

MINUTES

—OF THE—

STEVENS CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Bradford Baptist Church,

October 7, 8 & 9, 1898.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

OFFICERS:

J. J. GOAD,	-	-	-	Moderator.
G. H. DAVIS,	-	-	-	Clerk.

Next meeting to be held with Mt. Pleasant church,
beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct.,
1899.

SEARCY, ARK.:
CITIZEN JOB OFFICE
1898.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to adjournment Stevens Creek Baptist Association assembled with Bradford Baptist Church, Friday, October 17th, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m. After singing and prayer, Eld. J. B. Whitlow preached the introductory sermon; Text 1 John 1:3., subject, Fellowship and Love. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The association was called to order by Eld. J. J. Goad, Moderator. After singing, and prayer by W. C. Mack, the body went into regular order of business. The clerk, J. W. Wade, was ordered to call for letters and names of messengers from the churches comprising the association.

The following delegates reported for their respective churches:

Mt. Pleasant—W. C. Mack and J. M. Westmoreland

Bradford—J. P. Piker and G. H. Davis.

Union Hill—J. W. Pollard and W. R. Ford.

Independence—W. B. Morgan and W. H. Campbell.

Providence—By Letter.

Mt Hope—By Letter.

Russell—E. M. Barnes.

Salem—G. M. Murphree.

Next order of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: J. J. Goad, Moderator; G. H. Davis, Clerk and Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters. None were received. Called for corresponding messengers to sit with the body in its deliberations. None responded.

The following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—S. M. Whitlow, J. P. Piker and G. H. Davis.

Finance—J. W. Pollard and W. B. Morgan.

Sunday Schools—W. C. Mack and E. M. Barnes.

Prayermeeting—J. P. Piker and J. M. Westmoreland.

Foreign Missions—J. P. Tate and G. M. Murphree.

Home Destitution—J. B. Whitlow and W. H. Campbell.

Education—A. A. Andrus and J. W. Pollard.

Orphans Home—W. R. Ford and S. M. Whitlow.

Temperance—W. C. Mack and E. M. Barnes.

Obituaries—J. B. Whitlow and J. M. Westmoreland.

Publications—H. C. Bickers and J. P. Piker.

The treasurer made the following report:

Report for 1897 and 1898.

Received from Finance committee	\$19 05.
Paid out for printing minutes	\$12.00
For Postage	.90
For Express	.60
For Clerk's Fees	5.00
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Total, - - -	\$18.50
Balance on hand	\$.55
Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.	

Night Session.

After singing, and prayer by Eld. J. B. Whitlow, J. J. Goad preached: Text, John 3:7. Subject, Regeneration

In order of business the clerk called for messengers from churches, which had not yet reported. Bro. G. M. Murphree reported from Salem. Adjourned to meet Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

Saturday Forenoon.

Called to order by the Moderator. After singing, and prayer by S. H. Campbell, Moderator called for ministers of same faith and order to sit with the body. S. H. Campbell, of Ouachita, and J. B. Whitlow of Bradford had their names enrolled. J. P. Tate reported from White River Valley Association.

A. A. Andrus, J. J. Goad, H. C. Bickers and G. H. Davis were appointed as messengers to the State Baptist Convention.

Corresponding delegates to other association were appointed as follows:

White River Valley—J. B. Whitlow and J. W. Wade.

Red River—S. B. Vick and Geo. Joyner.

Blue Mt.—J. J. Stevens and G. M. Murphree.

Independence—S. M. Whitlow.

The associational board not being present to report, the Moderator appointed another as follows: J. P. Piker, G. H. Davis and S. M. Whitlow.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. S. H. Campbell.
John 7:67-68.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

After singing, and prayer by Bro. J. P. Tate, went into regular order of business. The clerk was ordered to have four hundred copies of the minutes printed.

Motion carried that the association hold its next meeting with Mt. Pleasant Church Oct. 6, 7, and 8, 1899.

Eld. J. B. Whitlow was elected to preach the next introductory sermon, J. J. Goad alternate. G. H. Davis was appointed member of the State Mission Board.

The following committees reported:

Prayermeeting.

We, your committee on prayermeeting, submit the following report: We believe that God is a prayer hearing God, and there is no better way to receive spiritual blessing than through prayer meetings and we further believe that it is the duty of the pastor of each church to more fully instruct in that direction.

J. M. WESTMORELAND,
J. P. PIKER,

Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Home Destitution.

