

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Bluff Springs Church,

NEVADA COUNTY, ARK.,

September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, A. D., 1893,

OFFICERS:

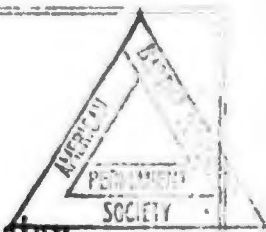
J. H. BLACK, MODERATOR, Hope, Ark.

R. H. MITCHELL, CLERK, Brisbane, Ark.

J. W. HUDSON, TREASURER, Laneburg, Ark.

The next session will be held with Union Church, Nevada County, Ark., five miles west of Rosston, on Saturday, before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D., 1894.

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MINUTES.

NEVADA COUNTY, ARK., }
September 30, A. D., 1893. }

Pursuant to adjournment the Union Baptist Association met with Bluff Springs Church, Nevada county, Ark., September 30, 1893. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. R. Story. Text: Romans 1st chapter, 16th verse. Theme: "The Gospel." The sermon was concise and pointed; and delivered with much earnestness.

After an intermission of one hour the Association was called together for the transaction of business, R. H. Mitchell, former Clerk, in the chair. The former Moderator being absent on account of sickness, Bro. J. H. Black was elected Moderator pro tem.

The letters from the various Churches were then called for and read by Brethren T. M. Battle and C. T. Wilson. The names of Messengers enrolled. After reading the letters, proceeded to election of officers, viz: Bro. J. H. Black, Moderator; R. H. Mitchell, Clerk. Call for petitionary letters. None. Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Appointed a committee to arrange for preaching during the Session, namely: J. W. Erwin, J. W. Hudson, with the Deacons of Bluff Springs Church.

Appointed the following Committees:

On Temperance: W. R. Story, W. L. Cole, J. W. Harris.

On Pastoral Support: C. T. Wilson, R. R. Almond, J. D. Harris.

On Obituaries: J. N. Acker, Rob't Byers, W. L. Manning.

On Documents: P. M. Compton, J. T. Carter, R. Birdwell.

On Foreign Missions: B. B. Williams, G. N. Strange, R. A. Middlebrooks.

On Finance: B. J. Drake, J. W. Hudson, J. R. Young.

On Sabbath Schools: C. T. Lassater, T. M. Battle, J. T. Crain.

On Literature: J. W. Biddie, Geo. Oliver, W. C. Franklin.

On Ouachita College: R. H. Mitchell, J. W. Hudson, C. W. Rhea.

On Destitution: W. R. Barham, A. E. Adams, J. N. Acker.

On Education: J. W. Erwin, E. N. Daniel, W. R. Johnson.

On Nominations: T. A. Middlebrooks, John Honea, J. R. Sullivan.

Called for Correspondence. Received from the Columbia Association: Eld. W. H. Armstrong. Received from the Red River Association: Eld. J. J. Haynes.

Returned Correspondence To Red River Association: Eld. Z. T. Rogers, Eld. B. W. Biddie, Eld. J. N. Acker. To the Columbia Association: J. R. Sullivan, G. D. Middlebrook, Eld. T. A. Middlebrooks.

The Committee on Divine Service submitted following partial report:

Eld. W. H. Armstrong to-night at this Church; Eld. J. W. Biddie to-night at Mt. Zion. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning at the Church at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Bro. A. E. Adams. Eld. B. B. Williams to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning 8:30 o'clock.

SABBATH.

At 9:30 o'clock the Brethren engaged in a prayer meeting conducted by Bro. A. E. Adams. Several fervent prayers were offered, and some feeling remarks made by several of the Brethren.

At 11 o'clock the congregation assembled at the arbor and was addressed by Eld. B. B. Williams; of Hope, who introduced the service by reading the 3rd chapter of John. Eld. B. B. Williams then delivered an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text: Philippians, 3rd chapter and 10th verse. Theme: "Conformity to the Death of Jesus Christ." The congregation was then dismissed till 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock Eld. R. C. Medaris, our Sunday School State Evangelist, gave a splendid lecture on the Sunday School work of the State.

At 3 o'clock Eld. R. C. Medaris delivered an able sermon from John, 14th chapter, 5th, 6th and 7th verses. Theme: "The Christian's Home."

At the close of the 11 o'clock services a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$16 45.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional services by the Moderator; prayer by Eld. Z. T. Rogers.

