

Robert Franks

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Seventeenth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Jasper Free-Will Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

Shady Grove Church, Franklin County, Alabama,

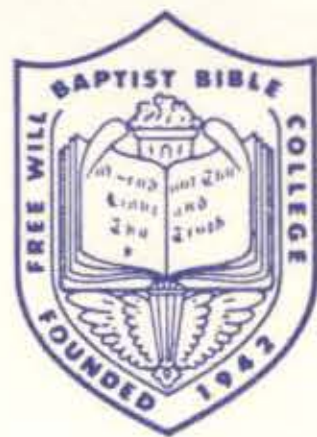
OCTOBER 3RD AND 5TH, 1903.

OFFICERS :

JOHN L. CONNER,	Moderator.
ROBERT FRANKS,	Clerk.
W. W. NELSON,	Treasurer.
J. A. BEAZELEY,	Corresponding Secretary.

The next session of this Association will meet with Liberty Church,
six miles East of Guin Station on the Frisco Railroad,
Marion county, Ala., and will convene Satur-
day before the first Sunday in
October, 1904.

BAPTIST REVIEW JOB OFFICE,
GOLDSBORO, N. C.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Wayne Martin

PROCEEDINGS.

The 17th annual session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association convened with Shady Grove Church, Franklin county, Alabama, October the 3rd and 5th 1903. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. William A. Nelson. The text used was 1st Timothy, 4th chapter and 16th verse: Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

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 Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation, and prayer by Rev. John L. Conner. The Moderator and Clerk of the last session being present took their seats, and the Moderator called the house to order, and business was transacted as follows, viz:

1. Rev. John L. Conner and Rev. S. W. Brooks are appointed reading Clerks.

2. Letters from the churches are called for, handed in and read and contents noted as per statistical table.

3. Called for petitionary letters and opened the door for the reception of new churches into the body. None presented.

On motion, it is agreed to permanently organize the body; which was done by electing Rev. John L. Conner, Moderator; Bro. Robert Franks, Clerk, Bro. W. W. Nelson, Treasurer, and Rev. J. A. Beazeley Corresponding Secretary for the ensuing year.

5. Called for correspondents from sister Associations and received the following, viz: From the Bear Creek Association, Rev. Porter Dubois, Rev. W. P. Scott, Rev. T. G. Cofield and Bro. Frank Smith. These brethren were cordially received and welcomed to seats among us, and it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in love and union.

Little Brown's Creek was represented by letter.

On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator appoint all the committees, and the following are appointed:

ON PREACHING—Brethren J. A. Nelson, J. A. Keeton and

P. C. Pike with the Deacons of this church.

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Rev. W. A. Nelson, Rev. G. C. Elliott, and Rev. T. M. Canup, with the Moderator and Clerk.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Rev. S. W. Brooks, Rev. M. R. Martin and Bro. Henry L. Franks.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE—Bros. G. W. Moore, and W. H. Webb, and Rev. W. H. Ingram.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEEMBERS—Brethren W. T. Hawkins, N. C. Williams and George C. Estes.

ON FINANCE—Brethren W. B. Dickinson, J. R. Dutton and E. R. Franks.

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS—Brethren J. H. Wilson James H. Tharp and J. L. Eades.

Committee on preaching report that Rev. W. H. Ingram preach tonight; Rev. Porter Dubois of the Bear Creek Association, preach to-morrow at 9 o'clock; and Rev. J. L. Conner preach at 11 o'clock; Rev. W. P. Scott of the Bear Creek Association preach Sunday night at 7 o'clock; Rev. G. C. Elliott preach Monday at 11 o'clock, and Rev. Porter Dubois preach Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. NELSON, Chairman.

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

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Porter Dubois of the Bear Creek Association.

Saturday night, Rev. W. H. Ingram preached an eloquent sermon to a large and well behaved audience. His text was Romans 6th chapter and 5th verse. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection.

ORDER OF SERVICE ON SABBATH.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Porter Dubois of the Bear Creek Association preached an able sermon to a large and attentive congregation. He used for his text Rom. 1st. chapter, 16th verse: For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Conner preached an able sermon to a large and well behaved concourse of people. His text

was Phillipians 2nd chapter, and 5th verse: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

After preaching the Lord's Supper was administered; and Christians of the different denominations partook with us. It was a free communion service, and was a practical demonstration of the liberal doctrine we preach.

