



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

UNION ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Liberty Church

In Madison County, Ark.

September 20 and 21, 1907

Moderator, JOHN W. WHITELEY

Clerk, R. L. SMITH

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Met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Miller from Luke 12: 33

1. House called to order by J. H. P. Jones, Moderator.
2. Letters called for from different churches of the association and their messengers seated.
3. Letters called for from newly constituted churches. None received.
4. Letters called for from sister associations and received as follows: Old Mt. Zion, by Bros. Jesse Vaughn and Jesse Roles; New Mt. Zion by Bros. A. Frederick and S. M. McMillan; Mulberry No. 2 not represented.
5. Organized by electing Elder John W. Whiteley, Moderator and R. L. Smith, Clerk.
6. Rules of Order read by Moderator.
7. By order of the association, the moderator appointed the committees as follows: On preaching, S. P. Stamphill, S. B. Bunch and J. C. Dennie. Bill of arrangement, J. H. P. Jones, Rev. J. C. Stamphill and A. B. Carlock. Obituaries, R. A. Whiteley, A. M. Thomas and Rev. R. R. Letherberry.
8. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M. on the following day.
9. The committee reports preaching as follows: R. P. Letherberry and M. M. Haggard Friday night; A. B. Carlock and J. C. Stamphill Sat. at 11 A. M; Jas. Persner and David McCollough Sat. night; J. H. P. Jones and David McCollough Sun. 11 A. M. The report received and the committee discharged.
10. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Moderator.
11. Resolutions adopted:
 1. That we have 1000 copies of our minutes printed and 25 be reserved for each sister association.
 2. That we keep up correspondence with our sister associations and that Elders J. H. P. Jones, A. B. Carlock and W. A. Qualls write and bear the corresponding letter to Mulberry association No. 2 beginning Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1908; Elders J. H. P. Jones, A. B. Carlock and M. M. Haggard write and bear the corresponding letter to Old Mt. Zion association to be held with Rocky Branch church in Benton county, Ark, Fri-

day before the 2nd Sun. in Oct. 1907; and Elders A. Allred, J.C. Disheroon and R. A. Whiteley write and bear the corresponding letter to New Mt. Zion association held at Pilgrim Rest Newton county Ark., Friday before 3rd Sun. in Sept. 1908.

3. That our next association be held with Walnut Grove church at Boxley Newton county Ark., beginning Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1908, at 11 A. M.

4. That Elder J. H. P. Jones preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. G. Stamphill be his alternate.

5. By request of Walnut Grove church the association chose a presbytery consisting of Elders J. H. P. Jones, John W. Whiteley, I. J. Whiteley, J. C. Stamphill and A. B. Carlock and did ordain Bro. J. R. Whiteley to the ministry of the Gospel the duties pertaining there to his office.

6. That we tender our thanks to the people of this vicinity for their generous hospitality toward us during this association.

7. That Rev. John Whiteley and Bro. John Casey superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same.

8. That we adjourn to meet with Walnut Grove Church, Newton Co. Ark., Friday before the 4th Sun. in Sept. 1908 at 11 a.m.

John W. Whiteley, Moderator,

R. L. Smith, Clerk.

OBITUARIES.

SISTER MYRTLE CARLTON, born Jan. 5, 1885 in Newton Co. Ark., professed a hope in Christ and joined the Shiloh Church Aug., 1905. She lived a devoted Christian until death called her away, May 15, 1906. She was the mother of one infant child deceased. Shiloh church extends love to her bereaved husband and lonely father.

AUNT LOCKY HOLMES, was one of Walnut Grove's earliest members, and a true and faithful worker in God's vineyard, and died in 1907, leaving uncle Joe, her husband of 80 years who has very recently crossed over to meet his loved one.

SISTER BETTIE GILLAM professed a hope in Christ about 50 years ago, joined the Union Church of United Baptists, and lived an humble Christian life until death.

ELVADA, daughter of J. C. and S. A. Stamphill born near Carrollton Ark., accepted Christ Aug. 1906, joined the United Baptist church at Mt. Home and died Nov. 10, 1906, one month after baptism. She advised her schoolmates to meet her in Heaven and fell asleep in Jesus.

T. N. SELF born in Newton Co. Ark., Dec. 10, 1862, professed a hope in Christ in 1904 and joined Shiloh church Oct. 1, 1904, lived a devoted Christian life until death, May 14 1906. Shiloh church extends love to his lonely mother, his wife and children.

LITTLE SHERMAN, son of A. R. and Sarah Bowen was here but a short time. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Sherman is not subject to any more pain, sickness nor crying, but dwells with God in sweet music, love and rest. Parents, make your lives such that you may be wafted away on Angelic wings to meet him high up in a peaceful Heaven.

DINSMORE, son of Coe and Avo Douglas born near Rule, Ark., professed religion at Mt. Home church at the age of 18, joined the United Baptists of Mt. Home in 1905 and began preaching. Dinsmore, a very able young minister removed to the state of Washington in April 1907 and died May 28, 1907. He was sorry that death overtaken him so far from home but said, "Let the Lord's will be done." Mt. Home loses a good, faithful member but Heaven is richer.

