

MINUTES
Of The
EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
***GENERAL ASSOCIATION
OF REGULAR BAPTIST***

Held With
Rock Hill Regular Baptist Church
LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 15, 16, 1941.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING
PLEASANT GROVE REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH
NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

Four Miles Northeast of Little Rock Miss.
OCTOBER 14, 15, 1942.

OFFICERS

REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN, President Chunky, Miss.
REV. E. A. BRELAND, 1st Vice-President Philadelphia, Miss.
REV. L. BRADLEY, 2nd Vice-President Union, Miss.
REV. W. H. RAINER, Cor. Sec. Little Rock, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas. Little Rock, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Baptists met with Rock Hill Regular Baptist church, Lauderdale County, Miss., October 15-16, 1941.

The Pastors' Conference met on Tuesday night and after song service, prayer was offered by Bro. W. L. McCardle. After a few remarks by the pastor the following subject was announced for discussion: "Does the Missionary Baptist Church Have a Discipline? And If So, Why?" The discussion was led by Bro. W. H. Rainer and followed by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, W. L. McCardle, T. J. Harper, E. A. Breland, M. R. Jones, H. M. Thorne, L. Bradley.

On motion the conference adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Devotional to be conducted by Bro. W. L. McCardle.

Dismissed by Bro. T. J. Harper.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

8:30 o'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. W. H. Rainer. Bro. McCardle conducted devotional, reading 10 verses 1st part 2nd chapter Philipians. After some timely remarks, the president continued by appointing the following committees:

Digest Committee: Bro. Jimmie Thrash, J. R. Davidson, L. M. Skinner.

Finance Committee: Bro. J. E. Snowden, H. L. Cullum, Thad Beeman-Committee on Committees: Bro. A. A. Winstead, A. L. Speed, F. S. Jones.

On motion visiting Brothers and Sisters were invited to seats with us.

VISITING BRETHREN

Bro. W. L. McCardle, Perry County Association.

MESSENGERS TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

From Oktibbeha Association: Bro. E. A. Breland, L. A. Gardner, L. Bradley, A. N. Thomas, Truly Reynolds.

Mt. Pisgah Association: Bro. W. H. Rainer, H. P. Yarbrough, M. R. Jones, S. H. McMullan, H. C. Bufkin.

Time to re-officer the body. There was a motion carried by the Association to elect Bro. O. V. Swearingen president.

On motion carried by the Association Bro. E. A. Breland was elected 1st vice-president.

On motion carried by the Association Bro. L. Bradley was elected 2nd vice-president.

On motion carried by the Association Bro. M. R. Jones was elected recording secretary and treasurer.

On motion carried by the Association Bro. W. H. Rainer was elected corresponding secretary.

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On motion there was an intermission of 15 minutes before preaching hour.

The Association came together and after song service prayer was offered by Bro. Truly Reynolds. Bro. E. A. Breland, the appointee to preach the Annual Sermon, continued the services by reading 1st 3 verses 1st chapter St. John, also a few verses 3rd chapter St. Matt., beginning with 13th verse and a few verses 16th chapter St. Matt., beginning at the 13th verse. Text 3rd verse 1st chapter St. John. After a very forceful discourse the Association adjourned to meet at one o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. Calvin Culpepper.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

1:00 o'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. Lee Herrington.

On motion that the Association take up the report of the Corresponding Secretary and also the mission report and dispose of same jointly, the reports were discussed by Bro. W. H. Rainer, O. V. Swearingen, L. A. Gardner, A. N. Thomas, M. R. Jones, L. M. Skinner, H. P. Yarbrough and adopted.

On motion that the churches of the General Association revive the Supplemental work, also contribute to State Missions for the purpose of supporting the missionary on the field and also contribute to a church building fund

On motion that the messengers from Antioch, New Prospect, Ephesus, Ocobla, Pine Bluff and New Providence be excused.

On motion the body agreed to take up two reports before closing.