At 7 o'clock, Rev. W. P. Scott of the Bear Creek Association preached to a large and well behaved audience. His text was 2nd Samuel, 7th chapter and 29th verse. Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant that it may continue forever before thee; for thou O Lord God, hast spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed forever. This closed our Sabbath service.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 5th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The opening service is conducted by the Moderator; after which, he calls the body to order and requests the Clerk to call the roll; and the ministers and delegates answer to their names.

The proceedings of Saturday are read, corrected and adopted.

On motion, visiting ministers of other denominations are invited to take seats with us. None present.

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

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We your committee on Documents and Order of Business report as follows, viz: We find four petitionary letters for the next Association and we leave it to the body to decide which of the churches shall have the next session. We recommend that Rev. John L. Conner preach the introductory sermon at our next session; and that it be a doctrinal discourse. And that Rev. William A. Nelson be the alternate. We also recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and he have five dollars for his service. We further recommend that the Moderator have four dollars out of the associational funds of 1903 for his services as previously provided for. Also that the clerk have the minutes printed to the best advantage and have four or five hundred copies printed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. NELSON, Chairman.

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

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We your committee on Denominational Literature report as follows, viz: We recommend that all good religious literature be studied; but prefer the Freewill Baptist Literature for the study of our Sunday Schools. We also,

recommend the prayerful study of the Bible as it is the only safe guide or way bill to Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MOORE, Chairman,

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

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools report as follows, viz: We find that the important work of Sabbath Schools is to some extent greatly neglected in our Association; but we are glad to say that some of our churches of which we name Liberty, Union Hill and Shady Grove, all have prosperous, successful and very interesting Sunday Schools. We therefore, recommend that the churches take greater interest in training the mind of the youth of our land for the reception of the Gospel. And we recommend the use of the Freewill Baptist literature published at their publishing houses in Boston, Mass. and Minneapolis, Minn. We would be very proud if each of our ministers would help the cause of Sabbath Schools in each church to which they preach.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BROOKS, Chairman.

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

ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance report as follows, viz: We find paid in from the various churches as a minute fund \$23 70—Twenty-three dollars and seventy cents. We find nothing from any previous session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DICKINSON, Chairman.

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

ON ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS.

We your committee on associational Funds report as follows, viz: Paid in from the churches the following amounts. From Mt. Olive \$1 50; from Mt. Joy nothing; from Beech Grove \$1 55; from Mt. Pleasant 75 cents; from Oak Grove 50 cents; from Friendship \$1 75; from Pleasant Grove 75 cents; from Gum Springs 75 cents; from Union Chapel \$2 00; from Union Hill, nothing; from Mt. Hope \$1 00; from Free Water 20 cents; from Liberty 75 cents; from Fairview 25 cents; from Pleasant Ridge \$3 50; from Antioch nothing; from Shady Grove 60 cents; from Union Grove \$1 00; from Oak Grove No. 1, 75 cents. Total amount \$17 60.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILSON, Chairman.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amount of funds left in my hands October 7th, 1902 was \$9 35. I received October 5th from the various churches up to date \$17 60. October 5th 1903 Total amount on hand is \$26 95.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. NELSON, Treasurer.

On motion, the report is received and adopted.

ON MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

The Deacons of the various churches who form the standing committee on ministerial character report to the Clerk of this Association as follows: We find that Rev. C. W. Phillips has been intoxicated, and on the evidence

he was tried and found guilty of the charge and expelled from the church of which he was a member. Therefore let the Association withdraw the hand of fellowship from him and cancel his credentials, and that his name be dropped from our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

On motion, the report is received and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned for preaching and to meet at 2 o'clock. Prayer by brother P. C. Pike.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. G. C. Elliott preached to a large congregation. His text was Ezekiel 18th chapter, 31st verse. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby you have transgressed and make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will you die O house of Israel.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation, and prayer by Rev. S. B. Ramsey. The Moderator called the body to order and called for unfinished business as follows, viz:

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND MEMBERS.

