

Minutes

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Gainesville
Missionary Baptist
ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

SALEM CHURCH, NEAR BOYDSVILLE,
CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

SEPTEMBER 23, 25 AND 26, 1893.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. HOLCOMB, Moderator, Pollard, Ark.

HENRY HOLCOMB, Clerk, Pollard, Arkansas.

T. L. B. THORN, Treasurer, Gainesville, Ark.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, September 23, 1893.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened with Salem Church, near Boydsville, pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Bearden, his text, Isaiah 54, 5, For Thy Maker is Thy Husband.

The body was then called to order by the former moderator.

A motion then carried to adjourn until 4 p. m. for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

At 4 p. m. the Association was called together and business resumed.

The roll of Churches was called and twenty-one responded by letter and delegation. (See tabular statement.)

On motion that visiting members be made messengers in fact from their respective Churches, where the delegation is not full.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion Elder J. R. Holcomb for Moderator, Henry Holcomb for Clerk, and T. L. B. Thorn for Treasurer, were made permanent officers of the present session by acclamation.

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

Petitionary letters were then called for by the Moderator, one responded from Wanderers Home by letter and delegation, and on motion received, and messengers invited to seats within the body.

Letters of correspondence called for, Current River Association responded by her messenger, S. K. Dungan.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats. Elder C. B. Hunton, of Mt. Zion Association, A. P. Larkin, of Gainesville Church and Elder G. Lively of Caddo Mills Church, Texas, accepted the invitation.

On motion the Moderator appointed the usual committees. viz:

DIVINE SERVICE—Messengers of Salem Church.

ARRANGEMENTS—E. D. Cooper, J. J. Kelley and J. S. Rogers.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—D. L. Fitzgerald, John Hammett and S. H. Weatherly.

FINANCE—Z. T. Underwood, J. N. Robertson and T. L. B. Thorn.

HOME MISSIONS—C. B. Hunton, J. D. J. Faulkner and J. S. Haden.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—D. M. Clark, C. W. Bradshaw and J. N. Lawless.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—W. J. Bearden, J. J. Burton and S. H. Weatherly.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—D. A. Edwards, W. J. Johnson and J. A. Smith.

OBITUARIES—W. D. Farmer, J. A. Thomas and N. H. Shaw.

TEMPERANCE—John Hammett, S. K. Dungan and T. L. B. Thorn.

PUBLICATION—W. J. Bearden, J. N. Robertson and C. B. Hunton.

QUERIES—J. D. J. Faulkner, D. M. Clark, H. B. Wright.

The committee on divine service reported as follows: Elders J. N. Robertson and J. S. Haden tonight. A discussion on the subject of missions Sunday morning at 9:30; Missionary Sermon at 11 by Elder C. B. Hunton.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning 8:30

Prayer by Elder W. J. Bearden.

On Sunday at 11, Elder C. B. Hunton preached a very interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Subject, the Inspiration of the Scriptures, after which a collection of \$14.13 was taken up for associational missions.

Monday morning, 8:30 o'clock.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder C. B. Hunton.

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 in the body.
- 5th. Report of committee on ministerial education.
- 6th. Report of committee on home missions.
- 7th. Report of committee on foreign missions.
- 8th. Report of committee on state associational mission.
- 9th. Report of committee on Sunday schools.
- 10th. Report of committee on finance.
- 11th. Report of committee on obituaries.
- 12th. Report of committee on temperance.
- 13th. Report of committee on publication.
- 14th. Report of executive board.
- 15th. Report of missionary.
- 16th. Report of treasurer.
- 17th. Calling for queries.
- 18th. Miscellaneous business.
- 19th. Resolutions.

J. J. KELLEY, Chairman.

The report of committee on ministerial education was presented, read and adopted, and is as follows: We believe it is the duty of every man called of God to preach, if he has not an education to do all that is in his power to acquire at least a good English education. This we believe he cannot afford to neglect. We further believe that it is the duty of all the churches to assist such in this endeavor. And we recommend that each church in this association, take at least one collection during the year for this purpose. And we most heartily recommend Ouachita and Mountain Home Baptist Colleges, as the best schools for our young people.

