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The next meeting of this association will convene on Friday before the Third Lord's day in October at 10 o'clock, A.M. with Unity Baptist Church Brawley post office, Scott county, Arkansas.

OFFICERS.

Moderator, J. H. Byers; Clerk, J. B. Williamson:  
Treasurer, J. W. Condry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Introductory Sermon, R. P. Claborn; Alternate, P. E. Windham.  
Missionary Sermon, L. F. Patterson; Alternate, W. P. Hall.

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**Morning Session.**

BELVA P. O., SCOTT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, }  
Saturday, October 15, 1898. }

The Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Buckner Baptist Association of Western Arkansas met, pursuant to adjournment. with GOOD HOPE CHURCH, Belva P. O., Scott County, Arkansas, Saturday, October 15th, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Association came together by singing.

Brother James Stephens read as a scripture lesson the 4th chapter 2nd Corinthians, prayer by Brother P. E. Windham. Brother T. N. Watkins being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Brother James Stephens, using for his text the 5th verse of 4th Chapter of 2nd Corinthians, as previously read. The sermon showed how the faithful preaching of the gospel redounded to the glory of God, the benefit of the church and the preacher's own salvation.

After which recess was had until two o'clock P. M.

**Afternoon Session.**

The Association assembled as per adjournment at 2 o'clock P. M., the Moderator, Elder James Edmondson, presiding, who read the 33d psalm, after which the assembly was led in prayer by Brother J. H. Byers.

On motion J. B. Williamson was appointed Clerk pro. tem., Brother S. K. Duncan being absent.



The Moderator appointed Brothers A. G. Washburn, L. W. Wright and J. C. Williamson to read church letters.

After the letters were read and the Messengers enrolled, a motion prevailed to go into an election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed as tellers Brothers I. M. Hon, J. H. Byers and L. W. Wright.

The vote having been taken, Brother L. W. Wright announced that Elder J. H. Byers had been duly elected Moderator. Brother J. H. Byers announced the election of Brother J. B. Williamson as Clerk, and Brother I. M. Hon reported J. W. Condry elected Treasurer.

Brother J. H. Byers, the Moderator-elect, on assuming the chair, made a short pertinent talk, and proceeded at once to take up the regular order of business, the first of which was calling for petitionary letters.

Cross Creek responded, presenting a letter asking for affiliation with the body. On motion the Messenger was received, seated, and the Church enrolled as a member of the Association.

The Moderator then appointed as a Committee on Divine Service Elder W. P. Hall and Brothers S. T. Jones, James Won, G. W. Wiley and E. S. Amos, the committee consisting of the Pastor and Deacons of Good Hope Church.

On motion Brother L. W. Wright was seated as Messenger from Short Mountain Association; Brother John Tatum, Messenger from Concord Association; Elders W. L. Compeer and J. A. McCrary from Ouachita. Brothers W. L. Cornet, T. J. Harrell, W. L. Stevenson, H. L. Smith and J. M. Bagwell were also seated as Baptists.

On motion the Moderator was directed to appoint a Committee on Buckner College.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report: Brother W. L. Compeer to preach at this church to-night at 7.30 o'clock. At the same hour Brother P. E. Windham to preach at Crow, and Brother James Edmondson to conduct a prayer meeting in this church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

A motion to appoint a committee charged with the duty of investigating the relations existing between this and the general Association was discussed by Brothers A. G. Washburn and L. W. Wright, after which the motion was sustained.

A motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock Monday morning prevailed, and the Association was led in prayer by Brother W. P. Hall, the benediction delivered by Brother A. G. Washburn.

#### Evening Session.

Preaching by Brother W. L. Compeer. Text 21st verse of 1st Chapter of 1st Corinthians The discourse was logical and able.

## SECOND DAY.

### Morning Session.

Prayer meeting, conducted by Brother James Edmondson, who exhibited much earnestness of purpose and untiring zeal in the Master's cause. For many years Brother Edmondson has been as a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide his flocks of this Association, together with many other way-worn travelers into a haven of eternal rest. May God bless and spare him yet many years to council and encourage us in hours of trial and temptation, and at last enable him to carry many precious souls with him to God and to glory.

