

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**HOWARD COUNTY**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**COUNTY LINE CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 27, 28, 29, 1900.**

**OFFICERS:**

**J. T. HOLT, MODERATOR, HANOVER, ANN.**

**R. D. WEAVER, CLERK, HANOVER, ANN.**

# PROCEEDINGS

## FIRST DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

The Howard County association met with Baptist Church County Line, the Moderator being absent the Clerk called the body together, and after reading the 26th Psalm and prayer offered by Brother U. J. Newell, the Association was declared, by the Clerk, open and ready for business. The first order of business was the election of a moderator *pro tem*. By motion and second the body voted to elect by a rising vote. Several nominations were made. After the vote was had Brother A. J. Robbins was declared elected moderator to fill the unexpired term of N. R. Lewis, who was unable to attend. The Moderator then proceeded with the business as laid down in the program. The letters of the different churches comprising this Association were called for, after the same being presented the Moderator appointed the following three brethren to read said letters: J. T. M. Holt, J. L. Rivers and D. W. Cornish. The following letters were read and the messengers names enrolled:

Yellow Creek—D. N. Dove, B. W. Arnett and Peter Hester.  
Antioch—L. M. Byers, J. S. Hooker and S. J. Hooker.  
Red Colony—Robt. McLeod, John B. Floyd and I. N. Borum.  
Pleasant Grove—A. L. Mason, J. T. Box and J. D. Eley.  
Mineral Springs—H. C. Crofton, John W. Cook and C. M. Serles.  
Zion—J. B. Ball, L. A. Reeves and N. R. Lewis.  
Fellowship—T. H. Westbrook, Felix Reeder and G. F. Ross.  
Liberty—W. E. Tiffin, W. G. Stone, Dan Evans and U. J. Newell.  
Maple Springs—C. A. Westfall, P. F. Rhodes and John Theobolt.  
New Home—Allen Dowdy, N. W. Payne and J. D. Ayer.  
Columbus—J. W. Hutchins, G. W. Schooley and M. M. Woolsey.  
Centre Point—J. L. Rivers, M. C. Pope, and M. W. Rivers.  
Sweet Home—S. C. Ford, W. H. Dobbins and Mace McClure.  
Oak Hill—Dink Hill, J. W. Hill, and Richard Rivers.  
Ozan No. 2—J. H. Holt, L. B. Ramage, and J. B. Luck.  
Mount Carmel—J. R. Glover and J. D. Burt.  
Cedar Hill—J. C. Blackburn, Charley Ravan and Elder J. L. Baggett.  
Pleasant Valley—W. L. Power, J. M. Copeland.  
County Line—J. T. M. Holt, S. G. Feemster, H. H. Ford and E. Merrell.  
Holly Creek—W. T. Lovell, J. R. Hagler and Walter Gammill.  
Friendship—J. B. Mayo, J. W. Gordon.  
Unity—W. H. Jones, H. L. Hooker and J. B. Sillavan.  
Mount Pleasant—C. O. Compton, L. M. Keeling and J. W. Hinson.  
Ashby—John Dennis, Farley Bettis and John D. Cowling.  
Maine Creek—R. D. Neal, R. S. Syper, J. T. Holt and C. W. Strickland.

Patronary letters were then called for. There were two presented, one from Clear Springs and one from Euclid.

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admission into this body. The letters being read, by motion and second they were received into the fellowship of the Howard County Association. The messengers names were enrolled:

Smith—E. J. Patterson and Bessie Hyatt.

Clear Springs—J. O. Brown, H. P. Cornish, J. C. Cornish.

Maple Springs church was received into this body, at its last session, upon a forthcoming letter from Red River Association, the same was presented and the church was received by vote of this body.

