

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Bartholomew
Regular
Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Flat Creek Church,
Ashly County, Arkansas.

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1901.



The next Session of this body will be held with Enon Church, Drew County, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1902.



.... OFFICERS:

J. W. SIMS, Moderator, Fountain Hill, Ark.
J. M. L. THOMASSON, Clerk and Treasurer, Monticello, Ark.

Proceedings.

FLAT CREEK, October 5, 1901.

The Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association convened in its fifty-first annual session this day with Flat Creek church, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Eld. N. C. Denson, moderator, called the house to order and opened the service by reading Romans 12, and leading in prayer.

The business of the association began with the reading of the Rules of Decorum by the former clerk.

The moderator then proceeded to call the roll of churches, requesting Dr. W. H. Lindsey and D. W. Clements to read the letters as they were handed in. (For list of churches and delegates see appendix.)

At 11 o'clock the call of churches was discontinued and Eld. E. C. Faulkner proceeded to preach the annual introductory sermon from Proverbs 3: 9-10. At the close of the sermon the body took recess for dinner, being dismissed by Eld. J. W. Sims.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1:30, and after devotional exercises the call of churches was resumed and continued to a finish, W. C. Harley taking the place of D. W. Clements in reading the letters.

Permanent organization was then effected by electing Eld. J. W. Sims moderator and J. M. L. Thomasson clerk. The retiring moderator, Eld. Frank Wells, presented the association with a gavel made from a tree cut on the Mount of Olives, which was gratefully accepted. The officers elect, as well as the retiring moderator, made short speeches, expressing gratitude to God and thanks to the brethren for their confidence and love.

The moderator elect announced a Committee on Arrangement for preaching as follows: J. C. Pyron, A. F. Willis and N. C. Denson,

A call for corresponding messengers and visitors was responded to by Eld. J. S. Thomas, who came representing the Arkansas Baptist, and Eld. R. C. Medaris, who came representing the state mission work. Bro. Floyd, of Louisiana, was also present.

The moderator asked time to appoint the regular committees, and while doing so called Eld. W. C. Harley to the chair, and Brethren Thomas and Medaris were given an opportunity to represent their different interests. The moderator then announced the appointment of the following committees:

Associational Missions—W. C. Harley, R. C. Dew and A. F. Willis.

State Missions—J. C. Pyron, N. C. Denson and M. D. Parker.

Sunday Schools—H. A. Munn, Henry Berry and J. C. Stell.

Home Missions—W. T. Clements, S. H. Woods and W. S. Allen.

Foreign Missions—E. C. Faulkner, J. W. Creed and J. H. Byrd.

Ministerial Education—John X. Smith, H. S. Brooks and J. H. Riley.

Orphans' Home—E. C. Faulkner, G. M. Peters and Jno. X. Smith.

Publications—T. G. Morgan, A. B. Turner and J. C. Stell.

State of Religion—N. C. Denson, E. T. Mitchell and W. H. Daniels.

Finance—W. S. Allen, D. W. Clements and B. P. Kimbro.

Obituaries—N. C. Denson, A. F. Willis and Clarke Sims.

The Committee on Arranging Preaching reported as follows: Preaching at the Baptist church tonight by J. S. Thomas; at the Methodist house tonight, Jno. X. Smith; at the school house tonight, F. G. Morgan; at Shilo church tonight, A. F. Willis; at this house tomorrow 11 a. m., Jno. X.

Smith to preach the annual missionary sermon; at the arbor 11 a. m. tomorrow, R. C. Medaris; at this house 3 p. m. tomorrow, W. T. Clements; at this house 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, W. C. Harley.

This report was adopted with the addition, Sunday School mass meeting in the morning at 9:30 led by Eld. J. S. Thomas. The Committee on Sunday Schools being requested to have their report ready for consideration at that hour.

Orphans' Home mass meeting at 1:30 p. m. The Committee on Orphans' Home to report in this connection.

Eld. N. C. Denson offered a motion, which was carried, to the effect that the collection at the house tomorrow be for associational missions and one at the arbor for state missions.

The body then adjourned until 7:30 this evening, being dismissed by Eld. N. C. Denson.

At 7 o'clock the congregation assembled and joined in song and prayer service for 30 minutes, after which Eld J. S. Thomas occupied the stand and preached an acceptable sermon, and quite a number arose in the congregation asking for prayer.

Adjourned until tomorrow. Dismission by E. C. Faulkner.

Met at the appointed hour and spent 30 minutes in song and prayer service. At 9:30 Eld. J. S. Thomas opened the Sunday School mass meeting.

After the reading of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools there were five-minute speeches from brethren as follows: J. M. L. Thomasson, subject, "The Sunday School Superintendent;" E. C. Faulkner, subject, "Relation of Parents to the Sunday School;" A. F. Willis, subject, "Music in the School;" N. C. Denson, subject, "Sunday School Entertainment." At the close of the meeting a collection was taken for state Sunday School work and amounted to \$5.82. Dismissed by W. T. Clements.