At 11 o'clock A. M. a large concourse of people assembled to hear the Missionary Sermon, which was preached by Brother J. C. Williamson, who read as a Scripture lesson the 54th chapter of Isaiah, using for his text the 19th and 20th verses of the 28th chapter of Matthew, the trend of the discourse being the authority for mission work, together with the duty of Baptists to observe all things whereof they have been commanded, closing with an earnest and pathetic appeal to the elder preachers to council and sustain the young ministers in this God given work, at the close of which a collection of ten dollars in cash and sixteen dollars in pledges was taken.

### COMMITTEES.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees:

Circular Letter—S. C. Benning, I. M. Hon and William Moore.

Deceased Ministers—J. P. Stephens, R. M. Edwards and Lewis Walker.

Domestic Missions—W. P. Hall, P. E. Windham and Jeff Woods.

Education—J. C. Williamson, Frank Smith and S. L. Edwards.

Foreign Missions—A. G. Washburn, W. P. Hall and L. S. Smith.

Finance—J. W. Lindsay, H. H. Condry and J. P. Byers.

Ordained Ministers—C. Burns, R. F. Payne and J. W. Ramay.

Religious Literature—J. C. Williamson, William Trusty and Frank Smith.

Sabbath Schools—James Edmondson, P. E. Windham and Daniel Luper.

Nominations—E. B. Casey, Wm. Condry and J. T. Mathews.

Temperance—L. F. Patterson, G. M. Grandstaff, L. D. Turner and Carr Allen.

Buckner College—James Edmondson, J. C. Williamson, L. S. Smith, G. H. Council and James Stephens.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Brother W. L. Cornett would preach in this church at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, to which hour the Association adjourned.

Benediction by J. C. Williamson.



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**Afternoon Session.**

At 2.30 the congregation assembled by singing. Preaching by Brother Cornett, using as a text the 25th verse of the 5th chapter of James. The discourse was pointed and logical, with an occasional display of wit, which rendered it very acceptable to the audience.

At the close of the sermon Brother W. P. Hall asked for contributions for Brother Cornett, receiving six dollars and forty cents; also for contributions to assist Good Hope Church in paying for their building, receiving three dollars and twenty cents for that purpose.

The Committee on Divine Services announced that Brother L. W. Wright would preach at this church to-night, and Brother James Stephens at Crow.

Benediction by Brother J. C. Williamson.

**Evening Session.**

On account of a storm of wind and rain there was no service on Sunday night.

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**THIRD DAY.**

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**Morning Session.**

Notwithstanding the severe blizzard following the storm of the night previous many of the brethren were present promptly at 8 o'clock and joined in singing, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," after which the Moderator read a short Scripture lesson, and the Association was led in prayer by Brother R. P. Claborn.

On motion the correction of the roll of delegates was dispensed with.

The Moderator called for Corresponding Messengers.

On motion Brother J. N. Penington was seated from Concord Association.

The letter from Pilgrim Rest Church was read and received.

A motion to limit the speeches of the Chairman of the different committees to ten minutes, and those of the other members to five minutes, was sustained.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented a report which was discussed by Brothers W. P. Hall, P. E. Windham and L. F. Patterson, after which the report was adopted as read.

Brother G. H. Council, the retiring Treasurer, submitted his report, which was received and adopted as read.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending J. B. Williamson and J. C. Williamson to write the next Circular Letter.

The report was amended to read J. B. Williamson, and adopted as amended.

Brother L. S. Smith submitted his report as Missionary of this Association, which report was discussed by Brothers L. S. Smith and R. P. Claborn, after which the report was adopted as read.

Brother L. F. Patterson, Chairman of the Committee on the Relations of this Association with the General Association, stated that the Committee had nothing to report.

After some discussion a motion prevailed to appoint a Committee on the propriety of this Association affiliating with the Baptist State Convention, whereupon the Moderator appointed on said committee Brothers R. P. Claborn, L. F. Patterson, W. P. Hall and P. E. Windham.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported, and speeches on this report were made by Brothers James Edmondson, L. W. Wright, L. F. Paterson, G. H. Council and J. B. Williamson, after which the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Brother A. G. Washburn would preach at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers reported, and the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Nominations reported a motion to amend the report by striking out the word "Unity" and inserting Poteau, was discussed, after which the amendment was withdrawn, and the report adopted as read.

The Committee on Ordained Ministers read a report, which was laid over until after preaching.

An intermission of ten minutes was then announced, after which the Association came together by singing. Preaching by Brother A. G. Washburn, using as a text the 1st verse of the 5th chapter of Romans. The sermon was an able, logical exposition of justification by faith, after which the Association, standing, sang "Amazing Grace," and was led in prayer by Brother L. F. Patterson.

