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Campbell, Searcy County, Ark., Sept. 18, 1903.

The Union Association of Missionary Baptist met in its 24th Annual Session with Bethlehem church on day and date above mentioned.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. E. Keeling, followed by Eld. A. R. Stephenson Jr Text: St. John, 17-4. I have glorified thee on earth, I have finished the work which thou givest me to do. Dismissed by benediction.

Evening session began work 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Moderator after singing, then proceed to business. Clerk not being present Brother W. T. Passmore was elected clerk pro-tem.

1st. Called for the enrollment of messengers, Shady Grove church No. 2. messenger, Brother W. M. McIntire, Timbo, Eld. J. J. Goodman, Brothers Manuel Branscum and Henry Sutterfield.

Bethlehem—Elds. O. A. Copeland, J. E. Branscum, and Brother M. C. Branscum.

Walnut Grove—Brothers W. G. Harness, N. Sutterfield and M. B. Stephenson.

Water Creek—Eld. F. Keeling.

Shiloh—H. H. Woodcock.

Corinth—Elds. Jacob King, Thomas King.

Evening Shade—Eld. James Warren, and Brother W. J Branscum.

Bethany—E. W. Martin.

Shady No. 1—W. T. Passmore.
Richland—Represented by letter.

Caeld for petitionary letters. one from Big Spring church; motion carried that said church be received, her messenger James Pierce came forward and was extended right hand of fellowship.

The association then entered into its permanent organization, electing O. A. Copeland Moderator and Eld. Thomas King Clerk, and Brother W. G. Harness Treasurer

Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations Eld. A. R. Stephenson and Brother J. B. Smith was received from Blue Mountain association.

The appointment of committees:

1st. Committee on devotion. H. H. Woodcock, W. M. McIntire, James Price and C. M. Branscumb.

2nd Arrangements: Jacob King, James Warren, J. E. Branscumb.

3rd, Sabbath School: W. J. Branscumb, M. B. Stephenson, W. T. Passmore.

4th. Obituaries: J. J. Goodman, J. H. Sutterfield, J. B. Smith

5th. Finance. E. W. Martin, N. Sutterfield, M. B. Stephenson.

6th. Destitution: E. E. Keeling, W. M. McIntire, Jacob King

7th. Home and foreign Missions: A. R. Stephenson, James Warren, E. Keeling.

Queries and Resolutions: J. E. Branscumb, W. G. Harness and W. T. Passmore.

8th. Associational Missions: J. B. Smith, Jacob King, and A. R. Stephenson, Com.

Motion was made by Thomas King and second by E. Keeling that a committee on Temperance be appointed. Motion carried, E. Keeling, W. M. McIntire and Thos. King was appointed on this committee. Committee on Devotion reported that Thomas King would preach at

night followed by J. J. Goodman. The Association adjourned until 8 o'clock the next day. Closed with prayer by W. M. McIntire. Dismissed by benediction.

MORNING SESSION, SEPT 19.

House called to order by Moderator, after singing and prayer by Eld. E. Keeling, the association began work.

1st. Roll called: minutes read and corrected. The call for corresponding messengers was rendered, Eld J. O. Rose of Blue Mountain Association came forward and the Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to him. Rules of decorum and articles of faith was read. Call was made for the report of Messengers appointed to visit sister associations. Eld. Jacob King said he attended Blue Mountain Association on Sunday, he was received with brotherly love, and heard a good sermon. Eld. E. Keeling said he attended Trace Ridge, was cordially received, found a well organized body of working brethren. Eld. A. R. Stephenson, Jr., said he attended Trace Ridge and Peedee Associations, was received with brotherly love and found the brethren sound in the faith and doing service for God.

Appointment of Messengers to sister Associations: A. R. Stephenson, Jr., J. J. Goodman, O. A. Copeland, Jacob King, James Price, John Branscomb volunteered to attend.

Blue Mountain Association: J. J. Goodman, Jacob King, James Warren. Bro. Henry Sutterfield volunteered to attend. Peedee association: J. E. Branscomb volunteered to attend Trace Ridge association. William McIntire, and E. Keeling to attend White River association. Motion carried that messengers be sent to visit Rocky Bayou an Independence associations. Jacob King, Thos. King and J. J. Goodman was appointed to attend Rocky Bayou. Thos. King, J. J. Goodman, O. A. Copeland volunteered to attend Independence.

The Report of committees was called for. Committee on arrangement submitted the following report:

1st. Introductory sermon.

- 2nd, Call the association to order after prayer
- 3rd, Called for statistical letters and enrollment of messengers.
- 4th. Call for petitionary letters.
- 5th. The election of officers
- 6th. Call for corresponding messengers from sister associations.
- 7th. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
- 8th. Appoint committees and renew call for Messengers from sister associations.
- 9th. Call the roll, mark absentees and correct minutes.
- 10th. Call for the report of messengers sent to corresponding associations.
- 11th. appointment of messengers to attend sister associations.
- 12th. Call for the report of committees.
- 13th. Call for queries and resolutions.
- 14th. Choose some brother to write circular letters.
- 15th. Choose time and place for the next association.
- 16th. Choose some brother to preach introductory sermon also alternate.
- 17th. Choose some one to preach Missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.
- 18th. Adjournment The report was received and committee discharged. Called for the report of committee on Sabbath schools. They submitted the following, seeing the great need of Sunday school work: We advise the pastors of the several churches of this association to stir up the members as to their duty in Sunday school work. Seeing the Sunday school work is growing, Sunday school being reported at this meeting for which we praise God. W. T. Passmore, Chairman. The report was received and committee discharged. Eld. A. R. Stephenson was heard in the interest of the Baptist church at Marshall, Ark. A collection taken and \$5 30 received. A Subscription was taken to something near \$25.00 or \$30.00. Dismissed by

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way for corporation, W. G. Farnes
until time for adjournment, J. D. Rose and E. Keeling
talked for the general association. James Mabery, Jacob
King and Thos. King talked for the convention. Motion
carried that the majority report be received and committee
discharged. Preaching at night by Elds. J. D. Rose and
James Warren. Dismissed by benediction.

Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by Jacob King, sub-
ject: Missions. Services concluded by Rev. O. A. Cope-
land; After preaching a collection was taken to the
amount of \$6.50 for foreign missions. Preaching Sunday
night by E. Keeling and J. J. Goodman

Sept. 21 1903. - MORNING SESSION. Monday.

House called to order by Moderator. After singing
and prayer roll was called and minutes read, amended and
adopted. The report of committee on finance was read.
We, your committee on finance have received \$13.50 for
minute funds.

Water Creek \$1.00. Bethany \$1.50. Evening Shade 1.20

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urges
Union
liquors,
the liquor traffic,
with any members that drink
intoxicating liquors to an excess. If any churches refuse
to deal with such members, we will withdraw fellowship
from such churches. Thomas King, Chairman. The re-
port was received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on Home and Foreign missions.
Report read and rejected.

Resolutions and questions.

No. 1, Resolve that we tender our heart felt thanks
to the brethren, sisters and friends of Bethlehem church
and community for their kindness shown us during our stay
with them. May God bless them all.

Called for the reading of the circular letters.

Called for the report on Missionaries. Eld. J. D. Tay-
lor reported labored 18 days, traveled 180 miles, preached
4 sermons; delivered 16 exhortations; witnessed 1 conversion
and received \$1.97. Motion carried that this report be re-
ceived.

Eld. Jacob King said he preached 9 sermons; worked

17 days; traveled 163 miles; witnessed some admissions; helped to organize one church; the church at Carl creek wants a pastor; received \$1.95. Jaaob King. Motion carried that this report be received.

Committee on Destitution report that Jacob King and J. E. Branscumb preach at 11 o'clock. Dismissed by benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by the Moderator.

After singing and prayer, called for report of Associal committee: We your committee on associal work do urge that the churches take steps to supply the destitutions in our association. John B. Smith, Chairman.

Motion carried that the clerk send the money collected for Foreign missions be sent the State Board of the Baptist State convention.

Resolutions—4. Resolve that this association send a pastor to the Baptist church on Cave Creek. Lost.

Motion carried that this association pay our missionaries for this years work, which amount is \$35. They received \$12 75. Pledges were made for the remainder as follows: Thomas King, Corinth church, \$5; E. Keeling, Water Creek, \$3; W. G. Harness, Walnut Grove, \$3; James Warren, Evening Shade, \$2 50. Personal: J. Rose, \$1, E. N. Martin, \$1; James Mabrey, \$1; Mount Zion church, \$2; Timbo \$2. Total, \$9.00. Motion carried that the clerk be paid \$5 for his work.

Motion was lost that this association employ two missionaries for the next year.

Eld. O. A. Copeland was selected to write a circular letter for next year.

The committee on finance reported that they had received for minute funds \$10 35. This was increased to \$13.50. Water Creek, \$1; Betheny \$11; Evening Shade, \$1; Shady Grove, No. 2, \$1; Corinth, \$1.25; Richland, 50c; Walnut Grove, \$1.25; Bethlehem, \$1 50; Big Springs, 50c; Timbo, \$1.50; Shady Grove, No. 2. \$1.

Report received and committee discharged.

Statistics of Union Association No. 2. Corinth increased by letter 2; total members 61; a good Sunday school. Value of church property \$500. Pastor's salary \$100. Pastor for 1903. Jacob King; for past year J. W. Goowin.

Timbo church. Increased by letter 8, by baptism 4, candidates for baptism 1, total membership 30, died, 1. Ordained ministers, 1. Pastor for 1903 J. J. Goodman.

Shady Grove No. 2. Increased by baptism 7, total membership 35, Pastor for 1903 H. A. McIntire.

Big Springs church. Organized in 1902; membership 9, Pastor for 1903 Jacob King, Clerk, Henry Cooper.

Bethany church. Dismissed by letter 3, membership 59. Pastor for 1903 Jacob King. Clerk J. A. Branscumb.

Richland church. Decreased by death 2, membership 5. Pastor L. Long. Clerk, S. B. Miller.

Shiloh church. Total membership 21. Eld. A. R. Stephenson elected pastor indefinite. Clerk S. P. Woodcock.

Bethlehem church. Pastor James Warren. E. Sutterfield clerk. Dismissed by letter 1, membership 39.

Shady Grove No. J. J. Goodman pastor, W. T. Passmore. clerk, increased by letter 6, by baptism 4. died 1. Mem. 44.

Water Creek. Eld. Long pastor, W. F. Taylor clerk. Excluded 1, membership 14.

Names of Messengers enrolled during this Association. W. M. McIntire, J. J. Goodman, H. Sutterfield, E. Branscumb, O. A. Copeland, M. C. Branscumb, J. E. Branscumb, W. G. Harness, N. Sutterfield, M. B. Stephenson, E. Koeling, H. H. Woodcock, J. E. Woodcock, Thos. King, James Warren, W. J. Branscumb, F. W. Martin, W. L. Passmore.

Motion carried that our next annual meeting be with Walnut Grove church. Searcy county. Elds. J. J. Goodman and E. Kheliug were selected to preach introductory sermon.

After an old fashioned handshaking, dismissed by benediction. Eld. O. A. Copeland, Mod. Thos. King, Clerk.