

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-second Annual Session

OF THE

BETHLEHEM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Belleville Baptist Church

Conecuh Co., Ala.

September 21 and 22

1898

OFFICERS:

REV. B. J. SKINNER... MODERATOR..... Monroeville, Ala.
S. H. DAILEY..... CLERK..... Kempville, Ala.
THOS. S. WIGGINS.... TREASURER..... Monroeville, Ala.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the body to order at 11 o'clock, A. M.
2. Refer the letters to a committee of two for the enrollment of Messengers.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Roll call for correction.
5. Appointment of a committee of two to receive the ballot for Moderator and Clerk, at the door on reassembling.
6. Fixing the time for meeting and adjourning during session.
7. Appointment of committee on preaching.
8. Adjournment.
9. Report of committee on election of Moderator and Clerk.
10. Recognition of visiting brethren.
11. Reading Constitution.
12. Reception of churches.
13. Announcement of Standing Committees to report during the session, filling vacancies if any occur, and appointment of other necessary committees.
14. Hearing and discussing reports: (1) Treasurer's, and appointment of committee to audit same and report at pleasure; (2) Chairman of District Board; (3) State Missions; (4) Home Missions; (5) Foreign Missions; (6) Education; (7) Orphan's Home; (8) Sunday Schools; (9) Religious Literature; (10) Temperance; (11) Condition of churches; (12) Nominations and Requests.
15. Appointment of committees to report at next session.
16. New business.
17. Resolutions.
18. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Eighty-second annual session of the Bethlehem Baptist Association was held in the Belleville Baptist church, Belleville, Conecuh County, Ala., beginning on Wednesday, 21st day of September, A. D., 1898.

The Association convened at 11 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the Clerk. The Moderator being absent, on motion, Rev. B. J. Skinner was appointed temporary Moderator, and after devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. A. Locke, the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for business.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather many of the Messengers had not arrived, consequently the regular order of business was suspended.

Enrollment of Messengers.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

BELLEVILLE CHURCH—E. G. Cary and William Kyser.

BARBARA LOCKLIN MEMORIAL—J. D. Boykin, W. H. Moore.

ENON CHURCH—A. D. McNeil.

EXCEL CHURCH—D. W. Powell.

HAMILTON HILL—S. P. Hetherington, J. W. Boley, C. L. Giles.

MONROEVILLE CHURCH—B. J. Skinner, Thos. S. Wiggins, T. J. Grantham.

MCCONICO CHURCH—Letter, but no Messengers.

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH—T. H. Brantley and Hardy Dees.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—Charles M. Carter.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH—F. M. Murphy, Georgé H. Roley, L. W. Rikard, and J. M. Dees.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH—Samuel H. Dailey.

RAMAH CHURCH—Letter, but no Messengers.

SALEM CHURCH—Alex King, J. S. Wood and S. M. Roberts.

ZION CHURCH—H. C. Johnson, N. P. McNeil, G. L. Metts, J. C. Falkenberry.

On motion, the introductory sermon was postponed until tomorrow at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Election of Officers.

The Moderator appointed H. C. Johnson and Alex King as Tellers to receive and count the ballots for officers of the Association. The election resulted in the choice of B. J. Skinner as Moderator and S. H. Dailey as Clerk.

A motion prevailed that the Association adjourn at 12:30 and reconvene at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator appointed H. C. Crumpton and the Deacons of Belleville church a committee on preaching.

Brother C. A. Locke was recognized as a visiting brother from Birmingham Association, and invited to take part in the deliberations of the Association.

The Moderator read the Constitution of the Association.

Brother Thos. S. Wiggins made a report as Treasurer. The report was received and a committee appointed to audit the same, consisting of T. H. Brantley, L. W. Rikard and G. L. Metts.

Report of Executive Board.

S. H. Daily, Chairman of the Executive Board, made report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Executive Board begs leave to report that during the Association year it has endeavored to carry out the designs and intentions of the Association in appointing said Board, which was to supply with preaching, as far as possible, the destitute portion of the Association and to assist pastorless churches in obtaining preaching. We engaged the services of Brother T. J. Grantham about the first of June, since which time he has preached at different places, viz: Beaver Creek, Black's Schoolhouse, Poplar Springs and Lomax Schoolhouse, all in the destitute portions of the Association. At Lomax Schoolhouse, in co-operation with Brother Vane he held a meeting of several days resulting in the constitution of a church with 22 members, two additional members received afterwards, which church, however united with the Elim Association. He held a four days meeting with the Poplar Springs church resulting in four additions to the church and a revival of the membership. He is now serving Poplar Springs as pastor. From Brother Grantham's report we feel encouraged in the future prospects of those destitute localities. We feel that the success of his labor in that field is as "Bread east upon the waters," to be gathered in the future.

