

MINUTES

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

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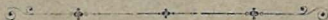
Missionary Baptist Association

— HELD WITH —

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT GAINESVILLE,

GREENE COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

SEPTEMBER 24, 26, 27 AND 28, 1892.

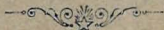


OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. HOLCOMB, MODERATOR,	- - -	POLLARD, ARK.
HENRY HOLCOMB, CLERK,	- - - - -	POLLARD, ARK.
T. L. B. THORN, TREASURER,	- - - - -	GAINESVILLE, ARK.



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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, September 24, 1892.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened with First Baptist Church at Gainesville pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Ark., his subject, "Am I a Christian?"

The body was called to order by the former Moderator.

A motion then carried to adjourn until 2 p. m. for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association was called together and business resumed.

The roll of churches was called and eighteen responded by letter and delegation. (See tabular statement).

On motion that visiting members be made messengers in from their respective churches where the delegation is not sent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion this body went into an election of officers, resulting in the election of Elder J. R. Holcomb for Moderator, H. Holcomb for Clerk, and T. L. B. Thorn for Treasurer.

The Moderator took the chair and after making a few remarks invited the body to join in prayer, led by Elder D. Thorn.

Petitionary letters were then called for by the Moderator. Two responded by letter and delegation—one from Knobel Church and one from Main Shore Church, and on motion received, and messengers invited to seats within the body.

Letters of correspondence called for. None.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats. Bros. Wm. Pollard, J. C. Holcomb, of New Hope Church; D. L. Fitzgerald, of Fairview Church; Elder J. M. Huddleston, of Mt. Zion Association, and Elder D. Thorn, of West Plains, Mo., accepted the invitation.

On motion the Moderator appointed the usual committees, viz:—

Divine Service—E. P. Holt, A. B. Winchester, G. W. McGulian and pastor and deacons of Gainesville Church.

Finance—J. N. Robertson, Z. T. Underwood and J. W. Galhian.

Credentials—Monroe Roberts, James Collins and James Sherill.

Obituaries—J. T. Edwards, D. M. Johnson and B. P. Jones.

Temperance—J. D. J. Faulkner, J. T. Edwards and J. R. McDonald.

Queries—J. T. Edwards, L. McHaney and John Hammett.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Elders J. N. Robertson and J. S. Haden tonight. A discussion on the Sunday school report Sunday morning at 9:30; Missionary sermons at 11 by Elder J. M. Lawrence at the Baptist Church and Elder J. R. Holcomb at the Methodist Church, and take up collections for associational missions. Sunday night Elder J. D. J. Faulkner at the Baptist Church and Elder J. M. Lawrence at the Methodist Church.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Lawrence.

On Sunday at 14 a. m. large congregations assembled in the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Elder J. W. Harris, who is connected with the female college at Conway, Ark., preached a most excellent sermon on missions, which was listened to with marked attention by a large audience, after which a collection of \$19.15 was taken up for associational missions. Elder J. R. Holcomb preached to an overflowing congregation at the Meth-

Methodist Church, after which a collection of \$12 was taken up for associational missions. At night, Bro. Harris preached at the Methodist church, and Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner at the Baptist church, and the seed sown on those occasions is bound to produce abundant fruit.

MONDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. W. Harris.

The roll was called and messengers answered to their names.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows, which were read, adopted and committee discharged:

We, your committee, recommend the order of business to govern this session of the body as follows:

- 1st. Calling the roll and reading the minutes.
- 2nd. Calling for petitionary letters.
- 3rd. Calling for letters of correspondence.
- 4th. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
- 5th. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 6th. Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
- 7th. Report of Committee on Finance.
- 8th. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
- 9th. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
- 10th. Report of Committee on State and Associational Missions.
- 11th. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
- 12th. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
- 13th. Report of Committee on Temperance.
- 14th. Report of Committee on Publications.
- 15th. Report of Committee on Ways and Means.
- 16th. Report of Executive Board.
- 17th. Report of Missionary.
- 18th. Report of Treasurer.
- 19th. Calling for Queries.
- 20th. Miscellaneous business.
- 21st. Resolutions.

