

Proceedings

OF THE

31st Annual Meeting

— OF —

Crooked Creek Association

OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH,

Newton County, Ark.

October 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, 1899.

OFFICERS:

ELDER N. F. BRADLEY, Moderator, Murray, Ark.

JOS. E. MCGINN, Clerk, Gaither, Ark.

Next Year the Association will Meet With Prairie View Church,
Two Miles South of Harrison, Boone County, Arkansas.

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FORM FOR ASSOCIATION LETTER.

To the Crooked Creek Baptist Association when convened
with (place)..... (time).....

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the Church of Jesus Christ, known as
Missionary Baptists, worshipping at.....
send as messengers to represent us in your body.....
and.....

During the past year our Church has been increased, by bap-
tism....., by letter....., by statement.....
by restoration.....

Decreased, by letter....., by exclusion....., by death.....

Ordained Ministers..... Licentiates..... Present
membership..... Present Pastor..... Contribution

for Pastoral support..... for minutes.....

Day of Church meeting..... By order of the Church on.....

..... Moderator.

..... Clerk, P. O.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE Crooked Creek Association.

1899.

FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1899.—The Association met with Antioch Church, Newton County and was called to order by Elder N. F. Bradley and hymn No. 163, Harvest Bells was sung.

Prayer by Elder C. L. Mattox.

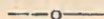
Song, No. 200, Harvest Bells.

Introductory Sermon by Elder C. L. Mattox, from St. Luke 24:46, 47.

After the Introductory Sermon motion prevailed that Elder N. F. Bradley act as Moderator pro tem. The churches were then called in order and letters read, Brothers M. M. Smith and W. H. Chism acting as reading clerks.

After reading of the letters and the roll of churches, Association adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer by Elder M. M. Smith.



2:30 P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by Elder Joseph Stevens.

Association went into an election for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in election of Elder N. F. Bradley for Moderator and Brother Jos. E. McGinn, for Clerk. On motion Brother W. R. Speer was re-elected Treasurer.

Call for newly constituted churches. None.

Call for correspondence from sister associations; and Elder Isaac Strahan was received from Taney association of Missouri.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Divine Service,—Marlin Davis, John Pruitt and Messengers of Antioch Church.

Sunday Schools,—T. K. Bailey, J. M. Barnard, Uriah Honeycutt.

Periodicals,—C. L. Mattox, J. H. Henderson, A. A. Neal.

Queries,—Columbus Williams, N. B. Whitley, J. C. Sams.

Temperance,—M. M. Smith, J. M. Green, J. P. Ponder.

Finance,—W. R. Speer, J. B. McFeirn, J. A. Austin.
Obituaries.—A. J. Wilcoxon, W. H. Chism, W. B. Dial.
Resolutions,—J. Q. A. Speer, J. L. Benager, J. F. Pruitt.
Missions,—C. L. Mattox, M. M. Smith, W. H. Raley.
Education,—M. M. Smith, A. A. Neal, W. H. Raley.
Credentials,—Uriah Honeycutt, A. A. Neal, W. H. Chism.
Orphans Home,—M. M. Smith, J. Q. A. Speer, C. L. Mattox.

Motion made and carried for reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

The following brethren and sisters were received as visitors: Brothers, J. R. Stevens, G. Murray, I. W. Taylor, and Sisters, M. E. Ponder, J. E. McGinn, Nealy Henderson.

Call for report of corresponding messengers, whereupon Brother C. L. Mattox responded who attended Carroll County Association.

Brother W. H. Raley failed to attend Carroll Co. Association and was excused. Brother W. H. Chism failed to attend Carroll Co. Association and was excused.

Brother Uriah Honeycutt failed to attend Taney Association and was excused.

Elder C. L. Mattox failed to attend White River Association and was excused. Elder N. F. Bradley failed to attend White River Association and was excused.

Elder C. L. Mattox failed to attend Union Association No. 2 and was excused. Brother W. H. Chism failed to attend Union Association No. 2 and was excused.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday October 14th, 8:00 A. M.

Prayer by W. H. Raley.

SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read Isaiah 40th chapter.

Prayer by Elder Isaac Strahan.

Song H. B. No. 40.

Call renewed for corresponding messengers. None.

