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INTRODUCTION

Arkadelphia Baptist Church is located three (3) miles North of the Bailey Post Office on Highway 493.

Articles of Faith are recorded on the first two pages of the records, but will not be included in this edition.

Rules of decorum are recorded on pages three, four and five, but will not be included.

In the blank space at the bottom of page two there is recorded the following names and amounts of money. There is no date, or identification.

Girtrude Williams	\$50.00 per month
Harrold Smith	50.00
Grady Harrington	50.00
Ruth White	<u>50.00</u>
	\$200.00

Jack Thead	80.00
Syble Howard	80.00
Billie Sam	80.00
Sam Williams	<u>80.00</u>
	\$520.00

James Steve	100.00
Mary Steve	100.00
Jane Sam	100.00
Jack Sam	<u>100.00</u>
	\$920.00

J. D. Ethridge	125.00
Willie Ratcliff	125.00
Sims Gipson	125.00
Elma Boatner	<u>125.00</u>
	\$1,420.00

"Mt. Carmel August the 3rd 1873"

By previous appointment the following named members of the Baptist Church of Christ met for the purpose of constituting a new church.

J. L. Blanks and Joel Wedgeworth, Presbetary.

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| 1. P. H. Partin | 8. F. A. Partin |
| 2. G. P. Stokes | 9. Elizabeth Stokes |
| 3. J. R. Brown | 10. S. C. Stokes |
| 4. John Wright | 11. Sarah Brown |
| 5. C. C. Bedingfield | 12. Mary Wright |
| 6. C. R. Bedingfield | 13. Eliza Wright |
| 7. G. B. White | 14. M. D. Bedingfield |
| 15. Mary Bedingfield | |
| 16. M. E. A. Bedingfield | |
| 17. F. V. Laseter | |
| 18. S. M. Temple | |
| 19. N. R. Temple | |
| 20. Mary A. White | |

After reading letters, entering names, and adopting Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, Bro. J.L. Blanks was called to the chair as moderator. Members agreed to let Bro. C.C. Bedingfield name the church. He chose the name Archadelphia.(The name of the church is shown with several spelling variations, Archadelphia, Archedelphia, and finally Arkadelphia, which is the spelling used today.) The following were elected as officers for the remaining part of the year: Bro. J.L. Blanks, Pastor. G.B. White, Church Clerk P.H. Hardin, Treasurer

It was decided to apply for membership in the Bethlehem Association, and Bros. P.H. Partin and C.R. Bedingfield were elected as delegates and Bro. G.B. White alternate. Bro. P.H. Partin was elected as acting Deacon. Meeting adjourned. J. L. Blanks, Mod. P.H. Partin, CC PT

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1873

Letter to Association was read and adopted. No other business. Meeting adjourned. P.H. Partin, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in October 1873

Ellis Stokes came forward for baptism. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in October 1873

Bro. A.A. Powell, a licentiate from Meridian Church, came forward and was received by the Church. Members agreed to reconsider location of "the house" and the 15th article in the Rules of Decorum. Agreed to continue Conference at 3:00 o'clock on Sunday. After preaching Saturday night, Martha J. Stokes came forth for baptism.

During Sabbath exercises "at the water", Sister Mattie Partin from Hickory Grove Church, and Sister Mary Gable from Fellowship Church, came forward. After preaching, it was agreed to strike out the original 15th article in the Rules of Decorum and insert the following instead:

"It shall be the duty of the Church to elect a Pastor and Clk. and Treas. annually."

After due consideration, location of "the house" was decided to be "at the Girty Spring". Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in November 1873.

Time of meeting changed to Saturday before the first Sabbath. G.B. White elected Clerk, and P.H. Hardin, Treasurer. Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sabbath in December to elect a Pastor. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: First Sabbath in December 1873

Bro. J.L. Blanks elected Pastor. Meeting adjourned. Joel Wedgeworth, Mod. PT P.H. Partin, CC PT.

Conference: First Sabbath in January 1874

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. Whit, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in February 1874

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in March 1874

Letters of dismission granted to Bro. John Wright, his wife and daughter. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. A.A. Powell, CC Pt.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in April 1874

Charges of being intoxicated and using profane language brought against Bro. J.R. Brown. Case was "laid over" until next conference. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks,

Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in May 1874

Case of Bro. J.R. Brown held over until next meeting. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in June 1874

Case of Bro. J.R. Brown continued. Bros. A.A. Powell and G.P. Stokes appointed as committee to ask Bro. Brown to attend next conference. Resolution made to add the following clause to Rules of Decorum:

"It shall be the duty of the Church Clerk to read the minutes of preceding meeting at the opening of Conference."

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in July 1874

Committee on case of Bro. Brown gave their report and were discharged. Charges withdrawn for "want of evidence". Article offered as amendment adopted. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in August 1874.

Bros. G.B. White and A.A. Powell elected as delegates to Association with Bro. P.H. Partin alternate. R.B. Stokes came forward for baptism. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1874

Male members were added to the building committee. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2:30 on Sunday. J.L. Blanks, Mod. A.A. Powell; CC PT

The Church met on Sunday and chose Bro. J.L. Blanks as Pastor and Bro. G.B. White was elected Clerk and Treasurer. No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in November 1874

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in December 1874

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in January 1876

Sister Martha J. Stokes charged with unChristian conduct and excluded. Meeting adjourned until Sunday.

At meeting on Sunday it was resolved that Bro. S.L. Robbins preach the dedication sermon on the Fourth Sabbath in January. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. A.A. Powell, CC PT.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in February 1875.

Mr. J.W. Temple was chosen "to raise whatever funds he could in certain quarters and aid the neighborhood for the dedication of the church indebtedness". Elected to pay \$25. to S.V. Winsted. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in March 1875

Bro. G.B. White chosen as deacon. Bro. J.L. Blanks to be permitted to visit Hickory Grove Church on the Sabbath. Bro. A.A. Powell presented a Bible to the Church. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in April 1875

William Lacy came forward for baptism. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in May 1875

No business. Meeting adjourned.

After preaching on the Sabbath, Wessley Temple, Jr., received by letter from Liberty Church in Kemper County. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in June 1875

No business. Meeting adjourned. G.B. White, Mod. & CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in July 1875

Bro. J.J. Williams chosen to act as moderator. No other business. Meeting adjourned. John J. Williams, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in August 1875

Bro. P.H. Partin chosen as moderator. Sister Eliza G. Barefield and Sister E.J. Barefield, of Ezias Church, and Sister Mila Barefield of West Kemper County received by letter. Bros. Ellis Stokes and Frank Partin elected as delegates to Association. Conference continued until Sunday.

