



Red River  
Baptist Association,  
53rd Annual Session,  
1901.

OUACHITA COLLEGE

LIBRARY



# Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Session, OF THE Red River Baptist Association.

## FIRST DAY.

Saturday, October 12, 1901.

At 9:30 a. m., The Red River Baptist Association assembled with the Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Pike County, Arkansas.

Brother J. W. Conger read the 17 Chapter of John, conducting a precious devotional service, in which the prominent feature, was talks by the brethren, in regard to what the Lord had done for them during the past year. At 11 o'clock a. m., brother J. K. Pace preached the introductory sermon. Text: Acts 2:47. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Theme: A look at a gospel church work. A very plain, practical and interesting sermon.

After dinner at 1:30 p. m., the Association assembled for business. Brother F. E. Teague by request of the Moderator, conducted a short devotional service, reading the 23d Psalm, pray by Brother G. W. Franklin. Brethren J. P. Copeland, W. A. Forbes and J. A. Ross were selected to read the letters from the various churches. The names of the messengers were enrolled and the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator and clerk for the present session. Brethren J. H. Hall, J. L. Bozeman and S. S. Langley being appointed tellers by the chair. Brother J. P. Copeland was declared elected Moderator and J. A. Ross Clerk.

Brethren W. J. Rowe, J. R. Young and the messengers

from Liberty Hill Church were appointed a committee on Divine service.

Petitionary letters were called for. Refuge church presented a letter and was welcomed into the fellowship of the Association and the names of her messengers enrolled.

The Moderator called for correspondence. Caddo River Association corresponded by letter, her messenger Brother A. Nelson, failing to come. Visiting Brethren Chappel and McGraw, of Texas, were invited to seats with us by the Moderator.

The committee on preaching verbally reported that Bro. I. F. Welch preach in this church to-night, 7:30. Tomorrow at 11 a. m., Bro. J. K. Pace preach at this church, Bro. W. A. Forbes at the Methodist church. At 3 p. m. tomorrow Bro. J. T. Howell at this church, Bro. L. B. Connell at the Methodist church; Bro. J. H. Smart at this church 7:30 p. m. tomorrow, and Bro. A. W. King tonight at New Hope church and also tomorrow at 11 a. m.

A motion was carried to devote the 9 o'clock hour tomorrow to the Sunday School work.

The Moderator appointed Bro. J. J. Walker and J. B. Langley Committee on Sunday Schools. Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

### SUNDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by Bro. L. B. Connell. Bro. J. B. Langley presented and read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. It was very earnestly discussed by Bro. Conger and others, and the importance of early religious training clearly shown. By actual count it was found that a large majority of the Christians present made professions before they were 20.

The report was amended so as to recommend the use of Southern Baptist Convention series of lesson helps, and then adopted. (See appendix A.)



The Moderator then announced the following committees:

State and Associational Missions—E. Delaughter, I. F. Welch, J. T. Howell, J. B. Thomas, J. J. Smith.

Home and Foreign Missions—J. J. Haynes, J. B. Langley, A. J. Price.

Education—I. F. Welch, J. W. Conger, J. A. Ross.

Orphans' Home—W. U. Davis, J. B. Roundtree, J. R. Hardy.

Woman's Work—W. H. Garman, W. A. King, F. E. Teague.

Literature—J. P. Copeland, J. A. Ross, I. F. Welch.

Temperance—F. E. Teague, S. S. Langley, J. L. Bozeman.

Obituaries—G. W. Burns, W. J. Rowe, O. G. Cagle.

Pastoral Support—W. A. Forbes, J. K. Pace, Walter Adams.

Finance—W. J. Rowe, E. T. Wells, T. H. Vinson.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Monday.

The pulpits of the various churches were filled at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., as directed by the preaching committee. The preached word was accompanied by the spirit. Believers were strengthened, sinners were penitent and one was converted. At 11 a. m. a cash collection was taken for ministerial education, which amounted to \$32.45, and was placed in the hands of Bro. J. K. Pace, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

### MONDAY, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional service led by the Moderator, prayer by Bro. Caldwell.

Letters were read and messengers enrolled from the following churches, to-wit: Prescott, South Fork, Clear Springs, Arkadelphia, Bethel, Sycamore Grove, Okolona and Amity.

Bro. W. U. Davis presented the report of the Committee on

Orphans' Home, which was heartily endorsed by several brethren and adopted. (See appendix B.)

A cash collection was taken amounting to \$12.40 and pledges made by the following churches: Unity, \$10.00; Shiloh, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$5.00; DeGray, \$5.00; Gurdon, \$5.00; Sycamore Grove, \$1.00; Pike City, \$10.00. Other churches promised to take collections.

