

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

—MADISON COUNTY—
ASSOCIATION

—OF—

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

PEACE VALLEY CHURCH, NEAR
HINDSVILLE, ARK.

AUGUST 19th, 20th and 21st, 1904.

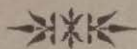
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

S. S. GRAHAM, Moderator,

Springvalley, Arkansas.

J. S. MILLER, Clerk,

Dutton, Arkansas.



NEXT YEAR the Association will meet with New Zion
Church on Friday before the Third Sunday
in October at 10 o'clock a. m., 1905.

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THE PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

THE Missionary Baptist Association of Madison County convened with Peace Valley Church, Friday, August 19, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m. Brother D. R. Kittrell preached the Introductory Sermon. His text was found in the 3d Chapter, 9th verse of 1st Corinthians; namely, "For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's buildings." Followed by Brother S. S. Graham. The Association then entered into executive session, in which Brother Cook led in prayer. Church letters were then called for. Brothers S. A. Riggs and H. L. Thompson were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters were read from the following churches: New Zion, Smyrna, Liberty, Independence, Peace Valley, Sprngvalley, Fairview, New Hope, Eagle Grove, Pinnacle, Mt. Springs, Southern Grove, Clear Creek and Valley Springs Church was added to the Madison County Association by motion and second. After which a motion was made to elect a Moderator and Clerk by means of a teller, Brother H. L. Thompson being appointed teller. The following named candidates were elected: Bro. S. S. Graham, Moderator; Smith Miller, Clerk. Each thanked the association for the honor conferred upon him. After which Bros. James Johnson and W. O. Davis, assisted by the delegates of Peace Valley, were appointed on Divine service. After which prayer was offered by Brother Jonah Wofford and the association was adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

AFTER-NOON SESSION.

Brother J. G. Bowers opened the Association with prayer. The Moderator then read the rules of Decorum; after which the next order of the Association was to call for correspondence by which Brother Kittrell of Carroll County, was admitted to seat with us. Invitation was then given to visiting ministers, none responded. After which the letter of Mt. Springs was called for and read.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

FINANCE.-E. S. Thompson and J. A. P. Vaughn
 FOREIGN MISSIONS.-D. Y. Puryear, E. S. Thompson and S. A. Riggs
 HOME MISSIONS.-S. A. Riggs, M. A. Youngman, James Johnson
 EDUCATION.-Jonas Swofford, D. Y. Puryear, Thomas Stewart
 BOOKS and PERIODICALS.-S. A. Riggs, W. O. Davis, S. B. Faddis
 SABBATH SCHOOLS.-H. C. Cook, Jonas Swofford, J. G. Bowers
 OBITUARIES.-I. C. Calico, Carter Mauser, George Rainey
 Associational Missions.-R. Johnson

The Articles of Faith were then called for by Bro. J. G. Bowers and were read by Brother Moderator.

The next item called for was the report of the committees, to which the report on Home Missions was offered through Brother S. A. Riggs, which also upon his motion and a second, carried as follows:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: to wit, That the work of Home Missions was found to be in a prosperous condition at the close of the Southern Baptist Convention. And it is the wish of our people to do more along that line this year than the year just closed. And aid must come from the various Associations within the Southern Baptist Convention. And the most expeditious way to raise the necessary funds for the pastors of the various churches to present the subject of Home Missions to the people of the various churches; and to take up collections in the several churches and send the money collected to the Secretary of Home Missions, for it is written, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our preaching brethren can not go except they be sent, and we must contribute of our funds as the Lord has prospered us. We want and we think it advisable for our Association to commit itself in favor of Home Missions.

S A Riggs

M A Youngman

James Johnson

Committee.

The report on Education was offered by Brother Swofford, and a motion by Brother Boatright, with a second, carried as follows: to wit,

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas Education is Knowledge, therefore we recommend to the churches of the Association that they use of their means and knowledge for the Education of the rising generation, and especially would we recommend the study of the Bible as the Best book of Knowledge. Respectfully submitted,

J Swofford
D Y Puryear
J E Stewart

Committer.

