

R. M. M. Wood

Key

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Macedonia Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Magnolia Church, Wayne County, Miss.,

November 4, 5 and 6, 1892.

OFFICERS.

- Eld. D. HENSON, Moderator.....Citronelle, Ala.
- “ O. LYNES, Assistant Moderator..... McIntosh Bluff, Ala.
- GEO. M. LEE, Clerk and Treasurer.....State Line, Miss.



MINUTES.

The delegates comprising the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Macedonia Baptist Association, met with Magnolia church, Wayne county, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Lord's day in November, 1892.

At 11 o'clock a. m. services were opened by Eld. O. Henson.

After singing "Brethren I have come again," Eld. J. B. Hamberlin led in prayer, after which by appointment of last session, Eld. O. Lynes preached the introductory sermon to an attentive congregation. Text, 31 verse, 10 chapter, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes, the delegates re-assembled. After reading the thirteenth chapter of Romans, and prayer by Elder H. N. Smith, the Moderator declared the Association ready for the transaction of business.

Bros. H. N. Smith and W. E. Wood appointed as reading clerks.

Bros. J. A. McKay, J. M. Williams, M. F. Smith, on Finance.

Called for associational letters, which were received and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—S R Hartley, A. C. Copeland.

Macedonia—J. M. Williams.

Oak Grove—Geo. M. Lee, J. M. Preston.

Washington—O. Lynes

Bassett Creek—A. J. Easley, J. M. Porter.

Copeland—H. N. Smith, M. F. Smith, A. J. McInnis.

Johnson—Not represented

Magnolia—J. A. McKay, R. Bradley.

Cedar Creek—Jno. Roberson.

New Hope—J. A. Williams, J. F. Williams.

Sand Ridge—L. B. Becton, J. W. Hollinhead, S. Sullivan, W. E. Wood, J. S. Stewart.

Called for petitionary letters:

Johnson Creek church presented, which was received and delegates enrolled as follows:

R. Brewer, I. K. Lane, G. W. Lane.

Next in order was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Bros. H. J. Easley and J. J. Ponder appointed tellers.

Bros. B. F. Wolard, W. E. Wood and G. M. Lee placed on nomination for clerk, and Bro. O. Lynes, for assistant Moderator.

The ballot being taken, the result was the re-election of Elder D. Henson, Moderator; Elder O. Lynes, assistant Moderator, and Geo. M. Lee, Clerk and Treasurer.

The officers being called, responded briefly.

By motion of Bro. A. J. Easley, to adopt former order of business. Carried.

Called for correspondence:

Bro. E. W. L. Davis presented letter from Leaf Association, which was received with bearer.

Eld. J. M. Kailin responded, representing Alabama State Mission Board and Alabama Baptist.

Moved and seconded to suspend ruling of 1890 in regard to receiving corresponding messengers.

Elders J. L. Causey and J. B. Hamberlin presented, representing Antioch Association, and Eld. J. M. Hall of Chickasahag Association.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the above messengers.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Preaching—Bros. M. F. Smith, Jno. Roberson, A. C. Copeland and the Deacons of Magnolia church.

Letters and Documents—H. N. Smith, W. E. Wood.

Sabbath-schools—J. B. Hamberlin, Geo. Lane, I. K. Lane.

Correspondence—A. J. Easley, W. F. Arnett.

Publication—E. W. L. Davis, R. Brewer.

Missions—J. M. Hall, J. M. Preston, J. J. Ponder.

Tributes of Respect—J. M. Williams, A. J. McInnis.

Investigating Committee—J. M. Porter, F. L. Moss, A. J. Creed.

Queries and Requests—S. R. Hartely, J. A. McKay.

Temperance—J. L. Causey, O. Lynes, J. M. Hall.

Resolutions—O. Lynes, L. B. Becton, J. L. Causey.

Education—O. Lynes, J. B. Hamberlin, J. L. Causey.

The committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following report:

Eld. J. M. Kailin, to preach at the church to-night.