The letters being all read that had been presented, the Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Brother L. M. Byers, who was appointed at the last session to preach at 11 a. m., filled the appointment and gave us a splendid discourse.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together at 1:30 p. m. by singing. After prayer the Moderator declared the Association ready for business. The first order of business was to elect officers for the coming year. The election was had by ballot. The Moderator appointed the following brethren as tellers: R. J. Austin, J. H. Milburn and T. H. Westbrooks. After the brethren had all voted the committee canvassed the vote and made the announcement that J. T. Holt was elected Moderator for the next associational year and R. D. Neal was elected clerk and treasurer. After three brethren thanked the body for the honors conferred upon them the Association proceeded with the business.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee on Divine Services: E. Merrell, J. T. M. Holt, H. H. Ford, S. G. Peemster, J. O. Blackburn and A. J. Robins. A call was made for corresponding messengers W. H. Lee and J. H. Bennett from Red River Association and Brother M. McMillion from Onachita Association. Visitors were asked to seats and to aid in the deliberations. J. H. Milburn was present and thanked the Moderator for the invitation. Sister Hannah Hyatt Gardner presented herself as a representative of the Orphans Home. They were all received and the usual courtesies extended to both messengers and visitors. Moved and seconded that a committee on destitution be appointed. The following brethren were appointed: T. H. Westbrooks, J. S. Baggett, D. W. Cornish, J. L. Ferguson and W. M. Patterson.

The committee on Divine Services submitted their report as follows:

Elder D. W. Cornish will preach at this church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. J. T. Bennett the same hour at York's Chapel and L. M. Byers at Elder's church house. Tomorrow (Sunday) at 9:30 o'clock the claims of the Orphans Home will be presented by Sister Gardner and a sermon at 11 o'clock by J. H. Milburn at this church.

A letter from Mt. Vernon church of the Onachita Association was read asking council of this body as to disaction in re-

visiting a member that had been excluded from Cedar Hill church of this association. By motion and second the cause was referred to a committee, with instructions to report their recommendations to this body. T. H. Westbrook, R. E. Smith, U. J. Newell and L. M. Webb were appointed. On motion of C. W. Strickland the following were appointed a committee on Finance: A. J. Robins, R. A. Byport and J. L. Rivers. There being no business before the body Brother Milburn representing the Arkansas Baptist made a short talk. By motion the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

## SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS.

At 9 o'clock Sister Hannah Hyatt Gardner, was introduced to the audience by Brother C. W. Strickland with a few warm addresses of welcome. She proceeded to present the special appeal of the Orphan's Home to make it comfortable. The home has 28 children to be cared for. She made her talk plain and pointed, that it was the duty of all Christian people to care for the orphans and especially was it the duty of the Baptists of Arkansas to provide for and look after the welfare of the orphans in the home at Monticello. After she closed speeches were made on the same subject by several of the brethren, after which a collection was taken by Brother Strickland, amounting in cash and pledges to about \$100. A recess of ten minutes was taken, after which Brother J. H. Milburn preached on the subject "The security of the Believer." After preaching a collection was taken for missions amounting to \$22.00 in cash.

There was plenty of dinner on the ground so none were forced to leave the church.

The Moderator announced the following committees: On foreign missions, Elder E. Merrell; A. L. Mason and Felix Reeder. Associational missions; J. H. Westbrook; C. M. Series and J. M. Oupeland. State missions, C. W. Strickland; J. W. Hill and I. N. Borum. Home missions, C. W. Strickland; J. L. Ferguson and J. W. Cook. Orphan's Home, E. E. Smith; W. T. Lovell and J. D. Cowling. Sunday Schools, D. W. Cornish; C. O. Compton and B. W. Arnett. Obituaries, W. G. Stone; L. M. Keeling and Farley Bettis. Prayermeeting, J. L. Baggett; J. W. Hutchins; J. C. Blackburn and J. F. Cox. Nominations, J. L. Rivers; J. L. Ferguson and G. C. Bandy. Family devotion, G. C. Bandy; C. A. Westfall and J. D. Eley. Colleges, L. M. Byers; J. T. M. Holt and J. B. Luck. Ministerial support, T. H. Westbrook, E. E. Smith and U. J. Newell. Literature, D. W. Elkins; I. N. Borum, and W. H. Dobbins. Evils of intemperance, L. M. Webb and W. A. Vessell.

\* Elder E. E. Smith preached at 8 o'clock, subject, "Growth in Grace."

