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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
SESSION

OF THE

Russellville Baptist Association



HELD WITH THE

UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 6-7, 1917

OFFICERS

Gen. W. E. Atkinson, Clarksville, Ark -----Moderator
W. D. Ketcherside, Russellville, Ark., -----Clerk

Executive Committee

A. F. Cagle, Chairman; W. F. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer;
W. D. Ketcherside, W. E. Atkinson, G. R. Martin, W. W.
Robbins, H. Gerwein.

The next meeting will be held with Scottsville church, ten miles north of Russellville beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1918, with Eld. C. E. Painter to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. Friday.

Minutes

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Russellville Baptist Association met with the church at Union Grove October 6, 1917 at 10 o'clock a. m.

The body was called to order by the former Moderator, W. W. Robins of Pottsville. W. D. Ketcherside acted as Clerk, the former Clerk being absent.

Moved to begin the organization of the Association, after which the Moderator called for the letters from the churches. J. A. Burns and W. T. King were appointed to read the letters, to-wit: Atkins, Caglesville, Clarksville, Corinth, Cross Road, Dover, East Point, Fairview, Hector, Hopewell, Knoxville, Lamar, London, Pittsburg, Pottsville, Russellville, Scottsville, Spadra, Trinity and Union Grove. *To*

Adjourned to hear the introduction sermon, by A. F. Cagle. His subject was, "The Levy of the World, or Where is Thy God."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Met at 1:30 o'clock. The first order of business was the election of officers. W. E. Atkinson was chosen as Moderator and W. D. Ketcherside as Clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The report on Associational Missions within the bounds of Russellville Association was read by C. E. Painter and was adopted as follows:

A number of churches associated together for co-operative work and mutual benefit form an association, and hence such co-operative mission work is rightfully called associational missions. It is a voluntary religious organization composed of messengers from

churches of "like faith and order," having a self-chosen name and its boundaries defined only by the locality of the churches sending messengers to its annual meetings and co-operating in any mission work such association may determine to do: e. g. as in this "The Russellville Baptist Association, with its territory covering Pope and Johnson Counties."

And, now, looking out over our own beloved association let us notice:

The Great Destitution

"The harvest is plenteous." On several momentous occasions in His life and with tremendous emphasis of solemnity, our Lord called the attention of His disciples to this fact. The destitution pressed on His spirit at the well of Jacob, near Sychar, so that He had no appetite to eat earthly food. He said "I have bread to eat that ye know not of," and while they were concerned about what kind of dinner they would have, He pointed to the great crowd of lost and uninstructed people that were pouring out of the city to approach them and said "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." O, the vast Spiritual destitution of the masses—the common people—the poor—the sick—the sad people. He stood alone and wanted help. The destitution in this Association is appalling: People do not hear the Word of God preached; people lost, without God and without hope in the world; dying unforgiven; a dearth of God's Word; a dearth of the promises of eternal life. In the vicinity of the strongest churches that destitution lurks. Not only a destitution of privation of life, but it is a privation enhanced by the fact of false teachers—wolves in sheep's clothing.

Not only being harried by wolves in sheep's clothing, but a destitution of shepherds. O, the pastorless churches.

Our Savior saw the people scattered like sheep without a shepherd, no safe guides, no unselfish, God-loving, prayerful, God-fearing men to stand among these scattered and dying masses of people and shepherd them as the flock of God. O, the destitution, the destitution! Look at it brethren, and remember the judgment to come. As we look at it shall not our souls be stirred with deepest emotion, and may we not have, in a measure—

The Great Compassion

that Jesus had when He looked out over the field and saw the multitude. Hear His touching words "But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion for them because they were distressed and scattered as sheep not having a shepherd. Then, sayeth He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

So then seeing the destitution, what plan shall we adopt commensurate with our needs. I would suggest that we obey marching orders "Go forward", beginning at Jerusalem carrying out the commission to "Make disciples, baptize them and teach them."