Eld. D. Henson open services at Bro. Aildav's to-night.

Eld. O. Lynes, Eld. H. N. Smith alternate, to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Services open by Eld. J. M. Hall, followed by Eld. J. L. Causey.

M. F. SMITH,

Chairman.

Moved and seconded to adjourn until to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m.
Benediction by Eld. J. M. Hall.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 5, 1892—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, after reading 1st chap. 1st Peter, and prayer by Eld. J. L. Causey.

Called for petitionary letters. Churches received and delegates enrolled as follows: Bros. J. S. Shoemaker, D. W. Risen.

By motion, Elder S. O. Y. Ray was received as corresponding messenger from Chickasahay Association.

Bros. L. B. Becton and W. E. Wood were appointed as Finance Committee pro tem.

The Clerk then proceeded to call the roll.

Absentees noted.

Called for report of Finance Committee. Chairman not being present, carried over.

Called for report on Sabbath-schools. Referred.

Bro. H. W. Smith, chairman of committee on Letters and Documents, submitted report, which was received and adopted.

Called for report on Correspondence, which was received, with amendment of resolution in connection. After a brief response from the corresponding messenger, Elder H. N. Smith called question, which was adopted.

Committee on Publications submitted report, which was received, by motion of Brother R. Bradley. After a few appropriate remarks by Elder J. M. Kailin, the report was adopted.

Bro. Sim Williams presented a petitionary letter from Liberty church, which was received and delegates enrolled: S. Williams Jesse Givens.

By motion of Eld. J. L. Causey to omit preaching at 11 o'clock. Carried.

Committee on Missions being called, submitted report, which was received. On motion of Bro. A. J. Easley, after a well-timed discussion by Bros. J. B. Hamberlin, J. M. Kailin, S. O. Y. Ray and others, the report was adopted.

J. A. McKay, chairman of Finance Committee, submitted report, which was received and adopted.

By motion of Elder J. L. Causey, to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 p. m. After partaking of a most bountiful repast, which was on the grounds for all, prepared by the good brethren, sisters and community of Magnolia church, the delegates reassembled at the appointed time, Moderator in the chair.

Moved and seconded to table report on Sabbath-schools until to-morrow. Carried.

Committee on Tributes of Respect submitted report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following as a supplement to the report:

Eld. J. M. Hall to preach at the church; services opened by Bro. A. J. Easley at 7 o'clock p. m. Preaching at J. T. Copeland's by Eld. S. O. Y. Ray; services opened by Eld. J. L. Causey to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Eld. S. O. Y. Ray; services opened by Eld. O. Lynes at 3 o'clock p. m.; opened by Eld. H. N. Smith, followed by Eld. J. B. Hamberlin.

M. F. SMITH, Ch'n.

Bro. A. J. Creed reported on Investigation, which was received, and after a prolonged discussion by Bros. H. N. Smith, J. M. Hall, S. O. Y. Ray and others, was adopted by ballot.

Bros. J. S. Shoemaker and D. W. Risen asked and obtained leave of absence.

Committee on Investigation offered a resolution as an amendment to their report. The ballot being taken, it was carried.

Elder H. N. Smith offered the following amendment to Article 8 of Articles of Faith:

"We believe in foot washing, as it is an example laid down by our Master, 1st. John, 13th chapter."

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will pay no man to preach in the bounds of our association who does not endorse foot washing as well as communion.

Which was referred to the next session of the association.

Called for report on Queries and Requests, which was received, with amendments, and adopted.

Elder J. L. Causey, chairman of committee on Temperance, submitted report, which was received and adopted.

Called for report on resolutions. Referred.

Elder H. N. Smith offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That we have 350 copies of minutes printed.

Resolved, That the next session be held with Sand Ridge church, Washington county, Alabama, on Friday before the first Lord's day in November, 1893; and that Eld. D. Henson preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. R. Brewer, alternate. Be it further

Resolved, That we heartily thank the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their hospitality toward the delegates, brethren and friends during our stay with them.