Roll called and the names of absentees erased.

Call for reports of Committees.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report and a motion to adopt. After being spoken to by Eld. B. B. Williams, C. J. Lissater, W. J. Wallthall and J. W. Biddie, was recommitted for amendment.

The Committee on Pastoral Support made their report. A motion and second to adopt. After being discussed by several Brethren, was recommended, and Bro. T. M. Battle was added to the Committee.

The Committee on Ouachita College made their report as follows:

President Board of Trustees: W. E. Atkinson, Little Rock, Ark.

Secretary, C. E. Neeley, Little Rock, Ark.

President of Faculty, J. W. Conger.

Nineteen officers and teachers—six men. Twelve have Bachelor and Master degrees.

An average of 300 pupils enrolled the past three years.

Forty-seven counties in Arkansas and seven States represented.

Thirteen young ministers the past year.

Forty beneficiaries. Fifty graduates to date.

Sixty pupil teachers the past summer in Arkansas.

Forty additions to our Church from the College the past year; and two of these will enter the ministry.

Eighty young ladies in our Home and all except two claimed a knowledge of Christ.

Forty-four dollars was the limit of doctor's bill for our young ladies the past year. The health of our pupils for the past seven years has been encouraging indeed.

Two magnificent buildings with sixty-five rooms, elegantly furnished. Total cost \$70,000. Electric lights, water works, bath rooms with hot and cold water. Closets on each floor. Library of 2500 volumes. Four large literary society halls. Splendid Physical and Chemical Laboratory. Three Typewriters. Two Organs.

Beautiful ten acre campus.

The Young Ladies Home is unsurpassed in the South. The physical as well as intellectual nature of our young ladies receive special care.

The young Ladies Gymnasium is under the management of a woman of superior talent. Heavy and light gymnastics. All young ladies in the Home, which is under special supervision of President and wife, Preceptress and Matron and three lady teachers. Young men have com-

fortable homes in town and in club houses. Young ministers receive special consideration.

On motion, adopted.

The Committee on Destitution submitted the following report:

We, your Committee on Destitution beg to make the following report: After obtaining all the information we can get respecting the destitution of this Association, we find that there is considerable destitution on its borders; on the east there is a scope of fifteen miles between Bluff City and New Home church unoccupied by Baptists. On the West there is a vast territory from Columbus extending to the Columbia line a distance of twenty five miles in length and 15 miles in width. We also find that there is a territory between the Caney and the Carouse, from Mt. Morris to the Missouri River. We therefore recommend that there be a missionary appointed and placed in the field as early as possible.

Respectfully Submitted

W. R. BARNHAM, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report that they find a deplorable dearth in Sabbath School work, only five churches out of 33 reporting have S. Schools. This is a sad state of affairs, and should receive more attention, as it is the observation and experience of your committee that the Sabbath School is virtually a training institute, and can be made a very potent factor for good. Therefore we recommend that there be appointed an executive board of five brethren to act in connection with the Association Missionary Board, if one be elected for that purpose, and to act in co-operation with the State board, appointed for the prosecution of Sabbath School work, who shall devise ways and means for the work in our Association. To this end we recommend that the Sunday Schools take up quarterly collections on the first Sundays in December, March, June and September in each year, and report the same to the executive board, and that as some churches will perhaps have no schools, that all churches be requested to pledge an amount equal to their ability for this work, to be paid quarterly in the months before mentioned.

We would add that the last state convention matured plans for Sabbath School work in the State which are now being vigorously prosecuted by our State Sabbath School Evangelist Eld. R. C. Medaris who will be glad to co-operate and assist the work in our Association by coming and holding S. School Institutes in the bounds of this association and otherwise materially helping all churches with bibles, testaments and literature in organizing and maintaining Sabbath Schools.

C. G. LASSATER,

T. M. BATTLE.

J. T. CRAIN.

On motion adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report:

Recognizing the fact that as a body constituted for the purpose of doing Missionary work, and deploring the fact that we have up to this time, performed not even an excusable part of our duty, acquiescing in the spirit of him who said the world is the field, therefore be resolved by the Union Association now in session that we adopt such measures as will bring the duty of supporting Foreign Mission before all the churches, and that we recommend that each church organize the work so as to secure scriptural and systematic paying to the foreign Mission work. To this end we recommend that the pastors during the associational year preach missionary sermons and collect money for this cause. On motion adopted.

