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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BUCKNER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—OF—

WESTERN ARKANSAS.

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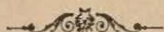
1. We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God Jehova, and in the Unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard 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 santification 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 commemerative ordanance 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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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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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. L. Moore,	Cauthron.
P. E. Windham,	Winfield.
C. E. Burns,	Poteau.
John W. Cross,	Witcherville.
G. H. Hall,	Dayton.



NEXT MEETING OF ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of this Association will convene on Friday before the Third Lord's day in October A. D. 1900. at 10 o'clock, A. M. with Buggy Ridge Baptist Church, 1½ miles from Mansfield P. O. Sebastian County, Arkansas.

OFFICERS.

T. N. WATKINS, Moderator. J. B. WILLIAMSON, Clerk.
J. W. CONDRY, Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Introductory Sermon, Bro. J. W. HULSEY;
Alternate, Bro. L. F. PATTERSON.
Missionary Sermon, Bro. J. C. WILLIAMSON;
Alternate, Bro. J. H. BYERS.



ERRATA.

The words "Buggy Ridge", in 4th printed line from top of this page, should read "Pilgrims Rest."

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Morning Session.

BRAWLEY P. O., SCOTT COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
Friday, October 13th, 1899.

The 29th, Annual Session of the Buckner Baptist Association of Western Arkansas, met pursuant to adjournment, with Unity Baptist Church.

The Moderator Bro. Byers, called the Association together, and after feeling remarks concerning the death of Bro. Claborn, requested Bro. T. N. Watkins, to lead the body in prayer; after which, Song- "In the Sweet by and by. Prayer, by Bro. J. C. Williamson. Song- "Come thou fount of every blessing".

Bro. P. E. Windom, then read the 28th, Chapter of Acts; After which, Prayer by Bro. J. H. Byers.

Bro. P. E. Windom, then proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon, using as a text, the 22nd verse of the chapter read. The Sermon was a faithful, earnest effort, in behalf of Baptist doctrine; closing with an appeal to Ministering Brethren to stand by the truth as Baptists' understand it, rehearsing the blessing that awaits the faithful. Song- "How firm a foundation". Prayer by Bro. L. E. Finney.

The Moderator then declared the body adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m. Benediction, by Bro. P. E. Windom.

Afternoon Session.

The Association came together by singing "Children of the Heavenly King" & "Jesus Lover of my Soul". The moderator read as a Scripture lesson, part of 1st Peter, 4th division, stating that if this Scripture was heeded, that this sitting of Buckner Association would long be remembered.

Prayer by Bro. L. S. Smith, Song, "On Jordans stormy banks".

The moderator then called for Church Letters and appointed Bros. J. W. Bevil, J. C. Williamson and L. S. Smith, to read the same after which, Bros. L. E. Finney and J. C. Williamson, were appointed as a committee on Enrollment. Bro. J. T. Mathews, with fifty cents for Minutes, from Mountain View was seated. Bro. T. K. Wallace, seated as messenger from West Harmony; also Bros. P. E. Windom, J. W. Condry, Dr. J. W. Bevil, T. Denton & S. Gill-em, from Poteau, without letters, were seated. Bro. G. H. Hall, from Daton, seated. A motion then prevailed to go into an Election of Officers for the Ensuing year; whereupon, the moderator appointed Bro. L. E. Finney, to take the vote for Moderator, Bro. L. E. Quinn, for Clerk and C. Edwards, for Treasurer. Bro. T. N. Watkins, was elected Moderator, J. B. Williamson, unanimous ly elected Clerk, and J. W. Condry, elected Treasurer.

Bro. T. N. Watkins, responded in a feeling manner, referring to his long and continuous labors in Buckner Association, and promising to work in this new sphere with all the zeal he had heretofore shown, and to the best of his ability. J. B. Williamson, also asked permission to express his thanks to the Brethern of the Association for the confidence reposed in him, and for the high compliment paid him in the vote for Clerk.