Bro. W. P. Hall, in behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, sold to the highest bidder two quilts, one bringing five dollars and the other three dollars and fifty cents.

On motion the Association took a recess for one hour.

Benediction by Brother A. G. Washburn.

#### Afternoon Session.

Came together by singing. Prayer by Brother L. W. Wright.

The report of the Committee on Ordained Ministers was taken up. A motion to amend the report by striking from the roll the name of J. G. Harris was discussed by Brothers A. G. Washburn, L. W. Wright and L. F. Patterson. The motion on the amendment was sustained



and the report adopted as amended, said J. G. Harris' name being stricken from the roll.

On motion a committee consisting of Brothers L. F. Patterson, Robert Payne and J. W. Condry were appointed to report on the motion touching Crawfordism, as existing in this Association.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by Brothers A. G. Washburn, W. L. Compeer and R. P. Claborn. Brother R. P. Claborn moved to amend the report by striking out the name of R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., and inserting the name of L. W. Wright, Kully Chaha, I. T., which amendment was sustained. Brother L. F. Patterson, having the floor, discussed the original motion at some length, and then took up a collection for Foreign Missions, amounting to ten dollars and fifteen cents cash and sixteen dollars and fifty cents in pledges, after which the report was adopted as amended.

The Committee on Affiliation with the State Convention read a report, which was debated by Brothers R. P. Claborn, P. E. Windham and W. L. Compeer. The voting being challenged, a rising vote was called for, whereupon the report was declared adopted as read.

The report of the Special Committee relative to Amity and New Providence Churches was discussed by Brothers L. F. Patterson and L. W. Wright, and adopted as read.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted.

The Committee on Buckner College reported, and the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Religious Literature amended to include Baptist Signal, and the report was adopted as amended.

The Committee on Education reported, and the report was adopted as read.

Brother C. Burns moved to change the time of the meeting of this body from Saturday to Friday, which motion was sustained, and the change entered of record.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

A motion to allow the Clerk ten dollars for writing and distributing the Minutes was sustained.

On motion the reading of the minutes was omitted, and the Clerk directed to make the best corrections possible under the circumstances.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted as read.

A meeting of the Trustees-elect for Buckner College was called on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, and the Clerk directed to notify absent members of said meeting.

J. B. Williamson, on the part of the Executive Committee of Buckner Association Sabbath School Convention, gave notice that the Con-



vention would hold its next meeting with Poteau Church, in Scott County, near Waldron, Ark.

The Clerk was then directed to draw up and insert in the Minutes the following resolution of thanks:

"Resolved, That this body hereby tenders its thanks to the members of Good Hope Church for the use of their nice new building, and to all who assisted in taking care of the Association, but especially to the good ladies who prepared and carried upon the grounds such sumptuous repasts as were spread each day."

There being no further business the gavel fell and the Moderator, after prayer and benediction, declared the Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Buckner Association adjourned to meet with Unity Church, near Brawly P. O., Scott County, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 A. M.

#### ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS.

GOOD HOPE—A. F. Smith, S. C. Benning, J. W. Lindsey and J. W. Caba.

NEW HOME—W. L. Moore, M. Parent and Lewis Walker.

SHADY GROVE—J. H. Byers and S. L. Edwards.

PALESTINE—J. J. Hern, L. S. Cross and J. W. Ramay.

ROSS CREEK—T. J. Wood and L. B. Barrett.

WHITE CHURCH—C. A. Allen and R. V. McCraw.

HARTFORD—J. M. Hopkins.

POTEAU—L. F. Patterson, A. G. Washburn, P. E. Windham, W. E. Jones, R. F. Payne and I. M. Hon.

LINCOLN PRAIRIE—I. J. Lucas and E. W. Wineland.

CEDAR CREEK—(The Clerk failed to get the name of any delegate.)

PLEASANT GROVE No. 1.—J. W. Trip.

PLEASANT GROVE No. 2.—E. B. Casey, William Trusty and J. P. Stephens.

MOUNTAIN VIEW—J. T. Mathews.

SHILOH—No representative.

WALDRON—G. M. Grandstaff.

ARBOR GROVE—J. W. Fry.

UNION HOPE—B. Taylor and A. C. Shackelford.