Sister Mary E. Gerry received by letter from Marion Church

in Lauderdale County. P.H. Hardin, Mod. (Saturday) McCarty,
Mod.4Sunday) G.B. White, CC.

Sunday exercises - no date

J.D. White and J.M. White came forward for baptism.

Sunday Night Service

J.J. Wadsworth and J.D. Barefield came forward for baptism.
Adjourned. McCarty, Mod. PT G.B. White, CC.

Wednesday Night

Moses R. Temple, W.M. Hughes, G.J. Colyer, and Mary J.
Barefield came forward for baptism. G.B. White, CC. Sabbath
Night Service C.M. Walker came forward for baptism. J. L. Blanks,
Mod.

Monday Morning

Met at "the water" and the above baptised and received into
fellowship of Church. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

"Exercises of Monday not recorded in proper place." Bro. A.A.
Powell asked for letter of dismission, "he being a licentiate and
not considered authordox", case held over until conference before
the first Sabbath in September 1875. G.B. White, Mod. PT & CC

NOTE: The above services recorded without dates appear to be the
"series of meetings" referred to earlier. These entires, although
not dated, are recorded in proper sequence. See next conference
meeting.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1875

Considered Bro. A.A. Powell's case. He acknowledged that "he
believed that man was possessed with a soul and that there was a
burning hell". Charges dismissed. Case of Bro. M.R. Temple taken
up, and he was excluded for having joined the Methodist Church.
Letter to Association read and accepted. No other business.
Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1875

Sister Margret Partin received by letter from Mt.Gilead
Church. Bro. A.A. Hill chosen as Pastor and Bro. G.B. White as
Clerk and Treasurer. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L.
Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in November 1875

Action on ordination of Bro. A.A. Powell rescended and Clerk

instructed to prefer charges of "heterodoxy" against him. P.H. Partin, G.B. White, C.R. Bedingfield, G.P. Stokes, and W.T. Lacy appointed as a committee to investigate and "cite" said Bro. to trial.

Due to inclement weather, conference did not meet until second Sabbath, when Bro. A. Gressett was called as Pastor. Committee on case of Bro. A.A. Powell excused from serving,

No other business. Meeting adjourned. P.M. Partin, Mod. PT G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in December 1875

Prayer offered by Bro. A.A. Hill. J.L. Blanks, Pastor, Moderator. Bro. A.A. Powell, in attendance, said that "he was wrong and sorry". Church forgave him and dismissed charge.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: First Sabbath

After due consideration it was decided to rescind the "last choice in regard to a supply and reaffirm first choice in calling Bro. J.A. Hill". Meeting adjourned. G.B.White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in January 1876

Committee appointed to confer with Bro. Hill made their report and were discharged. No other business. Adjourned J.A. Hill, Pastor, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

After Sabbath preaching, Church met in conference. Letter of dismission granted to Bro. C.M. Walker. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in February 1876

Clerk absent. No business. Meeting adjourned. W.T. Lacy, CC PT

After Sabbath preaching, Church met in conference. Letter of dismission granted A.A. Powell. No other business. Meeting adjourned. G.B. White, CC.

NO MINUTES FOUND FOR MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 1876

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in May 1876

Withdrawal from the Bethlehem Association and joining the Choctaw Association proposed by Bro. H.D. White. He, with Bros. P.A. Partin and C.C. Bedingfield were chosen as a committee to investigate. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in June 1876

Committee called to investigate withdrawal from Bethlehem Association gave their report, deeming it "inexpedient at this time". Motion to "protract our meeting" next August carried.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in July 1876

Bro. J.R. Brown acknowledged the use of "profane language". Church moved that no charge be made. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in August 1876

Bros. G.B. White, W.J. Lacy, with Bro. R.L.E. Stokes as alternate, were chosen as delegates to association. It was moved that Communion be postponed until the close of the meeting.

Sunday:

Sister Mary C. Spears and Sister Parylee Thomas were received by letters from Blackwater Church in Kemper County.

Wednesday:

W.W. Spears came forward for baptism.

Wednesday Night:

G.W. Cunningham and Dora Stokes were received for baptism, and G.L. Clark "under the watchcare of the Church".

Thursday Night:

Miss C.V. Lacy received for baptism.

Friday Morning:

Met at "the water" for baptism. Returned to "the house" and, after preaching, "hand of Church fellowship extended". Communion served. Adjourned. G.B. White, CC.

NOTE: Though not stated, this appears to have been the "Protracted Meeting" referred to earlier.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1876

Letter to association read and adopted. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1876

Bro. J.C. Foster was elected supply (pastor), with Bro. W.T.

Lacy as Clerk and Treasurer. Bro. G.W. White appointed to "confer with Bro. Foster and notify him of the call". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in November 1876

Committee granted further time to confer with Bro. Foster. No further business. Meeting adjourned. J.A. Hill, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR DECEMBER 1876

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in January 1877

Committee appointed to confer with Bro. Foster made report and was discharged. Bro. Foster being present, made "some appropriate remarks and stated that he would take the charge of the Church". Charge brought against Bro. Web Hughes for dancing. Clark to notify "said Bro. of the act". Sisters Barefield, Wilton and Terry granted letters of dismissal. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Pastor & Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in February 1877

Case of Bro. Hughes deferred until next meeting. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in March 1877

Bro. Clark received by letter from Grove Hill Baptist Church and Sister Lyle, also by letter, from Buff Spring Church. It was decided to give Bro. Hughes another month to consider his care. No other business. Adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in April 1877

Bros. G.B. White and W.T. Lacy appointed as committee to talk with Bro. Hughes. Bro. Frank Partin and Sister Mat Partin were granted letters of dismissal. No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Communion served after preaching on the Sabbath.

Bro. T. J. Little received under "watchcare of the Church" on his statement that "he had been a member of Harrasonville Church in Simpson County and had been excluded for joining the Methodist Church; He desired the assistance of the Church in "affecting his restoration and then a letter of dismissal that he might be received into the full fellowship of the church". Adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday after the fourth Sabbath in May 1877

Decided to hold a "protracted meeting" starting on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in July with Bro. Foster preaching. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C.Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in June 1877

Protracted meeting to be held in July was postponed until Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August. Case of Bro. T.L. Little discontinued. To notify him and the church to which he belonged. Charged brought against C.R. Bedingfield and T.V. Laster for unChristian conduct and they were withdrawn from fellowship. After prayer by J.L. Smith, meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC

Conference: Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in July 1877

Bro. Partin and Bro. White were elected as delegates to the association, with Bro. Wadsworth as alternate. Bro. & Sister Brown granted letters of dismissal. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in August 1877

No business. Meeting adjourned. C.E. Brame, Mod. PT W.T. Lacy, CC.