Reassembled at 11 o'clock at the church house and Bro. Jno. X. Smith proceeded to preach the annual missionary sermon from the words, "What Shall I do With Jesus." After the sermon a collection was had for associational missions amounting to \$9. At the same hour Eld. R. C. Medaris preached at the arbor and took collection for state missions to the amount of \$23, after which adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the congregation met at the house in mass meeting in the interest of the Orphans' Home, and the Committee on Orphans' Home presented the following report:

The main building will be completed in a short time. Pipe has been laid and the home bountifully supplied with pure water. The bath rooms have been furnished with three large tubs and a supply of hot and cold water. Seats have been ordered for the chapel, and soon everything for the comfort of the children will have been done, so far as the building and rooms are concerned. But these children must be fed, clothed and educated, all of which takes money. In your benefactions do not forget our orphans; they are 48 in number; and dependent on us for the necessities of life.

E. C. FAULKNER,
JNO. X. SMITH,
Committee.

This question was spoken to by W. C. Harley, Jno. X. Smith, M. D. Parker, J. M. L. Thomasson and E. C. Faulkner and collection taken amounting to \$28.60 in cash, and pledges as follows:

Jno X Smith	\$ 5 00	Robert Duckworth.....	\$ 5 00
W H Daniels	5 00	Tom Duckworth.....	4 00
John Jackson	5 00	W C Harley.....	20 00
S H Woods.....	5 00	Unity church	5 00
W F Measles.....	5 00	Eden church	5 00
James Berry	5 00	Judson church	5 00
Lake Village church	5 00	Mt Zion No 2	5 00
Wilmar church	5 00	New Liberty church.....	5 00
Central church.....	5 00	Meridian church	5 00
Sardis church.....	5 00	Hamburg church.....	5 00
J W Hasty, in molasses...	5 00	Shady Grove church.....	5 00
Evergreen church.....	5 00	Enon church	5 00
Union Hill church	5 00	J W Wilcoxon.....	5 00
Masonic Lodge S H W....	2 50	Center Point church.....	2 50
New Union church	2 50	John X Smith.....	1 00
J B Ware	1 00		
A F Willis.....	5 00	Total	\$158 50

Mrs. M. Green one quilt, Mrs. Tullis one pillow, Mt. Olive church one load of corn.

The report was adopted and the mass meeting closed.

At 3 o'clock Bro. W. T. Clements preached at the house and N. C. Denson at the arbor. Both sermons well appreciated.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 met at the house and Eld. W. C. Harley preached an acceptable sermon from Luke 4: 18. At the same hour Eld. A. F. Willis preached at Pine Grove school house and Eld. T. G. Morgan at Loyd's school house.

Motion prevailed to meet at 8:30 in the morning. Dismissed by the moderator.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.

Met at 9 o'clock. The moderator, after reading a lesson from Psalms, led in prayer. Business was then taken up and the clerk and treasurer made his report as follows:

Clerk and treasurer's report for the year ending October 1, 1901:

Dr. to amount from Finance Committee	
For Associational missions	\$66 60
" State missions	6 65
" Home missions	8 30
" Foreign missions	3 10
" Orphans' Home	4 35
" Ministerial education	9 45
" Minutes of association	39 60

Total collection at association..... \$138 05

For Associational missions	\$25 26	
" State missions	14 00	
" Orphans' Home	25 35	Total \$ 64 61

Grand total..... \$202 66

Cr. By amount paid A. J. Barton:

For State missions	\$20 65	
" Home missions	8 30	
" Foreign missions	3 10	
" Amount paid A. C. D. expense to State Board	4 00	
" Amount paid S. E. G. for Orphans' Home	25 35	
" Amount paid R. F. H. for Orphans' Home	4 35	
" Amount paid R. F. H. for Ass'n missions	82 86	
" A'm't paid J. K. P. for ministerial education	9 45	
" Amount paid for minutes	20 85	
" Amount paid for register and postage	50	
" Amount paid clerk on salary	20 00	
" Amount paid balance due clerk	1 91	
" Amount paid for blank letters	1 00	
" Amount paid for postage on blanks	60	\$202 92

Total credits.....\$202 92

Balance due.....26

The following is the report of treasurer of the Associational Mission Board:

Dr. To amount from former treasurer.....	\$172 64	
To Amount from Prairie Grove church	1 80	
" Amount from district meeting at Flat Creek	2 65	
" Amount from Union Hill church	1 25	
" Amount from Warren church	4 00	
" Amount from Ebenezer church	1 35	
" Amount from G. D. Moore.....	50	
" Amount from district meeting at Enon	4 00	
" Amount from Promise Land church	5 00	
" Amount from Enon church	2 88	
" Amount from district meeting, Ebenezer	5 55	
" Amount from Warren church	1 25	
Total.....		\$202 87

