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BUCKNER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

25th Annual Session.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The next meeting of this Association will be held with Palestine Church, Sebastian county, on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in October, 1896.

SPECIAL SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon—A. G. Washburn.

Alternate—W. P. Hall.

Missionary Sermon—L. B. Claborn.

Alternate.—L. F. Patterson

OFFICERS 1895-6.

Moderator—G. W. Evans, Poteau.

Clerk—J. B. Williamson, Witcherville.

Treasurer—G. H. Council, Witcherville.

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25th Annual Session.

The 25th Annual Session of the Buckner Baptist Association of Western Arkansas met pursuant to adjournment with Poteau Church, Scott county, Arkansas, on Saturday the 19th day of October, A. D., 1895, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises began by song and prayer, after which at 11 o'clock a. m., the Annual Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder James Edmonson, of Hackett City, Arkansas; as an introductory to the service read a part of the 20th chapter of Acts of the Apostles; text, Acts 20:28. From this Scripture an excellent discourse was delivered on the "Duties of Preaching the Pure, Unadulterated Gospel of Christ.

After preaching a committee on Divine Service, consisting of Pastor and Deacons of Poteau church with Brother James P. Stephens was appointed.

Committee on enrollment consisted of the following Brethren, A. G. Washburn, B. D. Barnes and J. W. Condry.

Bro. Patterson asked to be excused from preaching Missionary Sermon and that Bro. Hulsy be appointed. Request was granted.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Bro. J. Edmonson. 2 o'clock p. m. Came together by singing; the Moderator read the 34th Psalm. Prayer by J. C. Hall.

Committee consisting of Brethren J. Smith, J. B. Williamson and John O. Mitchell was appointed to read church letters. Motion to go into election of officers was sustained.

Bro. L. W. Wright was appointed to take vote for Moderator; Bro. James Smith for Clerk; and Bro J. B. Williamson for Treasurer, which resulted as follows: For Moderator, G. W. Evans; For Clerk, J. B. Williamson; For Treasurer, G. H. Council.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Literature—Jas. Edmonson, S. Harrold, R. R. Pace. Temperance—R. P. Claborn, John H. Anderson, B. D. Barnes. Foreign Missions—L. F. Patterson, W. M. Tyler, A. R. Hill. Domestic Missions—W. P. Hall, John O. Mitchell, J. W. Gist. Nominations—J. H. Byers, S. H. Stockton, J. A. Cross. Sabbath School—G. M. Grandstaff, L. B. Plumer, M. Q. Workman. Obituaries—Dr. J. M. Smith, M. Sehorn, A. J. Hicks. Finance—G. P. Watkins, J. T. Mathus, J. C. Estinger. Circular Letter—C. Burns, J. S. Young, J. W. Middleton.

Letter from Sister Compeer read to the Association. Motion by Bro. Smith to appoint an hour for prayer for Bro. Compeer's recovery sustained. Moved that Bro. Patterson conduct the prayer meeting from 10 to 11, Sunday carried. Petitionary letter from Salem Baptist

church read and on motion was received, also a petition from Shiloh Baptist church read and on motion was received. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the representatives of said churches.

On motion by Bro. R. P. Claborn H. J. Rippey was seated. Bros. Richie, Dardanelle Association, J. A. Finney, Concord, L. W. Wright and J. W. Hulcy, Short Mountain were seated. A letter from Macedonian Association read. A motion to seat Bro. Martial as messenger lost. The Moderator was given until 11 o'clock services on Sunday to announce committees. Adjourned till Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. L. F. Patterson.

Saturday night.—Preaching by Bro. Richardson; text, John 17:11.

Sunday morning.—According to previous arrangement the Association came together at 10 o'clock a m., and spent one hour in prayer for the recovery of Bro. Compeer, the meeting being conducted by Bro. L. F. Patterson, and was characterized by an earnestness of purpose that showed in an unmistakable manner with what esteem Bro. Compeer is held in the hearts of the members composing the Buckner Association. At the close of the prayer meeting adjourned five minutes; came together by singing. Bro. Hulcy read the first chapter Ephesians; prayer by Bro. L. W. Wright. Song, "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone." Text, II. Thes. 2:13. Bro. Hulcy was in the Spirit and spoke with great power encouraging the believers and cheering them on to deeds of love in the Master's cause. Bro. L. W. Wright followed in a short pertinent talk after which a collection was taken for missionary purposes amounting in cash to sixteen dollars and twenty-nine cents and subscription to twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents, making a total of thirty-nine dollars and four cents. For foreign missions one dollar was afterward collected. Adjourned with benediction until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 o'clock p. m.—Came together by singing; sermon by Bro. Tyler, text, Daniel 2:44, followed Bro. L. F. Patterson. Song, "Oh! for a closer walk with God" and benediction.