Wednesday Night:

Sister Howel came forward and was received. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC

Thursday Night:

S.Q. Watter and S.D. Keynerd came forward for baptism. C.E. Brame, Mod. PT W.T. Lacy, CC

Saturday:

After baptism by Bro. Brame, congregation met in the Church. After transaction of "some unfinished business", on motion it was decided to wait until next meeting to extend right hand of Church fellowship. Meeting adjourned. C.E. Brame, Mod. PT. W.T. Lacy, CC.

NO MINUTES WERE FOUND RECORDED FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1877

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in October 1877

Bro. Barefield was granted letter of dismissal. Bro. W.T. Lacy re-elected as Clerk, and Bro. J.C. Foster as Pastor. After Communion on the Sabbath, S.O. Walker and S.D. Kynerd were extended right hand of Church fellowship. No other business. Meeting

adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in November 1877

Bro. J.L. Howell, formerly of Mt.Gilead Church in Alabama, received in full Church fellowship. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. W.T. Lacy, CC.

No MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1877

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in January 1878

As Bro. W.T. Lacy had "moved away", Bro. G.B. White was elected Clerk. Bro. R.L.E. Stokes and Bro. T.J. Collyer reported themselves as "being disorderly and made satisfactory acknowledgments". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. R.B. Stokes, CC PT

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in February 1878

Motion made by Bro. G.B. White that the Church determine what it would "do for home mission". This was held over until after services on Sunday. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in March 1878

Sister Susan Cunningham received in full fellowship. "As her former Church, New Prospect, was without a pastor and failing to hold a conference so a letter could be obtained", motion carried that she be received. Committee from Daleville Lodge asked the Church for permission to "erect a Masonic hall over the church house" which was granted. G.B. White and R.Smith appointed as a "committee of arrangements" to act with said committee consisting of C.C. Bedingfield and R.B. Stokes, and to request that Mr. M.D. Lyle act with this committee. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in April 1878

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in May 1878

Bro. S.D. Kynerd granted letter of dismission. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in June 1878

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before third Sabbath in July 1878

No business. Adjourned to be continued on Friday. Mary H.C. White came forward for baptism. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in August 1878

Letter from C.R. Bedingfield and his wife asking for "restoration and letters of dismissal" was read and "laid over" until next meeting. Bros. G.B. White, Webster Hughes and R.B. Stokes elected as delegates to association with Bro. W.W. Spears as alternate. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in September 1878

Due to absence of Bro. Foster and other members being absent, it was decided to continue the conference after services on Sunday.

After preaching on Sunday, case of Mr. C.R. Bedingfield and his wife considered and "indefinitely laid over". Bro. R. L.E. Stokes granted letter of dismissal, "the Church withdrawing his license to preach". Letter to Association read and approved. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in November 1878

Bro. & Sister R.L.E. Stokes and their daughter asked for letters of dismissal. Action deferred until after services on Sunday. Case of C.R. Bedingfield & his wife to be continued.

Sunday (?) Bro. R.B. Stokes and R.L.E. Stokes "made some acknowledgement which was received and letters of dismissal given". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Due to inclement weather, there was no conference held on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in **December 1878**. Regular services were conducted on Sunday, but no conference held. G.B. White, CC.

Preaching services held on Sabbath in **January 1879**. No conference meeting G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in February 1879

Case of Bro. & Sister C.R. Beddingfield continued until regular meeting in March. Clerk to write "said Bro. and request him to be present at that meeting". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, NO CONFERENCES HELD IN MARCH AND APRIL.

Conference: Saturday before first Sunday in May 1879

Case of Bro. & Sister C.R. Bedingfield discontinued. Church fellowship withdrawn from Mary J. Bedingfield "for joining the Methodist". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in June 1879

It was decided to "protract our meeting" at the regular time in August and invite Bro. L.E. Hall "to be with us at that time". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in July 1879

An objection to "protracting meeting in August" raised. After discussion it was moved to let the appointment stand.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in August 1879

Vote taken at request of Bro. I.F. Gunn to elect delegates to association. Choice was Bro. G.B. White and Bro. T. Y. Lacy. Clerk instructed to write a letter to be read and approved at next meeting. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR A "PROTRACTED MEETING IN AUGUST"

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in September 1879

Letter to association read and approved. As Bro. J.C. Foster had previously informed the church that he could not serve "under existing circumstances", Bro. L.E. Hall was "unanimously chosen as pastor". Bros. G.B. White and W.W. Separs were chosen to notify Bro. Hall. Bros. G.W. White and P.H. Partin were appointed as delegates to a meeting at Liberty Church in Kemper County, Miss., to devise "some way whereby the Bethlehem and Choctaw Associations could come together" as one association. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Howell, Mod. PT G.B. White, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR A CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 1879

Conference: Saturday before fourth Sabbath in November 1879

Committee reported that Bro. Hall had accepted the call as pastor and would begin his work on Saturday before the first

Sunday in January. Committee discharged. Bro. T.L. Clark granted letter of dismissal. Bros. C.C. Beddingfield, G.P. Stokes, and Chessley Temple, Jr., appointed to investigate the "matter pending between Bro. P.H. Partin and Bro. G.B. White".

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.C. Foster, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in January 1880

Committee appointed to investigate the matter between P. H. Partin and G.B. White granted "further time". It was agreed to postpone Communion until next meeting for "fear the membership was not all on good terms with each other". No other business. Meeting adjourned. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

CONFERENCE NOT HELD AT FEBRUARY MEETING "ON ACCOUNT OF THE ABSENCE OF THE MEMBERSHIP"

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in March 1880

Committee on "matter between P.H. Partin and G.B.White" granted further time. G.B. White raised an objection to the "legality of an investigation by the church as the contract was not made with P.H. Partin who is not a member of this nor any other church". It was voted "unanimously that this church is opposed to any court of law or any political meeting of any kind being held in the church". No other business. Meeting adjourned. L.G. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in April 1880

Bro. J.A. Brown received by letter from Fellowship Church in Lauderdale County, Miss. Case of P.H. Partin and G.B.White was held over due to absence of committee. No other business. Meeting adjourned. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

NO CONFERENCE IN MAY ON ACCOUNT "OF THE ABSENCE OF THE MEMBERS"

