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HELD WITH THE

Shiloh Church

Polk County, Ga.

October 4, 5, and 6, 1895

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Next session to be held at First Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Haralson Co.  
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# MINUTES.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, POLK COUNTY, GA., OCT. 4, 1895.

**T**HE delegates composing the Harmony Baptist Association met to-day with the above named church at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion Bro. A. A. Hurst was appointed temporary Clerk.

The executive committee appointed J. C. Jackson to preach the introductory sermon, which he did. Text, Hebrews 10: 25. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by O. A. Alden.

The letters from the churches were read by V. M. Thackerson, C. Wright and O. A. Alden.

Names of delegates recorded as follows.

Absentees noted thus.\*

Ai—J. C. Garner, W. E. Garner, J. A. Bagwell.

Bethsaida—W. J. Newburn,\* J. W. Walker,\* W. T. Walker.

Beulah—E. P. Bolden,\* D. G. Wilcoxon, C. H. W. Cook.

Bethany—F. Lindsay, A. Moss,\* W. J. James, J. E. Branon,\* R. J. McBride.\*

Buchannon—D. B. Head, J. S. Edwards,\* G. D. Griffith, J. S. Williams.

Cherry Grove—A. J. Lawler,\* V. M. Thackerson, M. Taylor,\* T. J. Treadway.

Camp Creek—G. W. Roberts,\* J. J. Burrow, F. L. Lambert.

Concord—A. M. Turner,\* W. A. Dodd, G. W. Brewer, W. H. Gentry,\* J. H. Turner.

Edwardsville—T. J. Burton,\* A. A. Hurst, C. T. Coggin.

Harmony—(Not represented.)

Harmony Grove—J. W. Baber, J. W. Bennett, W. J. Bridges.\*

Hopewell—G. Mitchell, E. J. Kaylor.

Mt. Bethel—(Not represented.)

Mt. Olive—(Not represented.)

Mt. Paron—C. C. Cain, W. W. McElroy.

Mt. Zion—W. F. Mabry, J. C. Edwards,\* C. Smith.\*

New Bethel—(Not represented.)

Pine Grove—J. D. Walker, A. D. Hunt, J. Branon, E. E. Myers.

- Pilgrims Rest—W. H. George, M. C. Hightower,\* J. Stephenson.  
 Poplar Springs—A. C. Waldrop,\* W. J. Fincher, H. R. Haynes, A. L. Richards, C. C. Pope.\*  
 Pleasant Hill—C. I. Allen,\* E. J. Little, S. O. Smith.\*  
 Providence—A. Willingham, J. Taylor,\* J. C. Jackson, J. M. Turner, C. Wright.  
 Salem—O. A. Alden, P. J. Garmon, J. Hubbard.\*  
 Shiloh—T. A. McCormick, J. Isbell, C. M. Isbell, C. H. Rice, T. Garner, J. N. Terrence.  
 Shoal Creek—S. J. Thompson,\* J. M. Cheatwood, N. A. Holly.\*  
 Tallapoosa, 1st—M. P. Jackson, C. F. Williams, G. Nesbit,\* J. A. Head, C. Shipman,\* U. L. Lawler, H. A. James.  
 Tallapoosa, 2nd—(Not represented.)  
 Zidonia—R. Bentley,\* W. H. Adair, P. R. D. Williamson.\*

#### Election of Officers.

Elected by ballot. Rev. F. Lindsey, Moderator. V. M. Thacker-  
 son, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion adopted order of business as printed in last minutes.  
 Call for petitionary letters. None.

#### Appointed the Following Committees.

On Preaching—T. J. Loveless, W. J. James, W. J. Fincher, A. A. Hurst, with the delegates of this church.

On Missions—A. A. Hurst, J. C. Jackson, W. J. James, O. A. Alden.

On Sunday Schools—C. Wright, J. Brannon, W. A. Dodd.

On Request—J. Isbell, S. H. Haynes, C. H. W. Cook.

On Finance—T. J. Loveless, A. A. Hurst, C. Wright.

On Correspondence—J. D. Walker, T. J. Treadway, C. M. Isbell.

Invited ministering brethren of our order to seats. Received Rev. V. A. Brewster of the Stone Mountain Association.

Called for correspondence. Received none.

#### Appointed Correspondents.

To Boiling Springs—Rev. J. C. Jackson.

To Polk County Association—J. Isbell.

To Arbacoochee Association—Rev. J. C. Jackson, J. C. Garner, W. A. Dodd.

