

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Caddo River Baptist Association.
HELD WITH
Macedonia Baptist Church,
Montgomery County, Ark.,
SEPTEMBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1895.

Next session to be held with Black Springs Baptist Church,
Montgomery County, Ark., commencing on Satur-
day before the second Sunday in Septem-
ber, 1896, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Articles of Faith.

WITH THE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Word and Holy Ghost. I. John 5: 7; John 1: 1, 2, 3; I. Tim. 3: 16.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of our faithful practice. II. Tim. 2: 15, 16; I. Peter 1: 2.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. I. Peter 1: 2.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 3: 6, 7; Ps. 57: 6; Rom. 5: 12-14.

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. Isaiah 1: 5, 7; John 6: 44; Eph. 2: 1.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Jer. 23: 6; Rom. 4: 22-24; I. Cor. 1: 30.

ART. 7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Psalms 89: 31-35; Heb. 8: 10, 11; John 10: 28.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects for baptism; and that immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark 16: 15, 16; I. Cor. 11: 22-26; Acts 8: 38, 39; Rom. 6: 3, 4; Acts 2: 42.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 3: 28, 29, I. Cor. 15: 22, 23; Rev. 20: 12-15.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Matt. 28: 19, 20; I. Tim. 3: 14; Titus 5: 10.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2: 41; I. Cor. 11: 23, 24; Acts 18: 8-11.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex. 20: 8; Acts 20: 7; Rev. 1: 10.

Order of Business,

FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Appointment of preaching committee.
3. Call for Letters from the Churches.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invite visiting members to seats.
7. Call for Correspondents.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Call for a report of the Committee on Preaching.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call for the reading of the Minutes.
2. Roll call and marking of the names of absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments for next session
6. Call for Treasurer's report.

Proceedings.

MACEDONIA, September 7, 1895.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Session of Caddo River Baptist Association met with Macedonia Church, northwest of Mt. Ida, Montgomery County, Ark., September 7-9, 1895.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. H. T. Howell, assisted by J. W. McDonald. Text, Ps. 126:6. Opening prayer by Moderator. Closing prayer by W. F. Willis. Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 p. m. the former Moderator read hymn 55 of Evergreen selection and 19th Psalm. After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. N. H. Harley.

A. R. Chitwood, S. Z. Moran and the Delegates of Macedonia Church were appointed a Committee on Preaching.

Letters from the various Churches were called for by the Moderator, and Elds. E. P. Chitwood, N. H. Harley and W. L. Cockrell were appointed to read the letters (see Statistical Table.)

Petitionary Letters were then called for and responded to by Piney, Valley Grove and Corinth Churches.

The body then went into permanent organization, electing Eld. H. P. Howell Moderator, Eld. E. Wright Clerk and W. F. Willis Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats, and correspondents called for. The following brethren re-

sponded: Eld. E. P. Chitwood from Buckville Association; Eld. J. R. Hardy from Red River Association; Eld. A. A. Bates from Big Fork Association, and Eld. J. W. McDonald visitor from Hot Springs. The Moderator was given until Sunday morning to appoint the committees. Homes for Delegates were assigned and the Association adjourned with prayer by Eld. J. W. McDonald.

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MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8 a. m. After reading Ps. 71, we sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," Prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected and adopted. The roll was called and absentees marked.

The Association voted to limit speeches to five minutes.

Report of committees called for. They were received and adopted, as follows:

State of Religion.—Your committee finds from the letters to the Association that few revivals have been held and Zion is languishing. Let us pray and awake to a sense of our duty, and the power of God and His Christ, for the advancement of His cause and kingdom in the earth.

D. T. SIMMONS, Chairman.

Destitution.—Your Committee on Destitution would report considerable destitution within the bounds of this Association, and recommend that this body take steps to supply such destitution with a missionary.

M. A. ROBBINS, Chairman.

On Documents.—Your committee finds three new

Churches reported, viz: Piney, Corinth and Valley Grove No. 2. Twenty-six Churches represented. Correspondents received from Buckville, Big Fork and Red River Associations. Three Churches have invited the next meeting of this body, viz: Black Springs, Liberty and Providence.

