

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Piggott Baptist Church,

Clay County, Arkansas,

October 19, 20, and 21, 1899.

OFFICERS:

Eld. G. Lively, Moderator, Rector.

Henry Holcomb, Clerk, Pollard.

T. L. B. Thorn, Treasurer, Gainesville.

Next Session to be Held with Hopewell Church, Four Miles West of Rector,
Near the County Line, in Greene County, Commencing on Satur-
day Before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1900

PROCEEDINGS.

Piggott, Ark., October 19, 1899.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened with Piggott Baptist Church, Clay County, Ark., Thursday, October 19, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The former moderator and clerk being absent, the body chose Eld. G. Lively as moderator pro tem., and Eld. E. D. Cooper as clerk pro tem. The body was then called to order, and prayer by the moderator. The brethren who were appointed one year ago to preach the introductory sermon being absent, the body chose Dr. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, who preached an interesting sermon on "the evidences of regeneration." The body then adjourned for refreshments, until 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Eld. W. A. Clark.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Collier. The roll of churches was called, and twenty-seven responded by letter and delegation. (See tabular statement.) On motion of Eld. J. K. Pate, the clerk cast the ballot of the association for Elder G. Lively for moderator, and Elder T. L. B. Thorn for treasurer—the moderator casting the vote of the association for H. Holcomb for clerk. The moderator, on taking the chair, invited the body to join in prayer, led by Elder M. J. Whitaker.

Petitionary letters were then called for. One responded from Union church, by letter and delegation, and, on motion, received and messengers invited to seats with the body.

Correspondence called for. Eld. M. J. Whitaker, of Black River Association, and Eld. J. N. Robertson, of

Mt. Zion Association, enrolled as corresponding messengers.

Eld. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, and representative of the Arkansas Democrat; Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Gleaner, and Brothers T. B. Kitchens and M. P. Huddleston, of Mt. Zion Association, and B. H. Parrish, of the Parrish Business College, were enrolled as visiting brethren.

On motion, the moderator appointed the usual committees, viz:

Divine Service:—The pastor and deacons of Piggott church.

Arrangements:—T. L. B. Thorn, J. J. Burton and J. K. Pate.

Ministerial Education:—E. J. Teague, S. H. Weatherly and H. B. Wright.

Home Missions:—W. J. Johnson, S. C. Lovelace and J. C. Holcomb.

Foreign Missions:—J. F. Merideth, J. W. Langley and J. P. Smart.

State and Associational Missions:—I. K. Joiner, W. S. Crittendon, J. N. Settlemyer and Sister Teague.

Sunday Schools:—W. D. Farmer, Walter Collier and Sister Nancy Davis.

Finance:—J. A. Smith, T. B. Lamb and A. B. Winchester.

Obituaries:—G. W. Collier, J. W. Langley and J. M. Thomason.

Temperance:—Monroe Roberts, E. D. Cooper, C. W. Bradshaw and O. C. Mathis.

Publication:—N. S. Smith, H. B. Wright, James Lewis with Eld. W. A. Clark.

Orphan's Home:—J. J. Burton, J. F. Brewer and C. D. Morrice.

Ministers and Postoffices:—J. S. Haden, E. J. Teague and H. A. Seals.

Prayer Meeting:—W. J. Johnson, George Rogers and G. D. Crow.

Pastors and State of Churches:—J. S. Haden, E. D. Cooper and T. L. B. Thorn.

The Committee on Divine Services reported as follows:

Eld. W. A. Clark preach tonight and tomorrow at 11; Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, tomorrow night; Eld. E. D. Cooper Saturday at 11, and Eld. G. Lively Saturday night.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows: (Which was read, adopted and committee discharged.)