The S. S. and B. Y. P. U. report was read by Bro. Truly Reynolds, discussed by Bro. Reynolds, J. C. Sansing, L. A. Gardner and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. Yarbrough, L. A. Gardner, J. C. Sansing and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. E. A. Breland.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

8:30 o'clock. After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. A. A. Winstead. The Association proceeded as follows:

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. L. M. Skinner, discussed by Bro. Skinner, W. H. Rainer, J. C. Sansing, L. Bradley, and adopted.

The report on Hospitals was read by Bro. M. R. Jones, discussed by Bro. Jones, H. P. Yarbrough and adopted.

The report on Orphanage was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. Yarbrough, M. R. Jones, W. H. Rainer, O. V. Swearingen, A. L. Speed and adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, discussed by Bro. W. H. Rainer, O. V. Swearingen, J. C. Sansing, A. A. Win-

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stead, H. C. Bufkin, L. M. Skinner and adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was read by Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, discussed by Bro. Yarbrough, H. C. Bufkin, W. L. McCardle and adopted.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. H. C. Bufkin, discussed by Bro. Bufkin, W. H. Rainer, W. L. McCardle, S. H. McMahan and adopted.

The Finance report was read by Bro. M. R. Jones and adopted.

The Treasurers report was read by Bro. M. R. Jones and adopted.

On motion carried by the Association that Bro. O. V. Swearingen continue as missionary on the field for another year.

On motion carried by the Association that Bro. W. H. Rainer, the Corresponding Secretary, investigate a mission field and be governed by his judgement as to needs of a missionary on the field.

After reading and adopting the resolutions, a motion was carried by the Association to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Grove Regular Baptist Church, 4 miles N. E. of Little Rock, Newton County, Miss., October 14, 1942.

REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN, President.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Bro. Calvin Culpepper, L. M. Skinner, A. A. Winstead.

S. S. & B. T. U.: Bro. S. H. McMahan, Truly Reynolds, J. R. Davidson.

Temperance: Bro. H. P. Yarbrough, L. A. Gardner, Harvey Jones.

Hospitals: Bro. A. N. Thomas, Arnold Phillips, W. T. Montgomery.

Orphanage: Bro. W. H. Rainer, F. S. Jones, Lee Herrington.

Missions: Bro. O. V. Swearingen, J. C. Sansing, Carl Buckley.

W. M. U.: Miss Lillie Giles, Mrs. W. T. Montgomery, L. Bradley.

Publications: Bro. H. C. Bufkin, H. G. Harrison, Thad Beemon.

Nominations: Bro. A. L. Speed, W. H. Rainer, M. R. Jones.

A. A. WINSTEAD,

F. S. JONES,

A. L. SPEED.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christian Education means a Christ like education or the wisdom and knowledge that comes from God by the Holy Spirit. Paul says, 1 Cor. 2:13-4: Which things also we speak, not in

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the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; composing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Christ proves the above statement in Matt. 16-23: "But he turned and said to Peter, Get thee behind me Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of man."

We recommend our Missionary Baptist Schools to those who desire higher learning, but warn you that an unsaved man, that he can quote the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, has only educated the carnal mind and is a very dangerous weapon in the hands of Satan. 2nd Cor. 11:13-15: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into an angle of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works." Do not count a man's worth by the honors or degrees that the world may give but by the Christian Education that he receives from God by the Spirit. Let us all take John's warning, (1st John 4-1): "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. SKINNER,
A. A. WINSTEAD.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.

Your committee on Sunday School and B. T. U. submit the following report:

We look upon the work of Sunday School as one of prime importance and think that all Christians should be earnestly and zealously engaged in the advancement of the work, and it is to be regretted that so few organized Sunday Schools are reported from the churches composing this body. Those who have the advantage of an early Christian training are much easier reached by the gospel than those that have it not.

The B. T. U. is an auxiliary of the church and might well be spoken of as a training arm of the church. With a good Sunday School and B. T. U. the church has a wonderful combination. We therefore recommend a S. S. and B. T. U. for every church in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
TRULY REYNOLDS.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee of Temperance, report as follows:

"Rum, gin, brandy, and whiskey are destructive enemies to mankind. They destroy more lives than wars, famine, and pestilence."—(Webster.)

