

MINUTES

Of The

ONE HUNDRED-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

General Association Of Regular Baptist

Held With

Pine Ridge Regular Missionary
Baptist Church

NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

OCTOBER 17-18, 1956.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

HEBRON REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWTON COUNTY, MISS.

2 Miles West of Little Rock

OCTOBER 16-17, 1957, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

OFFICERS

REV. O. V. SWEARINGEN, President	Hickory, Miss.
REV. ELTON WINSTEAD, 1st Vice-Pres.	Union, Miss.
REV. H. C. KEEN, 2nd Vice-Pres.	Union, Miss.
REV. E. A. BRELAND, Cor. Sec.	Union, Miss.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec. and Treas.	Union, Miss.

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Second Annual Session of the General Association of Regular Baptist met with Pine Ridge Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., Oct. 17 and 18, 1956. The pastors conference met on Tuesday night before. After song service prayer was offered by Bro. W. L. Grafton, then sing "Where We'll Never Grow Old." Prayer by Bro. Martin Nelson. Bro. C. C. Laird, the pastor of the church, announced the following subject to be discussed, "What is sinning or blaspheming against the Holy Ghost?" Bro. H. C. Bufkin opened the discussion, followed by Bro. J. T. Crane, Bro. L. A. Gardner, Bro. E. G. Waltman, Bro. Sam Foy, Bro. W. L. Grafton, Bro. H. C. Keen, Bro. O. V. Swearingen, Bro. L. M. Skinner, Bro. W. L. Gibbs. On motion the conference adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning. Bro. Martin Nelson was appointed to conduct devotional. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

After singing "Angel Band," prayer led by Bro. D. L. Hand, then singing "Amazing Grace." Bro. Martin Nelson proceeded to conduct the devotional, reading a part of 6th Chapter, beginning with 10th verse, also Rev. 22-17. Making some very fine remarks, and turning the services back to the moderator. Time to re-officer the body at hand, Bro. O. V. Swearingen, the 1st Vice President, was nominated and elected as President, Bro. Elton Winstead, the 2nd Vice President, was nominated and elected as 1st Vice President. Bro. H. C. Keen was nominated and elected as 2nd Vice President. Bro. E. A. Breland was nominated and elected as Corresponding Secretary. Bro. M. R. Jones was nominated and elected as Recording Secretary and Treasurer. After a few remarks by the newly elects, each of them proceeded to fill their respective places. There was a motion carried by the Association that Bro. M. R. Jones act as chairman on the nominating committee and Bro. Hugh Winstead and Tommie Lee Smith serve on committee with Bro. Jones. Visiting brethren and sisters called for. Bro. W. L. Grafton, from Kemper County Association; Bro. Lee Carter and wife from Pearl Vallen Association. At this time a 5 minute intermission.

The Association came together singing "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Jones. Bro. H. C. Keen, the appointee to preach the annual sermon on missions continued the service reading 2nd Cor. 8th Chapter, 23-24 verses, delivering a fine message which was enjoyed by all present. At this time a free will offering was taken for missions to be divided half and half for State and Home Missions. Amt. \$53.20. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

1:30 o'clock—After song service the Moderator called for reports of committees.

The report on S. S. & B. T. U. was read by Bro. M. R. Jones, discussed by Bro. Lee Carter, Bro. Hugh Winstead, Bro. L. M. Skinner, Bro. H. C. Keen, Bro. L. A. Gardner, M. R. Jones and adopted.

The nominating committee report was read by Bro. J. T. Crane and adopted.

The report on Christian Education was read by Bro. J. T. Crane, discussed by Bro. Crane and adopted.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. C. Keen, discussed by Bro. Keen, Bro. M. R. Jones, Bro. Lee Carter, Bro. E. A. Breland and adopted. On motion that the Association adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. Bro. D. L. Hand was appointed to conduct devotional. Dismissed by Bro. C. C. Laird.

9:30 o'clock—After singing "When I Can Read My Titles Clear," prayer by Bro. Bennie Chesney. Bro. D. L. Hand, the appointee, proceeded to conduct devotional, reading a few verses in the 28th Chapter beginning with 16th verse Matt. Making some fine remarks. Report of committees called for. The report on Baptist Hospital was read by Bro. N. B. Alford, discussed by Bro. L. A. Gardner, Bro. R. O. Bounds, Bro. H. C. Keen and adopted.

