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MINUTES

OF THE

**SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**CONCORD**

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

HELD WITH

**White Oak Baptist Church,**

**Logan County, Arkansas,**

**OCTOBER 15th, 17th and 18th, 1887.**

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OFFICERS:

*A. A. SPILLER, Moderator.*

*H. N. SMITH, Clerk.*

*H. H. MOUSER, Treasurer.*

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The next Session to be held with Cedar Grove Church, Tomlinson,  
Scott County, Arkansas, twelve miles north of Waldrow, on  
Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1888.

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## MINUTES.

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Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. H. York, from 1st Peter 3rd chap. 12th verse, followed by Elder L. F. Patterson. Adjourned for dinner.

At two o'clock p. m. the Association was called together by the Moderator, who read the 34th Psalm. Prayer by brother H. H. Mouser. Brethren, J. J. Holland, James Edmonson and H. N. Smith were appointed to read the letters from the churches. The churches, New Providence, Lebanon, Smyrna and Pleasant Grove No. 2 came forward and presented petitionary letters, which were read and their delegates were received, given the right hand of fellowship and seated in this body.

After this the Association went into the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder A. A. Spiller, Moderator, Bro. H. N. Smith, Clerk, and Bro. H. H. Mouser, Treasurer.

By request of Elder A. A. Spiller, Elder E. L. Compere was elected to assist him in his duties as Moderator.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Finance—G. H. Council, William Tyler and L. T. Hale.

On Preaching—J. N. Pennington, A. M. Bryant, G. B. Mutchler, M. Q. Workman and T. J. Condry. Bro. J. J. Holland moved the appointment of additional committees on the following subjects: Documents, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sabbath-schools, Education, Temperance, Nominations, Religious Literature and Deceased Ministers. A motion prevailed to appropriate the Sabbath collections for Home Missions at 11 o'clock a. m., to the payment of Brethren R. P. Claborn and J. H. York for missionary work done in 1884. The Preaching Committee made the following report: Preaching to-night at the Goff School House by Elder H. H. Mouser, followed by Elder James Edmonson; at Spring Hill by Elder L. F. Patterson, followed by Elder G. W. Evans; at White Oak by Elder J. W. Miller, followed by Elder A. A. Spiller. On motion we adjourned until Monday at 8 o'clock a. m.

## SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 9.30 a. m., conducted by Bro. G. W. Wiley. At 11 o'clock a. m. the missionary sermon was preached by Elder R. P. Claborn, from Mathew 28th chap. 19th and 20th verses, followed by Elder W. B. Herndon. Elder E. L. Compere then gave a brief talk on the subject of missions and took up a collection for both Home and Foreign Missions.

The Moderator then announced the appointment of the following committees:

On Documents—J. D. Aultman, M. Q. Workman and J. C. Brownfield.

Home Missions—J. H. York, G. W. Evans and R. P. Claborn.

Foreign Missions—J. J. Holland, H. H. Mouser and L. F. Patterson.

Sabbath-Schools—J. J. Condry, G. W. Wiley. James Edmonson and B. D. Barnes.

Education—J. H. Holland, A. J. Watson, John Cox and Frank Keith.

Temperance—R. P. Claborn, M. Q. Workman and J. C. Eslinger.

Nominations—G. H. Council, Wm. Tyler and R. H. Cook.

Religious Literature—W. B. Herndon, J. H. Holland and L. T. Hale.

Deceased Ministers—L. F. Patterson, R. H. Cook and John Harman.

The Preaching Committee published the following appointments for to-night: Elder L. F. Patterson, at White Oak; Elder E. L. Compere, at Spring Hill; Elder G. W. Evans, at Goff's School House.

At 3 o'clock p. m. lectures on Sunday-schools were delivered by Brethren L. T. Hall, James Edmonson and E. L. Compere. Brother L. F. Patterson was sent to Spring Hill, and Elder H. H. Mouser preached at White Oak, at 7 o'clock p. m.