We, your committee, recommend the order of business to govern this session of the body, as follows:

1. Call the roll and read the minutes.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for letters of correspondence.
4. Inviting visiting brethren to seats in the body.
5. Report of committee on ministerial education.
6. Report of committee on home missions.
7. Report of committee on foreign missions.
8. Report of committee on state and associational missions.
9. Report of committee on Sunday schools.
10. Report of committee on temperance.
11. Report of committee on publication.
12. Report of committee on orphan's home.
13. Report of committee on prayer meeting.
14. Report of committee on pastors and churches.
15. Report of committee on obituaries.
16. Report of committee on finance.
17. Report of executive board.
18. Report of missionary.
19. Report of treasurer.
20. Miscellaneous business.
21. Call query and resolutions.

T. L. B. THORN, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Settlemoir. At night, Eld. W. A. Clark preached a very interesting sermon from

Leviticus, 8:23—"A Type of the Blood of Christ."

FRIDAY MORNING.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. N. S. Smith. The roll was called, and the messengers answered to their names.

The minutes of Thursday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, dispensed with the regular order of business, and called for the report on publication. The report of the committee on publication was presented, read, discussed by Elders W. A. Clark, G. Lively, J. K. Pate and J. N. Robertson, and adopted, as follows:

Knowledge is power, but unsanctified power is a mighty engine for evil. A great need of this age is a literature that educates the moral, as well as the intellectual faculties. The Bible is the greatest book in the world. The home without it is in peril. The one who does not read it, gropes in darkness. Next in value are the books and papers that reflect its light. Baptists are custodians of mighty principles. To meet the responsibility of their trust, they need to stand together and know what all are doing. The state paper is their medium; therefore, we urge our brethren to subscribe for and read the Arkansas Baptist. It has been loyal to Baptist truths in the past, and, though it has changed hands, we will not distrust its new management, but will be as loyal to it as it is to the old land marks. After the Bible, our state paper; after it, any sound periodical we may want and are willing to pay for. Only this: Baptists homes should be supplied with a pure, sound literature.

H. B. WRIGHT.

N. S. SMITH.

S. T. LEWIS.

W. A. CLARK.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching by Eld. W. A. Clark. Prayer by Eld. M. J. Whitaker. At 11, Eld. Clark preached a very able sermon on the consolation and mutual love between Christ and His members, under the parable of the vine.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. T. L. B. Thorn. At 2 p. m. the association was called to order, and resumed business.

The report of committee on ministerial education was presented and read, and during discussion of the report, a collection of \$19 cash and \$63 in pledges was taken, and the report adopted, as follows:

Realizing that error abounds in all its forms, and that much harm is being done to the cause of Christ by the propagation of heresy, and while the cultivation of the heart in spiritual things is indispensably necessary, and while much good has been and can be done by these of our brethren who have not had the advantage of a literary education, still greater and better work can be done by having these advantages.

We would recommend to our young ministers to persevere in the pursuit of knowledge and literary education. We also recommend the association to encourage and help our worthy young men in getting an education. We have one very worthy young brother in school at Arkadelphia—Bro. J. S. Rogers—who is struggling to complete his course in Ouachita College. He will need, this year, eighty dollars, in order to stay in school; and we recommend that the association pay this much to Bro. Rogers. While we have many other worthy young brethren in the bounds of our association who need help, we believe it is best to help Bro. Rogers complete his course, and then help some one else.

S. H. WEATHERLY.

H. B. WRIGHT.

E. J. TEAGUE.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Rock Hill	\$15 00.	Salem	\$2 50.
Epsaby	2 50.	Gainesville,	5 00.
Fairview	5 00.	Post Oak	2 00.
Friendship	5 00.	Blooming Grove,	1 00.
New Hope	2 50.	Main Shore	2 00.
Providence,	5 00.	Piggott	5 00.
Pleasant Grove,	5 00.	Total pledges	\$63 00.
Brown's Chapel,	2 50.	Total cash	19 00.
Blue Cane	1 00.	Grand Total	\$82 00.
M. P. Huddleston	2 00.		

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions would adopt the report of last year, and urge our pastors and preachers, to preach it to the people, so they may better understand the position, and do more practicing and less resolving. The field covered by the home board is a vast one, including the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Cuba and Porto Rico. We have many men on those fields in the destitutions—among them, Dr. Diaz, in Cuba. Those men are looking to the home board for support while filling the destitutions. The home board pays 50 cents for every dollar we raise in Arkansas, which funds are spent in our state. Therefore, we recommend our people to co-operate with the home board, as every dollar we raise is worth one dollar and fifty cents to Arkansas.

