

ENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE-

## CLEAR CREEK



HELD WITH THE

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH DO. 2. CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARK...

OC" R 23, 24 AND 25, 1890.

#### OFFICERS:

ELDER J. H. CASON, Moderator, Alma, Ark. ELDER J. E. COX, Clerk, Lone Elm, Ark. M. H. WAGNER, Treasurer, Mulberry, Ark.

The next session to be held at Mulberry, Franklin County, Arkansas, Thursday before the fourth Lords Day in October, 1891.



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## MINUTES

## —OF THE—

## Clear . Creek . Baptist . Association.



THE messengers and members composing the Seventeenth Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association, assembled in the meeting-house of New Prospect Baptist Church No. 2, Crawford County, Ark., at 11 o'clock a. m., October 23rd, 1890.

Called to order by the Moderator of the last Association, Elder J. H.

Cason.

After singing the hymn "Amazing Grace," the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. D. C. Harden; text, first 3 verses of the 4th chapter of Timothy. The discourse was sound and pointed.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer

by Eld. J. W. Richardson.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. C. E. Smith, Missionary to Africa. Bros. J. W. Richardson and D. C. Harden were appointed to read the letters from the churches, as found in Table of Statictics. On motion the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Elder C. E. Smith and Bro. J. T. Mayfield were appointed to hold election. While the votes were being counted, the Association engaged in devotional exercises led by the Moderator. The tellers reported the re-election of Elders J. H. Cason, Mod., John E. Cox, Clerk, and Bro. M. H. Wagner, Treasurer. Called for petitionary letters. Letters were presented from New Hope and Lone Hill Churches, were read, and on motion the churches were received and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

On motion the following committees, were appointed:

On divine service—Pastor and Messengers of New Prospect Church, and Bro. D. W. Chambless.

On Finance-B. W. Webb, H. W. Blaylock and W. N. Blaylock.

On Associational Missions—W. R. McLane, J. W. Richardson and George Rumage.

On State Missions—Geo. M. Fortune, D. C. Hardin and M. Adams. On Foreign Missions—J. C. Crudup, C. A. Gowin and J. M. Payne.

On Sunday Schools—Geo. M. Fortune, T. J. Davis and M. A. Pillers. On Temperance—G. W. C. Lasater, W. Fleming and Henry Thompson.

On Queries-J. H. Cason, J. C. Crudup and L. Atkinson.

On Religious Literature-J. M. Payne, M. E. Henderson, S. E. Horner.

On Education—L. Atkinson, A. Y. Patty and T. R. Early. On District Meetings—A. M. Fleming and J. E. Highfill.

On Nominations-G. W. Howell and H. W. Moore.

On motion visiting Brethren and Sisters were invited to seats with us. Bro. C. E. Smith, our Missionary from this State to Africa, was present; also J. T. Jones, of Fort Scott Association Kansas. Correspondence called for. Bros. H. L. Been, J. T. Mayfield and J. F. Brewer, with letters, were present and were received from Concord Association.

Committee on Divine Service reported. Bro. J. T. Jones to preach tonight and to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m; Bro. Geo. M. Fortune at 7 p. m.,

C. E. Smith.

On motion the Association adjourned to 7 o'clock a.m. Friday. Prayer by Bro. Brewer.

### SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 o'clock and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. H. L. Been.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Letters from Cedar Creek and Union Chapel churches were read and the names of messengers enrolled.

Report on Associational Missions were read, as follows:

Your committee on Associational Missions would recommend the following to-wit: 1st. That the territory of the Association be divided by the line between Crawford and Franklin counties, and the Executive Board divide also as to territory so that that part of the Board in the eastern division hold separate meetings and look alone to the mission interest of that division; and also that that part of the Board in the western division hold its meetings independent of the other, and look alone to the mission interest of that division. 2nd. That a missionary be elected in each division to do mission work in each respective division to be under the supervision of the Board for his respective territory. 3rd. That a special collection be taken in cash and pledges especially for this department of our mission work.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Fortune.

