

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Southwestern
Baptist Association
of Arkansas

—HELD WITH—

New Home Baptist Church, Little River Co., Ark.,
October 11, 12 and 13, 1902.

OFFICERS:

THOMAS DULONEY.....	Moderator
Ben Lomond, Ark.	
B. F. CANNON.....	Clerk
Gillham, Ark.	
G. A. VAUGHAN.....	Treasurer
Lockesburg, Ark.	

Next session will be held with Brownstown Church, Sevier County, Ark.

Proceedings,

The twenty-second annual session of the Southwestern Baptist Association was held with New-Home Church, Little River county, Arkansas, beginning October 11, 1902.

At 10 o'clock, a. m. the body was called to order by the moderator, Thos. Duloney. After divine service by the moderator, the former clerk J. T. Cowling being absent, B. F. Cannon was elected clerk pro tem. Bros. G. S. Provence and Jesse Goodman were appointed to read the letters presented by messengers from the various churches. After reading the letters which had been presented, the body adjourned to 1:30 p. m. to hear the introductory sermon by Elder Thomas Duloney. Text Matthew 18: 15-17.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled at 1:30. After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. G. C. Farris. The call was then renewed for letters, after which the body proceeded to permanent organization by electing Elders Thomas Duloney, moderator and B. F. Connon, clerk. Petitionary letters were called for. Shiloh, Little River county, Avon Valley and Chapple Hill, of Sevier county responded with letters and delegates which were received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates.

An invitation was extended for corresponding messengers and visitors. M. M. Cochran responded as a delegate from Rehobeth Association, Texas, and G. W. Reeves was representing the Arkansas Baptist. A committee was appointed on divine service, composed of the pastor and delegates of New Home church.

The moderator appointed G. S. Provence, G. W. Collins and Jesse Goodman a committee on finance.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: G. C. Farris, Saturday night at the church. Alternate, D. W. Elkins. Brother G. W. Reeves, Sunday at 11.

Brother M. M. Cochran and G. S. Provence were appointed to conduct a Sunday School mass meeting.

B. F. Cannon was elected as a corresponding messenger to Ouachita Association and G. W. Collins, J. W. Hubbard, and J. T. Jones were elected to Howard County Association.

On motion by J. T. Jones the association allowed any brother holding a copy of our minutes to be a corresponding messenger to other Associations. The body then adjourned till 8 o'clock Monday morning.

The moderator announced the following committees.

Temperance—J. H. Denson, W. J. Wheat, G. W. Cowling.

Obituaries—J. W. Hubbard, C. H. Arnold, Mark Leeper.

Ministerial Education—G. C. Farris, W. M. Hubbard, S. H. Nelson.

Sabbath Observance—D. W. Elkins, Robert Wright, J. T. Benson.

Literature—Y. R. Harbin, Jesse Goodman, J. T. Jones.

Documents—T. A. Valentine, S. A. Wilson, J. W. Hubbard.

Program—G. C. Farris, A. M. Brewer, J. L. Shakelford.

Ministerial Support—J. H. Denson, J. Swofford, John Harris.

Brother Farris preached Saturday night. Text, Math. 11: 28-30.

Sunday, 10 a. m., Rev. M. M. Cochran conducted the Sunday school mass meeting. Brother Reeves preached at 11. Text, I. Cor. 3: 21-22.

The committee then announced that T. N. Valentine preach at 3 p. m. and B. F. Cannon at night, and they filled their appointments.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body reassembled at 8:30. The moderator read Psalm 116. Singing by the body and prayer by the moderator.

The call was then renewed for letters. Lockesburg presented her letter. George Vaughan and D. W. Elkins as delegates. New Hope No. 1, J. J. Trammell and C. H. Arnold, delegates. Pleasant Hill, John Stalworth, delegate.

On motion of Brother Elkins, J. A. McDonald was added to fill out the delegation from New Home church, Bro. Weems being sick.

The body then proceeded to the election of an Executive Board. G. S. Provence was elected chairman, with J. A. McDonald, G. W. Collins, S. A. Wilson and Jesse Goodman to constitute the board for the incoming year. G. A. Vaughan was also elected as treasurer of the board.

On motion Bro. J. H. Denson, was received as a delegate from Union church. In the absence of Bro. Benson, Bro. J. A. McDonald was added to the Committee on Sabbath Observance. The reports were all read and adopted with but little discussion. The body then adjourned from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. to hear Bro. Reeves preach. He gave us a good sound sermon. Text, Acts 13: 31.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the body was called together by the moderator. After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. J. H. Denson. It was moved and carried that the mission work of the association be left with the Executive Board.

The following resolution was offered by Y. R. Harbin and after considerable discussion was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the Southwestern Association, heartily endorse the principles of the General Association.

That hereafter we will co-operate with that body in mission work, so long as it maintains the principles set forth in its constitution.

Resolution of thanks by G. B. F. Cannon.

Resolved, That this association hereby tender our hearty thanks to New Home church and vicinity for the generous and hospitable entertainment during its session.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Brownstone church, Saturday, before the second Sunday, in October, 1903, at 10 a. m.

APPENDIX.