Night Service.—Preaching by Bro. J. H. Byers; text, Acts, 12:24, followed by Bro. J. P. Hall.

Monday morning.—Assembled at 8 o'clock; Moderator read the 84th Psalm; prayer by Bro. L. W. Wright; minutes read and approved; roll corrected. Glendale and Pleasant Valley churches were each granted a letter of dismissal. J. K. Odum from Concord Association seated Bro. J. P. Duncan from Ouachita. Motion to appoint a committee on ordained ministers and licentiates, sustained, J. H. Anderson, S. D. Turner, J. W. Ramey were appointed on said committee. Report of committee on foreign missions discussed by Bros Patterson, Edmonson and Claborn after which a contribution of \$7.50 was made and report adopted. Motion that speeches be limited to five minutes sustained. Report of committee on Religious Literature read and adopted; discussed by Bros. Edmonson, Washburn and Wright. On motion the report was amended so as to include the Mission

Journal. Committee on nominations reported; an amendment was made to insert Dayton in lieu of Palestine. Amendment lost. Report adopted as originally read. Committee on Finance reported and report adopted. Committee on Preaching reported that Bro. Washburn preach at eleven o'clock. Five minutes recess.

Came together by singing, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Read 5th chapter of Luke from 1st to 11th and part of 2nd chapter Ephes., and 28th chapter of Matt., to verse 18. Song, "We are traveling Home." Text, John, 2:5. The sermon was delivered with power accompanied with a general outpouring of God's Spirit. Adjourned one and one-half hours for dinner.

Came together at 1:15. Moderator read the 14th chapter of John; prayer by Bro. Claborn. Moderator appointed A. G. Washburn, J. H. Anderson and J. H. Byers a committee on education. The committee on Temperance reported and report was discussed by Bros. Claborn and others after which it was adopted.

On motion Bro. Bennings was seated. Committee on ministers' names and post offices reported. Report received and adopted. Treasurer's report received and adopted. Committee on Circular Letter recommended that Bro. J. C. Williamson be appointed to read the circular letter.

On motion Bro. Walker, alternate, was seated from New Home church. Committee on Deceased Ministers reported. Pending the report Bro. Evans presented the children of Bro. Ledbetter as objects of prayer. On motion Bro. Patterson offered a special prayer for Bro. Ledbetter's children and the preservation of his wife, after which quite a number of Brethren participated in a discussion of the character and accomplishments of Bro. Ledbetter. Report then adopted.

Committee on preaching reported as follows: Bro. Wright to preach followed by Bro. Hulsy at 7 o'clock tonight. Committee on Education reported. Motion to advertise Buckner College in the minutes sustained. One page was given. Bro. Hall's report of his Missionary work was read and adopted.

Night Session.—Bro. Wright read seven verses 20th chapter of Matthew. Song, "I love thy Kingdom Lord." Text, Matt. 20:1. After preaching the business of the Association was resumed.

Committee on Domestic Missions reported. After discussion report was amended to read all the year. Bro. Williamson moved to refer the matter to the Executive Board and that delegates report to Clerk before the fifth Sunday. Sustained. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported and report was adopted. Motion by Bro. Patterson to appoint a committee to organize a Sunday School Convention was sustained. Chair appointed, Bros. J. B. Williamson, M. A. Strozier, B. D. Barnes. On motion by Bro. J. B. Williamson the thanks of this body were tendered to Poteau church and community.

Delegates Appointed.—To General Association.—Bros. Claborn, Evans, Edmonson, Mitchell, Patterson. Short Mountain.—Watkins,

Evans, Burns, Patterson and Edmonson. To Dardanelle.—Byers and Council. To Ouachita.—Bros. Claborn, Burnes, Byers. Concord.—Bros. Cross, Smith, Tyler, Barnes, Turner.