The report on Missions was read by Bro. O. V. Swearingen, discussed by Bro. Swearingen, Bro. C. C. Laird, Bro. L. A. Gardner, Bro. H. C. Keen and adopted. At this time Oakland messengers not being present the Moderator appointed Bro. Clifton Gibbs, Sister May Cochran and Sister Mable Leach to prepare a report on W. M. U. and report to the body before closing.

At this time there was a discussion by the Association as to the employing of a state missionary to go on the field. After the matter was discussed by the following brethren, Bro. H. C. Keen, Bro. C. C. Laird, Bro. L. M. Skinner, Bro. H. C. Bufkin, Bro. M. R. Jones, Bro. D. L. Savell, there was a motion made and carried by the association to employ Bro. Doyle Scitzes to go on the S. M. field. (Provided that the recommendation from Bro. Scitzes' home church is favorable, which it was). And also appointed a committee of 5 to work out the plan and assist Bro. Scitzes in his work on the field. The following brethren were appointed on the committee: Bro. L. M. Skinner, Chairman; Bro. H. C. Keen, Bro. C. C. Laird, Bro. D. L. Hand, Bro. D. L. Savell. On motion the association adjourned for the noon hour until 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. O. V. Swearingen.

1:30 o'clock—After song service, prayer was offered by Bro. R. O. Bounds. The report on W. M. U. was read by Bro. Clifton Gibbs, discussed by Bro. Gibbs, Bro. L. A. Carter, Bro. O. V. Swearingen and

adopted.

The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. Leroy May, discussed by Bro. May, M. R. Jones, Bro. H. C. Bufkin. On motion that we take a free will offering for the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, amount \$20.00, and adopted.

On motion that Bro. Jones prepare and insert in the minutes a report on publications.

The report on Nominations was read by Sec. and adopted.

The report of Bro. E. A. Breland as Corresponding Secretary for 1955-56 was read by Sec., discussed by Bro. Breland and adopted.

There was a motion carried by the Association that Bro. Breland continue on the mission field at Beach Springs for another year.

Treasurer's report was read by Sec. and adopted.

On motion that Bro. Scitzes be paid monthly for his services on the mission field.

On motion that we divide the supplement that is on hand half and half between Rock Creek Church, Newton County and Antioch Church, Leake County.

On motion that the apologies of Bro. C. C. Laird and Bro. Elton Winstead be accepted by the Association.

On motion that the Committee on Committees be continued.

After reading and adopting the resolutions there was a motion carried by the Association to adjourn to meet with Hebron Regular Baptist Church, Newton County, Miss., 2 miles west of Little Rock, Miss., on Wednesday and Thursday after the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1957. Pastors Conference on Tuesday night before, which closed a very enjoyable session of the old General Association.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. REPORT

We believe that people should be taught as the Lord commanded to teach, and we believe there is no better way to teach the Word of God to people than in Sunday School and B. T. U.

Matthew 28:19-20: Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Ephesians 6:4: and ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Isaiah 56:13: And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Proverb 22-6: Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

So we believe through the Sunday School and B. T. U. we can study the life and teaching of Jesus Christ in order that we may learn more about him and that we may live more Christ like lives.

MRS. JODIE ESHEE,

MRS. CLOIS DEWEESE.

NOMINATIONS REPORT

We your committee on Nominations beg to report as follows:

We recommend that this Association meet with Hebron Regular Baptist Church, 7 miles S. E. of Union, Miss., on Wednesday and Thursday after the 2nd Sunday in October, 1957. The pastors conference on Tuesday night before.

We also recommend that Bro. O. V. Swearingen preach the annual sermon on missions and that Bro. H. E. Butler be his alternate.

That the April Board Meeting meet with Ephesus Regular Baptist Church, Scott County, Miss., on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in April, 1957. Pastors conference on Tuesday night before.

