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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Y. MORAN.....	Palmyra, Ark.
I. R. VICK.....	Garnette, Ark.
T. B. O'NEAL.....	Garnette, Ark.
J. H. W. OVERTON.....	Toledo, Ark.
E. D. TAYLOR.....	Grapevine, Ark.
C. A. GARTMAN.....	Grapevine, Ark.
J. F. GRIFFIN.....	Selma, Ark.
E. H. OWEN.....	Bradley, Ark.
J. S. TAYLOR.....	Randall, Ark.
J. G. TAYLOR.....	Darysaw, Ark.
E. F. APPLING.....	Whiteoak, Ark.
L. QUINN.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.
J. B. SEARCY.....	Annover, Ark.

UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. B. OWENS.....	Montongo, Ark.
R. C. RHODEN.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.
WM. CAUTS.....	Aleandra, Ark.
H. R. MORAN.....	Palmyra, Ark.
J. C. L. GREEN.....	Garnette, Ark.
W. F. SMITH.....	Garnette, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Friendship Regular Baptist Association met with Hickory Grove Church, Lincoln County, Arkansas, Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M., September 17, 1881.

A full delegation and a crowded house were present at an early hour. There was a brief service of song conducted by Bro. D. W. Campbell. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. Quinn. Text, Rom., xii, 4. After the sermon the Association was called to order by Elder M. Y. Moran.

Letters from the churches were read and delegates' names enrolled. (See statistical table).

On motion, took a recess of one hour for refreshments, which was abundantly furnished on the ground for the large congregation.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., assembled in the house to perfect organization. Prayer by Elder M. Y. Moran.

On motion proceeded to ballot for officers for the present session, which resulted in the choice of Elders M. Y. Moran, Moderator, and J. B. Searcy, Clerk and Treasurer.

Corresponding Messengers were invited. Bro. S. T. W. Meek responded from Bartholomew Association.

Elder J. F. Griffin was also enrolled from Bartholomew Association.

Elder J. T. Craig was enrolled as a Messenger from Judson Association.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—J. S. Morgan, J. M. Aydelotee and J. S. Fish.

On Home Missions—Elder E. D. Taylor, J. W. Sadler and Elder E. Y. A. Rogers.

On Finances—D. W. Campbell, J. H. Grumbles and A. J. O'Neal.

On Sunday Schools—Elder L. Quinn, W. H. Cash and J. E. Ferguson.

On Publications—Elders A. J. Wharton, E. H. Owen and Bro. S. M. McDaniel.

On Education—Elders J. B. Searcy, J. S. Craig and E. F. Appling.

On Documents—Bros. U. W. Poss, W. T. Smith and L. B. Owens.

On Nominations—R. C. Rhoden, H. L. Reynolds and Elder E. H. Owen.

On motion, proceeded to take up the question of changing the time of meeting of the Association, which was answered against changing the time.

The query: "Is it scriptural for church members belonging to different churches of the same faith and order to commemorate the Lord's Supper together?"

Rev. J. T. Craig moved to answer the question affirmatively after lively and extensive discussion.

On motion adjourned till Monday, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Preaching at night by Elder E. D. Taylor. Text, Matthew, xii, 18-21.

Sabbath.—At 9 o'clock the congregation met for singing.

At 10 o'clock Elder J. F. Griffin preached. Text, I Tim., i, 4.

At 11 o'clock Elder M. Y. Moran preached from Luke, ii, 14. At the close of the sermon a collection for Home Missions was taken, amounting to \$23.95 cash, and \$10 pledged; total, \$33.95.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Elder E. F. Appling preached a soul-stirring sermon from the text, "And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

At night Elder J. S. Taylor preached. Text, Gal., iii, 29.

At the close of the services, at the suggestion of the Secretary, a free-will offering for the support of Bro. Griffin was raised, amounting in cash to \$21.20; also, a prayer of thanksgiving was offered in consideration of the restoration of Bro. Griffin to his mind and to his former usefulness. Thus closed a happy Sabbath day spent in the service of the Lord.