To Cedar Creek Association—Revs. J. D. Walker, J. C. Garner, J. C. Jackson, F. Lindsay, W. A. Dodd, brethren E. E. Myers, A. D. Hunt, J. Branon.

To Bethlehem Association—Rev. J. C. Jackson, W. F. Mabry.

To Carrolton Association—Rev. A. Willingham, C. H. W. Cook, R. E. Loveless, W. H. Adair.

To Cherokee County Association—

To Calhoun County Association—A. A. Hurst, V. M. Thacker-  
 son.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday, after

prayer by Rev. J. C. Garner. Friday night preaching at the church house by Revs. A. Willingham and J. J. Burrow, at Esom Hill by Revs. J. C. Garner and W. A. Dodd.

### SATURDAYS SESSION.

Convened pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. A. Willingham.

Renewed the call for visiting brethren and correspondents, and received from Polk County Association Rev. W. H. Cooper and H. T. Battle. The Moderator in behalf of the body extended the right hand of love and fellowship to the correspondents. Received Rev. W. A. Ellis as a visiting brother.

Suspended regular order of business. Rev. J. C. Jackson moved the appointment of a committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons. The motion prevailed and the committee was made to consist of J. C. Garner, E. E. Myers, A. A. Hurst, J. A. Head.

Took up the regular order of business.

### Reports of Committees.

Heard and adopted reports of various committees as follows.

(See reports of committees.)

Committee on Sunday Schools made report and after being discussed by brethren Cooper, Loveless, Head, and others.

On motion made special order for Sunday 9 o'clock a. m.

Committee on Missions read report, which was discussed by A. Willingham, W. J. James, E. E. Myers, and W. H. Cooper. Pending discussion, adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for preaching.

Rev. W. H. Cooper preached from Matthew 28 :19 20, a very interesting and instructive discourse, and we hope the fruits thereof shall be gathered many days hence to the honor and glory of God's holy name.

### AFTERNOON.

The Association reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

Letter from Mt. Paron church read and delegates enrolled accordingly.

On motion granted letter of dismission to Mt. Paron church.

Resumed discussion of report on Missions.

On motion the further consideration of the report was deterred to Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m.

Correspondence.

Requests.

Executive.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Finance.

For Resolutions (see resolutions.)

After prayer by Rev. W. A. Ellis, the Association adjourned to Sunday 9 o'clock a. m.

Saturday night preaching at the church by Rev. J. J. Burrow, at Berrys Station by Rev. W. A. Ellis.

### SUNDAYS SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. A. Willingham.

On motion omitted appointing a brother to preach an introductory sermon at the next session of this body.

Reports of committees on Missions, Sunday Schools and Correspondence adopted.

Directed Treasurer to pay all the funds sent to this session by the churches for missions, and all that may be received during this session to J. G. Gibson, Secretary State Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., to be by him applied to Foreign Missions, except such has or may be especially directed by the donor.

On motion directed the Clerk to have 800 copies of minutes of this session printed and distributed among the churches, pro rata as per minute fund, and retain balance for his services.

On motion reappointed T. J. Loveless, C. M. Isbell and A. A. Hurst, Executive committee.

Appointed next session of this Association to be held at First Baptist Church, Tallapoosa, Ga., on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

On motion omitted reading minutes.

Recess for preaching.

### Sabbath Exercises.

At 11 a. m. Rev. F. Lindsay preached the annual Missionary sermon from Romans 5: 8, "But God commandeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," to the edification and delight of the large and attentive congregation. There was during the service unmistakable evidence of the spirit and power of God manifested in our midst. Yea, the christians of that congregation will long remember, feed and feast on the precious truths preached at this Association.

Taken up a collection for Foreign Missions amounting to \$7.28.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, engaged in singing "How firm a foundation," during which the brethren gave each other the parting hand, amid tears of sorrow and joy, with the humble hope that we may meet bye and bye in our Fathers House on high.

F. LINDSEY, Moderator.

V. M. THACKERSON, Clerk.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### Sunday Schools.

We find the Sunday School cause in our bounds greatly neglected. We earnestly urge that the churches in this Association to wake up to this important work. We recommend that each church organize a Sunday School at once and adopt Baptist literature, in order that we may more effectually teach God's word. We believe the Sunday School a good place for the church to work in, teaching God's word to the rising generation.

J. A. GARNER, chairman.

### Missions.

Your committee begs to say, that we are pained to note that the Mission funds sent up by this Association to this session is so small. We believe that every Baptist is under obligation to contribute to the Mission cause. We would again urge our pastors and brethren to press this matter before our people.