The children of to-day will be the men and women of to-morrow, and the churches of the next generation will be composed of those who are the children of to-day, and as a great majority of those who are converted at all are converted in childhood. We recognize the paramount importance of early leading our children to the feet of Jesus. School presents to us a providential means of bringing our youth under the influence of the Gospel. Nevertheless the Sunday School is not the Church, neither is it any part of the Church. We therefore deplore the tendency of the Sunday School work in many places to cultivate in the minds of the children a disposition to substitute attendance upon the Sunday School for their obligation to wait upon the public ministry of the Word; that in many places the children of Baptist parents who are regularly in their places in the Sunday School are never seen in the congregations of the church. We believe these things ought not so to be. is urgently recommended that every influence be exerted by our people everywhere to impress upon the youth the divine appointment of the preaching of the Word for the conversion of the world and the indispensible duty of giving heed thereto. GEO. M. FORTUNE, Chairman.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Nomination was read by Bro. McLane, and on motion the word Mulberry was struck out. After some remarks a vote was taken, resulting in the choice of Mulberry as the place for the next meeting of the Association. The report was then adopted as follows: We your committee on nominations would recommend that the next session of this body be held with New Prospect Church No. 1 at Mulberry, and Elder Geo. M. Forture preach the Introductrory Sermon.

G. W. Howell, Chairman.

The report on State missions was read by Brother Fortune.

"The Field is the World," and while we would reverently harken to the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We yet recognize the duty of improving the great opportunity now presented to us of planting the Gospel firmly and securely in every neighborhood of our own beloved State. We are grateful to God for having led by His Providence our belowed Bro. B. G. Manard to take upon him the management of our State mission work. We believe he is the right man in the right place and heartily extend our sympathy and confidence and promise to him our financial as well as spiritual support. We hereby pledge ourselves to raise what means we can in our several churches during the coming year for this work and will aid with our practical assistance in every way in our power the spread of the Gospel until every home within our borders shall have the preaching of the Word in their reach. On motion the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. C. Crudup.

After a motion to adopt the report, Bro. C. E. Smith being called upon made some very pointed remarks in favor of foreign missions. Brother McLane offered an amendment to the report, which was adopted. The

report was then adopted as amended.

We your committee on Foreign Missions make the following reports That we regard our foreign mission enterprise and work as both proper and scriptural. We have the Word of the Lord that we are His husbandmen and the world is our field, and we as such husbandmen have to clear for and cultivate the whole field and every part of it alike so far as we are able. The old adage "that charity begins at home," has no place or fitness in this matter. Christ has a people among all nations, and we who have heard must say to those beyond us, "Come, for all things are now ready." And we are happy to report that the missionary spirit of our people is growing, and our enterprises are multiplying and enlarging, new lands are being taken in that a corresponding increase of our forces which in turn demands increased contributions of our money and means. That our churches be requested to set apart their regular meetings in November and May as a time for taking collections for foreign missions. and that the same be forwarded direct to the Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va.

Therefore Resolved, That we will try and do our duty in all things as

indicated in the preamble. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CRUDUP, C. A. GOWIN.

Report on Religious Literature was read by Bro. J. M. Payne.

After a motion to adopt the report was made. The report was discussed by Bros. H. L. Been, Geo. M. Fortune. Bro. McLane was called to the chair and the Bro. Moderator addressed the Association on the report. On motion adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. The stand was occupied by Bro. Fortune, text: first 10 verses of the fourth chapter of Mathew, subject: The temptations of our Savior by the Devil. The discourse was ably delivered and well received by the congregation.

## SECOND DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer by W. M. Hicks. Further consideration of the report on Religious Literature resumed. Bro. W. O. Clark represented the interest of the Arkansas Baptist and

book house, after which the report was adopted.