Monday, 8 o'clock, A. M.—Met as per adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. F. Griffin. The roll was called and delegates answered to their names. The discussion of the query on the communion subject was resumed.

After several good speeches, seasoned with grace and intelligence, the query was finally answered affirmatively.

On motion, took a recess for dinner.

At 12:30 o'clock resumed business.

The committee on Sunday-schools read their report, which was adopted. (See A.)

The report of the Secretary of Sunday-schools was adopted. (B.)

The report on Home Missions was read and adopted. (C.)

The Committee on Publications read their report, which was adopted. (D.)

The Committee on Education read their report, which was adopted. (E.)

The Treasurer read his report which was adopted. (F.)

The Committee on Documents read their report, which was adopted. (G.)

The Committee on Nominations read their report, which was adopted. (H.)

The Committee on Finance read their report, which was adopted. (I.)

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the State Convention, viz.: J. B. Searcy, I. R. Vicks, M. Y. Moran, L. Quinn, Z. L. Crawford, J. T. Craig and W. H. Cash.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed, viz.: To Bartholomew Association, Elder J. F. Griffin.

To Judson Association, Elder J. B. Searcy.

To Pine Bluff Association, Elder L. Quinn.

To Union Association, Elder J. B. Searcy.

To Saline Association, Elders J. T. Craig, E. D. Taylor and Bro. U. W. Poss.

To Liberty Association, Elder J. B. Searcy.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions read his report, which was adopted. (J.)

On motion agreed to hold the next session of the Association with Friendship Church, No. 1, Dorsey County, Arkansas, twenty miles south of Pine Bluff, near the Pine Bluff and Warren road, commencing Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M., before the third Sabbath in September, 1882.

Elder E. F. Appling was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder I. R. Vick, alternate.

Elder J. B. Searcy was chosen to preach the missionary sermon, and Elder L. Quinn, his alternate.

A series of resolutions were adopted. (See resolutions).

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place agreed upon.

A song was sung and the delegates and brethren took the parting hand amidst tears of rejoicing.

Thus closed the Ninth Session of the Friendship Association.

M. Y. MORAN, *Moderator*.

J. B. SEARCY, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX.

A.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools would report that this work is one that is of great value to the young. It gives them a knowledge of the scriptures, and they are thus better prepared to comprehend preaching. Besides, in a good Sunday-school,

all the members of the church are placed in an attitude to work for Christ. We urge the churches to take hold of this work in earnest; that they seek out, not only the children who have parents, but also the orphans and poor outcasts of every community, and induce them to come to the Sunday-school, if happily they may thereby be brought to Christ. We recommend to our Executive Board that they take into consideration the propriety of employing a Sunday-school missionary to travel in our bounds and stir up our people to the importance of this work.

Submitted,

L. QUINN, *Chairman.*

B.

Your Secretary of Sunday-schools would report that but little has been done during the past year, more than the organization of a Sunday-school Convention in the bounds of the Third District of this Association, which held its sessions in connection with the district meetings of that district. Two sessions have already been held, in which the Sunday-school interest received quite an impetus. We recommend that this Association organize a Sunday-school Institute, to meet at some accessible point, say on Saturday before the third Sabbath in July, 1882, and that brethren shall be appointed to read essays or deliver speeches on that occasion, and do whatever in their judgment would promote the Sunday-school interest in our bounds, and that said Institute report its proceedings to the next session of this body.

Respectfully,

L. QUINN, *S. S. Sec'y.*

C.