Bro. I. F. Welch, for the Committee on Education, presented and read their report. It was spoken to by Brethren Welch, Conger, Pace and others, and adopted. (See appendix C.)

Bro. W. H. Garman presented the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, which was read and adopted. (See appendix D for report and accompanying documents.)

Bro. G. W. Burns presented the report of the Committee on Obituaries. After discussion the committee was requested to furnish, as far as possible, a list of all our members who have fallen asleep during the year, and the Clerk was directed to inscribe their names upon a memorial page in the minutes. (See page —.)

Bro. A. J. Price presented the report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, which was read and adopted. (See appendix E). A cash collection of \$5.50 was taken and pledges were made by the churches as follows, to-wit: Beirne, \$5.00; Boughton, \$5.00; Clear Springs (paid), \$2.00; Unity, \$20.

The other churches promised to take collections for State and Associational Missions.

Bro. I. F. Welch read the report of the majority of the committee and moved its adoption. Bro. J. T. Howell moved to amend by substituting for that part relating to State Missions the following:

"It has been well said that 'growth is the law of life,' and unless we grow, we cannot live. God is calling to the Baptists



of Arkansas today in tones that give no uncertain sound to go up and possess the land. We are glad to report that our people have heard His call, and in large measure have gone forth in response to His call, the past year. Our working forces this year, are as follows: A Corresponding Secretary, two General Missionaries, and thirty-seven Associational Missionaries and Missionary Pastors. In addition to this, four Missionaries were employed through the summer months of June, July and August. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of all our Missionaries, and hundreds of precious souls have been brought to Christ, during the year. We earnestly solicit the prayers and hearty co-operation of this body for this great work and would recommend that the churches of this Association, that have not already contributed to this work, take collections at the very earliest possible convenience and forward to A. J. Barton Secretary, or Treasurer J. H. Kitchens Jr. We furthermore recommend that in view of the liberal assistance, the State Board has given us in the past and our need of its assistance at the present, that we continue to co-operate with the State Board work by appointing messengers to the State Convention and also a representative on the State Board and that we ask the assistance of the State Board at Okolona, Antoine, Delight, and Murfreesboro, and we ask our churches to contribute heartily to the State Convention work."

Brethren Howell, Connell, Haynes, Forbes, Conger, and Pace spoke in favor of the amendment. Brethren Welch, Davis, Smart, White, Hall and the Moderator against it. The motion to amend was lost, and the majority report was adopted. (See appendix F.)

Brother F. E. Teague presented the report of the Committee on Temperance which was read and adopted. (See appendix G.)

Bro. J. P. Copeland presented the report of the Committee on Literature, which was read and adopted. (See appendix H.)

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. L. Bozeman, R. K. Hall and J. R. Young a committee on Nominations.

Bro. W. J. Rowe presented the report of Finance Committee

which was read and adopted. (See appendix I.)

Bro. J. L. Bozeman presented the report of Committee on Nominations, which was read and adopted. (See appendix J.)

On motion of Bro. J. L. Bozeman, the churches are requested to report in their letters the names of members who have died during the year.

Bro. W. A. Forbes presented his report as Treasurer of the Association, which was read and approved. (See appendix K.)

On motion of Bro. J. W. Conger, the Clerk was directed to prepare and print in the minutes a digest of the church letters to this body.

The Clerk was directed to have printed 800 copies of the minutes and distribute to the Churches in proportion to the amount contributed for minutes, and allowed \$15.00 for his services.

Bro. W. A. Forbes presented the report of the Executive Board, which was read and adopted. (See appendix L.)

A motion was adopted to appoint messengers to Associations and Conventions.

To Caddo Association: J. R. Hardy.

To Howard Association: J. T. Gathwright, T. H. Vinson and J. R. Hardy.

To Union Association: J. T. Howell.

To the State Convention: J. P. Copeland, J. H. Smart, F. E. Teague, W. J. Rowe and S. W. Caldwell.

To Southern Baptist Convention: J. W. Conger, J. J. Haynes, alternate.

On motion and second, J. P. Copeland was duly elected the representative of this body on the State Board.

A motion was adopted, that the present Executive Board and Treasurer be continued and that A. W. King, W. U. Davis and J. A. Ross be added to the Board.

On motion of Bro. W. A. Forbes the following resolution

was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that we extend our thanks to this Church and the community, for the liberal entertainment they have so freely extended to us.

A motion was then carried to adjourn, to meet with Rich-woods Baptist Church Clark Co., on Saturday at 9:30 a. m., before second Sunday in October 1902.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given and the Association was declared adjourned.