The wild riot of drink and the death-dealing drunken drivers are in evidence everywhere. It is estimated that of every highway death traffic accident, one in every four is killed by a drunken driver. The entire situation is appalling.

It seems evident that we must do something about this. Whenever possible, we need to agitate by tongue and pen and example against this nefarious business. We should talk against it, pray against it, preach against it, and vote against it. We must labor with unceasing diligence to save our homes from the curse of drink.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. YARBROUGH,
HARVEY JONES,
L. A. GARDNER.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS

This report covers the period from July 1, 1940 to July 1, 1941. There was admitted to the hospital 6,346 patients and only 195 deaths. The total charity work for the year amounted to more than \$83,000.00 which included service rendered to 123 children from the orphanage, 32 ministers and several missionaries, also several members of ministers families were taken care of in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital. There is a training school of 83 white nurses and 13 colored girls, all of whom are progressing nicely. The Baptist of Mississippi through the cooperative program have contributed \$817.91 during the above mentioned period. The work for the colored people amounted to \$6,227.85 and they seem to be very grateful for this charity work rendered to them. More room is needed badly, and it is recommended that our people contribute more liberally so that the necessary room may be provided.

Respectfully submitted,
A. N. THOMAS,
A. A. PHILLIPS,
W. T. MONTGOMERY.

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REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

This report covers the work and ministry of the Baptist Orphanage beginning July 1, 1940 and ending June 30, 1941.

In this report we find 228 boys and girls in the home for the purpose of training them physically, mentally and spiritually.

During the above mentioned period 79 new children were admitted and 66 children have gone out. Of the number gone out some have finished high school and have positions whereby they are able to earn their own livelihood. One girl has finished high school and is in training to prepare herself for the duties of a certified registered nurse. Others of the children have gone to live with relatives and friends.

There is on the campus a school through the 8th grade maintained and operated by the orphanage. Furthermore the home has its own Sunday School, B. T. U., Prayer Meeting, R. A., G. A., and Y.W.A. and church services are attended at Davis Memorial Baptist church with Rev. A. S. Johnston as pastor.

During the past year \$4,551.91 was received from the cooperative program which amount is sufficient to operate the orphanage for about two months. There are two special days for appeals through the Baptist people, namely, Mothers' Day and Thanksgiving Day. All contributions are appreciated and farm products are generously transported free of charge by the railroads to the orphanage on these special occasions. The orphanage is in the midst of a building program and all help will be highly appreciated for this work. It is recommended that an orphanage committee be appointed in each association to look after the welfare of the orphanage work in each section of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. RAINER,
LEE HERRINGTON,
F. S. JONES.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The meaning of the word mission: someone or someones sent a mission.

The mission we are talking about is the mission Jesus Himself sent His church on before He left this world after His resurrection, which is found in Mt. 28:18-20, St. Mark 13:34, Acts 1:8-9-10-11. To prove this work of teaching all nations and baptizing the believers was given to Jesus' church, read Mkk. 13:34: "For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey who left his house and gave authority to

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his servants and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Jesus says in 1st Tim. 3-15 that the House of God is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

This mission includes that Jesus came into the world as the prophesy of God said He would. (Micah 5-2), which was fulfilled in St. Luke 2:1-11, and that He built His Church to whom He gave His commission to during His personal ministry here upon earth, that He tasted death for every man. (Heb. 2-9.) That through His blood everyone may have forgiveness of sins (1 John 1-7). (Rev. 1-5) and that His Church is to stay on this commission until His precious voice sounds in the air. (Mt. 24-14; 1st Thes. 4-16-17). And this commission is to the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1-7-8-9-10-11).

Submitted,
O. V. SWEARINGEN,
J. C. SANSING,
C. A. BUCKLEY.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The W. M. U. held its annual convention at McComb, Mississippi April 1-3, 1941 and had as its theme: "The Day Is At Hand." This auxiliary of the State Baptist Convention is doing a commendable work in the training of our women for higher, nobler and more worthwhile work in the service of the Lord.