1st. EVANGELIZE. "Disciple." To carry out this phase of the commission, the preacher must have a shepherd-heart, and that heart fired with the spirit of evangelism, backed up by a holy passion for lost souls. Likewise the laity in personal work.

2nd. ENLIGHTEN. "Teach". The saved must be taught. To do this we must be "Apt to teach". What responsibility! Let us sit at the feet of Jesus a while.

3rd. ENLIST. Many, many hearts are yearning to do service for the Master. Men enlist for service in the U. S. army, but they are not pressed into service before they are trained.

What opportunity! What responsibility! What a task!

Respectfully submitted,
C. E. PAINTER
E. W. ABSTON
W. P. SHIELDS
E. L. PITMAN

On motion and seconds, speeches on reports were limited to five minutes, except chairman.

Report on Christian Education

Your Committee on Christian Education would report as below:

Without well-equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with Missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, C. E. Dickenson, D. D., President; Central for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL. D., President. Last year Ouachita had 287 students, and Central had 202. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One of these is at Maynard, with W. A. Cummings as principal, and the other at Mountain Home, with H. F. Vermillion as principal.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 40 young preachers in Ouachita College and several in the Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is nec-

essary. The Bible Department in Ouachita is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

This Committee hopes that all of our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make a good offering for our schools and for the education of young preachers this year, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

A. F. CAGLE
W. M. PHILLIPS
R. S. ROSS
H. A. TETERS
E. L. TURNER
F. JAY DEAN

Committee:

Adjourned 'till 7 o'clock.

State Missions

Your Committee on State Missions would report as follows:

The way for a Baptist church to become a "glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice.

State Missions may be defined as the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to get everybody in Arkansas saved and into the Baptist Churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist Churches.

Last year the churches co-operating through the State Convention put forward State Missions thus:

Missionaries and other workers	-----	65
Conversions	-----	3,134
Baptisms	-----	2,281

Additions ----- 3,010
Amount raised for State Missions -----\$25,598

The present year gives promise of being far better than last year. The amount of money we need to raise for State Missions to put us out of debt at the Convention at Jonesboro December 5, is at least \$30,000.

So your Committee urges the following:

1. That every pastor get all possible information about State Missions to his people and endeavor to secure an offering from every church member and every organization in every church.

2. That the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and organize themselves and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering to State Missions before December 1.

3. That the churches of this Association do their very best to raise at least the amount asked of them by the Executive Board.

Committee:

J. S. ROGERS

W. C. SWIFT

DAVE CLUBB

D. B. MOORE

H. GERWIEN

Orphans' Home

The Baptists of Arkansas have two orphanages, one at Monticello and one at Texarkana. In the Monticello Home there are about 65 children; in the Texarkana Home, there are 40 children—105 in all. These homes need our help and they need it now. Brethren, we beg you stand by these children. Pray for these Homes. Send the help they need.

We recommend that the pastors and Sunday schools take regular collections for each of these Homes.

R. L. LOYD, Ch.

Sunday School

We find that all the churches represented at this Association have interesting Sabbath Schools, except one and we are glad of the interest now being manifested.

We notice that where conversions have been reported a large percent are students of the Sabbath Schools, those who are studying God's Word. We would therefore urge every church in this Association to stress with vigor and energy the great work of teaching the Word of God. We find that one of the greatest factors in a good school is a well trained corps of teachers. We therefore endorse the weekly meeting of teachers and the preparing of the lessons so that they interest the student body and thereby interest others who are not in the habit of attending Sabbath school, to come out and take part.

We further recommend the study of the Bible with the aid of sound Baptist literature such as the S. B. C. Series, the A. B. P. Series and other sound literature.

Also that each school set aside a certain day for offerings for the Orphan's Home and the different Missions fostered by the church and that we endorse the institutes that may be held for the Sunday Schools during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. BURNS, Chairman

J. W. REYNOLDS

J. H. MATTHEWS

JNO. PRICE

J. F. ROSS

Report of the Associational Board

To the Russellville Baptist Association, we, your Committee, beg leave to hand herewith the following report:

1. God has not only been gracious to us in giving us bountiful temporal blessings during the year 1917,

but has blessed us far beyond our deserts spiritually.

