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UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED AT

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA

(21st)

Twenty-Ninth of October

1842

CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA

COMMISSIONERS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
DATE: 10/10/54

MINUTES, &c.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother A. Cumbie, from Matt. 10th Chap. 16th verse:—Behold I send you forth as sheep among wolves; be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

2. Received and read letters from the different churches and minuted their state. Also received four churches by petitionary letters and minuted their state.

3. Then organized the body by electing Elder John Reeves, Moderator, and Prier Reeves, Clerk.

4. Called for letters of correspondence, and received a letter and messengers from the United Association, viz: J. P. James, William Harrison, James M. Hill, and John Hill.

5. Appointed two committees, viz: one on the arrangement of business necessary to be brought before the body, as follows:—

Elders C. White, John Reeves, A. Cumbie, Wiley Blewit, and T. J. Bowen, on Arrangement, and on Preaching, John McCulloh, R. T. Bozeman, P. Reeves, (of this church) R. Massey, L. Collins, and J. Robertson, (from the body).

6. Then adjourned till 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

The Brethren W. Blewit, John James and C. White, occupied the stand on Sabbath in the order of their names, and their labors were not in vain in the Lord.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Isaac Martin.

7. Called for and received the report of the Committee on Arrangements.

8. The Circular was called for, read and received; but from its length, its being printed was omitted.

9. Appointed brother Wiley Blewit and T. J. Bowen to write a letter of correspondence to our sister, the United Association.

10. Took into consideration the propriety of dividing this Association, and agree to consider on this matter till the next meeting of this body, and request all the churches to send up the request by their delegates in their letters to the next meeting of this body.

11. Took into consideration the propriety of employing Itinerant Preachers for the next ensuing year, and agreed to employ two, viz: C. White and W. Blewit, and made up the sum of \$140 50 in this body, to be paid into the hands of the

Deacons of their respective churches; also for each preacher to agitate it in their churches, and try to get them to appropriate something for this specific object, and direct their Deacons to pay the sum over to their itinerant as he renders the churches his services.

Those who contribute to the support of the Itinerants sent out by this Association, are requested to pay one third of their contribution to the Deacons of the several churches, by the 25th day of December, and the remaining two thirds by the next session of the Association. No person whatever is authorized to receive contributions except the Deacons of the churches, and they are to pay it out only in proportion to the time of service of the Itinerants. Each church is requested to make a return of the money received and paid out, in their annual letter, and if they have any on hand when the Association convenes, they are requested to send it up by the hand of their delegates, to be applied at the discretion of the body.

12. Also appointed a Board composed of five brethren, to fill the place of those Itinerants in case of sickness, death, or disorder. The names of the Board are Richard Cheshire, Jordan Tucker, James Fitzgerald, James Hilliard and W. T. Park.

When a vacancy happens in the Board by death, or otherwise, the survivors are immediately to meet at the usual place of meeting in order to fill such vacancy.

It shall be the duty of the Board to notice the manner in which the Itinerants perform their duties, and to supercede the said Itinerants, or any of them, by appointing others, in case of disorder or neglect of duty. If an Itinerant die, or forsake his work, the Board are to meet as soon as possible and fill the vacancy.

13. Appointed brother W. Elwell to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and T. J. Bowen to write the Circular Letter.

14. Our sister United Association, having appointed a Minister's and Deacon's meeting at Corinth church, Marion county, Georgia, Friday night before the 5th Sabbath in July next; Therefore agreed, That our Ministers and Deacons meet our sister at that time and place.

15. Appointed a committee consisting of three members to draft Rules of Discipline for the government of this body, to be offered at the next session of this body, viz: Elders C. White, John Reeves, and A. Cornble.

16. Appointed the next meeting of this body with the Bethesda church, Decatur county, Ga. Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October next, at Fowtown.

17. Appointed the following Camp-meetings, viz:
 One at Shady Grove, Chambers county, Ala., commencing Thursday night before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1843.

One at Corinth church, Marion county, Ga., Thursday night before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1843.

One at Summer Hill church, Stewart county, Ga., Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, 1843.

18. Appointed P. Reeves, W. Blewett, C. White, T. J. Bowen, and R. Christian as corresponding messengers to the United Association, to be held in Campbell county, Ga. on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1843, with Bethel church.

19. Advised the Churches and Deacons to keep account of money paid over to their Itinerants and send up the report to the next meeting of the body.

20. Received \$43 62 1-2 as contributions for minutes, and agree to have 500 copies of these minutes published, and the Clerk to superintend their publication, and have the overplus of the money for his services.

21. This Association agrees to correct a mistake, or typographical error which came out in our Minutes of 1841, on the 4th page, 1st line, 3d word, which should read 'reject,' instead of 'regret'—for we never did adopt the Sharon Confession of Faith; neither did we ever design so to do, and that this appear in the Minutes of the present year.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITINERACY

1. It shall be the duty of the Itinerants sent out by the Chattahoochee United Baptist Association to travel from church to church successively, to preach when necessary, to receive and baptize members, and to perform all other duties pertaining to the pastoral office.