Cr. By amount paid Jno. X. Smith Jan. 16	\$ 32 65	
March 18, amount paid Jno. X. Smith order.....	15 00	
March 20, amount paid Jno. X. Smith.....	10 00	
April 4, amount paid H. A. Munn.....	30 00	
April 4, amount paid C. M. Walker	12 50	
April 16, amount paid Jno. X. Smith	31 60	
May 3, amount paid H. A. Munn	11 05	
March 8, amount paid Jno. X. Smith.....	21 75	
June 14, amount paid Jno. X. Smith.....	10 00	
December 30, 1900 amount paid Jno. X. Smith.....	20 00	

\$194 55

July 2, 1901, amount paid Jno. X. Smith.....	6 80	
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Total.....	\$201 35	\$201 35
October 1, leaving balance in hand.....		1 52

The secretary of Mission Board presented the following:

Your Mission Board, in compliance with expressed wish and direct instructions of the association, continued Eld. Jno. X. Smith in the field as associational missionary. We also secured the services of Eld. H. A. Munn as Sunday School missionary and colporter. At our board meeting the fifth Sunday in June we found that our treasury was empty, and so had to discontinue the work of both these men, and since then no work has been done. The report of their work is as follows:

Jno. X. Smith traveled 2,300 miles, preached 114 sermons, visited and addressed 34 Sunday and Literary Schools, made 341 religious visits and 7 visits to the sick, conducted 6 prayer-meetings, received into the church by letter 9, collected for associational missions \$88.75, for state missions \$10.40.

H. A. Munn sold 121 books, preached 26 sermons, visited 157 families, traveled 605 miles, made 30 addresses and organized 13 Sunday Schools, collection on field and from sale of books \$39.42.

We have settled in full with Bro. Smith but are still due Bro. Munn \$23.85.

This was adopted and amount due H. A. Munn ordered

paid.

The Committee on Associational Missions made the following report:

We would urge the importance of supplying the destitution in our bounds with the pure gospel of Christ. Your Mission Board, by instructions of this body at its last session, continued Eld. Jno. X. Smith as missionary, who held regular appointments at Wilmar, Johnsville and other points until the fifth Sunday in June, when the work was discontinued for want of funds. We recommend that the present board be continued and that they be instructed to secure an efficient man as missionary for all of his time to supply the destitution made greater by a growing population. We earnestly recommend to the messengers and especially the pastors, that they urge upon their churches the importance of making generous contributions quarterly for associational missions. Brethren, it is a burning shame that we have not a consecrated man in the field giving his full time to this work. We can have one if we will. Let us take steps now looking to the supplying of this great need.

W. C. HARLEY,
R. C. DEW,
A. F. WILLIS,
Committee.

This report in connection with the report of the Mission Board was discussed by a number of brethren, and adopted and collection taken in cash and pledges as follows: Cash \$13.20. Pledges:

Enon.....	\$10 00	Egypt church.....	\$ 2 50
Ebenezer.....	5 00	Flat Creek church.....	5 00
Friendship.....	2 50	Holly Springs church.....	5 00
J. W. Creed.....	1 00	Judson church.....	2 50
Monticello church.....	10 00	Mt. Zion No. 1.....	2 50
Wilmar church.....	10 00	Mt. Zion No. 2.....	2 50
Mt. Pleasant church.....	2 50	New Liberty church.....	2 50
Promise Land church.....	10 00	Prairie Grove church.....	2 50
Shilo church.....	3 00	Union Hill church.....	5 00
Unity church.....	3 00	Warren church.....	10 00
Wood Lawn church.....	2 50	Lake Village church.....	10 00
Beech Creek church.....	5 00		
Central church.....	2 50	Total.....	\$117 00

J. M. L. Thomasson offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That this association invite the American Baptist Publication Society to put a colportage and Bible wagon in our territory, and that Eld. J. S. Thomas be requested to aid us in securing the same.

The Committee on State Missions made a majority and minority report as follows:

The majority report is as follows:

Your committee notes with much pleasure the fact that a great work has been accomplished this year by our State Convention and its Mission Board, and we recommend a hearty co-operation with the con-

vention in all of its work. But in view of the wide-spread dissatisfaction over the state we recommend that this body instruct its delegates to the State Convention to vote to abolish the office of corresponding secretary and favor a state evangelist who shall labor on the mission field after the manner that Dr. White has labored this year, also to meet with the State Board and aid in carrying forward the work.

J. C. PYRON,
M. D. PARKER.

The minority report is as follows:

State mission work and workers: One corresponding secretary, 2 general missionaries, 10 associational missionaries, 20 missionary pastors. Work done for the three quarters ending August 1: Sermons preached, 2,839; conversions, 931; baptisms, 477; additions to the churches, 983; churches organized, 8; Sunday Schools organized 21; church houses built and in course of construction from 10 to 15. Our cause has been established in many centers of influence and in several rural districts. Our missionaries have collected the following sums for the purposes named: Church buildings, \$5,052.75; associational missions, \$427.20; state missions \$562.60; home missions, \$241.20; foreign missions, \$251.79; Sunday School and colportage work, \$74.73; Orphans' Home, \$4.05; ministerial education, \$7.50; total, \$6,621.92. This does not include any of the work done by the superintendent, and but one month's work done by Dr. White, one of the general missionaries. Some of the churches we are now helping will not only be self-supporting after this year but will be large contributors to our denominational work. We can safely say that when the reports are all in that they will show over 1,000 conversions and above 1,000 additions and beyond 600 baptisms. But there is much work in our beloved state to be done. Twelve or more county seats and as many more important towns where we have a small struggling church or none at all and without a house of worship, and these should be accepted at once. Brethren, would it not be unwise to change plans at this important time? Would it not be better for us to unite in thanksgiving to a gracious Heavenly Father for his past blessings and heartily co-operate in the future, striving together with one mind, in one spirit for the faith of the gospel?