J. P. COPELAND, Moderator

J. A. ROSS, Clerk.



## **APPENDIX.**

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.**

#### **A**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

Your Committee on Sunday Schools make the following report: From the letters from the different churches, we are glad to report that nearly all the churches have flourishing Sunday schools. We believe that the Sunday school is one of God's appointed means and agencies to bring the children to Christ. With a truly consecrated superintendent and Baptist teachers, coupled with Baptist literature, truth and righteousness, may be so impressed as to win souls to Christ and honor to the true God. We recommend to the Sunday schools that they employ none but strictly Baptist teachers. In order to teach the truth, one must know and love it. We also recommend the use of the Southern Baptist Convention series of lesson helps.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. WALKER.

JOHN B. LANGLEY.

#### **B**

#### **ORPHANS HOME.**

Your Committee on Orphans' Home would say that this institution is one all Christian people should be proud of and ready to help in all its needs. There are 43 children in the Home, 11 boys and 32 girls. Their needs are first to be fed and clothed; second, four rooms furnished. The needs of the children must be supplied by those who are in sympathy with the poor. Therefore your committee asks this Association to take a cash collection for the Home. We ought to esteem it a privilege to contribute to the support and comfort of these children.

Respectfully submitted.

W. U. DAVIS,

J. B. ROUNDTREE,

J. R. HARDY.

#### **C**

#### **GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

No duty could be made clearer to any parent than that of

educating his children. We live in an age when it is absolutely indispensable. It is an awful sin to neglect the cultivation and training of the minds of our offspring. A sin that will most certainly affect very seriously the status of society in the near future, and one that God will hold us responsible for. The Baptists of our whole country have realized this fact and are undertaking the blessed work of educating their children, and others under their control and influence. We believe our high schools and colleges have the correct idea in regard to the quality of the education given—a thorough religious, as well as mental and secular training. To entirely divorce the one from the other during the scholastic period of a boy or girl's life, and train the mind alone to the entire neglect of the soul, usually proves extremely disastrous. We therefore recommend our denominational schools and colleges as altogether preferable to all others, and only those known to be thoroughly sound in theory and practice. We are rejoicing that we have in our own Ouachita the college that fills the measure. Where is the college that can report a greater per cent of conversions among the students than Ouachita? Her moral and religious surroundings, her prohibitory protection and the healthfulness of Arkadelphia all commend the college to the parent who has a boy or girl to send to school. The past year's work has been highly satisfactory. There were enrolled last year 468 pupils, representing all sections of our state and nine different states.

We especially emphasize the education of our young ministers and a prayerful support of those who are unable to pay their expenses. Those who have money to contribute for this purpose will send the same to Bro. J. K. Pace, who is Secretary and Treasurer of the Ministerial Board.

I. F. WELCH,  
J. W. CONGER,  
Committee.

## D

### WOMAN'S WORK.

We your committee on woman's work make the following report: Woman's work organized 13 years ago, we understand, for the purpose of enlisting the entire Sisterhood of our churches in the spread of the gospel. Yet we are sorry that we find very few of our churches have succeeded in organizing the work but glad to report those who have organized, are doing a good work as the reports herewith will show. Therefore we recom-

mend that pastors encourage this work in their respective churches.

W. H. GARMON,  
A. W. KING,  
F. E. TEAGUE.

Report of the Woman's Aid Society of the Arkadelphia Baptist church for 1900-1901.

Associational Mission.....	\$ 5 00
State Mission.....	5 00
Home Mission.....	50 10
Frontier Box November 1900.....	86 25
Frontier Box October 1901.....	117 80
Foreign Mission.....	119 70
Ministerial Education.....	10 00
Orphans Home Box.....	83 51
Minute Fund For Annual Meeting.....	1 50
Church Expenses, Furnishings, etc.....	134 65
Charity.....	10 00
Central Committee Expense Fund.....	1 35

Total..... \$ 624 86

Number of members, 66; average attendance, 20.

MRS. C. R. ADAMS, Pres.

MRS. F. D. BAARS, Sec.

Gum Springs, Ark., Oct. 10, 1901.

My Dear Mrs. Formby:

Our society disbanded during the summer, and we cannot arouse enough interest to reorganize. We have only seven members. We have not done much, but will send the best report we can. Have given for missions, as follows:

Home Missions.....	\$ 1 55
State Missions.....	1 75
Associational Missions.....	1 35

Total, ..... \$ 4 65

MRS. J. M. THOMAS, PRES. MISS MARY FORBES, S'CY.

