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PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 23, 1912.

The Benton County Baptist Association met, according to previous arrangement, with the Baptist Church at Zion at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1912.

The moderator of the former session being absent, the meeting was called to order by the former clerk, Eld. J. L. Chastain.

Song: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Reading of 90th Psalm by the clerk, and prayer by Eld. B. F. Holdford.

On motion, Eld. J. W. West was chosen temporary moderator.

Elders C. C. Winters and W. E. Sherrill were appointed reading clerks, and the letters were read and messengers enrolled.

On motion, called for the Introductory Sermon, and after singing of "Coronation" by the congregation, reading of lesson from the fifteenth chapter of John and prayer, Eld. J. W. West, who was chosen at the last session, preached from Jno. 4:19.

On motion, adjourned to 1.30 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. A. N. Sanders.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

Song: "Glory to His Name."

Song: "Where He Leads Me I will Follow."

Prayer by Eld. T. K. Speakman.

Roll of messengers was read and corrected.

Elders W. E. Sherrill and T. K. Speakman were appointed tellers and permanent organization was effected by the election of Eld. J. W. West as Moderator and Eld. J. L. Chastain as clerk.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed, consisting of J. B. Burgin

and the messengers and pastor of Zion Church.

On motion, the clerk was authorized to insert historical table in the minutes.

Motion prevailed that visiting preachers be invited to seats in council.

Motion prevailed to select place of next meeting, resulting in the choice of Mt. Pleasant.

A motion prevailed to select preacher of Introductory Sermon at next meeting, resulting in the choice of Eld. J. A. Hall, with Eld. T. F. Jones as alternate.

Committee on Divine Service submitted partial report.

Adjourned to evening session.

Wednesday Evening Session.

Song: "When God's Ransomed Singers All Get Home."

Song: "I'll Follow My Savior."

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Hall.

Song: "A Call for Workers."

Reading of the 11th Chapter of Hebrews and prayer by Eld. T. F. Jones.

Song: "At the Crossing of the River."

Preaching by Eld. T. F. Jones from Heb. 11:16.

The following committees were announced:

Association Missions—T. F. Jones, Wm. Fagala, E. C. Brooks.

State Missions—A. N. Sanders, James H. Jones, Flavey DeWitt.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Hall, W. J. Langley, L. H. Allen.

Publications—E. M. Bagby, John Givens, R. Edwards.

Resolutions—J. O. Atchley, A. R. Hall, D. M. Aaron, J. M. Hickman.

Temperance—J. M. Beard, J. B. Burgin, J. H. Berry.

Obituaries—James H. Jones, F. H.

Acuff, E. H. Allen.

Ministerial Education—T. F. Jones,
George Hart T. L. Beard.

Texarkana Orphan Home—E. C.
Brooks, P. T. Keller, J. O. Green.

Sunday Schools—T. B. Pruitt, J. M.
Ketchum, G. M. Mayes S. Crowley.

Ministerial Support—A. R. Hall,
sister M. J. Rodgers, W. A. Wiley.

Finance—L. H. Allen, Flavey De-
Witt A. B. Herd.

Thursday Afternoon.

Song: "That Glorious Home."

Scripture reading and prayer by
James H. Jones.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings
were read and adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools sub-
mitted report by a part of the com-
mittee. On motion, same was re-
manded back to the committee for
their agreement.

Committee on Temperance sub-
mitted report, which was discussed
by J. M. Beard, T. K. Speakman, B.
F. Roques B. F. Holdford, J. L. Chas-
tain, after which same was referred
back to the committee to be made
stronger.

Committee on Ministerial Education
submitted report, which was dis-
cussed by T. F. Jones, C. C. Winters,
and adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 1.30
p. m., waiting for preaching.

Preaching by Eld. J. A. Hall from
1 Cor. 9:24.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Song: "Many Mansions."

Prayer by Eld. E. F. Rice.

Song: "That Glorious Home."

A communication from the former
moderator of this association was read
to the body.

Report of committee on obituaries
was submitted and adopted with cor-
rections.

The committee on Temperance sub-
mitted their amended report, which

was discussed by A. B. Herd and
adopted.

The committee on Sunday schools
submitted report, which was discussed
by T. B. Pruitt, T. K. Speakman, W.
E. Sherrill, B. F. Roques, C. C. Win-
ters, after which report was amended
and adopted.

The committee on State Missions
submitted report, which was discussed
by W. E. Sherrill, B. F. Holdford, T.
K. Speakman, a collection of \$17.35
was taken for state missions, and re-
port was adopted.