FRANK, son of S. I. and N. M. Whiteley was born Feb. 18, 1903, died June 2, 1907. Little Frank was an unusual bright boy, and a fine conversationalist even to old people and sensitive to things far in advance of many of his seniors.

The Lord had work for the little Angel and he was called away from his parents and grandparents. Who knows but what little Frank gave his sweet life as a ransom for his dear old grandfather whom he so dearly loved. The richest blessing that was ever bestowed on that family has gone to God who gave it.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the church of Jesus Christ, regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to pre-

serve and maintain a correspondence with each other. We therefore propose to keep order and rules of our association, according to the following plan or form of government.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and producing letter they shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from churches are to express the number of fellowship, the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened to be denominated the Union Association of United Baptists, and to be composed of sundry churches in the state of Arkansas, the Association to have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association is to have a Moderator and Clerk who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches to be admitted into the Association which are to petition by letters and delegates and if on examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received by the Association, moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question presented by the delegates of any church shall be discussed in the Association unless it has been thoroughly discussed in their own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association in proportion to the members of each church, the contribution being at the discretion of the Association.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association closes.

11. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members deem it necessary.

12. The Association, in case of the failure of any church to attend may inquire into the case.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer by the moderator or whoever he may require.
2. Ministers present invited to seats with us may debate on all subjects but vote on none.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator; personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question, "Shall this question be discussed?" when if negatived shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered at the time.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave from the moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No member shall be absent without leave from the moderator, if so his name shall be left off the minutes.
11. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
12. That in the future sessions of this Association arrangements be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises which will be equivalent thereto, each day of the session.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.
14. Alterations may be made on these rules at any regular session of the Association.

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL.

NAME	AGE	POST OFFICE
J. C. Humphill	39	Carrollton, Ark.
M. M. Haggard	51	Oak Hill, Ark.
I. J. Whitely,	72	Boxley, Ark.
John Bowen,	71	Kington, Ark.
R. Bryant,	60	Green Forest, Ark.
A. B. Carlock,	58	Huntsville, Ark.
W. R. Miller,	64	Berryville, Ark.
John H. P. Jones,	45	Berryville, Ark.
R. P. Leatherberry,	36	Green Forest, Ark.
J. W. Roark,	53	Carrollton, Ark.
A. A. Allred,	49	Noah, Ark.
S. S. Smith,	68	Kington, Ark.
I. B. Stanley,	47	Berryville, Ark.
J. W. Whiteley,	18	Boxley, Ark.
Harry C. Starling,	Age 47, Ad from, St. Joe, Ark., A. J. Smith, Age 47, Osage, Ark.	
Wash Benton, Age 31, Green Forest, Ark.	J. L. Bell, Age 31, Dismore, Ark.	J. R. Whiteley, Age 41 Waldron, Ark.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the one and only living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and these three are . . .
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament is the word of God and the Gospel the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam and by this transgression all his posterity fell and were made sinners.
4. We believe in the corruptness of human nature and the inability of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.
5. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man and through his mediatorial death the way of salvation is made possible for all and that God will have mercy on those who come to him upon Gospel terms.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification.
7. We believe that if saints will persevere in grace not one of them shall be finally lost.
8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead and a universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
9. We believe the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and given themselves up to the Lord and one another having agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of Gospel.
10. We believe Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government thereof is with the body.
11. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and the washing of the feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be continued until his second coming.
12. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects for baptism and that immersion is the only gospel mode.
13. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's table.
14. We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God and no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon, work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.
15. We believe in supporting the ministers: Matt. 10:10, "For the workman is worthy of his meat."

CHURCH LETTER.

We, the United Baptist Church of Christ at.....

.....County

Ark., while in church conference, Elder.....

.....Moderator, select the following brethren to represent us in the Union Association of the United Baptists to be held with Walnut Grove Church, beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1908.

STATISTICS:—Received by experience.....; by letter

.....; by recommendation.....; dismissed by letter.....

.....; excluded.....; died.....; total number.....

.....C. G.

Post Office.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Received by experience	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded by letter	Total number
Union—J. C. Donale, A. M. Thomas		0	0	1	2	95
Liberty—R. A. Whiteley, Johnie Johnson, R. L. Smith		0	0	0	0	70
Walnut Grove—Flora Casey, Grace Villines, J. P. Casey		1	0	0	0	45
Mt. Pleasant—A. B. Carlock		0	0	0	0	17
Mountain Home—S. P. and J. C. Stamphill, W. D. Bouch		2	0	0	0	113
New Bethel—R. P. Leatherberry, J. A. Kell, Jas. Disheroon		2	0	0	0	51
Pleasant Valley—John Bough, R. B. Calvin		18	0	6	0	142
Sweet Home—T. F. Walters, W. R. Miller		1	0	0	1	29
Shiloh—M. E. Carlton, J. A. Self, J. L. Daniels		29	0	0	0	25
Big Springs—Dave Slape, J. A. Slape		0	0	0	0	37
Hopewell—A. A. and J. S. Allred		0	0	0	0	23
Bohannon—James Howe, W. A. Qualla		0	0	0	0	14
Clear Waters—W. B. Snowberry, W. Snow, Tilford Cannasax		0	0	1	0	17
Athens—M. M. Haggard		0	0	0	1	