

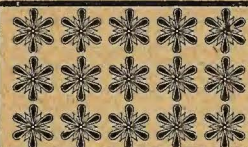
Thirty-Third  
Annual Session  
Of The

Crooked Creek  
1901  
Association of Missionary  
Baptists.

Held With  
Sugar Loaf Church  
Boone County, Ark.

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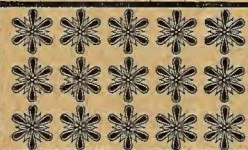
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
Crooked Creek Association  
of Missionary Baptists.

1901.



FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1901.—The Association met with Sugar  
Foot Church, Boone county, and was called to order by Moderator.

Prayer by Elder N. F. Bradley.

Song—"The Rock that is Higher than I."

Introductory Sermon by Eld. J. E. Rylee, from II Corinthians 6:14.

Association adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

Prayer by Elder M. M. Smith.

1 p. m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. E.  
Rylee.



C. L. Hall appointed clerk pro tem. Churches called in order and letters read, Eld. M. M. Smith and W. H. Raley acting as reading clerk. Association went into election by ballot for moderator, clerk and treasurer, which resulted in the election of W. H. Raley as Moderator, C. L. Hall as Clerk, and W. M. Holt as Treasurer. Call for newly constituted churches. Big Springs handed in a petitionary letter and was received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by Moderator. Call for correspondence from sister associations, whereupon Elder Johnson and Bro. Tom White were received from Taney County Association of Mo.; Elder Baker was received from White River Association.

Motion carried to receive letter of correspondence from Madison County Association. Elder Stone received as visiting minister from Taney Association. Elder F. A. Whitely and J. P. Pond were received as visitors.



#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Divine Service—Uriah Honeycutt, John Purdon, W. M. Holt, and messengers of Sugar Loaf Church.

Sunday School—Elder N. F. Bradley, J. N. Brewer, J. L. Benager.

Periodicals—Elder M. M. Smith, Allen Phillips, T. H. Cook.

Queries—J. Q. A. Sprer, Marion Long, J. S. Looney.

Temperance—W. W. Buckner, S. H. Willis, James Crawford.

Finance—J. J. Cox, W. G. Thornton, Jr., J. A. Austin, James Terry.

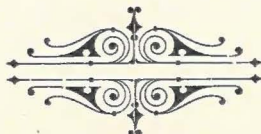
Obituaries—W. G. Thornton, Sr., J. M. Smith, W. D. Self.

Resolutions—O. B. Austin, I. N. Allinder, Mastin Waltrip.

Missions—J. E. Rylee, W. G. Thornton, Sr., O. B. Austin.

Education—M. M. Smith, W. G. Thornton, Jr., J. L. Benager.

Orphans' Home—Elder J. E. Rylee, T. H. Cook, Mrs. A. E. Hall.



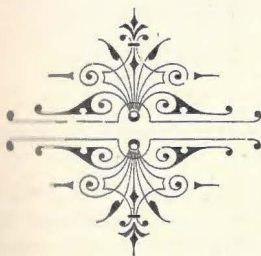
Hall of churches called and absentees noted. Motion made and carried that reading of Constitution and Rules of Decorum be dispensed with. Call for report of messengers to sister associations. Bro. J. B. Looney failed to attend White River Association and was excused. Bro. Uriah Honeycutt failed to attend Taney County Association of Missouri, and was excused. Elder R. W. Raley and W. H. Raley visited Taney County Association. Brethren were present who volunteered to attend Carroll County and Trace Ridge Associations.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Bro. J. M. Green, Eld. R. W. Raley and W. H. Raley volunteered to attend Taney Association of Missouri. Bros. Uriah Honeycutt, J. B. Looney and J. A. Thornton volunteered to attend White River Association. Bros. Elder M. M. Smith, J. M. Green and T. J. Green volunteered to attend Carroll County Association. Bros. H. D. Hefner, Elder N. F. Bradley and J. L. Benager volunteered to attend Trace Ridge Association.