## THIRD DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Monday at 8:30 a. m. The Association was called together by the Moderator. After singing, the Moderator read the 14th Psalm. Prayer by Brother Vermillion. The Association was announced ready for the business that should come before it. A call for letters from the churches was extended. A letter from Mount Carmel church was presented and read and members names enrolled.

On motion and second it was decided to hold the first fifth secular meeting with Mount Pleasant church, that church having extended an invitation.

By motion the Moderator appointed L. M. Webb, E. R. Smith and I. N. Byrum a committee on program.

The committee on prayer meeting submitted their report as follows: We your committee on prayer meeting, report that we believe that a well organized prayer meeting, where the membership meet once every week and pray with and for each other is a great factor in the development of a church and will have its influence in bringing souls to Christ. We therefore recommend that each church in the Association organize and keep up a weekly prayer meeting. We further recommend that pastors urge the brethren of their churches to organize a weekly prayer meeting.  
J. T. BACCHETT, Chairman.

A motion to adopt was made. After some discussion the report was adopted as read.

By motion corresponding messengers to the sister associations were selected as follows: Southwestern, J. R. Rivers and D. W. Cornish; Red River, L. M. Byers and J. M. Copeland; Caddo, J. E. Harris.

By motion of C. W. Strickland the hour of 11 a. m. was set for the committees on the different missions to make their reports in order that they may be all discussed at the same time.

The committee on destitution submitted their report as follows: We find that Logan school house, Mount Zion camp ground, Independent hall, Sulphur Springs and a neighborhood immediately west of Missouri river in Pike county is destitute of Baptist preaching.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. CONNOR, Chairman.

After the report was read motion for the adoption was made. After some discussion an amendment was offered to include Seratoga in report. A vote was had on amendment, which was adopted. The vote was then taken on the report as amended and was adopted with a request that the Mission Board send a suitable man into the territory to inspect surroundings and report to the board.

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The committee on family devotion submitted their report as follows: We offer first that family devotion is imperative upon every man and woman whom God has blessed with a family. God hath commanded that all men everywhere should pray and as we believe there is no place where prayer is more essential than around the family altar. The wisest man could train a child in the way if should go, when old he would not depart therefrom. So we recommend the brethren should maintain family altars in each and every home.

O. C. BASSETT, C. A. WESTFALL, J. D. ELEY, Committee.

On motion the report was adopted as read.

The committee on the Orphan's Home submitted their report as follows: Our Orphan's Home at Monticello is in a prosperous condition. The 26 inmates have been blessed with good health and those old enough to feel the need of a Saviour have been converted and united with the church. They all attend Sunday School regularly. When the building is complete the children will have preaching and chapel exercises in the hall prepared for this purpose in the home building. So let all of our churches give to this institution to enable them to complete the building. When complete the capacity will be doubled. The sisters can greatly help in sending bedding, quilts, blankets, etc., to the orphans all articles of clothing, bedding, etc., should be shipped by express to Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, Monticello, Ark., freight or express prepaid if possible. All money contributed should be sent to W. W. Gardner, Arkadelphia, Ark. He will receipt you monthly for same in our state paper.

E. R. SMITH, W. T. LOVELL, J. D. COWLING, Committee.

By motion the report was adopted as read without discussion.

The committee appointed by this body to investigate a reported disturbance between Cedar Hill church and Mount Vernon church submitted their report which was a recommendation. We your committee appointed by this body to investigate some disturbance between Cedar Hill church, of this, the Howard County Association, and Mount Vernon church, of the Ouachita Association, find some complications. We therefore advise the brethren to lay aside all malice and let the past be forgotten, and try to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

