetings..	Ordained ministers	Licentiates.....	
Amity.....	Hackett City..	Sebastian.	E. L. Compere....	H. H. Mouser.....	J. M. Ledbetter, J. J. Moonahan, H. H. Mouser.....	17	6	12	1	1	102	\$2 80	.....	2	1	1
Burnsville....	Burnsville....	Sebastian.	J. J. Holland.....	J. H. Dunn.....	S. Martin, W. M. Blalock, J. H. Dunn.....	2	..	..	..	..	10	1 50	.....	2	...	...
Cedar Grove..	Tomlinson....	Scott.....	J. J. Holland.....	W. A. Smith.....	B. C. Owen, J. N. Pennington, I. J. Lucas.....	15	4	14	..	4	3	116	2 35	1	2	1
Charleston....	Charleston ...	Franklin..	Wm. Bridgman..	W. H. Davis.....	Wm. Bridgman, J. H. Baker....	..	1	..	..	..	20	1 00	.....	2	2	..
Fellowship....	Witcherville..	Sebastian.	E. L. Compere....	J. C. Pettis.....	E. L. Compere, R. H. Cook, G. H. Council, A. Loveless, J. H. York, J. Edmonson.....	40	85	14	2	1	1	239	4 00	\$5 00	1	1	5
Friendship....	Dayton	Sebastian.	L. F. Patterson..	Wm. Byers.....	A. A. Speller, L. F. Patterson..	9	9	..	..	2	80	2 00	.....	4	2	..
Glendale.....	Booneville....	Logan.....	J. H. Baker.....	Wm. May.....	Wm. May, John W. Hares, J. B. Baker.....	2	6	..	..	..	15	1 00	.....	1	..	..
Hopewell.....	Booneville....	Logan.....	B. C. Owen.....	J. N. Fuller.....	S. J. Fuller, J. F. Fuller, J. A. Keith.....	2	3	1	..	..	34	2 00	.....	4	1	..
James Fork...	Peoria.....	Sebastian.	R. P. Claborn....	W. R. Vaughn....	R. N. Evins, L. Blackburn.....	7	2	5	..	1	16	.....	.....	1	..	..
Macodonia....	Witcherville..	Sebastian.	J. M. Ledbetter..	J. L. Florence....	J. J. Holland, S. Ward.....	..	9	2	5	..	34	1 70	.....	3	1	..
New Bethel...	Cauthron.....	Scott.....	R. P. Claborn....	J. Winters.....	J. Poole, Wm. Blevins.....	..	7	3	..	..	16	.....	.....	..	..	..
Palestine.....	Greenwood....	Sebastian.	J. J. Holland.....	T. J. Holland.....	J. A. Bennett, W. J. Vineyard, J. W. Cross.....	3	6	2	..	..	44	2 00	.....	2	..	2
Pilgrim's Rest	Chocoville....	Sebastian.	R. P. Claborn....	G. C. Anthony....	R. P. Claborn, J. O. Hannon, J. Sailors.....	4	5	3	4	1	32	.....	.....	4	2	..
Pleasant Hill.	Hackett City..	Sebastian.	W. M. Morris.....	J. T. McColen....	M. K. Pitts, W. M. Holland, H. J. Roberts.....	14	21	..	..	..	73	2 00	.....	4	2	1
Sharon.....	Chismville..	Logan.....	Wm. Bridgman..	M. M. Henderson.	J. D. Aultman, A. M. Lambert..	..	6	..	..	..	43	1 50	.....	3	..	..
Shiloh.....	Long Ridge...	Logan.....	J. M. Pennington.	S. C. Benning....	J. Wann, J. Reynolds, S. C. Benney.....	..	5	5	1	8	23	1 00	.....	3	..	1
White Oak....	Booneville....	Logan.....	J. M. Pennington.	W. H. Jackson...	W. H. Jackson, W. C. Bryant...	6	7	..	..	..	24	1 00	.....	4	..	..
Oak Bower....	Military Grove	Sebastian.	.....	.....	L. H. McClendon.....	..	..	..	..	..	12	.....	.....	..	2	..
Union Hope..	Tomlinson....	Scott.....	J. N. Pennington.	J. H. Brigance...	Wm. Thompson.....	..	..	..	2	..	22	50	.....	2	..	..

Spiller as Special Missionary and Colporture, to circulate our denominational books, papers, and all good literature.

It was moved that the Constitution be amended, to read thus :

“To meet on Saturday, before the third Sabbath in October, of each year, at 10 o'clock A. M.”

Ordered that L. F. Patterson deliver a lecture on the subject of temperance, during the next session of this body.

The Special Committee on Clear Creek. See Report “M.”

It was ordered that the Clerk have ten dollars for his services, and use the remainder of the money on hand for printing and distributing these minutes.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed for next annual session.

It is pleasing here to remark, that, during the entire session, that peace, quiet, and brotherly love, was the theme of all present. May the King, whom we serve, continue his blessings over Concord Association, while she continues to do the work of her King.

A hymn was sung, and the parting hand given each other.
Prayer by Brother Mitchell.

E. L. COMPERE, *Moderator.*

J. A. KEITH, *Secretary.*