Reports of Committees.

LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

We recommend first of all the prayerful reading of the Holy Bible, as it is God's eternal truth and shows us the way of life and salvation, and our duty to God and to one another. Second, we recommend the Arkansas Baptist, our state paper, as sound and a friend to the churches, and helpful in the discharge of our duties. We also recommend American Baptist Sunday School literature.

Respectfully submitted,

Y. R. HARDIN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance believe this is a very important subject. Our members, instead of being temperate or non-drunkards, should be total abstainers from beverage drinking. We should glorify God in our bodies and our spirits, etc., and we cannot do this by dram or beverage drinking. Our churches should discipline their members for unscriptural demeanor in this respect.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. DENSON, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that we find God in His wisdom has called many of our beloved brethren and sisters from us whom we regret to lose and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved, but we weep not as those who have no hope.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HUBBARD,

MARK LEEPER.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report the following:

We recommend that the proper way to observe the Lord's Day is to spend the entire [day to] the honor and glory of God and for our spiritual advancement. We should refrain from all secular affairs and attend, as far as possible, all of our religious meetings on that day. We believe that as it is a grand and glorious privilege it is also an indispensable duty we owe to God and to humanity to use our influence to get the youths of our community to attend the same and especial-

ly the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. ELKINS,
ROBERT WRIGHT,
J. A. McDONALD.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report the following:

We find three churches calling for the next session of this body, to-wit: Locksburg, Oak Grove and Brownstown. We recommend that the next session be held with Brownstown church, Sevier county, Ark., commencing Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1903, at 10 a. m.

T. M. VALENTINE, Chairman,
S. A. WILSON,
J. W. HUBBARD.

PROGRAM.

Your Committee on Program beg leave to report the following:
The next association will be held with Brownstown church, Sevier county, Ark., introductory sermon to be preached by Bro. B. F. Cannon and Bro. Y. R. Harbin alternate.

G. C. FARRIS, Chairman.

MISSION REPORT.

We, your Committee on Missions, beg to submit our report as follows:

That as John the Baptist was a Missionary Baptist, and Christ, our blessed Redeemer, was a Missionary Baptist, and inasmuch as Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned," and as this command was given to the first Missionary Baptist church we believe that it is just as binding on us today to send the gospel where it is not as it was on our early brethren, and as this command was given to the churches as such and not to boards or organized bodies independent of the churches. We therefore recommend to the churches that they require it of their pastors that they keep the mission question constantly before the people, and that they take regular collections for mission purposes in the various fields and we would further recommend that the funds collected for state missions be placed in the hands of the General Association of Arkansas, as we believe their plan of work is the gospel plan.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. PROVINCE, Chairman,
J. P. PITCOCK,
G. W. COLLINS.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee on ministerial support believe that our pastors or ministers should be fully supported; the scriptures teaching that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Our churches generally, if not wholly, are direliet in duty in this respect. Our ministers are generally not fully discharging their duty as pastors, it being the scriptural duty of pastors to give all their time as pastors to the churches not simply to supply the churches with Saturday and Sunday labor and preaching. We believe also that the churches should have weekly sabbath services instead of monthly Saturday and Sabbath services. If pastors fail in duty they do not deserve full support, and if churches fail in duty their work will in a measure fail.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DENSON, Chairman.

ORDAINED PREACHERS.

C. H. Arnold, Foreman, Ark.	W. H. Burt, DeQueen, Ark.
B. A. Cannon, Gillham, Ark.	Y. T. Cannon, Locksburg, Ark.
J. H. Denson, Locksburg, Ark.	T. Dee Laney, Ben Lomond, Ark.
D. W. Elkins, Locksburg, Ark.	G. C. Farris, Holcomb, Ark.
Y. R. Harbin, Cerro Gordo, Ark.	D. W. Hill, Farribaville, Ark.
J. W. Hubbard, Ben Lomond, Ark.	T. J. Jones, Arkinda, Ark.
P. R. Littlefield, Lebannon, Ark.	H. L. McCarroll, Lebanon, Ark.
J. McWhorter, Locksburg, Ark.	W. F. Smith, Winthrop, Ark.
J. M. Swofford, De Queen, Ark.	J. C. Tolbert, Farribaville, Ark.
T. N. Valentine, De Queen, Ark.	

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Minutes	\$ 22.15
Associational Missions	53.13
State Missions, General Association.....	11.40
Orphan's Home	1.96
Foreign Missions	6.27
A. J. Diaz by Y. R. Harbin	1.00
Total,	\$ 95.91

AN EXPLANATION.

There was a committee on Ministerial education but I failed to get their report if they made any, but after looking over the minutes of last year and this, I see that we have failed entirely on that line and probably this will be the best report under the circumstances.

The associational missionaries report does not appear for the same reason.