We your committee on Deceased ministers and members report: Since our last Association death has removed from us a number of our best members, to wit: Sister A. C. Shirley, a member of Mt. Joy Church, was born in the year 1844 and departed this life about December 13th, 1902. Sister Ella Spiller died December 1902, sister J. M. Beavers and sister A. F. Strickland, the last two births and deaths unknown. They were all members of Mt. Pleasant Church. Also, sister Mary A. Hallford, a member of Union Hill Church—aged 67 years, 8 months and 21 days. Also, sister Sallie Terrell aged 45 years, 6 months and 29 days. Also, sister Caroline Pyron aged 48 years, 9 months and 2 days. They were members of Friendship Church. Also, sister Martha Wilson, a member of Freewater church aged 65 years, 5 months and 14 days. Also, sister M. E. White born March 30th, 1869 and died May 29th, 1903. Also, sister Lucinda McGough. Age unknown. They were members of Pleasant Ridge Church. Also, sister Sarah Atkins. She was born September 4th, 1832, and died May 26th, 1903. Aged 71 years, 8 months and 21 days. Also, sister Bama Nesmith was born April 13th, 1870, and died August 21st 1903, aged 33 years, 4 months and 8 days. She was a member of Beech Grove Church.

Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. And while we mourn their loss, we feel that it is Heaven's gain. Resolved 2. That we humbly thank our God for the preservation of our lives the past year, and our prayer to God is that our future will be brighter than the past.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. HAWKINS, Chairman.

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

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Tuesday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by brother J. T. Hudson. Monday night, 7 o'clock, p. m., Rev. Porter Dubois preached an eloquent sermon: His text was Ephesians 2nd chapter, and 8th verse. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

TUESDAY MORNING 8 o'clock, Oct. 6th.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by the congregation; and prayer by Rev. G. C. Elliott. The Clerk called the roll and the ministers and delegates answer to their names. The Moderator called the body to order; and called for miscellaneous business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved 1. That any minister of this Association who is 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 guilty of a disciplinary offense, and after discipline has been used, if he does not show signs of penitence and reformation, he shall be excommunicated from this Association, and published in our denominational paper.

On motion, it is agreed to adopt a financial system as we see the great need of such; and we recommend that each member that belongs to the Jasper Association pay annually twenty-five cents, this is in connection with the minute funds, and it is further understood, that we elect a Treasurer to keep a true record of all the funds that is paid in, and also how the same is paid out. These funds are to be disposed of by the Association through the Moderator and Clerk, 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 aiding destitute and disabled ministers, poor widows and orphans.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Church Decorum Books, and that he have enough money to pay postage on them to the various churches in the bounds of the Association.

Query 1. Is it Freewill Baptist usage, or is a church in order itself when it prefers a charge against a member for disorderly walk, and afterwards withdraws the charge and

restores such in full fellowship without acknowledgments to the church, he confessing that he was guilty of the charge? The answer is no!

2. Should our decision just rendered apply to the usages behind the decision just rendered? It only applies to the present and the future.

Be it resolved that members shall not hold their letters out of the church over twelve months after date, and they are still under the jurisdiction of the church to which they belonged.

4. Be it resolved that any licentiate minister or ministers of the Jasper Freewill Baptist denomination, after one or more years who desires to be set forth to the full functions of the Gospel, the same shall be made known to the annual Association through a recommendation from the church to which they belong, and on examination, if found worthy, the Association may ordain them, but all ordinations must be done at our annual Associations.

On motion, it is agreed to have one business meeting and two Union Meetings during the year 1904. The business meeting to embrace the same as last year. Resolved 1. That this body call a meeting to be composed of all the ministers, deacons, and clerks of the churches of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, to meet at Mount Pleasant Church in Marion county, Ala., two miles north west of Brilliant Mines, and that it convene on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1904. Rev. S. W. Brooks to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. R. A. Nix, alternate.

The questions to be discussed are as follows:

1. The duty of the pastor to the church or churches he is called to serve?

2. The duty of the church to its pastor?

3. The duty of a deacon?

4. The benefit of one continued united effort in the same direction. It is the spirit and purpose of this resolution to strengthen our people and verify our doctrine and honor the Gospel that it be not blamed.

On motion, the resolution is unanimously adopted.

On motion, it is agreed to hold the first Union Meeting with Union Hill Church, Marion county, Ala., and that it convene on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1904. Rev. J. L. Conner to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. G. C. Elliott, alternate.