The committee on Ministerial Sup-
port submitted report, which was dis-
cussed by A. R. Hall, E. C. Brooks E.
F. Rice, after which report was
amended and adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 9:00
a. m. tomorrow.

Thursday Evening.

Preaching by Eld. W. E. Sherrill
from John 7:37.

Collection of \$9.55 was taken for
state missions.

Friday Morning Session.

Song: "Blest Be the Tie That
Binds."

Reading of Scripture lesson and
prayer by the moderator.

Song: "Coronation."

Motion prevailed to take up the
question of associational missions, and
that the same be given right of way at
this time till all reports connected
with it are disposed with.

Report of missionary was read by
the clerk and was appointed.

Report of Executive Committee and
financial report of the treasurer were
submitted, discussed and adopted.

Pending the adoption of these re-
ports, a collection of \$91.35 in cash
and pledges was taken for the pur-
chase of a gospel tent, \$40.00 of this
being contributed by Sister M. J.
Rodgers in addition to ten dollars pre-
viously contributed by her it being

understood and agreed unanimously that the tent is to be called, "The Rodgers Memorial Tent."

The Committee on Associational Missions submitted report, which was discussed briefly, and referred back to the committee for enlargement.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted report, which was adopted.

The committee on Publications submitted report which was discussed by E. M. Bagby, E. C. Brooks, B. F. Holdford, J. L. Chastain, A. B. Herd, and Sister M. J. Rodgers, and was adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to 1:30 p. m., remaining for preaching.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. by Eld. C. Winters from Rom. 5:1.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Song. "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Prayer by E. C. Brooks.

Motion prevailed to limit speeches, introductory speeches to five minutes, and following to three.

Committee on Texarkana Orphan Home submitted report, which was discussed by E. C. Brooks, Sister M. J.

Rodgers, B. F. Holdford, and report was adopted.

Pending the adoption of the report, collection of \$16.79 was taken for the Orphan Home at Texarkana.

Committee on Associational Missions submitted report, which was adopted.

Committee on resolutions submitted four resolutions, which were adopted.

Committee on finance submitted report, which was adopted.

Resolution No. 5 was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to elect executive committee by acclamation one at a time, resulting in the choice of E. C. Brooks, J. L. Chastain, and Luther H. Allen.

Motion prevailed that the clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services;

Motion prevailed that the executive committee select a committee of sisters to prepare a banner for the tent with the inscription, "The M. J. Rodgers Memorial Tent."

Motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place of next meeting.

ELD. J. W. WEST, Moderator

ELD. J. L. CHASTAIN, Clerk.

REPORTS

Ministerial Education.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following report:

Since the masses of the people are better educated, and the advocates of heresies are so plentiful and so persistent in planting false doctrines in the minds of the people, the times demand a better educated ministry. We recommend that the churches encourage any of the ministry who may be seeking an education, or in any wise better information that would be helpful to their charges. We further recommend that the churches utilize the means God has committed to their trust to help His ministry to obtain this needed education. We recommend further, that young ministers, in seeking this very much needed education, use great care in selecting an institution of learning whose instructions are entirely in harmony with the dear old book of God.

T. F. JONES,
T. L. BEARD,
G. M. HART.

Obituaries.

We your committee on obituaries, beg to submit the following report:

The following are the names of our dead:

Sister Ida Galyean, of Mt. Pleasant; Brother M. V. Adams and Sister Sophronia Hickman, of Pea Ridge; Sister Mary Harper, of Antioch; Sister Phoebe A. Huls, of Springtown; Brother J. K. Barnes, Deacon of Lowell; Brother John Q. Edmondson and Brother James R. Wilkinson, of Bethlehem.

We do hereby extend our sympathy to our bereaved brethren and sisters, and refer them for comfort to the only Comforter, of whom Christ said.

"If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you, but if I depart, I will send him unto you." May we all look to Him for comfort and direction, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

JAMES H. JONES,

E. H. ALLEN,

F. H. ACUFF,

Committee.

Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would report:

Sunday school is Bible teaching. The great command is to teach; and in order to teach, there must be a gathering of one or more, and there must be some one or more present that is able and prepared to teach. One of the special needs in our work is proficient teachers. Therefore we recommend a teachers' institute in every Sunday school. This, we believe, is the best way there is to bring out the best there is in us and in the lesson, and there ought to be a teachers' institute in our association in order to have more and better qualified teachers. And we urge the use of good Baptist literature, which can be had at various places.

T. B. PRUITT,

J. M. KETCHUM,

S. CROWLEY.

Committee.

State Missions.