## E.

### HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home and Foreign Missions submit the following report: From the best information we can get, we learn that the foreign mission work is one of great importance, as the command of God is to preach the gospel to all



nations. We believe that we ought to preach and help preach the gospel in foreign fields. As to the home work, we believe it to be of as much importance as the foreign, and recommend that the pastors of the different churches take a collection for both of these fields at once, urging their members to help support those that are preaching in those fields. We also recommend that the pastors study and preach more upon this subject, urging the need of more laborers in those fields. We urge pastors to study this question and preach it more in the future than has been done in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LANGLEY,

A. J. PRICE,

Committee.

## F.

### STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

All missions appeal to us as an Association, for our prayers, sympathy and support but those, especially nearest to us. The great State of Arkansas could use several hundred Baptist ministers to great advantage on her destitute fields. The State Board has been earnestly at work to supply the destitution, the past year, with the pure gospel, but it is a fact, that we have barely touched the border of the work that should be done. Very large sections in different parts of the state, lay a barren waste as far as Baptist preaching is concerned. There ought to be hearty co-operation in every association in the state, in this great work. Our corresponding Secretary is the recognized agent of the Home and foreign Boards, of the Southern Baptist Convention, who pay into our treasury \$600 this year. Work was laid out by the Board on a basis of \$8,000 for the year. The Board is sadly in need of funds to discharge its obligations and close the year free from debt.

We earnestly urge upon the churches in this association to take collections at once and forward to J. H. Kitchens, Treasurer Jonesboro, Ark., for this work. As there is a general and very widespread dissatisfaction, throughout the State in regard to the present plan of State Mission work and as we believe there should be unanimous co-operation of all the churches in our bounds and in the state and as we do not believe a corresponding Secretary necessary to the successful prosecution of the work, we your committee would recommend that the messengers

elected by this body to represent us in the State Convention be instructed to vote in that body against having a corresponding secretary the coming year.

And further we recommend that the member from this Association on the State Board be instructed to use his influence and vote to the same end.

Our associational mission work has been prosecuted, we trust very successfully this year by our brother G. W. Burns Missionary. He has been in the field six months and two days. There are a number of other brethren, who have been in co-operation with him in the work, whose reports are in the hands of the Secretary of the Board and will be reported to you. Our Missionary reports a number of points in our bounds needing help. We recommend that the Association still continue a missionary whose duty it shall be, to look after these destitute points.

I. F. WELCH,

J. J. SMITH,

J. B. THOMAS, Com.

## G

### TEMPERANCE,

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance at your last annual meeting, find it impossible to obtain accurate figures of all the mischief done by the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks in the United States. While we are forced to chronicle the fact that thousands of our people fill premature graves annually, and even millions are brought to degraded paths of life as a result of the use of drink in this so-called Christian land of ours, yet we believe the day is at hand when Baptists are taking the lead in teaching and practicing the doctrine of temperance, and we can gladly report at least five counties were gained for prohibition in the last election, and several towns of note which have been the home of the hydra-headed monster, stand today as friends of the prohibition cause. And we feel encouraged to know that our lawmakers have granted our request, in part, of the demands made of them concerning the whisky laws of the state. For these grand results too much praise could not be given the Anti-Saloon League and that part of the ministry that has taken a bold stand in preaching the doctrine of temperance. Therefore we recommend a continuation of the work put in progress for the last two years, and pledge our support and sympathy to the officers who have



been trying to enforce the laws against those who violate the whisky laws of our land.

F. E. TEAGUE.

S. S. LANGLEY.

J. L. BOZEMAN,

Committee.

## H

### LITERATURE.

Books are numerous in this age of the world, but of all the books extant the Bible is the most important. From it we learn of God and His dealings with us. In searching its pages we learn our relation to each other and our duty to God. In it we find so many precious promises that consoled us in the darkest hours of distress and peril. Well might we sing that grand old song,

"Precious treasure thou art mine,  
Mine to teach whence I came,  
Mine to tell what I am."

We recommend that it be read by our people. We further recommend that our people read the Arkansas Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and Ford's Christian Repository, all of which are pre-eminently sound.

J. P. COPELAND,

I. F. WELCH,

J. A. ROSS,

Committee.

## I

### FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

#### CASH ON HAND.

Associational Missions.....	\$ 71 40
State .....	15 60
Home .....	10 00
Foreign .....	21 76
Orphans' Home.....	18 35
Minutes .....	48 95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$186 06</b>

W. J. ROWE,

E. T. WELLS,

T. H. VINSON,

Committee.