W. J. JOHNSON, Chairman.

The above report was discussed very feelingly by brethren N. S. Smith, J. K. Pate and others, and Sister Teague pledged one dollar for home missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would report as follows:—The great work of the Church of Christ is, to give the pure gospel to the entire world. The field of our operation is exceedingly broad. We must work in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and in the uttermost parts of the earth. "Go into all the world; teach all nations; preach the gospel to every creature." District, state and home missions are important; but foreign missions MUST NOT be neglected. Let the perishing nations have our sympathies; let our brethren on the foreign fields have our prayers and material support; let our contributions be so generous that more laborers may be sent into the harvest. The board is worthy of our utmost confidence. Let all of our churches give it their most hearty support; let the organ of the board—the Foreign Mission Journal—be put into the homes of all our beloved people.

J. W. LANGLEY.

J. P. SMITH.

J. F. MERIDETH.

The Committee on State and Associational Missions made the following report:

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

As to state missions, we would recommend that we, as the Gainesville Association, co-operate with the state board, and that the churches in our bounds earnestly solicit regular contributions to this work and send the same to the state board. We should co-operate, both in theory and

practice. Viewing the destitution in the bounds of the Gainesville Association, and being taught of God that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and in obedience to the command of our Lord and Master to preach the gospel to every creature, we urge that we place a strong man in the fields of destitution for as much of the time as possible. We would recommend that the moderator appoint five brethren to constitute an associational board of missions, whose duty it will be to look out the destitution in our bounds and point out the field to be cultivated by the missionary; also, fix the salary of the missionary and keep an itemized account of all contributions received and moneys paid out by them, and make a report of same to the body at its next annual session. We further urge the messengers representing the churches to urge upon their respective churches the necessity of contributing to associational work; to take collections from time to time and forward same to the board; and, that the board be empowered to transact all business for the association during its adjournment.

J. N. SETTLEMOIR, Chairman.

The moderator appointed the same brethren on the executive board of last year.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows: (Which was adopted.)

We realize that early impressions are the most lasting, and the truth which the Bible teaches, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it," should stir our hearts up in the Sunday school work: and, instead of visiting friends on the Holy Sabbath, we should take our children to the Lord's house and teach them God's word. We feel sorry that so few of our churches have Sunday schools. Dear brothers and sisters, how can we continue so unconcerned in the great work of teaching our children the scriptures of eternal truth?

We would recommend that each church, if possible, have and maintain a Sunday school the year round; and would recommend Bible reading and the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. And we further recommend, especially, that the parents attend and take part in the Sunday school, and the children will follow, and God will bless us.

W. D. FARMER.

G. W. COLLIER.

NANCY DAVIS.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows: (Which was read and discussed by several of the brethren, and adopted.)

TEMPERANCE.

Since the use of intoxicants is the cause of the majority of the crimes with which our land is accursed, and is, directly or indirectly, the cause of the many heartaches of praying wives and mothers; and, further, since it undoubtedly increases our taxation, and is, assuredly, transmitted from father to son. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That all our churches exclude from their membership those who, after repeated warnings and counselings, persist in its use. Second: That all churches that countenance, in any way whatever, the alcoholic traffic, be considered unsound in Christian practice, and in thus doing, declare non-fellowship with this body.

E. D. COOPER.

C. W. BRADSHAW.

MONROE ROBERTS.

O. C. MATHIS.

The report of Committee on Orphan's Home, presented, as follows:

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We have a Baptist Orphan's Home at Monticello that is doing much good. There are now in the home thirty children, who are being cared for and educated. The home is under the care of Mrs Hannah H. Gardner. We learn that they need more buildings, in order to have room for the children that are there now; and in order to do this, they must have our help and co-operation in this work. We believe that the churches in this association should take collections of money and send same to Mrs. Gardner at Monticello. Also, that our Sunday school children be enlisted in the work for the home. Dear brethren and sisters, we cannot afford to neglect the orphan's home. We do not know how much good can be done by gathering up the orphans of our state and training them in a good Christian home.