The first act of the Newly Elected Moderator, was to appoint a committee on Divine Service, consisting of Brothers G. W. Pierce, Jessie Pitts, B. Brown, and T. Denton, which included the Deacons of Unity Church, and to which was also added the Pastor T. N. Watkins.

Corresponding Messengers were seated as follows: Elder L. Quinn, Concord Association, L. E. Finney, General Missionary for State Baptist Mission Board. Visiting bretheren seated: Elder L. S. Smith & J. W. Anderson.

Committee on Divine Services reported, appointing Bros. J. C. Williamson and L. E. Finney, to preach to night at this (Unity) church, and Bros. J. H. Byers and L. S. Smith, at Fair View, after which, adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

Night Session.

Came together by singing "Amazing Grace". Bro. J. C. Williamson, read as a Scripture lesson, the 12th Chapter of Ecclesiastes. Prayer by Bro. L. Quinn; song "Oh why not to night". Text, "My son know thou the God of thy fathers". The Sermon was an earnest and animated appeal to the Church, to stay by the old land marks, and to the young people to heed the admonitions of loving christian parents, and to seek first, the kingdom of Heaven.

Bro. Finney followed, carrying out the trend of the discourse in an able and feeling manner. Prayer led by Bro. T. N. Watkins. Song "Ther's a bea-

utiful home over there". The moderator then announced the following committees:-

Circular Letter-- T. W. Denton, H. H. Travis, and W. A. Bates.

Decs'd Ministers & Members- John Byars, L. S. Smith, & P. E. Windom.

Finance-- J. P. Byars, B. B. Barnes and Jeff Wood.

Domestic Missions-- J. C. Williamson, Lewis Walker, and B. B. Brown.

Education-- Dr. J. W. Bevil, John Cross, and H. Herard.

Foreign Missions-- J. C. Williamson, J. T. Heavener, and C. L. Gipson.

Religious Literature-- P. E. Windom, M. A. Whisenant, & W. A. Herald.

Sabbath Schools-- S. L. Edwards, W. T. Morris, and J. C. Eslinger.

Nominations-- J. W. Condry, G. H. Hall, and S. Harrell.

Temperance-- Dr. J. W. Bevil, D. S. Delaughter, and Thomas Wallis.

Buckner College-- J. J. McAlister, S. J. Eppley, and W. L. Moore.

Ordained Ministers & Licenciates- C. Burnes, Car Allen, & J. W. Mathews.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. L. Quinn would preach Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Association then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by J. C. Williamson.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Moderator read the 116th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Gipson. On motion, Bro. J. T. Tatum, was seated as Corresponding messenger from Concord Association. A letter from Abner Grove Church received and read.

The committee on Religious Literature reported. Report discussed by P. E. Windom and L. E. Finney, after which, the report was adopted as read.

The committee on Buckner College reported. After the reading of the report, J. B. Williamson, objected to the words "with authority to select his own teachers and have what he could make out of it" and asked that the same be stricken out of the clause which read, "Your Board Elected Prof. J. B. Williamson, President of the Faculty, with authority to select his own teachers, & have what he could make out of it, but he declined". This objection brought on a lively discussion between Elder L. Quinn, and J. B. Williamson, which was participated in by Bros. J. J. McAlester and J. H. Byers; after which, on motion of Bro. L. Patterson, the clause objected to, by Bro. J. B. Williamson, was stricken from the Report and report then adopted as corrected. The Subject of Buckner College was then further discussed by Elder L. Quinn & Hon John E. Tatum, after which a collection was taken for the benefit of the College, amounting to Three Dollars in subscription, and Five Dollars and eighty five cents in cash. The moderator then announced a recess of five minutes.

Came together by singing "Amazing Grace". Bro. Quinn, read the 12th Chapter of 1st Epistle to the Corinthians. Prayer & Song.- "Did Christ O'er Sinners weep?". Text: 13, 14, & 15th verses of the 3rd Chapter of Mark.