Bro. W. Henderson was received as a visitor.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Bros. J. M. Green, W. H. Raley, Uriah Honeycutt volunteered to attend Taney Association.

Eld. C. L. Mattox, J. A. Austin, W. R. Speer and W. H. Chism volunteered to attend White River Association.

Elders C. L. Mattox and M. M. Smith and Brothers W. R. Speer and J. Pruitt volunteered to go to Carroll Co. Association.

CALL FOR REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Sunday Schools made report which was adopted, and the following brethren were appointed to work up an interest in their respective churches, and report to Association:

- Antioch,—T. K. Bailey, W. F. Ellis.
- Mt. Pleasant,—J. L. Benager, James Henderson.
- New Hope,—Z. D. Norton, J. R. Stevens.
- Mill Shoals,—W. J. Bean, W. H. Riley.
- Harmony,—J. P. Ponder, J. C. Sams.
- Union,—Mat Martin, R. C. J. Matlock.
- Cross Roads,—M. A. Dial, A. J. Whitley.
- Mt. Zion,—W. H. Chism and Sister Exie Morgan.
- Prairie View,—F. Graham, Jim Jones.
- Walnut Grove,—J. Q. A. Speer, A. J. Wilcoxen.
- Bellefonte,—Sisters Ida Martin, Ida Sullivan.
- Sugar Loaf,—W. A. Pruitt, O. C. Hefner.
- Bethel,—S. R. Pemberton, M. Waltrip.
- Lead Mine,—Uriah Honeycutt, W. A. Cunningham.
- Orion,—Robert Cox, J. Crawford.
- Highland,—W. C. Roberts, Sister Margaret Collins.
- Harrison,—F. M. Lamberton, Sister Fannie Walters.
- Rock Point,—O. B. Austin, J. S. Looney.
- Cave Hall.—Joseph Daniels, Sister Nealy Pillow.
- Enon,—J. R. Wilson, Sister J. Springer.
- Hopewell,—Jackson Goss, John Raynor.

Committee on Obituaries made report which was adopted by a rising vote.

Committee on Temperance made report which was adopted.

Adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

Sermon by Elder M. M. Smith on Christian Giving.



2:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder John Kimbell.

Reading of Letter from Trace Ridge Association presented by Elder John Kimbell and the hand of fellowship extended to him by Moderator.

Elder P. Young was received as a visitor.

Committee on Education made report which was adopted.

Committee on Missions made report which after amendment was adopted and the following brethren were appointed as a Missionary Board, viz:

Walnut Grove,—A. J. Wilcoxen.

Bellefonte,—Charles Hall.

Harmony,—J. P. Ponder.
Sugar Loaf,—W. H. Raley.
Bethel,—John Pruitt.
Cross Roads,—N. B. Whitely.
Mt. Zion,—W. H. Chism.
Antioch,—A. A. Dunnam.
Lead Mine,—Uriah Honeycutt.
Prairie View,—Edward Reese.
Orion,—W. Brown.
Highland,—W. C. Roberts.
Harrison,—Allen Phillips.
Rockpoint,—J. S. Looney.
Cave Hall,—Joseph Daniels.
Enon,—J. R. Wilson.
Mill Shoals,—Valentine Willis.
New Hope,—Parker Young.
Mt. Pleasant,—I. W. Taylor.
Hopewell,—John Pettit.

Said Board to have its first meeting at Cave Hall, 5 miles west of Harrison on Saturday before fifth Sunday in October, 1899.

Adjourned until 8:00 a. m., Monday, October 16th. Song, Harvest Beils, No. 154.

Prayer by Brother J. L. Benager.

Sermon on Friday night by Elder J. R. Stephens followed by Elder A. A. Neal.

Sermon by Elder John Kimbell on Saturday night from 1 Cor, 5:7.

Sermon by Eld. M. M. Smith on Sunday 11:00 A. M., from Matthew 28:19.

Sermon by Eld. C. L. Mattox on Sunday 3 P. M., from Romans 1:16.

Sermon by Elder John Kimbell on Sunday night from 1st John 1:5,

THIRD DAY.

Monday 8 A. M. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read Ephesians 2nd Chapter.

Prayer by Elder John Kimbell.