We, your committee on Home Destitution, submit the following report: Finding that many places in our association are destitute of Baptist preaching, we would advise that steps be taken by this body to supply those places with the pure Gospel of Christ, and that ministers not having the care of churches, supply those destitute places as often as convenient.

JESSIE B. WHITLOW,
W. H. CAMPBELL,

Committee.

Received and Committee discharged.

Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: We must truly say we consider Sunday School work to be one of most importance, as important a subject as could be brought before a body of christian workers. Having been engaged in Sunday School work more or less for the last fourteen year, we can say there is no better place to instruct the young and rising generation, in the true principles of christianity, than in the Sunday School. We believe every church could and should have a good Sunday School at all times

and try to get young and old, especially little children, to take part in the work. Just think what a vast amount of good might be accomplished if every child in the bounds of this association should attend Sunday School every Sunday and there be taught the principles of christianity as laid down in the Bible. It would be one of the greatest powers in the world in christianizing the world. We would urge the pastors in this association to insist that each church organize and maintain a Sunday School all the time, and report its results to this association at its next meeting. May God help us to be alive to this work.

W. C. MACK,

E. M. BARNES,

Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Foreign Missions.

The spirit that animates the religion of Christ is essentially a missionary spirit. Christ came to offer salvation to all men and the announcement of his advent was a missionary proclamation. His last command was to preach the gospel to every creature. Obedience to this command is just as binding upon us as the command to repent, or any other command, and the expansion and perpetuation of the kingdom of Christ depends upon it. The gospel of Christ is just as much a blessing to humanity today as it ever was, and the whole world needs its regenerating power, its hallowing influences, its refining and civilizing agencies as much as ever before. Hence every consideration connected with man's duty to God and to his fellow men, makes it obligatory upon us to send and carry the gospel to those who are without it. This is an age of marvelous energy and great activity in missionary effort, and we are glad to know that the Baptist denomination is accomplishing much in this mighty

work. Our Home Board is prosecuting its work with increasing vigor in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and sends the gospel throughout this field according to the means placed in its hand. The Foreign Board is carrying on its work with commendable zeal, but is somewhat handicapped for the lack of funds. We have missionaries in China, Japan, Brazil, Africa, Mexico and Italy. We do not know the amounts that have been raised during the past year for these fields, but judging from the past years, we are convinced that the amounts raised are far short of the demands. We would respectfully urge the necessity of a campaign of education on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions. What the people need to prompt them to duty is information. To this end we would recommend the placing in the hands of our people such literature as is best suited to that purpose, and that the pastors of the churches preach on the subject of missions as often as may be advisable and every effective instrumentality not contrary to the Word of God, should be used to waken our interest on this subject. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. TATE,

G. M. MURPHREE,

Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Obituaries.

We, your committee on obituaries, make the following report: After examining the letters from the different churches we find that some of our members have been called from our midst by the will of our Heavenly Father. May our Lord's blessings comfort the hearts of the bereft ones.

JESSIE B. WHITLOW,

J. M. WESTMORELAND,

Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Publications.

We, your committee on publications, submit the following: We most heartily recommend the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa., The Arkansas Baptist, The American Baptist and all sound Baptist literature not in touch with Whitsittism.

H. C. BICKERS,

J. P. PIKER,

Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Temperance.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We believe that improvement should be made in the way of temperance further than is being done. We believe intemperance to be a greathindrance to the advancement of the Gospel and should be studied and become the subject of the prayers of God's people. We recommend the study of the word of God and total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. And we earnestly urge all pastors to instruct all church members in regard to temperance.

W. C. MACK,

E. M. BARNES,

Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Orphans' Home.

We your committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to submit the following report: We, realizing the certainty of death among parents as well as children, do realize the need of an Orphans' Home for the children who may be thrown out to the mercies of the world. As other denominations are striving to care for the orphans of our country, we believe that Baptists, for humane feeling, and in order to teach them aright, should have a home

for them. We are glad to recommend the Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark., and do hope the Baptists of Stevens Creek association will do what they can to make it a happy home.

W. R. FORD,
S. M. WHITLOW,
Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Finance.

We, your committee, make the following report:

Received from churches for minute fund:

Independence Church	\$2 00
Russell "	1 00
Mt Pleasant "	2 00
Union "	1 50
Bradford "	3 00
Salem "	1 00
Providence "	80
Mt. Hope "	1 10
From former treasurer	55
Public collection	3 05

Total, - - - - - - - \$16 00

J. W. POLLARD,
W. B. MORGAN,
Committee.

Received and committee discharged.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Saturday Night Session.

