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OF The

Thirtieth Annual Session

OF THE

GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

New Bethel Church

October 15-17, 1904.

OFFICERS

Moderator	R. H. Parker	Van, Ark.
Vice Moderator	B. F. House	Barrettsville, Ark.
Clerk	R. L. Davis	Hazen, Ark.
Treasurer	W. L. Cole	Hamilton, Ark.

*Next Session to be held with Prairie Chapel
Church on Friday night before the third
Sunday in October 1905.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Increase		Decrease.		Females.	Total.	Sunday Schools.	Minutes and Clerk's Fees	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Church Property.	Day of Meeting.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored	Excluded.													
Almyra,	4	3	2	1		37	1 1 00	\$ 200	5 00	4 25			3 14		1&3	J. M. Fuller,	Almyra
Bethel,	1	4	6	3		29	2 00	30						\$ 255		H. M. Garrett,	Stuttgart
Big LaGrue,	1	2	1	2	5	21 46	67	1 1 50							4 h	R. H. Parker,	Van
Center Point,	1		7	0	3		139	1 2 35		5 00						W. H. Bullock,	Hazen
Cross Roads,	13	1	2			62	1 00		2 05							C. L. Highfill,	Hickory Plains
DeWitt,			6	12	2	96	1 2 00	450	33 65	5 00	5 00	21 00	1000			J. B. Wofford,	DeWitt
DeVall's Bluff,		4			1	43	1 1 25	105	5 00	21 19	7 00	7 00	850			Mrs. D. J. Swinney,	DeVall's Bluff
Hazen,	2	5	3	4		27 68	95	1 1 50	200	6 50	10 50		900		1&3	Hattie Sanders,	Hazen
Hebron,	4	2				18	90		5 00						2nd	A. J. Simpson,	DeLuce
Harmony,	6					36	1 00									John Lancaster,	Melta
Humphrey,						15										C. H. Harlan,	Humphrey
Fairmount,						11										(Not represented)	
Mill Bayou,	3	3				13	1 00									G. B. Rhoads,	Stuttgart
New Bethel,	1	2	1	2	1	46	1 1 02								1st	George Gerren,	Carlisle
New Home,	2		2	1	1	36	1 00									J. F. Chapman,	Des Arc
New Hope,			1			4 22 38	60	1 1 50							1st	Elmer Moon,	Hagler
Old Bethel,	1	6		1	5	18	23	1 00								J. L. Willis,	Hazen
Oak Grove,	1					12 22	34	2 00		4 00					2nd	W. L. Cole,	Hamilton
Point DeFence,	11	1	1			2 46 46	92	1 1 00	75	5 00		1 00			2nd	Abbott Powell,	DeWitt
Pleasant Ridge,		4	6	4		54	1 1 00	40	3 00							L. E. Buchanan,	Uzzell
Prairie Chapel,	11	1	3	8		60	1 1 50	12 50	5 00					300		Roxa Bracewell,	Vuby
Rising Sun,	1	2	3		2	65	1 50		4 50	1 00		2 30			1st	W. F. Keaton,	Almyra
Roe,						18			3 97							J. H. Crutchfield,	Roe
St. Charles,					4	23	1 70	50							4th	A. B. Cullipher,	St. Charles
Stuttgart,	7	7				76	1 3 00									W. J. Stillwell,	Stuttgart
New Salem.	11	5	3			24	75									J. A. Jackson,	

Proceedings

OF

Grand Prairie Baptist Association



Following are the Proceedings of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, Held With New Bethel Church, October 15-17, 1904.



The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by the Moderator.

SONG: "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

PRAYER: By J. H. Bracewell.

After singing, Scriptural lesson read by R. M. Richardson; and prayer by M. B. Hurt.

Then R. M. Richardson preached the Introductory Sermon from the text: "Upon this Rock I will Build my Church, and the Gates of Hell Shall not Prevail Against it." A strong uplifting sermon; showing the perpetuity of the Church.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were then read by the Clerk; after which, the Moderator announced that the Association was ready to receive the letters from the churches; and appointed W. L. Cole and B. E. Allen as reading clerks.

The following named Churches and Messengers reported to the call: Viz:

Almyra—J. M. Fuller, Sister Fuller. S. K. Downs.

Bethel—H. M. Garrett.

Big LaGrue—B. K. Adams, Byron Miller, Nixie Allen.