Motion carried to correspond with Madison County Association. Bro. Elder W. W. Buckner, Columbus Williams and Marion Long volunteered to attend Madison County Association.

Motion made to adjourn until Monday at 8 a. m. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Looney. Elder M. L. Johnson preached at night from Matthew 23:19, followed by Elder W. G. Thornton. Sermon Sunday 10 a. m. by Elder M. M. Smith from John 15:14, followed by Elder Whiteley. Collection for State missions amounted to \$8.67. At 7 p. m. Elder N. F. Bradley preached. Subject: "The Christian Mother." Sermon Sunday by Elder I. Davis. Text: "By faith we are saved through faith." Followed by Eld. R. W. Raley.



## SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1901.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Call to order by Moderator. Elder M. M. Smith read a division of Psalms. Prayer by Elder N. F. Bradley. Call for reports of committees. Motion carried to limit time to five minutes on any one subject. Committee on Periodicals made report, which was adopted. Committee on Education made report, which was adopted. Committee on Orphans' Home made report, which was adopted, and the following sisters were appointed to collect means in their respective churches:

Harrison, Mrs. F. M. Lamberton; Bellefonte, Gallie Williams; Prairie View, Addie Terry; Walnut Grove, Mary Achley; Cave Hall, Nancy Holt; Bethel, Mrs. Waltrip; Sugar Loaf, Martha Mathes; Lead Mine, Mrs. Honeycutt; Orion, Mollie Brown; Rock Point, Emma Austin; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Essix; Cross Road, Josey Dial; Harmony, Lee Murray; Antioch, Irene Ellis; Mt. Pleasant, Bettie Henderson; New Hope, Ed Sams; Big Springs, Mrs. Blackwell.

Motion carried to preach one sermon on Orphans' Home, in each quarter of year to the respective churches. Committee on Queries made report. No queries. Committee on Obituaries made report, which was adopted by a rising vote. Committee on Temperance made report, which was adopted. Committee on Sunday Schools made report, which was adopted. Motion made to adjourn until 1 p. m. Prayer by Elder Whitely. 11 a. m. Sermon by Elder Baker from Zachariah 3:8, followed by Elder J. A. Thornton.

1 p. m. Met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. James Smith. Committee on Missions made report which was adopted. Motion carried to allow M. M. Smith five minutes more time on missions; also to allow N. F. Bradley five minutes more time on missions. Committee on Finance made report, which was adopted.



## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Missionaries' reports adopted. Report of Treasurer received and adopted. Committee on Resolutions made report, which was adopted. Missionary Boards report received. Volunteer missionary work received. Collection for ministerial education of Elder Whitely, amounting to \$6.70. Motion carried to draw from treasurer of Association \$22.36 to balance up with missionaries.



Motion carried that Association meet next year with Mt. Pleasant church. Elder R. W. Raley was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next sitting of this body, with Elder M. M. Smith as his alternate. Motion carried that the Clerk be appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and have all copies printed; and solicit advertisements; and that five dollars be allowed him for his service. Motion carried that reading of minutes be dispensed with. Motion carried that Association adjourn to meet with Mt. Pleasant church, thirteen miles south of Jasper, on Henderson mountain, Newton county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m. After adjournment Elder N. F. Bradley delivered the farewell address. Prayer by Elder M. M. Smith. Sermon Monday night by Elder Rylee.

W. H. RALEY, MODERATOR,  
P. O., Sycamore.

E. L. HALL, CLERK,  
P. O., Bellefonte.



## Committee Reports.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We, as Baptists believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the personal founder and head of the church and that the Commission is to teach all nations, Therefore, We should teach on Sunday and every other day, and from house to house. Keep not SILENT, withhold not the truth. We are therefore responsible before God for our failure of Sunday Schools. Great God! Shall we leave our children alone with the enemy and fail to teach them God's truth? We therefore recommend that each church in the bounds of Crooked Creek Association organize themselves into a Sunday School and that they use in connection with the Bible, Baptist Literature. Respectfully yours,