We your committee on Religious Literature submit the following: 1st. We recommend the careful and prayerful perusal of the Bible. 2nd. We would recommend that our people take the Arkansas Baptist, and other Baptist papers as far as they can; and furthermore we recommend that our people purchase our denominational literature, and that they buy from our home publishing houses.

J. M. PAYNE, Chairman.

Letter from Van Buren church read and names of messengers enrolled. Roll called and corrected.

Report on Education read and on motion the report was recommitted. Committee on Queries made their report and on motion it was agreed

to consider the report on 1st query.

The report was discussed by Bros. Brewer, Hicks, Fortune, Crudup and Pillars. Pending the adoption of the report the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. Saturday. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Crudup.

Bro. C. E. Smith delivered a lecture on Africa at night, which was both interesting and instructive. After the lecture Bro. Cason made a few remarks and took up a collection for Foreign Missions amounting to \$17.50.

Bro. McLane preached at School House No. 55.

#### THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 9 o'clock, and after engaging in devotional exercise half an hour led by Bro. D. C. Hardin, Minutes of Fri-

day's proceedings were read and confirmed.

The report on Queries was taken up. Bro. W. F. Flowers offered an amendment to the report. The committee withdrew the report and offered a substitute, and after some discussion, report was laid on the table.

The report on Education was read, and on motion adopted, as follows: Education is a power which no laborer in the Lord's vineyard can ignore. All our tools should be sharp and bright, so that we may accom-

plish our work with the least friction and in the best manner.

A correct knowledge of the engines of destruction is vital to the existence and the independence of the national life of modern civilized nations. The accomplished engineer of our day takes the place once assigned to the brave soldier, illustrating in an unmistakable manner that knowledge is power. Ten men thoroughly equipped in every line of thought can accomplish more than ten thousand of the average kind. Such ones are the lights of their ages who leave behind them footprints on the sands of time. "Ignorance is the mother of devotion." A PARABLE suited to the darkness of the middle-ages and the gloomy cell of the Monk.

Education is an inclined plane on which we cannot remain stationary. Motion is the order of existence; water unmoved becomes stagnant, the man who slides into a rut is the laughing stock of the schoolboy. The restless mental activity of our day is a school in which all are taking lectures. Ignorance and inefficiency are the bane of some of our churches, from the effects of which their termination is but a matter of time. The Word says: "Take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

The preacher is a man who has at his command a store of knowledge from which he may draw arguments and present them in such a way

that men's hearts may be moved thereby.

The commission enjoys teaching as well as preaching. The successful

teacher is an accomplished professor in his particular branch of study, who is master of all its details, so as to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the Word of truth."

"We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of

the Word."

Respectfully submitted,

L. ATKINSON, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

We your committee on Temperance beg favor to submit the following report: Whereas we find that all intoxicating drinks are debasing in their effects, and that homes are made unhappy, young men's lives are wrecked, young ladies' modesty shocked, and mothers are made to weep because of its dreadful effects. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the church exercise her authority in putting a stop to

this the greatest evil of this age by discipling her members.

We find this evil condemned in the Holy Scriptures, therefore we believe it to be the duty of the churches to deal with members that dram drink and with those who are known to vote for license after they have been duly admonished.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. C. LACATER, W. F. FLOWERS, H. THOMPSON.

Committee on Finance reported as follows: We your committee on finance report that there has been sent up by the churches—

For printing Minutes, -	-		-		-		-		-	\$38.35.
For Associational Missions,		-		-		-		-		28.55.
For Foreign Missions,	-		-		-		-		-	2.20.
Total cash received		-		-		-		_		\$69.15

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WEBB. H. W. BLAYLOCK. W. N. BLAYLOCK.

The Executive Committee read their report and on motion the report

was adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Executive Board has been unable to hold but two meetings this year on the account of a quorum not being present, and as the churches have sent up but little money, we have been unable to put a Missionary in the field. We have received from the churches for Associational Missions—

Coal Hill,	\$5.75	Paid out on last years' work—
Rehobeth,	3.00	
Bethel	2.35	J. M. Payne \$10.75
Prairie Grove	3.50	Bro. M. H. Wagner 5.00

Ozark	10.00	J. W. Richardson	15.00
Total,	\$24.35	Total,	\$30.75

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. JOHN, Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from all sources,	\$36.05.
And have paid out by order of the Board \$30.75.	
Balance in Treasury	16.35.