After waiting before him for some time in prayer and supplication, He led us as we believe into our engagement with our beloved Bro. C. E. Painter of Dallas, Texas, as our Missionary for the year 1917.

In cooperation with our State Board, we called our Bro. Painter to this work, to begin March 1, 1917 and to extend until the State Convention, with the understanding that he would do exclusively Associational Missionary work until the present meeting of the Association, with the further provision that for two Sundays in each month he would be pastor in the Union Grove Baptist Church, and that said church would pay \$25.00 per month on his salary. The salary agreed upon was \$90.00 per month and the State Board agreed to pay and has paid to date, \$33 1-3 per month, and we agreed that Bro. Painter, from the time of this meeting until the meeting of the State Convention, would give his entire time among the churches of this Association in leading them to the great task of State Evangelization.

2. He came among us a stranger and we were without either a plan or policy well defined. He addressed himself to the work before him and is now one of the best known men in our midst and has done a truly gracious work. We file herewith a copy of his report of his work from March 3, until September 30, and as evidence of his industry and accomplishments. We also file herewith for your information the report of the treasurer from the Board, Bro. W. F. Hall. By a comparison of the two reports it will be seen that Bro. Painter's salary has been paid until Sept. 30, and that there is now on hand in cash \$4.13. There will be due Bro. Painter for the months of Oct. and Nov. the sum of \$64.00; There has come into the hands of this Association during its session, for Associational Missions through the messengers the sum of \$71.80 (This

will leave the sum of \$7.20 to be raised to complete his salary). We desire to express our gratification at the happy relations we've had with him and the good work he has done; we further more desire to record the fact, that the Union Grove Baptist Church has not only promptly paid her share, but that she has made frequent and liberal contributions to his support.

We desire to thank our churches and brethren who have so liberally and heartily cooperated with us and without whom this work could not have been done. What will happen in old Russellville Association when we become heartily united in thorough, active cooperation? That this may speedily come about, we beg every devout heart to earnestly and persistently pray.

We desire to make the following statement with the accompanying recommendation.

1. We have noticed with some interest the conduct from Bro. Painter in traveling extensively over the association at his own expense in the prosecution of the associational work. We do not think his salary should be diminished, because of such faithfulness, we therefore recommend that this association reimburse him to the extent of \$25.00 on his expenses.

2. Believing that the character and work from Bro. Painter has given very general satisfaction and that his extensive acquaintance with our people and familiarity with the work will enable him to accomplish more in the future, we therefore recommend that our executive committee be instructed if possible to renew our relations for another year at \$100.00 per month.

A. F. CAGLE
W. W. ROBBINS
W. E. ATKINSON
C. L. HANNA
W. F. HALL

To the Executive Committee, Russellville Baptist Association:

Brethren:

Below I give you a report of my work as Missionary, covering a period of seven months, from March 3rd to Sept. 30th, inclusive.

Days labored -----	200
Miles traveled -----	1362
Churches supplied regularly -----	1
Sermons preached -----	162
Other Religious addresses -----	16
Conversions -----	56
Baptized by me -----	7
Baptized by others, my meetings -----	23
Received by letter -----	10
Total additions -----	40
Visits to churches -----	26
Other religious visits -----	145
Families prayed with -----	21
Meetings held -----	6
B. Y. P. U.'s organized -----	4
Assisted in ordaining preachers -----	1
Assisted in ordaining deacons -----	2
Tracts distributed -----	955
Subscriptions to "Advance" -----	5
Subscriptions to H. & F. Journal -----	2

Financial Report

Blackwell, H. & F. Missions -----	\$ 3.50
Union Grove, H. & F. Missions -----	30.38
Union Grove, Mins. Education -----	5.60
Union Grove, Orphans Home -----	3.55
Union Grove, Evang. help -----	27.00
Incidental in meetings -----	16.60
Total -----	\$86.63