N. C. DENSON.

A motion to adopt the majority report was substituted by a motion to adopt the minority report. Quite a warm discussion was entered into by J. C. Pyron and J. S. Thomas in favor of the majority, and N. C. Denson in favor of the minority report. Pending discussion the body took recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 1 o'clock, and after singing and prayer the discussion was continued by R. C. Medaris on the one side and W. S. Allen, J. M. L. Thomasson, G. M. Peters and others on the other side. The minority report was voted down and the majority report adopted; the statistical part of the minority report being made a part of the majority report.

The minority report received 8 votes. The vote on the majority was not counted but was very large.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

We recommend as members of the Mission Board
For Drew County—J. M. L. Thomasson, W. C. Harley and J. R. Wallace.

Ashley County—J. W. Sims, S. R. Smith and A. F. Willis.

Bradley County—W. T. Clements and A. V. Johnson.

Chicot County—Ab. Sims and W. A. Holt.

We recommend as a Board of Ministerial Education, J. M. L. Thomasson, J. W. Sims and W. T. Clements.

We recommend Enon church in Drew county as the place for our next annual meeting, and Eld. A. F. Willis to preach the introductory sermon, T. G. Morgan, alternate. N. C. Denson to preach the annual missionary sermon, H. A. Munn, alternate.

We recommend as delegates to the State Convention, J. W. Sims, G. D. Moore, W. C. Harley, T. G. Morgan and W. T. Clements, and that J. W. Sims be made our member on the State Board.

We recommend as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, N. C. Denson, and W. C. Harley as alternate.

T. E. BAKER,
W. H. LINDSEY,
W. W. RITTER,
Committee.

This report adopted as read.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

This is one of the most important fields over which we should exercise our best efforts in money and talent. We should send the gospel to the destitute points in all the Southern States, Mexico, Cuba and the mountain regions also the frontier section. The destitution is appalling. Thousands of foreigners are coming among our people who should and must have the gospel if we would prevent Romanism and other heresies from controlling the great masses of our beloved Southland. We therefore recommend to the churches that they give home missions an equal place in all our regular contributions. We also recommend that our pastors preach at least one sermon during the year on the subject of home missions and urge their churches to make contributions to this work. We see that Romanism is encroaching on our own associational territory, so you see the need of action on our part and at once.

W. T. CLEMENTS.
W. S. ALLEN,
S. H. WOOD,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on State of Religion made report as follows:

We find reported from 38 churches, 237 baptisms, 125 received by letter and 46 restored. Decrease, 48 deaths, 105 dismissed and 116 excluded; showing a net gain of 139. We also find 26 Sunday Schools reported with 1,271 members.

N. C. DENSON,
W. H. DANIELS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions read their report which is as follows:

The news from all our foreign fields was never more encouraging. Africa, China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Italy and the isles of the sea are calling for more laborers. The harvest, indeed, is ripe and the laborers are few. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest," that others may be sent to help our ever faithful and overworked missionaries already on the field. That this much neglected work receives attention we recommend that each church in this association set apart one Sunday in this year as foreign mission day and that a collection be taken for our Foreign Board.

E. C. FAULKNER,
J. H. BYRD,
JNO. W. CREED,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

Although in ministerial education the Bible must ever remain preeminently the text book and the Holy Spirit the teacher, and we recognize the value of the service being rendered by pious and consecrated servants of God who have not had the direct help of college or school, present conditions make special mental training for the work of the ministry desirable, if not actually indispensable. The Baptist colleges and high schools of Arkansas are now of such excellency as to leave largely without excuse young men who enter upon active work as ministers of the gospel without the training that will make them peers in general education of those with whom they go in their work. We pledge ourselves to use our abilities to assist in the support of the colleges and schools now established at Arkadelphia, Conway, Mountain Home, Star City and elsewhere in this state, and to help with our money young men who, being called of God to the ministry, seek the needed education at these institutions of learning.

JNO. X. SMITH,
H. S. BROOKS,
Committee.

This was spoken to by W. C. Harley and S. H. Woods and adopted.

The committee appointed at the last sitting of this body looking to the establishing of a Baptist high school in our territory reported that they had bids from three points, namely: Ruby Station in Drew county, and Warren and Holly Springs in Bradley county, and that they would like to have positive instructions as to what course to pursue. After considerable discussion Bro. E. C. Faulkner resigned as a member of said committee and Bro. H. A. Munn and Jno. W. Creed added, and the committee instructed to go forward and select location and erect suitable buildings without cost to this body, but that this body would stand by the committee in their work.