## M. H. WAGNER, Treasurer.

On motion leave of absence was granted to all Brethren desiring to go home. On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. Bro. M. A. Pillars preached at 11 o'clock. Text: Exodus, 14th chapter, 15th verse; subject: "Go Forward."

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock, prayer by Bro. J. T. Jones. The report on second query was taken up, and after remarks by the Brethren, Bro. McLane offered an amendment. The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was then adopted as follows: Your committee on queries do report on query of church order in relation to resigning the reception of a member and returning to him the letter upon the credit of which he was received; that such a proceeding is not according to Baptist usage, and that in our opinion such a practice can result in no good, but in confusion and injury.

J. H. Cason, Chairman.

On motion the following Brethren were appointed members of the Executive Board:

Alma—J. S. Renfroe.
Altus—W. H. Moore.
Bethel—M. P. Henry.
Coal Hill—E. H. Walker.
Center Point—W. M. Mason.
Cedar Creek—C. R. Johns.
Fine Springs—T. W. Smith.
Jerico—W. B. Hinkle.
Mount Zion—Geo. Rumnage.
Macedonia—R. V. Thompson.
Moore's Rock—M. M. Renager.
New Concord—John McConal.
New Prospect No. 1—W. M.
Francis.
New Prospect No. 2—N.E. Cham-

bless.

Oak Grove-M. L. Wilson. Ozark-B. W. Webb. Prairie Grove-J. P. Greenwood. Pleasant Grove-J. O. Love. Rehobeth-W. R. McLane. Red Bird-J. W. Cane. Shiloh No. 1-H. W. Blaylock. Shiloh No. 2-J. T. Wood. Union Chapel-G. W. Gulley. Unity-A. Y. Patty. Van Buren-J. J. Gentry. Vine Prairie-M. A. Pillars. White Oak-J. H. Blavlock. Zoar-W. L. Campbell. New Hope-John Houston. Lone Hill-J. L. Sykes.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next District Meeting to begin on Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., before the fifth Sunday in November 1890, in the Eastern Division at Rehobeth Church and the Western Division at Vine Prairie Church.

Corresponding Messengers appointed to the Southern Baptist Convention: D. C. Hardin, J. H. Cason, Alternate; State Convention: J. H.

Cason, D. C. Hardin, Geo. M. Fortune.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved that the thanks of this Association be hereby tendered to the members and friends of New Prospect Church No. 2 for the hearty reception they have tendered to us, and for the royal entertainment that has been so bountifully provided for us. We will ever cherish a memory of their kindness and pray for their prosperity temporly as well as spiritually.

GEORGE M. FORTUNE.

On motion of Bro. W.R. McLane the Clerk be allowed ten dollars for his services and he have as many Minutes printed and distributed as he can with the money on hand.

On motion any member of our churches who may attend any association with whom we correspond be regarded as a corresponding messenger

upon presentation of a copy of our Minutes.

The following was offered by Bro. Fortune and adopted: Resolved, That the churches composing this Association be requested to raise a collection for the purpose of aiding Bro. R. H. Hudson in obtaining an education for the ministry.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with New Prospect Church No. 1, at Mulberry City, Franklin County, Ark., Thursday before

the fourth Lord's day in October 1891.

After prayer by Elder L. Atkinson, the congregation engaged in singing while the Brethren gave each other the parting hand, in all probability, with some of us, for the last time in this life, but we hope to meet in that heaven of rest where there will be no breaking up of associations.

Bro. J. H. Cason preached at 7 o'clock; subject: "The Relation that the Church Sustains to God." Bro. W. A. Clark preached Sunday at

11 o'clock a. m., and Bro. C. E. Smith at 2 p. m.