On motion by Bro. J. Smith ten dollars was allowed the Clerk for his services in getting up and distributing the minutes. On motion minutes read, approved and ordered printed. On motion adjourned to meet with Palestine Church on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1896.

Report of Committees.

On names and addresses of ordained Preachers and Licentiates.

ORDAINED PREACHERS.			
John Upton,	Hackett.	L. S. Patterson,	Poteau.
Dr. Gordon,	do.	R. E. Windom,	do.
J. S. Edmonson,	do.	R. P. Claborn,	Mansfield.
J. H. Anderson,	do.	W. P. Hall,	do.
L. D. Looper,	Boothe.	P. M. Beam,	Pote u.
W. J. Goff,	Booneville.	J. P. Stevens,	Farmer.
J. J. Tate,	Witcherville.	J. O. Mitchell,	Green Ridge.
J. C. Williamson,	do.	L. B. Blacher,	Brawley.
G. W. Evans,	Peoria.	A. G. Washburn,	Waldron.
J. C. Anthony,	do.	T. N. Watkins,	do.
R. M. Evans,	do.	J. H. Busey,	do.
C. Burns,	Mountain Home.	L. S. Smith,	Milltown.
J. W. Pace,	Cauthron.	J. W. Lindsey,	Belva.
R. T. Little, Booneville.			

LICENTIATES.			
L. D. Fueme,	Mansfield.	H. H. Graves,	Gipson.
John Harris,	Hackett.	D. S. Delaughter,	Cauthron.
R. R. Pace,	Dayton.	J. W. Cross,	Witcherville.
John Hanna,	Hartford.	Knay,	do.

On Enrollment of Messengers:

Amity—S. W. Wright, James Edmonson, John Andersen, J. W. Jordan.
 Black Fork—N. Schorn, W. P. Hoover.
 Cedar Grove—A. H. Farmer, W. D. Looper.
 Cedar Creek—S. Harold.
 Dayton—W. M. Tyler, B. D. Barnes, R. R. Pace.
 Glendale—W. C. McCaslin, J. A. Wicks, W. O. Pyles.
 Hickory Grove—No delegate.
 Hopewell—
 Fellowship—S. J. Eppley, J. B. Williamson, G. H. Council.
 Hackett City—No delegate.
 Echo—
 James Fork—
 Hartford—
 Lynch Prairie—J. E. Lacy, F. J. Blair, E. D. Winerman.
 Long Ridge—No delegate.
 Mt. Gilend—J. C. Eslinger, J. R. Adams.
 Mountain View—J. P. White, J. T. Mathus, J. A. Travis.
 New Home—W. T. L. Gibson, C. Burns, D. S. Delaughter.
 New Providence—J. T. Gldewell.
 Palestine—J. N. Ramey, J. W. Cross.
 Poteau—J. H. Smith, P. E. Minden, B. E. Thomas, L. W. Denton, L. F. Patterson.
 Pilgrim's Rest—R. P. Claborn, W. P. Hall, S. D. Turner.
 Pleasant Grove, 1—L. B. Plumber, P. M. Beam, R. M. Hullander.
 Pleasant Grove, 2—William Trusty, G. R. Watkins.
 Pleasant Grove, 3—D. O. Mitchell.
 Pleasant Valley—D. O. Mitchell.
 Rock Creek—M. S. Condry.
 Sugar Creek—No delegate.
 Shiloh—
 Ross Creek—L. Morgan.
 Unity—M. Q. Workman, B. B. Brown, J. H. Oliver.
 West Harmony—S. D. Chronister, J. S. Young.
 Waldron—G. E. Elliot, J. M. Granstaff, J. M. Singleterry, Harvey Bass.
 Shady Grove—J. H. Byers, R. M. Edwards, J. K. Brasier.
 White Oak—No delegate.
 Mt. Harmony—L. S. Smith, S. A. Stockton

On Foreign Missions:

Whereas, Christ tasted death for every man, all men being the subjects of gospel address Chris. having commanded His Church to preach the gospel to every creature which command certainly includes all Nations of the earth, therefore we recommend that the

churches of this Association contribute cheerfully of their means in carrying the glorious gospel of the Son of God to Earth's remotest bounds until all men shall be brought under its hallowed influence.