Since our blessed Savior said in Mat. 28: 19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," also, in Acts 1:8 "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," it involves upon us (the Baptists, in view of our Lord's commands, to carry the glad tidings of salvation to lost men. State Missions is indeed a subject of great importance. Arkansas is a great field with great opportunities. Breth-

ren, no man can be a true lover of Jesus without feeling the great missionary spirit.

Since our Lord gave the commission to his church, this work belongs to the churches of Jesus Christ. 'The churches composing the State Association of Baptist churches in Arkansas are engaged in this work. We recommend to the churches of this Association a hearty co-operation in this work. Also that a collection be taken tonight after the sermon, for sate missions, and the amount received be divided between Brethren W. E. Sherrill and B. F. Holdford, state missionaries.

A. N. SANDERS,
JAMES H. JONES,
FLAVEY DeWITT.

Ministerial Support.

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, beg to report as follows:

As we feel and know that the ministry do not receive a full support, we search for the cause. And after (we trust) prayerful consideration, we believe that part of the cause, at least, is on account of the ministers not fully doing their work, as outlined in God's word. Therefore we would recommend and urge that the ministers preach more on the subject, and the churches practice the Bible plan of giving, of which Paul instructs in 1 Cor. 16: 2, which is, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." We see in this scripture, regularity and system, and an indication of some per cent; and after careful search, we find the only per cent mentioned in the Bible is the tithe, or tenth; as in Lev. 27.30, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Also numbers 18:21 "And behold I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their

service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation.' Here we find that the Levites lived of the tenth of the land as indicated in 1 Cor. 9:13, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" And in the next verse, 14, we have the express command that ministers should live in the same way, as follows: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

We, your committee, would warn one and all to give not grudgingly or of necessity, but so purpose in your heart to give cheerfully, for God loveth a cheerful giver. We further recommend that the churches call pastors for their full time and demand the same in their service, as the Holy Spirit may direct, and that the churches fully support their pastors.

A. R. HALL,
M. J. RODGERS,
W. A. WILEY.

Missionary's Report.

Report of mission work done in Benton county, beginning Jan. 1, 1912, ending June 30, 1912.

I submit to you brethren the following as a total of work done by your humble servant:

Days labored, 145; miles traveled, 1135; families visited, 195; sermons preached, 79; Sunday School talks, 6; public professions, 8; joined church by letter, 2; collected the following amounts: Of W. T. Gann, \$10.00; Bethlehem Church, \$5.00; Mt. Enterprise, \$1.33; Brother and Sister Ashby, \$2.00; A. B. Herd, \$1.00; J. O. Atchley, \$1.00; James H. Jones, \$0.25; J. R. Dunagin, \$2.50; Bro. Allen, \$7.50; Brother and Sister R. Edwards, \$3.50; J. Wade Sikes, \$1.00; J. B. Walker, \$1.00; E. J. Bisho for Lowell Church,

\$10.75; Harry Barr, \$0.50; John Givens, \$1.00; A. R. Hall, \$1.00; Pea Ridge Church, \$1.25; Pleasant Site Church, \$8.05; Gravette Church, \$5.75; Pleasant Home Church, \$4.85; collection at Beatty, \$1.61; Sister Langley, \$1.00; E. L. Allen, \$1.00; A. J. Phillips, \$1.00; collection at Cave Springs, \$11.35; Bethlehem Church, \$2.00; other sources, \$1.50; total collected on the field, \$89.69; received of treasurer, all told, \$272.81; total amount received, \$362.50.

W. I. McCLUNG, Missionary.

Report of Executive Committee.

We, your executive committee, would submit the following report:

Endeavoring to comply with the wish of this body as expressed in the report on associational missions last year, we secured the services of Eld. W. I. McClung as missionary at a salary of \$2.50 per day for actual time spent in the work, and he began work Jan. 1, 1912, and worked till June 30, when he resigned of his own accord and left the field. His report, and the financial report of our treasurer will explain themselves.

J. L. CHASTAIN,
J. W. WEST.

Treasurer's Financial Report.

Balance reported to the association last year, \$96.94; received of Sister Mary Young, \$5.00; of Zion Church, \$2.50; of Eld. J. A. Hall on previous year's pledge, \$5.00; of Lowell church by J. S. Looney, \$5.00; of Eld. A. P. Whiteside, \$0.50; total to Nov. 1, 1911, \$114.94. This amount, being on deposit in the State Bank of Gentry, was lost to us when that institution failed and we were left without funds. Claim has been filed with the receiver for this fund and one payment has been made on the same, as contained in further report.