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, Committee.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows, which was read and adopted :

Your committee find that all the brethren present and participating are properly indorsed.

J. M. ROBERTS, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was presented, read and adopted, and is as follows:

That in our humble opinion there is nothing of more importance than the question of ministerial education. The ministers are public educators to lead the minds of the people in the great fields of christian ethics, and educate them in all the varied, broad, and glittering truths. To meet educated infidelity and atheism with all their scoffs at our precious religion, he must meet the educated men on all the isms of the day, and he cannot meet these when he is not himself educated. We, therefore, recommend that this association send two brethren, whom the association may approve, to Ouachita Baptist College, at Arkadelphia, Ark., and there support and educate them. That a Ministerial Board be appointed by the association to receive funds for their support, and that a committee of one be appointed in each church to solicit and raise contributions for this purpose.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Committee.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following-named brethren as a Board on Ministerial Education to select two brethren whom the association may approve, to send to school at Ouachita College, and receive funds for their support, viz : L. McHaney, J. W. Galyean, Z. T. Underwood, J. T. Edwards, W. J. Bearden, Mat Thorn and J. B. Foster. They selected and the association approved Elders J. D. J. Faulkner and J. S. Haden.

And on motion the Moderator appointed one in each church as a committee to solicit and raise contributions for this purpose : J. B. Foster, Rock Hill Church ; W. H. Foster, Center Hill Church ; J. W. Roberts, Epsaby Church ; J. T. Edwards Fairview Church ; W. D. Farmer, Hopewell Church ; L. McHaney, Friendship Church ; Z. T. Crockett, New Light Church ;

Z. T. Underwood, New Hope Church; W. T. Williams, Providence Church; J. N. Lawless, Pleasant Grove Church; W. S. Crittenden, Piggott Church; C. W. Bradshaw, Salem Church; J. T. Faulkner, Union Grove Church; Dr. C. G. Earl, Rector Church; J. A. Foster, Marmaduke Church; M. W. Neely, Haywood's Chapel Church; J. W. Langley, Brown's Chapel Church; M. Malin, Gainesville Church; J. G. Staggs, Post Oak Church; J. D. Wagster, Blooming Grove Church; G. W. McGullian, Knobel Church; J. H. Haddock, Main Shore Church.

And the following amounts are pledged for Ministerial Education :

Rock Hill Church.....	\$20 00
Epsaby "	5 00
Fairview "	15 00
Hopewell "	5 00
Friendship "	40 00
New Light "	5 00
New Hope "	15 00
Providence "	5 00
Pleasant Grove Church.....	5 00
Salem "	20 00
Union Grove "	10 00
Gainesville "	57 00
Knobel "	10 00
Main Shore "	2 00
Brown's Chapel "	2 00
Haywood's " "	1 00
Post Oak "	1 00
H. B. Wright	5 00
Elder J. M. Huddleston.....	2 00
Frank Scott.....	2 00
J. D. Wagster.....	2 00
William Neely	1 00
Francis Young.....	1 00
Sister Teague	1 00
Sister Bearden.....	1 00

Total amount pledged..... \$233 00

Cash paid for Ministerial Education, H. C. Wood....	\$2 00
" " " A. B. Winchester	1 00
" " " W. W. Randleman	1 00
" " " Martha Teague..	25

Total cash.....\$4 25

Paid to W. J. Bearden, Treasurer of Board.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. B. Wise preached a most able and instructive sermon.

