

MINUTES

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Twelfth Annual Session

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Freewill Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

Union Hill Church, Marion County Ala.,

October 1st and 3rd, 1898.

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OFFICERS:

Rev. J. J. Wesley,	Moderator,
Robert Franks,	Clerk,
W. W. Nelson,	Treasurer,
W. T. Burleson,	Corresponding Secretary.

The next session of this Association will meet with Pleasant Ridge Church, at or near Nabor's Store, Itawamba county, Mississippi, and will convene Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

BAPTIST REVIEW JOB OFFICE,
GOLDSBORO, N. C.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Wayne Martin

PROCEEDINGS.

The twelfth annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, convened with Union Hill Church, Marion county, Ala. October 1st, 1898. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Nelson. The text used was our Articles of Faith. After preaching an intermission of one hour was taken for rest and refreshments. After which the ministers and delegates were requested to meet in the house, organize and proceed to business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met in the house pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation, and prayer by Rev. A. L. Key. Rev. W. A. Nelson, the moderator of the last session, then called the body to order and called for business as follows, viz:

1. Letters from the churches were called for, handed in and read, and contents noted as per statistical table.
2. Called for petitionary letters, and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body. Received the following: Fair View, Camp Creek, Mount Calvary and Pleasant Ridge. After careful examination, it was found that the petitionary churches were organized on our Articles of Faith, and were declared to be sound in doctrine, and by motion they were unanimously received.
3. It was then agreed to permanently organize the body, which was done by electing Rev. James J. Wesley moderator; Bro. Robert Franks clerk; and Bro. W. T. Burleson Corresponding Secretary.
4. Called for correspondents from sister Associations. None present.

On motion, it was agreed that the moderator appoint all the committees; whereupon, the following are appointed:

ON PREACHING—Brethren J. A. Beazeley, W. B. Dickinson and E. C. Williams, with the deacons of this church.

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Rev. W. A. Nelson, Rev. A. L. Key, Rev. M. R. Martin, with the Moderator and Clerk.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. R. A. Nix, Rev. H. B. Fowler, and Bro. B. G. Powell.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—Bro. S. B. Ramsey, and Rev. G. C. Elliott, and Rev. T. M. Canup.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS—Brethren A. J. Ingle, J. C. Pike, W. H. Ingram and Jas. E. Cochran.

ON FINANCE—Brethren W. T. Keeton, E. F. Franks and V. J. Westbrook.

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS—Rev. W. A. Nelson, and brethren E. D. Flurry, W. H. Ingram and A. J. Ingle.

Committee on preaching report that Rev. J. A. Johnson preach tonight; Rev. R. A. Nix preach Sunday at 9 o'clock; Rev. James J. Wesley preach at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Rev. H. B. Fowler preach Sunday night.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAZELEY, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted and com. discharged.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer and benediction by the moderator.

Saturday night Rev. J. A. Johnson preached; followed by Rev. A. M. Dickinson. Texts not given.

ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. R. A. Nix preached an interesting sermon. His text was Samuel 30th chapter, 24th verse. At 11 o'clock, Rev. Jas. J. Wesley preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text not given. The Lord's Supper was omitted on account of the deacons not being prepared to furnish the bread and wine. Sunday night Rev. H. B. Fowler preached. His text was Romans 11c., 22v.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 3rd.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. M. R. Martin. The moderator called the body to order. The clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

On motion, the proceedings of Saturday were read and adopted.

On motion, visiting ministers of other denominations were invited to take seats with us. Rev. G. W. Rowe, of the Congregational Church came forward and accepted a seat.

Reports of committees are called for and presented in the following order:

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business report: We find three petitionary letters for the next Association and we leave it to the body to decide which of the three churches shall have it. And we recommend that the Moderator of this session preach the introductory sermon and preach a doctrinal sermon at our next Association. That Rev. George C. Elliott write a circular letter to be appended to our next minutes, for 1899, choosing his own subject. We also recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that the work be done at the Baptist Review Job Office, Goldsboro, N. C. That the clerk be allowed four dollars for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NELSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature report: We recommend the prayerful reading and study of the Bible because it is the Book of inspiration, and the only safe guide to the soul in search of eternal life. For our Denominational Literature, we recommend the Baptist Review as our church paper; the Baptist Harmony as our Hymn book. We further request the ministers and delegates of this Association to urge upon the churches the importance of reading our church paper.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. RAMSEY, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report: We find that there is a good deal of interest taken in the cause of Sabbath Schools and we believe it can be made better. We recommend that pastors and leading members of the various churches lay hold of this great and important work and do all in their power to improve it in the bounds of this Association. That it may be the means of bringing many souls to Christ. We further recommend that the pastors of all our churches appoint Sabbath School superintendents. We have five Schools in this Association at this time, and we recommend that each church report their Sunday Schools in their church letters.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Nix, Chairman