L. F. Patte-son, Chairman.

On Religious Literature:

We recommend 1st, reading the bible prayerfully and making it our special study, 2nd, The Indiar Baptist Standard, published by Eld. J. B. Cranfill at McAlester, I. T., and the Indian Baptist, published at Dallas, Polk county, Ark., also we recommend the Sunday school literature published by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville Tennessee.

James Elmonson, Chairman.

On Nominations:—We recommend that the next session be held with Palestine church, Sebastian county, three miles north of Witcherville, and that A. G. Washburn preach the introductory sermon with W. P. Hall alternate; R. P. Claborn Missionary sermon, L. F. Patterson alt. Executive Committee: J. W. Condry, J. O. Mitchell, P. A. Watts, M. S. Strozler, J. D. Benson. As there are two district meetings in this Association the committee has so arranged the members of the Board that there may be a quorum obtained at either of the district meetings.

J. H. Byers, Chairman.

On Finance:—We have received: For domestic missions \$36.38. Minutes \$27.85. Foreign missions \$17.91. Total \$80.64, which has been paid to the treasurer. In pledges for associational purposes to be paid in the future, \$16.75.

G. P. Watkins, Chairman.

On education:—While we fully appreciate the efficiency of all our brethren whether possessing high literary attainments or not, yet we do recognize the need and worth of education and would earnestly urge, especially upon our young brethren, that they use such means as may be within their reach to obtain at least a fair education and we would call their attention to the fact that within the bounds of this Association is an institution of learning, to wit, Buckner College at Witcherville, Ark., of which our dear brother, J. B. Williamson, is principal, where a thorough course can be obtained at reasonable rates. We would further urge upon all Baptists that this college is a creature of the General Association of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory and is still its property and under its present management deserves our prayers, our sympathy and our support.

A. G. Washburn, J. H. Anderson, J. H. Byers, Committee.

Deceased Ministers:—We know of no minister of the Buckner Association who has died since our last meeting except our much beloved brother J. M. Ledbetter. He was about 56 years old and had labored at his post for 29 years. He died away from home when returning from his labors. He was a good sound preacher, of more than average ability. Buckner Association never lost a better man. Respectfully submitted.

James H. Smith, Chairman.

On Temperance:—We believe that the use of ardent spirits is a great barrier to national prosperity. It betrays human happiness; it causes the innocent to suffer and the guilty to go free. We believe it to be one of the greatest evils with which the human family have to contend. We therefore recommend that our churches deal strictly with all their members who use it as a beverage. We further recommend that this body withdraw from every church that tolerates the habit of drinking. Respectfully submitted.

R. P. Claborn, Chairman.

Domestic Missions:—We advise the Association to put a missionary in the field commencing about the first of June next, and pay him to put in his whole time within the boundaries of Buckner Association. We further recommend Bro. W. T. Hall as our missionary for a part of the next associational year. Respectfully submitted.

John O. Mitchell, Chairman.

On Sabbath Schools:—We find from inquiry that the Sunday school cause is not prospering as it should. In some localities it is in much better condition than last year and in others not so good. We hope that the brethren will become aroused on this great and important work and organize a Baptist Sunday school in every church in the bounds of the Buckner Association as we believe the Sunday school work is one of the grandest works that we can engage in to educate our children in the truths of the Bible. We therefore recommend that each Sunday school use the Bible as their text book and we further recommend that each Sabbath school use Baptist literature, such as is published by D. B. Ray and others. And we furthermore recommend that there be a Sabbath school convention organized in the bounds of the Buckner Association to meet annually and that each send at least one delegate to this convention to represent it and that each clerk report to the clerk of this convention. Respectfully submitted.

G. M. Grandstaff, Chairman.

On Circular letter:—We recommend that Bro. J. C. Williamson, of Buckner College, be appointed by this body to write the next circular letter.

C. Burns, Chairman.

W. P. Hall, Missionary, reported the following work done for Buckner Association—Sermons, 58; exhortations, 20; prayers, 63; prayers for the sick, 3; burials, 3; conversions, 73; baptized, 41; reclaimed, 1; churches organized, 1; miles traveled, 768. Pay received from the various churches—Shady Grove, \$3.00; Waldron, \$6.50; Hartford, \$3.10; West Harmony, .15; New Home, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove No. 1, \$1.00; Shiloh No. 1, \$1.00; Hackett City, \$4.00; Amity, 50c; Poteau, \$12.75; Lynch Prairie, \$2.75; Fellowship, \$2.50; Jos. Claborn, 50c; Eb Claborn, 50c; Eld. Claborn, \$2.50; Pleasant Grove No. 2, \$1.00; from treasurer \$35.88; total, \$32.57. Work done four months before regular appointment—Sermons, 32; exhortations, 2; prayers, 40; prayers for sick 2; churches organized, 1; miles traveled, 370; received for pay, \$20.95.