The trend of the discourse was to prove that the Missionary Baptist Church, was the One Organized by Our Saviour, and that it will be kept by him until the last day. The Sermon was interspersed with wholesome advice to Ministers and Churches, closing with an earnest appeal to every one to stand firm in the Apostolic doctrine and to let their Light so shine that the world might be con-

vinced of the purity of the faith proclaimed by Christ's Apostles. Prayer by Bro. L. F. Patterson. Song "How firm a foundation".

The Committee on Divine Service reported, appointing Brothers J.W. Bevil and C. L. Gipson, to preach at night. On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Bro. L. Quinn.

Afternoon Session.

The Association came together by singing. Prayer led by Dr. J.W. Bevil. J. B. Williamson, moved to cut off the discussions of reports. The motion was discussed by Brothers Patterson, Finney, and Quinn; after which a ballot was taken and the motion lost.

The Committee on Ordained Ministers reported, and the report was thoroughly discussed by Brothers J. C. Williamson, L. F. Patterson, L. Quinn, L. E. Finney, C. Edwards and S. Burns; after which the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Education reported, and the report was discussed by Dr. J. W. Bevil, L. E. Finney and L. Quinn. Pending the adoption, a collection was taken for the benefit of Bro. Charles Woods, amounting to Six Dollars and fifty cents; which amount the Clerk was directed to send to Bro. T. D. Boars, Arkadelphia, Ark. After which, the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported, and report adopted as read.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers reported, and the report was feelingly discussed by Brothers J. H. Byers, L. S. Smith and L. F. Patterson.

During which Discussion, the many Endearing traits of our Dear Brother R. P. Claborn, deceased, were beautifully delineated, and with sad hearts and moist eyes the report was adopted as read.

The writer of these minutes does not desire through any impulsive flattery to paint gilded pictures, tint virtues, exaggerate worth, or to mask the infirmities of his friend, But would kindly ask the members of Buckner Association with whom Bro. Claborn's face and form were so familiar, to do full justice to the memory of one who has for so long a time, through night and day, through heat and cold, toiled over hill and dale, in the bounds of this Association; bearing aloof the banner of the Cross, and never once allowing it to trail. In imagination I see his bowed head as the wind gently plays with his silvery locks, pleading with the Father in behalf of a wicked rabble, who are causing bullets to whistle over and around him,- yet he swerved not, thereby proving his unshaken devotion and courage to do what he conceived to be his duty as a minister of Christ. There was a time in his day when it was said to be dangerous for a man to attempt to preach in some portions of our bounds, but he always went when called and generally preached when he got there. But his work is done, full of years and honors with the love of his bretheren, he has passed into the night of death, however to emerge, we trust, into that shining realm where sorrow, pain, and trouble are known no more, and where all is joy and peace and love. Oh! Bretheren, let the death of our dear brother Claborn, but remind us of the fact that many of us are nearing the margin and must soon enter the chilly stream of death. May God in his mercy help us, like him, to be prepared.

The Committee on Domestic Missions read their report, which was spoken to by Brothers J. C. Williamson and J. H. Byers. The report was adopted as read.

Miss. Ella Wooton, gave One Dollar for Foreign missions. The Letter from Poteau Church, was received and read.

The Committee on Nominations read their report. On motion the further consideration of the report was postponed until after preaching to-night.

A motion then prevailed to adjourn until 7 o'clock to-night.

Night Session.

Came together by singing "Jesus Lover of my Soul". Bro. Bevil, read as a Scripture lesson, the 61st Chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Bro. T. N. Watkins.