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance report: We find \$19 40 in the hands of the Treasurer, as a minute fund. We find nothing in hand from any previous session of the body.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. KEETON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

We your committee on Associational Funds report: We find \$13 80 thirteen dollars and eighty cents, paid in by the churches as the Associational fund.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. NELSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We your committee on deceased ministers and members report: We have carefully considered the duty assigned to us and report as follows: Death has entered the pales of our churches since our last Association and removed therefrom our beloved members to wit: Bro. J. Thomas Westbrook, a member of Mount Olive Church, was born February 1st, 1879, and died January 12th, 1898—aged 18 years, 11 months and 12 days. Sister Lenory Lee, a member of Mount Joy Church, was born February 17th, 1873, and departed this life July 18th, 1898—aged 25 years, 5 months and 1 day. Bro. Joseph Adkins, Sr., a member of Beech Grove Church, departed this life September 3rd, 1898. Age not given. Bro. W. N. Williams, a member of Pleasant Grove Church, was born March 18th, 1874, and died July 18th, 1898—aged 24 years, 4 months, and 4 days. Bro. G. M. Moore, a member of Mount Pleasant Church, deceased March 21st 1898. And sister M. White of Mt. Pleasant Church died. Time and age not given. Sister Mary Pike of Pleasant Ridge Church departed this life May 26th, 1898—aged about 84 years. They all died in the triumphs of a living faith. But it leaves a vacancy in our churches and their homes that none can fill. But we trust that our loss is their eternal gain. We therefore tender our love and sympathies to the bereaved families and churches. May we all die the death of the righteous. We urgently request that all the churches who may lose a member or members will report it in their next church letters, giving their names, age and time of death to our next Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. PIKE, Chairman.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

We your committee on ministerial character report: After a thorough investigation, we find all the ministers of this Association in good standing, sound in the faith, and as useful as their circumstances will enable them to be.

Respectfully submitted,
P. R. MCKAIG, Chairman.

On motion, the report is adopted, and the committee discharged.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1. Resolved that any minister of this Association found guilty of circulating false reports by pen or otherwise on a brother minister, which is liable to injure his usefulness and destroy his influence, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense, and after discipline has been used if he does not show signs of true penitence and reformation, he shall be excommunicated from this yearly meeting, and published in our denominational paper.

On motion, it is agreed to adopt a financial system as we see a great need of such; and we recommend that each male member that belongs to the Jasper Association pay annually twenty-five cents, and those of the females that wish to pay anything can do so. This is in connection with the minute funds. And it is further resolved that each church retain its own money. And that the Treasurers of the churches receive the funds and keep a true record of all the money paid in during each associational year, and that the same be reported to the Treasurer of the Association at each annual session. The funds to be disposed of by the Association through the moderator, being empowered by the body. Said money is to be used for no other purpose than for the building up of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association; such as supplying destitutions or disabled ministers or members, poor widows and orphans.

On motion, the Association adjourned for refreshments, and to meet at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ingram.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Rowe of the Congregational Church.

On motion, that each minister belonging to the Jasper Association report annually the amount of money he receives; the number of miles traveled; the number of sermons preached; prayers offered; marriage ceremonies performed; visits made to the sick; burial services attended during the associational year.

On motion, it is agreed that this Association have a Treasurer, that the moderator be empowered to appoint some brother to fill that office. The moderator appoints brother W. W. Nelson.

On motion, it was agreed that this body elect a standing committee on ministerial character, and that the same committee that was appointed at our last session still to remain in office, to wit: P. R. McKaig, G. W. Moore, and P. C. Pike.

On motion, it was agreed that a collection be taken up for the relief of our disabled brother, Rev. George C. Elliott. The Association contributed to him liberally and the same was highly appreciated by our dear brother.

On motion, it was agreed that members leaving any of our churches without a letter of dismission, that we withdraw the hand of church fellowship from them.

Whereas, the Jasper Association is without proper representation with her sister Associations, and feeling the great need of that spirit of union which is essential to the furtherance of the cause of Christ.

On motion, it was agreed that brethren A. J. Ingle, J. C. Pike, and G. W. Guthry were elected corresponding delegates to the Bear Creek Association.

