

**Proceedings  
Trace Ridge  
Baptist Association**

**1899.**

# PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Pennington from 2 John 1: 10. "If there come any unto you and have not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed."

Concluded by Elder James Deney.

Took a recess for dinner till 2:30 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to recess at 2:30 o'clock. Was called to order by the moderator.

Called for Statistical Letters. Received as follows:

DeSoto—J. R. Pennington, J. E. DePriest.

Blanco—Represented by letter only.

Burr Oak—M. C. Watkins, R. A. Plant, W. E. Smith.

Dry Creek—J. H. Cowen, G. W. Hefner.

Flat Rock—J. A. Mellon, B. F. McInturf.

Hart Suggs—P. M. Low, R. M. Hays, J. M. Beavers.

Hopewell—C. T. Cotton, M. B. Cotton, Robert Ragland.

Macedonia—J. B. Millsaps, Amos Byran.

Liberty—W. F. Hefner, M. B. McIntire, W. P. Thornton.

Mountain Star—P. Busby, T. C. Duncan.

Pleasant Exchange—J. W. Rambo, I. T. O'Neal, Wm. O'Neal.

Pleasant Valley—J. M. Adkinson, C. H. Hightower, A. M. Kimbrell.

Red Hill—A. L. Treadwell, E. S. Ramsey, Joel Marshall.

Trace Ridge—A. D. Ingram, James McIntire, C. A. Lamb.

Zion's Hill—M. C. Bridges, Thomas Pack.

Zion's Light—W. S. Moore, James Watts.

Good Springs—Elder James, L. E. Autry, J. J. Roseman.

Pilgrim's Rest—Elder John Kimbrell.

On motion suspended the regular order of business and called for petitionary letters, and received as follows:

Mt. Hope—W. A. Compton, Joseph Johnson.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Cotton, M. Pack.

Moved to appoint E. S. Ramsey and M. B. McIntire as reading clerks.

Mt. Hope and Pleasant Hill Churches were received.

Resumed the regular order of business and went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Elder J. W. Rambo, Moderator; J. A. Melton, Clerk; I. E. Jones, Treasurer.

The appointment of committees:

Committee on Devotion—W. S. Moore, B. F. McInturf, J. H. Cowen, R. M. Hays, with the messengers of Liberty Church, except the ministers.

Committee on Foreign Missions—I. E. Jones, E. S. Ramsey, L. E. Autry, T. L. Thompson.

Committee on Destitution—Elders Joel Marshall, J. R. Pennington and Bro. I. T. O'Neal.

Committee on Finance—W. F. Hefner, M. B. McIntire, A. L. Treadwell.

Committee on Resolutions—Elder John Kimbrell, M. Longcryer, J. M. Cotton.

Committee on Home Missions—Elder C. T. Cotton, Amos Byran, P. Busby.

Committee on Ministerial Education—Bros. B. F. McInturf, W. M. O'Neal, M. C. Bridges.

Committee on Publication—Bros. W. E. Smith, T. C. Duncan, M. C. Watkins.

Committee on Prohibition—Elders James Deney, L. E. Autry, Bro. J. E. DePriest.

Committee on Associational Missions—Bros. C. H. Hightower, R. A. Plant, P. N. Low.

Committee on Sunday-schools—Elders C. T. Cotton, M. B. McIntire, J. W. Beavers.

Committee on Pastoral Support—Bros. J. J. Roseman, W. A. Compton and W. M. O'Neal.

Committee on Deceased Members—Elders John Kimbrell, J. M. Atkinson, Joel Marshall.

Invited visiting ministers to seats with us, which was accepted by Elders H. N. Hefner, T. L. Thompson and J. E. M. Goveran, from Fourche Valley Association.

Called for correspondents from sister associations.

Accepted H. F. Watkins from Pee Dee Association; W. A. Meek and W. A. McIntire from Union, No. 2.

Called for reports of correspondents to sister associations, whereupon Elders John Kimbrell, J. R. Pennington and Joel Marshall reported their visit to Union, No. 2, and found them a sound body and were received cordially, and Elders Jas. Deney, C. F. Cotton and J. M. Beavers reported their visit to Pee Dee Association, and said that they found there a body in

fine working order and that they were gladly received by them.