Received on Salary

Union Grove church -----	\$130.90
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Hopewell, church -----	38.35
Atkins church -----	3.50
Clarksville church -----	13.40
Blackwell church -----	3.50
R. O. Morton and family -----	6.50
Trinity church -----	3.00
Zion community -----	2.35
Caglesville church -----	13.10
Corinth church -----	23.00
Pittsburg church -----	25.00
W. F. Hall, Treasurer -----	118.30
Total received on salary -----	\$380.90

With profound gratitude in my heart to the brethren for their sympathy, co-operation and help, and more especially to Almighty God for His many blessings, this is

Humbly submitted,

C. E. PAINTER, Missionary.

At 11 o'clock J. S. Rogers preached on "The Call of One of God's Field Marshals to one of His Regiments"

At the close of the sermon pledges were taken for Associational Missions, as follows:

	Church Pledges	Church Societies	Individual Pledges
Atkins -----	\$20.00	\$5.00	J. S. Burns ----\$5.00
Caglesville -----	25.00		Allie Stubblefield 5.00
Clarksville -----	50.00	5.00	D. C. Carter ---- 2.00
Corinth -----	15.00	1.00	J. D. Williams -- 2.50
Cross Roads -----	10.00		R. L. Loyd ----- 5.00
East Point -----	5.00		Lester Hannah_ 2.50
Hector -----	5.00		J. L. Rolan ----- 2.50
Knoxville -----	25.00	5.00	C. L. Hannah --- 5.00
London -----	25.00	5.00	C. M. Pool ----- 1.50
Lamar -----		5.00	
Pittsburg -----	15.00	8.00	J. H. Whorton --- 1.00
Pottsville -----	25.00	5.00	J. Curtis ----- 5.00
Russellville -----	75.00	22.00	
Scottsville -----	20.00		
Trinity -----	15.00	3.00	
Union Grove -----	25.00	4.50	
Total -----	\$355.00	\$68.50	Total -----\$40.00
Total pledges -----			\$463.00

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order by Moderator at 2 o'clock. After song and prayer the W. M. U.'s work was taken up. Mrs. W. L. Oates gave the report of the organization.

Miss Elsie Harrison representing the Woman's work, then spoke on the organization and work of the Union. The report was adopted as follows:

Home Mission Report

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 38,310 baptisms, 21,097 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Total additions, 63,970. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through

co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war or in addition.

We recommend—

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.

2. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Churches in the South", the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board. Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HALL
A. BEESON

Report on Publication

Your committee feels that to encourage the reading of good literature is a most important duty, as well as privilege, on the part of pastors and parents, and that parents should by all means provide such literature for their children.

1. We recommend first of all, that all of our people read and study the Bible more and more in these days of national trial.

2. That good religious books be bought and read such as may be had from our Baptist Book House 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

3. That the Baptist Advance be taken and read by all our people and its circulation be pushed by all our pastors and missionaries, and also that we take the S. S. Publication of our S. S. Board at Nashville, Tenn.

H. A. TETERS

E. D. ALLMON

J. H. WHORTON

D. B. MASON

STEWARDSHIP

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God; they are to be used according to God's will and for his glory; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointment depends on whether or not we have good stewards. We are born into the world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and to everything that we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven"—1 Cor. 4:7 & John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—1 Peter 4:10.

We recommend and urge—

1. That pastors preach often on stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on this subject.

2. That classes be organized in all our churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes free of cost, from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

8. That every member of every church in this association strive to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

Respectfully submitted,

AL THOMPSON
J. W. REYNOLDS
A. F. CAGLE

Financial Report of W. F. Hall, Treasurer of Russellville Baptist Association

Receipts

Brought forward from last year, M. E. Burgess, Tr.