On motion, it was agreed that the Jasper Association hold two Union Meetings in the year 1899. The first to be held with Mount Pleasant Church, Marion county, Ala. and to commence Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April 1899. Rev. R. A. Nix to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. A. M. Dickinson, alternate.

The second to be held with Beech Grove Church, Walker county, Ala., and to commence Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1899. Rev. J. J. Wesley to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. A. Nelson, alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Pleasant Ridge Church, at or near Nabor's store, Itawamba county, Mississippi; and that it convene on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899. Rev. J. J. Wesley was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and that he preach on doctrine; Rev. W. A. Nelson, alternate.

On motion, it is agreed that the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum be appended to the minutes.

On motion, it is agreed that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, that the work be done at the office of the Baptist Review, Goldsboro, N. C. That the

publisher be instructed to distribute them among the churches according to their contributions. That the clerk be allowed four dollars for his services.

On motion, a vote of thanks is given to Union Hill Church and the citizens of this community for kindness and hospitality shown to members and visitors of the Association.

On motion, a vote of thanks is given to the officers of this Association for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty during the session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above named. Rev. W. A. Nelson offered prayer, after which the moderator made some appropriate remarks, and the parting hand was taken amid tears and shouts of great joy.

J. J. WESLEY, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session. Former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present elects.

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates present shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in cases of a tie; and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, providing he appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

10. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

REV. W. A. NELSON, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. J. WESLEY, Ur, Marion county, Ala.
 " G. C. ELLIOTT, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " M. R. MARTIN, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " H. B. FOWLER, Winfield, Marion county, Ala.
 " T. M. CANUP, Hackleburgh, Marion county, Ala.
 " R. A. NIX, Hackleburgh, Marion county, Ala.
 " A. L. KEY, Bell Green, Franklin county, Ala.
 " W. H. INGRAM, Winfield, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. A. GRACE, Gamblemines, Walker county, Ala.
 " J. A. JOHNSON, Yocomy, Itawamba county, Miss.
 " A. M. DICKINSON, Yocomy, Itawimba county, Miss.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

G. W. FLIPPO, Ur, Marion county, Ala.
 J. E. COCHRAN, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 B. F. EDGAR, Spruce Pine, Franklin county, Ala.
 S. B. RAMSEY, Bell Green, Franklin county, Ala.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, of Ala., and being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory counsel, but having no authority over the affairs of the churches.

3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, &c. It may however in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches.

4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all the business is transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause, Sabbath School, Missionary work, &c.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

10. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, its name shall be dropped from our minutes.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1st UNION MEETING.

The first Union Meeting of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, met at Pleasant Grove Church, Marion county, Ala., August 13th and 14th, 1898. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. M. Canup. His text was Phil. 1c, and 23v. After the religious exercise, a recess of an hour and a half was taken for refreshments.

After the recess, the body came together by singing, Rev. William A. Nelson offered prayer. The body was then called to order by the former Moderator, the former clerk also officiating, and business was transacted in the following manner:

Rev. J. J. Wesley, and Bro. W. J. Fowler were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the different churches were called for, handed in and read and the names of delegates enrolled.

Proceeded to appoint the committees, and the committee on preaching is brethren W. H. Estes, J. A. Hammett and E. C. Williams. On the order of business, Rev. G. C. Elliott, Rev. J. J. Wesley, Rev. T. M. Canup, Rev. W. H. Ingram, Rev. M. R. Martin and Rev. W. A. Nelson.

Resolved further, that we recommend that the Association appoint three or more trustees to investigate the title of our church property, and report the same to the Association.

Committee on preaching report that Rev. M. R. Martin preach to-night, Rev. H. B. Fowler preach Saturday at 9 o'clock; Rev. J. J. Wesley preach at 11 o'clock; and Rev. H. B. Fowler preach Saturday night. Rev. T. M. Canup preach Sunday at 9 o'clock, and Rev. W. A. Nelson preach at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet Saturday morning 8 o'clock.

Rev. M. R. Martin preached at early candle light Friday night. His text was Luke 4th chapter, 18th verse.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock. The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother C. Reed. Then the Moderator called the body to order, and called for business. First reports of committees.

We your committee on the order of business report: We called for destitutions. Found none. Called for questions. 1st the question was sprung, What is sinning against the Holy Ghost? The question was ably discussed and decided. That is we who have received the Holy Spirit, and have gone back, and denying the Holy Spirit.

On motion, it was agreed to adjourn for preaching, and take a recess of ten minutes.