The report on Finance was offered through Brother E. S. Thompson, and upon his motion it carried.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We find that the following churches have contributed for Minutes as follows:

Southern Grove.....	\$1. 00	New Zion.....	.85
Smyrna.....	.50	Eagle Grove.....	.65
Clear Creek.....	.50	Peace Valley.....	1. 25
Valley Springs.....	.50	New Hope.....	1. 05
Mountain Springs.....	.50	Independence.....	.60
Pinnacle.....	1. 10	Springvalley.....	1. 25
Fairview.....	1. 00	Total.....	\$10. 75

We also find that there has been contributed by Pinnacle Church \$1. 50 for Home Missions, which we hereby respectfully submit.

E S Thompson
J A P Vaughn

The report on Books and Periodicals, offered through Brother S. A. Riggs, was discussed by several of the brethren present, and was adopted by striking out, upon a motion and second, all of the report so as to read as follows: to wit,

We, the undersigned committee on Books and Periodicals, recommend the reading of the Bible and all sound Baptist Literature.

S A Riggs
W O Davis
S B Faddis

The report on Sabbath-Schools was submitted and adopted as follows: to wit,

We, your committee on Sabbath-Schools make the following report: We find that there is a great need of more earnest workers in the Sunday School in the Churches, and we would recommend that each Messenger to the Association help organize Sunday-Schools in their churches, and use sound Baptist Literature, that this Association divide the County into four districts: viz, 1, 2, 3, 4 and furnish a Sunday-School Lecturer for each to organize Sunday-Schools, that we ask God's help to build them in.

H C Cook
Jonas Swofford
J G Bowers

The report on Foreign Missions was offered through Brother E. S. Thompson, and upon his motion was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the the following report, to wit: We find that very little, and we might add that nothing, in fact, has been done in the bounds of the Association to aid in sending the Gospel to Foreign Lands. And our Savior's command is to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," etc. We are commanded to go teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; teaching them to "Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded," etc. We are not doing our duty as loyal subjects to our Sovereign Lord unless we obey this command. We suggest that our brethren, and especially our pastors, take up collections from the people among whom they labor, and forward the amount to the Secretary of Foreign Missions, and that it be not neglected as heretofore.

D Y Puryear
E S Thompson
S A Riggs

The Association was dismissed by Brother Kemper to meet Saturday morning at 9:30.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

THE Association was opened with prayer by Brother Ward. After a song by the Association, a motion by Brother S. A Riggs to seat Brother M. Z. Mayo of Fayetteville Association with us carried. The Moderator then appointed Bros. E. S. Thompson, S. Malderson and Jonah Swofford to divide the County into four districts as per report.

The report on Obituaries was offered through Bro. Carter Mauser as follows:

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: That God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit since our last associational meeting, to call from our fond embrace four of our beloved Sisters and two Brothers.

Sister Nancy Crawford, a member of the Fairview Baptist Church; born April 15, 1826; died May 10, 1904. Was a member of the Baptist church for over 62 years, and died in the triumph of a living faith.

Sister Loie Pardeau became a member of the Peace Valley Baptist Church in August, 1902, and shortly passed away to her reward, dying in the full triumph of a living faith.

Sister Nora Neal, a member of the New Zion Baptist Church, born September 9, 1874; professed faith in Christ at the age of eighteen, and lived a consistent christian life until her death, which occurred July 20, 1904. She died in the complete triumph of a living faith.

Sister Maggie Coger, a member of the Springvalley Baptist Church, born July 9, 1871; departed this life July 5, 1904. She professed faith in Christ in her fourteenth year.

Brother Thomas Smith, a member of Fairview Baptist Church, died out West. Date of birth and death unknown.

Brother G. P. Guthry, a member of Peace Valley Baptist Church, born April 27, 1857. Professed faith in Christ in August, 1895, and lived a consistent christian life until death took him away, which occurred January 13, 1904.

I C Calico
Carter Mauser
George Rainey

The Minutes of the first day's work were called for, and read by the Secretary, and adopted. After which a call for visiting ministers was responded to by Bro. W. A. Clark of Bethlehem Church, Little Rock, who was, upon motion and second, admitted to seat with us. Then the report on State Missions was offered through Brother W. O. Davis. After a lengthy discussion and motion to change it being voted down, it carried as read, namely:

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We find that very little has been done throughout the bounds of our Association for State Missions. Realizing that great destitution prevails throughout our beloved State, we recommend that the churches throughout our Association do more work along this line, and that the work be done through our State Mission Board.