Committee on Education submitted report, which was received and adopted, with amendment.

Brother S. R. Hartley granted leave of absence.

The following resolution received and adopted, offered by Brother M. F. Smith:

Resolved, That we pay Brother Geo. M. Lee \$10 for services rendered as Clerk; also the balance due, \$5.25.

Moved and seconded that the moderator correspond with the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, in May.

Elder H. N. Smith appointed to correspond with Mississippi State Convention.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following brethren as the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

Antioch—A. C. Copeland, B. T. Waites.
 Bassett Creek—A. J. Easley, J. M. Porter.
 County Line—J. W. Norseworthy, M. F. Smith.
 Cedar Creek—J. M. Roberson, N. J. Faggett.
 Lone Star—B. E. Baxter, J. W. Baxter.
 Macedonia—J. M. Williams, J. W. Grimes.

Oak Grove—Quincy Williams, F. E. Long.
 Magnolia—J. A. McKay, B. F. Woulard.
 Washington—O. Lynes, A. G. Kirkland.
 Sand Ridge—L. B. Becton, J. W. Hollinghead.
 New Hope—Alf. Williams, T. J. Welley.
 Liberty—J. A. Smith, S. Williams.
 Johnson Creek—R. Brewer, T. K. Lane.
 Chason—J. S. Shoemaker, Chas. Thames.

On motion of Elder H. N. Smith, that we now adjourn, to meet with Sand Ridge church, Washington county, Alabama, on Friday before the first Lord's day in November, 1893, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Eld. D. HENSON, MODERATOR.

GEO. M. LEE, Clerk and Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. Henson.....	Citronelle, Ala.
O. Lynes.....	McIntosh Bluff, "
H. N. Smith.....	State Line, Miss.
F. L. Moss.....	" " "
Aug. McLain.....	" " "
W. F. Arnett.....	" " "

REPORTS.

FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:
 Antioch, \$2.50; Macedonia, \$2.00; Oak Grove, \$4.50; Washington, \$1.50; Bassett Creek, \$1.00; County Line, \$3.00; Pine Bluff, \$1.50; Cedar Creek, \$2.00; New Hope, \$2.00; Sand Ridge, \$2.50; Johnson Creek, \$2.25; Chason, \$1.00; Liberty, \$2.00. Total, \$27.75.

J. A. MCKAY, Ch'n.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Letters and Documents, beg leave to make the following report:

Having examined the letters from the different churches, we find all represented except Lone Star. The Lord has been doing a wonderful work in our midst since our last association. We also find three new churches added to our body, to-wit: Johnson Creek, Chason and Liberty churches. There has been a great work going on in the bounds of our association. We notice from the letters of different churches great additions to several of them. We pray God for a greater work in our midst.

H. N. SMITH, Ch'n.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your committee on Correspondence, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received five corresponding messengers, one by letter, from our sister associations, which draws the cord of brotherly love together in our midst. While in unity there is strength, we earnestly, by prayer, invite our

sister associations to correspond with us. We recommend our body to correspond with our sister associations. May God draw our hearts together in the spirit of love.

A. J. EASLEY, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.—Resolved, That any member of our body who is in good standing in his church, and visiting any sister association, is authorized to act as corresponding messenger from this body.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on Publications, beg leave to make the following report:

We are instructed to search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me; and to study to show ourselves improved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. We urge upon our churches to patronize the Mississippi Baptist and Alabama Baptist, and the Sunday-school Literature published at Nashville, Tenn. We urge upon our people to read the Bible more than they do, and let alone so much work gotten up by man.