A. A. HURST, chairman.

### Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Since our last session, our brother Rev. J. R. Newell of Zidonia, Alabama, has gone to his reward in Heaven. His labors have ceased but his works will follow him.

*Resolved*—That we cherish his memory and try to emulate his zeal and modest work for the Lord.

Also Bro. Loomis a deacon of first Baptist church at Tallopoosa, Ga.

J. C. GARNER, chairman.

### Request.

We recommend that the next session of this Association to be held at First Baptist church Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Ga., on Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. ISBELL, chairman.

### Executive Committee.

Your committee begs to report that we have had no work done during the past year. But Bro. T. W. Griffith desires work in this Association during the coming year. Therefore we ask that each church in the Association raise whatever funds they may be able to do, so that we may make contract with him, and put him in the field as soon as he may return from Louisville.

T. J. LOVELESS, chairman.

### Finance.

Received for Minutes. . . . .	\$ 27.45
“ from churches for Missions. . . . .	51.28
“ “ collection Sunday for Missions. . . . .	7.28
“ for disabled Ministers. . . . .	.50
“ “ Ministerial aid, (T. W. Griffith). . . . .	29.55
Paid Treasurer. . . . .	\$116.06

T. J. LOVELESS, chairman.

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**RESOLUTIONS.**


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**Temperance.**

Whereas intemperance is now making frightful advances in our country; therefore

Be it resolved—That we, the members of the Harmony Baptist Association do promise that we will renew our zeal and vigor to head off this dreadful monster, and that we will talk temperance and live temperate closer than we ever have before.

(Offered by C. F. WILLIAMS.)

Resolved—That we the members of the East Harmony Baptist Association as a body of christian people, hereby request the coming general assembly of Georgia to do whatever, in its wisdom may be needed, to suppress the illegal traffic in intoxicating liquors, and to properly regulate the sale of same.

(Offered by D. B. HEAD.)

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**THANKS.**

Resolved—That thanks of this Association be tendered to Brother William's two little girls for their missionary contribution.

(Offered by J. C. JACKSON.)

Resolved—That this Association hereby tender to the brethren, sisters and friends of Shiloh church and community; our thanks, for the kind hospitable and pleasant manner in which they have received and cared for us during this session.

(Offered by D. B. HEAD.)

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**Corresponding Letter.**

To the Association with whom we correspond :

BRETHREN—Our present session has been one of harmony and interest. We cordially invite you to meet with us by correspondence at our next session at First Baptist church, Tallapoosa, Haralson County, Ga., Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1896.

Come and help us, and let us keep up our brotherly and christian correspondence.

Yours in Christ,

J. D. WALKER, chairman.

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**Ordained Ministers.**

Alden, A. O.	- - - - -	Tecumseh, Ala.
Burrow, J. J.	- - - - -	Oak Levil. "
Cheatwood, B. A.	- - - - -	Edwardsville, Ala.
Edwards, J. S.	- - - - -	Buchanon, Ga.
Garner, T. J.	- - - - -	Al, Ala.
Garner, J. C.	- - - - -	" "
Griffith, T. W.	- - - - -	Buchanon, Ga.



Newborn, J. W.	- - - - -	Edwardsville, Ala.
Lindsey, F.	- - - - -	Tallapoosa, Ga.
Jackson, J. C.	- - - - -	" "
Willingham, A.	- - - - -	" "
Walker, J. D.	- - - - -	Bells Mills, Ala.
Williamson, N. R.	- - - - -	" " "

#### Unordained.

Bentley, R.	- - - - -	Fruithurst, Ala.
Dodd, W. A.	- - - - -	Kemps Creek, Ala.
Eason, E.	- - - - -	Muscadine, Ala.
Hart, J.	- - - - -	Newsville, Ga.
Kilgore, J. M.	- - - - -	- - - - -
McElroy, W. M.	- - - - -	Beecham, Ala.
Thompson, —	- - - - -	Oak Levil, Ala.
Walker, J. W.	- - - - -	Edwardsville, Ala.
Willingham, M. J.	- - - - -	Tallapoosa, Ga.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

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- 1 Call to order, singing and prayer.
- 2 Read letters and enroll delegates present.
- 3 Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

#### NEW ORGANIZATION.

- 1 Receive petitionary letters.
  - 2 Appoint committees—
- On Preaching.
- On Missions.
- On Sunday Schools.
- On Requests.
- On Finance.
- On Correspondence.
- 3 Invite visiting brethren of our order to seats.
  - 4 Receive and welcome correspondents.
  - 5 Appoint Correspondents.
  - 6 Hear and dispose of committees.
  - 7 Hear motions and resolutions.
  - 8 Appoint time and place for next meeting.
  - 9 Arrange for printing and distributing minutes.
  - 10 Read roll of delegates and mark absentees.
  - 11 Read and approve minutes.
  - 12 Adjourn.