C. D. MORRICE.

J. J. BURTON.

JOHN BREWER

And pending discussion of report, a collection of \$8 was taken, and report adopted.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting reported as follows: (Which was adopted.)

PRAYER MEETING.

The prayer meeting is the barometer of the church. A small, listless meeting tells of chilling storm and freezing out. A large and earnest

meeting tells of sunshine and spring showers. As we talk to God in our closets, so will we talk and work for His glory, in public. A weekly prayer meeting, with the presence of a full membership in every church, will bring a Pentecost to Gainesville Association. We would recommend all the churches of this association to hold weekly prayer meetings, and that our ministers be advised to urge the brethren and sisters throughout this association to adopt family prayer.

GEORGE D. CROW.

W. J. JOHNSON.

J. S. HADEN.

GEORGE ROGERS.

The Committee on the State and Condition of the Churches made the following report, which was adopted:

STATE AND CONDITION OF CHURCHES.

In looking over the letters from the various churches of the association, we find that, with a great many churches, there exists a sad condition of affairs. A great many are without pastors; the why, we don't know. Some are weak, and not able to support a pastor; many have not contributed to missions, and have no Sunday school. Only about four real live churches in the association. Dear brethren, when we look at the sad condition of some of our churches, we are made sad-hearted, and ask ourselves, what is the matter with our brethren? Are they spiritually dead? Are we living in an age of spiritual declension? Oh, dear brethren, have you no love for the souls of the lost? Is there no denominational pride with you—no love for Christ and His church, which He bought with His own precious blood? In the name of the Lord Jesus, and for the sake of souls, and the cause for which He died, dear brethren and sisters of Gainesville Association, let us persuade you to wake up to a sense of your duty, while death is about us on every hand, taking away the young and old. Dear brethren, can you bear to see them die unsaved? Can you be content to do nothing, when the Master says: "Go preach my gospel to every creature?"

E. D. COOPER.

J. S. HADEN.

T. L. B. THORN.

The report on Ministerial List was presented and read. And there was a motion to strike off the name of Elder J. R. Holcomb from the list; and, pending the motion, a motion prevailed to adjourn to 8 o'clock, after preaching at 7 by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, who preached a very interesting sermon on the reality of hell, as a place

for the wicked—showing conclusively that it is a real place.

At 8 o'clock p. m. business was resumed. The motion, pending adjournment, to strike the name of Elder J. R. Holcomb from the list of ordained ministers, carried, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

E D Cooper, Paragould, Ark.	O C Mathis, Piggott, “
G D Crow, Knobel, “	O A Merideth, Marmaduke “
W R Cantrell, Piggott, “	W H Merideth, “ “
J T Edwards, Mack “	J K Pate, Piggott, “
G H Faulkner, Crowley, “	J S Rogers, Paragould, “
J D J Faulkner, Paragould “	J N Settlemoir, Pollard, “
J S Haden, Boydsville, “	J T Tyler, Rector, “
N W Hampton, Gainesville “	T L B Thorn, Gainesville. “
A M Harris, Marmaduke “	E J Teague, “ “
I K Joiner, Poliard, “	S Walls, Halliday, “
G Lively, Rector, “	Wm. Walker, Paragould “
	E. J. TEAGUE, } Com.
	J. S. HADEN, }
	H. A. SEALS. }

The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

OBITUARIES.

God, in His providence, has seen fit to remove from our midst thirty-six of our beloved brothers and sisters. Words fail us to express the esteem with which we held these excellent departed brothers and sisters; but let us remember that God doeth all things well.

J. W. LANGLEY.

G. W. COLLIER.

J. M. THOMASON.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Eld. W. J. Whitaker.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

The association met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. W. D. Farmer. Brethren were elected as messengers to State Convention as follows: J. N. Settlemoir, E. D. Cooper, O. C. Mathis, J. J. Burton, J. S. Haden. And to Southern Baptist Convention: J. S. Haden; alternate, G. Lively. And Eld. G. Lively

a member of State Board.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. for preaching, by Eld. E. D. Cooper. Benediction by Eld. Cooper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. association met and resumed business.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:
(Which was adopted.)