The subject of Missions is one of great importance; it is of divine origin. The church of Christ is said to be the light of the world, which is a fact when she is discharging her whole duty. Each member in the discharge of his duty is required to do the will of our Heavenly Father. Our Saviour made a

great sacrifice to do the will of His Father. So must we. If necessary, forsake father, mother, lands, money and even life itself rather than fail to do the will of God. Brethren, the love of God in the heart is the power that moves to action, and without action no light is exerted. Then we will act in proportion to our love to God. We gain more love of God by obtaining more knowledge of his ways. We cannot love God beyond our knowledge of his goodness. Hence, we should carefully study his word and meditate upon his services. God's love shed abroad in the heart, growing out of an intelligent view of his power and goodness, has never failed to make the man or the woman thus impressed a *missionary*. This law of love demands that as we have freely received, we should freely give. Let all who profess to love God show it by being missionaries indeed.

Submitted,

E. D. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

D.

Your Committee on Publications would report that we regard the printing press as a great power in the land for good or for evil. Our enemies are on the alert to confront our Master's cause by the use of the printing press. We ought to be strongly engaged with the same great agency to drive them back. We have the truth on our side and we ought to be encouraged in this noble work. Romanists and their descendants are stocking the land with their books and papers. Even the presses of infidels run almost day and night. Let us not sleep while the enemy is sowing tares. We urge that our people give more attention to the reading of good books and papers than they have done heretofore. Also, that they seek to get others to read our literature. We recommend, first, the Bible, unalloyed by human devise or tradition, as our standard by which all other publications are to be tried. We recommend, as hymn books, Southern Psalmist and "Eyer Green" hymns. There are many good and sound religious newspapers; but, as an organ for this Association, we *specially* and *earnestly* recom-

mend *The Arkansas Evangel* as said medium. The *Evangel* is a paper that Arkansas Baptists have long felt 'the need of, and, oh! brethren, let us never say fail. The untiring energies of the editors demand our hearty co-operation. The paper is sound in doctrine and full of the spirit of true religion. As an exponent of the teachings of our Savior, we would recommend *The Baptist* as highly commendable.

Submitted,

A. J. WHARTON, *Chairman*.

E.

Your Committee on Education would report that, we, as a denomination of Christians should never loose sight of the importance of this work. The age in which we live imperatively demands that our children be educated, otherwise they become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for those that are educated. Mind rules matter, and educated minds rule the world. That parent or guardian who has the means and neglects to educate his children, robs them of their birth-right and leaves them to buy their pottage from others. But, as Baptists, we believe that we are the conservators of "the faith once delivered to the saints." And we claim that the religious principles held by us only need to be understood in order to be appreciated and loved by all pious persons. But if we are unable to express our views from the pulpit, in conversation and discussion, in accordance with the established laws of language, we thereby repel the cultivated mind from the investigation of our doctrines, and create an unnecessary prejudice against us. If we would hold our children in our own ranks, we must educate them, so that they will be able to reason for themselves. Truth never shuns investigation. But ignorance is blind and skulks away from the light. We should not be content merely to hold our children firmly set in the principles of our faith. But we should be aggressive. We should take the torch of truth and penetrate the precincts of error, scattering the darkness and setting the captives free. In order to educate, we

must have schools. We should seek to establish good schools in every neighborhood, and thereby foster the spirit of popular education among the whole people. But we should, by all means, support our denominational schools. Our own *Centennial Institute* has already taken high rank as an institution of learning, and its influence is beginning to be felt throughout the State. Friendship Association should feel especially proud of this school and rally all her forces to its support. What it now needs and must have, is increased patronage, if it would not succumb to the pressure of these hard times. The present session opened under very favorable auspices, with Prof. W. E. Paxton and Prof. Meek, in charge. A little sacrifice now will help these brethren to tug over the hard times. But, if we withhold the needed support now till they are driven to other fields, we will see our folly when it is too late.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, *Chairman.*

F.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBIT.

1881.

To cash in treasury as per last report.....	\$ 3 95
To cash for Minutes.....	33 50
To cash for Home Missions by Finance Committee.....	11 80
To cash for Home Missions Collected at Association.....	14 80
To cash for Home Missions collected at Judson Association.....	14 50
To cash for Home Missions collected on subscriptions.....	26 00
Total.....	\$104 55

CREDIT.