Rev. W. H. Ingram preached at 9 o'clock. Text, Michal 11c, 10v. Rev. J. J. Wesley preached at 11 o'clock to a large congregation. His text was Genesis 26c, 24v. After services, the Moderator called the body to order; and then it was agreed to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Saturday afternoon, the body met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Hammett. Then proceeded to business.

Several questions sprung and ably discussed. All in peace and harmony and with the best of feelings. The moderator then announced that there was no more business to come before the body, and that adjournment was in order.

On motion, the body adjourned. Closing service conducted by the moderator.

W. A. NELSON, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE FIRST UNION MEETING.

Churches, counties and delegates.
 Mount Olive, Marion county. Brethren V. J. Westbrook, W. F. Graham and T. A. Vaughn.
 Mount Pleasant, Marion county. Brother W. H. Webb.
 Mount Joy, Marion county. W. J. Underwood, J. A. Underwood, W. W. Waters.
 Friendship, Marion county. Brethren F. H. Cantrell, and R. M. Cantrell.
 Pleasant Grove, Marion county. Brethren A. J. Ashcraft, W. S. Smith, S. R. Price.
 Union Chapel, Marion county. Brother L. C. Baccus.
 Union Hill, Marion county. Brethren H. M. Nix and J. A. Hammett.
 Mount Hope, Franklin county. Represented by letter.
 Free Water, Marion county. Brethren W. S. Flippo, E. C. and J. O. Wilson.
 Liberty, Marion county. Brethren M. K. Williams and W. H. Estes.
 Bluff Springs, Marion county. Brother C. Scott.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 2nd UNION MEETING

The second Union Meeting of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association was held with Mt. Hope Church, Franklin county, Ala., Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1898. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Nix, text Heb. 5c, 11v. After the service, the body took a recess for one hour, and to meet at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Key. Then called to order by the moderator. And business was transacted as follows:

The moderator appointed Rev. T. M. Canup reading clerk.

Called for letters from the various churches, which were handed in and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The committee on preaching was appointed as follows: Brethren J. C. McDuffie and C. Scott.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Brethren N. P. Hutchison and G. W. Stisher from the Bear Creek Association came forward and accepted seats with us. They were cordially received.

On motion, it was agreed that our Union Meeting convene on Saturday instead of Friday, and that they convene on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in April and July.

We your committee on preaching report. That Rev. S. B. Ramsey preach tonight; Rev. R. A. Nix, alternate. Rev. W. A. Nelson preach Saturday at 11 o'clock; and Rev. A. L. Key preach Saturday night; Rev. B. F. Edgar, alternate. Rev. T. M. Canup preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. S. B. Ramsey, alternate.

Respectfully submitted by chairman J. C. McDuffie.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet Saturday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. S. B. Ramsey. No preaching Friday night on account of time.

Saturday morning 8 o'clock, the meeting met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. T. M. Canup. Called to order by the moderator. Business proceeded as follows:

On motion, the proceedings of Friday was read and adopted. Destitutions called for, none presented. It was agreed that the proceedings of our Union Meetings be appended to the minutes. Rev. W. A. Nelson preached Saturday at 11 o'clock to a large congregation. Text, see that ye fall not out by the way.

On motion, the body adjourned. Closing service conducted by the moderator. The parting hand was taken amid tears of joy.

W. A. NELSON, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE SECOND UNION MEETING.

Churches counties and delegates.
 Mount Olive, Marion county. Brethren W. A. Nelson and Robert Franks.
 Mount Zion, Franklin county. Brother B. F. Edgar.
 Union Hill, Marion county. Brother J. C. McDuffie.
 Mount Hope, Franklin county. Brethren J. K. Oliver and N. M. Brassell.
 Bluff Springs, Franklin county. Brother C. Scott.
 Concord, Marion county. Brother Wiley Wooten.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF GOD.—ARTICLE 1. We believe there is one, and but one, living and true God. Who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Equal and harmonious in every Divine perfection.

OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.—ART. 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible; and that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His church.

OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY.—ART. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

OF FREE GRACE.—ART. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings. That the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation. That the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto Salvation.

OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.—ART. 5. We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the son of God and Redeemer of the world, and we believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. That "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

OF REPENTANCE.—ART. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance, must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin.

OF FREE AGENCY.—ART. 7. We believe that the human will is free. And that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

OF PERSEVERANCE.—ART. 8. We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation, that any soul is elected to eternal life, unconditionally. But that those who by Faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make shipwreck of the Faith" turn again to sin and be finally lost.