RECEIPTS FOR PRINTING MINUTES:

Epsaby Church.....	\$1 00	Hopewell.....	1 20
Rock Hill.....	2 00	Salem.....	1 50
Main Share.....	50	Greenway.....	75
Mount Tabor.....	1 00	Blue Cane.....	1 50
Fairview.....	1 50	Blooming Grove.....	1 00
Marmaduke.....	1 50	R. A. Cloak Rector.....	25
Piggott.....	1 25	St. Francis.....	22
Post Oak.....	1 00	Pleasant Grove.....	50
Morning Star.....	1 00	Union.....	50
Friendship.....	2 00	Pleasant Valley.....	35
Gainesville.....	1 25	Palestine.....	50
Brown's Chapel.....	1 00	Pilot Grove.....	50
Providence.....	2 00		
New Light.....	1 10	Total.....	\$29 40
New Hope Church.....	2 50		

RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS:

	Ass.	State	Home	Foreign	Ed	Or H
Epsaby Church.....	\$1.65	....	....	....	....	....
Rock Hill.....	....	2.85	3.35	....	2.43	....
Morning Star.....	....	....	1.00	....	....	....
Hopewell.....	50	....	....	....	....	....
Blue Cane.....	1.00	....	....	1.00	....	1.00
Blooming Grove.....	....	....	....	50	....	....
St. Francis.....	25	....	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Grove.....	....	50	50	50	....	....
Pilot Grove.....	1.00	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	\$4.40	3.35	4.85	4.43	....	1.00

Total minutes, \$29.40; total missions, \$17.03; orphan's home, \$1.00—grand total, \$47.43.

J. A. SMITH, Chairman.

The report of the Executive Board as follows:

Soon after our appointment, we met and organized, electing J. D. Evans chairman, and J. J. Burton secretary and treasurer. After taking in consideration the destitution of our association, and believing that we could not carry out in full the report which was adopted at our last ses-

sion, we thought it best to assist some of the churches that were not able to carry themselves, as the work was started at those places, and relieve as much destitution as we could, our means being so short and slow coming in. We have have assisted the following churches: Blue Cane church, to the amount of twenty-four dollars on house debt; Palestine, fifteen dollars on pastor's salary; and to destitutions as follows: To J. S. Haden and J. N. Robertson, at Rock Springs, Clay county, Ark., ten dollars; to E. D. Cooper at Union church on Bark Camp Island, five dollars: to T. L. B. Thorn, five dollars. We have received from the different churches and Sunday schools, and individuals, the following amounts: Greenway church, \$2.50; Union Grove, \$2.00; Sister Teague, \$2.40; Brown's Chapel, \$5.00; Rector Baptist S. S., \$2 00; H. B. Wright and wife, \$1.00; Hopewell, \$2.40; Epsaby, \$1.15; New Hope, \$5 00; Blooming Grove, \$2.35; Friendship, \$5.00; Rector, \$2.35; Salem, \$11.00; Pleasant Grove, \$3.00; Fairview, \$1.10; Rock Hill, \$6.80; collections at Fifth Sunday meeting, \$5.25; Providence, \$10.15. Amount on hand at last association, \$22.58. After paying all indebtedness of our association, we have a balance of \$14.00 on hand.

J. A. SMITH.

W. J. JOHNSON.

C. W. BRADSHAW.

J. D. EVANS.

J. J. BURTON.

On motion, the body went into an election for the place and time of holding the next session of the association, which resulted in the election of Hopewell Church, Greene County, Ark., as the place, and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1900, as the time; and Eld. E. D. Cooper was elected to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. O. C. Mathis his alternate.

On account of haste in closing the business of the association, the body failed to appoint corresponding messengers to sister associations. I, therefore, as clerk of the association, take the the liberty to say that we correspond with Black River, Mt. Zion and Current River Associations; and any brother of any church of this association, to be received as corresponding messenger. CLERK.