B. B. WILLIAMS,

T. A. MIDDLEBROOK, Committee.

The committee on Literature made the following report:

We your committee on Literature beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We recommend the bible above all other literature.
2. We recommend as sound literature the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Gleaner and Western Recorder.
3. Music—Harvest Bells. For Sunday Schools. Kind Words. Adopted.

J. W. BIDDIE, Chairman.

The Committee on Education submitted the following report:

We your committee on Education beg leave to report: The subject of Education is one of such magnitude that we scarcely know what to say first. But we wish to say that opportunities to secure a good English Education were never better; and the need of education was never greater than it is at the present time. With our free school system no man is excusable for not giving his children a fair English education. We earnestly recommend that every Baptist do everything in his power to provide the necessary helps to aid his children in securing an education, and that he does his utmost to secure honest Christian teachers to instruct them. To those who are able to give their children a collegiate course we recommend heartily the Ouchita College at Arkadelphia, Ark., and the Central Baptist College at Conway, Ark., and the Mountain Home College at Mountain Home, Ark.

On motion adopted..

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ERWIN,

E. N. DANIEL.

W. R. JOHNSON.

The Committee on Pastoral Support submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Pastoral Support beg to say that they view this

matter as a business that belongs to each independent church, and a matter to be settled entirely by them individually; and the province of the Association extends no further than to recommend an honest, liberal support of pastor by churches.

C. T. WILSON, Ch'm.

On motion adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Received for Minutes Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$44	10
Received for Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	15
Received for Home Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	10
Total amount received,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$75	35

Respectfully submitted,

On motion adopted.

B. J. DRAKE, Chm.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

We find after a careful investigation that God has been pleased to take none of our Ministering Brethren from us since the last meeting of this Association, and we hereby express our sincere love and gratitude to God the preserver of all life for his protecting care over us.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion adopted.

J. N. ACKEN, Chm.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Temperance report as follows: That the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is to be deplored; and ought not to be indulged in by no good citizen much less a Baptist, and while it is a fact to be lamented that some of our churches are too lenient upon this subject. Therefore we recommend that the churches and pastor plant themselves squarely on Bible grounds in reference to this great evil; so that dram-drinking Baptists may soon realize that they cannot find shelter in the church of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

On motion adopted.

W. R. STOKY, Chm.

The Committee on Documents submitted the following report:

We your Committee on Documents beg leave to submit the following report: We find that 33 churches are represented in this Association and upon an investigation of the letters from the various churches we find that since the last session of this body one hundred and fifty eight have been Baptized within the bounds of this Association, 102 received by letter and 16 by restoration; dismissed by letter 226, excluded 52, dead 14. Total membership 1834. We recommend that the churches use the

form of the letters laid down in our Minutes as Associational letters.
Respectively submitted.

On motion adopted.

W. J. T. CARTER Chm.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

We your Committee on Nominations make the following report: The next meeting of the Union Association will be held with the church at Union Nevada county Ark., 3 miles west of Robston, commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October A. D. 1894. Eld M. D. Armstrong to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. T. Down alternate. Eld. W. R. Story to preach a missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Sabbath, Eld. W. R. Barham alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion adopted.

T. A. MIDDLEBROOKS, Chm.

CALL FOR REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Report of the first district:—The next meeting of the first district of the Union Association will convene with the church at Mt. Zion commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in July A. D. 1894.

Introductory sermon by Eld. W. J. Walthall; J. W. Erwin alternate. Theme: "Justification by Faith."

ESSAYS.

Can man successfully resist the operation of the Holy Spirit? by Dosier Easterhug.

The importance of the Sunday School work, Friday, at 3 o'clock, by J. W. Hudson.

Brotherly Love, by R. H. Mitchell, Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock.

Sermon at 11 o'clock by T. A. Middlebrooks; Theme: "The invitation of the gospel."

G. D. MIDDLEBROOKS, Clerk.

J. W. HUDSON, Moderator.

On motion adopted.

Report of the 2nd District of the Union Association:—The next meeting of the 2nd District of the Union Association, will convene with the church at Union Grove, Hempstead county Ark. commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in July A. D. 1894. Introductory sermon to be preached by Eld T. A. Middlebrooks R. L. Byers alternate.