T. H. WESTBROOKS, E. E. SMITH,

L. M. WEBB, U. J. NEWELL, Committee.

On motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The committee on ministerial support submitted their report as follows: Preaching the gospel of Christ is by far the most important work that has ever engaged the mind and heart of mortal man. Hence no argument is needed to prove that a preacher ought to be furnished with every qualification that will

help him to succeed in his divine calling. If other occupations require all of man's time, much more does a preacher's duty require every day in the year. The preparation and delivery of sermons in the pulpit is only a part of a preacher's great work. It is his imperative duty to visit and teach from house to house, thus coming in closer touch with his people, giving them his tender sympathy and wise counsel. But how can any pastor do all this unless his whole time and heart is in the work. It is a sad fact that many of our good ministers have been crippled and some of them killed by insufficient support. This sin is altogether to be laid on the churches, because some of the preachers in their great anxiety to preach the gospel of salvation have committed financial suicide by accepting some churches without a salary and others with a salary too small for any family to live on. Whenever a family undertakes to cultivate 30 acres of land and preach and pastor four churches, the grass will either injure the crop or the devil will injure the churches and some times both of these sad things happen. Then the preacher comes down with a terrible crash, he cannot pay his merchants, then his churches will ask for his resignation because he cannot do two men's work and succeed. Why do our churches and pastors make contracts and undertake that which is impossible, that which God never intended and never commanded!

R. J. PARTIMON, U. J. NEWELL, Committee.

A motion to adopt was made. The discussion then began. Several of the brethren had made speeches when the Moderator announced that the hour set for hearing of reports of different missions had arrived. By motion and second the time for the discussion was extended indefinitely. The report was then thoroughly discussed pro and con by several of the brethren. The question on the adoption or rejection of the report was had and it was unanimously adopted as read.

The following resolution was offered by Brother J. M. Copeland and adopted as read: Be it resolved, that every pastor in our Association when receiving call to serve churches require each and every church that needs his service as pastor, to accompany the call with a reasonable stated salary, and that said amount promised be, if possible paid monthly or quarterly.

J. M. COPELAND.

The committee on associational mission submitted their report as follows: Feeling that missions are paramount to everything else, we recommend that this body employ one man or two if necessary to fill the destitute places in this Association, and we further recommend that the mission board be continued to receive and pay out money and carry on this work.

T. H. WESTBROOKS, Chairman.

The committee on foreign missions submitted their report



as follows: We your committee regard the subject of foreign missions as one of great importance, and something in which every Missionary Baptist should feel a deep interest. We believe the gospel to be the power of God to the saving of every one that believes. It is our business duty as well as a great privilege to send the gospel whithersoever it will. God's blessing have abundantly attended the efforts of our missionaries who are laboring in foreign fields during the past year. From China, Japan, Africa and Brazil we have very encouraging reports. Every discussion points to a bright future for our Redeemer's cause in these far off lands, excepting our troubles in China, which we hope will prove ultimately for our good. We would urge pastors to preach more frequently on the subject of foreign missions. We would therefore recommend that the worth of December be the time that foreign missions be presented and collections taken on and amounts so collected be forwarded to corresponding secretary of foreign board.

R. MERRILL, Chairman.

A motion to adopt was made.

The committee on home missions submitted their report as follows: We your committee on home missions would report that the board in Atlanta, Ga. is striving to preach the gospel in Cuba and in all the destitute regions of the Southland, as among the foreign and colored population of our own land, doing good everywhere by their missionaries, and does aid our own state board from \$600 to \$1200 annually. Hence we recommend that our churches contribute to and pray for the work of the home mission board regularly.

O. W. STROMBLAND, Chairman.

The committee on state missions submitted their report as follows: We your committee find that this board is making great efforts to preach the gospel in all our destitute regions, both in the towns and country, by aiding churches and associations throughout the state, keeping up with the tide of immigration is doing a work much needed in our state, therefore we heartily recommend co-operation with this board in its work, by this body, and urge the pastors to present its claims to all the churches, taking collections for this work, for the field is large, work difficult, and give to them our sincere prayers and support.

O. W. STROMBLAND, Chairman.

After all the mission reports had been read, a motion and second to adopt them was made.

A resolution was offered by A. J. Robins on the state work as follows: Whereas there seems to be great dissatisfaction throughout the state in regard to the salary paid the secretary, therefore be it

Resolved that this Association instruct her delegates to the state convention, also our member of the state board, to



their influence to disprove and do away with the office of secretary, and that all moneys for state subscription be forwarded direct to the state treasurer and that sums of wild money be applied to the payment of any debts of the state board, except for necessary expenses, but be not to the subscription to the field.

A J. RANTON, M. P. DENNIS.

A motion to adopt was made.