At 2 p. m. the Association was called to order and resumed business.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows, which was found correct and adopted:

Your committee have received for printing minutes:

From Rock Hill Church.....	\$1 50
“ Epsaby “	1 50
“ Union Grove “	1 50
“ Marmaduke “	1 50
“ Providence “	2 00
“ Pleasant Grove Church	1 00
“ Hopewell “	2 00
“ Friendship “	2 50
“ Salem “	1 50
“ Rector “	1 25
“ New Hope “	2 50
“ Haywood's Chapel “	1 50
“ Brown's “ “	1 25
“ Gainesville “	2 00
“ New Light “	1 00
“ Fairview “	2 50
“ Knobel “	1 50
“ Main Shore “	50
“ Post Oak “	75
“ Blooming Grove “	1 50
Total.....	\$31 25

J. N. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

We feel that Home Missions is one of the most important enterprises that is fostered by our people. It embraces the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. The Board pays our own State Board one dollar for every two raised on the field. We therefore recommend that our churches enter into hearty sympathy and cooperation, that we may help bear the burdens of the work, and glorify the name of our God.

SALEM CHURCH, Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows, which was read and speeches made in behalf of foreign missions by Elders J. W. Harris, J. B. Wise and others; a collection was taken up for foreign missions amounting to \$17:50, and report adopted:

Having in view the great commission given by the Head of the Church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, would impress the importance of the foreign mission cause, and we recommend that the association continue to press the mission interest, and that our ministers continue to present the matter fully before the churches.

NEW HOPE CHURCH, Committee.

The Committee on State and Associational Missions reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee notes with satisfaction the work of our State Board; the renewed confidence in operations and plans; its past work is seen in the self-supporting churches in the State and fields occupied by our missionaries.

(See report of Executive Board).

Other fields remain to be occupied. We cannot remain indifferent in the presence of such destitution, not only as to State work, but also with regard to our associational fields. Therefore, we would recommend the following for the approval of the body, that the Association be districted as follows:

District No. 1 shall embrace Pleasant Grove, Brown's Chapel, Rock Hill, Center Hill and Main Shore Churches; District No. 2 Union Grove, Fairview, Epsaby, Gainesville and Knobel Churches; District No. 3 Friendship, Providence, Hope-well and Marmaduke Churches; District No. 4 Rector, Booming Grove, Greenway and Salem Churches; District No. 5 Piggott, Haywood's Chapel, New Light, New Hope and Post Oak Churches. That we still keep a financial missionary in the field to travel in the bounds of the association, to look after and supply the destitutions, and the Executive Board to prosecute the work.

UNION GROVE CHURCH, Committee.

The amount pledged for Associational Missions for the ensuing year, provided the Board employs Elder J. M. Lawrence, or his equal, in the ministry:

J. J. Burton	\$ 20 00
W. J. Bearden	20 00
S. H. Weatherly	20 00
L. McHaney	20 00
Bob McDonald	20 00
Marmaduke Church, by E. P. Holt	40 00
G. H. Faulkner	12 00
J. D. J. Faulkner	10 00
J. W. Thomas	2 00
J. M. Lawless	4 00
S. M. Neely	1 00
J. M. Huddleston	3 00
M. E. Hooks	2 00
James Foster	5 00
L. C. Jamison	3 00
J. W. Church	2 50
W. C. Burton	5 00
W. T. Allison	2 50
J. M. Lawless paid to treasurer	1 00
E. Cupples	2 00
J. W. Roberts	3 00
Miss Lizzie Hammett	2 00
H. B. Wright	5 00
Sam Carter	3 00
J. D. Ubanks	3 00
T. L. B. Thorn	12 00
E. Hadeline	3 00
Hopewell Church	50 00
J. C. Hampton	1 00
A. D. Jackson	1 00
W. J. Wright	1 00
J. N. Wright	1 00
T. V. Burton	1 00
J. S. Valentine	1 00
J. C. Holcomb	1 00
J. G. Boon	1 00
H. R. Boon	1 00
Total	\$285 00

The committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

We find that there are eleven churches in the association that have good sunday schools with an everage attendance of 42 schollars for each school. The amount paid for literature will average eight dollars per school, making a total of eighty-eight

dollars expended for literature during the year by the entire number of schools. We are proud to know that so many of the churches now take an interest in the establishing and maintenance of Sunday schools, and would strongly recommend and urge all churches of the association that have not organized Sunday schools, to at once organize and henceforward with a painstaking superintendent, and an efficient corps of working teachers, maintain a Sunday school in their church, as we believe that no church is doing her duty unless fully equipped to educate and train the children, who must afterwards become members and supporters of their churches, as we are commanded to teach every creature, both old and young. As to the best means of conducting Sunday schools, we must adopt ourselves to the surroundings; but first of all let us have good, interesting literature, such as published by the Kind Words Publishing House, of Nashville, Tenn.; second, be promptly on time, short pointed prayer, song service getting if possible all the children to join in it; thirty minutes devoted to the study of the lesson; third, take up collection and call the roll after the lesson has been recited, having as many as possible recite some passage of Scripture, or gem of poetry as their name is called; fourth, song service and short prayer for success of children during the week; fifth, dismissal. We also believe that every Sunday school ought to observe Children's Day on the second Sunday in June each year.

ROCK HILL CHURCH, Committee.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning 8:30 o'clock.
Prayer by Bro. J. J. Burton.

Tuesday morning 8:30 o'clock the association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. N. Robertson.

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Your Committee on Obituaries find twenty-four brethren and sisters of the various churches have passed away since our last association. From Friendship Church three, Newhope Church three, Brown's Chapel Church one, Haywood's Chapel Church one, Post Oak Church three, Marmaduke Church two, Hopewell Church one, Gainesville Church one, Epsaby Church

two, Providence Church two, Salem Church one, Pleasant Grove Church one, Fairview Church three.

J. T. EDWARDS,

B. P. JONES,

D. M. JOHNSON,

Committee.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was read and discussed at length by Elders J. D. J. Faulkner, W. J. Bearden and D. Thorn, and Bro. F. S. White and other brethren, and adopted:

We believe intemperance is one of the greatest evils of the day and by its effects is destroying the happiness and prosperity of thousands of homes. In order, therefore, to check this sin, and save our sons from its destructive influence, and our daughters from the burdens of drunkards' wives, we would recommend to the churches that they use strict discipline over their members in regard to the use of intoxicants as a beverage, and that they do not tolerate dram drinking, for it is the once moderate dram drinker that afterward makes the drunkard, and God has said that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven.

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Chairman.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

The Bible should ever be our rule of faith and practice, and searched more diligently by us as a people. We think, however, it is not amiss to read good, sound literature, and would recommend as sound the Arkansas Baptist, edited by W. A. Clark, Little Rock, Ark., which we should cherish as our own State paper. We also recommend The Baptist, edited by Graves & Moody, and the American Baptist, by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo., and for Sunday school literature the National Baptist Publishing Co., 1310 Olive street. St. Louis, Mo., and the Arkansas Baptist Book House, Little Rock, Ark.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,

Committee.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning 8:30. Prayer by Elder W. J. Bearden.

Wednesday morning, 8:30, the association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported as follows, which was read, amended and adopted:

Whereas the needs are great in the temporal department of the kingdom, we recommend that the churches would urge their members to adopt the scriptural plan of giving. Here is the authority for this plan: "Upon the first day of the week let everyone lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him." 1st Cor., 16 Chapter, 2 verse.

GAINESVILLE CHURCH,

Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was read and adopted as follows:

That according to our instructions from this body, we employed Elder J. T. Edwards to serve us as missionary and we paid him for services \$28 when he resigned. We then employed Elder J. M. Lawrence, of Arkadelphia, who labored for us four months and five days, for which we paid him \$242; paid Elder J. M. Huddleston \$25 for services at Coffman school house; paid Elder G. H. Faulkner \$11 for services at Miller school house; paid Elder G. Lively \$12 for services at Marmaduke. Total amount paid, \$318.

