

MINUTES.
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BEECH RIVER
Baptist Association,

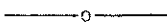
HELD WITH THE
CHAPEL HILL CHURCH,
HENDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
October 18th, 19th and 20th, A. D. 1872.

Officers.

D. W. PERKINS, MODERATOR.
R. I. VAUGHAN, CLERK.
S. R. CARVER, TREASURER.

JACKSON:
PLAINDEALER BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.
1872.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.



1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Calling the Association to order by the Moderator, or Clerk in his absence.
3. Reading Church Letters.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren to seats.
7. Appoint Committee on Divine Service.
8. Appoint Committee on Correspondence.
9. Appoint the various Committees.
10. Call the Roll and read the Minutes.
11. Call for the Report on Education.
12. Call for the Report on Sunday Schools.
13. Call for the Report on Missions.
14. Call for the Report on Publications.
15. Call for the Report on Correspondence.
16. Call for the Report on Obituaries.
17. Call for the Report on Finance.
18. Appoint the place of holding next meeting, and Ministers to preach the Annual Sermons.
19. New Business.
20. Reading and Correcting Minutes.
21. Revise Ministerial and Church list.
22. Vote of Thanks.
23. Address by the Moderator.
24. Song and parting hand.
25. Prayer.
26. Benediction.

LIST OF CLERKS, WITH THEIR CHURCHES AND POST OFFICES.

CLERKS.	CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.
J. W. Knowles.....	Chapel Hill.....	Lexington.
E. F. Smith.....	Ridge Grove.....	Lexington.
Wm. Underwood....	Fellowship.....	Saltillo.
B. J. Wheatly.....	Jacks Creek.....	Jacks Creek.
W. C. Petty.....	Piney Creek.....	Shady Hill.
S. L. Hays.....	Mt. Ararat.....	Lone Elm.
Wm. Wood.....	Bible Grove.....	Lone Elm.
	Bible Hill.....	
M. Usery.....	Judson.....	Shady Hill.
J. H. Jones.....	Mt. Pisgah.....	Wildersville.
John Bray.....	Union.....	Lone Elm.
H. H. Fanning.....	Cross Roads.....	Decaturville.
Anthony Haze.....	Bear Creek.....	Lone Elm.
S. Moore.....	New Hope.....	Decaturville.
G. W. Jones.....	Mazie's Chapel.....	

MINUTES

Of the Second Annual Session of the **BEECH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**,
held with the Chapel Hill Church, Henderson county, Tennessee, October
18th, 19th and 20th, A. D. 1872.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the Delegates to the Second Annual Session of the Beech River Baptist Association met at 12 o'clock, M.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. A. Henry. Hymn No. 215, Psalmist. Text, 1st chap. John, 29th verse: "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

Elder D. W. Perkins was to preach the introductory, but being unwell, Elder W. A. Henry, corresponding messenger from Unity Association, preached it. Theme: The Plan of Salvation.

The Moderator then opened the business of the Association by prayer. Prayer by Elder S. Skipper.

Letters were then called for from the Churches.

Bros. R. I. Vaughan and E. F. Smith were appointed readers of letters. Bros. S. Skipper and J. W. Knowles, Finance Committee.

After reading the letters from seven churches, the election for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer was held. Elder D. W. Perkins was elected Moderator; Bro. R. I. Vaughan, Clerk; and Bro. S. R. Carver, Treasurer. After the election, the Moderator made a few appropriate remarks before taking his seat. Then the regular order of business was resumed.

Resolved that a minute of each Associational year be kept on the Associational Book of Record.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE—Elder J. S. McCraw and Brethren S. R. Carver and F. M. Dardon.

Petitionary Letters were then called for. Whereupon Judson, Mt. Pisgah, Union, Cross Roads and Bear Creek presented their letters by their Delegates. Letters read and received, and hand of fellowship extended to Delegates.

Visiting Ministers were then invited to seats with us. Whereupon Elders W. J. Hodges, R. Day and W. A. Henry, from Unity Association, and Elder W. T. Bennett, Corresponding Secretary W. T. B. Con, came forward, and their names were enrolled.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Whereupon Elders R. Day and W. A. Henry presented themselves from Unity.

By motion and second, that we adopt the form of correspondence to sister Associations as is now used in the Unity Association.

COMMITTEE TO WHITE CORRESPONDENCE—Elders S. Skipper, H. Newman, and J. S. McCraw.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE.—Elder H. Newman to preach Friday night; Elder W. T. Bennett to preach Saturday at 11 o'clock; Elder S. Skipper Saturday night; Elder R. Day the Annual Sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The following Committees were then appointed:

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elders J. S. McCraw, H. Newman and Bro. S. R. Carver.

ON EDUCATION—Elder S. Skipper and Bros. J. B. Rhoder and J. P. Pertle.

ON MISSIONS—Bros. E. F. Smith, J. L. Reaves and J. R. Perkins.

ON PUBLICATIONS—Elder S. Skipper and Bros. Robert Denison and G. W. Walker.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—Elders J. S. McCraw, H. Newman and S. Skipper.