Since that time, the following amounts have been received:

Of Antioch Church by Philo Rodgers, \$10.00; by Sister M. J. Rogers, \$5.00; undesignated, \$3.25; total \$18.25.

Of Bethlehem Church, by J. B. Burgin, \$5.00; by Eld. T. F. Jones, \$8.00; by I. N. Guinn, \$1.00; undesignated, \$3.00; total, \$17.00.

Of Highfill church, \$2.00

Of Lowell Church, by E. J. Bishop, \$3.00.

Of Mason Valley Church, by J. M. Ketchum, \$5.00; by W. W. Black, \$5.00; by Ples. Gholson, \$10.00; by Sister Ketchum, \$2.50; undesignated, \$7.00. total, \$29.50.

Of Maysville Church, by E. C. Brooks, \$10.30; undesignated, \$2.00; total, \$12.30.

Of Mt. Pleasant Church, by W. M. Edwards, \$1.00; by R. Edwards, \$1.00; by James H. Jones, \$5.00; undesignated \$12.10; total, \$19.10.

Of New Prospect Church, by J. O. Atchley, \$1.30; by A. B. Herd, \$1.50; by W. R. Edwards, \$2.50; total, \$5.30.

Of Pea Ridge Church, \$11.00.

Of Pleasant Valley Church, \$3.75.

Of Springtown Church, by J. L. Chastain, \$7.07; by Sister Ellen Garrett, \$1.00; by A. E. Rausher, \$1.00; by Sister Mamie A. Rausher, \$0.25; by Sister Sarah A. Chastain, \$0.25; by Bertie Ogdon, \$2.00; by J. O. Green, \$2.00; Sister J. O. Green, \$0.25; by Sister May Green, \$1.00. Sister Iva Green, \$1.00; S. D. Reynolds, \$5.00; G. A. South, \$2.00; L. N. Dodgen, \$2.50; F. P. Ellis \$0.75; B. A. Bailey, \$0.25; Sister Emma Bullock, \$0.25; R. L. Hurst, \$5.00; D. L. Butler, \$0.75; J. C. Vernon, \$2.50; total, \$34.82.

Of Temperance Hill Church, \$15.25.

Of Zion Church \$10.65.

Of D. A. Jones, \$7.50.

Of W. T. Gann, \$10.00.

General collection of Fifth Sunday meeting, Mason Valley, \$11.30.

Of Finance Committee at this meeting, \$32.60.

Of Citizens' Bank, Gentry, Ark., borrowed, \$30.00.

Of Sister M. J. Rodgers, borrowed, \$25.00.

Of tent fund, borrowed, \$77.91.

Of receiver of State Bank of Gentry, twenty-five per cent dividend on funds lost \$28.73.

Total received since Nov. 1, 1911, \$404.96.

Paid out to Eld. W. I. McClung, missionary, \$272.81; to Citizens' Bank, principal and interest, \$31.15; to Sister M. J. Rodgers return of money borrowed, \$25.00; to Tent Fund, part pay of money borrowed, \$76.00; total paid out, \$404.96.

This leaving a balance of \$1.91 yet due the tent fund, and nothing in the treasury to the credit of the mission fund. Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CHASTAIN, treasurer.

Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The commission that Christ gave to His disciples is world-wide. Hence we believe in foreign missions. We would urge the churches of this association to be liberal in support of their missionaries on the foreign fields. The means may be sent direct to the missionary, or to Eld. J. A. Scarboro, Magnolia, Ark. who will forward same to its destination.

Signed by Committee,

J. A. HALL,

L. H. ALLEN

W. J. LANGLEY.

Publications.

We your Committee on Publications, submit the following report.

First of all, we recommend a prayerful study of the Bible, as we believe it to be God's Word, and the Book of all Books, from which we may learn our duty to God and our duty to our fellow

man. In studying God's Word, we should remember who is speaking, to whom it is spoken, and what is the subject.

As to religious papers and tracts, we would recommend The Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark. Also The Liberator, edited by Eld. J. A. Scarboro, published at Magnolia, Ark.

As to Sunday School Literature, we recommend the literature published by the Landmark Sunday School Concern, Little Rock, Ark., or any other sound Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. BAGBY,

JOHN GIVENS,

R. EDWARDS.

Tekarkana Orphan Home.

We, your committee on Orphan Home submit the following:

We find that the Orphan Home at Texarkana has about thirty five children which God has committed to our care, and who are dependent upon the churches for their support and education. Therefore we beg and pray that the churches contribute regularly and systematically to this home for the support of these children. And as there is a debt against the home, we should contribute to this cause and pay the debt.