Brother W. N. Huckabee, at the expense of this Board, held a five days meeting at Excel; received ten members by baptism, and with the assistance of Brother B. J. Skinner, organized a church which will ask for admission into this body at this session. We are encouraged to believe that the efforts of this Board have not been altogether unsuccessful, having organized two churches and received on profession of faith and baptism fifteen members, at an expense of thirty dollars—twenty to Brother Grantham and ten to Brother Huckabee.

The meetings of the Board have been poorly attended, in fact, the entire business has been transacted by the Chairman and Secretary and one other member, assisted by the pastors. For the purpose of securing a better attendance at these Board meetings, we suggest that stated times and places be appointed by the Association for the Board meetings, and that the same be published in the minutes. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. DAILEY, Chairman.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother H. C. Crumpton and the Association adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reconvened at 2:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother George A. Roley.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Nominations and Requests, Bros. G. H. Roley, J. C. Falkenberry, E. G. Cary; to Select Executive and Advisory Boards and Places for holding Fifth Sunday meetings, H. C. Johnson, J. M. Dees, Wm. Kyser.

The Clerk read the report on Education, which was adopted.

Report on Education.

Education, the twin-sister of civilization, is at this day very marked in its progress. Colleges and schools of high order are located in prominent portions of the State. As Baptists, we can not too strongly urge the claims of Howard College, the Judson Female Institute, in Alabama, and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Howard College, located at East Lake, is a school where not only a high order of mental training is attained, but denominational doctrines are clearly set forth; Ministerial Education, the advantages of which our young men who have been called to preach have availed themselves, should have our most hearty support. As the years have passed we now see the efficiency of a thorough study of the Bible directed by men well versed in Baptist doctrine as developed in our ministry. The Baptists of Alabama should put forth every effort to accomplish its permanent endowment. The Judson, for the education of females, located at Marion, is the most thoroughly equipped college in the State under the presidency of Dr. Patrick with his corps of twenty teachers, each one of which brings the best recommendation for the schools over which they preside. The college is on a firm basis, clear of debt, with college accommodation for two hundred pupils. For a thorough scientific education for our girls we should patronize the Judson. The Seminary at Louisville, Ky., is doing a great work in qualifying preachers of the Gospel to more efficiently perform the work of the Master in his vineyard. Respectfully submitted.

MESSENGER OF PHILADELPHIA CHURCH.

L. W. Rikard made report on Religious Literature which was discussed by Rev. C. A. Loeke and adopted, as follows:

Religious Literature.

Your committee on Religious Literature would respectfully submit the following report. Would recommend the Holy Bible as the standard, and urge that our denomination read it more and study it closer, as it is the great light to the Christian pathway. We always find something new in the study of the Bible. We would also recommend the Alabama Baptist and the State Mission Journal. We would insist that all trashy literature, such as impure novels which are calculated to create bad impressions on the minds of the young, be dismissed from our libraries. We also recommend the Southern Baptist Publishing series for the use of Sunday schools, and insist that our denomination take more interest in the Sunday school work that the minds of the young may mature properly. Respectfully submitted.

MESSENGERS OF PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH.

Brother Thos. S. Wiggins made report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed by Revs. B. J. Skinner and C. A. Locke and adopted, as follows:

Foreign Missions.

It is not ours to ask what the success of foreign mission efforts have been, nor to estimate the cost of converting the heathen for the purpose of gauging our interest and contributions to this work. It is simply ours to do, leaving results entirely with the Lord. It should be sufficient for us to know that Christ is entering the hearts and homes of thousands who would never have heard his name but for Christian missionaries. Until the great commission under which Christians have been laboring for near two thousand years shall have been revoked, no effort should be relaxed to extend the Gospel to every section of the world. Respectfully submitted.

MESSENGERS OF MONROEVILLE CHURCH.

After prayer by Brother J. S. Wood the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. B. J. Skinner.