In the W. M. U. organization we are training quite a few women who are prepared for missionary work in some of the foreign countries and are giving their lives unselfishly to this work on foreign fields. This work should be encouraged in all churches where such an organization exists; and in churches where no such organization is in force an effort should be made to establish one and thus reap the benefits of a worthwhile Christian work as in the past, there is great opportunity to do a great work in this field because of the fact that 50% or more of our churches do not have a W. M. U. in force.

It is urged that all churches lend a helping hand to this cause in addition to the many other causes of value and worth to our Christian development.

Respectfully submitted,
LILLIE B. GILES,
MRS. W. T. MONTGOMERY,
L. BRADLEY.

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REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publications, beg to report as follows:

We first of all recommend the Bible. It is the word of God and the Book of all Books. We also recommend our denominational paper, the Baptist Record, our Baptist Sunday School literature and other publications put out by our denomination, such as "What Baptist Believe," "Why I Am a Baptist" and many others. These can be secured from our Baptist Book Store at Jackson, or from the Sunday School Board at Nashville. We should be very careful about what we read because reading makes a full man.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. BUFKIN,
THAD BEEMON,
H. G. HARRISON.

DIGEST REPORT

Pine Bluff: Bro. J. G. Sikes, F. H. Gibbs.
New Providence: Frank Lindley, C. A. Buckley.
Ebenezer: Cal Simmons, Buron Robinson.
Enon: Harvy Jones, L. M. Skinner.
Antioch: W. T. Montgomery and wife, A. A. Phillips.
Pleasant Grove: F. S. Jones, Lee Herrington.
Pine Ridge: O. S. Jones, Gill Robinson, H. G. Harrison.
Rock Hill: A. L. Speed, J. E. Snowden.
New Prospect: Ben Nicholson, E. C. Willis, Earl Vance.
Ocobla: A. N. Thomas, Jimmie Thrash.
Pleasant Ridge: By letter and funds.
Ephesus: J. F. Harrison, Calvin Culpepper, Lee Graham.
Cross Roads: A. A. Winstead.
Hebron: H. L. Cullum, M. R. Jones.

FINANCE REPORT

Antioch, Jasper County—S. M. \$5.14.
Cross Roads, Neshoba County—S. M. \$2.00.
Enon, Neshoba County—S. M. \$2.50.
Ebenezer, Newton County—S. M. \$3.25.
Ephesus, Scott County—S. M. \$7.35.
Mt. Carmel, Neshoba County—S. M. \$2.80; H. M. \$2.70; F. M. \$2.59.
New Providence, Newton County—S. M. \$5.00.
Ocobla, Neshoba County—S. M. \$8.00; Bapt. Orph. \$5.00.
Pine Bluff, Newton County—S. M. \$5.02.

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Pleasant Grove, Newton County—S. M. \$5.00; H. M. \$5.00; F. M. \$5.00;
Baptist Orphanage \$4.70.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton County—S. M. \$5.00.
Pine Ridge, Newton County—Building Fund \$1.00.
Rock Hill, Newton County—S. M. \$3.75; F. M. \$0.25.
Hazel, Newton County—S. M. \$4.55.
Providence, Lawrence County—S. M. \$1.50.
Hebron, Newton County—S. M. \$36.45; H. M. \$2.20; F. M. \$1.85;
Church Fund \$0.25.
Hopewell, Newton County—S. M. \$7.00.
Rev. W. L. McCardle—S. M. \$2.70.
Pearl Valley Association, by Bro. Kermit Taylor—State Missions \$6.72;
Home Missions \$11.40; Foreign Missions \$3.50; Orphanage \$8.55.
Mrs. Nancy Graham—S. M. \$3.00.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following report:
For the Executive Board for 1942—Ministers: Bro. J. W. Rooker, J. L. Coman, Truly Reynolds, H. C. Bufkin, L. A. Gardner, W. L. McCardle, E. C. Willis, J. C. Sansing, N. B. Nicholson; Brethren: J. T. Dean, W. W. Adams, J. I. Robinson, A. M. Valentine, H. G. Harrison, H. M. Thorne, J. H. Clark, A. L. Speed, J. E. Snowden, S. H. McMahan, L. M. Skinner, R. L. Nelson.