The following brethren volunteered to attend Trace Ridge Association: Elder N. F. Bradley, Elder C. L. Mattox, Elder J. R. Stevens and Bros. A. A. Dunnam and T. K. Bailey.

Committee on Periodicals made report which was adopted.

Committee on Queries made report.

Query No. 1 laid on table.

Query No. 2 adopted. Answered. No.

Query No. 3 answered. (See report.)

Committee on Finance made report which was adopted.

Committee on Credentials made report which was adopted.

Miscellaneous business.

Committee on Associational Missions made report which was adopted.

Bro. M. M. Smith made report of missionary work in First District. (See report.) Bro. N. F. Bradley made an encouraging verbal report from Fourth District.

Motion carried for consolidation of First and Third Districts.

Motion carried to amend third article of constitution so as to read:—"And failing to do so shall be dropped from roll of churches."

Motion carried to change XIII Article of Faith so as to read—"A church of Jesus Christ," instead of "the visible church of Christ."

Treasurer made report which was adopted.

Call for volunteers to State Convention. Elder M. M. Smith volunteered to go.

Committee on Resolutions made report which was adopted.

Motion to take collection for messenger to State Convention, resulting in \$2.50.

Motion carried to meet with Prairie View Church.

Elder M. M. Smith was appointed to preach Introductory Sermon at next sitting of this body, and Elder C. E. Mattox as his alternate.

Motion carried that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and solicit advertisements, and that five dollars be allowed him for his services.

Motion carried that list of ministers be incorporated in the minutes.

Motion carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Prairie View Church, two miles south of Harrison, Boone county, Ark., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M.

After adjournment Elder M. M. Smith delivered the farewell address. Prayer by Elder John Kimbell.

N. F. BRADLEY, Moderator.

JOS. E. MCGINN, Clerk.

P. O. Murry.

Gaither.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

We as Baptists believe that the great head of the church is God and He through the Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned the church to teach all nations and that they teach in the Sunday School and in the pulpit, and we recommend that the Bible be taught, and that they use other helps that are strong in Bible doctrine, and that this body appoint two brethren in each church in this Association, to work up the interest in Sunday Schools and that each church is requested to report in our next Association of the work done.

Committee { T. K. BAILEY.
J. M. BARNARD.
URIAH HONEYCUTT

EDUCATION.

We your committee on education submit this report:

Whereas, there are a number of young uneducated ministers who are members of the churches of Crooked Creek Association; we therefore advise the churches to aid them in procuring a liberal education, and that we patronize Baptist schools and colleges, and for Northwest Arkansas especially we would recommend Mountain Home Baptist College.

A. A. NEAL,
W. H. RALEY, } Committee
M. M. SMITH. }

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following:

We believe that intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest evils of our day. Therefore we would recommend that our brethren vote against license and work against it, and abstain from the sale and use of whiskey except as a medicine. And further that we recommend after due effort has been made toward reclaiming dram drinking church members and our efforts fail, that the churches withdraw fellowship from them.

Committee. { M. M. SMITH,
J. M. GREEN,
J. P. PONDER.

PERIODICALS.

We your committee on periodicals submit the following report:

First of all we recommend a thorough study of the Bible; and we would further recommend that all who can subscribe for the Home and Foreign Mission Journal, by which we may become better informed concerning our work as a denomination. We also recommend our own State

paper, the Arkansas Baptist, and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. L. MATTOX,
A. A. NEAL,
J. H. HENDERSON. } Committee.

FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:
For Minutes \$13.98; Balance on hand \$1.58; Total \$15.56. Foreign Missions \$5.58; State Missions \$2.50; Associational funds \$5.30.

W. R. SPEER,
J. B. MCFEIRN. } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received \$19.58; Paid for printing Minutes \$18.00. Balance on hand \$1.58.

W. R. SPEER, Treas.

QUERIES.

We your committee on queries submit the following:

Query No. 1, sent by Harmony Church. Is feet washing a church ordinance? If not, is it a Christian duty?

Query No. 2. Has a church the right to deal with an Elder whose membership is in a church in another State? Answer, no.

Query No. 3. Who is a legal Moderator of a church in qualification and selection? Answer: The Pastor or one chosen of the body.