Song "O Land of Rest". Text, 42nd Chapter, & 6th verse of Isaiah. The Subject was God's watchfulness over his Church and People. Dr. Bevil, handled the subject logically, and held the attention of a very large audience for forty five minutes. Bro. C. L. Gipson, who followed, was also very interesting and his discourse well received. Prayer by Bro. L. S. Smith; after which the business of the Association was resumed. Pending the adoption of the report on Nominations, Bro. L. F. Patterson, moved to strike out the names of those recommended to represent this body in the State Convention, which motion was lost, and the report adopted. Bro. L. F. Patterson, then asked that his name be stricken from the report, which was followed by a like request from Dr. Bevil, J. C. Williamson, and J. H. Byers; Bro. Patterson, asking that Bro. J. W. Hulsey's name also be withdrawn. The requests of the brethren being granted, the Association appointed Brothers T. N. Watkins, J. B. Williamson, P. E. Windom, G. H. Council, G. W. Evans and J. W. Lindsay; and as some of these brethren were not present, a motion prevailed for the Clerk to give a certificate to any one bringing a recommendation from the Moderator. Bros. L. S. Smith and P. E. Windom, were appointed on State board.

Committee on Temperance reported, and was supported by Dr. Bevil and P. E. Windom, after which, adopted as read.

Bro. P. E. Windom, presented his report as Missionary, which report, after remarks from Bro. Windom, was adopted as read.

Bro. C. Burns, presented his report as Missionary, which was warmly discussed by Bros. Burns and H. H. Travis, then adopted as read.

On motion the Prayer meeting on Sunday morning was omitted, so that Bro. John E. Tatum, of Concord Association, could lecture on Temperance.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Bros. L. S. Smith, J. W. Cross, J. H. Byers, H. H. Travis, T. N. Watkins, W. L. Moore and J. J. McAlister, were appointed as Corresponding Messengers, to the Concord Association.

Bros. P. E. Windom, L. S. Smith, T. N. Watkins, J. E. Mathews and H. H. Travis, were appointed as Messengers to Short Mountain Association.

Bros. J. C. Eslinger, C. L. Gipson, C. Burnes, H. H. Travis and Wm. Condry, were appointed to Ouachita Association.

Bro. T. N. Watkins, was appointed as Messenger to the General Association.

A collection amounting to One Dollar and fifty cents was taken to supplement the Minute fund.

On motion of J.B. Williamson, it was resolved that the thanks of this body are eminently due, and that the same be tendered to the members of Unity Church, for their uniform courtesy during our stay, as well as for the abundant supply of the good things of this life, in the way of fine food and nice aromatic Coffee, that was so bountifully supplied on the grounds each day.

A motion then prevailed to adjourn until 9-30, Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Came together at nine thirty by Singing. Prayer led by Bro. L. Quinn; after which, the moderator Bro. T. N. Watkins, made a feeling and impressive talk on the subject of prayer. The hour having arrived for Bro. John E. Tatum, to make his address, he arose to speak, whereupon Bro. L. Quinn, asked that he be allowed to talk, and continued the subject of prayer. At the close of his talk, Bro. Tatum, proceeded to deliver his address on Temperance, which was a fine production, and was well received by the large concourse of people then assembled. At the close of this address a recess of five minutes was given, after which, the congregation reassembled. Bro. L. F. Patterson, read as a Scripture lesson, the 3rd Chapter of Genesis, and lead the audience in prayer. Song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Text, 24th verse of 3rd Chapter Genesis. Bro. Patterson, then proceeded in his own inimitable way, to preach the Missionary Sermon, and for forty five minutes held his congregation in a manner spell bound, while tears of love and gratitude flowed from many a manly cheek. Truly Buckner Association has but one Bro. Patterson; may God bless and prosper him is the prayer of many christian hearts. At the close of the Sermon, the Association joined in singing, "The lands in view & we'll march on." during the singing a collection for Missions was taken, amounting to Eleven dollars and fifteen cents, which, by order of the Association, was appropriated to paying our Home missionaries. The Association then virtually adjourned, the most of the messengers starting for their several homes; some however remaining for the afternoon services, conducted by Bro. L. E. Finney.

Thus ended the 20th Annual Session, of Buckner Association. One long to be remembered by those who had the good fortune to attend its several sessions.



ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS.