The report of the treasurer was presented, read and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS:

Amount on hand at last report.....	\$ 50 60
Received from Finance committee.	
For Printing minutes.....	\$29 40
For Foreign missions.....	4 43
For Home missions.....	4 85
For State missions.....	3 35
For Association missions.....	4 40
For Orphan's Home.....	1 00
Total Received from Finance committee.....	47 43
Received by collection.	
For Ministerial education.....	19 00
For Orphan's home.....	8 11
Total amount received.....	\$125 14
Credits asked.	
By cash sent R. F. Hyatt for Orphan's home.....	\$ 5 00
By amount paid clerk minute fund, 1898.....	26 50
By amount paid J. J. Burton, sec., ass., bd.....	12 50
By amount paid A. G. McManaway, H. M., bd....	2 50
By amount paid Foreign missions.....	2 05
By amount paid Ministerial education.....	8 50
Total credits asked.....	\$57 05
Balance on hand.....	\$68 09
T. L. B. THORNE,	
Treasurer.	

On motion, the clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and to be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

BE IT RESOLVED, That this body endorse the Baptist Gleaner, by name, as a paper entirely worthy our support, and as a helper to our work in Northeast Arkansas.

Inasmuch as we have been so royally entertained by Piggott church and community during the sitting of this body; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks for the same, and pray God's blessings on pastor and people.

Thus ended the Thirtieth Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association; and, on motion, adjourned, to meet with Hopewell Church, four miles west of Rector, in Greene County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m. Benediction by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney.

HENRY HOLCOMB, ELDER G. LIVELY,
CLERK. MODERATOR.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in one God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe that man, once Holy, fell, by voluntary transgression, from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that Salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.

7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy His glory hereafter.

8. We believe that repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the Gospel.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

10. We believe that Sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government.

13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastor and deacons.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious service.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be observed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.