The committee appointed for the purpose, made report on State Missions, which was discussed by Rev. J. S. Wood and adopted:

State Missions.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: The State Board occupies a very important position in our denominational work in the State. This Board is nearest to the churches and contributors, and is also between the General Board and the churches, and since its inauguration has done a great work. To it has been committed the preaching of the Gospel to the destitute, Bible distribution and colportage work, and last but not least, the education of our young preachers, for which this Board

is responsible if enabled to do so by the churches. For want of statistics we are unable to report the financial condition of this Board, but feel it our duty to urge upon the Baptists of Alabama their duty to rally to its support. The present policy of the Board is to reach and supply, as far as possible, larger destitution within the State and to aid in maintaining our Baptist cause where it is not self-sustaining in the more populous centres, and through its traveling evangelists, to reach and develop undeveloped churches.

G. H. ROLEY, Chairman.

Brother J. C. Falkenberry made report on Sunday Schools which was discussed by Bro. J. S. Wood and C. M. Carter and adopted as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

The Messengers of Zion church appointed to report on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report: From the best information we have, there is too much indifference manifested in this great work. The reports of the churches show a decrease of pupils since our last sitting, although we are glad to say that there have been some new schools organized during the year. We suggest that every church in the Association, in conference organize a Sunday School and that the older members of the church and the grown young people manifest more interest in this work. We give the following statistics showing only seven churches in the Association that have Sunday Schools in operation, viz: Belleville, 25 pupils; Bethany, 12; Hamilton Hill, 12; Monroeville, 50; Philadelphia, 30; Salem, 25; Zion, 40.

MESSENGERS OF ZION CHURCH.

Brother J. S. Wood made the report on Temperance. It was discussed by Brethren Wood, Riley, Locke, Skinner, King and Carter and adopted, as follows:

Temperance.

The time has come for every Christian to take a firm stand against intemperance. As a church member he should bitterly oppose it, with firmness and in a mild spirit that will not invoke rebellion: as a Christian gentleman he should oppose it in whatever form it may make its appearance. It is one, if not the greatest curse, which our country is laboring under to-day.— From it can be traced the most malignant crimes of the day. It robs homes of their peace and instead brings discord, son rising up in rebellion against father and mother. We, as citizens, should seek by every available means to rid our land of this evil. Respectfully submitted.

MESSENGERS OF SALEM CHURCH.

Brother A. J. Lee made report on Home Missions, amended so as to exclude all that part referring to territory not controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention. Adopted as follows:

Home Missions.

We, your committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report: The work of home missions is carried on

by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, Ga. The work of this Board is carried on in Cuba and throughout the Southern States. For the year past there have been 4,739 baptisms by the missionaries of this Board. The amount of money asked from members in Alabama for this holy work was 6 cents per capita; amount received, 4 cents per capita. The amount received in Bethlehem Association was \$31.82 for home missions, an average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per member. In consideration of the present and prospective condition of Cuba and Porto Rico, your committee would earnestly recommend an early occupation of those newly opened and most important fields in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ. Remember that first the Christian workers in such fields have decidedly the greatest advantage. Dear Brethren, can we not pray more earnestly and give more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member for this work of God?

MESSENGERS OF BETHANY CHURCH.

The following-named brethren were recognized as visitors from other bodies, and cordially invited to take part in the deliberations, viz: W. A. Talliaferro, representing Howard College; J. F. Fore, Pine Barren Association; Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary State Mission Board; Rev. J. A. Howard, representing the "Alabama Baptist;" Rev. J. W. Stewart, representing the Orphan's Home.

Brother H. C. Johnson from the committee to nominate Executive and Advisory Boards, made report which was amended and adopted, as follows:

Executive Board—S. H. Daily, Chairman; T. S. Wiggins, Secretary and Treasurer; H. C. Johnson, F. M. Murphy, D. H. Lee.

Advisory Board—L. W. Rikard, Monroeville; J. C. Falkenberry, Axle; S. P. Hetherington, Hixon; L. R. Riley, Bermuda; Alex King, Mexia; C. W. McClure, Kempville; W. T. Joiner, Bowles; A. D. McNeil, Hollinger; W. R. Lambert, Mt. Pleasant; T. H. Brantley, Wait; D. W. Powell, Excel; T. J. Newberry, Manistee; J. W. Murphy, Nero; C. M. Carter, Tekoa, and all resident pastors in the Association.

The Fifth Sunday Meetings of the Bethlehem Association will be held at the following times and places, to-wit: At Philadelphia church on the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in October, 1898; at Hamilton Hill, the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in January, 1899; at Pleasant Ridge the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in April, 1899; at Zion the 5th Sunday and Saturday before in July, 1899. Amended so as to require the Executive and Advisory Boards to meet at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday of the 5th Sunday meetings, as above stated.