Signed by the committee,

E. C. BROOKS,

P. T. KELLER,

J. O. GREEN.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions submit the following report:

In the mind of this committee, it is self evident that the reason for the existence of this Association of churches is to preach the gospel in her bounds.

Therefore we recommend that the churches freely use their God-given means to pay for the preaching of the

gospel to the destitute and to the weak churches also.

Furthermore we recommended that this Association here assembled elect an executive committee of three, who shall be empowered to take up, immediately the work of securing a missionary for the ensuing year.

We recommend, further, that each church, at once, elect one messenger from her own membership to compose a permanent executive committee as a medium of communication and service between the co-operating churches of this association, to be called together by the chairman of the said committee at each fifth Sunday meeting of this association, or as often as the interest of the work demands it.

We urge that each member of the said committee use his utmost efforts with the members of his church to secure the necessary means to defray the expenses of preaching the gospel in this association.

T. F. JONES,
WM. FAGALA,
E. C. BROOKS.

RESOLUTIONS.

We your committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following:

Resolution No. 1.

Be it resolved, that the managers of the Texarkana Orphan Home be requested to file with the clerk of this association an annual report of the financial condition of the home, showing receipts and disbursements, indebtedness, and all details appertaining to the home. Also the number of inmates, giving the age and sex of each, and all other points of interest that will encourage the churches to aid in its support.

Resolution No. 2.

Resolved that the Association recommend that each of the churches have a meeting some time in the fore part

of the associational year to discuss all the subjects in the minutes of the association.

Resolution No. 3.

Resolved that the association recommend that the churches have their church covenants read publicly as much as four times per year.

Resolution No. 4.

Resolved that this association extend to Zion church and community their sincere gratitude and thanks for the hospitality and entertainment received at their hands during our stay with them. May the blessings of God rest on them and their labors in the Lord.

J. O. ATCHLEY

A. R. HALL

J. M. HICKMAN

D. M. AARON

FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report:

Received from the messengers the following amounts:

For associational missions, Antioch, \$5.00; Maysville, \$6.70; New Prospect \$4.00; Pea Ridge, \$0.75; Pleasant Grove, \$10.00; Pleasant Valley, \$0.25; Zion, \$5.90; total \$32.60.

For state missions, from Bethlehem, \$1.00; Gravette, \$1.00; New Prospect, \$2.00; Peo Ridge, \$0.25; Pleasant Valley, \$0.50; total, \$4.75.

For foreign missions, from Pleasant Valley, \$0.50.

For Texarkana Orphan Home, from New Prospect, \$1.15; Pea Ridge, \$0.10; Pleasant Valley, \$2.00; total \$3.25.

For minutes, from Antioch, \$1.00; Bethesda, \$0.50; Bethlehem, \$2.35; Gravette, \$1.00; Lowell, \$1.30; Mason Valley, \$1.00; Maysville, \$1.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.00; New Prospect, \$1.60; Pea Ridge, \$2.30; Pleasant Grove, \$0.95; Pleasant Valley, \$1.00; Springtown, \$2.80; Temperance Hill, \$0.70;

Zion, \$0.90; total, \$20.40.

L. H. ALLEN
F. E. DeWITT
A. B. HERD

Resolution No. 5.

Whereas, the minute fund as sent up by the churches represented in this meeting is not enough to pay the clerk and have any minutes printed,

Whereas, the clerk of this association has gone to the trouble and expense to inform the clerks of the several churches beforehand of the amount per capita of the membership that would be needed in order to have minutes printed; and

Whereas some of the churches have sent even more than the amount designated; and

Whereas, it would be an injustice to call upon the messengers of such churches now to contribute more money for minutes, therefore be it

Resolved, that such churches as failed to send their pro rata be required to raise the same or do without minutes, the money already contributed to be returned to such churches.

TENT FUND.

At the fifth Sunday meeting at Springtown in March a movement was started for the purchase of a gospel tent, and prior to the meeting of the association \$77.91 was collected as follows:

A. N. Sanders \$2.50; E. C. Brooks, \$10.00; Sister T. T. Vernon, \$1.00; D. L. Butler, \$1.00; J. B. Burgin, \$1.00; J. C. Bullock \$1.00; W. B. Collins \$1.00; S. W. Ogden, \$0.50; D. A. Lane, \$0.50; J. C. Vernon \$1.00; M. F. White, \$2.50; T. F. Jones \$2.50; W. W. Griner, \$1.00; public collection at Springtown fifth Sunday meeting, \$0.93; Sister Emma Bullock, \$1.00; Sister M. J. Rodgers \$10.00; F. A. Rodgers, \$2.00; E. Austin, \$1.00; Mrs. E. Austin, \$0.50; Mrs. L. Rodgers, \$0.50; Sister E. J. Ewing

\$0.50; G. A. South, \$5.00; L. N. Dodgen, \$2.50; Pleasant Valley church, \$1.00; James H. Jones, \$1.00; Mt. Pleasant church \$8.00; Sister Bertie Ogden, \$1.00; F. P. Ellis, \$1.00; Mrs. J. O. Green, \$1.30; Pea Ridge church, \$7.83; Zion church, \$1.25; Mrs. W. H. Edwards \$0.10; W. C. Sellers, \$5.00; Elder J. W. West, \$1.00.