M. R. JONES,

HUGH WINSTEAD,

TOMMIE LEE SMITH.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Brother W. G. Mize, Superintendent of our Orphanage, wishes to express his thanks to the churches, and his friends, for their support of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage during the past year. Bro. Mize states that about 68% of the expenses are met with offerings from the churches, bequeaths and friends. You may be assured that all contributions of money, food and clothing are all used to the very best economical advantage.

During the year the Orphanage has ministered to the needs of 224 boys and girls. 51 children have been admitted during the year.

The health of the children has been unusually good. We are grateful to the Lord for his protecting care, the children have grown physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. May we pray for Bro. Mize and the entire staff. Also contribute with our means.

In Acts 20-35 we read: I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring you ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus. How he said it is more blessed to give than receive.

LERROY MAY.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

We are pleased to report that Baptist Hospital has done wonderful job in last fiscal year. They have treated 16,466 and have recorded 1560 newborn. Your hospital has given free service to deserving and needy in the amount \$123,257.18. These figures show that Baptist Hospital has done a wonderful job. Your hospital has 165 doctors on staff and 145 registered nurses on staff. The hospital has approximately 175 student nurses in training. During past year the hospital has been inspected by commission and was given our highest rating.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. BOUNDS,

N. B. ALFORD.

REPORT OF CON. ON EMPLOYING STATE MISSIONARY

We your committee on State Missionary work recommend the following: That Bro. Doyle Scitzes be paid at rate of \$8.00 per day and 5c per mile car expense for his service.

We recommend the mission field as anywhere in State of Mississippi where the Baptist work is not organized.

L. M. SKINNER, Chairman.

C. C. LAIRD,

H. C. KEEN,

D. L. SAVELL.

D. L. HAND, Committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The word temperance means to be moderate, not excessive. Moderate in the appetites and passions, self-controlled or restrained, kept within due bounds, observing reasonable limits, neither too much nor too little.

If we will let the Holy Spirit have His way in our lives, we will meet all the requirements of the word temperance, as found in the Bible. We recommend the reading of II Peter 1:1-10.

Since the word temperance is used today in reference to strong drink, we submit the following statistics:

Americans spent \$10,090,000,000 for alcoholic beverages last year, the highest amount in history. This was 200 million gallons of hard liquor, 144 million gallons of wine, and 85 million barrels of beer. From this large sale, the government received more than \$3,500,000,000 in taxes.

The 4,500,000 alcoholics currently reported in our country are a 30 per cent increase in number in the last eight years, a terrible price to pay for what some call personal liberty. Our problem of public drunkenness has become a national one, unequaled in frequency by any other public offence.

A growing number of boys and girls under 15 years of age are being booked for drunkenness and drunken driving. This is indeed a serious problem.

We recommend, as a help in solving this great problem, that our church people of all age groups dedicate their lives more completely to Christ through support of the church, its teaching and training agencies, such as Sunday School and Training Union. So that we may lead them to see the goodness and greatness of our Lord before it is too late.

We give the following scriptures which tell us about this evil: Isaiah 5:11-12, Isaiah 28:7, Amos 6:1-6, and Galatians 5:21.

Submitted by Prospect Church.

H. C. KEENE, Moderator.

MRS. H. L. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

CHURCHES TO PREPARE REPORTS FOR 1957

Christian Education: Cross Roads Church.

S. S. & B. T. U: Ephesus Church.

Temperance: Little Rock Church.

Baptist Hospital: Herbert Church.

Missions: Rock Hill Church.

W. M. U: Pleasant Ridge Church, Newton County.

Baptist Orphanage: Pine Bluff Church.

Publications: Providence Church.

Nominations: Pleasant Grove Church.

J. T. CRANE,

L. M. SKINNER,

H. M. THORNE, Committee.

W. M. U. REPORT

W. M. U. is a woman's missionary organization. This great commission was given unto the church by Christ after his resurrection. In Matthew 28:10, Jesus said unto them, Be not afraid, go tell my brethern that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me. We believe in this reading that Christ did give women authority to assist in carrying the word of the Lord. As we read Genesis 2:18, God made

woman to be an help meet for man. In Genesis 2:22, and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman and brought her unto the man. Also in Romans 16:1-2, I commend unto you Phebe our sister which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea.