Center Point—W. A. Calley, N. P. Parris, J. H. Rousavall.

DeWitt—C. W. Fox, S. Coffee.

Hazen—Lucille Thompson, F. C. Robinson.

Harmony—R. L. Buffalo, Jno. Lancaster, Sallie Cole.

New Hope—T. H. Jackson, Sister Jackson and Walton.

New Home—W. B. Turner, A. J. Frost, A. Gordon.

New Bethel—Geo. Gerren, J. W. Johnson, B. F. Harrison.

Point DeLuce—Jap Edenburg, Willie Turner, Henry Adams.

Pleasant Ridge—Chester Kerr, J. T. Roe, Lena Phillip.

Prairie Chapel—Geo. Westrope, N. J. Price, John Davis.

Stuttgart—H. J. Kelly, R. A. Henderson and wife.

Motion made and seconded, that D. S. Bass of St. Charles and W. L. Cole of Oak Grove be allowed to make statement in lieu of letters which were lost. Motion carried, and they reported the following as Messengers:

Oak Grove—W. L. Cole, A. W. Cole.

St. Charles—Sisters J. N. Worthey, Minnie Carder, and D. G. Bass.

Hebron—W. J. Grissom, E. H. Shadle and wife.

Petitionary letters next called for and the following churches presented letters through their Messengers:

Roe—John Davis.

Humphrey—Brother Styers and wife.

New Salem—Sisters Appleby and Maggie Butterworth.

All of the above named churches received and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship.

Recess to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30 p. m.

SONG: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

PRAYER: By B. D. Allen.

Petitionary letters from Mill Bayou church presented with Brother Wulff and Brother and Sister John Rhodes as Messengers. Received into the fellowship of the Association.

Election of officers next in order.

Motion made and seconded that we dispense with the rules and elect by acclamation. Carried.

R. H. Parker was unanimously re-elected Moderator, and returned thanks in a very touching manner.

Vice-Moderator—B. F. House.

clerk—R. L. Davis.

Treasurer—W. L. Cole.

Motion made and second that the present "Order of Business" be changed so as to have the report of the Executive Board earlier in the session. Carried.

Corresponding Messengers called for.

Brother G. W. Thompason received as Messenger from the Caroline Association.

Visitors: L. Quinn, from Pine Bluff, Association; J. W. Conger, from South College; Brother Scarboro, from Kentucky.

Cross Roads letter read, and Geo. Tober, J. M. Harrison and Maggie enrolled as Messengers.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Religious Exercises—D. S. Bass, H. J. Kelly. G. T. Tober with the pastor and chorons of New Bethel Church.

Education—H. J. Kelly, J. F. Isbel, R. M. Richardson.

Sabbath Schools—H. J. Kelly, Joe Johnson, Nixie Allen, M. B. Hurt.

Finance—S. K. Downs, B. F. Harrisou, H. M. Garrett.

Publications—W. W. Webb, J. R. Wolf, Agnes Bass, T. M. Jackson.

Temperance—David Bass, F. C. Robinson, H. Y. Morris, Abbott Powell, H. H. Wellwell.

Motion made and seconded that we dispense with the reports on Foreign and Home Missions. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that we do not appoint Messengers to the next Convention. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the business part of the Association suspend to hear an address from Prof. J. W. Conger on Educational matters. Motion carried; but Brother Conger preferred to wait a more auspicious time.

H. Y. Morris, with J. H. Bracewell alternate, was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon; and R. F. Routh, with M. B. Hurst alternate, to preach the next Annual Missionary Sermon.

Time and place for holding next meeting: Stuttgart and Prairie Chapel were placed in nomination. Prairie Chapel was selected as next place of holding meeting. The meeting to begin at 7:30 p. m., on Friday before the next Sunday in October, 1905.

Adjourned to 7:30 this evening.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 p. m.

The congregation assembled at 7:30 p. m. and engaged in devotional exercises for 30 minutes; and then L. Quinn preached an able

sermon from Luke 2: 15; after which the Association was called to order to hear the report of the Executive Board, but said Board asked for more time to formulate their report.

The audience listened to an interesting address by J. W. Conger of Arkadelphia; and then adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 9 o'clock to hear the report of the Sunday schools.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION—OCTOBER 16, 1904.