Called to order by the Moderator. After singing, and prayer by Rev. S. H. Campbell, committee on education made the following report:

Educational Report.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: No argument is needed from us in favor of the proposition that through the education

of the young, rests the hope that our form of government so wondrously built by our forefathers, will be preserved in its purity, and the fullest measure of civil and religious liberty secured and maintained. No uneducated people that ever lived, or that shall live hereafter, can be very happy in the enjoyment of civil and religious freedom. An ignorant and uneducated people are unable to comprehend the relation they sustain to their fellow-members in society, to the government, to the church, or to God. Without it society is endangered, the church discredited, and governments are overthrown.

Through the education of the people, and especially the young, the highest degree of happiness is secured to the individual and to society, the greatest good to humanity is bestowed, and through it the glory of God is achieved. Civil liberty is thereby appreciated and preserved, the religion of our Lord and Savior is more thoroughly understood and His kingdom on earth.

It is with the greatest pride that we, as Baptists, are able to call the attention of the world to our own Ouachita Baptist College, with her magnificent buildings and grounds, with an equipment for educational purposes costing the sum of \$75,000. At this college both sexes are taught and ministers given a course of three years' study upon the Bible. And while it can boast of but eleven years of existence, still through the matchless energy and business management of its president and those having control of it, it has 310 scholars enrolled for the ensuing session. It has 23 teachers.

Last, but not least in importance, would we mention the Baptist College at Mountain Home in Baxter county, away up in the mountains of our state, is located Mountain Home Baptist College. There it will stand through ages to come as a fountain from which shall be dispensed

the richest of intellectual and moral gifts to both boys and girls. With two such colleges within the state we should be grateful indeed. God has blessed us far beyond what we deserve perhaps. Duty demands that every effort should be made by the Baptists of this association, to advance the cause of education, using every reasonable argument in favor of the schools herein mentioned. Our ministers should preach about them more. Let us know more about our schools, and then let us patronize them more. We especially commend to young brethren who are preparing for the ministry the lectures given in the course for the ensuing term at Ouachita college.

A. A. ANDRUS, Ch'm.

J. W. POLLARD.

After being discussed by A. A. Andrus and S. H. Campbell, the report was adopted as read.

The following resolutions were read and approved:

1. Resolved that this association extend thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for faithful services.

E. M. BARNES.

2. Resolved, that the churches of this association arrange for a Ministers' and Deacons' fifth Sunday meeting, on Saturday before each fifth Sunday.

J. J. GOAD.

3. Resolved, that we extend to Bradford church and the citizens of Bradford our sincere thanks for generous treatment while with them.

W. B. MORGAN.

Motion to adjourn prevailed.

J. J. GOAD, Moderator.

G. H. DAVIS, Clerk.

Statistical Report.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting.	Sun. Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Con. for Minutes	No. in Sunday School
Bradford	A A Andrus	J W Wade	Bradford	2		4		2			30	\$3 00	90
Russell	J B Whitlow	E M Barnes	Russell	2				5	3	2	28	1 00	
Independence	H C Bickers	G W Goad	Denmark	3							50	2 00	
Providence	R F Middleton	L Robbins	Clear Water	3		1			2		42	80	25
Mt. Pleasant	S B Vick	W C Mack	Bradford	4				1			46	2 00	30
Union Hill		J W Pollard	Denmark	3				3		1	33	1 50	
Mt. Hope	R F Middleton	J D Tucker	Clay	1	1	5			5	2	25	1 10	43
Salem	G M Joyner	A F Edward	Judsonia	1	3	4	1	1		1	49	1 00	
Holly Springs no. 1													
Holly Springs no. 2													
Fellowship													
Plateau													
Pleasant Plains													
Totals,					4	14	1	12	10	6	303	\$12.40	188

Form For Associational Letter.

..... Church to the Stevens Creek Baptist Association, when assembled at Mt. Pleasant church, Friday, before the second Sunday in Oct., 1899, greeting: We send as delegates to assist you in your deliberations alternates.

Changes in membership:

Received by baptism

“ “ Letter

Restored

Dismissed by letter

Excluded

Died

Present Membership

Contributions:

Minute fund

Associational Missions

Home Missions

State Missions

Foreign Missions

Orphans' Home

Our regular time of meeting is on of each month.

Sunday School

No. of pupils in Sunday School

Prayer meeting

Ordained Ministers

Licensed Ministers

..... is our pastor.

..... Church Clerk.

Done by order of church.

..... Moderator.

..... Clerk.

Clerks will please use this form for letters to the Association.