ESSAYS.

Why are we Baptist? By W. R. Story.

Duty of church members toward each other in regard to offences, by J. W. Erwin.

What is the best method of conducting our weekly prayer meetings? by J. W. Biddle.

Is the Missionary spirit the Spirit of the Gospel? by J. H. Black.

Preaching on Sunday at 11 o'clock by Eld. B. B. Williams.

C. T. CHASTEEN, Clerk.

On motion, Bro. J. W. Hudson was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee for Minutes,	- - -	\$44 10
Received from Finance Committee for Home Missions,	- - -	9 10
Received from Finance Committee for Foreign Missions,	- - -	22 15
Received from Public Collection on Sabbath,	- - -	16 45

Total amount received, - - - - - \$91 80

By amount to Clerk Minutes Fund,	- - - - -	\$44 10
By am't to J J Haynes for McManaway, Sec Home Mission Board,	- - - - -	9 10

Total amount paid out, - - - - - \$53 20

Amount remaining in my hands for Foreign Missions, - - - \$38 60

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HUDSON, Treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the following named brethren were appointed as a standing Committee to report at the next session of this body on the Ouachita College: R. H. Mitchell, J. W. Hudson, C. Rhea.

On motion, the following named brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Eld. B. B. Williams, Eld. W. R. Story, Eld. T. A. Middlebrooks, Eld. J. W. Erwin, T. M. Battle.

On motion, appointed Eld. B. B. Williams as a delegate to represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. W. R. Story his alternate.

On motion, Bro. J. H. Black was appointed a member of the State Board of the Executive Committee from this Association.

On motion, the following named Brethren were appointed as an Associational Missionary Board to represent the Sunday School and Missionary work, namely: C. G. Lassater, J. H. Black, W. L. Mannahan, J. W. Hudson, W. L. Parker.

On motion, That this body ask the several churches to make pledges and forward to the above named Associational Missionary Board.

On motion. The Association Board is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a Missionary to labor in the destitution of this Association.

CLERK'S REPORT.

To Amount of Minute Fund,	- - - -	\$44 10	
Cr. by Amount for Services,	- - - -		\$15 00
Cr. by Amt for printing and distributing Minutes,			29 10
Total amount,	- - - -	\$44 10	\$44 10

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

The following amounts from the various churches were pledged for the State Sunday School work:

Bluff Springs,	\$1 00	New Home,	\$1 00	Bethesda's,	\$1 00
Pleasant Grove No. 1,	1 00	Mt. Pisgah,	2 00	Union Grove,	2 50
Pleasant Hill No. 2,	1 00	Bodéav No 2,	1 00	Mt. Nebo,	1 00
Pleasant Hill No. 1,	1 00	Bodéav No 1,	1 00	Betheny,	2 50
Pleasant Grove No. 2,	1 00	Mt. Olive,	2 50	Melrose,	5 00
Providence No. 1,	1 00	Laneburg,	1 00	Liberty,	1 00
Providence No. 2,	2 00	Round Oak,	1 00	Mt. Zion,	1 00
Missionary Grove,	1 00	College Hill,	2 00	Lebanon,	1 00
White Oak Grove,	2 00	New Liberty,	3 00	Corinth,	2 00
Shova Springs,	2 00	Macedonia,	2 50	Hope,	10 00
Total amount,	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	\$57 00

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That the Clerk be instructed to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes of this Association in accordance with money sent up and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved 2nd. That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and sisters and also the entire community of Bluff Springs church for their kind and hospitable entertainment during the session of this body.

Resolved 3rd. That the thanks of this body be tendered the officers of this Association for their faithful and efficient performance of their duty.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Union Church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, A. D. 1894. A parting hymn was sung, and the parting hand extended, as we took leave of each other to return to our respective homes. Thus closed another harmonious session of the Union Association. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Armstrong and benediction by Eld. B. B. Williams.