MONDAY, 8 o'clock A. M., Oct. 17, 1887.

The Association was opened by reading the 50th Psalm by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder J. J. Holland.

The Clerk was then ordered to read the Minutes of the two previous days, which were approved. The roll was then called and corrected. Bro. J. T. Pool reported from New Bethel



Church, but was immediately excused on account of his father's sickness at home.

Brother E. L. Compere was seated as corresponding Messenger from Oucachita Association. Brother H. T. Drury from Short Mountain Association. Brother B. F. Haddock was seated as a visiting Baptist.

The Moderator ruled a limit of five minutes to the speeches. Reports—Foreign Missions. See appendix "A,"

There were twenty-six brethren and sisters who pledged themselves to pay ten cents per month to Foreign Missions during the next Associational year. On motion the pastors of the various churches of the Concord Association were requested to preach a Foreign Mission sermon some time during the winter to their churches and try to perfect the system of monthly ten cent pledges. The preaching committee made the following report: Preaching at White Oak, at 11 o'clock a. m., by Elder E. L. Compere, followed by Brother Haddock; preaching to-night at White Oak by Elder L. F. Patterson; at Spring Hill by Elder E. L. Compere, followed by Elder J. J. Holland; at Goff's School House by Elder G. W. Evans, followed by Brother H. T. Drury.

Recess ten minutes.

Came together by singing. After prayer Elder E. L. Compere preached an able sermon from Eccl. 9th chap. and 10th verse. We then adjourned for refreshments. Met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m. and after prayer by Brother T. J. Condry took up the regular business of adopting reports.

On Nominations. See appendix "B."

Adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m., Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer passed immediately to the adoption of reports.

Home Missions—See appendix "C."

A motion prevailed to appoint Elder J. H. York, as Home Missionary, to ride and preach in the north-western boundary of this Association. The following brethren agreed to pay Bro. York \$1 each per month for the first five months for his services as missionary: E. L. Compere, H. F. Drury, B. D. Barnes, J. H. Holland, L. F. Patterson, Wm. Grenawalt, and James

Edmonson. The following brethren agreed to pay Bro. York fifty cents each for first five months for same work: A. H. Farmer, John W. Hunt, and A. G. Winningham.

The following brethren agreed to assist Bro. York as follows: Elder R. P. Claborn, at Huntington; Elder A. A. Spiller, eight days at Fort Smith; Elder James Edmonson, thirty days at Fort Smith: Elder H. T. Drury, ten days at Fort Smith; Elder Wm. Grenawalt, ten days at Fort Smith; Elder H. H. Mouser, seven days at Fort Smith; Elder John W. Miller, ten days at Fort Smith.

On motion it was agreed to pay Brother G. W. Evans the amounts sent up from the various churches for Home Missions.

Sabbath-schools—See appendix "D."

Religious Literature—See appendix "E."

Preaching Committee reported, preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder B. F. Haddock, followed by Elder R. P. Claborn.

Finance—See appendix "F."

Documents—See appendix "G."

Home Missions—See appendix "H."

Education—See appendix "I."

Temperance—See appendix "J."

The Treasurer came forward and paid over to the Clerk \$33 for printing Minutes. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk \$10 for his services, the remainder to be paid for printing and distribution of Minutes. It was agreed, on motion, to send the printing of Minutes to the *American Baptist Flag* printing office.

Treasurer's report—See appendix "K."

Recess ten minutes.

Came together by singing. Preaching by Elder B. F. Haddock, followed by Elder R. P. Claborn.

Adjourned for dinner.

Came together with singing at 1:30 p. m.

The business of Correspondence being in order, it was taken up.

To Ouachita Association, when convened with Mt. Gillead Church in Montgomery county, Ark., on Saturday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1888—J. J. Holland, T. J. Condry, H. W. Smith, G. W. Wiley, James Edmonson, J. H. York, and W. B. Herndon.