Moved that Bro. T. L. Thompson preach on tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock, on the theme of Missions.

On motion requested the Committee on Sunday-schools to report tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 o'clock a. m., and that we resolve ourselves into a Sunday-school mass-meeting.

On motion took recess for preaching.

Saturday night preaching by Elder J. B. Millsaps. Concluded by John Kimbrell, from Matt. 24: 3.

Took recess till 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

### SUNDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY.

Met in Sunday-school mass meeting. Prayer by Elder J. B. Millsaps.

Called for report of Committee on Sunday-schools. Report received as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, submit the following report: We see from the letters to the association that we are far behind in this important work. We urge our churches to organize Sunday-schools in each church at once. Use Baptist literature. Respectfully submitted,

C. T. COTTON, Chairman.

On motion tabled the report on Sunday-school until 3 o'clock p. m. Took recess for preaching by Elder T. L. Thompson, from Romans 10: 13, 14. "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent." A collection was then taken for Foreign Missions amounting to \$5.51, and for Associational Missions, \$1.

### SUNDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met and took up report on Sunday-school, which was adopted.

Moved to adjourn till 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Pennington.

### SUNDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by C. T. Cotton. Concluded by C. L. Boyd from Lev. 5: 5.

### MONDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. M. Beavers.

Called for the report of Foreign Missions. Report received as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to



submit the following: We find, after making an investigation of the cause of the lethargy which appears to intervene between the church and the accomplishment assigned it as the bride of Christ, we recommend that the pastors of the several churches composing this association be requested to indoctrinate the churches along this line. We further recommend that laety cultivate the spirit of giving

J. E. JONES, Chairman.

The above was ably discussed and adopted.

Took up the regular order of business.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters and received a letter from Pleasant Hill, No. 2, and Messenger T. E. Jackson.

Renewed the call for correspondence from sister associations.

Renewed invitation to visiting brethren. Accepted by Rev. H. A. McIntire.

Called for the report on destitution and received the following:

We, your Committee on Destitution, submit the following: We find the following places destitute of Gospel preaching: The Cooper School-house, Witt Springs, Pleasant Grove and Crowel School-house.

Took recess for preaching by Elder J. E. McGoveran from 1 John 4: 19. "We love Him because He first loved us."

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Wm. O'Neal.

Called for the report on finance, and the following was received:

We, your Committee on Finance, would make the following report: We have received from the several churches for minute fund, \$16.70; Foreign Missions, \$6.06; State Missions, 25c. Respectfully submitted.

M. B. McINTIRE, Chairman.

Called for report on Ministerial Education. Report received and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, would submit the following: We believe that if there ever was a time when our ministers should be educated, it is now, and if there ever was a time when we should be thoroughly acquainted with God's Word, it is now. When we look around us and see so many things taught that we believe are heresy, according to the word of God, we believe it time that our ministers should educate themselves. Therefore we urge a

close study of God's Word and good, sound literature, that they may be prepared to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. The world is educating and we must keep pace with it. We recommend Ouachita and Mt. Home as good institutions of learning. Respectfully submitted,  
WM. O'NEAL, Chairman.

Called for report on Home Missions. Received and adopted the following:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, would submit the following: Believing that the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., is doing a grand work, therefore we urge the churches of this association to contribute of their means according as the Lord has blessed them to aid this branch of the work. Respectfully submitted,

C. T. COTTON, Chairman.

Called for report on Publication. Read, received and adopted the following:

We, your Committee on Publication, would submit the following: We recommend first a close study of the Scriptures, together with the *Arkansas Baptist*, and foreign mission journals of the Southern Baptist Convention, etc.

T. C. DUNCAN, Chairman.

Took recess for preaching by Rev. J. B. Lovel from Matt. 17: 5.

## TUESDAY MORNING—FOURTH DAY.

The association was called to order by the Moderator, J. W. Rambo. Prayer by Elder James Denev.