	\$ 25.47
Dec. 20, 1916—Russellville Baptist Church.....	32.02
May 1, 1917—Cash borrowed of D. B. Moore.....	32.00
June, 30, 1917—Check, W. W. Robbins	3.00
June, 30, 1917—Check, Russellville Baptist church	14.07
July, 4, 1917(?)—Cash, W. F. Hall	21.00
Aug. 5, 1917—Russellville Baptist Church	18.60
Sept. 4, 1917—Russellville Baptist Church	53.27
Total	\$199.43

Disbursements

Mar. 8, 1917—D. B. Moore, for expenses (Miller) \$	21.40
Mar. 21, 1917—C. E. Painter, Missionary	30.00
May 1, 1917—C. E. Painter, Missionary	32.00
June. 4, 1917 (?)—C. E. Painter, Missionary	21.00
July 7, 1917—C. E. Painter, Missionary	14.00
July 30, 1917—C. E. Painter, Missionary	2.70
Aug. 5, 1917—C. E. Painter, Missionary	18.60
Sept. 4, 1917—D. B. Moore, for borrowed money interest	33.10
Sept. 4, 1917—W. F. Hall for borrowed money and interest	21.00
Total	\$195.30
Sept. 5, 1917—Balance on hand	4.13

W. F. Hall, Treasurer.

Foreign Mission Report

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievement. A total of \$961,970.48 was raised, which included \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the South in contributions to Foreign Missions in a single year. If Southern Baptists had raised \$38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million dollar mark.

The above record was made possible both by the large number who contributed and the large gifts of a few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission work.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly \$10,000. 90.7 per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

6,347 converts were baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67,556 patients. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its Annual Meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obeying the wish of the Convention which met in New Orleans in May, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

B. E. HILL, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Church	Minutes	Ass'n M.	State M.
Atkins	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00	\$
Corinth (Bond)	2.30		
London	1.50		
Russellville	3.15		
Spadra	2.00	2.00	2.00
Scottsville	2.25		
Dover	1.50		
Lamar	2.35		
Pottsville	2.25	16.25	
Trinity	2.15		
Fairview	1.50		
Union Grove	2.25	4.50	
Hopwell	1.50		
Pittsburg	2.01	10.00	
Clarksville	2.00		
Hector	1.50	10.00	
Cagelville	1.10		
Knoxville	1.81		
Cross Road	1.05	1.55	
East Point	1.25	1.50	
C. E. Painter		22.50	
Total	\$36.92	\$72.30	
Special Collection		24.00	

We have received from the Messengers the following amount which we have turned over to the Clerk.

H. GERWEIN, Chairman

J. C. ALEWINE

Report on Woman's Missionary Work

In bringing you this report, I am rejoiced at the increase in work both as to numbers and interest. The financial showing is good but that is only the evidence of interest. The development in our rural churches is a conspicuous advancement. We are enlisting numbers of consecrated women who, when developed, will be a power in their communities, and the women of every country set the standard of piety. There are so many avenues by which the W. M. U. advance the cause of Christ. Our chief aim is embraced in two mottos "Saved to Serve" and "Steadfastly in Prayer and Ministry" by standing and teaching we carry out the great commission Matt. 28:19, 20. Therefore the different means of training fostered by our organization, the increase in knowledge and power, influence and spiritually cannot be listed but is surely felt.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. L. OATES
Associatioal Supt. Pro tem.

Officers for 1917-18:—Superintendent, Mrs. A. S. Hays of Russellville; Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Robins of Pottsville; Secretary, Mrs. H. Harrison of Clarksville.

To the W. M. U. of Russellville Baptist Association:
Cheerful Greeting.