Treasurer:—Paid to T. W. Wright for missions, \$18.41. Paid to J. B. Williamson for printing minutes, \$32.85.

G. H. Council.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, Jehova, and in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.
3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and hath predestinated 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 the proper evidences thereof are Repentance, Faith and obedience unto Christ.
7. We believe that such only are true believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they 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 stately and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges in the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.
10. The only proper officers of a Christian Church 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 in Jesus 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 will be eternal.

Constitution.

- Art. I. This Association shall be known as Buckner Baptist Association of Western Arkansas.
- Art. 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 members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.
- Art. III. The officers shall be, a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.
- Art. IV. Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.
- Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to 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 sessions of the body and deliver them to his successor in office.
- Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the Association or its Executive committee; and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.
- Art. V. The objects of this 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 days of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.
- Art. VI. Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches; but will act as an advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.
- Sec. 2. It however claims the authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches and will withdraw from and disown churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heretodox in faith and disorderly in practice.

Art. VII. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers at our annual meetings, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at an annual meeting for the purpose of joining any body we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association; but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as being disorderly.

Art. IX. There shall be an executive committee consisting of five members from the several churches and the officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of this committee. The committee shall have direction of the missionary operations of the Association subject to its control and to make an annual report of its proceedings at each session of the Association. Besides the special object entrusted to this committee, it shall have the authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session. This committee shall hold regular meetings on Saturday preceding each fifth Lord's Day in the year at such places as may be designated by the committee. The committee shall meet for organization immediately after the adjournment of the Association. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association in addition to its powers already granted to conduct missionary operations within or without its limits and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow, designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through their treasurer out of the funds to be sent up along with the fund for publishing the minutes to every annual meeting.

Art. XI. The annual meetings of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday before the third Lord's day in October of each year, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock A. M., for preaching.

Art. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Art. VI, Sec. 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by the two-thirds vote of the members in attendance.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An Introductory and Missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon of either to be preached by an alternate, to be chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. Visiting brethren in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
4. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise, address the Moderator and on obtaining leave shall proceed.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection and then by the Moderator.
7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided before another is introduced.
8. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.
9. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
10. No member shall speak twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.
11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another and all titles unknown to the Scriptures such as "Rev.," "D. D.," "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 privilege of speaking as any other member provided that he appoints another to his seat during the time but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
14. Any member violating these rules shall 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 body by a majority of the members present.

Order of Business in Church Conference.