COLUMBUS WILLIAMS
J. C. SAMS.
N. B. WHITELY. } Committee

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries submit the following:

We find from the church letters that there has been seven deaths in our ranks. But churches failed to send obituaries for four and we submit the three for the minutes. God giveth and God taketh, blessed be His name.

W. D. DIAL,
W. H. CHISM,
A. J. WILCOXEN } Committee

CREDENTIALS.

We your committee on credentials beg to state no business before us.

W. H. CHISM,
URIAH HONEYCUTT } Committee
A. A. NEAL.

MISSIONS.

We your committee on missions beg leave to submit the following report:

First, Foreign Missions. We find that in 1877 we had 16 missionaries in the foreign field and 32 native assistants, and in 1899 we have 82 missionaries and 128 native assistants and 845 Baptisms and 5,347 members. Our brethren at Louisville, Ky., last May advised a forward movement of at least 25 per cent in Foreign Missions. Therefore we would cheerfully recommend that we fall in line with them in this forward movement.

Second, Home Missions. Our Home Mission work is encouraging and prosperous. If we are weak at home we will be weak in our Foreign Fields. Therefore we recommend that our Home Mission work be encouraged.

Third, State and Associational Missions. We recommend that our Association co-operate with our State Board in mission work. And that our Association appoint an Associational Mission Board to be composed of one member from each church of the Association, and that five of them shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. And that it shall be the duty of this Board, to collect funds, and employ missionaries to work in our bounds. The Moderator of the Association shall appoint the first meeting of the board. We would further recommend that a day be set apart for each one of our Missionary and Benevolent departments, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Foreign Missions, Orphans Home and Ministerial Education, and that on these days a collection be taken for each of them during our Associational year.

M. M. SMITH,
C. L. MATTOX, } Committee.
W. H. RALEY, }

DISTRICT MISSIONS.

First District. Two fifth Sunday meetings held during the year, in which \$6.40 for State and Associational Missions was collected. One meeting of eleven nights was held at Lovett school house with ten professions and four baptisms.

M. M. SMITH.

Third District. We your committee or Associational Board on Mission Work beg leave to submit the following. The past year Mt. Zion Church sent their Pastor to two destitute places, one at Compton, where he kept a monthly appointment and held an 8 days revival meeting with good results, also three sermons in Gaither Cove.

W. H. CHISM, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Brethren and Sisters and Friends of Antioch church and community for their kind Brotherly love in which they received and cared for us all, both messengers and visitors, during our four days stay with them. May the Lord bless and prosper them in all their undertakings for good.

J. L. BENAGER, }
J. F. PRUITT, } Committee.
J. Q. A. SPEER, }

OBITUARIES.

LENA SPEER.

Born February 5, 1874. Died August 31, 1899. We are thankful to God for the preservation of so many of our lives during the past year, yet it is with deep sorrow that we chronicle the death of one of our dearly beloved, Sister Lena Speer, daughter of Brother and Sister W. R. Speer, was one of the brightest lights in our church. But our Blessed Heavenly Father saw proper to take her to His beautiful mansions above. It was hard to part with one so dear and so useful, but we humbly bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well and according to the purpose of His own blessed will. We are glad that she left behind her many evidences of her own salvation and also gave words of comfort and consolation to her parents. Brothers and sisters, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

M. M. SMITH.

EMELEY VADA PLUMLEE.

Departed this life the 11th day of August 1899, in Comanche Co., Texas, in the 21st year of her age. She professed faith in Christ at the age of fifteen, and joined Walnut Grove Baptist Church in which she lived until God in His Providence called her home. She leaves a husband and two children mourn her departure. To her widowed mother and friends are our love and sympathy until we meet again to part no more.

JOS. E. MCGINN.

SARAH HUNT.

Departed this life April 5, 1899, aged 30 years, 2 months and 17 days. Sister Hunt professed faith in Christ at the age of 18 and united with Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Our sister leaves a father and several brothers and sisters to mourn that she is gone from among us. But blessed be the Lord, our hopes grow brighter as the years go by, and our loved ones pass to rest. Sister, we shall meet at Jesus feet.

JOS. E. MCGINN.