Following is my report of work done on the field as your Superintendent:

Letters written	33
Postals	12
Societies visited	6
Meetings by appointment	4
House to house canvas in interest of work	16
Result of which—	
Sunbeam Bands	1

B. Y. P. U.'s -----	1
W. M. S. -----	1
Religious literature sent out -----	4
Bible Schools attended -----	1
Associations attended -----	1
Teachers Training Class conducted -----	1
Money received for Supt. expenses -----	\$4.00

BLANCHE MORTON

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Churches	Presidents	Enrollment	Average Attendance	City Missions	Ass'n. Mission	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Cone. Property	Christian Education	Cash to O. Home	Boxes to O. Home	Benevolence	Church Extra Fund	Church Bldg.	
Atkins	Mrs. J. Rankin, Atkins	20	6		1.00		5.00	5.00				10.00				150.00	171.00
Clarksville	Mrs. C. E. Painter, Clarksville	15	6			5.00						3.10			93.70		101.80
Corinti	Mrs. T. L. Tectors, Knoxville	10	8			5.00							1.00		1.00	40.00	47.00
Knoxville	Mrs. H. J. Webber, Knoxville	11	6									2.50		2.00	19.00	56.30	27.50
London	Mrs. Della Martin, London	14	7			5.00	5.00								30.00	13.25	153.25
Lamar	Mrs. E. A. Blackford, Lamar	14	6			25.00	8.00					26.50		5.00	30.50		96.00
Pittsburg	Mrs. Allie Stubblofield, Lamar	14	8		3.50	1.00										15.00	19.50
Pottsville	Mrs. W. W. Robins, Pottsville	10	5			5.00	1.50	1.50	2.50	5.00	3.25			12.00	10.99	4.15	45.84
Russellville	Mrs. H. J. Newhouse, Rs'ville.	45	25	14.09	12.00	40.00	8.00	17.50	2.00	5.00	30.00	50.00		5.90	17.00	83.25	284.24
W. M. S.		34	18									2.50	3.36				9.85
Russellville Sunbeams	Miss Saluda Cox, Russellville											4.00					
Union Grove	Mrs. Gustie Turner, C'vill.		9	5			1.00	1.00			1.00						3.00
Total		196		14.09	15.50	81.00	28.50	25.00	2.00	7.50	36.00	101.85	4.36	24.90	201.19	351.10	1028.97

THANKS

Resolved that we extend sincere and hearty thanks to the members of the Union Grove Baptist church and to the people of Union Grove in general for the very liberal and hearty manner in which they entertained the Messengers of this body and

Resolved, That we thank the Moderator, Clerk and Bro. Painter, our Missionary, for their efficient service during the sitting of this Association.

Carried.

A. F. CAGLE.

Change of Day

Moved that the day of the meeting of this body be changed from Saturday to Thursday night, giving the body Friday, Saturday and Sunday for business instead of Saturday and Sunday.

C. E. Painter was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Adjourned to meet with the Scottsville Baptist church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1918.

"God be With You Till We meet Again" was sung, parting hand was given and a final prayer offered by W. E. Atkinson and a successful meeting of the Russellville Baptist Association came to a close.

Our Dead

Brothers

Dr. D. J. Warren ----- Atkins
S. J. Hastings ----- Atkins
J. D. Murdock ----- Hopewell
Ben Robertson ----- Union Grove
Rufus Bradford ----- Pottsville
Bud Tate ----- Pottsville
D. R. Grant -----

Sisters

Mrs. J. N. Clubb ----- Knoxville
Mother McDawell ----- Russellville
Mrs. M. A. Vaughn -----
Mrs. L. A. Johnson ----- Clarksville
Miss Elvinia Finley ----- Hopewell
Mrs. Faucett ----- Atkins
Miss Gertrude Reed ----- Atkins