D. L. FITZGERALD, Chairman

The committee on home missions reported as follows: Which was read and adopted:

The field is an extensive one, and white unto harvest, our home board is doing nobly so far as they are able, our Brother Diaz in Cuba is doing a grand work. The Lord is with him in great power. Other missionaries who are at work under the board are doing good work. Therefore we recommend that all our pastors bring before their churches the importance of supporting this part of our missionary work.

C. B. HUNTON, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching. At 11 o'clock Elder J. D. J. Faulkner preached an interesting sermon, from Eph 1 ch 7 verse. At 2 p. m. the association was called to order and resumed business.

The committee on foreign missions reported as follows: Which was read and adopted:

Having in view the commission as given by the Lord Jesus Christ, to go into all the world and preach His Gospel. It then behooves us as His followers, to use every effort in our power to assist in this great work. The question arises in our minds how can we help in this great work. We cannot all go to foreign fields, but we can send Godly men with our means, and we can only do this by liberal contributions. We are doing a good work but we ought to do more, we have already in foreign fields in Brazil, Taylor; in China, Simmons and Graves; in Africa, Smith: in Rome, Bro. Eager; and others in other fields. These Godly men cannot work there unless we help them, and we recommend that our Pastors continue to present the matter fully before their churches.

D. M. CLARK, Chairman.

The committee on state and associational missions reported as follows: Which was read and adopted.

We are glad to say that we are well pleased with the work of our missionary and while he has done a great work, there remains a great work yet to do, and we recommend the continuance of the missionary another year, and the following destitutions as fields for our operations; Blue Cane, 5 miles east of Rector, Main Shore and St. Francis.

S. H. WEATHERLY, Chairman.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning 8-30 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Holcomb.

At 7 p. m. Elder J. M. Lawrence preached to a very attentive congregation, a well connected discourse on the subject of the operation of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of the Sinner.

Tuesday Morning 8:30 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

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

We are proud to know that so many of the Churches are now taking an interest in the establishing and maintaining of Sunday Schools, and would strongly recommend that all the Churches of the Association would do the

name, for we think that a good live Sunday School is an evidence of the life of the Church, or rather the Church at work, and if we don't educate our children in the right direction, some one will educate them in the wrong direction and as a people we do desire to teach our children in the ways of all truth.

D. A. EDWARDS Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee on Obituaries find twenty-five of our Brothers and Sisters of the various churches, have died since our last Association: from Rock Hill Church, three; Friendship Church, two; Hopewell Church, four; Epesaby Church, one; Fairview Church, two; Marmaduke Church, one; Brown's Chapel, one; Haywood's Chapel, one; Pleasant Grove Church, three; New Hope Church, five, and Piggott Church two.

RESOLVED; That we the brethren composing the Gainesville Association render our heartfelt sympathy to the different bereaved families, feeling that their loss is the eternal gain of them that has gone before.

W. D. FARMER,

J. A. THOMAS,

N. H. SHAW,

Committee.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee on finance reported as follows: Which was found correct and adopted:

Your committee have received for printing minutes:

From Wanderers' Home church.....	\$ 1 25
" Epsaby church,	1 50
" Union Grove church,.....	1 50
" Marmaduke church,.....	1 50
" Providence church.....	1 20
" Pleasant Grove church.....	1 25
" Hopewell church,.....	1 65
" Salem church,	1 50
" Rector church,.....	2 00
" New Hope church,.....	2 50
" Haywood's chapel.....	1 50
" Brown's chapel.....	1 00
" Gainesville church.....	2 00
" New Light church.....	1 00
" Fairview church,.....	2 50
" Main Shore church,	25
" Post Oak church,	55
" Blooming Grove church,.....	1 50
" Rock Hill church,.....	1 50
" Center Hill church,.....	1 25
" Friendship church,.....	2 50
" Piggott church,.....	1 33
Minute funds.....	\$32 73
Post Oak for Home Missions.....	1 35
" " " Foreign "	25
Total received.....	\$34 33