N. F. BRADLEY, J. L. BENEGAR, J. N. BREWER, Committee.

### EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, submit the following as our report: As Baptists we have ever favored the highest education possible for our people. We believe in the development of both mind and body. We are justly proud of our system of schools in this state. Ouachita College under Prof. J. W. Conger is the leading institution of the State. Her influence and popularity are increasing each year. We also have the following academies under our auspices, Bentonville, Maynard and Mountain Home. These academies are feeders to Ouachita and in a right good degree supplement her work. And we have also located at Conway our only female institution of Arkansas, Central Baptist College under the presidency of Prof. W. W. Rivers, which has and is doing much good. We recommend that our Association co-operate with and assist these schools above mentioned in every possible way. We would further recommend that we assist Bro. F. A. Whitely, a young man of our own Association whom God has called to the work of the gospel ministry, in procuring an education in our schools, and that a collection for this purpose be taken at the present session of the body. Your committee,

M. M. SMITH, J. L. BENEGAR, Committee.

### TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following: We believe that the use of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest evils of our day, therefore we would recommend that our brethren vote against license and work to that end and abstain from the use thereof, and after due efforts have been made with dram drinking church members and our efforts fail that we withdraw fellowship from them.

W. W. BUCKNER, S. H. WILLIS, BROTHER CRAWFORD, Committee.



## PERIODICALS.

Our committee on Periodicals submit the following report: As the Bible is our only source of infallible instruction in matters spiritual and temporal we heartily recommend its careful and prayerful study by all our people, and further recommend that our churches secure Baptist literature for Sunday Schools. And that all who are able, read such Baptist papers and sound in Bible doctrine and practice. Your committee,  
M. M. SMITH, ALLEN PHILLIPS, T. H. COOK, Committee.

## MISSIONS.

Our committee on Missions submit the following report: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we would ask, What is the matter with the Baptist Association of Crooked Creek in regard to State, Foreign and Home Missions? Are we Missionary Baptists in practice? Does our report this year show it? Are our hearts as blank of the grace of God as our reports are barren lands? Brethren why should your committee recommend when recommendations are unheeded? Our State Mission Board is located at Rock and they are trying by the help of God and their brethren to take the truth in all parts of the state. Shall we help? Our Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Georgia, and has charge of the work in the Southern Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Cuba and Porto Rico. A great work is done in this Department. Shall we enlist for Christ's sake? Cuba is spiritually, shall we as God's servants, try to liberate her spiritually? The church of Atlanta, Georgia, is secretary of the Home Board. Our Home Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virginia, with R. J. Willingham corresponding Secretary. It has charge of the work in the following places: Japan Africa, China and Japan, Papal Italy, South America and Mexico. Brethren, shall we let the heathen perish without an effort to save? Shall we let our churches report a cent on Foreign Missions. Is this obedience to Christ? We congratulate the churches on their work the past year in our International Missions. God has blessed us. Let us be thankful to him. We recommend that the same Board be continued for one year and that it shall constitute a quorum instead of five. We would further recommend that the Board supply the following places with preaching one Sunday out of each year during this associational year: Lead Hill and Jasper, and further we shall so direct, that a Baptist church be established at each place. We further recommend that the churches combine their strength in district and do volunteer mission work. Brethren let us rally our forces for Christ as we have never done before.

W. G. THORNTON, J. E. RYLEE, Committee.

## ORPHAN'S HOME.

Our committee on Orphan's Home recommend the following report: We have an orphan's Home for the State of Arkansas located at Monticello, Monticello, with Mrs. Hanna Hyette Gardner as Matron. The Home has at present 41 children and they are being clothed, fed and educated:

The Home is preparing to receive 100 children. In order to do this a large brick building is being built and furnished for their reception. We recommend that the Association appoint one member in each church to collect for the Orphan's Home and turn over same to Associational Treasurer to be forward same to Orphan's Home and report amount at next Association.