On motion, it is agreed to hold the second Union meeting with Beech Grove Church, Walker county, Ala. the same to convene Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1904. Rev. James J. Wesley to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. M. R. Martin, alternate.

On motion, it is agreed that each minister report annually the amount of money he has received, the number of miles travelled, the number of sermons preached, the number of public prayers offered, the number of marriage ceremonies performed, the number of visits made to the sick, and burial services attended during the associational year.

On motion, in lieu of the standing committee on ministerial character, the Deacons of the churches act in that capacity, and report in their church letters to each annual Association their character and standing.

On motion, the Association adjourns for preaching and to meet at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. W. T. Hawkins. Preaching omitted.

The Association met promptly at 1 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Nelson offered prayer. The Moderator called the body to order, and called for unfinished business; and the following is presented:

The following preamble and resolution was presented, read and adopted.

Whereas, the Jasper Association is without proper representation with her sister Associations, and feeling the great need of the spirit of union, which is essential to the furtherance of the cause of Christ, that we elect corresponding delegates, and the following are elected viz:

Bear Creek Association—Rev. G. C. Elliott, Rev. S. W. Brooks and Bro. W. A. Smith.

Vernon Association—Rev. M. R. Martin, Bro. W. H. Webb and J. A. Keeton.

Cullman Association—Rev. W. A. Nelson, Rev. John L. Conner and Bro. Robert Franks.

North River Association—Brethren P. C. Pike, D. Z. Griffin and W. A. Files.

Little Brown's Creek Association—Rev. S. B. Ramsey and brethren W. B. Dickinson and J. M. Addison.

On motion, it is agreed to hold the next session of this Association with Liberty Church, Marion county, Ala. six miles North of Guin Station on the Frisco Rail Road, the same to convene Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1904.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Conner is elected to preach the introductory sermon, 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 and have the work done to the best advantage. That the publisher be instructed to divide them among the churches according to their contributions. That the Clerk be allowed five dollars for his services.

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

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

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet at the time and place above named. Closing service conducted by the Moderator with feeling and appropriate remarks. A hymn was sung and the parting hand was taken amid tears and joy.

J. L. CONNER, 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 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 appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator; and after recognition by the Moderator, proceed.

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, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. J. WESLEY, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. L. CONNER, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " M. R. MARTIN, Twin, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. E. COCHRAN, Pearce's Mills, Marion county, Ala.
 " J. A. GRACE, Loss Creek, Walker county, Ala.
 " G. C. ELLIOTT, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 " W. H. INGRAM, Brilliant, Marion county, Ala.
 " W. M. BUZBEE, Motes, Walker county, Ala.
 " W. B. BENSON, Galoway, Walker county, Ala.
 " R. A. NIX, Travis, Franklin county, Ala.
 " T. M. CANUP, Gunter, Marion county, Ala.
 " G. W. FLIPPO, Pearce's Mills, Marion county, Ala.
 " S. B. RAMSEY, Pleasant Site, Franklin county, Ala.
 " S. W. BROOKS, Golden, Itawamba county, Miss.
 " H. B. FOWLER, Haley's Marion county, Ala.
 LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.
 E. C. THOMAS, Haley's Marion county, Ala.

MINISTERS REPORTS.

Since our last Association, I have preached 32 sermons, offered 119 public prayers; delivered 26 exhortations; baptized 20 persons; married three couples; conducted three burial services; visited the sick 21 times; traveled 833 miles; received from Pleasant Ridge Church \$23 75; from others \$1 05. Total amount \$24 80.
 Respectfully Submitted
 S. W. BROOKS

During this associational year, 1903, I have preached 75 sermons; offered 185 public prayers; visited and prayed with the sick 45 times; married one couple; attended two burials; baptized 20; traveled 945 miles, and received the following amounts: From Friendship \$20 00; from Liberty \$28 85; from Gum Springs \$30 00. Total \$78 85. Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN L. CONNER.

During the associational year, I have preached 52 sermons; offered 98 public prayers; conducted 7 burial services; married 7 couples; received 9 members in the church; traveled 190 miles; received from Mt. Pleasant Church \$14 25; from Mt. Joy Church \$6 85; Total amount \$21 60.
 Respectfully submitted,
 J. J. WESLEY.

CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. 2. This body shall be considered an advisory council.