The Committee on Finance presented their report as follows:

We find the following amounts sent up by the churches for the purposes named below:

CHURCHES.	For Minutes.	For Associational Mission.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Fore'gn Missions.	Orphans' Home.
Arkadelphia.....						
Beech Creek.....	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 63				\$ 2 37
Beulah.....	50	1 25				
Bethany.....						
Corinth.....	50					
Center Point.....	1 40	1 00				1 90
Concord.....	1 25	3 00	\$ 2 00		\$ 1 35	
Collins.....	1 00					
Central.....	1 00	2 65	1 00	\$ 1 00	2 60	
Enon.....	3 00	2 20				
Egypt.....	1 00					
Ebenezer.....	1 50	2 85	2 80			4 45
Evergreen.....	1 25					
Eureka.....	1 25	1 00		1 50	1 00	2 00
Edon.....	90			10		1 15
Fellowship.....	1 00					
Flat Creek.....	1 50	2 50	50	2 50	1 50	70
Friendship.....	1 30					1 00
Hamberg.....	1 50	10 00	10 50			
Hopewell.....	1 00	3 00				
Holly Springs.....	1 30	3 00	4 00		4 00	3 25
Judson.....	1 00	2 00				
Lake Village.....	1 50					
Monticello.....	2 00					
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	1 50	1 35	1 35			
Mt. Olive.....	1 25	61	2 50		2 50	
Mt. Zion No. 2.....	2 00	2 00				
Meridian.....	1 00					
Mt Pleasant.....	1 50	1 00				2 45
New Liberty.....	1 00	1 00			25	
New Union.....	1 50	50				
Piny Grove.....	20					
Promise Land.....	2 75	4 15		1 00	1 00	1 00
Prairie Grove.....	1 50					
Portland.....						
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00					2 00
Shady Grove.....	1 50	1 70				35
Sardis.....	1 50	1 25				2 95
Saline.....	1 00	2 00				1 25
Shilo.....	1 00	1 59	1 32	1 32	1 32	
Smyrna.....						
Union Hill.....	1 05	1 50				
Unity.....	1 50					4 15
Warren.....	1 50	7 00				
Wood Lawn.....	25					
Wilmar.....	1 50	4 00				
	\$54 25	\$67 73	\$25 97	\$7 42	\$15 52	\$30 97

Total sent in.....	\$201 86
Collection at association for State Missions.....	\$23 00
Orphans' Home.....	28 60
Associational Missions.....	22 95
State Sunday School work.....	5 82

Total collection.....\$80 37

Making grand total turned over to clerk.....\$282 23

The Committee on Publications made report as follows:

We would recommend, first of all, the Bible. Next to this for the practical Baptist work we recommend the Arkansas Baptist. It is sound in doctrine, well chosen in matter and fair in method. We recommend the Sunday School literature of the Nashville Board, usually called the Convention Series, and also that published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

T. G. MORGAN,
A. B. TURNER,
J. C. STELL,
Committee.

This report was discussed by brethren J. C. Stell, T. G. Morgan, S. H. Woods, J. S. Thomas and J. M. L. Thomasson who favored the report, and Brethren N. C. Denson, E. C. Faulkner and R. C. Medaris who opposed it.

The report was amended by motion of W. S. Allen as follows: "We also recommend the American Baptist Flag," and then adopted as amended.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following:

Our beloved brother, Jno. S. Wood, who was in the organization of this association fifty-one years ago, departed this life September 6, in his eightieth year. But we feel that he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

Bro. R. F. Hyatt, who was for a long time a prominent member of this body and treasurer of our Executive Board, also departed this life in December, 1900. We cherish his memory as a faithful and consistent brother.

N. C. DENSON,
CLARKE SIMS,
A. F. WILLIS,
Committee.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends and especially the good ladies of this and adjoining neighborhoods for the warm reception and unbounded hospitality extended us during the sitting of this association.

J. M. L. THOMASSON,

Resolved, That the clerk of this association be allowed the sum of \$25 for his services as such clerk.

W. S. ALLEN.

Amended by motion of N. C. Denson substituting 20 for 25. Discussed by several brethren and adopted as amended.

Motion prevailed instructing the Mission Board to pay the actual necessary expenses of our member of the State Board while attending the meetings of said board, out of the mission fund.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet with Enon church

at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1902. The parting hand was given while the congregation joined in singing, and the session closed with prayer by Moderator Sims.

J. W. SIMS, Moderator.

J. M. L. THOMASSON, Clerk and Treasurer.

Ordained Ministers, Churches and Postoffices.