By amount paid Elder W. W. Tinker, Pine Bluff.....	\$63 25
By amount paid for printing Minutes.....	18 00
By amount paid Secretary.....	15 00
By amount paid for stationery, etc.....	1 00
Total.....	\$97 25
Balance in treasury.....	7 30

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, *Treasurer.*

G.

Your Committee on Documents would report that we find upon examination of the papers laid before us, petitions from Enon, Zion, and Friendship, No. 1, for the next session of the Association, respectively:

Number of churches reported.....	23
Number of ordained ministers.....	13
Number of unordained ministers.....	3
Number baptized since last report.....	48
Number received by letter since last report.....	29
Number received by voucher since last report.....	6
Number dismissed by letter since last report.....	28
Number excluded since last report.....	36
Number died since last report.....	19
Number restored since last report.....	12
Number of males in fellowship.....	415
Number of females in fellowship.....	653
Grand total	1068

There were a number of good Sunday-schools reported. Many churches had been revived. No church troubles were reported. For all of which we thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. SMITH, *Chairman.*

H.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend as your Executive Board: Eld. E. H. Owen, President; Bro. J. E. Ferguson, Secretary; Bro. J. J. May, Bro. O. P. Connor, Bro. W. T. McCullough. For Secretary of Sunday-schools, Bro. J. B. Searcy; for Secretary of Foreign Missions, Book Depository and Ministerial Education, Elder J. B. Searcy.

Submitted,

R. C. RHODEN, *Chairman.*

I.

Your Committee on Finance would report that we find—

Amount sent up for missions.....	\$83 60
For Home Missions.....	26 85
For Foreign Missions.....	12 15
Total.....	\$72 60

D. W. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

J.

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would state that he has received from all sources, during the past Associational year, \$26.17. We are glad to be able to state that the Foreign Mission work has received a new impetus this year. The addition of new forces in China, Brazil, Mexico, California, Africa and Italy demand increased vigilance, on our part, to see that our increased benevolence keep pace with our opportunity to do good. Let us, as an Association, determine that we will not raise less than one hundred dollars this year for this work. Truly that amount seems small, but if each Association in the State would raise that amount, our contributions would aggregate much more than they have heretofore. May our deep poverty abound to our liberality, and may we realize that "the liberal soul shall be made fat."