Brother T. H. Brantley, from the Auditing Committee, made report in connection with the Treasurer's report. Adopted:

The Auditing Committee appointed to examine the report and books of the Treasurer beg leave to report that we have examined the same and find them correct, the different funds properly applied to the objects for which they were intended. Respectfully submitted.

T. H. BRANTLEY, Chairman.

The Clerk read the report on Nominations and Requests which was adopted, as follows:

Nominations and Requests.

Your committee on Nominations and Requests beg leave to submit the following report: That we recommend that this body meet in its next session with the Philadelphia church on Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1899. We recommend Rev. B. H. Crumpton as Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Revs. B. J. Skinner, J. S. Wood and H. C. Crumpton as Messengers to the State Baptist Convention. We recommend Brother B. H. Crumpton to preach the next introductory sermon, Brother J. S. Wood, alternate. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. ROLEY, Chairman

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at the next session of the Association:

On State Missions—J. S. Wood, L. R. Riley, William Kyser.

On Home Missions—J. C. Falkenberry, A. C. Hixon, Alex King.

Foreign Missions—B. H. Crumpton, A. D. McNeil, C. M. Carter.

On Education—T. B. Nettles, W. S. Nash, L. W. Rikard.

Orphan's Home—A. J. Lee, T. H. Brantley, S. P. Hetherington.

[*On Sunday Schools*—B. L. Hibbard, C. L. Giles, E. G. Cary.

[*Religious Literature*—H. C. Johnson, L. S. Fountain, G. L. Metts.

[*On Temperance*—W. E. Broughton, N. P. McNeil, J. M. Dees.

¶ A motion prevailed that all undesignated monies in the hands of the Treasurer be divided among the four mission causes.

A motion prevailed that all unfinished business be referred to the executive committee for adjustment.

The following resolution was discussed by Revs. J. S. Wood and B. J. Skinner and Brethren J. F. Fore and L. R. Riley and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that we recommend to all the churches and people within this Association to keep our churches, schoolhouses and homes closed against Mormons.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That this body hereby tender a vote of thanks to the church and good people of Belleville for the hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained us during the sitting of this body.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, Bro. C. A. Locke, who was expected to preach at that hour, very gracefully declined in favor of Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.

The business being closed, after prayer by Rev. W. A. Talliaferro, the association adjourned to meet with the Philadelphia Baptist church on Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1899, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

After a short recess, Brother W. C. Bledsoe preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from John xx, 21, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Brother J. A. Howard also preached at 2 P. M., to a large congregation, subject: Duties of members of the churches toward their pastors.

B. J. SKINNER, MODERATOR.

S. H. DAILEY, CLERK.

A petitionary letter came from Excel church after adjournment, and on the advice of the Brethren we place statistics of said church in table and expect their co-operation with us. CLERK.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THOS. S. WIGGINS, Treasurer, in acct. with Association.

1897	DEBITS.	
Sept. 21	To amount received for State Missions.....	\$ 11 46
"	To amount received for Home Missions.....	26 82
"	To amount received for Foreign Mis'ns.	26 91
"	To amount rec'd for Orphan's Home.....	26 44
"	To amount rec'd for Minister'l Educat'n....	28 15
"	To amount received for Minutes.....	17 00
"	To amount received for Howard College....	1 60
"	To amount rec'd for Rev. W. A. Locke.....	18 85

Total \$157 23

CREDITS.

Sept. 27	By amount to J. W. Stewart	26 30
Oct'r. 8	By amount to W. A. Hobson	28 00
"	By amount P. O. fees and postage.....	27
Nov'r 3	By amount to S. H. Daily in voucher 3....	17 00
Oct'r. 6	By amount to W. A. Locke.....	18 85
Sept. 27	By amount to W. C. Bledsoe.....	11 46
Sept. 30	By amount to W. C. Bledsoe.....	53 50
"	By amount P. O. fees and postage	34
"	By amount balance to Howard College.....	1 51-\$157 23

THOS. S. WIGGINS, TREASURER.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called THE BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of Messengers duly elected by Missionary Baptist Churches of Christ in connection with this Association. Each church shall be entitled to three Messengers and an additional one for every fifty members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 3. It shall meet annually according to adjournment; and when assembled thus, shall elect, by private ballot, a Moderator and a Clerk, whose duties shall be such as custom imposes on their respective offices. They shall continue in office until superseded by their duly elected successors.

ART. 4. This body is no "court of appeal," and shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority over the churches.