To Short Mountain Association at Holana Chapel—L. F. Patterson, J. H. York, A. A. Spiller, James Edmonson, and W. S. Wiley.

On motion it was agreed that the Moderator appoint messengers to the General Association. They were appointed as follows: T. J. Condry, G. W. Wiley, A. A. Spiller, M. Q. Workman, and H. H. Mouser, as Messengers, and A. H. Farmer, B. D. Barnes, J. A. Singletary, and L. T. Hale, as Alternates. It was agreed that any members of Concord Association, who may be visiting of any Association, with which we are in correspondence, be seated as messengers from this body.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed for next Annual Session. It is pleasant here to remark that peace, quiet, and brotherly love was the theme of all present. The manifestations of God's grace were abundant, and almost every one present seemed to feel that his spiritual strength was renewed. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was given each other. Prayer by Elder E. L. Compere.

A. A. SPILLER, Moderator.

H. N. Smith, Clerk.

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## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT "A."

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that beyond all question the provisions of the Atonement are for the entire human race, and that Christ did organize the Church and give to it the great commission to preach the Gospel to *every* creature, and as we have a well organized system of Foreign Missions, we earnestly insist on the churches of this body to make liberal contributions for the support of the Gospel in foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

### REPORT "B."

We, your Committee on Nominations, would nominate Bro. H. H. Mouser to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. J. H. York, Alternate; Brother J. M. Ledbetter to preach the missionary sermon, and Bro. L. F. Patterson, Alternate; Bro. J. J. Holland on Sabbath-schools, and Bro. G. H. Evans, Alternate; Bro. R. P. Claborn, on Temperance,

Bro. James Edmonson, Alternate. Executive Committee: B. D. Barnes, G. G. Pettis, I. Davis, W. M. Trusty, and J. H. Holland.

G. H. COUNCIL, Chairman.

REPORT "C."

WHEREAS, great destitution exists in the bounds of this Association. Now, we recommend that it be turned over to the sisters of this Association to raise means to support a missionary or missionaries. That each pastor preach a sermon to their respective churches between this and the first Sunday in January 1888, and then and there appoint a body of the sisters, a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

2nd. We further recommend, that the Executive Committee meet at Cedar Grove Church, Saturday before the first Sunday in March, 1888, or as soon thereafter, as practicable, to appoint a missionary or missionaries.

3rd. We further recommend that the Treasurer of each body report to the Board at the before stated time.

J. H. YORK, Chairman.

REPORT "D."

We, your Committee on the subject of Sabbath-schools, beg leave to report, that there is no subject of greater interest and importance than the christian training of the children and youth of our land. If not trained for good, they will be educated for evil; if not brought up to Christ, they will be led in the paths of sin and death. Experience shows that the Sabbath-school is the most effective agency we can employ to guide our youth in the way of holiness and truth. We, therefore, recommend that each, and every church, in the bounds of this Association be urged to establish a Sabbath-school under its own control, and use only Baptist literature, the same in connection with the Bible. We recommend such literature as the Sunday-school Question Book, by A. C. Dayton, and the *Sunday School Baptist*, published by D. B. RAY:

T. J. CONDRY, Chairman.

REPORT "E."

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, respectfully submit the following report: Among the many things necessary for us to know, there is nothing so important as a knowledge of the great relationship existing between us and our creator, and the great plan of salvation whereby we may become reconciled to God. Aside from the Holy Bible, it is impossible for us to know those important truths. Therefore, we recommend the prayerful study of God's Word. In addition to this, we recommend that every Baptist family in our bounds subscribe for and read the *American Baptist Flag*, and the *Foreign Mission Journal*. We also recommend that our brethren supply themselves with our denominational books, that they may be posted in the doctrines of our great denomination. Those books may be obtained from the National Baptist Publishing company, of St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HERNDON, Chairman.