Received from Rock Hill Church.....	\$ 9 55
" Center Hill " 	3 50
" Epsaby " 	5 45
" Fairview " 	24 05
" Hopewell " 	14 50
" Friendship " 	43 00
" New Light " 	1 00
" New Hope " 	2 50
" Providence " 	10 85
" Pleasant Grove Church.....	9 00
" Piggott Church.....	16 16
" Salem " 	5 25
" Union Grove Church.....	37 45
" Rector Church.....	11 50
" Marmaduke Church.....	12 10
" Haywood's Chapel Church.....	2 25
" Brown's " " 	1 60
" Gainesville Church.....	17 60
" Ladies Society, Gainesville.....	1 70

Received from Ex-Treasurer.....	40 00
" Public Collection	31 05

Total amount received.....\$300 06

Balance due Executive Board.....\$ 17 94

J. J. BURTON,
Clerk and Treasurer of Board.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The work done as follows: Preached 158 sermons; baptized 31; held ten meetings (protracted); traveled about 283 miles and collected on the field \$108:00, and received of J. J. Burton, treasurer of Board, \$134:00. Total amount received, \$242.

J. M. LAWRENCE, Missionary.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted as follows: Amount on hand at last report:

Minute Fund	\$32 75
Associational Mission Funds	55 95

Total amount on hand

Received of Finance Committee Minute Fund 1892..\$31 25

Amount for Associational Missions at M. E. Church, 12 the
 " " " Baptist " 19

Amount for Foreign Missions

Total amount received.....\$168 60

Amount of pledges for Associational Missions.....\$285 00

 " " and money for Minist'l Education 237 25

Total... ..\$522 25

CREDITS ASKED.

By amount paid clerk for printing minutes.....\$32 25

 " " J. R. McDonald, for Un. Grove Chu'h 10 00

 " " J. J. Burton, treasurer of Board..... 57 95

Total credits.....\$100 70

Balance on hand, Minute Fund.....\$31 25

 " " Foreign Mission Funds

 " " Associational Mission Funds

Total amount on hand.....\$67 90

T. L. B. THORN, Treasurer.

The Committee on Queries presented the following, which was received and considered by the body:

QUERY No. 1.

Is it consistent with the spirit of the gospel, and according to the scriptures, for one minister of the gospel and one deacon to ordain a minister without asking him any questions, only giving him the Bible and telling him to teach the same?

Z. T. CROCKETT,
N. G. ELLIS.

Answered in the negative.

QUERY No. 2.

Has a church any right to take an acknowledgement of a brother for fornication, adultery or drunkenness?

N. G. ELLIS

Answered in the negative.

QUERY No. 3.

Is it scriptural and right for church members to vote for whisky license, or can a church scripturally hold a member in fellowship that votes for whisky license?

J. R. HOLCOMB.

Answered in the negative.

QUERY No. 4.

What course should be pursued by the church toward her members who absent themselves from church conferences, in order to look after their ordinary secular matters.

JOHN ROBERTS.

Answered—They should be dealt with by their churches.

QUERY No. 5.

Has the church, in connection with her pastor and deacons, the right, after having had the proof of qualifications, to set apart one of her members to the work of the gospel ministry?

J. T. EDWARDS.

Answered in the affirmative.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to send the \$17.50 foreign mission funds to H. A. Tupper.

On motion Brothers D. L. Fitzgerald, J. A. Foster, T. L. B. Thorn, J. J. Burton, W. D. Farmer, J. R. McDonald and H. Holcomb were appointed as the Executive Board, and instructed by the body to employ Elder J. M. Lawrence as missionary for the association.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the amount for printing minutes to the Clerk and that the Clerk superintend the the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be allowed the minute fund, less the expenses for printing.

On motion that the association convene in its next session with Salem Church, near Boydsville, Clay county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1893, Elder W. J. Bearden was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. R. Holcomb his alternate at said session.

On motion that we correspond with Mt. Zion Association, Bro. J. J. Burton was appointed as corresponding messenger.

Whereas, our work being finished in the present session of this association, be it

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the good people and brethren, and especially the sisters, of Gainesville Church and vicinity for their kind and generous hospitalities tendered us during the present session, and may God bless them for the sake of Jesus.

Thus closed the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Gainesville Association and, on motion, the body adjourned, to meet with Salem Church, near Boydsville, Clay county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1893, at 11 a. m.

Prayer by Elder D. Thorn, and during song service the parting hand was extended by the brethren.

HENRY HOLCOMB,
Clerk.

ELDER J. R. HOLCOMB,
Moderator.