ART. 3. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a majority vote of the Association and the decision shall be final.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

ART. 5. 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.

ART. 6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

ART. 7. 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 Schools, Missionary work &c.

ART. 8. 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.

ART. 9. Any church of this Association failing to be represented for two years in succession, its name shall be dropped from our minutes.

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 ship-wreck 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 any thing 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 for ever. "But the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast out, and the righteous have hope in their death."

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1903.

CHURCHES AND CCUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Days of Meefing	Number of Member	Paid for Minutes
Mt. Olive, Marion Co., Ala.	H. L. Franks and J. A. Nelson....	G. C. Elliott	J. A. Nelson, Twin, Ala.,	3	2					3	107	\$ 2 00
Mt. Joy, Marion Co. Ala....	T A Underwood, Fowler & Bowen	J. J. Wesley....	J. M. Underwood,, Washvill	3	7			1	11	1	111	1 10
Beech Grove, Walker Co. Ala	P. C. Pike and A. J. Guthrey...	J. A. Grace.....	J. C. Pike, Townby, Ala. ...	12	4		1	2		2	73	1 30
Mt. Pleasant, Marion Co. Ala	G W Moore, W H Webb, Whitmon.	J. J. Wesley...	F. B. Elliott, Brilliant, Ala.	5	3	3		3		4	84	1 45
Oak Grove, Walker Co.. Ala	J R Dutton, G W Robbins I Keeton	W. A. Nelson...	D. Cagle, Nauvoo, Ala.....								13	1 00
N. Oak Grove, Wl'k Co. Ala.	J. D. Benson and J. J. Harwill....	C. W. Phillips..	J. R. Benson, Nauvoo Ala.	9	11		2		3		54	1 50
Friendship, Marion Co.. Ala.	W. A. Cantrell and S. G. Bailey..	J. L. Conner...	J. R. Cantrell, Pikeville, Ala.	6				2		1	46	1 00
Pleas'nt Grove, Marion Co. .	N C Williams, W Smith, W Nelson.	W. H. Ingram..	W J Underwood Winfild Ala							2	35	80
Gum Springs, Marion co. Ala	J. A. Beazeley. W. T. Hawkins...	J. L. Conner....	Sherman Green, Brilliant Ala	3				1		4	53	1 85
Union Chapel, Marion Co	J L Eades, I H Able, J. T. Waren	W. A. Nelson...	W P Bishop. Glen Allen, Ala	5	3				1	4	75	1 50
Union Hill, Marion Co., Ala.	J T Tyra, J F Tyra J T Hudson..	H. B. Foster....	L. M. Raburn, Hackleburg	9	1	2	1	1	1	4	115	2 30
Mt Hope, Franklin Co., Ala	R. F. Ezzell and J. H. Dunklin..	T. M. Canup ..	J. K. Oliver, Shingles, Ala								25	25
Free Waters, Marion Co. Ala	J. P. Pollard and E. R. Franks....	G. C. Elliott....	J. R. Franks, Ur, Ala.....					1		1	45	1 00
Liberty, Marion county, Ala.	G. C. Estes J. H. Wilson	J. L. Conner...	J. H. Wilson, Stinson, Ala.	8	1				1	1	48	1 20
Fair View, Franklin, Co. Ala.	W. B. Paterson and W. M. Dobbs.	S. B. Ramsey ..	W. M. Dobbs, Pleasant Site								13	80
Ples'nt Ridge, Ita. Co., Miss	W B Dickinson, Keeton & Tharp...	S. W. Brooks....	W B Dickinson, Golden, Miss	20	3	2	6	2		1	75	2 75
Antioch, Franklin Co., Ala.	Reprerented by contribution		J Creekmoor, Spruce Pine, A								12	80
Shady Grove, Franklin Co.	J E Odom, T Moore, W D Memury	R. A. Nix.....	J T. Jackson, Travis, Ala.							4	68	1 10
Pilgrim's Rest, Walker Co.	Not Represented.....											
Union Grove, Marion Co.	H. L. Thomas, W J & J W Fowler	H. B. Fowler..	J. W. Haley's Ala.....	8	7	2				2	33	1 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	91	33	18	10	13	17		1085	\$23 70
.....	.....	.....	Total.....	91	33	18	10	13	17		1085	\$23 70