J. H. BLACK, Moderator.

B. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Credentials.
2. Election for Officers.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting members to seats.
5. Appointments of Committees.
6. Receive Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Call for reports of Committees.
9. Election of a Treasurer.
10. Call for reports of district Meetings.
11. Appointment of a person to preach the introductory Sermon.
12. Appointment of a person to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- Eld. J. W. Erwin, Mt Moriah, Nevada, County, Ark.
 " Z. T. Rogers, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " J. W. Wingfield, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 " M. D. Armstrong, Bodcaw, Nevada County, Ark.
 " T. A. Middlebrook, Willaville, Nevada County, Ark.
 " A. Patterson, Chidester, Ouachita County, Ark.
 " J. N. Acker, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " A. W. Tiffin, Stephens, Ouachita County, Ark.
 " Thomas Howell, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 " E. Kersey, Emmet, Nevada County, Ark.
 " C. T. Wilson, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " J. W. Biddle, Wallaceburg, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " B. F. Caunon, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " R. H. Mitchell, Brisbane, Nevada County, Ark.
 " J. C. Kelly, Boughton, Nevada County, Ark.
 " M. M. Baxter, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 " P. M. Compton, Falcon, Nevada County, Ark.
 " A. J. Meador, Bluff City, Nevada County, Ark.
 " B. B. Williams, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 " S. L. Holloway, Chidester, Ouachita County, Ark.

NAMES OF LICENTIATES.

- N. N. Gatlin, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 W. J. Sexton, Woodlawn, Ouachita County, Ark.
 J. T. Davis, Hope, Hempstead County, Ark.
 M. D. Andrews, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 S. J. Hesterly, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 F. M. Coon, Guernsey, Hempstead County, Ark.
 W. L. Mannanan, Bodcaw, Nevada County, Ark.
 W. M. Patterson, Chidester, Ouachita County, Ark.
 J. F. Britt, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.
 James Merett, Prescott, Nevada County, Ark.

H. J. Haynes, DeAnn, Hempstead County, Ark.
Robert Byers, Shova Springs, Hempstead County, Ark.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and divine in perfection.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that God hath chosen us in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.
5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen state.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe that true believers will be kept by the favor of God and that they will never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are New Testament ordinances; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; that immersion only is Baptism, and that it is pre requisite to the privilege of the Lord's Supper.
10. We believe in the Resurrection and the General Judgment.
11. We believe the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.
12. We believe that no person has the right to administer the ordinances except such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Union Association of regular United Baptists.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers sent up by the churches belonging to the same, and each church be allowed three (3) representatives, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their respective churches before they are allowed their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This union of churches shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed, but it shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact; nevertheless, this Association claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and the right to withdraw from any church when found heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

ART. 5. Any church of the same faith and order may be admitted into this Union by petitionary letter and messengers to the annual meeting, by said messengers agreeing with the Abstract of Principles as set forth by this body.

ART. 6. The churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, or deceased, since the last session, and any other information that the churches may deem important.

ART. 7. This Association shall, at each session, appoint a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to hold all funds sent up by the churches, or otherwise collected, also to disburse them as ordered by the Association, and shall present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of each session of this day, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the

place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by praise and prayer, in person or by proxy. If the Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator shall appoint, and the names of the Messengers enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the Messengers' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, a majority of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the Moderator. When motions for amendments to motions are made the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may, at any time, withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion, or to speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator. If he be in order, the Moderator shall signify the same by calling the name of the person so rising, or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while in speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use personal reflection, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Moderator, except to explain some of his preceding remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the vote of the Association, and declare the result, the majority governing in all cases.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is sitting.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it may be necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until others have spoken, who may desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The Moderator shall be the judge of order, subject to an appeal to the Association.