We recommend that Rev. W. L. McCardle preach the next Annual Sermon and Bro. J. L. Coman be his alternate.

We also recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Pleasant Grove Regular Baptist Church, 4 miles N. E. of Little Rock, Newton County, Miss., and that the December Board Meeting be held with Enon Regular Baptist Church, 6 miles N. E. of Union, Neshoba County, Miss., on Wednesday after 2nd Sunday in December, 1941, and the April Board Meeting to be held with Pine Grove Regular Baptist Church, Neshoba County, 10 miles East of Union, Miss., on Wednesday the 3rd Sunday in April, 1942.

Committee,
A. L. SPEED,
W. H. RAINER,
M. R. JONES.

CHAIRMEN TO WRITE REPORTS FOR 1942

Christian Education—Bro. Truly Reynolds.
S. S. and B. T. U.—Bro. J. C. Sansing.
Temperance—Bro. S. H. McMahan.

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Baptist Hospitals—Bro. E. A. Breland.
Baptist Orphanage—Bro. L. M. Skinner.
Missions—Bro. W. H. Rainer.
W. M. U.—Mrs. Lee Herrington.
Publications—Bro. H. P. Yarbrough.
Nominations—Bro. H. G. Harrison.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Funds received at April Board meeting:
W. H. McMullan—S. M. \$1.00; H. M. \$1.50; F. M. \$1.50,
Pine Bluff—S. M. \$9.25.
Cross Roads, Neshoba County—S. M. \$1.00.
Pleasant Ridge, Newton County—S. M. \$2.25.
Enon, Neshoba County—S. M. \$20.00. (Missionary salary.)
Providence, Lauderdale County—S. M. \$1.95.
High Hill, Neshoba County S. M. \$3.50.
Hazel, Newton County—S. M. \$2.75.
New Providence, Newton County—S. M. \$2.75.
Ephesus, Scott County—H. M. \$6.65.
W. J. McMullan—S. M. \$1.00.
Mt. Pisgah Association, 1941—S. M. \$13.00.
Paid in to missionary on field, \$55.37.

Paid out for the Associational year 1940-41:

Home Missions	\$29.74
Foreign Missions	\$30.82
Baptist Orphanage	\$30.47
O. V. Swearingen, Salary for 3 quarters	\$150.00
W. H. Rainer, salary	\$16.00
Union Appeal, printing minutes	\$47.00
M. R. Jones, Rec.-Sec. Sal. and pastage	\$38.50
Balance on hand—S. M.	\$31.20

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

To the General Body, Greetings:

Dear Brethren, the Lord has permitted us to meet again. We have many opportunities for doing good. Our greatest need is men and means to do a greater work for the Lord. We have one missionary on the field for half time besides your Corresponding Secretary. We give report of their work up to now.

Corresponding Secretary actual service:

Number of days, 4.

Number of miles traveled, 63.

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Number of stations visited, 5.
Number of talks made, 5.
Missionary's actual service:
Number of days, 32.
Number of miles traveled, 1034.
Number of sermons preached, 57.
Number of religious visits, 2.
Money collected for personal service, \$75.37.
W. H. RAINER, Cor. Sec.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, First: That our Board direct their attention more to the work of developing the underdeveloped churches.

Second: Immediately after calling the body together the Moderator shall appoint a committee on Digest of Letters, to whom all letters should be handed that messengers' names may be enrolled. Also a Finance Committee be appointed to take care of the finance.

Third: That the Association extend its hearty thanks to the people of Rock Hill Regular Baptist Church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality during the sitting of this Association.

Fourth: That the Recording Secretary have 600 copies of minutes printed for distribution, that he have \$35.00 for his services and that he draw on Treasurer for salary and expense of printing and mailing.