ROSS CREEK- J. N. Wood, P. J. Wood, and G. L. Jenkins.
 SHILOH- J. S. Gist, J. L. Kemp.
 DUTCH CREEK- Wm. T. Morris.
 PILGRIM'S REST- J. H. Byers, J. P. Byers.
 PALESTINE- J. W. Gross, J. A. Solesberry, R. I. Cross.
 GOOD HOPE- Jas. Warren, R. Godwin.
 ROCK CREEK- J. L. Phillips, R. R. Johnson.
 SHADY GROVE- R. M. Edwards, S. L. Edwards and H. A. Adams.
 WALDRON- Eld. T. N. Watkins.
 JAMES FORK- J. T. Heavener, M. A. Whistnant and A. Vaughn.
 FELLOWSHIP- J. C. Williamson, J. J. McAllister and S. J. Eppley.
 HARTFORD- S. L. Hamilton, H. Herron.
 Mt. GILEAD- M. T. Adams, C. L. Gipson, J. C. Eslinger.
 CEDAR CREEK- W. A. Harrell H. H. Travis and S. Harrell.
 WHITE CHURCH- Carl Allen, John Austin.
 UNION HOPE- (By Letter.)
 NEW HOME- D. S. Delaughter, Lewis Walker and W. L. Moore.
 CROSS CREEK- S. L. Youny. DATON- B. B. Barnes.
 PLEASANT GROVE- No 2. E. J. Jones.
 FAIR VIEW- W. A. Bates, W. R. Nix and Marion Esmond.
 PLEASANT GROVE- No 1. L. B. Plummer, J. W. Tripp.
 UNITY- J. C. Oliver, B. Brown and J. E. Pitts.

COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

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

LICENSUATES.

New Home,- D. S. Delaughter. Hartford,- Francis West. James Fork,- J. T. Heavener. Cross Creek,- M. Oliver. Gipson,- H. H. Travis. Ross Creek,- W. C. Wood and W. F. Lynch. Poteau,- Dr. C. Bevil and R. F. Payne.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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 to 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.

CHEVER BEVIL, Chairman.

J. W. CROSS.

H. HERROD.

COMMITTEE ON BUCKNER COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Buckner College, would Report that the College has been redeemed; and the Board of Trustees now have a Warranty Deed to said property. In order to do this, the Trustees Borrowed Two hundred Dollars; this money will be due the 15th of December, and we ask the Buckner Association to help pay this, and that a collection be taken to-day for that purpose.

For further information we submit report of J. A. Finney, Chairman of Board of Trustees.

S. J. EPLEY.

J. J. McALESTER.

W. D. MOORE.

"Report of Board of Trustees of Buckner College."

Dear Brethren: Your Board has had 3 meetings; on the 12th of January a meeting was had, and after due consideration it was thought best to put a financial Agent in the field, to collect money to pay off the debt of \$1,005.00. One Thousand and five Dollars, that was against the College. L. Quinn, was elected Agent, and entered upon the work at once. In May, another meeting was called to consider the propriety of moving the College to Mansfield.

After considering the matter, the Agent was instructed to press collections, and see Mr. Hill, the agent for the Loan Company, and make the best arraignment he could. The 3rd meeting, was the Annual meeting, whereupon Bro. J. A. Finney, was elected Chairman, M. A. Strozier, Secretary, and G. H. Council, Treasurer. L. Quinn, was re-elected Financial agent. Your Board Elected Prof. J. B. Williamson, President of the Faculty, (with authority to select his own teachers, and have what he could make out of it,) but he declined; whereupon, Prof. W. A. Hill, was elected President, H. E. Johnson, First assistant, and Mrs. W. A. Hill, second assistant. Our financial agent has collected and paid the debt, and now has a Warranty Deed to the property; by borrowing \$200.00. The School is doing well, and we beg the Baptist's to take hold and patronize the School.

J. A. FINNEY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature, submit the following report:

We advise the prayerful reading of the Bible, as the foundation of all religious knowledge, also the Arkansas Baptist Foreign Missionary Journal, Our home field Sunday School Series, of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, also the Baptist Signal of the Territory.