B. F. CANNON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. A. Vaughan, in account with Southwestern Baptist Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance	\$ 52.98
Oct. 15, 1901, C. A. Collum for Oak Grove church	2.10
Nov. 30, 1901, Paid by W. H. Burt for state board	25.00
Dec. 30, 1901, Paid at Fifth Sunday meeting	29.00
Mar. 31, 1902, Paid at Fifth Sunday meeting	39.96
June 30, 1902, Paid at Fifth Sunday meeting	16.35
Total,	<u>\$165.39</u>

Oct. 26, 1901, Paid C. W. Strickland,	\$ 3.50
Aug. 29, 1902, Paid J. W. Hubbard,	40.00
Sept. 2, 1902, Paid W. H. Burt,	20.00
Sept. 2, 1902, Paid B. F. Cannon,	5.70
Sept. 13, 1902, Paid B. F. Cannon,	32.40
Sept. 20, 1902, Paid J. W. Hubbard,	39.96
Oct. 11, 1902, Balance,	23.83
Total,	<u>\$165.39</u>

STATE MISSIONS.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance,	\$ 3.65
Nov. 30, 1901, To amount paid by Rehobeth church, ...	1.60
Total,	<u>\$ 5.25</u>
Oct. 26, 1901, By Amount paid A. J. Barton,	3.65
Oct. 11, 1902, Balance,	1.60
Total,	<u>\$5.25</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance	\$.60
Nov. 30, 1901, Paid by Rehobeth church25
Total,	<u>\$.85</u>
Oct. 26, 1901, By amount paid A. J. Barton60
Oct. 11, 1902, Balance25
Total,	<u>\$.85</u>

HOME MISSIONS.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance	\$ 1.00
Oct. 26, 1901, By amount paid A. J. Barton	1.00

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance	\$ 4.85
Oct. 26, 1901, By amount paid J. K. Pace	\$ 4.85

ORPHANS' HOME.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance.....	\$ 9.81	
Paid by.....	.50	
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	Total,	\$ 10.31
Oct. 26, 1901, By amount paid W. W. Gardner....		\$10.31

MINUTE FUND.

Oct. 15, 1901, To balance.....	\$ 31.50	
Oct. 26, 1901, By amount paid J. T. Cowling.....		\$ 31.50

BALANCES ON HAND.

Oct. 11, 1902, Associational Missions.....	\$ 23.83	
State Missions.....	1.60	
Foreign Missions.....	.25	
Ministers' Relief Fund.....	1.00	
Sunday School Work.....	.50	
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	Total,	\$ 27.18

G. A. VAUGHAN.

Constitution.

I. The union of churches shall be known and designated by the name of Southwestern Baptist Association of Arkansas.

II. This association shall be composed of delegates from churches in the union. Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before taking their seats.

III. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

IV. The association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed; it shall regard them as independent bodies in matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory counsel, holding itself a medium through which the churches may, by concert of action, devise the best means for advancing the cause of our Redeemer. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members—the delegates from the churches—and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw and disown all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united under this Constitution.

V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this association on their sending up three delegates to the annual meeting of this association, with a petition for admission, and by said delegates agreeing to the abstract principles herewith published.

VI. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their members in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and deceased since their last session, and such other information as the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

VII. This association shall have a fund, to be supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and paid over by the Finance Committee to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

VIII. The association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

IX. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed.

X. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present. Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing this association.

Rules of Decorum,

I. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the association, the moderator shall open the business by prayer and praise, in person or by proxy. If the former moderator or clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a moderator pro tem.

II. Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the clerk.

III. When the delegates names are enrolled and called by the clerk the association shall elect, by ballot, a moderator and clerk; the majority of votes governing the election.

IV. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one shall be first in order; and so on, in reverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

V. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak of any matter before the association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order, the moderator shall signify the same by calling his name; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while thus speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal infliction; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

VI. Whenever sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any subject before the association, the moderator shall take the voice of the association, and declare the result, a majority governing in all cases except those provided for.

VII. No member shall vacate his seat while the body is in session without leave of the moderator.

VIII. When one member shall speak to, or of another, he shall call him "Brother."

IX. The moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it may be necessary.

X. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other mem-

bers, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

XI. The moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in council, who may speak, but not vote.

XII. The minutes of the association may be read whenever it is deemed necessary.

XIII. The moderator shall be the judge of order. An objector to the moderator's ruling may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ART. 2. We believe that the Holy Bible, including the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, and furnishes the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, "according to the fore-knowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. 7. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the hands of a presbytery.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

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Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Incidentals	Building	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Sunday Schools	Value of Church Property	Visiting Ministers	Total for all Purposes
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TO ARKANSAS BAPTISTS.

MY DEAR BROTHER:

Ouachita College belongs to our Baptist denomination in Arkansas. Whatever increases her income or adds to her equipment adds precisely that amount to the property of Baptists as a denomination. Through her students she has already made her influence felt in every nook and corner of our State. We are educating here a large number of young ministers and the children of ministers free of tuition. Do you not think that Arkansas Baptists ought to have a college second to none in all the land? If Ouachita is to continue to be "the pride of Arkansas Baptists," her faculty must be composed of the very best talent. We have no endowment. Our only means of maintaining a strong corps of teachers is by securing a large paying patronage. This cannot be done without the loyal, active support of our brethren.

Will you not help us?

Fraternally yours,

J. W. CONGER, President,

Arkadelphia, Ark.