T. L. B. THORNE. Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance presented their report, which is as follows;

Believing that a grander theme could not engage the attention of this Christian Assembly—it is one of God's provisional laws—therefore, no trivial subject. As intemperance has ever been the impediment to the progress of our Master's Cause, we recommend that we warn our members of the evils of intemperance, and should they then indulge in the use of ardent spirits, that they be expelled from our churches; as their lives and examples are, contrary and in direct opposition to the teachings of the Master, and it seems manifest to your committee that our Association should utter its solemn protest against this monster evil, and that we, as a religious body, should rise

in the strength of the God of Israel lend our influence, to help put down the ruinous liquor traffic in our land, and that we should show our allegiance to our best interests and the cause of Christ, not only in words, but at the ballot box. Let it go forth that it is a strong and decided sentiment of the Christian world, that the cause of temperance is a good cause, and may we continue to strive for it until the people of this great nation espouses the great cause of Temperance.

J. F. HAMMETT, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

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

The Bible should be more diligently searched by our people, and should ever be our rule of faith and practice.

We believe however, that good christian literature is one of the greatest blessings of the day, and by its effects is advancing the Kingdom of our Lord, and would recommend as sound, The ARKANSAS Baptist, edited by W. A. Clark Little Rock, Ark. which we should ever support as our own State paper, we also recommend The Baptist Gleaner, edited by Elder J. N. Hall, Fulton, Kentucky and The American Baptist. by D. B. Ray St Louis, Mo. and for Sunday School literature, our own publication at Nashville Tenn.

C. B. HUNTON, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD,

The report of the Executive Board was as follows: That according to our instructions from this body, we employed Elder J. M. Lawrence to do Mission work in our Association, and we employed him, and agreed to pay him \$500.00 and we find that he has been actively engaged all the year with very good results.

There has been received into our hands from the churches, and amount reported to us by our Missionary of \$352.65 and \$41. for time given at Center Hill Church. Balance due missionary \$106.35 J. J. BURTON.

Clerk and Treasurer of Board.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The work done as follows: Labor'd 11 Months; miles traveled, about 400; sermons preached, 225; Baptized 27, and about 100 professions of religion.

J. M. LAWRENCE, Missionary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted as follows:

Balance on hand at last report:	
Minute funds for 1892,.....	\$31 25
For foreign Mission.....	17 50
Received during the sitting of the present session	20 13
Received from finance committee minute fund	32 73
Received from finance committee foreign mission	25
Received from finance committee Home mission	1 35

Total amount received \$ 103 21

Credits asked.

By amount paid clerk for printing minutes for 1892,.....	\$31 25
By amount sent Bro, Tuper for foreign mission.....	17 50

Total credits, 48 75

Balance on hand.....\$54 46

T. L. B. THORN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL BOARD.

The report of the Board on Ministerial Education was presented, read and adopted as follows:

The two brethren elected at the last association to go to school, failed to go.

We elected J. N. Robertson, who entered school at Gainesville Nov 28, 1882 and remained in school 3 1-2 months. And we have received the following amounts.

From New Hope Ch. \$ 5 00	From Salem Ch. \$1 35
" Hopewell Ch., 1 40	" Gainesville Ch. 9 75
" Fairview Ch.. 10 25	" Knobel Ch... 4 00
" Providence Ch. 1 00	" Center Hill Ch 3 05
" Epsaby Ch.... 1 40	" H. C. Wood.. 2 00
" Haywood Chap'l 3 00	" W. W. Randleman. 1 00
" Brown's Chap'l 1 00	" A. B. Winchester 1 00
" Union Grove Ch 5 25	" E. N. Royall.... 1 00
" Rock Hill Ch... 3 00	" J. H. Earle..... 5 00
" Friendship Ch. 34 55	

Total \$94 00

Amount paid for books and tuition..... 10 10

Balance, (paid to J. N. Robertson,) - - \$83 90

W. J. BEARDEN, Treasurer of Board.

On motion H. Holcomb, J. R. Holcomb and R. W. Rogers were appointed as a Board on Ministerial Education to solicit funds to assist some of our young brethren in school, and the association agreed to assist J. N. Lawless and Henry Merideth.