W O Davis
J J Butler
S M Alderson

The report on Temperance was offered by Brother H. L. Thompson, and upon a motion by him, was discussed and deferred until the after-noon session.

By a motion and second the Association adjourned for preaching until 2:30 p. m.

AFTER-NOON SESSION.

The Association was opened with prayer by Brother S. M. Alderson, after which the Moderator called for visiting ministers, whereupon Brother R. C. Kemper was seated among us. Then unfinished business was called for, and the motion and second to adopt the report on Temperance carried as follows, to wit:

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We regard the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as one of the greatest evils against christianity. We think its use as a beverage, has as much, or more, to do in dragging souls to ruin than any other one thing. We see so many of our young men getting drunk, using profane language, and committing crimes of the most heinous character, and we invariably trace all these things to whiskey as the cause. Let us as christians abstain from its use, and pray God to drive this evil from us. Many husbands indulge in its free use and thereby destroy the happiness of many a good woman, Brethren, think of these things! Isn't it time we were awake? Let us as Baptists endeavor to use all the influence we have to prevent young men from once acquiring the whiskey habit, and let us do what we can to prevent men who indulge in its use from occupying places of honor.

G A Turner
H L Thompson
S M Alderson

The report on Associational Missions was read and amended so as to read as follows:

We, your committee who was appointed to make a report on Association Mission Work, submit the following: We favor a missionary being put in the field. We are of the opinion that it would not take very much money until it would become self-supporting, with a proper man at the head of it as missionary; therefore we move that a missionary be appointed by the Association to act in accordance with the board in mission work.

R Johnson

Brother Kemper was elected as missionary.

A motion and second that the Moderator of this Association appoint an advisory committee consisting of three members carried. Whereupon the Moderator appointed the following, to wit: Bros. R. Johnson, J. Swofford and D. V. Puryear.

The committee appointed to divide the Association into Sunday-School districts was next heard from as follows:

We, your committee appointed to district this Association into four districts for the purpose of organizing Sunday-Schools throughout the bounds of the same; submit the following: That each district be composed of the following churches, to wit:

No. 1- Clear Creek, Peace Valley, Rockhouse, Smyrna, Huntsville, New Zion.

No. 2- Mountain View, Southern Grove, Spring Valley, New Hope, Hindsville, Valley Springs.

No. 3- Mountain Springs, Buckeye, Fairview, Pinnacle, Combs, Mt. Liberty, St. Paul.

No. 4- Liberty, Independence, Eagle Grove.

We recommend as Sunday-School Lecturers: for District No.1, Bro. H. C. Cook. No. 2, Bro. M. A. Youngman. No. 3, Bro. D. W. Hurst. No. 4, Bro. J. G. Bowers. All of which we submit.

E S Thompson

S M Alderson

J Swofford

A motion and second for this Association to meet with New Zion Church, near Mante, on Bohanan Mountain, 3 miles west of Huntsville, carried.

Brother S. S. Graham was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Brother John Swofford, alternate.

Brothers S. A. Riggs and J. H. Boatright were appointed correspondent messengers to Fayetteville Association.

Brothers I. C. Calico, G. A. Turner and S. S. Graham were appointed correspondent messengers to the Carroll County Association.

A motion to change the date of the Association to Friday before the third Sunday in October, at 10 o'clock a. m. carried.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be, and the same are hereby tendered to our beloved Moderator for the kind and courteous treatment extended to us during this Association.

S. A. Riggs.

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kind and generous hospitality during our stay with them.

J. H. Boatright.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be, and the same are hereby tendered to Bro. Smith Miller for his very efficient services as Clerk of this Association, and that he be allowed the sum of Five Dollars for his services, and that he superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this Association.

S. A. Riggs.

The above resolutions were adopted, as read, by the Association.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and Bro. Kemper led in prayer. The parting hand was given, and the labors of the Association for 1904 were brought to a close.

S. S. GRAHAM, Moderator.

J. S. MILLER, Clerk.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

EAGLE GROVE- J. G. Bowers, Jonah Swofford and L. A. Woodward.

SOUTHERN GROVE- Jacob J. Butler, Asa Graham and Richard Wolf.