That ye receive her in the Lord as becometh saints and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you. For she hath been a sucrouer of many and of myself also, and by this we see the Lord has permissioned women to assist in his work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. THAD COCHRAN,

MABLE LEACH,

BRO. CLIFTON GIBBS.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The subject of Christian Education is one of great importance to Christians and to the world at large. It consists of information about God, about Christ and about the Holy Spirit.

Christian Education begins at the New Birth, and continues through life. Graduation comes as we leave this life and enter life everlasting.

The source is God's Holy World, the enestimable gift of God to man in Ecclesiastes 12-13 verse. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

We urge Christians everywhere to study God's Word to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

BRO. J. T. CRANE.

MISSION REPORT

Jesus our Saviour before he ascended back to Heaven gave the commission to his church, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you all ways, even unto the end of the world. St. Mt. 28:19-20.

God sent His Son into the world. St. John 3:17.

Jesus said He came to seek and to save that which is lost. St. Luke 19:10.

God sent John the Baptist into the world. St. John 1:6.

John came into the world and preached and baptized. St. Mt. 3:1-6.

St. Mt. 13:34: Jesus said the Son of Man is as a man taking a far

journey who left his house and gave authority to his servants and to every man his work and commanded the porter to watch.

Acts 1:8, Jesus told his church And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jesus said in St. Mark 16:15: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Jesus also said in St. Mt. 24:14, And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come.

In Acts 11:22 says the church sent a preacher. Acts 13:1-2-3, says the church sent 2 preachers. So Jesus is depending on his church to send preachers to preach the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. Until he comes let us be faithful to him.

O. V. SWEARINGEN,
ROBERT EVERETT.

REPORT OF OKTIBBEHA ASSOCIATION TO GENERAL ASSOCIATION, OCT. 5, 6, 1956.

S. M. \$156.22; F. M. \$192.73; H. M. \$126.73; Baptist Hospitals \$100.06; Baptist Orphanage \$139.73; Old Age Ministers Fund \$86.81. Total \$810.64.

ARTHUR BRELAND, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Baptist believe that the Bible is a priceless gift from God to Man and the only book ever printed that does not have a material error. A great man once said of the Bible, "The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of life, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy. It gives light to direct you; food to sustain you; comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers map by which he daily walks. It is the soldiers sword, the Christian chart by which to guide his way to eternity. Here heaven is opened, paradise is regained and the gates of hell described."

There are many books and papers printed to read in the world today. Some are good, others very bad. We recommend all Baptist literature as wholesome reading. However we suggest that you choose the best of all which is the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,
M. R. JONES.

DIGEST REPORT

Beat Line: Bro. E. L. Sharp.
Cedar Grove: Bros. S. L. Bounds, N. B. Alford.
Cross Roads: Bros. Bennie Chesney, D. L. Savell.
Enon: Bros. L. M. Skinner, T. L. Smith, L. A. Gardner.
Ephesus: Bros. J. F. Harrison, R. M. Gordy, Zeb Bradford.
Ebenezer: Bros. A. Q. Parker, C. E. Robinson, D. M. May.
Good Hope: Bros. J. T. Crane, Jim Stroud, E. G. Waltman.
Hebron: Bros. D. L. Hand, M. R. Jones.
Hopewell: Bros. Ike Deen, H. A. Graham.
Hazel: Bro. Seth Pace, Rev. Clifton Gibbs.
Herbert: Bros. A. C. Harbour, J. W. McCraw, Frank Breland.
Little Rock: Bros. A. L. Harrison, Raymond Smith.
Mt. Carmel: Bros. J. M. Johnson, Rex. Shepperd, I. W. Johnson.
Oakland: Not Represented.
Pleasant Ridge: Bros. Howard Strebeck, Thad Cochran.
Pine Ridge: Bros. Charley Leach, Earl Gibbs, John Bell.
Pine Bluff: Bros. A. M. Valentine, Ernest Everett.
Pine Grove: Bros. Hugh Winstead, E. E. Richardson, O. H. Winstead.
Pleasant Grove: Bros. Lee Herrington, Walter Cooksey.
Providence: Bros. G. A. Smith, O'Nela Alexander.
Prospect: Bros. Hubert Williams, Hubert Gardner.
Rock Creek: Bro. H. C. Keen.
Rock Hill: Bros. Earl Snowden, J. H. Archie, J. L. Freeman.
M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Beat Line	\$ 13.00
Cross Roads	30.00
Cedar Grove	26.00
Enon	149.22
Ephesus	150.00
Ebenezer	166.50
Good Hope	155.00
Hebron	114.00
Hopewell	78.64
Hazel	54.00
Little Rock	70.00
Mt. Carmel	36.05
Pleasant Ridge	235.00
Pleasant Grove	36.76