Assembled at 9:30 a. m. by singing, "What A Friend."

PRAYER: By H. J. Kelly.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read, and discussed by H. J. Kelly, H. W. Birdsong, B. E. Allen, M. B. Hurt, J. W. Conger; Brothers Scarboro and Joe Johnson.

Report adopted and marked "A"

Intermission to 3 p. m. and the audience in the church, at 11 a. m., listened to the Annual Missionary Sermon, which was delivered in an impressive manner by M. B. Hurt from Mathew 19: 22, and B. E. Allen preached at the school house at the same time. At the close of the sermons, a cash collection of \$15.42 was taken for Associational Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3 p. m.

Convened by singing: "Nearer my God to Thee:"

PRAYER: By Brother Brown.

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Board for the ensuing year. Viz:

Almyra—W. M. Webb,	Bethell—J. W. Cubit,
Big Lagrue—B. K. Adams,	Center Point—J. R. Sanders,
Cross Roads—C. L. Highfill,	DeWitt—C. W. Fox.
DeVall's Bluff—R. A. Roberson,	Fairmount—J. W. Robinson,
Hazen—H. G. Miller,	Harmony—S. W. Carson,
Humphrey—S. R. Styers,	Hebron—A. J. Simpson,
Mill Bayou—J. R. Wulff,	New Bethell—Joe Johnson,
New Home—J. F. Chapman,	New Hope—T. H. Jackson,
New Salem—Thomas Robinson,	Oak Grove—W. L. Cole.
Old Bethel—	Point Deluce—Abbott Parnell,
Pleasant Ridge—J. I. Keer,	Prairie Chapel—G. H. Westrope,
Roe—James Crutchfield—	Rising Sun—W. B. Word.
St. Charles—D. S. Bass,	Stuttgart—H. J. Kelly.

The Committee on Temperance not having their report ready, the following resolutions was introduced and passed:

"Resolved: That the Association take up the subject of Temperance and discuss same in its different phases." Addresses made by H. J. Kelly, T. Ward, L. Quinn, H. W. Birdsong, R. H. Parker, M. B. Hurt

DeVall's Bluff church letter received and read to the Association.

Petitionary letter of Old Bethel Church, with Joe Willis as Messenger presented and received into the fellowship of the Association.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 Sunday evening the congregation assembled and listened to a very able and interesting sermon by Brother Scarboro, from 2nd Cor. 6: 19 & 21.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION—Oct. 17, 1904.

Pursuant to adjournment, met at 9 a. m. and heard the report of the Executive Board, which was adopted, and marked "B."

Report on Education read and spoken to by R. M. Richardson, referring to Dr. Conger's advisory speech. Report adopted and marked "C."

Report on Publication read and spoken to by Brother Scarboro, I. Johnson, M. B. Hurst, B. F. Rouse, R. F. Routh. Adopted and marked "D."

Motion made and seconded to receive the action of Saturday in reference to Foreign Missions, and appoint a committee on same. Carried. Committee as follows:

H. J. Kelly, M. B. Hurst, S. Coffee, R. F. Routh.

Report on Foreign Missions read, and spoken to by M. B. Hurt, R. F. Routh, H. J. Kelly.

Report adopted and marked "E."

Through the recommendation of D. D. Willis, a cash collection amounting to \$12.20 was taken for the benefit of sister Flynne, who is the worthy widow of a deceased Baptist preacher.

The following pledges from churches and individuals were taken for Associational Missions:

New Bethel Church.....	5 00
Almyr Church.....	5 00
Center Point Church.....	5 00
Point DeLace Church.....	7 50
Braitie Chapel Church.....	5 00
New Home Church.....	5 00
Big Lagrue Church.....	5 00
Hebron Church.....	5 00
Oak Grove Church.....	5 00
Mill Bayou Church.....	5 00
Pleasant Ridge Church.....	6 00
T. H. Jackson.....	2 00
J. M. Fuller and wife.....	2 00
S. R. Styers.....	1 00

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Assembled at 1 p. m. by singing, "Children of the Heavenly King."

PRAYER: By D. D. Willis.

Resolution read by R. M. Richardson. Adopted and marked "F."

Report of Finance Committee read. Adopted and marked "G."

Motion made and seconded to write to the churches and ascertain definitely through which Board their mission money is to be sent. Carried.