19. We believe in the final judgment, and that, in that day, the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.

20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus, which we now enjoy, and hoping that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins; and, having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We, therefore, covenant and agree that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian Fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry, to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well-pleasing in the sight of God.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Sunday's Preaching.	MEMBERSHIP.								CONTRIBUTIONS.										Orphan's Home.....	Total Contribution...	Value Ch. Property...
							INCREASED BY				DECREASED BY				TO MISSIONS, ETC.					TO CHURCH WORK.							
							Baptism.....	Letter.....	Relation.....	Restoration.....	Death.....	Dismission.....	Exclusion.....	Present Membership.....	Association.....	State.....	Home.....	Foreign.....	Ministerial Education.....	S. S. Work.....	Pastor's Salary.....	Incidental.....	Repairs.....	Minutes.....			
Blooming Grove.....	Clay		A. B. Winchester	Rector	A. B. Winchester, Sister Winchester, W. C. Wagster	4					2	5		54				50							1 00	1 50	
Blue Cane.....	Clay	J. T. Tyler	C. L. Reaves	Rector	T. B. Lamb, W. R. Cagle	4	2	4				3		50	1 00			1 00			7 95				1 50	12 45	400
Brown's Chapel.....	Greene	E. D. Cooper	J. F. Sain	Paragould	J. W. Langley	3	2							48											1 00	14 85	300
Epsaby.....	Greene	G. H. Faulkner	W. W. Roberts	Gainesville	Monroe Roberts, J. T. Lewis	3	2				4		1	45	2 80				7 18	6 67					1 00	3 80	
Fair View.....	Greene	E. D. Cooper	J. M. Thomason	Mack	J. M. Thomason, J. F. Merideth, Martha Merideth	3		1			2		11	56	1 10						20 00				1 50	22 60	
Friendship.....	Greene	J. D. J. Faulkner	J. J. Burton	Gainesville	S. H. Weatherly, J. J. Burton, Sister Burton	2		3			2	4	1	93	5 00				5 02	4 00					2 00	16 02	
Gainesville.....	Greene	G. H. Faulkner	T. L. B. Thorn	Gainesville	T. L. B. Thorn, E. J. Teague, Sister Teague	1		1			2	1		31											1 25	1 25	
Greenway.....	Clay	J. K. Pate	S. C. Lovelace	Greenway	S. C. Lovelace, Josie Lovelace, Nancy Davis	1	3	4	1		1	2		26											75	75	
Hopewell.....	Greene	J. S. Haden	D. M. Johnson	Rector	W. D. Farmer, G. W. Collier, Walter Collier	3	19	2	1	1	3	4		151	1 45										1 20	2 65	
Main Shore.....	Greene	J. T. Edwards	W. A. Campbell	Bailey	J. C. Murphy, Joe Owen	4	3	3			2	2		26											50	50	
Marmaduke.....	Greene		R. E. Gossett	Marmaduke	F. D. Lewis	1					2	2		51											1 50	1 50	
Morning Star.....	Greene	C. A. Merideth	W. H. Bacon	Paragould	M. G. Biggs, W. H. Bacon	4	1						2	21			1 00								1 00	2 00	300
Mt Tabor.....	Clay	O. C. Mathis	H. A. Seals	Piggott	H. A. Seals, M. W. Neely, W. R. Underwood	4	5							48											1 00	1 00	
New Hope.....	Clay	I. K. Joiner	H. Holcomb	Pollard	H. Holcomb, W. J. Johnson, W. J. Nicholas	3	30	3	2	1	3	2	1	120	5 00						39 50	15 00			2 50	47 00	300
Newlight.....	Clay		W. H. Wimberly	Crockett	Logan Pinkston, J. T. Carpenter	3	1				1	5	6	71											1 10	1 10	500
Palistine.....	Clay	J. N. Settlemoir	W. S. Crittendon	Piggott	J. P. Smart, W. S. Crittendon	1	2						3	16							14 00				50	14 50	
Piggott.....	Clay	O. C. Mathis	W. J. Davidson	Piggott	W. D. Templeton, A. J. Brown, W. J. Davidson	2	2	2			1	2	3	55					15 00	90 00	15 00				1 25	121 25	1000
Pilot Grove.....	Clay	J. K. Pate	J. F. Bradford	Piggott	J. C. Holcomb	4					1	1	1	12	1 00				1 77						50	13 55	
Pleasant Grove.....	Greene	J. N. Robertson	T. O. Fletcher	Crowley	Joe A. Thompson	2	2				3	1	3	95	3 00	50	50	50							50	5 00	
Pleasant Valley.....	Clay	J. S. Haden	G. D. Crow	Knobel	G. D. Crow	2	2	1			1	2		9	3 25										35	35 65	
Providence.....	Greene	J. S. Haden	J. N. Wright	Loulyma	H. B. Wright, J. F. Brewer, Minton Hamlin	4	7		2	2	2	2	2	123	10 15										2 00	77 15	
Post Oak.....	Clay	J. R. Holcomb	V. D. Baker	Carola, Mo.	J. M. Staggs, J. W. Cooper, C. M. Garrett	4					2	3	3	31	2 50										1 00	3 50	
Rock Hill.....	Greene	J. D. J. Faulkner	J. M. Mizetree	Bethel	C. D. Morrice, E. D. Cooper, George Rogers	4	10	2			1			138	6 80	2 85	3 35	2 43	12 00						2 00	97 18	1200
Salem.....	Clay	J. S. Haden	C. W. Bradshaw	Boydsville	J. A. Smith, C. W. Bradshaw, J. S. Haden	1	25	5	1		1	3	3	104							67 75				1 50	1 50	
St. Francis.....	Clay		Minta Colyear	St. Francis	N. S. Smith									11	25										25	25	
Union.....	Clay		A. W. Rowland	Bertig	Eugene Nettle, N. H. Shaw		2		5	1				18											50	50	
Wanderer's Home.....	Clay			Pollard	J. N. Settlemoir									12													
							122	31	10	5	39	38	40	1515	43 30	3 35	4 85	4 33	24 20	27 44	348 65	30 00	29 15	5 45	499 00	4000	

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