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Pine Ridge	112.19
Pine Bluff	100.00
Prospect	22.58
Providence	61.00
Pine Grove	50.00
Rock Hill	20.00
Pearl Valley Association	42.05

BRO. J. F. HARRISON,
BRO. G. A. SMITH,
BRO. LEROY MAY, Committee.

CLERK AND TREAS. REPORT OF THE PEARL VALLEY ASSN.

To the General Association: We send Christian Salutations:
We send as Messengers: Rev. Lee Carter, Mrs. Lee Carter.
Funds as follows: Baptist Hospitals \$5.05; State Missions \$13.00;
Home Missions \$3.00; Foreign Missions \$3.00; Baptist Orphanage
\$18.00. Total \$42.05.

Done in conference at the Association on 12th day of Oct. 1956.

Rev. Lee Carter, Moderator,
Mrs. Myrtle Carter, Clerk and Treas.
301 N. Ellis St., Carthage, Miss.

Pearl Valley Baptist Association Ordained Ministers:

New Pleasant Dale: Rev. Chester Estes, Jr., Union, Miss.

New County Line: Rev. P. L. Carter, 301, N. Ellis St. Carthage, Miss.

Mars Hill, Winston Co.: Rev. (Bro.) F. A. Alexander, Philadelphia,
Miss., Route 7.

Antioch: Rev. H. C. Hill, Canton, Miss., Rt. 2, Box 200.

ITIMIZED FINANCE REPORT

Beat Line: S. M. \$4.00, H. M. \$5.00, F. M. \$4.00.

Cedar Grove: H. M. \$6.50, F. M. \$6.50, Bapt. Orph. \$6.50, Old Min.
Fund \$6.50.

Cross Roads: S. M. \$10.00, H. M. \$5.00, F. M. \$5.00, Bap. Orph. \$5.00.
Baptist Hospital \$5.00.

Enon: S. M. \$10.00, H. M. \$50.00, F. M. \$50.00, Bapt. Orph. \$12.00,

Old Min. Fund \$12.22, Bapt. Hospital \$12.00.

Ephesus: S. M. \$20.00, H. M. \$20.00, F. M. \$75.00, Bapt. Orph. \$15.00,

Old Min. Fund \$10.00, Bapt Hospital \$10.00.

Ebenezer: S. M. \$55.50, H. M. \$55.50, F. M. \$55.50.

Good Hope: S. M. \$50.00, H. M. \$25.00, F. M. \$50.00, Bapt. Orph.
\$25.00, Old Min. Fund \$5.00.