2. To insist on strict gospel discipline, endeavoring to promote uniformity among the churches.

3. To watch against luke-warmness in religion; to insist on deep piety and constant devotion to God. To this end they should impress upon the members of the church the necessity of reading the scriptures daily and prayerfully.

4. To promote and maintain the rights and character of the people to whom they are sent; and therefore the subjects upon which they speak and their manner of speaking must not be such as might be calculated to bring reproach upon themselves or upon their people.

5. When they perform the duties of a pastor, it must always be done with the consent of the church concerned; and

if the pastor of the church is present, it must be done in conjunction with him or with his approbation.

6. They are to preach in destitute places where there is prospect of doing permanent good; but in no case are they to constitute a church without being first satisfied that the new constitution may immediately procure a pastor. However, with the consent of any church, they may erect an arm of that church, provided they will preach regularly to the people thus constituted.

7. The Itinerants are to keep an account of the money received by them from the different churches, and report it to the next meeting of this body; and if the sum received exceed two hundred dollars, they must deliver the overplus to the Association at the next session.

The Chattahoochee United Baptist Association, in session at Shady Grove, Chambers Co. Ala. to her sister Association, (United Baptist) Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD

Thanks be to God for another privilege of addressing you through our corresponding brethren, whose names you will find in the body of our Minutes. We rejoice that your correspondence came duly to hand, this year. We received the brethren with great pleasure, and thank God for the edifying labors of brother James and the other brethren. We thank the Lord for the brotherly unanimity and love that exist among us.

Dear brethren, with feelings of gratitude we mention to you that God has graciously revived his work among us in many places during the last associational year. Not only have sinners been converted and brethren stirred up to vigilance in duty, but he is sending forth more laborers into the vineyard who promise great usefulness. We rejoice to hear of your prosperity and success. May God speed us all on in the divine life. O for onfeigned love and Christian union to abound among us more and more to the glory of God and our peace and comfort in the Lord. Farewell.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES, &c.	STATE OF THE CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Re- by L.	Kept out.	Dis. by L.	Ex- cided.	Dead.	Total.	Contri- butions.
		(*) Ord'd Ministers—(†) Licensed—(‡) Absentees.								
Providence,	Muscogee county, Ga.	* Samuel Watkins, T. J. Vincent.	3	1	1	17	4		37	\$2.50
Bechel,	Randolph " "	Abel Bass, * Isaac Martin.	7	4		16	2		45	1.50
Olive Branch,	" " "	William J. Cheshire.	5	5	1	9	4		20	3.12
Corinth,	Marion " "	† R. W. Watson, * Samuel Doughass.	14	4	1	2	2		55	2.50
Summer Hill,	Stewart " "	* A. Cumble, James Fitzgerald.	25	11		12	3	1	131	3.00
Smyrna,	Russel " Ala.	* C. White, * Prior Reeves.	5	5		5	3	2	72	3.00
Mount Gilead,	Harris " Ga.	Thomas Barron, W. W. Pitts.	2	3				1	32	1.00
Union,	Marion " "	† David J. Apperson.	6	1					15	1.00
Armageddon,	Early " "	Jesse Walker, M. Cowart.	1	4		2	14	1	39	1.00
Republican,	Muscogee " "	* John Reeves, * B. B. Watson.	13	11	1	1		1	62	2.00
Union,	Early " "	Henry Jordan, † A. Lee.	5			2			21	2.00
Sharon,	Randolph " "	Jesse Robertson, W. Taylor.	21	6					46	1.50
New Teaman,	Stewart " "	Arch'd Kadlo, Joshua Martin.				2	4		42	2.00
New Hope,	" " "	* William Presley, * T. J. Bowen.	12	20	2	6	2	1	33	2.25
Mount Pleasant,	Decatur " "	* W. Blowit.	3						27	1.50
Mount Gilead,	Russel " Ala.	T. H. Gardner, T. J. Berry.	10	4		10	2		65	1.75
Hephzibah,	Chambers, " "	Ransom Christian, E. Passchal.		1		6			26	2.00
Shady Grove,	" " "	John McCulloh, F. T. Bozeman.	3	6			3		53	3.25
Danahy,	Russel " "	James Bragan, W. Gibson.	1		2		2		34	2.25
Corinth,	Randolph " Ga.	† T. T. Houston, J. Tucker.	19	8					20	1.00
Antioch,	Muscogee, " "	† R. Maasy, † G. W. Parker.	5	16					21	1.50
Rehoboth,	Russel, " Ala.	J. Nix, † W. Jay.	6	4					10	1.00
Mount Knox,	Stewart, " Ga.	R. J. Cheshire, L. Collins.	3	14					17	1.00

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