O. V. SWEARINGEN, President.
M. R. JONES, Recording Secretary.

LICENTIATES

H. C. James	Louin, Miss.
Ira Elam	Hickory, Miss.
B. G. Fulton	Philadelphia, Miss.
A. A. Melton	Lake, Miss.
L. A. Gardner	Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.
Conrad Keen	Union, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

T. J. Harper	Newton, Miss.
W. W. Clark	Neshoba, Miss.
J. A. Hitt	Lake, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.
J. H. Herrington	Louisville, Miss.
A. N. Thomas	Philadelphia, Miss.

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J. L. Coman	Union, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Rt. 4, Union, Miss.
J. W. Rooker	Bay Springs, Miss.
S. E. McAdory	Union, Miss.
J. T. Bates	Philadelphia, Miss.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
R. C. Barham	Carthage, Miss.
R. J. Johnson	Carthage, Miss.
J. R. Gordon	June Burr, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
G. M. Rucker	Rt. 2, Union, Miss.
J. B. Jones	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
Jas. W. Jones	Rt. 9, Philadelphia, Miss.
H. W. Froshour	Louin, Miss.
N. T. Sikes	Neshoba, Miss.
W. W. Spears	Edinburg, Miss.
B. B. Speed	Newton, Miss.
N. B. Nicholson	Union, Miss.
Truly Reynolds	Union, Miss.
O. V. Swearingen	Chunky, Miss.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of "The General Association of Regular Baptists of Mississippi."

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be Domestic Missions in Mississippi, Indian Missions amongst us and in the territories of the West, Foreign Missions in all parts of the world, the cause of education, and especially to the poor brethren preparing for the Gospel Ministry, and other works of Christian benevolence.

Article 3. Every church cooperating with and contributing to the objects and works of this Association shall be entitled to membership as follows, viz: Churches to have one representative until their membership reaches fifty, then two until it reaches one hundred, then three and no more. Associations to have one messenger to every hundred communicants, provided no one entitled to a seat who is not a regular Baptist in good standing. Provided further, that any regular Baptist in good standing making individual contributions to any object fostered by the Association shall be entitled to a seat as messenger, if he so desires.

Article 4. This Association shall never possess a single attribute of power over any church or association. It absolutely and forever disclaims any right of this kind, avowing the cardinal principles ever dear to Baptists—that every church is sovereign and independent.

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Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be President, two Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and a Treasurer, to be elected by ballot or otherwise, and to discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers, and thirty directors appointed by a Committee on Nominations, all to be chosen annually, and so continue in office until their successors are duly qualified.

Article 6. These officers, together with directors, shall constitute a Board of Managers, with the power to transact all business for which this Association was formed during recess of same. The President to be Chairman of the Board, and five of whom with the presiding officers to constitute a quorum. Providing in all cases of absence of any officer a protem appointment may be made and it report annually to the Association.

Article 7. The same individual may be both Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Article 8. The meeting of this Association shall be annually and on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, and at such places as may be agreed upon from time to time, the Board to meet as often as business may require.

Article 9. This Association may at any time appoint a special board on any of the objects or Christian Benevolence embraced in this constitution.

Article 10. All monies contributed for a special object shall be faithfully applied, in accordance with the wish of the donor.

Article 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the membership present, provided the Fourth Article be regarded as sacred, and can never be altered or amended.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the President or whoever he may appoint.

2. Correspondence from churches and other societies and individuals friendly to the Association shall be called for, the names of delegates appointed enrolled, with a mark of absence affixed to those who were not present.

3. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to speak on all subjects, but to vote on none.

4. The election of officers shall take place immediately after the delegates' names have been enrolled and the Association organized.

5. No motion shall be discussed without it has been seconded and reduced to writing, if requested by any member.

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6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

7. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

8. Every speaker shall rise and address himself to the President and no one shall speak more than twice on any motion unless by permission of the Association.

9. The President is to judge as regards order in the discussion of subjects, except when an appeal is made to the body, which shall be done without delay or debate.

10. All committees by this body shall be nominated by the President, subject, however, to approval of the Association.