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in June 1880

Committee reported that "the church had no jurisdiction in the matter pending between P.H. Partin and G.B. White, which was received and the committee discharged". No other business. Meeting adjourned. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in July 1880

No business. Meeting adjourned. G.P. Stokes, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in August 1880

Bro. L.E. Hall to "engage in a series of meetings". As there was no business, "the church did not go into its regular conference". During "those meetings" the following were received for baptism: Sisters B.A. White, Mattie J. Thomson, Allis McDonnel, Virginia Hughes, and Bro. R.F. Brown. Bro. L.E. Hall, an ordained minister, received by letter from Salem Church. Meetings closed. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1880

J.W. Wadsworth and T.J. Colyer charged for "using profane language". Bros. G.P. Stokes, J.A. Brown and W.W. Spears chosen as committee to "confer with them and notify them to appear at our next conference". Bro. L.E. Hall and Bros. G.B. White chosen as delegates to association. No other business, Meeting adjourned. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1880

The committee appointed to visit Bros. J.W. Wadsworth and T.J. Colyer made their report, the nature of which was "such that the church withdrew fellowship from the Brethren". No other business. Meeting adjourned. L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in November 1880

By request of Bro.Hall, the church "went into a choice of a pastor". Although Bro.Hall was the "choice of the church" they did not vote for him. Bro. T.B. Fanchier was elected, and Bro.Hall appointed to "confer with the Bro. and ascertain whether he would serve the church or not". No other business. Meeting adjourned.

L.E. Hall, Mod. G.B. White, CC

THERE ARE NO MINUTES RECORDED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

Conference: Saturday before third Sabbath in April 1881

Bro. W.T. Lacy granted letter of dismissal. It was decided to change the day of meeting to the 3rd, and clerk instructed to notify Bro.Fanchier. No other business. Meeting adjourned. G.P. Stokes, Mod. PT G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before third Sabbath in May 1881

Bro.Partin asked for "a letter for himself but by his consent the matter was deferred until the next conference". No other business. Meeting adjourned. P.H. Partin, Mod. PT G.B. White, CC

Conference: Tuesday night after 1st Sabbath in August 1881

Bro.P.H. Partin's request for letter of dismissal was deferred until next meeting. With Bros. W.B. Brown and Nepolian Thompson acting tellers, the church voted that Bro.J.L. Blanks serve as pastor for the remainder of the year. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1881

On consideration, the request of Bro. P.H. Partin was denied "on the ground that he had declared non fellowship for G.B. White. Charge was then preferred against him. for the same". G.P. Stokes, A.W. Temple and Web Hughes were chosen as a committee to "confer with him and if possible affect a reconciliation between the Brethren". Bro.Blanks was not yet prepared to answer his call as pastor. G.B. White and G.P. Stokes were elected as delegates to the association with J.L. Howell as alternate. With Bro. William Moore acting as teller, it was voted and agreed "to the affiliation of the association with the State Board and the general association... and be governed by the opinion of the delegates. No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1881

Bro. P.H. Partin and Sister P.A. Partin "by request" granted letters of dismissal due to unsatisfactory report given by the committee. No other business. Meeting adjourned Eld. J.L. Blanks, CC PT

NO MINUTES ARE RECORDED FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in April 1882

Upon request from Fellowship Church "asking for a committee of three to aid them in certain unhappy difficulties", A. W. Temple, G.T. Stokes and G.B. White "appointed on said committee".

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in May 1882

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in June 1882

No business. Meeting adjourned. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in July 1882

Bro. G.P. Stokes elected as a deacon, to be ordained at the

next regular meeting. No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in August 1882

Sister Susannah Terry received by letter from Oktibbeha Church. "Bro. G.P. Stokes was ordained to the deaconship. Presbettry J.L. Blanks, C.C. Brame, J.M. McCalister. Moved and carried on Wednesday night to adjourn". J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in September 1882

Bros. G.B. White, W.M. Hughes and W.W. Spears elected as delegates to association with Bro. W.W. Spears as alternate.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in October 1882

By request through G.B. White, C.R. Bedingfield, F.V. Bedingfield and Allas Lassetter asked for "restoration and letters of dismissal". It was moved to "lay the matter over until next conference . No other business. Adjourned. J.L.Blanks,Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference: Saturday before first Sabbath in November 1882

Reference to "the case of Bro. Beddingfield and wife was taken up and discussed and on the motion clerk was ordered to change the minutes of June 1877" so as to indicate unChristian conduct and "that the said Brother and Sister be restored and letters of dismissal be granted".

After Sunday services, Bro. J.L. Blanks elected as Pastor, but he asked for "time to consider the matter" which was granted until the meeting in December. G.B. White was elected Clerk & Treasurer. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks,Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in December 1882

Bro. Blanks agreed to serve as pastor. No other business. Meeting adjourned J.L. Blanks,. Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in January 1883

Due to inclement weather, no meeting held. G.B. White, CC

NO CONFERENCE HELD IN FEBRUARY.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in March 1883

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

During services on Sunday, Sister M.J. Wright was "received in full fellowship with the understanding that Bro. J.L. Blanks was to obtain a duplicate letter by the next meeting, she having lost the original." G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in April 1883

Bro. Blanks presented letter from Mt.Pleasant Church for Sister Wright. No other business, meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in May 1883

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in June 1883

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in July 1883

No business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in August 1883

Bro. N.B. Thompson, Bro. F.B. Stokes and Bro. W.W. Spears appointed "building committee" to "make an effort to repair our house". Bro. M.D. Lyle was appointed treasurer, Bros. G.B. White and F.T. Stokes chosen as delegates, with Bro. M.W. Hughes as alternate. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in September 1883

No business. Conference continued until after services on Sunday, when Bro. M.B. Thompson and Sister Dialtha Thompson received by letters from Fellowship Church. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in October 1883

Sister M.J. Wright granted letter of dismissal. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC PT.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in November 1883

The church "went into a call for a Pastor. Bro. J.L. Blanks

was unanemously (sp.)" re-elected". He asked for time to consider the matter until next meeting. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in December 1883

Bro. J.L. Blanks agreed to serve as pastor. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

At the **January** meeting **1884**, Bro. Blanks present but due to inclement weather no conference held.

In **February 1884** it was thought best not to meet "on account of measles being in the neighbourhood and Bro. Blanks was notified". G.B. White, CC.

THERE ARE NO MINUTES FOR A MEETING IN MARCH.