MINISTERS	CHURCHES	TOWN	COUNTY
W C Harley	Wood Lawn	Barkada	Drew
W W Ritter	Warr'n	Warren	Bradley
W T Clements	Union Hill	Ingalls	Bradley
N C Denson	Warren	Warren	Bradley
A F Willis	Pleasant Grove	Hamburg	Ashley
T G Morgan	Hecch Creek	Hawkins	Ashley
E T Mitchel	Hopewell	Mist	Ashley
C M Walker	Evergreen	Elon	Ashley
G D Moore	Egypt	Milo	Ashley
S H Woods	Judson	Hamburg	Ashley
*M A Rice	Hamburg	Hamburg	Ashley
J W Sims	Shilo	Fountain Hill	Ashley
E C Faulkner	Monticello	Monticello	Drew
*S S Gray	Collins	Collins	Drew
J G Reed	Piny Grove	Luella	Drew
*R T Mosely	Lake Village	Lake Village	Chicot
*M Mosey	Lake Village	Lake Village	Chicot
H A Munn	Lake Village	Warren	Bradley
Jno X Smith	Wilmar	Garnett	Lincoln
*Jno - Gardner	Judson	Hamburg	Ashley
J P Henry	New Union	Kilborm	Louisiana (state)

* Not Pastors.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches who, on presenting their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. This association shall be called Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association.

ART. 3. Each church composing this association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The object of this association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, particularly in the bounds of this association.

ART. 5. This association shall never possess any power or authority over any church, but may act as an advisory council.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they are deemed orthodox.

ART. 7. The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, and any member of the association shall be eligible to the offices aforesaid so long as the association shall call him—as amended.

ART. 8. Every church shall be furnished with minutes, and every other benefit of the fund, in proportion to the money advanced.

ART. 9. Amendments to the constitution may be made at any session of this association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ART. 10. Any church becoming heterodox in faith or practice, after her reception, the association shall withdraw from said church; the word of God being the standard of orthodoxy—as amended.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

II. We believe that the Scriptures composing the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and order.

III. We believe in the doctrines of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

IV. We believe that man was created upright, but by transgression fell from that state; consequently he and his posterity became dead in trespasses and sin.

V. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

VI. We believe that sinners are justified by the righteousness of Christ through faith in his name.

VII. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace.

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

IX. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ, and that believers are the only subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.

XI. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.
3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the moderator may appeal to the association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member only shall speak at a time, who shall address the moderator, and upon obtaining the floor, shall proceed, and not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or makes use of personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject without obtaining leave of the association.
7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded; after time given for debate, shall be put to the association; unless previously withdrawn, and the moderator shall announce the decision to the association.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No appellation but that of brother shall be used by members in addressing each other while in session.
11. The moderator shall have same privilege of speech as other members, provided the chair is filled, but shall not be allowed to vote unless the association be equally divided.
12. The names of all members shall be called as often as the association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the association without leave of the association.
13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session, and oftener if necessary.

Sunday-School Statistics.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Number of Classes	Number of Scholars	Average Attendance	Literature Used	Cost of Literature
Arkadelphia.....								
Beech Creek.....	R C Dew.....	Hawkins.....	6	5	36	20	S B C	3 30
Beech Creek.....								
Bethany.....								
Corinth.....								
Center Point.....	W B Barksdale.....	Collins.....	4	3	25	20	S B C	4 00
Concord.....								
Collins.....								
Central.....	W A Grew.....	Berea.....	7	4	35	25	S B C	1 68
Enon.....	M D Parker.....	Monticello.....	8	6	60	30	S B C	6 15
Egypt.....								
Ebenezer.....	R W Hagood.....	Warren.....	5	3	30	15	S B C	2 40
Evergreen.....	D A W Grice.....	Edon.....	4	3	38	24	S B C	1 68
Eureka.....								
Edon.....	Ed Upshaw.....	Ft Hill.....	5	3	40	32	S B C	1 50
Fellowship.....								
Flat Creek.....	R L Denson.....	Ft Hill.....	5	3	40	25	S B C	3 60
Friendship.....	H H Croggins.....	Monticello.....	5	3	50	40	S B C	3 12
Hamburg.....	J R Woods.....	Hamburg.....	7	5	56	40	A B P S	16 00
Hopewell.....								
Holly Springs.....								
Judson.....								
Lake Village.....	A G Sims.....	Lake Village.....	5	4	56	43	S B C	20 00
Monticello.....	E L Hodges.....	Monticello.....	11	9	120	75	S B C	30 00
Mt Zion No 1.....								
Mt Olive.....	J H Riley.....	Berea.....	6	3	40	25	S B C	1 50
Mt Zion No 2.....	W M Sansig.....	Clifford.....	6	3	56	30	S B C	3 30
Meridian.....								
Mt Pleasant.....								
New Liberty.....	N M Lawton.....	Moody.....	4	3	45	35	S B C	5 00
New Union.....	Otto Mathis.....	Carmel.....	8	4	60	35	S B C	6 00
Piny Grove.....	Dan Patterson.....	Luella.....	8	5	27	15	S B C	1 10
Promise Land.....	J C Stell.....	Mist.....	5	3	54		S B C	4 00
Prairie Grove.....	S W Moore.....	Scipio.....	4	3	30	15	S B C	3 50
Portland.....								
Pleasant Grove.....								
Shady Grove.....	D M Clements.....	Jersey.....	5	3	70	40	S B C	3 00
Sardis.....	T H Dingler.....	Trafalga.....	4	3	35	25	S B C	5 00
Saline.....								
Shilo.....	J W Wilcoxson.....	Ft Hill.....	6	5	39	20	S B C	4 00
Smyrna.....								
Union Hill.....	M L Carnley.....	Ingalls.....	3	3	30	15	S B C	3 45
Unity.....								
Warren.....	W F Mack.....	Warren.....	12	9	100	41	S B C	38 82
Wood Lawn.....								
Wilmar.....	S A Roark.....	Wilmar.....	11	9	101	61	S B C	12 50
		Total.....	151	107	1271	746		\$ 164 50