LIST OF MINISTERS IN CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.
— M. M. Smith,	Harrison, Ark.	— C. L. Mattox,	Harrison, Ark.
— J. Davis,	Harrison, Ark.	— W. W. Buckner,	Harrison, Ark.
A. Hefner,	Harrison, Ark.	— I. M. Raley,	Lead Hill, Ark.
— R. W. Raley,	Lead Hill, Ark.	— J. A. Thornton,	Lead Hill, Ark.
W. G. Thornton,	Lead Hill, Ark.	— J. T. Thornton,	Lead Hill, Ark.
John Rainer,	Francis, Ark.	John Pettit,	Francis, Ark.
— N. F. Bradley,	Murray, Ark.	J. E. Rylce,	Murray, Ark.
R. C. J. Matlock,	Parthenon, Ark.	A. H. Snow,	Wayton, Ark.
— J. R. Stevens,	Swain, Ark.	W. N. Sams,	Swain, Ark.
Parker Young,	Swain, Ark.	A. E. Wilson,	Swain, Ark.
A. A. Neal,	Cassville, Ark.	E. Reese,	Harrison, Ark.
Thomas Bethel,	Limestone Valley, Ark.		

DISTRICTS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Harrison, Bellefonte, Highland, Prairie View, Walnut Grove, Mt. Zion, Cave Hall.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethel, Sugar Loaf, Lead Mine, Orion, Hopewell, Enon, Rockpoint.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Union, Mt. Pleasant, Harmony, New Hope, Antioch, Cross Roads, Mill Shoals.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

In addition to the contributions as recorded in the statistical table the following sums have been raised by churches of the Association:

Harrison, State Missions, \$12.39. Home Missions, \$5.15. Foreign Missions, \$0.28. Associational Missions, \$3.00. Orphans Home, \$5.00. Ministerial Education, \$4.25.

Bellefonte, State Missions, \$2.50.

Walnut Grove, Associational Missions, \$2.90.

Bethel, Foreign Missions, \$1.50.

Sugar Loaf, Foreign Missions, 40 cents.

Rock Point, Associational Missions, \$6.80.

Constitution.

We, the Church of Jesus Christ, called Baptists, being assembled, through our delegates at Bellefonte, Boone county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in May, A. D., 1869, agree to form ourselves into an Association for the purpose of instruction, edification and the promotion of the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

Article I. The Association shall be composed of messengers or delegates, chosen by the churches in our union, who, on presenting letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. II. The messengers thus chosen, when convened, shall be known as the "Crooked Creek Association," who shall be not merely an advisory council, but also for the advancement of the cause and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Art. III. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to four delegates, and any church failing to represent herself shall render the reason to the next Association; failing to do so she shall be dropped from the roll of the Association.

Art. IV. Letters from the churches shall state the number received by experience, baptism, letter, recommendation or restoration; those dismissed by letter, ex-communicated or deceased since the last Association, also the total number in fellowship.

Art. V. New churches may be admitted into the Association, who petition by letter and delegates, adopting or subscribing to our articles of faith, constitution and rules of decorum, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

Art. VI. The Association shall elect a Moderator and Clerk by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. VII. The Association shall have a fund for support which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the churches sent by the hands of their messengers which shall be at the disposal for Association purposes only.

Art. VIII. Donating or withholding our means for religious purposes shall be at the free volition of any member, and is no bar to fellowship.

Art. IX. Questions may be sent by churches in their letters or brought in by motion and second, and may or may not be investigated as the Association may determine.

Art. X. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members, except in the reception of members, which shall be unanimous.

Art. XI. The Association shall have power to withdraw her fellowship from any church in her union who, after due admonition, shall be unsound in her faith and practice.

Art. XII. Some of her ministers shall be appointed by the Association each session to preach the introductory sermon at the next.

Art. XIII. She may correspond with any association as she may determine, while in session.

Art. XIV. There shall be a Treasurer appointed by the Association, who shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to her as she may direct.

Art. XV. The Clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings, which shall be printed and distributed among the churches according to the contributions.

Art. XVI. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and attested by the Clerk, before the Association recess.

Art. XVII. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the churches may deem it necessary.

Art. XVIII. The Association at each session shall determine the time and place of the next.



Declaration of Faith.

Article I. We believe that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, 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 opinions should be said.

II. We believe 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, inexpressibly 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 and harmonious offices in the work of the redemption.