Conference: Saturday before 1st Sabbath in April 1884

Bro. P.H. Pardin "made an acknowledgement and was restored to full fellowship." Letters of dismissal granted to Bro. G.P. Stokes, Sister Elizabeth Stokes, and Br. P.H. Partin. Bros. G.B. White, N.B. Thompson and W.M. Hughes were elected as a committee to see Bro. A.W. Temple "who had previously said that he would not attend church any more until he was excluded which was granted". Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before 1st Sabbath in May 1884

Willie L. White received for baptism "pending said time". Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum read. Committee to see Bro. A.W. Temple asked for "further time". Meeting adjourned until after services on Sunday. Met at "the water" Sunday Morning and "the ordinance of baptism was administered by the pastor". After preaching "in the house", Bro. N.B. Thompson chosen "to be set apart to the office of Deacon". Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference: Saturday before 1st Sabbath in June 1884

Committee elected to see Bro. A.W. Temple recommended that the church "bare longer with him" received and committee discharged. Meeting adjourned until 11:00 A.M. on Sunday. Bro. N.B. Thompson "ordaned to the office of Deacon, Presbetry Eld's. J.L. Blanks and E.S. Stephens". Bro. Stephen delivered the "ordination sermon". Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in July 1884

Bro. A.W. Temple "called for a letter of dismission" which was granted. No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in August 1884

Bros. W.W. Spears & W.M. Hughes elected as delegates to Association, with Bro. G.B. White as alternate. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in September 1884

It was moved and carried that fellowship be withdrawn from Sister Susannah Terry for "joining the Methodist". No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in November 1884

Bro. J.A. Lyle received by letter from West Kemper Church, Kemper County, Miss. Call for "a supply for next year was laid over until after services on Sunday, when Bro. Willy Read was "requested to take the vote of the church which resulted in the election of Bro. A.Winsted as Supply for 1885". Bros. N.B. Thompson & J.A. Lyle appointed to confer with him and "notify him of the call". No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in December 1884

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in December 1884 Committee appointed to see Bro.Winsted asked for more time.

No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. G.B. White, CC

NO CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 1885 "on account of the inclemency of the weather". G.B. White, CC

Preaching Saturday and Sunday, **February 1885**, but no conference "on account of a corum (quorum?) not being present". "Brethren this should not be so". G.B. White, CC

Preaching on Sabbath by Bro. E.S. Stephens, but no conference held. **MARCH 1885**. G.B. White, CC

April 2nd.

Preaching Saturday and Sunday by Bro. A.Winsted, Pastor, but no conference "on account of the membership being absent". G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in May 1885

Sister E.V. Sandford, Sister M.J. Wright, and Bro. N.B.Thompson granted letters of dismissal. Conference to be continued after services Sunday. After preaching by Bro. A.Winsted, the church celebrated "the Supper of our Lord". Adjourned. A.Winsted, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in June 1885

It was decided to "carry over" the meeting in July until the 4th Sabbath "at which time to protract". Adjourned. A. Winsted, Mod. G.B. White, CC

Preaching **July 1885** but no conference due to "sickness". G.B. White, CC

August meeting "carried over on account of protracted meeting at Fellowship Church". G.B. White, CC

Conference. Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in September 1885

Bros. W.W. Spears & G.B.White elected as delegates to association with Bro.J.L. Howell as alternate. "It was moved and carried to call for a letter of Dismission from the Bethlehem Association for the purpose of uniting with Oktibbeha Association." No other business. Adjourned. A.Winsted, Mod. G.B. White, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR REMAINDER OF 1885 AND ALL OF 1886. NEXT MINUTES FOUND ARE FOR OCTOBER 1887.

3rd Sabbath in October 1887

After preaching by Bro. Pickard, the church met in conference. Bro.Pickard was elected as pastor, but did not give an answer. Bro. G.B. White resigned as clerk and asked for letters of dismissal for himself and his family. Meeting adjourned. John L. Howell, CC PT

NEXT MINUTES FOUND RECORDED ARE FOR APRIL 1888

Conference. 2nd Sabbath, April 8, 1888

No pastor. Bro. W.G. Skelton was received by letter.

Conference. 1st Sabbath, May 6, 1888

After preaching by Bro. Brame, Bro. J.W. Capes & Sister M.R. Capes were received by letter. No other business. Meeting adjourned (name shown as "Cape" later). Bro. Brame, Mod. John L.

Howell, CC

Conference. 2nd Sabbath, May 13, 1888

After preaching by Bro. Pickard, Sister Annie Ezell was received by letter. Bros. Capes & Skelton were chosen as deacons and J.L. Howell as Church clerk. No other business. Adjourned. John L. Howell, CC

Conference. June 9, 2nd Saturday before 2nd Sabbath

Bro. Pickard asked to be released of his regular appointment in July duets "some other engagement". Bro. Capes was asked to "fill his place". No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. 1st Sabbath, August 1888

Minutes not clear. It seems that the conference was continued for several days, as it was "open until the 9th at the close of the days of meeting" - "three members by experience & baptism, and one to the watch care of the church". No names are given. It was moved that "Bro. W.H.J. Cape be liberated to preach the Gospel of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and was unanimously carried". Adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

THE YEAR OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS NOT SHOWN. THEY ARE SHOWN IN PROPER SEQUENCE BY LEDGER PAGE NUMBERS.

Conference. 2nd Sabbath in October

It was moved that Bro. G.W. Cunningham be withdrawn from fellowship for "joining the Presbyterian Church". Bros. W.W. Spears & J. Cape were elected as delegates to association with Bro. W. M. Hughes as alternate. A collection was "taken up for associational purposes" in the amount of \$1.50. No other business. Adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. 2nd Sabbath in November

After preaching, Bro. H.A. Pickard was elected to serve as pastor, but said that he would give his answer at the next meeting. No other business; adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR DECEMBER 1888 AND JANUARY 1889

Conference. 2nd Sabbath, February 10, 1889

As Sister H.L. Skelton is "expected to join another church" it was moved that her name be withdrawn. Bro. Pickard said that he serves as pastor "as much of his time as he could" but asked that

the day of meeting be changed to 1st Sabbath. Bro.Cape promised to fill his place "in his absence". No other business. Adjourned.