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Died	Dismissed	Excluded	Males	Females	Pres Membership	Assn'l Missions.		State Missions		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Ministerial Edu'n	State S. S. Work	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	Incidentals	Value of Church Property		
										Heretofore Paid	Cash Herewith	Heretofore Paid	Cash Herewith	Heretofore Paid	Cash Herewith	Heretofore Paid	Cash Herewith									
Arkadelphia.....	3	2	2	1		2	57	67	124	\$	\$											1 50		\$	300	
Beech Creek.....					3	10	12	22	34	3	63	1	25							9 80	5 37		1 50			350
Beulah.....																										
Bethany.....																										
Corinth.....																										
Center Point.....						1	10	30	54	84		1 00										1 40			300	
Concord.....	8	3	2	2		4	1	23	25	48		2 00		2 00					1 35	1 90		15 00	1 25		300	
Collins.....								4	6	10											50 00	1 00			300	
Central.....	4					20	29	50	79			2 85		1 00				2 60			65 00			100 00	300	
Enon.....	32	8		11		1	71	115	186		2 28	2 20							2 00	8 52	100 00	3 00	100 00		500	
Egypt.....																				1 00	28 00				200	
Evergreen.....	2	1	1			1	14	21	35											2 00	9 80	1 25			75	
Eureka.....	3					3	33	42	75		1 00							1 00		2 00		1 25				
Edon.....	6	6	1	1		2	11	14	25								1 50		1 50	2 00	30 00	90				
Fellowship.....	1						8	23	31											1 15		1 00				
Flat Creek.....	3	1					39	50	89		80	2 50		50			2 50		1 50	10 70	100 00	1 50			100	
Friendship.....	3	1				2	15	26	61										1 00	1 00	1 30				125	
Hamburg.....	2	6	1	1		2	25	40	65			10 00	3 40	9 00	3 35						150 00	1 50	30 60		500	
Hopewell.....	2					5	20	21	41			3 00									1 00				500	
Holly Springs.....	2	2		1			55	66	121		2 90	3 00	5 90	4 00	4 00						100 00	1 30	80 00			
Judson.....	3						29	44	73		1 00	2 00								2 25	60 00	1 00			400	
Lake Village.....		2																		1 55	150 00	1 50				
Monticello.....	8	6	2	2		7	61	99	160			12 20			11 35		8 85		17 25	40 71	600 00	2 00	110 71			
Mt. Zion No. 1.....							22	43	65			1 35			1 35	1 00						1 50			400	
Mt. Olive.....	8	4	4	3		5	33	39	72		2 15	61			2 50				2 50		50 00	1 25			400	
Mt. Zion No. 2.....	23			2		4	22	35	57			2 00									86 50	2 00				
Meridian.....	1	1					16	48	64											15 30		1 50			150	
Mt. Pleasant.....	5																				40 00	1 50			100	
New Liberty.....	9	1					18	31	49			1 00						2 50	25			1 00			500	
New Union.....	10	5	1	1			21	25	46			50									75 00	1 50				
Piny Grove.....						5																20			300	
Promise Land.....	10	22	5			2	189				5 00	4 15	5 00		2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		3 33	175 00	2 75	10 00		800	
Prairie Grove.....	25	3	8	3		4	45	79	124						2 50					1 00	75 00	1 50			250	
Portland.....																										
Pleasant Grove.....																						1 00				
Shady Grove.....	12	6	2			1	25	38	63			1 70								2 00	50 00	1 50			400	
Sardis.....	10	6	2			5	36	45	81			1 25							1 50	3 15	40 00	1 50				
Salem.....						2	31	36	67			2 00								2 05	50 00	1 00				
Shilo.....	1	1				4	28	38	66		60	1 32		1 32				1 32		2 00	60 00	1 00			300	
Smyrna.....																				5 10		1 00				
Union Hill.....	7	7					33	46	79		1 25	1 50	1 70									1 05			200	
Unity.....	1	8	2	3		1	27	34	61									2 30		2 60	75 00	1 50	75 00		400	
Warren.....	9	5	2	1		6	62	90	152		5 25	7 00	22 00		12 00					4 15	300 00	1 50	35 75		1000	
Wood Lawn.....		No	Le	tt	er															10 00		25				
Wilmar.....	8	9				3	22	30	52		63 50	4 00									15 00	1 50			1000	
Ebenezer.....	5	1	1	1		2	31	38	69		1 50	2 85		2 80					1 35	4 45		1 50			300	
Total.....	238	125	49	47	106	118	1016	1525	2823	\$90 46	\$61 53	\$50 20	\$24 97	\$38 70	\$ 7 42	\$28 65	\$14 17	\$17 25	\$69 39	\$ 131 02	\$2635 30	\$51 63	\$ 443 05	\$11900		