Called for report on Prohibition and received the following:

We, your Committee on Prohibition, would submit the following: We believe the temperance cause is gaining ground. We advise our brethren to use their best efforts, both publicly and privately, to suppress the making, selling and use of intoxicating liquors, and that our brethren abstain from its use, and we earnestly hope and pray that not one of our brethren will be guilty of voting for license.

JAMES DENEV, Chairman.

Moved to amend to advise the churches discipline members that are in any way implicated in the manufacturing, sale or use of intoxicating liquors. Adopted.

Called for report on Associational Missions. Report read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, would beg leave to submit the following: We advise the churches of this association to take steps to supply the destitute parts

in our bounds. We advise that you create a Mission Board.  
Respectfully submitted,

C. H. HIGHTOWER, Chairman.

On motion appointed an Associational Board as follows:  
Bros. J. M. Longeryer, I. T. O'Neal and B. F. McInturf.

Called for report from the missionaries and received  
from Rev. J. R. Pennington. Read and adopted as follows:

I, as one of the missionaries of Trace Ridge Association,  
beg leave to submit the following: I commenced work about  
October 15, 1898; traveled about 1,200 miles; spent 125 days;  
preached 150 sermons; witnessed twenty-five conversions; bap-  
tized sixteen; restored one church; received \$20.25; helped  
ordain one minister. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PENNINGTON.

Report received of H. N. Hefner:

I, as one of your missionaries, submit the following: Days  
of labor, 103; sermons preached, 117; baptisms, 74; organized  
seven churches; traveled 990 miles; received on compensation  
from the Board, \$125; I. T. O'Neal, 50c; W. F. Hefner, \$5;  
J. W. Rambo, \$3; Pleasant Valley Church, \$8.25; Sister Kim-  
brell, 50c; total, \$34.45; witnessed twenty-three conversions;  
assisted in ordaining one minister. Respectfully submitted.

H. N. HEFNER.

Called for report on deceased members, and received the  
following:

We find, from the statistical letters of the different  
churches that the pall of death has visited our beloved Zion  
and taken our beloved brethren and sisters, as follows: Dry  
Creek, Bro. G. W. Hefner; Hopewell, Bro. Thad Stephe-  
nson and Sister Charlotta Ellis; Mt. Hope, Tilda Cummings;  
Zion's Light, Sister Blakeley and Sister Belle Burnett; Zion's  
Hill, Bro. James Walker and Sister Bridges; Good Spring,  
Sister Tankerson.

Dear Brethren: While we bow in humble submission to  
the Divine Will, knowing that He doeth all things well; that  
while their seats are vacant, as ours must shortly be, let us  
not grieve as those who have no hope, for if we believe that  
Jesus died and rose again, them that sleep in Jesus will God  
bring with Him. We shall again unite with them and there  
be with them forevermore. Then we may sing that God was  
with them all the way, and may we all some day be born  
above the bright blue sky and meet them in the sweet by  
and-by. Faithfully submitted,

JOHN KIMBRELL.

Called for the report on Resolutions and received the fol-  
lowing:



1. Resolved, That we have our minutes printed by the *Arkansas Baptist*.

2. Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of as many minutes as the money will pay for, after deducting \$5 for his services.

3 Resolved, That we advise our churches to appoint a member each to collect means for Associational Missions and remit same to the Associational Board, to sustain a missionary in the destitute places of this association.

M. B. McINTIRE, Chairman.

4. Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Liberty church and community for the kindness shown us during our stay with them.

JOHN KIMBRELL, Chairman.

Moved that the treasurer turn in to the clerk the minute fund and that he be excused. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes. That he have the \$5 for his services.

Moved that the treasurer turn in to the treasurer of the Missionary Board all moneys belonging to the association, and also send the money for foreign missions to the Foreign Mission Board.

On motion, [appointed B. F. McInturf and Joel Marshall as corresponding messengers to Blue Mountain Association.

Appointed Elders John Kimbrell, James Deney and Bro. J. J. Roseman as correspondents to Pee Dee Association.

Corresponding messengers to Little Red River—Rev. James Deney and J. M. Beavers.

Messengers to United—Rev. H. N. Hefner, M. B. McIntire and Bro. L. E. Antry, C. H. Hightower, J. J. Roseman.

Messenger to Russellville Association—H. A. McIntire.