H.A.Pickard, Mod. J.L. HOWell, CC

Conference. 3rd Sabbath, March 17, 1889

Bro.Skelton was chosen as delegate to "the District meeting to be held at Zion Church on the 5th Sabbath of March" with Bro. Cape as alternate. No other business. Adjourned. J.Cape, Mod.PT John L. Howell, CC

Conference. 1st Sabbath April 7, 1889

Bro.Pickard absent. Bro.Cape "filled his place". No business. Adjourned. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. 1st Sabbath May 5, 1889

Preaching by Bro. H.A. Pickard. Bros. Cape & Skelton appointed as delegates to next district meeting. Adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. 1st Sabbath June 2, 1889

Pickard absent. Cape preached. Bro. W.P. Tarrants received by letter. It was decided to hold a "meeting of days" starting on Saturday before 1st Sabbath in August. No other business. Adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath August 8, 1889

Meeting continued for 5 days. Preaching by Bro. H.A.Pickard. On Tuesday, Bro. & Sister Shirley received by letter. Wednesday night, Sister Sallie Thompson was received and baptised. Meeting closed on Thursday. Adjourned to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.L. Howell, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sabbath in September 1889

Services held by Eld. W.H.J. Cape. Pastor and clerk absent. Bro. H.A. Pickard re-elected as Pastor, and J.N. Shirley elected as Clerk. Bro. H.A. Pickard & J.N. Shirley chosen as delegates to association, with M.W. Hughes alternate. Clerk was instructed to write letter to association to be read at next meeting called to be held on 4th Sabbath in September. No other business. Adjourned.

W.H.J.Capt, Mod. PT J.N. Shirley, CC

Called Conference, September 29, 1889

Letter to association read and adopted. Sister Mattie White granted letter "by written request". Also, "a request was read from Bro. G.B. White for duplicate letters for himself & daugh-

ter, which request was deferred until next meeting." No other business. Adjourned. John D. Howell, Mod. PT J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. October 6, 1889

Services by Eld. H.A. Pickard. Request of Bro. G.B. White was "indefinitely tabled". Bro. Pickard stated that "his time was all filled and that it was impossible for him to serve the church". Bro. Gunn was the choice "of supply for next year". J.L. Howell, W.H.J. Cape and J.N. Shirley appointed as a committee to see Bro. Gunn. No other business. Adjourned. H.A. Pickard, Mod. J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. December 1, 1889

Services by Eld. W.H.J. Cape. Bro. J.L. Blanks was chosen as Pastor. It was decided to change the time of meeting from 1st to Sunday each month. No other business. Adjourned. J.L. Howell, Mod. PT W.G.S. Ketten, CC

February 1890

"The committee appointed to see Bro. Gunn failed to make any report, but it was understood that Bro. Gunn could not serve the church, hence the church called Bro. Blanks and he was notified by letter but failed to come. Therefore the church is yet without a pastor". J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. March 16, 1890

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. Bro. Stone accepted a call to serve the church as pastor. "On account of conflicting appointments the church changed the time of meeting from the 2nd to 3rd Sabbath and Saturday before in each month". No other business. Adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. April 1890

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. No business. Adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. J.N. Shirley, CC

May 18th & 19th, 1890

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. No conference. J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. June 14, 1890

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. It was decided that the church "hold a meeting of days" starting on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July and that "Bros. Stevens & Pickard be invited and any other minister that Bro. Stone wished to invite to assist

him." No other business. Adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. J.N. Shirley, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED UNTIL JUNE 1891

Conference. June 1891

"No business of importance except the ordination of Brother W.T. Torrance to the office of Deacon, a presbytery consisting of Eld. David Covington & I.L. Stone, the ordination was attended t J.N. Shirley, CC. "At regular meeting time in **July 1891** the pastor was present Saturday eve. at 3 pm. On Sunday the church communed, but held no conference. A meeting of days was announced to begin on 5th Sunday in August". J.N. Shirley, CC

Meeting of Days. Sunday August 3, 1892

The meeting continued "from day to day" until Saturday .

September 1st

Eld. I.L. Stone & N.B. Thompson elected as delegates to association, with W.W. Spears alternate. Letters of dismissal granted to R.F. Brown, W.G. Shelton and Minnie G. Skelton. J.N.

Shirley elected as member of the executive board of Oaktibeha association on Sunday, September 6th. Mrs. Willie Gabel, Miss Willie A. Rogers, Miss Ida Benton, Miss Lillian A. Williamson, Miss Annie M. Williamson and Miss Sarah T. Shirley were baptised. Miss Annie Hughes, W.J.G. Rogers and N.B. Thompson received by letters. "After services by Eld. I.L. Stone Sunday, Sept. 6th, the meeting closed". J.N. Shirley, CC

Conference. October 1891

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. No other business, adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC.

NO MINUTES FOUND UNTIL MARCH 1892

March 1892.

"Preaching by Eld. I.L. Stone. The church went into conference, no business pending, conference closed." I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

Conference. May 1892

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. No business pending, adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

MANY OF THE RECORDED MINUTES ARE BRIEF AND HARD TO FOLLOW.

Conference. July 17, 1892

Preaching by Eld. I.L. Stone. Sister Mary A. White & Sister Minnie White granted letters of dismissal. No other business. Adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

Conference. 3rd Sabbath in July 1892

This seems to be a second record. Same information shown. "Sister M.A. White & Sister Mimmie L. White granted letters of dismissal." I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

Conference. Saturday before 2nd(?) Sabbath in August 1892

Services by Eld. I.L. Stone. No other business; adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

The spelling "Arkadelphia" is now being used.

Conference. September 1892

Minutes not clear. There is some reference that minutes be "adopted with correction as to Bro. Dollar and wife which was openly taken under the watch care of the church". Letter to association read and adopted. No further business. Adjourned. J. L. Howell, Mod. PT J.N. Shirley, CC PT

THE NEXT RECORDED MINUTES ARE FOR FEBRUARY 1893

Conference. February 19, 1893

Services by Bro. I.L. Stone. No business. Adjourned. I.L. Stone, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

March 12, 1893:

No services. No business. I.L. Stone, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

April 9, 1893:

No preaching. No business. I.L. Stone, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

Conference. August 16, 1893

Bro. E.B. Dollar "received into church by letter in full fellowship". Bro. J.L. Blanks elected as pastor, and "was immediately called to preach the rest of the year". Rules of Church and Rules of Decorum read. No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.E. McLeod, Mod. PT. T.H. Williamson, CC

Conference. June 17, 1893

Fellowship of the church found "all in peace". No other business. Adjourned. Elder J.L. Blanks, Mod. W.T. Trussell, CC PT

June 18, 1893.