P. E. WINDHAM, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, feeling and believing that the Sabbath School is an institution second in importance only to the church of the living God, and that it is the stay and support of the same, do hereby urge upon the churches the importance of at once organizing and fostering the same.

We feel that within the Sabbath School is the training place for our youth, and if more churches would sustain and foster the same, we would continually build up the interest of the church in our several communities; further, having canvassed the subject, we recommend that each church at the time of electing their pastor, elect a Sabbath School superintendent and that he and the deacons of the church constitute a committee to appoint teachers.

S. L. EDWARDS.

J. C. ESLINGER.

W. T. MORRIS.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

Received for Minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$26.00
For Associational Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$28.60
For Home Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$8.15
For Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$9.75

Total amount, - \$72.50.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. BYERS,

B. D. BARNES,

T. J. WOOD.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the Finance Committee for Minutes,	\$27.50
For Associational Missions,	28.60
For Home Missions,	8.15
For Foreign Missions,	9.75
Balance from last year,	35.85
Received from other sources,	5.10
From Sunday School Collections,	13.15
Received Contribution for Buckner College,	5.86
Total,	\$133.96.

Paid to P. E. Windom, for Missionary work,	\$34.60
Paid C. Burns, for Missionary work, -	34.60
Paid Bro. Williamson, for Minute funds, -	27.50
Paid for Foreign Missions, to L. W. Wright,	9.75
Paid Bro. L. Quinn, Agt. for B. C. -	5.86
Postage, -	1.00
Paid P. E. Windom, from Sunday Collection, -	3.40
Paid C. Burns, from Sunday Collection, -	3.70
Paid L. W. Wright, Secy of Foreign Mission Board,	5.40
Paid to the Atlanta Home Mission Board, -	8.15

Total, - \$133.96.

J. W. CONDRY, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased ministers, beg leave to report the following: Brethern, we find by the reports sent in by the different churches, that our Heavenly Father is yet blessing us by sparing the lives of our Ministering Brethern. But it hath pleased Him, who doeth all things well, to call from us one of our much beloved brethern, our dear Bro. Robt. P. Claborn. We greatly lament our loss, yet rejoice in the gain of our brother. Bro. Claborn, was faithful to his ministry to the last. God, who doeth all things well, hath taken our dear Brother to rest. Bro. Claborn, or Uncle Bob. as he was generally called, was one of the few brethern who have been with the organized work in Western Arkansas, from the beginning. He was recognized by his brethern as one who would dare to do that which was right, in the face of all hazards. Side by side, with our other old brethern, he suffered many hardships in the early days of our association. The older Brethern realize that one more of the true ones are gone. It can truthfully be said that Uncle Bob. was a true friend and father in the ministry to the Young preachers, while the Old brethern miss him the more, because they are few; the young preachers miss him, because of the care he had for them. We are satisfied that Bro. Claborn, has attained to that, to which all his brethern so much desire. Cheer up dear Brethern, be of good comfort, ere long we too shall rest from our labors, and enjoy the associations of our dear Bro. Claborn, in the better world.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. BYERS,

L. S. SMITH,

P. E. WINDHAM.

COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Domestic missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

After consultation with our Missionaries, we have learned that there are many places within the bounds of Buckner Association, which are destitute of the Gospel, and a host of others that know nothing of the blessed truth for which Baptists have died, and for which we so earnestly contend, and we recommend that the pastors of the several churches, teach the necessity of supporting our Home missionaries, and take collections or pledges at every opportunity, to be applied that way. We also recommend that missionaries be kept in the field so long as we possibly can do so, they giving their entire time to the work. We further recommend that the Churches find what they can do, and make report of the same, by March, at the latest, to the executive of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. WILLIAMSON,

LEWIS BROWN,

B. B. BROWN.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report, that we find that Waldron Church, and Pilgrims Rest, have asked that the next Association meet with them. We recommend that the Association meet with the Pilgrim Rest church, and that the Introductory Sermon be preached by J. W. Hulsey

alternate, L. F. Patterson; and that the Missionary sermon be preached by J. C. Williamson, alternate, J. H. Byers. For the Executive Board, we recommend Brothers W. L. Moore, P. E. Windham, C. E. Burns, G. H. Hall, Jno. W. Cross. To the State Convention, Brothers J. W. Hulsey, J. C. Beville, J. C. Williamson, L. F. Patterson and Jno. H. Byers. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CONDRY,
S. HARRELL,
G. H. HALL.