Report of Treasurer read. Adopted and marked "H"

For the new church in prospect at St. Charles, cash and pledges, \$10 75

For debt on the Fairmount church, cash and pledges \$16.00.

Motion made and seconded that the Clerk be allowed \$7.50 for clerk fees, and that he have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and proportioned among the churches according to membership. Carried.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Prairie Chappel Church, Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in October 1905. Carried.

After a farewell address by the Moderator, the Association closed with prayer.

R. H. PARKER, Moderator.

R. L. DAVIS, Clerk.



APPENDIX.

"A" SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools, would report as follows:

We recognize the Sunday schools as a strong factor in the church and religious world; in teaching the young the Scriptures and the way of Eternal life, and building them up in the faith and doctrine. And also for the OLD as a systematic way of studying the Scriptures. We recommend that our watchword be: "A Baptist Sunday School in every Baptist Church in our Association." And we recommend further, that we use Baptist literature to the Exclusion of all other.

H. J. KELLY.

"B" EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, beg leave to report as follows:

We first tried the plan adopted by the last Association, of having the churches select mission places to be supplied by their pastors, but failed in that; and then tried to procure the services of our home preachers for a part of their time for mission work, and failed in that also. Then we employed one missionary, J. B. Luck, at a salary of \$40 00 per month, who worked in the field four months, and we feel, accomplished great good for such a short time of service, as you will see by his report. We feel that there is great

of the work being continued, as there is great destruction within our ranks, and would recommend that the Association employ a Missionary for the ensuing year.

R. H. PARKER, Chairman.

H. L. DAVIS, Clerk.

"C" EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education offer the following report:

Realizing that Christian education is one of the most potent factors in evangelizing the world to day, we are proud of the fact that it commands the attention of our Association. And further, realizing that, "The fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom," we believe that teachers in our schools should be Christians; so that by their daily walk, and their lives, they may show the pupil that after he has all the knowledge he may attain in the world, and has not the knowledge of Christ, he is lacking the guiding touch and help in this life, and the key to the life beyond. We believe that it is the duty of every church to encourage any and all means of cultivating the mind, both physically and spiritually. For higher education we endorse our own denominational schools, where God and not science rules the day.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. ALLEN,
R. M. RICHARDSON,
H. J. KELLY.

"D" PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would respectfully submit the following report:

First: We would recommend as a foundation the Holy Scriptures as a lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our Pathway."

Second. For Sunday Schools the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Third. For every family a good Baptist weekly paper.

WM. WEBB.

"E" FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that;

First: We find that the churches of our Association are contributing more to Foreign Missions than ever before. Every church has contributed more or less.

On account of existing conditions, our Association agreed last year to employ and support a native missionary in China for all his time.

By corresponding directly with Brother J. W. Lane we found that an excellent Christian Minister could be had for the sum of fifty dollars per

year. From the report received from Brother Lane, we feel that we should recommend that the Association continue his employ for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. HURT,
ROBT. F. ROUTH,
S. COFFEE,
H. J. KELLY.

"F" RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the Messengers and visitors to Grand Prairie Association met with the New Bethel Baptist Church Oct. 15, 16, 17; beg leave to return our sincere gratatude to the members of the church—and all the good people of the community, of all names. for their hospitality, and the royal entertainment accorded us during our sojourn in their midst.

R. M. RICHARDSON.

"G" REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance would report as follows:

Churches sent for Minutes and Clerks Fees	\$ 28 63
Churches sent for Associational Missions	75 05
Cash Collections For Associational Missions	15 42
Total	\$ 119 09

S. K. DOWNS,
B. F. HARRISON,
J. M. FULLER.

"H" ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren of Grand Prairie Association:

Feeling led by "The Spirit," I came to your Association the First Monday in June, and began my work as missionary. I leave to day, the Second Monday in October. I was out of the field a week; so I have labored four months. While here I have labored to the best of my ability to advance our "Master's Cause" and as far as possible to please the Association and God.

I am grateful to each and every one for their assistance while I have been in the Association.

Below I give a report of my work; I do not give the number of conversions, since I am not sure just how many I had, and I do not wish to make untrue statements, but will say many accepted Christ under my preaching.