Mrs. Mattie McLeod received by letter. Elder J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

Conference. July 13, 1893

After services, it was decided to hold a "meeting of Days" starting on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August. No further business. Adjourned. Elder J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

"Meeting of Days" Saturday before 3rd Sunday in August 1893 continued "from day to day" until August 25th.

E.R. Dollar and J.E. McLeod elected delegates to association with N.T. Torrance alternate. Mrs. Mary J. Dollar, Ann Ezell, Mr. Alonzo Brown and Mrs. Minnie Drake received by letter. The following were baptised into the fellowship of the church: Mrs. Mandy Brown, Miss Bular Pace, Miss Cora Thompson, and Mr. M.L. Gunn. Letter of dismission granted to Bro. M.L. Gunn. No further business, adjourned. Eld. J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

Conference. September 1893

Sermon by pastor. No business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC.

Conference. October 19, 1893

Sermon by pastor. Bro. M.W. Hughes was chosen as church clerk. Bro. T.W. Gunn appointed "to go to the meeting of the executive board". No further business. Adjourned. Eld. J.L. Blanks, Mod. M.W. Hughes, CC

Conference. November 18, 1893

Pastor absent. No business. Adjourned. J.L. Howell, Mod. PT. T.H. Williamson, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR DECEMBER 1893

Conference. January 21, 1894

Services by pastor. Sister Matilda Colyer received by letter. No further business. Adjourned. Eld. J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Conference. April 14, 1894

Preaching by pastor. "The case of Bro. J.E. McLeod taken up and the committee discharged." On request of Mrs. W.W. Spears, "case continued until next meeting". No other business. Meeting adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

NO MINUTES FOR MAY RECORDED.

Conference. June 16, 1894

Preaching by Bro. Frank Gunn. Case of Bro. J.E. McLeod "was taken up and the fellowship of the church was tested and he was excluded". A charge made against Sister Willis "for (illegible) and a committee. appointed to look after it." No other business. Adjourned. Eld. J.L. Blanks, Mod. T.H. Williamson, CC

NEXT MINUTES FOUND ARE FOR SEPTEMBER 1894

Conference. September 16, 1894

Preaching by pastor. Bro. M.W. Hughes elected "deacon of the church". No further business, adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. E.B. CC PT

Conference. October 21, 1894

Pastor and Clerk absent. Bro. J.L. Blanks recalled as pastor. No further business, adjourned. J.L. Howell, Mod. PT. C.L. Gunn, CC PT

Conference. 3rd Sabbath in November 1894

"After preaching by pastor church went into conference (incomplete)

NEXT MINUTES RECORDED ARE FOR APRIL 1895

Conference. April 20, 1895

Services by Eld. J.L. Blanks. No business. Adjourned. J.L. Blanks, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

NEXT MINUTES RECORDED ARE FOR AUGUST 1895

Conference. August 22, 1895

Church held "a series of meetings". Bro. J.T. Graham chosen as pastor. M.W. Hughes, N.B. Thompson and W.T. Torrance elected as delegates to "the Obtibbaha association". No other business.

Adjourned. A.A. Powell, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

Conference. September 14, 1895

Preaching by Eld. J.T. Graham. Letter to association read and adopted. No other business. Adjourned.
A.A. Powell, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

Conference. October 14, 1895

Services by pastor. W.M. Hughes, W.T. Torrance, W.J.T. Rogers, J.A. Brown, N.B. Thompson, M.J. Thompson and T.H. Williamson appointed committee for "making up funds for repairing the church house". Mrs. Dialtha Thompson, Matie Harrington, Mrs. Matie Denton and Mrs. Ann Hughes were asked to raise "funds to purchase Bible for the church." Miss Willie Rogers, Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Miss Annie Hughes, Miss Marceler Williamson and Miss Ora Thompson, as a "committee of young ladies" were asked to "procure funds to buy lamps and hymn books". No other business. Adjourned.
Elder J.T. Graham N.B. Thompson, CC

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 1895, ARE RECORDED TWICE

Conference. November 16, 1895

Preaching by Eld. J.T. Graham. Bro. W.T. Torrains and his wife granted letters of dismissal. No other business. Adjourned.
Eld. J.T. Graham, Mod. N.B. Thompson, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1896.

Conference. Tuesday, September 22, 1896

"The church being in a series of meetings..." M.W. Hughes & T.H. Williamson "volunteered their services" as delegates to association "with Herbert Baptist Church (Neshoba County) on Saturday before the first Lord's day in Oct. next.". No alternate elected. Bro. W.J.T. Rogers was elected clerk. Clerk instructed to write "associational letter". It was resolved to go into a call for a pastor for new year" at the next regular conference. No further business, adjourned. J.T. Graham, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Lords day October 1896

Prayer by Eld. R.A. Breckenridge. Pastor absent. Elder Breckenridge elected as pastor. He accepted the call. Bro. C.L. Gunn, " who comes to our church from Fellowship Baptist Church of Christ as a regular ordained deacon", was requested "by the church" to serve as deacon, "the church having but one deacon". Sister N.E. Edwards granted letter of dismissal. No other busi-

ness, adjourned. W.J.T. Rogers, CC R.A. Breckenridge, Mod.

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday, November 14, 1896

Service by pastor. Bro. E.B. Dollar, Bro. W.J.T. Rogers, & Sister Nannie Hughes were appointed as a committee "to see some of our brethren and sisters who has been absenting themselves from the church for some time". No other business. Adjourned. R.A. Breckenridge, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday December 1896

Pastor came, but "on account of bad weather had no service". "Then on Saturday before the 3rd Lords day in Jan. 1897 Pastor did not come had no meeting." Feb. "Pastor came but bad weather we had no meeting." March "our pastor wrote us that he could not serve us any longer". No meeting. No meeting in April. In May Eld. J.H. Williamson preached, then in June "we called him as our pastor". W.J.T. Rogers, CC.

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday, June 19, 1897

No preaching Saturday. On Sunday and Sunday "night" Bro.W. D. Chapman ("the baby preacher 13 years old") preached. After services the church "went into conference" and "having no pastor" Eld. J.H. Williamson accepted the call as pastor. No other business, adjourned. Eld. J.H. Williamson, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in July 1897

Services by pastor. Bros. M.W. Hughes & C.L. Gunn, with Sister H.P. Grissom, were added to the previously chosen committee to "visit the absenting brethren and sisters," and they were granted further time. No other business, adjourned. J.H. Williamson, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in August 1897

No services on Saturday. Preaching on Sunday morning, and Communion served during evening services. It was agreed to "protract the meeting". On Tuesday, Sister Pearl Brown received by letter from Fellowship Church. Meeting closed on Thursday no night services being held on account of rain. J.H. Williamson, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in September 1897

Services by pastor. W.J.T. Rogers & K.E. Thompson elected as delegates to association with E.B. Dollar and Willey Grissom alternates. Clerk instructed to write the "associational letter" to be read and adopted on Wednesday night. No other business.