FELLOWSHIP—J. C. Williamson, J. B. Williamson and L. S. Smith.

WEST HARMONY—G. W. Chronister and C. Burns.

PILGRIM'S REST—R. P. Claborn, W. P. Hall and Joseph P. Byers.

UNITY—O. B. Phipps.

SALEM—No delegate present.

LONG RIDGE—John Braidstow, William Cantrel and B. H. Vester.

CROSS CREEK—S. L. Young.

CEDAR GROVE—W. D. Luper, A. H. Farmer and Thomas Williams.

PINE LOG—No delegates.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND REGULAR COMMITTEES.**

The reports of the various committees were rendered and engrossed as follows:

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.**

Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report:

That we find that Unity Church has asked for the next Association, and we therefore recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with Unity Church, and that the Introductory Sermon be preached by Brother R. P. Claborn, P. E. Windham, Alternate, and that the Missionary Sermon be preached by Brother L. F. Patterson, W. P. Hall, Alternate. For the Executive Board we recommend Brothers T. W. Denton, L. D. Richardson, J. T. Mathews, C. Burnes and B. Plummer.

Respectfully submitted. E. B. CASY,  
J. W. CONDRY,  
J. T. MATHEWS.

**COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTERS.**

Your Committee on Ordained Ministers, beg leave to report as follows:

C. Burns, Poteau; R. P. Claborn, Mansfield; R. M. Evans, Peoria; J. W. Lindsey, Belva; D. L. Moore, Witcherville; L. F. Patterson, Winfield; L. S. Smith, Witcherville; J. A. Taylor, Blue Ball; P. E. Windham, Winfield; J. C. Williamson, Mansfield; L. B. Blackburn, Brawley; W. D. Luper, Boothe; J. H. Byers, Mansfield; G. W. Evans, Mansfield; W. P. Hall, Crow; J. O. Mitchell, Waldron; G. W. Pierce, Cauthron; J. R. Stephens, Witcherville; J. J. Tate, Blue Ball; A. G. Washburn, Eufaula, I. T.; T. N. Watkins, Gipson; J. P. Stephens, Farmer; W. J. Goff, Mansfield; J. F. Sessions, Boles.

Respectfully submitted. C. BURNS,  
J. W. RAMAY,  
R. F. PAYNE.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF OFFICERS AND MISSIONARIES.****RETIRING TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Received from all sources,	-	-	-	-	\$41.55
From Brother E. B. Casey,	-	-	-	-	1.50
From Brother Evans,	-	-	-	-	1.25
From Pilgrim's Rest Church,	-	-	-	-	2.90
From Brother Condry,	-	-	-	-	1.60
From Fellowship Church,	-	-	-	-	10.00
From Sunday's collection,	-	-	-	-	8.87
Total received,	-	-	-	-	\$67.67
Paid to Brother L. S. Smith,	-	-	-	-	\$67.67

Respectfully submitted,  
G. H. COUNCIL.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received for Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	\$25.75
For Associational Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	31.85
For Home Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	17.85
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$79.45

Respectfully submitted,  
H. A. CONDRY,  
J. P. BYERS,  
J. D. LINDSEY.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee		
for Minutes,	- - - - -	\$25.75
For Associated Missions,	- - - - -	31.85
For Home Missions,	- - - - -	4.00
For Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	17.85
Total received,	- - - - -	\$79.45
Paid to Clerk of Association,	- - - - -	\$25.75
To L. W. Wright, Secretary Foreign Missions,	- - - - -	17.85
To L. S. Smith, on Sunday's collections,	- - - - -	8.87
Total paid,	- - - - -	\$52.47
Respectfully submitted,		
J. W. CONDRY, Treasurer.		

## MISSIONARIES OF BUCKNER ASSOCIATION REPORT.

Sermons preached, 52; exhortations delivered 11; public prayers, 46; visits to sick, 10; funerals, 1; Sunday School lecturers, 6; baptized, 6; churches organized, 1; miles traveled 496.

Received from Board	- - - - -	\$49.70
Received from T. J. Wood,	- - - - -	5.00
Received from T. J. Benson,	- - - - -	1.50
Received from Sister McKimmons,	- - - - -	1.00
Received from P. E. Windham,	- - - - -	.88
Received in work,	- - - - -	.80
Received from Catherine Stephens,	- - - - -	1.00
Received from W. P. Hall,	- - - - -	1.00
Received from E. B. Casey,	- - - - -	.15
Received from J. W. Ramay,	- - - - -	1.00
Received from Ladies' Aid Society, one quilt,	- - - - -	5.00
Other sources,	- - - - -	.64
Total,	- - - - -	\$67.67

Respectfully submitted,  
L. S. SMITH, Missionary.

## COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

We find great destitution in our bounds, and would therefore recommend putting out a Missionary for all the time for which he can be paid.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HALL,  
P. E. WINDHAM,  
T. L. WOOD.

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully report as follows:

We recommend that a Missionary Baptist body does not, or at least should not, need to be taught, but only admonished of their duty to give the gospel to all the world. So we deem it simply our duty to suggest to the body such plans, ways and means as may be thought best to secure this great and much desired end.

1. We recommend that every Baptist in the bounds of this Association take the Foreign Mission Journal, which will inform them of all our foreign fields, the work done and to be done.



2. That at stated times set by the Church, that each Church take a collection for Foreign Missions.

3. That each Sunday School be asked to set apart certain days and times when Missions shall be the subject to be considered, and that every child be taught and requested to contribute to that purpose.

4. That all contributions taken be sent to L. W. Wright, Foreign Mission Secretary, Kully Chaha, I. T., who will return promptly a receipt for the same.

5. That every preacher in the bounds of this Association be heartily earnestly requested to preach on Foreign Missions at least once during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WASHBURN,  
W. P. HALL,  
L. S. SMITH.

#### COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to report as follows:

We feel that we could not do better than to adopt the report of 1897, which reads as follows: "The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journals, The Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Signal, and for Sabbath Schools the Southern Baptist Series," and we also recommend the careful reading of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. WILLIAMSON.  
WILLIAM TRUSTY,  
FRANK SMITH.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools desire to report the following:

Feeling and believing that the Sabbath School is an institution second in importance only to the Church of God, and that it is a creature of the Church, and through this medium our Churches can reach hundreds of children with Bible truth, we therefore recommend that each Church maintain and support a Sabbath School, and that nothing be allowed to be taught in the schools that is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. Your committee fully realize the fact that our Churches are very negligent relative to Sabbath School work, and we therefore recommend that our pastors urge upon the Churches the necessity of Sabbath School work; we would also recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES EDMONDSON, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

Your Committee on Co-operation with the State Convention beg leave to report:

That we think it not best to co-operate with the State Convention at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. CLABORN, P. E. WINDHAM,  
W.P. HALL, L. F. PATTERSON.

## COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER.

Your Committee on Circular Letter beg leave to submit the following report:

That Brother J. D. Benson was appointed to write the Circular Letter for this year and has failed to do so, and we would also recommend that Brother J. C. Williamson write the next Circular Letter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BENNING.

I. M. HON,

L. W. MOORE.

## COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

That the use of whisky is destructive to our Churches as well as our homes, therefore we recommend that our people abstain from its use.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report:

That we have been wonderfully blest during the past year. God, in His kind providence, has withheld the Messenger of Death from us, and we find from the reports that there has not been any of our brother ministers called from labor to refreshment during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STEVENS,

R. W. EDWARDS,

L. WALKER.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter relative to Amity and New Providence Churches in their course of repudiating our Association and its work, would beg leave to report the following:

That, whereas, these Churches have been led into error, confusion and even into heresy by one W. J. Pinkerton and one J. G. Harris, and, whereas, said W. J. Pinkerton's ministerial character is such that a number of churches have repudiated him, and that a sister Association in the Indian Territory has advised all the churches in her bounds against this man, he having been excommunicated from the church once, and having been under charges several times by different churches, and having been the leading element in the division of churches wherever he can get any influence, we therefore recommend that this body advise Amity and New Providence churches to rid themselves of this man as pastor, or they will be dropped from our roll, and we further recommend that all the churches of this Association refuse the said Pinkerton their pulpits if they desire peace and harmony.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.



## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report the following:

Education is in perfect harmony with Baptist Faith, which certainly embraces liberty, responsibility and denominational development. All of our churches need well equipped boys and girls, men and women, to lead our public meetings, teach in our Sabbath Schools, and plan and carry out the distinctive features of our church work. Christian education is one of the strongholds of our denomination, and we should foster our schools and sustain them with our means, for it is to them that we must look for the training of our children, who will soon have this work, so well begun, so grand in its growth, to perpetuate when the working tools of this life shall have fallen from our nerveless hands. This being the case, we cannot too strongly urge upon our people the importance of sustaining the schools and colleges, but especially would we beg this body to sustain the institution within our own bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WILLIAMSON,  
S. L. EDWARDS,  
FRANK SMITH.