Of the collection taken at associational meeting, the following have been received:

A. N. Sanders, \$2.50; E. J. Bishop, \$1.00; J. M. Hickman, \$1.00; P. T. Keller \$1.00; J. H. Sharp, \$0.50; R. Edwards and wife, \$5.00; W. J. Langlev, \$5.00; Bro. Gray, \$1.00; E. F. Rice \$5.00; E. C. Brooks, \$5.00; A. B. Herd \$2.50; W. A. Wiley, \$2.50; Sister Opal Pinkston, \$0.25; Wm. Fagala, \$1.00; E. H. Allen, \$1.00; Sister Sallie Cowan \$1.00; L. B. Downum, \$0.50; O. L. Wiley, \$0.10; J. O. Green, \$2.50; T. F. Jones \$2.50; total, \$40.85.

The following pledges are outstanding:

L. H. Allen, \$5.00; James H. Jones, \$1.00; J. B. Burgin, \$1.00; J. W. West, \$1.00; J. O. Atchley, \$2.50; Sister M. J. Rodgers, \$40.00; E. J. Adams, \$1.00; W. I. McClung \$1.00; J. W. Mitchell, \$2.50; S. D. Reynolds, \$2.50; total, \$57.50.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Antioch—Sister M. J. Rodgers.

Bethesda—Wm. Fagala, J. J. Fleenor, E. H. Allen.

Bethlehem—Eld. T. F. Jones J. B. Burgin, P. T. Keller.

Butler Creek—Not represented.

Flint Creek—Not represented.

Gravette—L. H. Allen, Eld. J. W. West.

Highfill—M. D. Morrison.

Lowell—Eld. T. B. Pruitt, W. J. Langley, J. M. Beard.

Mason Valley—John Givens Eld. A. N. Sanders, J. M. Ketchum.

Maysville—E. C. Brooks, F. H. Acuff.

Mt. Enterprise—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant—R. Edwards, James H. Jones, George Hart.

New Prospect—Eld. J. O. Atchley A. B. Herd.

Pea Ridge—J. M. Hickman, Eld. J. A. Hall.

Pleasant Grove—G. M. Mayes, T. L. Beard.

Pleasant Valley—Flavey DeWitt.

Springtown—Eld. J. L. Chastain, J. O. Green.

Temperance Hill—J. H. Berry, E. M. Bagby S. Crowley.

Zion—W. A. Wiley, D. M. Aaron, J. H. Sharp.

VISITING MINISTERS.

C. C. Winters, Springdale, Ark., corresponding messenger from Fayetteville association.

E. F. Rice, Springdale, Ark., corresponding messenger from Fayetteville association.

W. E. Sherrill, missionary state association, Bald Knob, Ark.

B. F. Holford, missionary of state association, Bald Knob, Ark.

T. K. Speakman Van Buren, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Atchley, J. O., Seligman, Mo., member of New Prospect church.

Brandon F. M., Gravette, Ark., member of Bethlehem church.

Chastain, J. L. Gentry, Ark., member of Springtown, Ark.

Edwards, W. M., Gravett, Ark., member of Mt. Pleasant church.

Greene, W. F., Pea Ridge, Ark., member of Pea Ridge church.

Hall J. A. Rogers, Ark., R. F. D. No. 4, member of Pea Ridge church.

Hicks, G. W., Hiwasse, Ark., member of Mt. Pleasant church.

Jones, T. F., Decatur, Ark., R. F. D. No. 1, member of Bethlehem church.

Jones, S. H., Gravette, Ark., member of Bethlehem church.

Lane H. T., Seligman, Mo., member of New Prospect church.

Fruitt, T. B., Lowell, Ark., member of Lowell church.

Reynolds, E. J., Gentry, Ark., R. F. D. No. 3, member of Springtown church.

Setser, G. W., Maysville, Ark., member of Maysville church.