On motion the Moderator appointed J. J. Burton, J. A. Foster, J. T. Hammett, T. L. B. Thorne, and J. A. Mahon, as the Executive Board.

On motion the association endorses the appointment of a State Sunday School and Bible Board, and their election of a corresponding Secretary and evangelist, and that our Missionary is permitted to act as their Missionary in the bounds of our association, and our executive board is advised, in connection with the State Secretary, to arrange to hold one more Sunday School conventions or institutes during the year, and the churches of this association are asked to contribute or pledge a certain amount for the State work this year, the same to be paid quarterly if possible.

On motion that we correspond with Mt. Zion, Black River and Current River associations:

Brother H. W. Cagle, to Black River and Elder W. J. Bearden, to Current River were appointed as corresponding messengers.

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

On motion that the association convene in its next session with Friendship Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894.

Elder J. S. Haden was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Elder J. M. Lawrence his alternate.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock, for preaching. At 11 o'clock, sermon by Elder J. R. Holcomb. Theme: The stipulated conditions of Salvation for the unsaved, at the close of which, the body resumed business. And Bro. J. S. Simpson of the so called Primitive Baptist, challenged the Gainesville association in session with the Salem Baptist Church, on the following question to-wit.

The eternal Salvation of an alien sinner is unconditional.

Harmony Church affirm.

Gainesville association deny.

And we cordially accept: and ask Elder J. N. Hall or W. P. Throgmorton to represent us in the discussion of the same.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Salem church and vicinity for their hospitalities shown us during the present session of the body, and may God's blessings rest upon them.

Thus closed the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Gainesville Association, and, on motion, the body adjourned, to meet with Friendship church, three miles east of Gainesville, Greene county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D, 1894, at 11 a. m. and during song service the parting hand was extended by the brethren.

Benediction by Elder W. J. Bearden.

ELDER J. R. HOLCOMB, Moderator.

HENRY HOLCOMB, Clerk.

NAMES OF POSTOFFICES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.	EMPLOYMENT.
G. H. Faulkner,	Crowley,	Pastor.
W. J. Bearden,	Paragould,	Pastor.
J. T. Edwards,	Paragould,	Pastor.
J. N. Robertson,	Paragould,	Pastor.
J. D. J. Faulkner,	Paragould,	Pastor.
J. M. Lawrence	Gainesville,	Missionary.
N.W. Hampton,	Gainesville,	Pastor.
E. J. Teague,	Gainesville,	Merchant.
S. Walls,	Gainesville,	
W. C. Johnson,	Gainesville,	
J. R. Holcomb,	Pollard,	Pastor.
J. N. Settlemior,	Pollard.	Pastor.
W. R. Cantrell,	Pollard,	Laborer.
N. A. Carpenter,	Crockett,	Pastor.
N. G. Ellis.	Crockett,	Farmer.
J.S. Haden,	Piggott,	Pastor.
J. L. Mannon,	Boydsville,	Farmer.
G. Lively,	Rector,	Pastor.
Kelly Pate,	Piggott,	Pastor.

CHURCHES.

CLERKS.

POSTOFFICE.

PASTORS.

Rock Hill,
 Epsaby,
 Fairview,
 Hopewell,
 Friendship,
 New Light,
 New Hope,
 Providence.
 Pleasant Grove,
 Salem,
 Rector,
 Union Grove,
 Marmaduke,
 Haywood,s Chapel,
 Brown's Chapel,
 Gainesville,
 Post Oak,
 Blooming Grove,
 Main Shore,
 Center Hill,
 Piggott,
 Wanderers' Home,
 Knobel,