## CONTRA.

Paid W. W. Gardner.....	\$ 22 52	
“ Mrs. H. Gardner.....	10 15	
“ I. F. Welch.....	51 25	
“ J. K. Pace.....	37 57	
“ A. J. Barton.....	105 06	
“ J. W. Conger.....	12 50	
“ G. W. Burns.....	125 26	\$364 31
		<hr/>
Balance on hand.....		\$ 60 00

## L

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Red River Association—Greeting: We, your Board, beg to report the work for the year. We met at Hope in November and elected Bro. G. W. Burns as missionary, at \$40 per month, and he has worked 182 days.

Meetings attended 149, churches visited 22, sermons preached 113, destitute places visited 15, professions witnessed 42, families visited 240, baptisms witnessed 19, ministers visited 63, received by letter 5, restored 1, funerals attended 1, marriages attended 1, letters written 18, cards written 59.

Collected on field for missions.....	\$ 36 10
Collected on field for Orphans' Home.....	7 30
Received from Treasurer.....	125 26

Total.....	\$168 66
Paid W. W. Gardner.....	\$ 7 30

Total on salary.....\$161 36

Balance due G. W. Burns.....\$81 14

In addition to our missionary we have had laboring in destitute places, and under the superintendence of our missionary, and the expences of the places where they labor, the following brethren:

- Elder J. V. Browning, at Vaden.
- “ J. T. Gathwright; Center Ridge.
- “ G. A. Franklin, Sunny Side.
- “ J. M. Kelly, Bolt's School House.
- “ J. H. Hall, Antoine.
- “ J. S. Hamilton, Curtis.

- Elder J. M. Thomas, Hart's School House.  
 " S. W. Caldwell, Studdard's School House.  
 " Mon Bledsoe, Dodd's School House.  
 " Wm. Stephens, Piney Grove.  
 " F. E. Teague, Green Gourd.  
 " W. B. Williams, Free Union.  
 " T. B. Burk, Bethsaida.  
 " D. L. Bruce, Wagner Valley.  
 " J. B. Thomas, Brock's Spring.  
 " W. R. Borden, Bills Postoffice.  
 " J. M. White, Roberts School House.

These have reported work done as follows:

S. W. Caldwell—Sermons preached 23, baptisms 7, letter additions 3, cash collected \$9.20.

J. V. Browning—Sermons preached 10, religious visits 17, miles traveled 155.

J. T. Gathwright—Days of labor 120, sermons preached 10, religious visits 5, miles traveled 60, Sunday schools organized 1.

D. L. Bruce—Days of labor 14, meetings attended 18, miles traveled 80, religious visits 18, sermons 14. Sunday schools organized 1.

W. R. Borden—Sermons 7, Sunday schools organized 1, miles traveled 70.

J. B. Thomas—Days of labor 101, miles traveled 1181, sermons 54, addresses 22, meetings attended 15, religious visits 147, professions 6, Sunday schools organized 1, families without Bible 11, baptized 3, individuals without Bible 15, books sold valued at \$118, books given away valued at \$22.15.

J. S. Hamilton—Days of labor 30, baptised 7.

J. M. Thomas—Sermons 6, visits 2.

W. M. Stevens—Sermons 10, religious visits 12, miles traveled 140.

B. W. Williams—Days of labor 2, sermons 7, religious visits 3, miles traveled 14.

J. H. Hall—Days of labor 90.

I. F. Welch—Collected for Associational Missions.....\$5.90

Expenses to State Board meeting ..... 5.65

Balance due Treasurer.....\$ 25

Grand totals of work done—Days of labor 539, sermons 231, religious visits 444, conversions 48, baptisms 29, additions by letter 5, letters written 18, collections on field \$45.15, miles traveled 3,795.



We would recommend that we continue Bro. Burns as our missionary for another year, and that the same methods of conducting the work be continued as far as practical. That we ask the churches present to make pledges for the next year and that they be urged to take this collection at the first meeting after they return home. Also that the missionary be elected and his salary fixed by this body now, if possible. Also that the Mission Board be so located that they can meet promptly and frequently.

E. DELAUGHTER,

J. M. POWELL,

W. A. FORBES, Sec. Board.

## OUR DEAD.

---

DR. J. A. BOURLAND,	- - - - -	Curtis.
W. T. CRAWLEY,	- - - - -	Shiloh.
E. A. JENKINS,	- - - - -	Whelen.
JUDGE E. D. RANDAL,	- - - - -	Okolona.
MATTIE PHILLIPS,	- - - - -	South Fork
MAUD ELLIS,	- - - - -	Pleasant Hill.
MARY KITCHENS,	- - - - -	South Fork.
— PORTER. WILLIE HINES.		

---

*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.*

---

NOTE—As it has not been the practice heretofore to report the names of our departed ones, a number of them cannot be inscribed on this page.—CLERK.