## REPORT "F."

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we received:

For Home Missions.....	\$21 50
“ Foreign Missions.....	7 05
“ Printing Minutes.....	33 00
Total.....	\$61 55

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. COUNCIL, Chairman.

## REPORT "G."

We, your Committee on Documents' find that Hopewell, New Providence, Dayton, Jones Creek, Palestine, Cedar Grove and Potean Churches have all asked for the next session of this Association. We recommend Cedar Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. AULTMAN, Chairman.

## REPORT "H."

Report of G. W. Evans as Missionary for Concord Association for this Associational year.

Sermons preached 122; exhortations given 30; acted in presbytery in organizing churches 1; ordaining ministers 2; ordaining deacons 5; baptised 62; days worked 113; rode miles 1650.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. EVANS, Chairman.

## REPORT "I."

The command to go teach, etc., carries with it by implication also a command to prepare for teaching. Educate both mind and heart that we may be able to contend with the spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore we thank God for the facilities to educate our children that they may be able to read and understand the Scriptures for themselves, and not follow the traditions of men. We would recommend the Baptist College, at Arkadelphia, to young men preparing for the ministry.

JNO. H. HOLLAND, Chairman.

## REPORT "J."

The use of ardent spirits is the greatest barrier to National prosperity, the enemy of good morals, the destroyer of human happiness, the meanest of all evils, the most baneful of influences. It paralyzes government, carries elections, defeats justice, supports the guilty, punishes the innocent, disturbs religious assemblies, ruins youth, disqualifies and breaks the name of husbands, brings want and death home with it, and takes the home to pay its bills. It fills the widow's heart with sorrow and the mouths of the fatherless with crying for bread. It drives the father to murder his children, the husband his wife; it gives the prisons more victims, the courts more cases and the government more expense than any other evil. Can any Baptist tolerate it, or buy drink and give to family or friends? This demon of the pit, this agent of woe and crime. Rather let every Baptist remember that the children are trained for drunkards while under the roof of the parents, or it may be after when



it is used in name of medicine. Better if physicians would use for stimulants that which does not craze the brain, and burn out the stomach. Let all of our churches enforce the three mile law, and let all of us memorialize the Legislature, to prohibit the manufacture, sale and introduction of all intoxicating drinks into the State, and thus destroy and forever part with the meanest foe of mankind.

R. P. CLABORN, Chairman.

The above report was amended by authorizing the appointment of a committee to memorialize the Legislature in behalf of this body. The following committee was appointed: J. H. Holland, Chairman; H. H. Mouser, J. M. Ledbetter, G. H. Council, J. W. Miller, R. H. Cook, M. Q. Workman, L. T. Hale, T. J. Condry, J. W. Condry, R. P. Claborn, L. F. Patterson, G. W. Evans, J. N. Pennington and J. J. Hollard.

REPORT "K."

Treasurer's report: Received

For Minutes.....	\$33 00
“ Home Missions.....	21 50
Foreign Missions.....	7 05

Total received.....\$61 55

Paid to Clerk for printing Minutes.....	\$33 00
Paid to Missionaries York, Claborn and Evans.....	21 50
Paid to E. L. Compere for Foreign Missions.....	7 05

Total paid out.....\$61 55

H. H. MOUSER, Treasurer.

I would here urge the clerks of the various churches to make their letters to the Association complete, if they would have statistics correct on the minutes.