J. M. Rogers,
 W. L. Owen,
 L. G. Taylor,
 D. M. Johnson,
 John F. Hammett,
 Z. T. Crockett,
 H. Holcomb,
 W. T. Williams,
 D. A. Edwards,
 C. W. Bradshaw,
 William Mitchell,
 J. T. Faulkner,
 W. H. Merideth,
 H. A. Seal,
 C. E. Waddell,
 T. L. B. Thorn,
 J. G. Staggs,
 N. A. Deniston,
 Mrs. N. E. Stephenson,
 J. W. Craven,
 J. J. Brown,
 J. T. Pollard,
 W. W. Duffer,

Paragould,
 Gainesville,
 Paragould,
 Rector,
 Gainesville,
 Crockett,
 Pollard,
 Gainesville,
 Finch,
 Boydsville,
 Rector,
 Crowley,
 Marmaduke,
 Greenway,
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 C. B. Hunton.
 J. D. J. Faulkner.
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 N. F. Carpenter.
 J. S. Haden.
 W. S. Barker.
 J. M. Lawrence.
 Kelly Pate.
 J. N. Settlemoir,
 W. J. Bearden.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

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CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.										
		Rec by Baptism.	Rec by Letter.	Rec'd by Recom- mendation.	Restored.	Dis by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Membershp.	Minute Money.	Days of Meeting.
Rock Hill,.....	E. D. Cooper, J. J. Kelly, I. S. Rogers.....	11	1	1	12	3	6	97	\$1 50	1	
Epsaby.....	C. T. Cole, W. L. Owen, Levy Roberts.....	6	1	2	1	2	1	79	1 50	2	
Fairview,.....	J. F. Bratton, J. H. Sammons, D. L. Fitzgerald.....	4			3	2	2	95	2 50	2	
Hopewell,.....	W. D. Farmer, J. A. Thomas, N. H. Shaw.....	1	6		2	1	4	22	1 65	3	
Friendship,.....	S. H. Weatherly, J. J. Burton, J. F. Hammett.....	11	2		1	1	2	97	2 50	2	
New Light.....	Z. T. Crockett, G. W. Russom, J. T. Humphrey.....		3		2	11		28	1 00	2	
New Hope,.....	H. Holcomb, Z. T. Underwood, W. J. Johnson.....	1			1	2	5	32	2 50	3	
Providence.....	H. B. Wright, A. T. Wright.....	14	6	2	5	1	1	33	1 20	4	
Pleasant Grove.....	J. N. Lawless, D. A. Edwards.....	14	1		1	3	3	86	1 25	3	
Salem,.....	J. A. Smith, E. L. Benson, M. M. Lunsford.....		2			2		74	1 50	1	
Rector,.....	W. M. Mitchell, H. W. Cagle.....	13	2	1	3			71	2 00	2	
Union Grove.....	J. D. J. Faulkner.....							58	1 50	3	
Marmaduke,*.....	J. A. Foster, E. P. Holt, J. A. Mahon.....	8	4		1	6	1	62	1 50	1	
Haywood's Chapel,.....	M. W. Neely, H. A. Underwood.....	20	6	1	1	1	1	56	1 50	4	
Brown's Chapel,.....	J. A. Bishop, W. C. Craig, J. T. McDaniel.....	11			1	2	1	36	1 00	2	
Gainesville,.....	T. L. B. Thorn, D. M. Clark, W. J. Bearden.....	1	8		12			54	2 00	3	
Post Oak,.....	Robert Hedgepeth, J. F. Bradshaw, W. C. Gribble.....	2			4			16	55	4	
Blooming Grove,.....	J. A. Hooks, V. B. Alexander, M. C. Beckley.....	6	3	2				67	1 50	2	
Main Shore,.....	By Letter.....							12	25	1	
Center Hill,.....	N. Hampton, J. W. Craven Jr.....	2	1					42	1 25		
Piggott.....	J. S. Palsgrove, R. W. Rogers, Robert Gossett.....	16	7	2	12	3	2	52	1 33	2	
Wanderer's Home,.....	J. I. Pollard, J. L. Loftis.....							11	1 25	4	
Kuobel,.....	No intelligence.....							24		4	