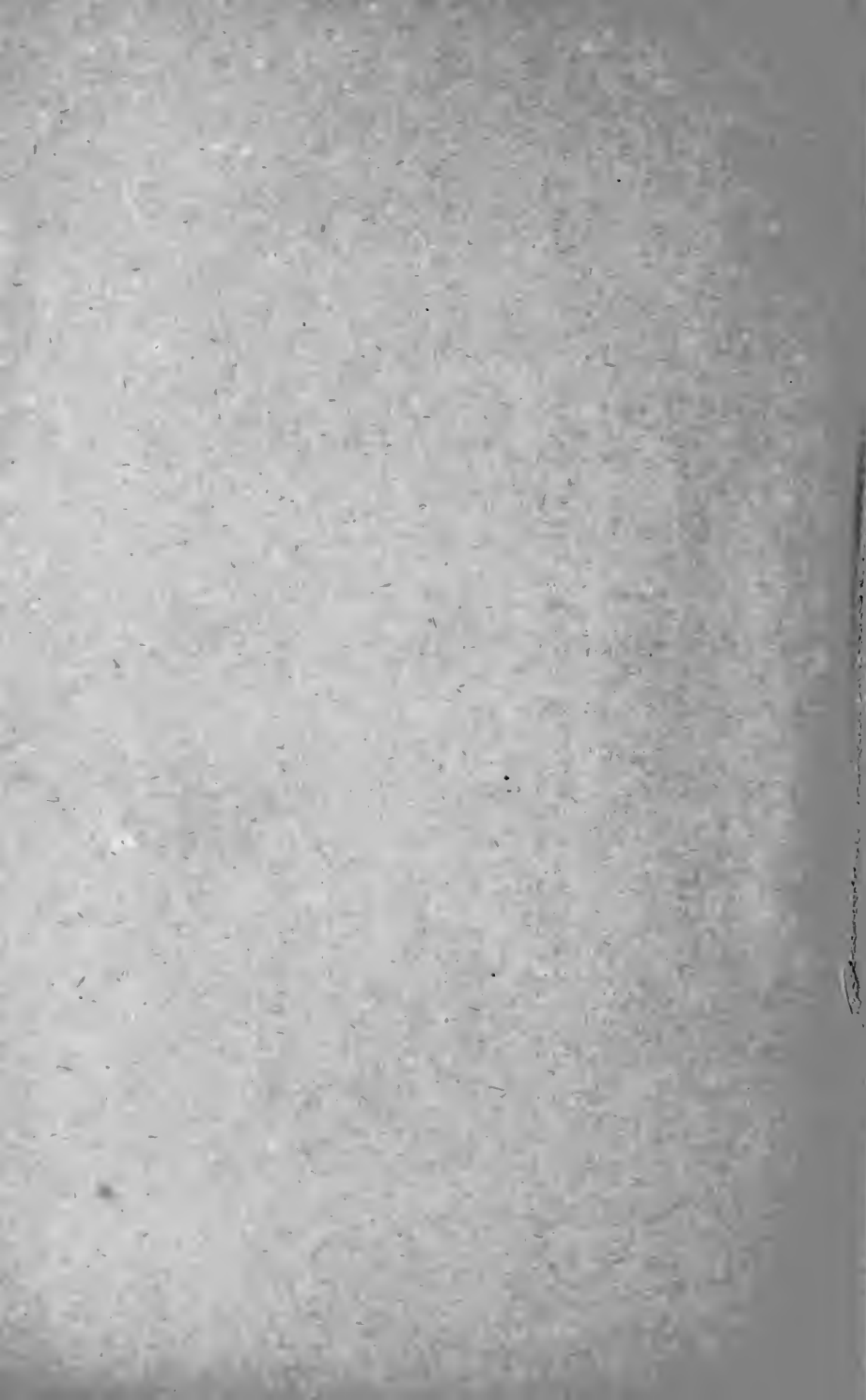
# STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	ADDRESS.	CLERKS.	ADDRESS.
Al.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	P T Pritchard	Edwardsville, Ala...	E E Myers.....	Al, Ala.....
Bethsada.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	W I Newburn.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	D G Wilcoxon.....	Muscadine, Ala.....
Bonhah.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	A Willingham.....	Carrollton, Ga.....	R H Pittman.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....
Bethany.....	Harison, Ga.....	F Lindsey.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	G D Griffin.....	Buchannon, Ala.....
Buchannon.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	W W Koup.....	Chulahtannee, Ala.....	V M Thackerson.....	Tecumseh, Ala.....
Cherry Grove.....	".....	F Lindsey.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	G W Roberts.....	Oak Level, Ala.....
Camp Creek.....	".....	W J Campbell.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	W H Gentry.....	Kemp Creek, Ala.....
Concord.....	".....	F Lindsey.....	Ironcity, Ala.....	W R Barker.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....
Edwardsville.....	".....	J A Sect.....	Al.....	W P Howle.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....
Harmony.....	Polk, Ga.....	I C Garner.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	C M Williamson.....	Hopewell, Ala.....
Harmony Grove.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	A Willingham.....	Oak Level, Ala.....	W W McElroy.....	Beecham, Ala.....
Hopewell.....	".....	".....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	L T Allen.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....
Mt Bethel.....	".....	".....	Stone Hill, Ala.....	W W McElroy.....	Bells Mills, Ala.....
Mt Olive.....	".....	".....	Edwardsville, Ala.....	J Stephenson.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....
Mt Paton.....	".....	".....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	C M Newman.....	Poplar Springs, Ga.....
Mt Zion.....	Haralson, Ga.....	W A Ellis.....	".....	E Little.....	Newsville, Ga.....
New Bethel.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	".....	".....	C Wright.....	Talapoosa, Ala.....
Pine Grove.....	".....	".....	Tecumseh, Ala.....	I V Hardin.....	Tecumseh, Ala.....
Plumtree Kest.....	".....	".....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	W T Thompson.....	Berrys, Ga.....
Poplar Springs.....	Haralson, Ga.....	R S Hicks.....	Douglasville, Ga.....	W A Coleman.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....
Pleasant Hill.....	".....	N R Williamson.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....	C Shipman.....	Fruit Hurst, Ala.....
Providence.....	".....	A Moss.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	".....	".....
Shen.....	".....	A Willingham.....	".....	".....	".....
Shiloh.....	Cherokee, Ala.....	H J Goswick.....	Tecumseh, Ala.....	".....	".....
Shoal Creek.....	Polk, Ga.....	F Lindsey.....	Talapoosa, Ga.....	".....	".....
Talapoosa 1st.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	RM Cheatwood.....	".....	".....	".....
Talapoosa.....	Harlison, Ga.....	T C McCutchens.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....	".....	".....
Zidonia.....	Cleburne, Ala.....	P T Pritchard.....	Edwardsville, Ala.....	".....	".....