III. We believe man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy estate; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by con-

straint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tender sympathies with Divine perfection, He is 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 works 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 and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by the cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined 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 convinced 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 receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only 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 moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; 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 humility, 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 effects in all who truly believe in the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and 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 His holiness, and that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried

on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer 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 to the end, and that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from the superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and 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 the fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises from the love of sin, to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and of the means of grace, connected with the establishment of His visible church.

XIII. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word: that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors, or Deacons; whose qualifications, claims and duties are found in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion, in water, of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator, to show forth in solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effects in our death to sin, and resurrection to a new life: that is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the undying 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 recreations, by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remains for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that the 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 Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of Kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked: that such only as through faith are justified in the name of our 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 good among men both in and after death.

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

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Moderator shall cause each session to open and close with prayer.
2. Ministers present invited to take seats are privileged to speak with us on all subjects, but vote on none.
3. Those who speak shall rise to their feet and respectfully address the brother Moderator.
4. No motion shall be entertained without a second.
5. If when a motion has been made and seconded, a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, should this question be discussed, and if negatived, the subject shall be dropped.
6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.
7. No one shall speak more than three times on any subject without special leave of the Association, and not more than ten minutes.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator, if so his name shall be left off the Minutes.
9. The stand shall be supplied with preaching from time to time during the session, only by consent of the Association.
10. The Moderator shall decide by his vote all questions upon which there is no majority.
11. The Moderator shall state and explain questions before the Association and take the sense of the Association in all cases where a vote is taken, except by ballot.
12. No motion shall be entertained until the one under discussion has been disposed of, except a motion to adjourn, postpone, amend, or put the main question.
13. The Moderator shall call to order any member who, while speaking, uses any discourteous language, or departs from the subject under discussion.
14. These rules may be amended at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

Rules of Order.

1. Annual introductory sermon.
2. Call of the Association to order by the Moderator, if present.
3. Call for church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters for membership.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
9. Call and correct roll and note absentees.
10. Call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of the Association.
16. Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon.
17. Appoint some one to have the minutes printed.
18. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	By Exp. and Bap.	By Letter,	By Statement,	By Restoration,	By Letter,	By Exclusion,	By Death,	Ordained Ministers,	Licentiate,	Membership,	Church Days,	Pastoral Support,	Minute Fund,	Sunday School Scholars.
					Incras'd	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De	De
Harrison, Bellefonte, Prairie View, Walnut Grove,	Harrison, Bellefonte, Harrison, Gaither,	M. M. Smith, I. Davis, C. L. Mattox, I. Davis,	P. C. Maggard, C. Reynolds, J. H. Adair, J. E. McGinn,	M. M. Smith, C. L. Mattox. Represented by Letter. Martin Davis.	23	6	1					2		97	1	\$182 25	1 25	75
				J. Q. A. Speer, A. J. and Amanda Willcoxon, J. E. McGinn.	10			3						30	2	21 00	1 08	35
				W. H. Chism, J. B. McFerrin.	11	2	2	2				1	1	62	4	9 00	1 50	
				W. R. Speer.	5									85	1	24 00	1 05	
				J. F. Pruitt, J. M. Barnard.	14									48	3	14 25	60	
				W. H. Raley, J. M. Green.	1		1							33	4	24 60	92	
				Uriah Honeycutt.	2	1		1	5					79	2	30 75	1 00	
				J. R. Wilson,	6	1		1	2	1	4			84	3	25 00	1 25	
				J. A. Austin,	2		1		7	2				22	1		80	
				Casey Benager, Mary J. Martin. J. L. Benager, J. H. Henderson.					2					25	4		50	
				J. C. Sams, John Willis, N. F. Bradley, J. P. Ponder.	3	1		2		2	1			33	4	10 50	50	
				Z. T. Norton, Jas. P. Simmons.										56	2	8 25	75	
				T. K. Bailey, A. A. Neal, C. Williams, A. A. Dunnam.	3	7						2		35	1		75	
				M. A. & W. O. Dial & N. B. Whitley.	9	1		1	2	2	1	5		55	4		50	
				W. J. Bean, Rosa Riley.	2	1		1	1	5		1		45	4	11 75	75	60
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