ON OBITUARIES—Brethren R. I. Vaughan, Petty and E. F. Smith.

The following named brethren were appointed to represent us in the Associations with which we correspond: To the Central, Elder S. Skipper and Bro. E. F. Smith. To the South-Western District, Elder D. W. Perkins and Bro. J. W. Knowles. To Unity, Elder J. S. McCraw and Bro. F. M. Dardon.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Friday night Elder H. Newman preached to an attentive congregation. Text: John's gospel, 12th chapter, latter clause of 29th verse.

SATURDAY MORNING met pursuant to adjournment. Association opened by singing and prayer by Elder W. T. Bennett.

Visiting ministering brethren invited to seats with us. Whereupon Elders J. H. Thomas, A. S. Mazy, Eli Washburn and J. S. Seat, licentiate, came forward and took seats.

Petitionary Letters called for. Whereupon New Hope came forward by letter and her delegate, Stephen Awtry. Letter read, received and hand of fellowship extended to her delegate.

Called for reports of Committees.

Report on Sabbath Schools read, and after some interesting remarks, adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report on Education read, and after some amendment, adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on Missions read, and after some discussion and amendment, adopted. (See Appendix C.)

A move and second that a Mission Meeting be held with New Hope Church, in Decatur county, on the first Sabbath and Saturday before, in December, 1872.

At this point a letter and Delegate were presented from Mazie's Chapel. Received and the hand of Fellowship extended to her Delegate.

Report on Publications read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

After dinner the Association was called together by singing and prayer by Elder H. Newman.

Report on Correspondence read and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Motion and second that the Committee on Finance report to the Clerk.

I give the above Report here:

From Churches.....	\$26 05
From Collection on Sabbath.....	10 95

Total.....	\$37 00
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On counting the money in my hands from the Churches, I found an error of 95 cents, there being instead of \$28 05, \$27 00.

CLERK.

Motion and second that we appoint the place of holding our next Association. Three Churches having petitioned for our next session, an election was held, which resulted in the choice of Jacks Creek Church, which is situated 8 miles East of Millin, Henderson county, on the Millin and Saltillo road, to commence Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1878.

ANNUAL SERMONS.—Went into an election for the brethren to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons, which resulted in the choice of, for the Introductory Sermon, Elder S. Skipper, Elder H. Newman his alternate; for the Missionary Sermon, Elder J. S. McCraw, his alternate Elder S. Skipper.

Resolved. That we have a meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. in behalf of the Sabbath School cause.

Motion and second that the form of statistics in Unity Association be adopted. Carried.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Executive Board continues as before, with the addition of Elder S. Skipper.

REVISED MINISTERIAL LIST.—Orained, D. W. Perkins, J. S. McCraw, A. S. Mazy, H. Newman, J. L. Reaves, O. M. Wood, J. B. Haze, S. Skipper, M. Stead. Licentiates, J. Sout and C. V. Jones.

While the Association was going on in the house, Elder W. T. Bennett preached in the grove to a large and attentive congregation at 11 o'clock. Text: 1 Cor., 3d chap., 26th verse.

In the afternoon Elder J. H. Thomas preached in the grove. Text: Heb., 4th chap., 9th verse.

Saturday night Elder S. Skipper preached to an attentive congregation. Text: Heb., 2d chap., part 3d verse, "How shall we escape," &c.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M.

Clerk allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Motion and second to have 400 copies of Minutes printed.

SUNDAY MORNING.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Engaged for a short time in behalf of the Sunday School cause, in which Elder W. T. Bennett presented its claims clearly and with force to the Association, Church and friends.

At 11 o'clock, Elder R. Day occupied the stand in the grove and preached to a large and attentive congregation. Hymn No. 717, Psalmist. Prayer by Elder E. Washburn. Text: Acts 2d chap., 37 to 41st ver. inclusive. Theme: How the Apostles carried out their commission.

After services a collection was taken for the benefit of the Association, amounting to \$10.95.

After which, Elder W. J. Hodges delivered a discourse against the doctrine of Universalism. Text: Col., 2d chap., 8th v., and 1st Timothy, 6th chap., 20th verse.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to this Church and community for their hospitality to this body during its session.

Having disposed of all the business which called us together, a

hymn was sung and the parting hand was extended amidst tears and the best of feeling and brotherly love.

The Association was then adjourned to meet with the Jacks Creek Church on the Millin and Saltillo road, 8 miles East of Millin, 12 miles South of Lexington and 6 miles North-East of Jacks Creek village.

R. I. VAUGHAN, Clerk.

D. W. PERKINS, Moderator.

The following is the form of writing letters adopted :

The Church of Christ at _____ to the Beech River Association sendeth Christian salutation.

OUR TABULAR STATEMENT.

When Con.	Day of Meeting	For Missions	Am't for Minutes	Post-Office	Pastor	Post-Office	Clerk	Sunday Schools	Total	Dead	Excluded	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Rec'd by Letter	Baptised	Delegates
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We desire you to appoint your next meeting with us. Done in Conference and signed by order of the Church.

_____, Clerk.

_____, Moderator.

APPENDIX.