E. W. L. DAVIS, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.—Baptist Record, State Mission Quarterly of Alabama, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

MISSIONS.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says the field is the world. The great commission embraces all of it for convenience, facilitation and efficiency. We divide the field into three departments, known as State, Home and Foreign missions. For the occupancy of this great field our Southern Baptist churches combine into associations, conventions and boards: the State Mission Board of Alabama operating through its faithful secretary, our beloved W. B. Crumpton, is doing a grand work, while modern missionary societies date back to the organization of the first missionary society, under the direction of Wm. Carey and Andrew Fuller, in Kettering, England, Oct. 2, 1792. Yet the great subject of missions reaches back across the ages and finds its origin in the rise of Christianity. The missionary operations of God's people have revived in the different ages and centuries through which they have come down to the present time. The command of Jesus Christ to every church which claims him for its founder and head, is, "go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Baptists are strong advocates of obedience, yet many of them are very disobedient to this command to give the gospel to the world. Christ is the greatest missionary the world has ever known. He was sent without salary by the foreign mission board of heaven, to die for this lost world. The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, therefore how can an anti-missionary spirit be the spirit of Christ? If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his. Our Savior says, "follow me." It is impossible to follow Christ without being missionaries. Though God has separated continents and islands from the earth from each other by oceans and seas, yet the revelation of navigation and railroads to the human family, changing of governments, opening of the doors of the nations to the world are the great highways of missionary operations, along which can be heard the voice of Providence, saying, Come on and occupy; the demands for enlarged missionary efforts is greater now than ever before. selfishness is a law of hell; unselfishness is a law of Christ's kingdom. Hell is said to be selfishness on fire. Selfishness and ignorance hinder missionary work more than anything else. The morals of every nation that has been left to the blighting curse and darkness of Romanism and Paganism have gone to the dogs. Baptists hold the whole truth as no other denomination on earth holds it; hence, how great is the obligation upon us to give the world, not a fractional, but a whole, gospel. not a light whose dimness will cause the lost to stumble, but the light of the world which leads to everlasting felicity.

JAS. M. HALL, Ch'n.

TRIBUTES OF RESPECT.

We, your committee on Tributes of Respect, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that it has pleased Almighty God, the Father, to remove from our body five since the last session of this body, to-wit: Sister Susan Hall, of County Line church, aged 74 years. She had been a member of our body for four years. She died in a loving faith. Bro. Ruben Mizell, of County Line church, aged 84 years; had been a member of our body for three years, and died in a loving faith. Sister Mary Smith, of County Line church, aged 73 years. She was a faithful member of the church for a period of 27 years, and she died in triumph of a loving faith. Bro. Wm. Beasley, of Magnolia, aged 85 years. Had been a faithful member for seven years, and died in full triumph of a loving faith. Bro. Tena Dunn, of New Hope church, who was a member but a short time, who died in good faith. Age not stated.

J. M. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

EDUCATION.

Resolved, That we recommend the Healing Springs Academy to the support and patronage of our people at large.

O. LYNES Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.—Howard College, East Lake, Ala.; Mississippi Baptist College, Meridian, Miss.; Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.; Female College, Shuqualak, Miss.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to make the following report:

We find six requests for the next meeting of the association, viz: Sand Ridge, New Hope, Liberty, Macedonia, Oak Grove and Cedar Creek. We recommend that the next session of the association be held with Sand Ridge church, Washington county, Alabama. We also recommend that we correspond with the South Eastern Association.

AMENDMENT—Chickasahay, Leaf River, Mobile, Antioch.

S. R. HARTLEY, Ch'n.

TEMPERANCE.

In this report it is necessary to state that Temperance has a wide significance, meaning moderation in all things. Your committee desire to apply it to the prohibition of intoxicating liquors as one of the greatest evils of our day; an evil, if possible, for the people of this nation to remove, and your committee is glad to report to this association that public sentiment is gaining ground in favor of removing this evil from among us, and we cannot, as an association or as Christians, afford to tolerate the whiskey evil. We, as fathers and mothers, owe it to our children to educate them against indulging in this evil, and we would recommend as great educators along this line our denominational papers, and we are glad to say that as the ministry has and is taking the lead in this great movement, and we, as a denomination and committee, do wage war against the sale and use of all intoxicating liquors in any form as a beverage.