C. Burn's Missionary Report.

Sugar Creek, Two trips,.....	100 miles.
Haw Creek, One trip,	60 miles.
Boles, Four trips,.....	160 miles.
Black Fork, Two trips,	120 miles.
Lamb's School House,	25 miles.

Total,-.....465 miles.

Sermoms preached,.....	20.
Exhortations,.....	30.
Preachers Ordained,.....	1.
Churches Organized,.....	1.
At Sugar Creek,	11 days.
At Haw Creek,	3 "
At Boles,.....	15 "
At Black Fork,.....	6 "

P. E. Windhams Report.

The following is my report for Two months work during year ninety-nine as Missionary of Buckner Association.

Sermons and Exhortations, 58. Religious Visits, 83. Burial Sermons, 1. Baptisms, 1. Helped organize churches, 1. Days of labor, 56. Miles traveled, 424.

Received from Treasurer,	\$20.30
Collected on field,	5.55
Received of the Treasurer,.....	14.15

P. E. WINDHAM.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign missions, respectfully report as follows:

Fully realizing the great importance of the Divine injunction of Heavens blessed Missionary, "Go ye in-to all the world and preach my Gospel," we deem it our duty to suggest to this body, such plans, ways and means, as will reach the desired end. We recommend that each pastor within this association preach often on this subject, to educate the churches upon this branch of their duty, that such meeting be stated beforehand that the most possible good may be accomplished. We also recommend that all contributions be sent to the Secretary of Foreign Missions, W. L. Wright, who will immediately receipt for the same. Also that the brethern subscribe for our Foreign Mission Journal, which will keep them posted as to the work in the Foreign Fields.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. Williamson, J. T. Heavenor, O. L. Gipson.

CIRCULAR LETTER ON MISSIONS.

The real wide-awake progressive Citizen is always eager to know of the progress of God's kingdom in Foreign Lands, as well as in the home land, and to contribute to the support of the different departments of Missionary effort.

To become really possessed of missionary enthusiasm, should be the greatest desire of God's children. Too often we are contented by assisting in bringing salvation to those right around us. This is the selfish narrow view of the matter. We forget that our Savior's last command was "Go ye therefore and teach All Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," Who can say they are not interested in Foreign missions, when the command is so plain. Every human creature has a soul, which is precious in God's sight. All cannot become Foreign Missionaries. God has not fitted all of us for that purpose. We need zealous workers at home for many are perishing before our doors. The responsibility of the Christian, however, is not lessened simply because he or she have not been chosen to serve in this especial field. To those at home the missionary must look for temporal aid, and it is right that he should. Our Missionaries are doing a great work on the various Foreign fields. How much greater work could they do, if the Christians at home would offer up their pocket books, as well as prayers!

To-day, the Missionaries not only try to lead the heathen to Christ, by the direct method of Preaching, but by the indirect method of Schools, Colleges and Hospitals. Children are gathered into these schools, and in addition to their lessons, they are taught of the Savior. Perhaps no department of the work is doing more good than that of the Hospital and the Medical missionary.

Especially in India and China is this true, for many diseases are among the people there. The people are welcome to come to the hospital, and be treated for their physical sickness by a Consecrated Christian, who seizes the opportunity of trying to heal their Spiritual sickness also. The Schools and Hospitals are overcrowded, many are being turned away. Why is this true? There are Teachers enough, there are Missionaries enough, Physicians enough. Why do they not remain? Simply this, we at home are not willing to give to the Lord what is due him to carry on his work. Many are ready and fully qualified to go, but when they make application the reply comes, "No Funds."