The debate on the mission reports was continued later by several of the brethren. They were thoroughly discussed, especially if the resolution was debated with more than usual zeal by some of the brethren. After the discussion was ended a vote was taken and the resolution was adopted by three votes.

A vote was taken on the different mission reports, which were all adopted as read.

A collection was taken for foreign, home and state missions amounting to \$63.98.

The committee on colleges submitted their report as follows: As our people have ever been in favor of christian education and still maintain the same, we would recommend to this honorable body that we sustain by our means, prayers and patronage the colleges within our bounds, viz: Ouachita, Missouri! Home and Central. We recommend them to the patronage of our people in preference to any others, and especially do we recommend Ouachita to all of our young ministers, who contemplate attending college. There are several young preachers with us who desire to enter school, we therefore recommend that the churches of this Association assist these brethren in their efforts to secure higher education. To this end we commend the names of Brothers J. B. Lack and C. A. Westfall.

L. M. BRYAN, Chairman.

A motion to adopt was made. After being ably discussed by several of the brethren, was adopted as read. A collection was taken for ministerial education amounting to \$10.00.

The committee on nominations submitted their report as follows: We recommend that the next meeting of this body convene with Unity church. We also recommend the following brethren to constitute the executive board to wit: Elder O. W. Strickland, chairman; M. L. Dennis, W. T. Lovell, John L. Ferguson, D. W. Cornish, W. Q. Stone and J. H. Holt. We further recommend Elder D. W. Cornish to preach the introductory sermon and that J. M. Copeland be his alternate. The services for Sunday to be arranged by committee on Divine service at next session of this body.

J. L. RYAN, Chairman.

Motion for adoption was made. An amendment was made with second to erase Unity and insert Liberty. After some debating an amendment to the amendment was made to erase Unity and Liberty and insert Pleasant Grove in their stead. After claims for the different churches were fully stated and

out forth, the vote was taken by a rising vote. Present time was ordered by this body as the church for the carrying of the anti-slavery mission. Adopted as amended.

The committee on finance submitted their report which was as follows: We had the following amounts forwarded by the churches, for missions \$23.50, foreign missions \$4.50, anti-slavery missions \$45.32, home missions \$2.32, new missions \$4.00 Total \$80.62.

A. J. Menden, Chairman.

On motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The committee on programs submitted their report as follows: We recommended that at the first Sabbath Sunday Morning Meeting, in the hall with Mount Pleasant church, the services be criticised by delivered by J. M. Copeland. Question, What is Scriptural baptism? Answered by C. J. Newell. The leaders of organizations? Answered by C. W. Sutcliff. How can people saved before the coming of Christ? Answered by L. H. Hyatt. Which is the best method of sending the Gospel to all the world? Answered by M. M. Patterson.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The committee on charities submitted their report as follows: We report that since our last meeting it has pleased our Father to call from our midst our beloved brother, W. P. Ord, member of the board of Associational missions, and several deaths are reported from the various churches. In the death of these beloved brethren and sisters we recognize the hand of God and humbly bow to his will.

W. G. Brown, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The report of the mission board was read to-wit: We just executive board of missions would report that we have granted help to all applicants for supplementary aid to pastors but have found but little space to preach the Gospel in destitute places, however we have had some work done by Brothers Cornish and Patterson with good results. The amount of sickness in certain communities caused failure of the work ordered by the board, which we regret. We recommend a continuation of the Sabbath Sunday meetings and collections from our churches be sent up regularly for the support of the mission work. Second, That the board make every effort in their power to remove all destitution within our bounds, help the weak churches, after which send remainder of funds to the other general boards of missions. Third, That the board send a man into the reported destitute fields to preach to the people, find out their real needs and report to the board as soon as possible, that the work may be done to the satisfaction of the Association and the people. We thank you for your forbearance toward us for our errors and mistakes. We have received from the churches \$178.00, have paid to Mount Zion church \$7.50, paid Brother Cornish \$25.00, paid Brother Patterson \$10.00, paid foreign missions \$19.10, paid

home missions \$16.51; state missions \$16.50, leaving balance in treasury of \$108.97.