Messengers to White River Association—Rev. J. R. Pennington, H. A. McIntire.

Messengers to Crooked Creek Association—Rev. John Kimbrell and Bro. G. W. Hefner.

Appointed to the Baptist State Convention—J. A. Melton, messenger.

Took recess for preaching by H. N. Hefner.

Resolved, That we hold the meeting of this body with Flat Rock church, Marshall, Searcy county, Ark., and that we meet at 11 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

Moved that H. N. Hefner preach the introductory sermon and that C. T. Cotton is appointed alternate.

Resolved, That J. B. Millsaps, James Deney, alternate, preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock on the theme of missions.

It was moved that we humbly bow in prayer and thanksgiving, led by J. R. Pennington.



It was moved that we adjourn to meet with Flat Rock church at 11 o'clock on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

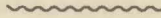
J. A. MELTON, Clerk.

J. W. RAMBO, Moderator.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE	Baptized.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Days of Meeting.	Minutes Fund.	Pastor's Salary	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.
				Rec'd by Letter.											
Dry Creek.....	C. L. Boyd.....	J. H. Cowen.....	Laurel.....	1				1	27	3rd	35				
Hart Suggs.....	G. G. Perkins.....	R. M. Hays.....	Archie.....	5		1			27	3rd					
DeSoto.....	John Kimbell.....	G. H. Edwards.....	Duff.....		1		2		64	1st	1 50	25 00	1 00	1 00	16 00
Good Springs.....	J. W. McDonald.....	W. J. Williams.....	Archie.....	1	3			1	37	3rd	50				25
Mt. Hope.....	M. G. McEntire.....	J. Jones.....	Witt Springs.....	10	5	1			31	1st	1 00	5 00			
Pleasant Hill.....		J. M. Cosey.....	Ella.....						9	3rd	50				
L'berty.....	M. B. McEntire.....	W. P. Thornton.....	Muriilo.....	2	4		3		32	2nd		75			
Rehobeth.....		M. Longryer.....	Snow Ball.....						11	3rd	50				
Burr Oak.....	J. R. Pennington.....	J. H. Whisenand.....	Blanco.....	12	3	1	2		39	3rd	1 00	19 00			
Pleasant Hill.....	J. W. Rambo.....	S. Pack.....	Ella.....	1	1				11	3rd	75				
Hopewell.....	T. C. Cotton.....	J. H. Ellis.....	Lesley.....				2	1	34	2nd	75				
Zion Hill.....	T. L. Thompson.....	P. H. Bridges.....	E'la.....	2	3		10	5	20	1st	1 10				
Pleasant Va'ley.....	J. W. Rambo.....	C. H. Hightower.....	Watts.....	4		1			41	2nd	1 50	8 05			8 25
Trace Ridge.....	J. B. Millsaps.....	A. D. Ingram.....	Mu'illo.....		2		6	5	30	1st					
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Joel Marshall.....	S. B. Rains.....	Watts.....		1	5	1		25	1st	1 00	5 00			14 00
Red Hill.....	John Kimbell.....	E. S. Ramsey.....	Marshall.....		2	1			35	3rd	1 00				
Macedonia.....	T. Nut.....	Phily. Giles.....	Dabney.....	1	5		2		21	1st	50				
M. Starr.....	H. A. McEntire.....	W. R. Murphy.....	Watts.....		2	1			14	4 h	30	5 50			
Pleasant Exchange	J. Marshall.....	Wm O'Neal.....	Watts.....		1				23	3rd	75				10 00
Fat Rock.....	A. R. Stephens.....	B. B. McEnturf.....	Marshall.....	1		3			70	1st	1 50	10 00			5 00
Zion's Light.....	John Taylor.....	W. S. Moo'ee.....	Duff.....	1	3	1			36	4th	1 00	8 00			
Blanco.....	J. R. Pennington.....	E. J. Jones.....	Blanco.....						40	4th					

## Articles of Faith.



I. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. We believe that there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the laws of his maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature; yet without sin; honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and by His death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead He is now enthroned in Heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood;



by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man; it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes love, humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed

means, especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only Scriptural officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such

only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.