Come fellow Christians, let us arise to our duty, not only pray for God's kingdom to come, but assist it with our world's goods.

J. B. WILLIAMSON.

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 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 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 Min-

utes 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 introductory sermon shall be preached.

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 brethern 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 reprovved 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Additions.			Dismissed		Present Membership	Minutes.	Days Meeting	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Value Church Property
				Baptisms	By Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died							
Cedar Creek	T. N. Watkins.	W. A. Harrel.	Gipson.	2		3		2	50	\$1.00					
Daton.	J. P. Stevens	B. D. Barnes.	Dayton.	7		2		2	179	1.00	3				
Dutch Creek.	John P. Burk	Thos. J. Tate	Blue Ball.			3	4		54	50	21				
Fellowship.	G. W. Evens	C. McCaslin.	Witchervill.	4		6	3	2	69	1.50	1	400			
Fairview.	G. H. Pierce	W. A. Bates.	Brawley	2					24	45	3				
Good Hope.	W.P. Hall	A. F. Smith.	Belva	9	1	7	2	1	116	1.60	3				
Hartford.	J. C. Williamson.	H. Herrod.	Hartford.		3		4	1	65	75	3		650	310	
James Fork.	G.W. Evans	M.A. Whisenant	Peoria.	3		1	3	8	70	1.40	3				
Mount Gilead.	E. Bowman.	W. A. Adams.	Brawley	2				1	21	20	1				
New Home.	T. N. Watkins	W. L. Moore	Cauthron.			5	4	2	37	75	1			445	
Pleasant Grove No 1.	No Church Letr)	J. T. Plummer.	Poteau						24	80		150	150		
Pleasant Grove No 2.	H. G. Johnson.	P. L. Casey.	Abbot				1	2	47	80	1	65	75	175	
Pallentine.	W. P. Hall.	J. J. Hearn	Greenwood	8	5	8		1	94	1.50	2		300	500	200
Pilgrims Rest.	John Anderson.	W. A. Martin.	Mansfield.	15	6		1	1	44	1.00		50	50	150	
Ross Creek.	L. S. Smith	G. L. Jenkins.	Waldron	7	4	1	1		12	65	3		105	150	
Rock Creek.	L. S. Smith.	L. L. Cochral	Mansfield.						24	50				200	
Shady Grove.	John H. Byars	W. L. Dunn	Waldron	9	1	4	1	2	82	1.00		115	120	400	
Shiloh No 2.	P. E. Windom	H. H. Hagul	Blansett						56	2.00	4				
Union Hope.	J. A. Davis.	T. H. Musgrove.	Tate		2		1	2	41	65	2				
White Church.	J. H. Byars	John Austin	Park	7	4	1	1	3	42	1.00	3	50	50	500	
Waldron.	John W. Hulsey.	D.L. Richardson	Waldron	6	9			2	78	1.50	4				800
West Harmony.	G. W. Evans	C. L. Burns.	Hartford	8	3		7	1	56	1.50	2				
Hackett.	J.C. Williamson.	M. H. Pace	Hackett	1	1		2	1	41	1.25			330		
Unity.	G. W. Pierce.	D. L. Brown	Brawley			1	3		70	75	2				
Cross Creek.	T. N. Watkins	S. L. Young	Brawley	3					22	50	1				
Poteau.	L. F. Patterson	I. M. Hon	Winfield	5	4		1	3	194	2.00				300	1000
Abner Grove.	(Letter not recd	by Cl'k but read	to Association)							1.00					
TOTALS.				90	51	3	65	34	34	1612	\$27.50	830	1830	3130	2000

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The following Report was over-looked, and should have appeared on page 8 following "Report of Committee on Education."

COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER.

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

We recommend that the Circular Letter written by J. B. Williamson, be published in the Minutes, and we recommend that Brother C. Bevil, write the next Circular Letter.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. BATES,

T. W. DENTON,

H. H. TRAVIS.