A.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe that the Sunday School is a great help to us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and that the Bible should be the book used in Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. McCRAW,
H. NEWMAN,
S. R. CARVER.

B.—REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following. We believe that the importance of Education is too little felt and appreciated by our people, and we would recommend that more attention be given to this subject. We would recommend to our brethren the schools at Henderson Station and Murfreesboro as suitable places for the education of their sons and daughters.

S. SKIPPER,
J. B. RHODES,
J. P. PERTLE.

C.—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Saviour of sinners left Heaven on a mission of mercy to dying man. He made the world his mission field and left his Church to occupy it till he comes again. The special work of our Association is, to occupy the destitution within our associational limits. This is a great work, and our resources are comparatively meagre; but the God who commands to stretch forth the withered hand waits to impart the power; therefore we feel we must go forward. Every member of Jesus' body should participate in this blessed work; and that every member of this Association may be a burden-bearer for the Lord. Your Committee urge, First, that the Executive Board employ, at an early day, the very best man possible to impress upon every church, member by member, their personal responsibility to support the gospel of Christ; and, Second, that the means thus secured be used in supporting one or more missionaries, during the most favorable period for mission work.

E. F. SMITH,
J. R. PERKINS,
J. L. REAVES.

Resolved, That all the Pastors of the Churches in connection with the Deacons be appointed to present the subject of missions to their respective Churches and report the amount——— each one will give, to a meeting to be held at New Hope first in December, Decatur county, 1872.

D.—REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The religious press, properly conducted, is a great power for good in our Churches and to the world, hence our ministers and other brethren should use every effort to introduce into all the families of our churches and congregations some good Baptist paper, to encourage sound religious literature, that our Ministers may thereby be aided in their work. Wherever our members read and inform themselves, the cause of truth is promoted, and they are ready to engage in every good word and work; therefore we recommend the Bible first, the Baptist, the Central Baptist, Christian Index, Western Recorder and Ford's Christian Repository; for Missions, Home and Foreign Journal; for Sunday Schools, Kind Words. Respectfully submitted.

S. SKIPPER,
ROBT. DENISON,
G. W. WALKER.

E.—REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Beech River Baptist Association to Sister Associations that may receive our corresponding messengers, Greeting: Our present session at Chapel Hill Church is well attended. Some Churches have reported extensive revivals; about seventy-nine reported baptised; also seven accessions to our body, some of which are small and weak. We are also making efforts to supply our destination. Brethren, pray for us. Whoever of our members that may be present at your session is authorized to represent us. Our next session will be held with Jacks Creek Church.

J. S. McCRAW,
H. NEWMAN,
S. SKIPPER.

F.—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In the hands of the Treasurer.....\$ 9 85
Pledges uncollected for missions in the hands of the
Deacons of the different Churches..... 23 50
We have had a meeting of the Board, and did not employ a
Missionary for the want of means.

S. R. CARVER, Treasurer.
J. W. H. KNOWLES,
Elder D. W. PERKINS.
Elder J. S. McGRAW, Secretary of the Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Dism'd by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	White Males	White Females	Colored	Total	Am't for Minutes	Days of Meeting	When Con.
Chapel Hill	D. W. Perkins	Lexington	J. S. McGraw, F. M. Dardun, S. R. Carver					5	129 36	2	62	82	50	4		
Ridge Grove	D. W. Perkins	Lexington	E. F. Smith, J. T. Perdue	9	2	5		2	120 65	94	3	00	3			
Fellowship	D. W. Perkins	Sullivan	T. Bendure, J. Perkins	14	1			1	142 53	96	3	00	3			
Jacks Creek	J. S. McGraw	Jacks Creek	R. J. W. Adly, J. B. Hudson, R. I. Vaughan	5	1	1	2		1828	3	49	3	05	1		
Piney Creek	A. S. Mazy	Shady Hill	W. C. Perry, G. W. Phillips	4	1				525	30	1	00	3			
Mt. Ararat	H. Newman	Lone Elm	H. Newman, J. Reaves	7		3			23 50 16	73	1	50	4			
Bible Grove	O. M. Wood	Lone Elm	A. J. Woods, Alton D. Esery	18	6	5		2	129 50	79	9	00	1			
Bible Hill			No Delegates													
Judson	O. M. Wood	Shady Hill	T. Rogers						2525	50	2	00	2			
Mt. Pisgah	Geo. Hollowell	Whitesville	J. H. Jones, H. Birch						3575	12	120	2	00	2		
Griton	J. S. McGraw	Lone Elm	S. Skipper, E. W. Walker, W. Donison	9	1	2	1	1	23 23	4	90	2	00	3	ave	
Gross Roads	J. L. Reaves	Decaturville	H. H. Panning						2	3	5	1	00			
Bear Creek	S. Skipper	Lone Elm	John Vorsohl, Isaac Meggs	9					12 28	6	41	1	50	1		
Now Hope	S. Skipper	Decaturville	Stephen Avery	2				1	12 17		29	1	50			
Mazze's Chapel			M. H. Jones, Clement Jones	4	1			1	7 14		21	1	00	3		