ELDER J. H. CASON. MODERATOR.

ELDER JOHN E. COX, SECRETARY.



## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.

J. C. Crudup,

L. Atkinson,

R. M. Small,

J. Brown,

J. M. Lawrence,

A. J. Norton,

C. A. Gowin,

C. R. Johns,

J. L. Sykes,

M. Adams,

S. E. Horner,

D. W. Chambless,

D. C. Hardin,

J. W. Richardson,

W. R. McLane,

C. M. Partin,

J. E. Cox,

J. H. Bourland,

T. R. Early,

C. W. Smith,

Oran White,

W. G. Merritt,

W. M. Hicks,

M. A. Pillars,

George M. Fortune,

POSTOFFICE.

Ozark.

Coal Hill.

Altus.

Rudy.

Altus.

Coal Hill.

Cedarville.

Hale.

Alma.

Ozark.

Mulberry.

Van Buren.

Van Buren.

Lone Elm.

Ozark.

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Mountainburg.

Alma.

Dyer.

Dyer.

Mulberry.

Mulberry.

Ozark.

## OBITUARY.

The following names below are all that have been furnished me by the Clerks; the other reported names unknown:

Sister Wise Corley.

Sister Melvena Conget.

Sister Laura Story.

Sister T. E. Bascue.

Sister Sarah E. Chambless.

Sister A. E. Agent.

Sister H. A. Hicks,

Sister G. W. Peters.

Brother Henry Lacey.

Brother J. J. Garrett.

Bro. Henry Robertson of Fine Spring Church.

Brother G. W. Peters.

#### NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Alma	J. H. Cason, W. F. Flowers,
Altus	H. W. Moore,
Bethel	M. P. Henry. J. E. Edwards,
Coal Hill	L. Atkinson,
Cedar Creek	C. A. Gowin, G. W. Roberts,
Center Point	Willion Mason, Dan Moon,
Fine Springs	T. W. Smith,
Jerico	John Swafford,
*Lone Hill	J. L. Sykes
Mount Zion	M. Adams, J. T. Davis, George Rumnage,
Mount Mariah	G. W. Howell
	Henry Thompson, R. V. Thompson, T. H. Duty, -
Moore's Rock	G. W. Farror, R. H. Hudson
New Concord	C. C. Waters, John McComach, S. McWillams, -
New Prospect No. 1	A. M. Fleming, S. E. Horner, M. H. Wagne, Wm. Hicks,
New Prospect No. 2	B. A. Sanders, E. T. Blair, N. E. Chambless, A. L. Lemley
	John Houston, J. G. Vardell, J. Roberts,
Oak Grove	J. W. Richardson, M. L. Wilson,
Ozark	J. C. Crudup, George M. Fortune, B. W. Webb, -
Prairie Grove	J. P. Greenwood,
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Cole, J. T. Jones,
Rehobeth	W. R. McLane, J. E. Cox, J. E. Moon, -
	T. S. Jones, S. S. Jones, T. R. Early,
Shiloh No. 1	H. W. Blaylock, Jeremian Highfill,
Shiloh No. 2	J. F. Wood, W. R. Allen, J. W. Fry,
Union Chapel	W. R. Allen, J. W. Fry,
Unity	A. Y. Patty'
Van Buren	D. C. Hardin,
Vine Prairie	M. A. Pillars, G. W. C. Lacater,
White Oak	W. N. Blaylock, J. P. McCall,
Zoar	M. E. Henderson, Thomas Phillips,
Mountain Home	* New Churches. ‡ Not represented. Total membership
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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

PASTORS.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE	By Baptism E By Letter. 5 Restored. 6 Relation. 0	il i	Days of Meeting	Annutes. Associational	Missions.	Foreign Missions." Pastors Salaries.	Church Repairs.  Value of Church Property	2 50 1 000000	Expended S. S. Liter
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