W. G. THORNTON, J. E. RYLEE, T. H. COOK AND SISTER A. E. HALL, Committee.

## MISSIONARY REPORT.

## TO THE CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION:

DEAR BRETHREN: I beg leave to report the following work done: Time 25 days, preached 36 sermons, organized 1 church, baptized 9 persons, received \$2.50 from Sugar Loaf church.

R. W. RALEY, Associational Missionary.

DEAR BRETHREN: I beg leave to report the following work done: Time at Jasper, with I think good results, 12 days, 150 miles traveled; Time at Shiloh, 3 days, 30 miles; Time at Pleasant Grove, assisted by Revs. A. A. Neal and S. C. Rylee, 13 days, 40 miles traveled, 15 conversions, 18 added to church; Time at Antioch church, (in connection with pastor J. E. Rylee) 9 days; 54 miles traveled; 6 conversions, 8 added to church, collection \$4.23; Time at Harmony church, (Pastor F. A. Whitely), 11 days, 8 conversions, 6 added to church, collection \$7.00; Time at Mt. Pleasant church, (Pastorless), 2 days, 10 miles traveled, 4 added to church, collection 75 cents. Total, 50 days, 284 miles traveled, 29 conversions, 36 added to church, total collection \$11.98. Respectfully,

N. F. BRADLEY, Associational Missionary.

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your Missionary Board beg leave to submit the following report. Three meetings during the year:—Bellefonte, Jan. 12, 1901. Three members present, Rev. Ed. Reece, Allen Phillips and Chas. Hall. The following field to missionaries, Jasper to Elder N. F. Bradley, Valley Springs to Elder J. B. Swanner, Lead Hill to R. W. Raley, at thirty-three and one-third dollars per month for time of work. Prairie View, Jan. 26, 1901. Three members present, Rev. Ed. Reece, Allen Phillips and Chas. Hall. Board authorized Clerk to notify each member time and place of meeting. (Members notified.) Bellefonte, April 13, 1901. Four members present, Rev. Reece, Allen Phillips, Joseph Daniels and Chas. Hall. Clerk authorized to notify members to collect from their respective churches and send it in to the Treasurer. Members notified.

ALLEN PHILLIPS, C. L. HALL.

## MISSION BOARD'S FINANCE REPORT.

Received from churches: Harrison, \$8.25; Bellefonte, \$4.40; Prairie View, \$4.35; Cave Hall, \$5.00; Lead Mine, \$1.00; Bethel, \$8.50; Rock Point, \$1.85; Sugar Loaf, \$7.50; Prairie View last year, \$1.25; Cash on hand last year, \$15.00. From Treasurer W. M. Holt, \$22.36; Collected by Missionaries, \$14.48; Total received, \$94.25. Disbursements: To Elder R. W. Raley, \$27.77; Elder N. F. Bradley, \$55.56; Elder J. B. Swanner, \$9.96; Incidental expenses, .96; Total disbursements, \$94.25.

ALLEN PHILLIPS, Moderator.

C. L. HALL, Clerk.

## VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY WORK.

Elder J. E. Rylee preached 11 days, 8 conversions, 6 additions to church, 4 by experience and baptism, 2 by letter, miles traveled, 62, received \$4.00. Elder F. A. Whitely preached 7 days, conversions 29, received \$3.00.



## TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1901.

Received from Association last year, \$60.44. Receipts for \$31.80. Turned to W. H. Holt, \$29.64 in cash which balances the account. This Oct. 21, 1901.  
W. H. RALEY, Treasurer.

## FINANCE REPORT.

The committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: Received \$12.60 for Minute funds, \$12.60.