\* These churches not represented by letter and statistics are taken from last year. Buchannon church reported paid during the year to missions \$3.25. Al reported paid T. J. Garner \$2.15. Bethany church reported paid during the year to C. Tallahassee widow, \$12.50.

## STATISTICS continued.

CHURCHES.	Sundays of Meeting.	Ministers.		Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Membership.	Sunday Schools.	For	
		Licensed.	Ordained.									Missions.	Minutes.
Al.....	3		2	7	2		7			48			100
Bethsadia.....	2	1	1	1	4		3			40		75	75
Beulah.....	1	1		1	2		20	4		38			75
Bethany.....	1		2	2	5		6			103	1	1150	150
Buchannon.....	2		2	12	9		6	1		115	1	1000	200
Cherry Grove.....	4		3	3	1		7			63			70
Camp Creek.....	4	2	1	3	2	1	5	1	1	141	1		150
Concord.....	2	2		17	4		12	1		104	1	20	150
Edwardsville.....	3				2		1			48	1	535	200
Harmony*.....										29			
Harmony Grove.....	2			3			2			41			75
Hopewell.....	1			2						29		25	100
Mt. Bethel*.....										19			
Mt. Olive*.....										29			
Mt. Paron.....	2	1			3		4			19			50
Mt. Zion.....	3				1		13			44			75
New Bethel*.....										12			
Pine Grove.....	1		1	14	6	1	7		3	100	1	330	150
Pilgrims Rest.....	2		1	3			1			31			50
Poplar Springs.....	3			1			2		1	139			200
Pleasant Hill.....	2	1		2	1			1	1	40			85
Providence.....	4	1	2	3	7		9	2	1	145		900	150
Salem.....	3		1	8	7	2	2	1	2	61			100
Shiloh.....	3			4	5		5	1	2	154		393	150
Shoal Creek.....	4		1					2		94			100
Tallapoosa 1st.....				20	27	5	21	5	4	129	1	700	200
Tallapoosa 2nd.....										12			
Zionia.....	1	1		7	4		3			35			80



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