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches	Statistical						Financial										
	Baptized	Recd. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Members	Number in S. S.	Minutes	Min. Education	Orphanage	Assoc. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Val. of Ch. Property	Pastors' Salary
Atkins	3	3		5		4	98	60	1.50		32.70	4.00	15.20	5.00	5.00	1500.00	
Caglesville	1	4		1			58	40	1.50			23.10		1.25	1.25		
Clarksville	1	3		2	14	1	59	54	2.00		23.53	21.90	40.00	20.00	20.00	3800.00	237.50
Corinth	18	4					53		2.50			25.00				400.00	75.00
Cross Roads		3			7		26		1.05	51	7.00	1.55	7.50			800.00	40.00
Dover	3			2		1	30	55	1.50				25.25		1000.00	75.00	
East Point	1			1		3	75		1.25			1.50					
Fairview	1					3	40		1.50								
Hector	1	8					29		1.50			10.00	3.30				480.00
Hopewell	2	1		8		2	101	50	1.50			38.35				800.00	14.50
Knoxville	3	1		2	3	1	95	57	1.81		8.00		38.50	1.24		1000.00	200.00
Lamar				7	5		70	50	2.35		5.00					1500.00	200.00
London	13	1	2				74	100	1.50			2.50	15.00			600.00	100.00
Pittsburg	4	3		1			96	72	2.10	1.60	5.00	35.00				700.00	60.00
Pottsville		2		2		2	133	80	2.25	23.50	42.16	18.35	51.55	7.55	7.40	8000.00	200.00
Russellville	15	3		2	7	2	154	126	3.15	97.55	160.09	117.96	161.93	47.83	31.18	5000.00	1200.00
Scottsville				2			50		2.25			12.50	2.50			1000.00	
Spadra	2	4		2		1	33	62	2.00				9.00	1.64	1.64		90.00
Trinity				5		2	94	45	2.15	1.40	3.00	3.09				700.00	88.00
Union Grove	1			4		1	71	115	2.25	5.60	8.05	4.50	21.77	15.19	15.19	1000.00	142.00

MESSENGERS, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Churches	Messengers	Pastors	Clerks	P. O. of Clerks
Atkins	W. M. Phillips, A. Beason and O. C. Alewine		O. C. Alewine	Atkins
Caglesville	C. M. Pool, L. R. Hopson and A. W. Riggs		R. C. Whorton	Caglesville
Clarksville	Mrs. W. S. Jett, Rev. C. E. Painter and wife	H. Barney	J. R. Ransom	Clarksville
Corinth	H. A. Teters, Herbert Dunlap and Dave Clubb	E. Lee	Dave Clubb	Knoxville
Cross Roads	J. H. Moore, E. L. Pitman and W. H. Hickey	R. L. Loyd	Roy Jones	London, R 1
Dover	F. M. Taylor, J. A. L. Beasley and J. C. Hendrix	J. C. Hendrix	F. W. Taylor	Dover
East Point	J. T. Vinson, S. A. Vinson and J. H. Whorton	J. S. Burns	J. H. Whorton	London
Fairview	R. L. Loyd, R. J. Rose and W. B. Jennings	J. C. Hendrix	W. F. Vaughn	Gumlog
Hector	R. S. Ross, J. F. Ross and T. J. Dean	J. C. Hendrix	R. S. Ross	Hector
Hopewell	Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Alewine and J. H. Matthews		Artis Tyson	Atkins
Knoxville	W. P. Shields, Will Smith and J. S. Herd	W. W. Robins	Rosa Webber	Knoxville
Lamar	Rev. E. Lee, M. E. Burgess and Ruby Cowan	W. W. Robins	Ruby Cowan	Lamar
London	T. W. Spillers, Geo. Smith and Jno. F. Price	W. W. Robins	Jno. F. Price	London
Pittsburg	S. J. Burns, J. M. Webb and Maggie Brown	R. Lee	Maggie Brown	Lamar
Pottsville	W. W. Robins, B. E. Hill, E. D. Almon and Will Hunter	W. W. Robins	E. D. Almon	Pottsville
Russellville	W. T. Hall, W. D. Ketcherside, A. F. Cagle, J. W. Reynolds, Mrs. W. L. Oates	A. F. Cagle	D. M. Dewitt	Russellville
Scottsville	J. B. Curtis, J. L. Raylan and wife	J. C. Hindro	Mat Danley	Scottsville
Spadra	M. C. Walker, E. W. Abston and wife	H. Barney	E. W. Abston	Montana
Trinity	J. W. Allen, M. F. Riddle and D. N. Sain		E. F. Brazell	Clarksville
Union Grove	W. F. Borden, Al Thompson, W. C. Swift, E. L. Turner	C. E. Painter	W. C. Swift	Hartman, R. 1