J. J. COX, JAMES TERRY, Committee.

## OBITUARY REPORT.

The committee on Obituaries report as follows: After an examination of the records of this association have suffered the loss of nine of its members during the past year, to-wit: Bro. Geo. Helms and Sister A. Helms of Harrison church and Bro. Chas. Reynolds and Sister Sallie Bush, of Bethel, Bro. M. L. Foster, Bro. John Pruitt senior, of Bethel, Bro. T. Pruitt of Antioch, Sister M. Wennett, of Lead Mine, and also Sister Cross of Sugar Loaf church. These brothers and sisters are gone to their rest. We extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones who are left to their bereavement. We also adopt the following reports sent in by the churches: Bethel and Sugar Loaf. Respectfully submitted,

W. G. THORNTON, J. M. SMITH, M. D. SELF, Committee.

## OBITUARIES.

**BRO. BUSH.** Died July 1901. God in wisdom has seen fit to call from our beloved sister, Sally Bush, wife of Bro. W. P. Bush. The dear sister in her last hours said she was ready to go but grieved to leave her husband and her children. May the evidence she left behind her be a comfort to her husband until they meet again to part no more.

**BROS. REYNOLDS.** Departed this life March 1901, another veteran has fallen in his weapons of warfare and gone to reap his reward with the angels. Bro. Chas. Reynolds was a faithful member of the Baptist church of Bethel. Be it resolved that heartfelt condolence be extended to his widow and children. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord."

COMMITTEE.

**SISTER WHITE.** From Sugar Loaf church. Death has visited our church for its victim, Sister Cross White who was a kind and affectionate mother, a consistent Christian for years, yet our loss is her gain. Her words were sweet. She said to her husband and children, I am going to Jesus Christ.

## RESOLUTIONS.

The committee on Resolutions submit the following: Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Sugar Loaf church and community for the kind and brotherly love in which they welcomed and cared for us all, both messengers and visitors during our visit.

MASTIN WALTRIP, I. N. ALLINDER, Committee.



## SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CHURCHES.

In addition to the contributions recorded in the statistical table and for Association Missions, the following sums have been raised by churches of the Association:

Harrison—State Sunday School work, \$1.08, Orphans Home, \$3.70, Ministerial Education \$1.70, Foreign Missions \$10.00, Sunday School expenses, \$20.00. Incidental funds \$59.10, State Missions, \$64.00, Building Fund \$162.10, Home Missions \$5.25, Poor Fund \$31.75. Bellefonte,—State Missions \$6.00, Cost of Sunday School Literature \$8.00, Paid Rev. Hays for conducting a revival \$10.00. Walnut Grove—Cost of S. S. Literature for this year \$6.00, State Missions \$5.50, Cave Hall—State Mission \$6.10, Home Mission \$2.12, Foreign Missions \$2.69, State S. S. work \$4.65, Orphan's Home \$1.00, Ministerial Education \$1.17, Cost of Sunday School Literature \$6.93. Bethel—Orphan's Home, \$1.50. Sugar Loaf—Orphan's Home \$3.01. Harmony—Orphan's Home \$1.55, Cost of Sunday School Literature \$3.00. Antioch—Cost of Sunday School Literature \$3.30.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## DECLARATION OF FAITH.

Article I. We believe that the Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is the treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all Christian relations should be regulated.

We believe there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite intelligent Being, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, eternally glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct and co-ordinate offices in the work of the redemption.



III. We believe man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy estate, in consequence of which all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under iust condemnation without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by appointment of the Father, freely took upon Himself our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by his personal obedience, and by His death made full atonement for our sins; that, having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, uniting in His wonderful person the tender sympathies with Divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness, that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by the cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in aggravated condemnation.

VII. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God, whereby, being convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him as the only all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners, that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of His free mercy, that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe in the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. We believe that sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness, and that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the continued use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.



40. We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end, and that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors, that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

41. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the fallen man is under to fulfill its precepts, arises from the love of sin, and from that from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and of the means of grace, and of the establishment of his visible church.

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

43. We believe that Christian Baptism is immersion, in water, of a believer, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, administered by a legal administrator, as a birth in solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effects in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; and as requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to unite together the undying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

44. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular business and recreations, by the observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest that remains for the people of God.

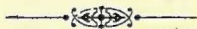
45. We believe that the government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, consulted, honored and obeyed except only in things opposed to the Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

46. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his esteem; and that such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and unrighteous; and this distinction holds good among men both in and after death.