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Hebron: S. M. \$19.00, H. M. \$19.00, F. M. \$19.00, Bapt. Orph. \$19.00, Old Min. Fund \$19.00, Bapt. Hospital \$19.00.
Hopewell: S. M. \$32.57, S. S. S. M. \$25.00, Bapt. Orph. \$2.00.
Hazel: S. M. \$15.00, H. M. \$25.00, F. M. \$10.00.
Herbert: Funds sent to Oktibbeha Association.
Little Rock: S. M. \$20.00, H. M. \$5.00, F. M. \$20.00, Bapt. Orph. \$10.00, Old Min. Fund \$15.00.
Mt. Carmel: S. M. \$6.70, H. M. \$6.70, F. M. \$6.70, Bapt. Orph. \$3.00, Old Min. Fund \$4.00, Bapt. Hospt. \$2.00, Bldg. Fund \$3.00, Sup. F. \$2.00, Christian Ed. \$1.95.
Pleasant Ridge: S. M. \$70.00, H. M. \$70.00, F. M. \$70.00, Old Min. Fund \$25.00.
Pine Ridge: S. M. \$18.02, F. M. \$58.14, Bapt. Orph. \$18.02, Old Min. Fund \$18.02.
Pine Bluff: H. M. \$100.00.
Pine Grove: S. M. \$10.00, H. M. \$10.00, F. M. \$25.00, Bapt. Orph. \$5. Pleasant Grove: S. M. \$9.19, F. M. \$9.19, Bapt. Orph. \$9.19, Bapt. Hospital \$9.19.
Providence: S. M. \$5.00, H. M. \$7.50, F. M. \$48.50.
Prospect: S. M. \$7.58, H. M. \$5.00, F. M. \$5.00, Bapt. Orph. \$5.00.
Rock Creek: S. M. \$10.00, H. M. \$10.00, F. M. \$25.00, Bapt. Orph. \$5.
Rock Hill: S. M. \$10.00, F. M. \$5.00, Bapt. Orph. \$5.00.
Bro. A. L. Speed, wife and daughter, S. M. \$6.00.
Oakland: S. M. \$5.00, H. M. \$5.00, F. M. \$5.00.
Sister Helen Blass: S. M. \$10.00.
Bro. Nolan Alexander: F. M. \$5.00.
Ocoiba: S. M. \$9.00.

FUNDS PAID OUT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1955-56

Rev. E. A. Breland, 4th quarter 1955, Salary	\$26.00
Union Appeal, printing minutes	\$97.85
M. R. Jones, Rec. Sec. Sal. and postage	\$78.80
E. A. Breland, 1st quarter 1956, Sal.	\$53.00
Rev. A. N. Thomas, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Rev. R. D. Stokes, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Rev. O. M. Rasberry, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Sis. L. M. Phillips, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Sis. Laura Laird, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Sis. R. K. Cleveland, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Sis. J. C. Jolly, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Rev. W. L. McCardle, (from Old Min. Fund)	\$15.61
Mrs. Dorris Crawford, Clerk of Antioch Church, Leake	\$15.61

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

County, (Bldg. Fund)	\$37.21
Rev. E. A. Breland, 2nd quarter 1956, Sal.	\$64.13
Rev. E. A. Breland, 3rd quarter 1956, Sal.	\$86.30

FUNDS ON HAND OCTOBER 17, 1956

Sup. Fund	\$50.28
Orphanage	\$25.07
Home Missions	\$7.50
Foreign Missions	\$48.50
State Missions	\$139.07

FUNDS ON HAND AT APRIL BOARD MEETING 1956

Old Ministers Fund	\$98.59
Supt. Fund	\$50.28
Building Fund	\$37.21
State Missions	\$1396.69
Total	\$1582.77

FUNDS PAID IN AT APRIL BOARD MEETING

Mt. Olive, State Missions	\$10.70
Pleasant Ridge, Old Ministers Fund	\$15.60

REPORT OF REV. E. A. BRELAND FOR 1956

4th quarter 1955, No. days service 3, sermons preached 3, miles traveled 76, money collected, Rock Creek, S. M. \$5.00. Salary for the quarter \$26.00.

1st quarter 1956: No. days service 6, sermons preached 6, visits made 9, miles traveled 176, money collected for State missions: Vardaman \$10.05, Mt. Carmel \$6.00, Antioch (Leake Co.) \$5.26. Sal. \$53.00.

2nd quarter—Beach Springs: No. days service 3, No. sermons preached 3, No. miles traveled 90.

Rock Hill: Days service 1, sermons preached 1, miles traveled 50, money collected for S. M. \$9.00.

Good Hope (Scott County): Days service 1, sermons preached 1, miles traveled 70, money collected, S. M. \$18.89.

Providence: Days service 1, sermon preached 1, miles traveled 35, money collected S. M. \$7.25.

Pleasant Dale: Days service 1, sermons preached 1, miles traveled 32, money collected S. M. \$7.65. Salary \$64.13.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

3rd quarter. No. days service 10, No. sermons preached 12, miles traveled 210, visits made 15, funds collected, Hopewell Church, S. M. \$8.06; Center Hill Church, \$11.60; Cedar Grove Church \$6.10. Salary for the quarter \$86.30.