Statistical Table of Union Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	POSTOFFICE.	Baptized.	By letter.	Restored.	By letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total membership.	Con. for.	Minutes.	Con. for.	F. Missions.	Con. for S. Missions.	S. School enrollment.	Days meet'g.
FIRST DISTRICT.																		
St. Zion	W R Barham	J C Atkins	T M Gammage, R B Tidwell, Jno Housa	Boston	5	2	2	2	3	37	2 00							1st
Shady Grove	L H Hill	Calvin Jones	W R Barham, W C Franklin	Prescott	2	2	1	2	1	101	1 20	2 20						2d
Pleasant Hill No 2	T A Middlebrook	W A Dean	C W Breen, D W Hay	Delta	5	2	1	1	3	31	1 00							4th
College Hill	J T Downs	J H Gunter	J R Sullivan, V M Thompson	College Hill				3		83	2 00							1st
Pleasant Hill No 1	W R Barham	J G Parilly	W O Goodley, J N Kirk	Zama	1	1				15	30	2 00						4th
St Olive	J W Erwin	J F Wallis	T A Middlebrook, R H Crank, T P Waters	Boston	13	5	3	9	1	100	3 00							2d
Pleasant Grove No 1	A G Meador	W J T Carter	A E Adams, W J T Carter	Bluff City	9	4	2	2		64	1 20						30	2d
Bethesda	W R Barham	R H Kirby	E S Carter, J H Smith, Win Patterson	Childester				1	1	65	1 25	2 75						3d
Round Oak		J P Sanders	J W Sanders, W J White	Woodlawn			1	2		23	20							
Missionary Grove	J W Biddle	W D Stockton	J R Young, W D Stockton,	Boughton	20	2	2	7	1	80	1 50							
Bluff Springs	R H Mitchell	W L Phillips	J W Erwin, F A Dillard, L J Parle	Laneburg	4	4		1		54	1 50							3d
Laneburg	J W Erwin	J W Hudson	J W Hudson, R B Almond, R F Howard	Laneburg	2	3	2	2		25	75	1 00						
New Home	T B Burk	P N Voss	P N Voss, W R Johnson, Henry Bays	Troy	1		3	2		20	1 50							4th
Salem	J J Haynes	Geo Oliver	George Oliver	Prescott	5	5	12			34	1 10							2d
Lebanon	T A Middlebrook	DL Yoiting	J T Young, L C Young	Casper	1					11	75	3 25						2d
St Phillips	N J Price	J T Crain	E N Daniels, S J Cash, J T Crain	Laneburg		1	1	4	1	61	1 50							
*Harmony			Not represented	Emmet						23								
SECOND DISTRICT																		
Providence No 1	J T Downs	A J Lafferty	W H Beavers, W C Lewis,	Lively			13	1	3	35	1 00							3d
Union	J W Erwin	S T Bailey	R H Mitchell, M Bennett, W L Manahan	Brisbane	5	2				103	2 25							4th
Boscow No 2	T A Middlebrook	W G Urrey	G W Dorman, J A Smith	Boscow	5	1	6	1		31	1 00							3d
St Nebo	C T Wilson	J A Powell	J A Powell	Lewisville	2	2	2			35	1 00							4th
White Oak Grove	J J Haynes	J J Osteen	J W Harris, J M Lowry	Des Ann	10		2	2	2	55	1 00							4th
Macedonia	R F Cannon	J H Barnes	C T Wilson, J H Barnes, R J Drake	Sarlis			7	4	1	93	1 20							2d
Hope	R B Williams	W N Atkins	B B Williams, J H Black, T M Battle	Hope	2	12	10		1	100	2 50	4 00	4 50	00				
Bethany	R F Cannon	J T Johnson	J H Yocum	Spring Hill	2	4	2			46	1 25							
Liberty	J N Acker	A J Sullivan	W L Cole, D T Milam,	Prescott			16	1	1	25	75							1st
New Liberty	Z T Rodgers	J D Harris	J D Harris, W T Hood,	Emmet	9	4	5	2		46	1 50							4th
Providence No 2	Z T Rodgers	W H Riley	J R Stewart, J T Palmer, R Bardwell	Hope	20	11	7	4		94	1 55	1 05	2 50					57 1st
Corinth	T A Middlebrook	C L Christeen	J S Stewart, I A May, B F May,	Boscow	5	7	2			86	1 50							1st
Shover Springs	N J Price	H C Dickson	W R Story, Robt Hyers, C G Lassater	Shover Sp'gs	1	8	14	7		70	1 36	1 75						4th
Boscow No 1	J W Erwin	J M Fuller	N Smith, J R Reeves,	Register			42	4		57	50							3d
Melrose	W R Story	W L Parker	T Roberts, Thos Bowden, W L Parker	Hope	10	7	4	1		92	1 10	2 00						
Pleasant Grove No 2	P M Connon	A A Armstrong	W C Halcher, P M Compton, G N Strange	Falcon		5	11	4		33	1 00							
Union Grove	J W Biddle	F M Urrey	J W Biddle	Wallaceburg	2	3	5	2		43	1 50	2 20						
*Falcon	W R Story	J S Pelt	Not represented	Falcon						9								
*Bois d'Arc		A M Handrey	Not represented	Guernsey						57								
*Shiloh		Willis Landers	Not represented	Buckner						75								

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