J. L. CAUSEY, Ch'n.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Resolved, That the Lord's Supper is a church ordinance and belongs alone to those who have been received into church membership by a scriptural baptism on a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

AMENDMENT.—Resolved, that this association hereafter will not hold fellowship with any congregation or minister that practices what is commonly called open communion.

A. J. CREED, Ch'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Finance Committee.....		\$27 75
By amount paid for printing.....	\$17 00	
paid express stationery.....	1 25	
paid Clerk services.....	10 00	
paid Clerk balance due on last year.....	5 25	\$33 50
Balance due Clerk.....	5 75	

GEO. M. LEE, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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TO AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES.

Balance on hand.....	\$29 95
Antioch.....	2 50
Macedonia.....	1 50
Oak Grove.....	11 25
Bassett Creek.....	50
Center Ridge.....	7 40
Magnolia.....	1 00
Cedar Creek.....	5 00
Escatawpa.....	6 00
Johnson Creek.....	50
Liberty.....	1 00
Collected on Sunday.....	10 75
	\$73 35

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BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

D. Henson.....	\$ 7 50
F. L. Moss.....	3 00
Donations.....	10 00
H. N. Smith.....	9 00
B. Byrd.....	3 00
J. M. Hall.....	10 90
O. Lynes.....	7 35
A. J. Creed.....	7 50
S O. Y. Ray.....	10 75
Cash on hand.....	4 35
	\$73 35

GEO. M. LEE, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MACEDONIA ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, who, upon procuring their credentials, shall be entitled to seats; and members, thus chosen and convened, shall be κνοῦν as the Macedonia Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall annually, upon convening, proceed to choose from the members present a Moderator and Clerk to preside over the deliberations of the body, and to keep order and make correct entries and minutes of their proceedings; and in their deliberations they shall be governed by the Rules of Decorum annexed to this Constitution, which rules may be altered or amended as the Association may think proper.

ART. 3. This Association shall have no power to interfere with or infringe upon the internal rights and privileges of the churches, but shall be only an advisory council and convention of the churches, to answer such questions as are lawfully sent up by the churches, and give such advice as may strengthen the union and promote the happiness of the churches.

ART. 4. Matters of dealings shall not be introduced by individual members, but sent up by the church, clearly set forth in writing, with a statement that they have striven to reconcile the matter but have failed. Then the Association may take it under consideration, and a decision by a majority shall be an advisory answer.

ART. 5. All matters that relate to the secular business and progress of the Association as a body, with the preaching of the Word to the attending congregations at their annual sessions, must be introduced by motion.

ART. 6. This Association shall pass no resolution touching the liberty of the churches or the individual members on pecuniary matters, but each shall have the liberty to act in that matter for himself.

ART. 7. New churches may be admitted into this union by messengers bearing letters of application, if upon examination they be found orderly and orthodox; upon their reception the Moderator shall give the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 8. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates until her number shall amount to one hundred members, and one additional delegate for every fifty members over.

ART. 9. The churches shall transmit to each annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their messengers, the number received by baptism, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and deceased since the last meeting of the Association, together with the whole number then in fellowship.

ART. 10. This Association shall open and continue a correspondence with such of her sister associations as she may think proper.

ART. 11. This Association shall have the power to exclude from her body or union, after due labor, any church that may violate the Constitution or depart from orthodox principles of the gospel.

ART. 12. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, or otherwise as may be gratuitously contributed; and all moneys contributed by the churches shall be transmitted by their messengers and paid over to the Clerk, who shall be in charge of said fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order, and at every annual session make a fair and substantial report thereon.

ART. 13. A suitable and well bound book for the Association shall be provided, in which the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and the minutes of this and each succeeding session of this Association shall be legibly transcribed and recorded, and properly paged and indexed by or under the inspection of the Clerk, who shall be allowed to receive a fair compensation for his services; and it shall also be the duty of the Clerk of this Association and each of the churches to procure, if practicable, and preserve a regular file of the printed minutes of this Association.

ART. 14. Any proposed alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be spread upon the minutes, and at the next session, on the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, shall be adopted or amended.