C. W. Strickland, Chairman Board.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report as follows: After having heard read reports from different churches we find some of them report no Sunday School. Therefore realizing the great importance of Sunday Schools and the injunction enjoined upon us as Baptists, to teach our children the word of God, and as we believe the Sunday School one of the best channels to reach the children with the Word of God, we therefore urge all churches that have no Sunday School to organize at once. Our observation is that God does bless the Sunday school work in bringing the children to Christ.

D. W. Courant, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

By motion of J. T. M. Holt this body extended to Brother J. D. Rogers their sympathies in his affliction and we pray if it be the will of God that he may soon recover.

By motion and second Brother C. W. Strickland was elected as delegate of this Association to attend the S. B. Convention and that E. E. Smith be his alternate.

By motion C. W. Strickland was elected member of state Board of Missions, Brethren J. H. and J. T. M. Holt, J. M. Copeland, A. J. Rotins and M. F. Dennis were elected delegates to, the state convention. E. Merrell, J. T. Holt and J. L. Rivers alternates.

Committee on evils of intemperance submitted their report as follows: There are other forms of intemperance besides that of strong drink. Christian people and all others should be temperate in eating, in dressing, in reading, in money making and pleasure seeking. It is a sin to eat to our hurt, either in quality or quantity of diet. Tobacco using is a sin, whenever its use injures the system. Very many are intemperate in their dress, some spend too much, and some spend too little for clothing. Intemperance is practiced by all who read worthless and hurtful literature, which is now flooding the country on account of its cheapness. There are many in the world and some in the church who are fearfully intemperate in money making. They work body and mind to their utmost capacity, sell what they have at exorbitant prices, resort to tricks in trade and often violate the Sabbath by attending to worldly business on the Lord's day. But what shall we say about the wide-spread evil of the drink habit, doing infinite harm to church and state, to soul and body, to rich and poor, to wise and foolish. The United States spent more money for strong drink than it did for bread before prohibition closed up so many saloons. It is not expected that prohibition can or will drive the evil from the land, any more than

The law forbidding murder and theft can effectively prevent these crimes. So those who oppose prohibition because the law is sometimes violated may just as well oppose the law against murder and theft. Christian duty and consistency demand the enactment and enforcement of the prohibition law in every town and county because it is our duty to keep our boys away from the bottle and the bottle from the boys. The open saloon is a strong temptation and a standing opportunity for men to get drunk. We your committee recommend that every Baptist and all others renew the fight. Let it be a prayerful fight and a life time fight against alcohol in all its forms. Let every Christian resolve that by the help of the Lord, that they will have no fellowship with this iniquitous work of darkness, that they will abstain from the use of all strong drinks as a beverage, and use all their influence in having those violating the prohibition, temperance law prosecuted. If we would do this, the cause of temperance will gain a permanent victory.

L. M. WEBB, W. H. VENABLE.

A motion to adopt was made. After some discussion the report was adopted as read.

The treasurer submitted his report for 1899 1900 as follows:

DEBITS				
To amount on hand last report	\$ 4.37	April	To amt paid by churches on pledges	\$11.25
Oct. 27, To amt for Associational missions	25.07	May	To amt 2d 24th Sunday meetings, Associational missions	25.25
For Foreign missions	10.35			
For State missions	7.75			
For Home missions	2.00	July	To amt 2d 24th Sunday meeting, Associational missions	24.25
For minute fund	\$1.71		For Foreign missions	2.00
Nov. 18, To amount paid Yellow Creek	1.20			
Jan. 1, To amt at 1st 24th Sunday meeting, Associational missions	22.75	Sep. 20, To amt 4th 24th Sunday meeting, Associational missions	21.11	
For State missions	2.25			
For Foreign mission	.75			
For Home mission	2.75			
			Total	205.25
CREDITS:				
Oct. 24, By amt paid L. M. Webb mission work	\$ 7.50	Jan.	By amt paid home missions	25.25
By amt paid E. Merrell	2.75		By amt expense member to board meeting	5.00
By " D. W. Cornish	1.25	March	By amt paid foreign missions	25.25
By amt paid for service of secretary and printing minutes	25.00	May	By amt expense messenger S. B. convention	2.00
By amt paid to foreign missions	22.12	July	By amt paid foreign missions	12.10
By amt paid to home missions	12.00		By amt paid home missions	15.21
By amt paid to state missions	17.75		By amt paid state missions	14.21
Nov. By amt expense member to board meeting	5.00	Oct. 20, By amt paid E. Merrell mission work	2.00	
Dec. By amt expense member to board meeting	5.00			
Jan. By amt paid state missions	2.50		Amount paid out	189.25
			Amount on hand	26.00