REV. E. A. BRELAND,
By M. R. JONES, Rec. Sec.

And adopted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GEN. ASS'N. ELECTED BY THE
DIFFERENT CHURCHES FOR 1957

Pine Ridge: Gill Robinson
Ocobla: Bro. Jimmie Thrash
Enon: Brother L. M. Skinner
Hebron: Bro. C. S. Laird
Rock Hill: Bro. A. L. Speed
Pine Bluff: Bro. Perry Everett
Ephesus: Bro. J. F. Harrison
Mt. Carmel: Bro. J. J. Matthews
Cross Roads: Bro. Bennie Chesney
Herbert: Bro. A. C. Harbour
Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Armos Robinson
Good Hope: Bro. Wesley Waltman
Salem: Bro. Oscar Jones
Hazel: Clifton Gibbs
Mt. Pleasant: Bro. C. J. Stone
Ebenezer: Bro. F. L. Gibbs
Antioch: Bro. James Houston
Mt. Olive: Bro. Preston Collins
Cedar Grove: Bro. Lofton Bounds
West Philadelphia: Bro. Hergie William son.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved First: That our board direct their attention more to the work of developing the under developed churches.

Second: Immediately after calling the body together the Moderator shall appoint a committee on digest of letters, 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.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Fourth: That the Recording Secretary have 600 copies of minutes printed for distribution, that he have \$75.00 for his services and that he draw on Treasurer for salary and expenses of Printing and mailing.

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

LICENTIATES

A. A. Melton	Lake, Miss.
Hollis Laird	Union, Miss.
Bro. Junior Jacob	Lawrence, Miss.
D. L. Hand	Union, Miss.
L. A. Gardner	Rt. 5, Meridian, Miss.
Bro. Fred Cass	Lake, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Martin Nelson	Lawrence, Miss.
W. W. Hays	Collinsville, Miss.
O. M. Rasberry	Collinsville, Miss.
Howard Kilpatrick	Union, Miss.
W. W. Clark	Neshoba, Miss.
J. A. Hitt	Lake, Miss.
Elton Winstead	Rt. 2, Collinsville, Miss.
E. R. Killen	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. H. Herrington	Louisville, Miss.
A. N. Thomas	Philadelphia, Miss.
E. A. Breland	Rt. 4, Union, Miss.
L. Bradley	Union, Miss.
W. L. Hofmister	Union, Miss.
R. J. Johnston	Camden, Miss.
P. L. Carter	Carthage, Miss.
N. B. Nicholson	Union, Miss.
Bro. Clifton Gibbs	Newton, Miss.
Bro. H. C. Keen	Union, Miss.
Bro. Keneth Jones	Forest, Miss.
T. I. Reynolds	Collinsville, Miss.
Crecil Laird	Little Rock, Miss.
O. V. Swearingin	Chunky, Miss.
W. L. McCradle	Richton, Miss.
Joseph E. Turner	Philadelphia, Miss.
J. C. Sansing	Chunky, Miss.

GENERAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

W. E. Butler Union, Miss.
Sam Foy Duffee, Miss.

CONSTITUTION

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

Article 2. The object of this Association shall be Domestic Missions in Mississippi, Indian Missions amongst us and in 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 object and works of this Association shall be entitled to membership as follows, viz: Church 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, provide no one entitled to a seat who is not a regular Baptist in good standing. Provided further, that any regular Baptist in good standing make 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 to the cardinal principals very dear to Baptist—that every church is sovereign and independent.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be president, two Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected by ballot or otherwise, and to discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers. and thirey directors appointed by a Committee on Nominations, all to be chosen annually, and to 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 presiding officer a protem appointment may be made and it reported 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 on Christian Benevolences embraced in constitution.

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

Article 11. The Constitution will 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. Correspondance from churches and other societies and individuals friendly to the Association shall be called for, the names of delegates appointed enrolled with the mark of absence affixed to those who were not present.

3. Visiting brethern 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 required by any member.

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

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