H. N. SMITH, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions of Min- isters.	For Domestic Missions.	Church Meetings.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.
Amity	Hackett City	Sebastian	J. W. Miller	H. J. Roberts	J W Miller, H H Mouser	3	8		5			88	\$ 1 85	\$ 50	2	3	1
Cedar Grove	Tomlinson	Scott	G. W. Evans	H. N. Smith	A H Farmer, J W Hurt, G W Wiley, H N Smith	18	5	8	1	2		121	2 25		1	1	2
Center	Chocoville	Sebastian															
Dayton	Dayton	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	A.G. Winningham	W Tyler, A G Winningham, L P Fatterson, J E D- [monson, B D Barnes	14	2	11		5	2	174	2 00		4	2	1
Earle Prairie	Belva	Scott															
Fellowship	Witcherville	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	G. H. Council	G H Council, J H Holland, A A Spiller					38	4	2	83	1 50		1	
Hopewell	Booneville	Logan	J. N. Pennington	W. J. Browning	J N Pennington, J F Mitchell, W S Hooken	12	11			2	1	71	2 05			1	1
Hackett City	Hackett City	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	W. B. Herndon	W B Herndon, Allen Adams, J L Harris	8	30	3				40	1 15			1	1
Echo	Echo	Scott	J. J. Holland	J. M. Haste	B C Lasiter, W J Briscoe	2	9			1		17	1 00			3	
James' Fork	Peoria	Sebastian	W. D. Looper	Wm. Vaughn													
Jones' Creek	Brawley	Scott	G. W. Evans	G. W. Blair	M Q Workman, B F Mead	20	3	6	2			78	1 15			2	
Mill Creek	Bucknob	Scott															
Mt. Gilead	Brawley	Scott	R. M. Evans	J. C. Eslinger	Richard Hill, J C Eslinger	18	8	10		1		42	1 00				
Lebanon	Chilmsville	Logan	J. J. Holland	B. E. Balentine	T J Newman, W E Balentine		5					5	50			3	
New Bethel	Cauthron	Scott	L. B. Blackburn	G. W. Lane	J T Pool	3		4		3		28	50				
New Providence	Hackett City	Sebastian	J. H. York	J. D. Anderson	J H York		17					17	50			1	
Palestine	Witcherville	Sebastian	J. W. Miller	L. S. Cross	Wm Cross, Henry Vineyard, R H Cook	4	13	2		1		59	1 50				
Pleasant Valley	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian	J. H. York		J L Cox, S L Cox	8		10				54	1 00			4	
Pleasant Grove, No. 1	Waldron	Scott	R. P. Claborn	T. J. Condry	T J Condry, F H White		2	1		1	1	43	55			2	
Pleasant Grove, No. 2	Fuller	Scott	A. A. Spiller	J. C. Brownfield	J C Brownfield	3	3					16	1 00	2 20		4	2
Pilgrim's Rest	Chocoville	Sebastian	R. P. Claborn	J. P. Byers	R P Claborn, G W Evans, John Harmon	5	4	1		1	1	50	1 05			4	3
Potean	Waldron	Scott	R. P. Claborn	Geo W. Smith	J A Singletary		6	2		1	3	177	2 45			3	1
Rock Springs	Sugar Grove	Logan															
Ross Creek	Waldron	Scott	W. B. Herndon	E. E. Cooper	Monroe Hlee	1						20	45			2	
Salem	Charleston	Franklin	Wm. Bridgeman	Wm. Grenawalt	Miles Flynn, Wm Grenawalt		2	2				11	1 00				1
Shiloh	Belva	Scott	J. N. Pennington	S. C. Binning	A J Pennington, R Godwin, James Wann		1	11				59	1 50			4	2
Sharon	Charleston	Franklin	J. N. Pennington	L. T. Hale	L F Hale, A J Watson, J D Auhnan	12	1	5	1	2	2	61	2 00	1 50		3	2
Smyrna	Witcherville	Sebastian	A. A. Spiller	J. C. White	J J Holland, R J Mason	7	16					38	1 35			2	1
Union	Barber	Scott	J. J. Holland	W. J. Rains	W J Rains								1 00				
Union Hope	Long Ridge	Logan	W. D. Looper														
Waldron	Waldron	Scott	L. F. Patterson	J. D. Benson	T J Condry, (by proxy)	3	10	2		1		50	1 25			2	
White Cape	Booneville	Logan	J. N. Pennington	E. B. Casy	W I Goff, P M Taylor, D M Bryant	3	3			1	1	50	1 05			2	2



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