ART. 5. The business of this body, when assembled, shall be to hear reports from the churches as to their spiritual condition, prosperity, etc., and to consult and advise together for their mutual development and co-operation in all matters pertaining to the evangelization of the world.

ART. 6. This body, when assembled, may receive other Missionary Baptist churches into this Union.

ART. 7. This body may request or receive correspondence with any other like body; or any representative body or interest of our denomination.

ART. 8. This body may invite visiting brethren of like bodies, and others representing our denominational interests, to seats with us, and such brethren may speak on any subject coming before the body, but cannot vote or officiate as a member of this body.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of every Messenger of this Association to remain until final adjournment, unless leave of absence be obtained; and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to call the roll of Messengers and to strike therefrom the names of all Messengers absent without leave.

ART. 10. The Constitution, the Order of Business and the By-Laws shall be printed annually in the minutes of this body.

ART. 11. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of the minutes of this body from year to year.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered, amended (except Art. 4), or repealed and a new one adopted at any regular meeting of this body by a two-thirds voice of the body.

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS FOR 1898.

CHURCH.	Teachers, Officers & Others.	No. Pupils.	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POST OFFICE
Belleville.....		30	E. G. Cary, Bellville...
Bethany.....		28	A. J. Lee, Diadem.....
Brewer Creek.....			
Enon.....			
Excel.....		40	D. W. Powell, Excel...
Hamilton Hill.....		41	J. A. Wiggins, Hixon.
Judson.....			
Little River.....			
Mars Hill.....			
Montgomery Hill.....			
Monroeville.....		50	T. S. Wiggins, Montov'l
Mt. Pleasant.....			
Mt. Olive.....			
McConico.....			
Oak Grove.....			
Pleasant Hill.....			
Pleasant Ridge.....			
Poplar Springs.....			
Barbara Locklin.....			
Philadelphia.....		30	J. T. Newberry, Kempv'l
Raman.....			
Repton.....			
Salem.....		25	J. O. Snider, Mexia...
Zion.....		40	Duke Farrar, Axle...
		284	

Ordained Ministers in Bethlehem Association

A. J. LAMBERT.....	Mount Pleasant, Alabama.
B. H. CUMPTON.....	Belleville, Alabama.
B. J. SKINNER.....	Monroeville, Alabama.
J. S. WOOD.....	Monroeville, Alabama.
R. I. DRAUGHON.....	Perdue Hill, Alabama.
T. J. GRANTHAM.....	Ollie, Alabama.
C. A. LOCKE.....	Mexia, Alabama.

Licentiates.

W. R. LAMBERT.....	Mount Pleasant, Alabama.
G. H. ROLEY.....	Monroeville, Alabama.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1898.

CHURCH.	District Miss'ns	State Miss'ns	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns	Orphan Home	Educa- tion.	Minutes	Value Church Prop'rt'y
Belleville.....	2 00	2 50	2 50	2 50		\$.....	\$1 50	\$800 00
Bethany.....		1 00	1 00	1 00		5 00	1 00	800 00
Brewer Creek.....								
Enon.....	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00		1 25	1500 00
Excel.....	1 00	1 00	2 10	1 00			1 90	750 00
Hamilton Hill....	15	15	15	15	15		50	100 00
Judson.....	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00			1 25	800 00
Little River.....								
Mars Hill.....								
Montgomery Hill								
Monroeville.....							25	100 00
Mt. Pleasant.....								
Mt. Olive.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			2 15	1000 00
McConico.....								
Oak Grove.....					50			150 00
Pleasant Hill....			50				1 00	200 00
Pleasant Ridge....	00	00	3 00	3 00	2 30	2 30	2 50	1000 00
Poplar Springs....					25	1 30	1 25	150 00
Barbara Lockyer..	00	2 00	2 00		95		1 60	150 00
Philadelphia.....								
Raman.....			1 00	1 00			75	250 00
Repton.....								
Salem.....	1 00	1 50		55		25	2 00	250 00
Zion.....		50	50	56			1 05	300 00
	\$13 95	\$19 20	\$19 75	\$18 21	\$ 8 65	\$ 8 85	\$19 95	\$300 00

REPORT TREASURER DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THOS. S. WIGGINS, Sec'y. and Treas. in acct. &c.

1897

DEBITS.