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Postoffices, Messengers.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	MESSENGERS
Arkadelphia.....				
Beech Creek.....	J W Sims.	W W Nutt.	Hawkins.....	James Hill, R C Dew, T G Morgan
Beulah.....		J L Alsebrook.	Lacy.....	Burl Binns, J S Alesbrook
Bethany.....				
Corinth.....				
Center Point.....	G D Moore.	C G Philipps.	Collins.....	W B Aultman
Concord.....	W T Clements.	W F Anders.	Marsden.....	J W Loyd
Collins.....		W M Donaldson.	Collins.....	J P Sloan
Central.....	W C Harley.	J H Johnson.	Berea.....	W M Donaldson
Enon.....	J W Sims.	J M L Thomasson.	Monticello.....	W A Green, J H Johnson, B P Kimbro
Egypt.....	C M Walker.	R A Ready.	Milo.....	J M L Thomasson, Henry Berry, M D Parker
Evergreen.....	W C Harley.	W N Adams.	Warren.....	Robert Duckworth, T G Duckworth, E A Ready
Eureka.....	C M Walker.	J H Tate.	Blon.....	W S Veasey, Frank Glover, Sam Nixon
Edon.....	E T Mitchel.	J R Edwards.	Mist.....	E T Mitchel, W O Carpenter, J D Thatch
Fellowship.....	C M Walker.	Ed Upshaw.	Fountain Hill.....	Ed Upshaw, G B Strange, R J Willis
Flat Creek.....		C A Atkins.	Snyder.....	W C Benson, C A Atkins, Frank Parker
Friendship.....	J W Sims.	T J Oliver.	Fountain Hill.....	G W Mears, T E Baker, J C Pyron
Hopewell.....	W W Ritter.	W A Veasey.	Monticello.....	Henry Scroggins, W A Veasey
Holly Springs.....	E T Mitchel.	G W Fletcher.	Mist.....	W S Allen, W W Barnes
Judson.....	W C Harley.	J W Baker.	Hermitage.....	J W Creed, W J Ederington, A B Turner
Lake Village.....	J W Sims.	M L Deal.	Fountain Hill.....	G M Peters, S H Woods, Wm Ford
Monticello.....	S H Campbell.	A G Simms.	Lake Village.....	H A Munn
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	A F Willis.	Watson Freddy.	Monticello.....	E C Faulkner J B Pyron
Mt. Olive.....	G D Moore.	J T White.	Hamburg.....	J H Byrd, J R Lashlee
Mt. Zion No. 2.....	J P Henry.	J H Riley.	Berea.....	J V B Stone, J W Haisty, J H Riley
Meridian.....	Wm Smith.	W A Holt.	Clifford.....	Harvey Haley, W A Holt
Mt Pleasant.....	E T Mitchel.	J H Franklin.	Petersburg.....	W E Miller, S J Harper
New Liberty.....	E T Mitchel.	T D Hudson.	Tide.....	S H Brooks, W S Scott
New Union.....	H A Munn.	N M Langston.	Moro Bay.....	C O Johnson, Robt Gorman, M M Bethea
Piny Grove.....	J P Henry.	E B Everette.	Carmel.....	W C Stephenson, Wallace Allen, I Everett
Promise Land.....	J G Reed.	W P Gill.	Mulla.....	
Prairie Grove.....	A F Willis.	T C Wheat.	Mist.....	T C Wheat, J C Stell, John Carpenter
Portland.....	G D Moore.	D B Lee.	Scipio.....	D B Lee, Nute Sansom
Pleasant Grove.....				
Shady Grove.....	E T Mitchel.	J J Brazeale.	Hamburg.....	A F Willis, J J Brazeale
Sardis.....	J P Clements.	J P Armstrong.	Jersey.....	D W Clements
Saline.....	T G Morgan.	J D Dingler.	Tra'alga.....	J B Gregory, T H Dingler
Shilo.....	W B Clements.	G B Colvin.	Simpson.....	S D Kemp
Smyrna.....	W C Harley.	R M Etheridge.	Fountain Hill.....	J W Sims, Clarke Sims, W W McPherson
Union Hill.....				
Unity.....	H A Munn.	S T Johnson.	Ingalls.....	W T Clements, J F Johnson, W D Huitt
Warren.....	T G Morgan.	W M Hester.	Hamburg.....	J N Doss, J C Burnett, F A Snitzer
Wood Lawn.....	N C Denison.	M T Gill.	Warren.....	N C Denison, W W Ritter
Wilmar.....	No letter.			W C Harley
Hamburg.....	Jno X Smith.	A L Owen.	Wilmar.....	Jno X Smith, W H Dantels, W F Measles
	N C Denison.	J L Hudspeth.	Hamburg.....	W H Lindsey, Mrs W H Gladney