## COMMITTEE ON BUCKNER COLLEGE.

We your Committee on Buckner College, would respectfully submit the following: We learn that the College is in a thriving condition and has been growing in patronage for the past seven years under the management of Prof. J. B. Williamson, who has graduated students from several of the states and the Territory, and we also learn that for quite a number of years the College has been under a heavy mortgage, and that on last April it was sold to the highest bidder, and was bid in by Prof. J. B. Williamson for one thousand and five dollars, and we are now legally assured that a good and sufficient deed will be made to the property upon the payment of the aforesaid amount. Therefore we recommend that this body elect Trustees, and that these Trustees be appointed financial agents, and that seven present shall constitute a quorum and that they be authorized to fill all vacancies that may arise also that all Baptist ministers in Buckner, Concord and Ouachita associations be requested to act as financial agents for the purpose of raising money to liquidate this debt, and when the debt is paid the deed be made to the Trustees-elect, who shall be willing and do serve as such and to this end we recommend the following named persons as said Trustees James Edmondson, John H. Holland, G. H. Council, James Stephens, L. S. Smith, J. M. Spradling, R. A. Rowe, L. W. Wright, W. L. White, R. P. Claborn, J. C. Williamson, J. A. Finney, T. J. Condry, G. M. Grandstaff, L. F. Patterson, James Penington Dr. W. J. Brandon, M. A. Strozier.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. SMITH,  
JAMES EDMONDSON  
J. C. WILLIAMSON  
G. H. COUNCIL,  
JAMES STEPHENS.



**ARTICLES OF FAITH,**

1. We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God Jehova, and in the Unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by his power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and in no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the proper evidences thereof are Repentance, Faith and Obedience unto Christ.

7. We believe that such only are true believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseperable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet stately and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges in the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of a Christian Church are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance in Jesus Christ, and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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**CONSTITUTION.**

Art. I. This Association shall be known as Buckner Baptist Association of Western Arkansas.

Art. II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each Church, with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the Church to one additional Messenger.

Art. III. The officers shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. IV. Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the sessions of the body and to deliver them to his successor in office.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the Association or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. V. The objects of this Association shall be to promote Fellowship among the churches, to secure unanimity of faith, to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches, and to aid in this last object several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art VI. Section 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Section 2. It, however claims the authority over its own members, the Messengers from the Churches and will withdraw and disown churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith and disorderly in practice.

Art. VII. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messengers at our annual meetings, and by their Messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from this association upon application at an annual meeting for the purpose of joining any body we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as being disorderly.

Art. IX. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of five members from the several churches and the officers of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The committee shall have direction of the missionary operations of the Association, subject to its control and to make an annual report of its proceedings at each session of the Association. Besides the special object entrusted to this committee, it shall have the authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session. This committee shall hold regular meetings on Saturday preceding each fifth Lord's Day in the year at such places as may be designated by the committee. The committee shall meet for organization immediately after the adjournment of the Association. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association in addition to its powers already granted to conduct missionary operations within or without its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow, designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through their treasurer out of the funds to be sent up along with the fund for publishing the Minutes at every annual meeting.

Art. XI. The annual meetings of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 11 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the third Lord's Day in October of each year, at which time the intro-



ductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock A. M. for preaching.

Art. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by the two-thirds vote of the members in attendance.

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An introductory and Missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon of either to be preached by an alternate, to be chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. Visiting brethren in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
4. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and on obtaining leave shall proceed.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided before another is introduced.
8. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.
9. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
10. No member shall speak twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.
11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses, one to another, and all titles unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "D. D.," "Parson" and the like shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.
12. The names of the members will be called as often as the Association shall direct.
13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
14. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this body by a majority of the members present.



**ORDER OF BUSINESS IN CHURCH CONFERENCE.**

1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats with us in conference.
2. Extending an opportunity for the reception of members.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Call for references.
5. Call for acknowledgments.
6. Call for the peace and fellowship of the church.
7. Call for church dealings in Gospel order.
8. Call for new business.
9. Call for miscellaneous business.
10. Motion to adjourn.