Sept. 23	To amount on hand last report.....	\$74 63
July 30 '98	To amount collections Salem Church....	2 79

Total..... \$77 42

1897

CREDITS:

	By amount to S. H. Daily.....	\$ 8 75
July 1 '98	By amount to J. T. Grantham.....	5 00
" 14	By amount to J. T. Grantham.....	10 00
Sept. 10	By amount to J. T. Grantham.....	5 00
Aug. 18	By amount to W. N. Huckabee.....	10 00
"	By amount to Journal 5th Sab. programs	40
"	By amount postage in mailing.....	20
Sept. 21	By amount balance on hand.....	38 07--\$77 42

THOS. S. WIGGINS, TREASURER.

STATISTICS OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1898.

CHURCH.	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Last Report Membership	INCREASE BY						Sabbath. Preaching			
						Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion		Erasure	Death	
Belleville	Conecuh.	B. H. Crumpton..	D. S. Crum.....	Bellville...	90	3						3	90	4th	
Bethany	Monroe	B. J. Skinner...	W. S. Nash...	Burnt Corn	59								59	4th	
Brewer Creek	Conecuh.	No Messenger.	No Letter		83										
Ehon	Monroe	A. J. Lambert...	L. Carter.....	Hollinger	84	2	1	5	5			1	76	2nd	
Excel	Monroe	B. J. Skinner	D. W. Powell	Excel.....									44	1st	
Hamilton Hill	Monroe	J. S. Wood.....	L. A. Hixon.	Hixon.....									59	3rd	
Judson	Escambia	No Messenger	No Letter		48										
Little River	Monroe	do	do		20										
Mars Hill	Escambia	do	do		63										
Montgomery Hill	Baldwin.	do	do		52										
Monroeville	Monroe	B. J. Sinner	John DeLoach.	Monroeville	91	2	10	1	5				99	2nd	
Mt. Olive	"	No Messenger	No Letter		30										
Mt. Olive	"	B. J. Skinner	F. H. Brantley.	Wait.....	9								9	4th	
McConico	"	R. I. Dranghon.	J. D. Chandron.	Perdue Hill.	15								15	2nd	
Oak Grove	"	J. S. Countryman	L. Wiggins	Tekoa.....	98	5	6	1	22	2		1	85	3rd	
Pleasant Hill	"	J. S. Wood.....	J. W. Wilkenson	Manistee...	94	4	2	3	6	1		1	95	1st	
Pleasant Ridge	"	J. S. Wood.....	L. W. Rikard.	Monroeville	84	8							92	2nd	
Poplar Springs	"	No Messenger	No Letter		51										
Barbara Locklin	"	B. H. Crumpton	J. D. Boykin	Perdue Hill.	53	6	7	1	1	1		2	61	3rd	
Philadelphia	"	B. J. Skinner	J. D. Nettles.	Kempville...	116					4		2	116	3rd	
Raman	"	L. S. Ridgeway	A. N. Powell.	Finklea.....	113	9	1	1					123	2nd	
Repton	Conecuh.	No Messenger	No Letter		27										
Salem	Monroe	J. S. Wood.....	L. S. Fountain.	Mexia.....	136	2	3	1	6				136	4th	
Zion	"	A. P. Majors	C. C. McWilliams	Axle.....	128					2			4	1st	
					1596	46	43	3	6	56	13	1	14	1280	

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CHURCH.	Disrtict Miss'ns	State Miss'ns	Home Miss'ns	F'reign Miss'ns	Orphns Home	Educa- tion.	Minuts	Value Church Prop'rt'y
Belleville.....	2 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....	\$.....	\$1 50	\$800 00
Bethany.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	5 00	1 00	800 00
Brewer Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barbara Locklin	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	1 25	1500 00
Euon.....	1 00	1 00	2 10	1 00	1 00	.....	1 90	750 00
Excel.....	15	15	15	15	15	.....	50	100 00
Hamilton Hill....	2 00	2 05	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	800 00
Judson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mars Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McConico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	100 00
Montgomery Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroeville.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 15	1000 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive.....	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Oak Grove.....	30	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
Philadelphia.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 30	2 30	2 50	1000 00
Pleasant Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 30	1 25	150 00
Pleasant Ridge...	1 00	2 00	2 00	95	.....	.....	1 60	150 00
Poplar Springs...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ramah.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	75	250 00
Hepton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	1 00	1 50	.....	55	.....	25	2 00	250 00
Zion.....	.....	50	50	56	.....	.....	1 05	.....
Total.....	\$13 95	\$19 20	\$19 75	\$18 21	\$ 8 65	\$ 8 55	\$19 95	8300 00