ART. 15. Each church of this Association shall be entitled to four dele-

gates by amendment of the 8th article of this Constitution until the Association deems proper to again resume said 8th article in its original meaning.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer or praise.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member dissatisfied with the decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, may proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject under debate, or use words of personal reflection.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.
9. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on, or withdrawn, before another shall be offered.

When a question is taken up after allowing time for the debate, the Moderator shall put the question fairly to the Association for a decision.

11. Any person wishing to retire, shall first obtain permission from the Moderator.

12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate has been carried through.

13. The appellation "Brother" shall be used by the Association by members in their address one to the other.

14. The roll of the names of the delegates shall be called on Monday morning, and no names shall appear on the minutes who do not answer to their names, unless leave of absence be granted, or satisfactory excuse be rendered.

15. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which shall tend to interrupt public speaking.

16. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another member to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating these rules shall be reported by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the breach made.

18. These rules may be altered or amended when a majority of the members present may think proper to do so.

ARTICLES OF FAITH—PROOF TEXTS.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three in one. 1 John 5:7; Matt. 3:15-17; John 14:16; Matt. 28:19.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin; that Adam disobeyed God, and that all mankind have inherited a sinful nature from Adam. Gen. 3:1-7; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1.

ART. 4. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by himself alone. Zech. 4:6; John 6:44; 1 Cor. 11:14; Rom. 8:7,8.

ART. 5. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth. Rom. 11:4-7; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ. Acts 13:39; Rom. 5:11, 12, 23-25; Gal. 2:16.

ART. 7. We believe in the preservation of saints. Psalms 37:23, 24:28; Micah 7:8; John 5:24 and 10:28; Rom. 8:35-49; 1 Peter 1:3-5.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, of perpetual obligation, and that none but true believers are fit subjects of the ordinances. John 1:33; Matt. 3:13-17 and 28:19, 20; Acts 1:22 and 2:41; Matt. 6:26-29; 11 Cor. 1:23-26.

ART. 9. We believe in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and immersion only is baptism. Eph. 4:5; Rom. 6:4-6; Col. 2:12; Acts 3:38, 39; Matt. 3:15.

ART. 10. We believe that no one is qualified to preach, administer the ordinances of the gospel, except he be called of God, as was Aaron, is set apart by, and is in good standing with the church of which he is a member, and come under the hands of the Presbytery. Mark 3:14; Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 2:7 and 5:22; Heb. 5:4; John 4:2; Acts 8:28.

ART. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment. John 5:28, 29; Rev. 20:12, 13; Acts 24:15.

ART. 12. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 26:46; Rev. 7:15, 16; Col. 3:4; 1 Thess. 5:7; Matt. 25:41-43.

STATISTICS OF THE MACEDONIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Ordain'd Ministers	Incr'd by						Present Mem-ber-ship.	No. of S. Schools.	Preaching Sabbath	Number of Minutes.	Associational Fund.	Mission Fund.	Total Amount.
						Letter.	Baptism.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.							
Antioch.....	Washington	O. Henson.....	G. C. Copeland.....	State Line, Miss.	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	2	15	2 50	2 50	5 00		
Bassett Creek.....	Washington	A. J. Easley.....	A. J. McInnis.....	St. Stephens, Ala.	1	2	1	3	3	10	10	2	10	1 00	1 00	1 50		
County Line.....	Wayne	D. Henson.....	N. J. Faggett.....	State Line, Miss.	1	11	1	11	3	38	1	20	3 00	3 00	7 40	10 40		
Cedar Creek.....	Mobile	O. Henson.....		Citronelle, Ala.	1	1	1	1	1	31	1	15	2 00	5 00	7 00			
Lone Star.....	Washington	B. Byrd.....	J. M. Williams.....	Platt, Miss	1	3	1	3	1	36	1	30	2 00	1 50	3 50			
Oak Grove.....	Washington	D. Henson.....	G. W. Coaker.....	State Line, Miss.	1	9	3	9	1	78	1	30	4 50	11 25	15 75			
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