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**APPENDIX.**

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**Corresponding Messengers.**

W. P. Hall and D. L. Richardson were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to the Dardennelle Association.

James C. Williamson, J. J. Hearn and J. P. Stevens were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to Concord Association.

P. E. Windham and G. W. Pearce were appointed Corresponding Messengers to Ouachita Association.

L. F. Patterson, R. P. Claborn, C. Burns and P. E. Windham were appointed as Corresponding Messengers to Short Mountain Association.

R. P. Claborn, C. Burns and P. E. Windham were appointed as Messengers to the General Association of Western Arkansas and of the Indian Territory.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Additions		Dismissed		Present Membership.	For Minutes.	Days Meet'g.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Value Church Property.
				Baptism.	By Letter	Restored	By Letter	Excluded						
Arbor Grove.....	W. P. Hall.....	J. P. Bean.....		7	3	0	0	4	27	50				
Cedar Creek.....	T. N. Watkins..	H. H. Hursell...	Gipson.....	0	0	0	7	1	47	1 00				25
Cross Creek.....	L. Blackburn...	G. S. L. Young...		0	0	0	0	0	18	1 00				
Cedar Grove.....	W. P. Hall.....	J. S. Farmer.....	Booth.....	2	1	0	0	1	39	1 25		1 95		
Fellowship.....	J. C. Williamson	M. A. Strozier...	Witcherville.	2	3	0	2	0	81	1 50			10 00	400
Good Hope.....	W. P. Hall.....	T. J. Padgett...	Belva.....	2	7	0	1	5	122	2 10				500
Hartford.....	J. C. Williamson	W. L. White.....	Hartford.....	2	0	0	2	1	61	1 40			4 70	
Lynch Prairie...	J. J. Tate.....	I. J. Lucas.....	Crow.....	0	1	0	1	0	23	55			5 00	
Long Ridge.....	J. W. Lindsey...	J. W. Carolan...	Carolan.....	1	4	1	7	1	43	75			1 05	
Mountain View...	G. W. Evans.....	P. White.....	Gipson.....	5	0	1	4	1	28	55		65		
New Home.....	T. N. Watkins..	W. L. Moore.....	Cauthron.....	0	0	0	3	1	53	75	2 50			
Pilgrim's Rest...	J. H. Anderson..	J. S. Cain.....	Mansfield...	3	1	0	2	1	33	80	3 05			
Palestine.....	W. P. Hall.....	J. J. Hearn.....	Greenwood...	0	2	0	6	1	90	1 55		5 00	5 00	425
Pleasant Grove No. 1	R. P. Claborn...	J. T. Plummer...	Poteau.....	0	3	1	0	0	34	85				150
Pleasant Grove No. 2	H. G. Johnson...	E. B. Casey.....	Mansfield...	0	2	0	9	0	45	75		1 50	1 50	
Poteau.....	L. F. Patterson..	I. M. Hon.....	Winfield.....	20	1	1	24	2	195	2 30				
Pine Log.....	I. Goff.....		Echo.....	1	0	0	6	0	13	25				
Ross Creek.....	L. S. Smith.....	G. L. Jenkins...	Waldron.....	9	2	1	0	1	34	55		5 65	1 15	
Shiloh.....	T. N. Watkins..	C. C. Bruton...	Boles.....	2	0	0	5	2	51	2 00				
Salem.....	John Burk.....	J. G. Sanders...	Cedar Creek.	2	0	0	6	0	31	60				
Shady Grove.....	John H. Byers...	W. L. Dunn.....	Waldron.....	12	13	0	2	0	78	1 30	1 00	1 00	2 00	
Unity.....	T. N. Watkins..	D. L. Brown.....	Braley.....	11	0	0	18	2	78	90	2 50			200
Union Hope.....	I. A. Davis.....	A. C. Shackelford	Tate.....	4	6	2	1	2	34	1 05				25
White Church.....	John H. Byers...	C. A. McCaskell..	Park.....	9	2	3	10	3	34	1 00	3 50	50	3 75	
Waldron.....	L. F. Patterson..	D. L. Richardson	Waldron.....	0	0	0	7	0	68	1 50			5 10	800
West Harmony.....	G. W. Evans.....	J. P. Babb.....	Hartford.....	0	0	0	3	1	74	60				50
Totals.....				94	51	10	116	30	20 1424	\$26 75	\$9 55	\$16 25	\$38 15	\$2575