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

The chairman of committee on Sunday observance asked that the body adopt report of the committee reported at last annual meeting, which was carried. The report reads as follows: "Immediately after the creation, God in his great wisdom, saw fit to appoint a day of rest, and we are commanded in His Word, to keep that day holy. By so doing we honor our Father who art in Heaven. We remembered that this day he so graciously provided for us, devoted to the study of His will governing us and to strengthening ourselves in His worship. In so doing we show our appreciation of our Master's Word, also observe and keep the day as we were commanded and ordained by our Lord and Master."

A. J. ROSTON, Chairman.

A resolution was offered by E. B. Smith that this body reserve their heart felt thanks to the members of Denisy Lister church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality in providing for this body. By motion and second the Association is now adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove church at 10 o'clock, a. m., Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1901.

J. T. HOAT, Moderator.

R. D. NEAL, Sec. and Treas.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall open business by prayer and prayer to persons, or by prayer. If the former Moderator or clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after the opening session the clerk's letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderators and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so in reverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order the Moderator shall signify by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, then in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing in all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat while the body is in session without the consent of the Moderator.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him brother.

9. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in the council, who may speak, but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as the body may think necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

# CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This constitution shall be known as the Constitution of the Baptist Church Association.

ART. II. The Association shall be composed of brethren from the churches of this state. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be chosen by the church and shall be subject to the approval of the church. Each church shall also send one delegate to the Association.

ART. III. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually on the first day of October, unless otherwise provided by the churches. The Association shall be held at such annual sessions and sessions in odd years shall be held on the second day of January.

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall request that no representation to members of the Association be made, and shall not be a necessary condition of membership. No delegate shall be eligible to be elected to the Association at a regular session unless he has been a member of the Association for at least one year. It shall be the duty of the churches to send delegates to the Association and to provide for the expenses of the delegates. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold property and to sue and be sued. It shall be the duty of the churches to contribute to the support of the Association. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold property and to sue and be sued. It shall be the duty of the churches to contribute to the support of the Association. The Association shall have the right to receive and hold property and to sue and be sued. It shall be the duty of the churches to contribute to the support of the Association.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches separated from others, or churches of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the union by sending three delegates to the annual meeting of the Association, with letters of introduction, and by their delegates agreeing to the structure of the Association.

ART. VI. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual meeting of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their names to fellowship, number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, or communicated, returned or deceased, other local matters, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and entered.

ART. VII. The Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee of finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association, and present annually, for inspection to the ministers, a clear and sufficient statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This Association will furnish the churches with the volume of every session.

ART. IX. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches, unless they have pursued the directions of Matthew 18; and have not been able to settle them. The Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present.

ART. XII. That all Baptist Ministers within the bounds of this Association, and are hereby made members of the same; that they shall have the same rights and privileges as regularly elected delegates, and their names shall be entered as delegates from their respective churches.



## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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| 1. Devotional exercises.              | 6. Election of officers.              |
| 2. Call for letters.                  | 7. Call for correspondence.           |
| 3. Appoint Committee to read letters. | 8. Invite visiting brethren to seats. |
| 4. Call for permanent letters.        | 9. Appointment of committees.         |
| 5. Roll call of delegates.            | 10. Miscellaneous business.           |
|                                       | 11. Call for report of committees.    |