West, J. W., Gravette, Ark., member Gravette church.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. We believe that the Holy Bible was divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; unexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; thus having arisen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sym-

pathies with divine perfection, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace with God and secures every other blessing needed for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free for all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in our

souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all sufficient Saviour.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners, that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it may be ascertained by its effect in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the heart of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter in the continued use of the appointed means, especially the Word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end, that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial pro-

fessors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arise entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which and to restore them through a Mediator to an unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant, in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only spiritual officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, unto the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of church relations, and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self examination.

XV. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful rec-

reation, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Article II.—This association shall meet annually on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, at the place previously appointed; and after

public worship and reading the letters from the churches, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Article III.—It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

Article IV.—Each church may send three messengers. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes.

Article V.—Churches wishing to unite with the Association may apply by letters and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice they may be received by unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to the messengers the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Art. VI.—We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Article VII.—When a church shall neglect making any communications to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the

Association unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to inquire into their standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Article VIII.—This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

Article IX.—It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom, and spread the gospel throughout the world.

Article X.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of all members present.

A FORM OF CHURCH COVENANT.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy; and hoping, that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins; and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do this day before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree, that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world, to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love, to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy; and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.



Addresses of Pastors, Clerks and S. S. Superintendents

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	SUPERINTENDENTS
Antioch	J. A. Hall, Pea Ridge	E. Austin, Gravette	
Bethesda	W. S. Looper, Johnson Switch	L. C. Fagala, Rogers, R. F. D. 2	
Bethlehem	T. F. Jones, Decatur	J. B. Burgin, Gravette	I. N. Guinn, Gravette
Gravette	J. C. Banks, Fayetteville	J. R. Dunagin, Gravette	J. R. Donagin, Gravette
Highfill	John Scoggins, Decatur	M. D. Morrison, Highfill	
Lowell	E. F. Rice, Springdale	F. A. Lewis, Springdale	J. S. Looney, Lowell
Mason Valley	J. A. Hall Rogers	J. M. Ketchum, Springtown	J. M. Ketchum, Springtown
Maysville	G. W. Setser, Maysville	Lydia & Sellers, Maysville	
Mt. Pleasant	T. F. Jones, Decatur	James H. Jones, Hiwasse	Will Jones, Hiwasse
New Prospect	H. T. Lane Seligman, Mo.	Miss Ethel Herd, Seligman, Mo.	J. O. Atchley, Seligman, Mo.
Pea Ridge	T. F. Jones, Decatur	A. R. Hall, Pea Ridge	Mrs. Tom Jefferson, Pea Ridge
Pleasant Grove	C. C. Winters, Springdale	T. L. Beard, Lowell	
Pleasant Valley	A. C. Dees, Summers	Miss Ada Lee, Siloam Springs	
Springtown	T. F. Jones, Decatur	Bertie Ogdon, Springtown	L. N. Dodgen, Springtown
Temperance Hill	J. T. Brattin, Cassville, Mo.	J. J. Glover, Bentonville	J. J. Glover, Bentonville
Zion	E. F. Rice, Springdale	W. R. Sharp, Lowell	J. H. Sharp, Lowell

TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting	Received by Baptism	By Letter	By Relation or Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded or Otherwise Dropped	Deceased	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Paid to Pastor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan Home	For Minutes	Other Purposes	Average Attendance of S. S.	No. of Officers and Teachers	Paid for Literature	For Other Purposes
Antioch.....	4				5	1	1	43		\$123.00	\$35.35	\$ 5.00	\$	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$1.00				
Bethesda.....	4	2	1	1	2			60		*5.00	13.35				.50					
Bethlehem.....	3		7		2	2	2	66	3	60.85	25.00	1.00		5.79	2.35		35	8	5.58	
Gravette.....	3	2	1		4			36		49.60	28.25	1.00	1.00	14.00	1.00		25	6	11.57	
Highfill.....	4	3	1					23		26.50	2.00				.60					
Lowell.....	1	23	6	3	2	1	1	142	1	73.70					2.20		40	5	3.60	2.65
Mason Valley...	3	1	2		8			90	1	90.20	47.00	17.75		3.00	1.00	3.70	40	9	8.00	
Maysville.....	4		4					37	1	72.00	19.00				1.00	800.00				
Mt. Pleasant...	1			1	2	4	1	101	2	64.55	23.10	7.35		9.60	2.52		35	7	4.50	8.37
New Prospect..	3					2		59	2	18.00	5.00	2.00		6.39	1.60		35	6	6.00	
Pea Ridge.....	2	2	1		2		2	91	2	111.00	22.48	.25		.10	2.70	.25	42	5	5.30	1.75
Pleasant Grove.	3				8			78		100.00	10.00				1.95					
Pleasant Valley	1		3		5			39		80.00	4.00	.50	.50	2.00	1.00	16.75				
Springtown.....	4	4	9	1	9		1	110	2	*8.33 $\frac{1}{3}$	46.12	3.62	12.42	6.00	2.80		33	8	2.34	12.18
Temperance Hill	2	2	1		4	3		77		*18.75	15.25		13.00		2.00		55	10	10.58	20.40
Zion.....	4	22	6		3	2		90		66.50	19.15		4.25	11.00	2.75	108.00	37	9	6.39	