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

## RULES OF DECORUM.

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



## RULES OF ORDER.

1. Annual Introductory Sermon.
2. Call of the Association to order by Moderator, if present.
3. Call for church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters for membership.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.

9. Appoint committees.
10. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
11. Call and correct roll and note absentees.
12. Call for reports of messengers to corresponding bodies.
13. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
14. Call for report of committees in order.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Resolutions.
17. Appoint place for next meeting of Association.
18. Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon.
19. Appoint some one to have the minutes printed.
20. Adjournment.

## FORM FOR ASSOCIATION LETTER.

To the \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Association when convened with (place)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE ASSOCIATION:—We, the Church of Jesus Christ, known as Missionary Baptist, meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ send as messengers to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 During the past year our Church has been increased: by baptism \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ by statement \_\_\_\_\_, by restoration \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ by exclusion \_\_\_\_\_, by death \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Licentiates \_\_\_\_\_ Present membership \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Present Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution for Pastoral sup-  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Church meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Moderator.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk. P. O. \_\_\_\_\_



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	P. O.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	By Exp. & Bap.			By Letter,			By Statement,			By Restoration,			By Letter,			By Exclusion,			By Death,			Ordained Ministers, Licentiates,	Membership,	Church Days,	Pastoral Support,	Minute Fund,	Sunday S. Scholars.
					Increased	Decreased	Ordained	By Letter,	By Exclusion,	By Death,	Ordained	By Letter,	By Exclusion,	By Death,																	
Harrison, Bellefonte,	Harrison, Bellefonte,	M. M. Smith, Sid. Bromfield	P C Maggard, C. L. Hall,	M. M. Smith, Allen Phillips, C. L. and E. E. Hall, A. E. Hall and Vado Bruton.	1	8	1										7	11	2	2				93	1234	260	32	1	00	50	
					2	3	1										2	2	2	1				62	2	60	00	45	45		
Prairie View	Harrison,	W W Buckner,	Jas. Davis,	J. N. Brewer, Jas. Terry, I. N. Allinder, I. Davis.	2					2										1	1			62	4	24	30	1	10		
Walnut G've	Gaither,	Sid. Bromfield	J. E. McGinn,	J. Q. A. Speer, Marion Long, W. W. Buckner.	14	5				8														92	1	63	00	1	00	40	
Cave Hall,	Harrison,	M. M. Smith,	J. J. Wilkins,	Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holt, Jos. Daniel, Sister Daniel,	2																			50	4	54	80	1	00	46	
Bethel,	Self,	J A Thornton,	S. M. Waltrip,	T. H. Cook, Mastin Waltrip, S. M. Waltrip.	2	2				12	2	2	1											66	2	15	35		80		
Sugar Loaf,	Sycamore,	R. W. Raley,	W. H. Raley,	W. H. Raley, J. A. Thornton, J. M. Smith, W. Raley.	1	1				9	1	1	4											72	3	14	80		85	50	
Lead Mine,	Willis,	J A Thornton,	U. Honeycutt,	Uriah Honeycutt, W. G. Thornton, A. A. Hughey.	2					10	3	1	2											33	1	9	00		65		
Orion,	Harrison,	J. W. Pettit,	J. J. Cox,	J. J. Cox, Lonnie Cox, Joseph Crawford.	2																			2	50	1	2	70		55	
Rock Point,	Lead Hill,	J A Thornton,	W G Thornton	Ob Austin, J. S. Looney, W. G. Thornton, J. A. Austin.		4	1			1														30	4	6	75		50		
Big Springs,	Lead Hill,		T F Purdom,	J. W. Purdom, William Hodge, H. W. Purdom.	8	1				4															19		2	60	1	00	
Mt. Pleasant	Wayton,		I. W. Taylor,	J. L. Benager.	4						3														50	2				55	
Harmony,	Murray,	F. A. Whitely,	J. P. Ponder,	N. F. Bradley, Steve Willis, J. E. Rylee, D. Self	5					1		1													51	1	11	55	1	00	36

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