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Antioch—L. M. Myers, Nashville.	Maple Springs—W. M. Patterson, Roy.
Amity—J. D. Rogers, Nashville.	
Centre Point—E. Merrell, Centre Point.	Maple Springs—J. E. Harris, Brooktown.
Cedar Hill—J. L. Baggett, Umpire.	New Home—J. E. Scagg, Nashville.
Liberty—J. J. Newell, Rock Range.	Oak Hill—J. M. Westbrook, Martha.
Liberty—R. A. Terrell, Barker.	Oak Hill—P. E. Littlefield, Martha.
Mine Creek—C. W. Strickland, Nashville.	Pleasant Valley—J. M. Copeland, Nashville.
Mine Creek—L. M. Webb, Doyle.	Red Colony—D. W. Elkins, Locksburg.
Mineral Springs—E. E. Smith, Columbus.	Sweet Home—D. W. Cornish, Nathan.

## LICENTIATES.

J. R. Mayo, New Moon; D. N. Dove, Columbus; G. M. Curston, Nashville.

## CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Antioch—James Moore, Nashville.	Mt. Zion—C O Melton, Howe.
Amity—W R Walker, Nashville.	Maple Springs—W M Cooley, Roy.
Centre Point—J L Rivers, Centre Point.	New Home—L C Ayers, Centre Point.
County Line—E E Austin, Nashville.	Mt Pleasant—L L Lovell, Doyle.
Cedar Hill—Simon Baggett, Umpire.	Oak Hill—J H Lewis, Centre Point.
Columbus—J W Hutchins, Columbus.	Ozan No. 2—T A Holt, Blagen.
Euclid—Russia Hester, Euclid.	Pleasant Grove—J F Box, Eleyville.
Fellowship—J D Boggs, Martha.	Pleasant Valley—W L Power, Nashville.
Friendship—J H Gordan, New Moon.	Red Colony—I N Borum, Millford.
Holly Creek—T F Westbrooks, Martha.	Sweet Home—J W Brewer, Nathan.
Liberty—W. C Stone, Yancy.	Unity—J B Sullivan, Nashville.
Mt. Carmel—A B Burt, Rosedale.	Yellow Creek—P G Clayton, Scruggs.
Mine Creek—R D Neal, Nashville.	Zion—N R Lewis, Clay.
Mineral Springs—E B Martin, Mineral Springs.	Clear Springs—J O Bowers, Nathan.



CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS.	Dec. by Bapt.	Dec. by Letter	Unbaptized	Dec. by Letter	Unbaptized	Dec. by Letter	Unbaptized
Antioch	James Moore	L M Myers	11	7	1	1	4		
Amity	W R Walker	J D Rogers		4		1			1
Centre Point	J L Rivers	J S Compere		1		9			
County Line	E E Austin	J D Rogers		7		4	4	3	
Cedar Hill	Simon Baggett	W H Vassell							1
Columbus	J W Hutchins	E E Smith	14	8	1	17	1		
Euclid	Russel Hester	H L McCarrel	3						
Fellowship	J D Boggs	D W Cornish	2	2	1	3			1
Friendship	J H Gordan			2		1	1		
Holly Creek	T F Westbrook	T H Westbrook	1	2		4			
Liberty	W O Stone	E E Smith	5	6	3	6	1		1
Mount Carmel	A B Burt					3			2
Mine Creek	R D Neal	C W Strickland		31		11			4
Mineral Springs	E B Martin	E E Smith		110		4			3
Mount Zion	C O Melton	E Merrell							
Maple Springs	W M Cooley	L M Myers	6	3		4			
New Home	L C Ayers	T H Westbrook		1		4	1	2	
Mount Pleasant	L L Lovlis	W M Patterson	1	5		4			1
Oak Hill	J H Lewis	T H Westbrook	17	3		3			
Ocean No 2	T A Holt	L M Myers	8	1		2			
Pleasant Grove	J F Box	L M Webb	11	9	2	3			6
Pleasant Valley	W L Power	U J Newell	3	1		3	3	1	
Red Colony	I N Borum	E M Webb	4	3		3	1		
Sweet Home	J W Brewer	J M Copeland	3			7	5	1	
Tully	J B Sullivan	J D Rogers	1	1		3	1		
Yellow Creek	P G Clayton	E E Smith	3	9					3
	N R Lewis	L M Webb	5			13	6		1
	J O Bowers	M N Vassell	1	2					