*Per Month

HISTORICAL TABLE OF ANNUAL SESSIONS

NO. OF SESSION	DATE	PLACE	MODERATOR	CLERK	PREACHER OF INTRODUCTORY	MISSIONARY REPORTING AT THIS SESSION
1	Sept. 9-12, 1886	Corner Springs	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. A. J. Estes	Eld. L. Hine
2	Sept. 22-25, 1887	Pleasant Hill	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Elders L. Hine and J. W. West
3	Sept. 7-10, 1888	Siloam Springs	Eld. A. J. Estes	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. J. Dunagin	Eld. J. W. West
4	Sept. 6-9, 1889	Spring Creek	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. J. W. West
5	Sept. 12-15, 1890	Pea Ridge	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. G. S. Kennard	
6	Sept. 11-14, 1891	Bentonville	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. C. Robertson	Eld. A. J. Estes	
7	Sept. 9-12, 1892	Temperance Hill	Eld. I. R. Hall	Hon. W. M. Keith	Eld. T. L. Fulbright	Eld. J. H. Blaylock
8	Sept. 8-11, 1893	Mason Valley	Eld. A. J. Estes	Hon. W. M. Keith	Eld. I. R. Hall	Eld. J. W. West
9	Sept. 7-9, 1894	Antioch	Eld. I. R. Hall	Hon. W. M. Keith	Eld. H. F. Hall	Eld. J. W. West
10	Sept. 6-9, 1895	Lowell	Eld. J. N. Edmondson	Hon. Dan M. Steser	Eld. J. N. Edmondson	Eld. J. W. West
11	Sept. 11-14, 1896	Bethesda	Eld. J. N. Edmondson	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. R. C. Kemper	Eld. J. S. Spires
12	Sept. 10-11, 1897	Mt. Enterprise	Eld. M. L. Voyles	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. J. W. West	Elders E. C. Harris and J. S. Spires
13	Sept. 9-12, 1898	Pleasant Site	Eld. J. T. Moore	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. J. T. Moore	Eld. J. W. Hammack
14	Sept. 8-11, 1899	Twelve Corner	Eld. M. L. Voyles	A. R. Doescher	Eld. J. W. Hammock	Eld. J. W. Hammack
15	Sept. 7-10, 1900	Rogers	Hon. P. A. Rodgers	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. M. L. Voyles	
16	Sept. 6-9, 1901	Mt. Pleasant	Hon. P. A. Rodgers	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. J. W. West	
17	Sept. 12-14, 1902	Bentonville	Eld. W. F. Greene	Hon. Dan M. Setser	Eld. S. L. Holloway	Elders E. J. Adams, F. A. Whitely
18	Sept. 11-14, 1903	Mt. Enterprise	Eld. W. F. Greene	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. W. F. Greene	Eld. G. W. Setser
19	Sept. 9-11, 1904	Pea Ridge	Eld. W. F. Greene	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. W. F. Greene	Eld. J. W. West
20	Sept. 7-9, 1905	New Prospect	E. L. Barton	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. A. W. Maxwell	Eld. J. W. West
21	Sept. 6-8, 1906	Zion	Eld. W. F. Greene	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. T. F. Jones
22	Sept. 5-7, 1907	Mt. Zion	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. T. F. Jones	Eld. T. F. Jones
23	Oct. 8-10, 1908	Temperance Hill	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. A. N. Sanders	Eld. C. A. Merideth
24	Oct. 7-9, 1909	Springtown	Eld. W. C. Hamby	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. W. C. Hamby	Eld. T. F. Jones
25	Oct. 5-7, 1910	Antioch	Hon. W. T. Gann	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. T. F. Jones	Eld. W. C. Hamby
26	Aug. 11-13, 1911	New Prospect	Hon. W. T. Gann	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. J. A. Hall	Eld. G. C. Harris
27	Oct. 25, 1912	Zion	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. J. L. Chastain	Eld. J. W. West	Eld. W. I. McClung