Adjourned. J.H. Williamson, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Wednesday Night, September 22, 1897

Pastor absent. Letter to association read and adopted. No other business.. Adjourned. E.B. Dollar, Mod. PT W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October, 1897

Services by pastor. After services the church went into conference for the purpose of calling a pastor "as Elder J.H. Williamson's time was out". No pastor was called. No further business, adjourned. J.H. Williamson, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

NO MINUTES FOUND RECORDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1898

Conference, August 21, 1898

Preaching by Eld. A.A. Powell. After services the church "went into special conference". Letters of dismissal "called for" by Bro. Tom Williamson, Sister S.A. Williamson, L.A. Williamson, A.M. Williamson, and Sister Fanny Brown were granted. No further business, adjourned. Eld. A.A. Powell, Mod.PT W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Sunday, September 18, 1898

Services by Eld. A.A. Powell. Bros. W.J.T. Rogers and Web Hughes elected as delegates to association. Bro. Mart Thompson granted letter of dismissal. Time of meeting changed from third to first. Eld. A.A. Powell, Mod. PT W.J.T. Rogers, CC.

THE NEXT RECORDED MINUTES ARE FOR JANUARY 1901

Conference. 1st Sunday in January 1901

After preaching by Bro. F.W. Gunn, Eld. A.A. Powell "withdrew from the Pastoral care of the church". Bro. F.W. Gunn was elected to "serve the church during the year 1901".

Services. Saturday before 1st Sunday in February 1901

Services were held, but no conference. It is not shown who conducted services. W.J.T. Rogers, CC.

Services. Saturday before 1st Sunday in March 1901

Preaching by Bro. F.W. Gunn. No conference held.W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sunday in April 1901

Services by pastor. Bro. and Sister John Simms and their daughter, Nora, were received by letters from Mount Gilead Baptist Church. No further business, adjourned. F.W. Gunn, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sunday in May 1901

After "devine service" the church went into conference. Minutes of last conference read and adopted. No further business. Adjourned. F.W. Gunn, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

Conference. Saturday before 1st Sunday in June 1901

Services by pastor. No business. Adjourned. After preaching on Sunday by the pastor, the church "ate and drank the Lord's Supper". F.W. Gunn, Mod. W.J.T. Rogers, CC

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Conference. Saturday before 1st Sunday in July (not dated)

Bro. Jeff Gabriel and Sister Jennie Lowry granted letters of dismissal. No other business, adjourned. F.W. Gunn, Mod. J.D. Bounds, CC

Conference. Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September 1906

"The church called Bro. Ben Gay to serve the church for another year." Resolution "to give members that have been doing things that are against the rules of this church 2 months to consider". Bros. L.L. Gunn and J.D. Bounds appointed as a committee "to see them" (not named, . L.L. Gunn and Walter Temple named as delegates to association with Walter Bounds as alternate. No further business, adjourned. F.W. Gunn, Mod. J.D. Bounds, CC

NO OTHER MINUTES FOUND RECORDED

Male Members

C. C. Bedingfield Ded
P. H. Partin Excluded restored and dis. page 75
C. B. Bedingfield Excluded June 22nd/77 restored
G. B. White Dismissed by letter No. 1887
G. P. Stokes Dismissed by letter page 75
J. R. Brown Dismissed by letter July 21st/77
John Wright Dismissed by letter
A. A. Powell Dismissed by letter
Ellis Stokes Dismissed by letter
Frank Partin Dismissed by letter April 21
R. B. Stokes Dismissed by letter
William Y. Lacy Dismissed by letter
Wessley Temple, Jr. Dismissed by letter
J. D. White Departed this life Feb. the 20th/81
J. M. White Departed this life March 16th/79
J. W. Wadsworth Excluded
J. D. Barefield Dismissed by letter Oct./77
G. J. Colyer Excluded
W. M. Hughes
M. R. Temple Excluded
C. Mc. Walker Dismissed by letter
W. W. Spears
G. W. Cunningham Excluded October 14/88
T. L. Clark Dismissed by letter 187?
T. J. Little Ref. page 44 (name marked through)
S. . Kynerd Dismissed by letter
S. O. Walker J. L. Howell
R. F. Brown J. A. Brown
L. E. Hall ordained minister Dismissed
N. B. Thompson Dismissed by letter
W. T (or L.) White Dismissed by letter
J. A. Lyle Ded
W. G. Skelton
J. W. Cape
W. P. Tarrants (July 7) J. N. Shirley (Aug. 6)

Female Members

S. M. Temple Ded
N. R. Temple Dismissed by letter Apr. 8 1889
_. Brown Dismissed by letter July 21st/77
S. C. Stokes Dismissed by letter
M. J. Bedingfield Ded

M. A. E. Bedingfield Ded
Mary A. Bedingfield Ded
F. V. Lassetter Excluded June 22nd/77 restored
P. A. Partin Dismissed by letter
?. ?. Wright Dismissed by letter
?. ? Wright Dismissed by letter
Elizabeth Stokes Dismissed by letter page 75
Mary Gable Ded
Mary A. White
Mattie Partin Dismissed by letter April 23+
Martha J. Stokes Excluded
Eliza B. Barefield Dismissed by letter: 877
E. J. Barefield Dismissed by letter 1877
E. J. Barefield Dismissed by letter 1877
Mila Barefield Dismissed by letter 1877
Mary E. Berry Dismissed by letter 1877
Mary J. Beddingfield Excluded
Margaret Martin
Mary C. Spears
Parylee Thomas Died Seot. 13th 1889
Dora Stokes Dismissed by letter
E. V. Lucy (Lacy?) Dismissed by letter
Queen Lyle Ded
M. J. Howell
M. H. E. White Dismissed by letter Nov.
Bulah A. White Dismissed by letter 1887
Mattie J. Thompson
Allis McDonald Dismissed by letter
Virginia Hughes Ded
Susannah Terry Excluded
M. J. Wright Dismissed by letter
Minnie L. White
Lillie B. White
Mrs. M. R. Cape
Miss Onnie Ezell
Minne G. Skelton
Nannie Hughs
Mattie White
N. C. Shirley (Aug. 6 1899)
S. T. Thompson (Aug. 8, 1899)