1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us in conference.
2. Extending an opportunity for the reception of members.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Call for references.
5. Call for acknowledgments.
6. Call for the peace and fellowship of the church.
7. Call for church dealings in Gospel order.
8. Call for new business.
9. Call for miscellaneous business.
10. Motion to adjourn.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized,	Rec'd by Letter	Dis by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	For Minutes	Days of meeting	Ordained Minis.	Licentates	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss.
Amity	Hackett	L. W. Wright	Roberts	8	4	8	1	2	73	1 10			2	1		
Black Fork	Black Fork	W. B. Blackburn	W. P. Hoover	4		2			19	25	2nd					
Cedar Grove	Boothe		A. F. Smith	1		1			37	50	1st		1			
Dayton	Dayton	J. W. Huisy	B. F. Dicks n	9	4	9	1	1	113	1 00	4th					
Hickory Grove																
Hopewell																
Kellowship	Witcherville	J. C. Williamson	M. A. Strozler	21	9	6	1		82	1 10	1st		2	1		
Hackett City	Hackett	J. H. Amaker	J. H. Maxwell	5	1	3	4	2	73	1 00	2nd				\$10	
Echo																
James Fork	Peoria	R. M. Evans	D. L. Vaughn			5	1	4	74	70	1st		3	1		
Hartford	Hartford	G. W. Evans	W. L. White	2		10	2		71	85	3d				3 10	
Lynch Prairie	Crow	J. W. Lindsey	E. D. Wineland		1			1	33	35	2nd					
Long Ridge																
Mt. Gilead		G. W. Pearce	W. A. Adams	2		1	1	1	24	85	1st					
Mountain View	Gipson	P. E. Windham	J. A. Travis	5	2	6		2	23	55	4th					
New Home	Cauthron	W. P. Hall	Lewis Walker			5	1	1	48	60	2nd					
New Providence	Slatonville	L. W. Wright	W. M. Peck	9	3	8	3		59	1 00	1st					
Palestine	Witcherville	G. W. Evans	W. T. Strozler	10	3	7	1	2	59	1 50	1st			1		1.20
Poteau	Winfield	L. F. Patterson	I. M. Hon	12		2	1	4	211	2 00	4th		2			
Pilgrim's Rest	Winfield	R. P. Claborn	P. A. Watts	7	4	7	2	4	66	50	4th		2	1		
Pleasant Grove, 1	Cauthron	J. H. Byers	J. T. Plummer	3	5	3	3		56	40	4th		1			
Pleasant Grove, 2	Farmer	H. C. Kidding	G. P. Watkins	5	6	6	6	1	50	75	1st				5 0	
Pleasant Grove, 3	Green Ridge	R. P. Claborn	T. B. Williams	21	8	9	1		51	1 25	1st		1			
Rock Creek	Mansfield	R. P. Claborn	L. L. Cockrall	1	3	5	2		19	50	2nd					
Sugar Creek																
Shiloh No. 1	Belva		A. Godwin		3	3	1		73	65	3d					
Mt. Harmony	Greenwood	J. P. Stevens	S. E. Sterling	6	5	0	2		17	50	3d				2 00	
Ross Creek	Waldron		W. C. Woods	2	4			1	26	55	4th				1 00	
Unity	Brawley	John Byers	W. A. Bates	20	1	1			80	1 30	3d				2 50	
West Harmony	Hartford	G. W. Evans	J. S. Young	7	4	4	3	2	74	85	1st				1 05	
Waldron	Waldron	J. H. Byers	D. L. Richardson	4	2	1	1	4	90	1 75	2nd					
Shady Grove	Waldron	J. H. Byers	S. L. Edwards	20	15				61	1 25	1st					
White Oak																
Salem	Cedar Creek	J. W. Shepard	J. G. Sanders						39	1 50	4th					
Glendale	Mixon	R. T. Little	N. L. Godfrey	4	1				20	50	3d					
Pleasant Valley	Booneville	R. T. Little	G. W. Hicks		5	3	1		51	1 00	2nd					
Shiloh No. 2	Blansett	W. P. Hall	W. V. Nash	31	23				54	1 55						
Cedar Creek	Gipson	T. N. Watkins		4	3	2			48	75						

Remarks on Church Letters.

It somehow came about that there was no committee appointed on Church Letters. This may have been from custom or an oversight. Be this as it may, we have no report from the letters sent up by the churches except the statistical reports which are composed entirely of figures. I have not felt satisfied to pass over the letters from our churches, prepared with so much care by our church clerks telling—as many of them do—of God's gracious dealings in converting and saving precious souls, that they should be thrown away and lost. I have therefore gathered from the letters the following facts: Shiloh No. 2, a newly constituted church applying for admission reports 31 members by baptism; Fellowship, 43 conversions, principally among the students of Buckner College with already 24 baptisms; Unity, 20; Palestine, 10; Pleasant Grove, 21; Shady Grove, 20; Poteau, 12; Dayton, 9; New Providence, 9; Amity, 8; and several others 6 and 7, principally the results of precious revivals. This is truly encouraging. We love to read of those times of outpouring of God's Spirit upon His people and the salvation of souls. Brethren, let us send up one united petition that every church composing this body may be able to report a gracious revival at our next annual meeting. I also find the names of the following brethren and sisters that have crossed over the river and are now bathing in the dazzling halos of glory that surround our Father's Throne saved by the blood of the Cross: J. K. Hall, J. T. Owen, J. T. Shippert, David Bucannon, and Sister Minnie Barratt. Several churches report flourishing Sabbath schools, some of which are evergreen. Peace and harmony prevails in all the churches as far as I have been able to see from the letters received.

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