OF GOOD WORK.—ART. 9. We believe that good work is the result of Faith and not of necessity. That those who have Faith will do works of righteousness; while those who have no Faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God.

OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM.—ART. 10. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That Baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—ART. 11. We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance. That the bread and wine represent His body and blood. That it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

OF THE SOUL.—ART. 12. We believe that man is a living soul. That the body will die, but that the soul is immortal. That death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

OF THE RESURRECTION.—ART. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being. That the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever. "But the wicked will be bound hand and foot, and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death."

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1898.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Rec'd, on Conf.	Restored	Died	Excluded	Days of Meet'g	No. of Members	Paid for Minutes.
Mt. Olive, Marion county, Ala.	V. J. Westbrook, J. A. Nelson....	W. A. Nelson. . .	Robert Franks Twin, Ala....	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	87	\$ 2 75
Mt. Joy, Marion county, Ala.	W. A. Warters, W. G. Cook, W J Fowler.	W. A. Nelson....	W. G. Cook, Pearce's Mill, Ala.	5	4	11	..	..	..	..	1	130	1 35
Beech Grove, Walker co., Ala.	J. C. Pike and J. W. Guthrey.....	W. A. Nelson....	A. J. Griffin, Townby, Ala....	5	1	3	..	2	1	1	4	92	1 70
Mt. Pleasant, Marion co., Ala.	C. E. Fowler and W. H. Webb.....	W. H. Ingram....	C. E. Fowler, Winfield, Ala..	7	5	4	..	..	2	2	4	80	1 35
Oak Grove, Walker co., Ala.	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Hill, Walker co., Ala.	Not Represented.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Friendship, Marion co., Ala.	T. W. Ferrell and F. H. Cantrell.....	H. B. Fowler.....	F. H. Cantrell, Pikeville, Ala..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	40	85
Ples'nt Grove, Marion co., Ala.	A. J. Ashcraft, N C Jones, W W Nelson.	H. B. Fowler	S. R. Price, Wintield, Ala....	4	1	3	..	..	1	1	2	52	60
Gum Springs, Marion co., Ala.	W. W. Berryhill, A J Ingle, J A Beasley..	J. J. Wesley.....	W. T. Burleson, Goldmine, Ala.	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	4	40	1 20
Union Chapel, Marion co., Ala.	Represented by letter and contribution.	W. H. Ingram....	W. L. Eads, Glenallen, Ala..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	40
Mt. Zion, Franklin co., Ala.	B. F. Edgar	J. M. Haney.....	B. F. Edgar, Spruce Pine, Ala.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	45
Union Hill, Marion co., Ala.	J I Tearcy, L M Raburn, E A Frederick.	R. A. Nix.....	J. H. Frederick, Hackleburg..	20	10	..	..	2	..	6	2	92	85
Mt. Hope, Franklin co., Ala.	N. M. Brassell and J. H. Dunkin.....	T. M. Canup.....	J. K. Oliver, Bellgreen, Ala..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	31	1 35
Free Water, Marion, co., Ala.	E. C. Williams and E. F. Franks.....	J. J. Wesley.....	W. H. Wilson, Ur, Ala.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	1 50
Liberty, Marion county, Ala.	E. D. Flurry M K Williams, J H Wilson.	J. J. Wesley.....	J. H. Wilson, Pikeville, Ala..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	38	1 25
Bluff Springs, Marion co., Ala.	W. B. Orrick and W. P. Gann.....	T. M. Canup.....	W. P. Gann, Hackleburg, Ala..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	21	20
Concord, Marion county, Ala.	W. Wooten and A. J. Raburn.....	A. L. Key.....	A. J. Raburn, Hackleburgh..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7	55
Fairview, Franklin co., Ala.	S. B. Ramsey.....	A. L. Key.....	R. H. Hellains, Bellgreen, Ala..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	35
Camp creek, Marion co., Ala.	B. G. Powell, J R Townby, J P. Jones..	R. A. Nix.....	B. G. Powell, Duffey, Ala..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	30
Mt. Calvary, Itwamb, co., Miss.	A. M. Dickinson.....	J. A. Johnston....	W. F. Dickinson, Hodges, Miss.	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	4	12	80
Plsn't Ridge, Itwamb co., Miss.	W B Dickinson, W T Keeton, J A Keeton	.....	J. M. Addison, Yocomy, Miss..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	44	1 70
.....	.....	.....	.....	67	29	25	..	6	7	10	..	885	\$19 60