Miles traveled,	1000	Prayers held in homes,	20
Sermons preached,	117	Sunday schools visited,	16
Places where I preached,	24	Salary in full,	\$160 00
Churches assisted in organizing,	2	Received from committee,	80 00
Baptized,	3	Collected on field,	52 00
Federal services conducted,	2	Balance due,	28 00
Houses visited,	131		

J. B. Luck, Missionary.

Treasurer's Report.

October 18, 1903.	Amount on hand, as per report.....	\$213.30
May 28, 1904.	Received from Prairie Chapel, per Brother Westrope.....	2.00
" "	Received from Prairie Chapel, per Brother Routh.....	2.15
" "	Received from Pleasant Ridge, per Brother J. T. Kerr.....	1.70
" "	Received from Big LaGrue, per Brother Routh.....	1.20
" "	Received from Cross Roads, per Brother Highfill.....	3.00
" "	Received from Almyra, per Brother W. M. Webb.....	2.15
" "	Received from Hazen, per Brother R. L. Davis.....	2.25
July 10, 1905.	Received from Oak Grove, per Brother W. L. Cole.....	2.00
July 30, 1905.	Received from Cross Roads Board Meeting.....	5.08
Oct. 11, 1904	Received from Stuttgart Church.....	6.85
" "	Received from Stuttgart Ladies Aid Society.....	5.00
Oct. 15, 1904.	Received from H. B. Duóley on pledge.....	5.00
" "	Received from DeWitt Church on pledge.....	5.00
" "	Received from Hazen Church on pledge.....	4.25
" "	Received from DeVall's Bluff Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from DeVall's Bluff State Missions.....	6.25
" "	Received from DeVall's Bluff Home Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from DeVall's Bluff Foreign Missions.....	5.00
Oct. 16, 1904.	Received from public collection, Associational Missions.....	15.42
Oct. 17, 1904.	Received from New Pethel Church, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from Almyra church, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from Prairie Chapel, Associational Missions.....	3.00
" "	Received from Center Point Chapel, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from Cross Roads church, Associational Missions.....	2.05
" "	Received from Hebron church, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from Harmony church, Associational Missions.....	2.50
" "	Received from Point D. Luce church, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from Pleasant Ridge church, Associational Missions.....	3.00
" "	Received from J. M. Fuller and wife, old pledge, Ass'l Missions....	2.00
" "	Received from T. H. Jackson, old pledge, Associational Missions...	2.00
" "	Received from Elmer Moon, old pledge, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received from M. B. Hurt, old pledge, Associational Missions.....	5.00
" "	Received for Minutes and Clerk's Fees.....	28.82
Total.....		\$368.47

DISBURSEMENTS.

October, 1903.	Paid R. L. Davis for printing Minutes.....	\$15.00
" "	Paid R. L. Davis for Clerk's fees.....	13.00
" "	Paid R. L. Davis for postage.....	1.50
Nov 29, 1903.	Paid order from Executive Board to D. D. Willis.....	20.00
July 21, 1904.	Paid J. B. Luck \$20.00—postage, 12.....	20.12
July 30, 1904.	Paid J. B. Luck.....	20.00
Oct. 8, 1904.	Paid J. B. Luck.....	40.00
Oct. 15, 1904.	Paid J. B. Luck.....	\$ 28.00
Oct. 31, 1904.	Paid for printing Minutes.....	15.00
" "	Paid R. L. Davis, Clerk's Fees.....	7.50
" "	Paid R. L. Davis, postage.....	1.50
Total.....		\$181.62
Balance on hand.....		\$186.85

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| A. J. FROST, Des Arc, Ark. | D. S. CANNON, DeWitt, Ark. |
| R. F. ROUTH, Hazen, Ark. | J. H. BRACEWELL, Vaby, Ark. |
| H. Y. MORRIS, Hazen, Ark. | R. M. RICHARDSON Stuttgart, Ark. |
| D. D. WILLIS, Hazen, Ark. | B. E. ALLEN, Almyra, Ark. |
| M. B. HURT, DeWitt, Ark. | B. F. HOUSE, Barrettsville, Ark. |

WADE PHARR, Needmore, Ark.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

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| JOEL JOHNSON, Hazen, Ark. | J. I. KERR, Uzzell, Ark. |
| ALLEN HENDRICKS, Hazen, Ark. | J. W. OUTLAW, DeVall's Bluff, Ark. |
| JOHN MARTIN, Hazen, Ark. | J. F. CHAPMAN, Des Arc, Ark. |