SPRING VALLEY- M. A. Youngman, James Gibson, R. C. Vanwinkle and John Speck.

VENUS- Charley Williams, Thomas Stewart and S. B. Faddis.

HINDSVILLE- G. A. Turner, S. M. Alderson and G. L. Causey.

FAIRVIEW- S. A. Riggs.

SMYRNA—James Boatright, John Rainey and Richmond Johnson.

CLIFTY—J. J. Adams, T. J. Harp, and H. C. Cook.

NEW ZION—Carter Mauser, John Laird and H. L. Thompson.

NEW HOPE—S. S. Graham, D. Y. Puryear and W. O. Davis.

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS—I. C. Calico, Dora Logue and Laura Calico.

PINNACLE—E. S. Thompson, E. D. Vaughn and J. A. P. Vaughn.

VALLEY SPRINGS—L. D. Smallen, James Johnson and T. E. Turner.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Call for and read the letters--enrollment of messengers.
- 2 Call for petitionary letters.
- 3 Election of officers.
- 4 Call for correspondents.
- 5 Invite visiting ministers to seats.
- 6 Appoint committees.
- 7 Call for reports of committees.
- 8 Appoint time and place of next meeting.
- 9 Elect some one to preach the introductory sermon.
- 10 Appointing corresponding messengers.
- 11 Miscellaneous business.
- 12 Adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in one God-Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe that man, once only, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness.
4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.
5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.
7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter.
8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of everyone who hears the Gospel.
9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.
10. We believe that sanctification began in regeneration, and ever progressive is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.
11. We believe in the preservation of the saints-that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government.
13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, that its officers are pastors and deacons.
14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.
17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the Governors of States and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.
18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
19. We believe in the final judgment, and that in that day the righteous and wicked will be separated forever.
20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in Heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in Hell.



RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At every meeting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Ministers present invited to seats with us may debate on all questions before the Association, but shall not vote on any.
3. Those who speak shall rise from their seats and address the Moderator, and shall cast no personal reflections.
4. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.
5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
6. Any question susceptible of division shall be divided at the request of any member.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless it be so ordered at the time.
8. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.
9. All questions brought before the Association for action shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself during business without leave of the Moderator, or leave before the adjournment without leave of the Association. If so, his name shall be left off the minutes.
11. The minutes of each session of this body shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Association, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.
12. It shall be the duty of the Association to arrange for the preaching of two or more sermons each day during the session.
13. These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after each organization.
14. Alterations or amendments may be made to these Rules at any subsequent regular meeting of this Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

—OF THE—

Madison County Association of Missionary Baptists,

FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR OF 1904.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Days of Regular Meeting	MEMBERSHIP								Pastor's Salary	Minute Fund
					Statement	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	By Death	By Letter	Excluded	Total Membership		
New Zion	D. H. Baron	H. L. Thompson	Mant		0	11	0	0	1	2	1	45		.95
Pinnacle	D. N. Keck	J. A. P. Vaughn	Thompson	1st sat. and sun	0	10	2	0	0	0	1	29	24.50	1.10
Mt. Springs	S. S. Graham	G. Mason	Wesley		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28		.50
New Hope	S. S. Graham	W. O. Davis	Springvalley		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	29		1.05
Clear Creek	Jas. S. Martin	Sarah C. Adams	Clifty		0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6		.50
Smyrna	James Duncan	Richmond Johnson	Huntsville		0	0	0	0	0	2	0	28		.50
Fairview	S. A. Riggs	J. A. Rowlette	St. Paul	Sat. before 3d sun	0	0	0	0	2	0	0			1.00
Peace Valley	S. S. Graham	S. M. Alderson	Hindsville	1st Sat. and sun.	0	0	1	0	0	8	11	38		1.25
Independence	D. N. Keck	S. B. Faddis	Kingman		1	0	0	0	0	0	3			.60
Springvalley	T. T. Black	W. F. Sanders	Springvalley		0	11	0	0	1	2	0	60		1.25
Southern Grove	S. S. Graham	Walter Graham	Springvalley	2d sat. and sun								50		1.00
Eagle Grove	J. G. Bowers	Annie Carpenter	Judea	2d sat. and sun.								17		.65
Valley Springs	S. S. Graham	T. E. Turner	Hindsville		2	2				1		18		.50