Respectfully,

J. B. SEARCY,

Secretary Foreign Missions.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Secretary have four hundred copies of the minutes of this session of the Association printed, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered the members of Hickory Grove Church and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter	Received by Voucher.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Amount for Minutes.	Amount paid Pastors.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	PAPERS TAKEN.
Bethlehem	M. Y. Moran	Wm. Willis, Palmyra	M. Y. Moran, R. G. Man, J. H. Grumbles	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	45	67	112	\$2 50				Baptist, 2 Copies; Evangel, 3 Copies; Young Reaper, 0 Copies; Christian Herald, 0 Copies.
Bethel No. 1	E. D. Taylor	S. A. Green, Gum Springs	J. A. Green, T. J. Varnell, S. J. Jagers	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	9	10	19	1 00	35 00		4 75	" 2 " 3 " 6 " 0
Bethel No. 2	J. H. W. Overton	W. T. McCullough, Bradley	H. M. Jones, W. T. McCullough	4	2	0	1	1	0	1	12	23	35	1 00		2 00		" 1 " 5 " 0
Centerville	A. J. Wharton	J. H. Smith, Mackville	J. M. Aydeallotte, J. H. Smith, J. R. Roberts	0	0	0	0	7	1	2	17	32	49	1 00	10 00	1 65		" 1 " 0 " 0
Enon	J. B. Searcy	J. E. Ferguson, Annover	J. B. Searcy, H. L. Reynolds, J. E. Ferguson	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	15	27	42	1 00	35 00	7 50	1 00	" 3 " 7 " 0
Friendship No. 1	J. H. W. Overton	G. W. Reed, Randall	W. J. Cope, Z. L. Crawford, M. J. Cope	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	58	69	127	2 50	40 00	2 50		" 1 " 1 " 0
Friendship No. 2	J. H. W. Overton	J. E. Cheshier, Como	E. Cheshier	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	30	43	1 30				" 0 " 0 " 0
Holly Springs	I. R. Vick	C. H. Hawk, Garnett	I. R. Vick, W. T. Smith, N. Bailey	3	3	1	0	0	4	0	19	30	49	2 00				" 1 " 4 " 0
Hickory Grove	E. H. Owen	S. J. Fish, Star City	E. H. Owen, Jas. Saint, J. S. Fish	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	27	23	50	1 50		5 00		" 0 " 9 " 0
Macedonia	J. H. W. Overton	Samuel McDaniel, Toledo	Samuel McDaniel, Wm. Hobson	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	22	30	1 00		1 00		" 2 " 0 " 0
New Hope	J. S. Taylor	John Clark, Alcedra	J. W. Saddler, A. J. Wharton, Wm. Coats	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	9	12	21	1 00		1 25		" 1 " 5 " 0
Pleasant Springs	E. Y. A. Rogers	J. W. Oswald, Coleman	J. C. Smith, E. Y. A. Rogers	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	18	30	48	1 20		3 10		" 0 " 1 " 1
Providence	E. D. Taylor	D. W. Branch, Darysaw	J. T. Craig, L. Quinn, R. C. Rhoden	12	3	3	2	2	2	1	37	56	93	2 00		11 45	1 00	" 1 " 2 " 2
Pleasant Grove	L. Quinn	J. H. Johnson, Ahi	D. W. Campbell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	12	1 00	50 00	1 50	50	" 0 " 1 " 7
Pine Bluff	W. W. Tinker	H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff	Not represented															" 0 " 0 " 0
Pleasant Hill	L. R. Vick	A. J. O'Neal, Garnett	T. B. O'Neal, A. J. O'Neal	6	2	0	0	1	0	1	6	22	28	1 50				" 2 " 1 " 1
Sardis	E. D. Taylor	J. W. Lybrand, Grape Vine	E. D. Taylor, D. R. Williams, U. W. Poss	4	3	0	3	3	2	4	29	50	79	1 50	24 50	3 60	55	" 0 " 1 " 1
Selma	E. Y. A. Rogers	J. A. Harrall, Selma	J. S. Morgan, Marion Terrell	6	1	0	1	6	2	1	11	23	34	1 25		3 35		" 1 " 1 " 0
Spring Hill No. 1	M. Y. Moran	L. B. Owens, Montougo	L. B. Owens	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	21	22	43	2 20	50 00			" 0 " 3 " 3
Spring Hill No. 2	E. F. Appling	J. D. Williams, White Oak	E. F. Appling, H. B. Taylor	8	1	0	2	0	0	0	15	35	50	1 50				" 1 " 2 " 0
Star City	M. Y. Moran	E. D. Hellums, Star City	J. S. Morrison, A. M. Atkinson	0	0	0	0	2	0	2			21	1 00				" 0 " 1 " 0
Mount Moriah	No Pastor	W. B. Nelms, Walnut Lake	W. B. Nelms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	13	17	2 25				" 0 " 0 " 0
Mount Zion	A. J. Wharton	W. W. Taylor, Lehi	J. S. Taylor, A. A. Bridges	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	24	1 00				" 0 " 0 " 0
Whittaker	L. Quinn	C. T. Bush, Darysaw	Not represented															" 0 " 0 " 0
Zion	J. B. Searcy	Wm. Garlington, Toledo	W. D. Wardlaw, W. H. Coats, J. M. Wharton	10	3	1	1	2	3	1	17	27	44	1 50		2 0	2 00	" 3 " 6 " 0
TOTAL				59	29	7	12	34	36	19	416	643	1,059	\$33 70	\$244 50	\$42 55	\$13 15	