W. S. COCKRELL, Chairman.

On Obituaries.—We find within the bounds of our Association that it has pleased God to call from among us Bro. J. R. Young, of Elnora Church, who died May 19, 1895, age 79 years. Sister Mary E. Adams, of New Home Church, died the last of April, 1895, age 25 years. Robert Bohannon, of Bethel Church, died April 2, 1895, age 29 years. Julia Cates, of Bethel Church, died November 22, 1894, age 33 years. Mary Bruce, of Bethel Church, died March 4, 1895, age 63 years. G. W. Tidwell, of Mt. Pisgah Church, born May 25, 1857, died February 19, 1895, age 37 years, 3 months and 24 days. Sister Barentine, of Antioch Church, born February 9, 1815, died March 19, 1895, age 80 years, 1 month and ten days. Bro. Narrass, of Zion Hill Church, died in March, 1895, age 60 years. These were faithful in the cause of Christ. Let us pray that we may meet them in Heaven.

G. H. WASSON, Chairman.

Duties of Pastors to Churches.—We suggest that the pastors should not only declare the whole counsel of God, reprove, rebuke with all long-suffering, but should also strive to influence every member to fill his place and do his whole duty in all the work of the Church and denomination at large.

A. McKAY, Chairman.

Duties of Churches to Pastors.—It is the duty of the Church to attend to the financial interest of the pastor and visit him, not only to see but to contribute to his necessities. If the pastor leaves his loved ones to minister to us in spiritual things, we ought to minister unto him

of temporal things, as the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel—1 Cor., 9:14.

—————Chairman.

On Temperance.—We are glad to say that we believe the use of intoxicating liquor is gradually giving way among Baptists, and hope the time will soon come when intemperance will be a matter of the past.

E. BURNS, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The Caddo River Sunday School Convention met with Salem Church, Pike County, Arkansas, on Friday, before the first Sunday in August, 1895, at 11 a. m. The Convention Sermon was preached by Eld. W. P. Taylor, followed by Eld. H. P. Howell; text, Matt. 28:19. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. President W. F. Willis read Eph. 1 and offered prayer. The Constitution was read and letters from Churches and schools called for. The letters were read by Brethren A. F. Wilson and J. J. Hughes, Jr., and Messengers names enrolled. W. F. Willis was elected President, Eld. J. N. Smith Vice-President, W. W. Smith Secretary, J. B. Echols Treasurer.

S. Z. Moran, J. B. Echols, J. D. Caldwell, G. W. McLain, B. T. Thrash and Sister S. A. McLain were appointed as music class. R. C. F. Fields, W. D. White and the Messengers of the Salem Church appointed Preaching Committee.

S. Z. Moran, W. D. White, R. C. Fields and Sister Mary Wilson appointed Committee on Program for next session.

The reports of the Superintendents of Sunday Schools were very encouraging. Adjourned with prayer by Eld. G. C. Smith.

At 7:30 p. m. Eld. J. M. Smith preached an excellent sermon from Matt. 25:26. Eld. J. R. Motley closed the service.

Saturday Morning: The Convention was called to

order by the Vice-President, who read the 27th Psalm and led in prayer. The roll was called and absentees marked. The program was then taken up and the following were read or delivered orally: Eld. J. M. Smith, on Temperance; C. H. Ham, on Sunday Schools: Are they Scriptural? S. Z. Moran, on The Duty of Pastors to Sunday School Work; Sister S. A. McLain, subject: "Mother;" Eld. H. P. Howell, on Why Use Literature? W. F. Willis on Best Method of Conducting Sunday Schools; Eld. H. P. Howell, on Family Religion. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Afternoon.—Opened with reading and prayer by the President.

Essays from Superintendents were called for, and responded to. W. D. White, of Amity, on Sunday Schools. The Convention ordered this essay sent to the Arkansas Baptist for publication. Julia Matthews, subject: The Christian's Home. The Convention also requested this for publication. Eld. H. P. Howell, subject: Duty of the Church in Sunday School Work.

The Preaching Committee announced that Eld. J. A. McMillan and G. C. Smith would preach tonight.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes.

Sunday morning at 8 o'clock the Convention was called to order. Scripture reading and prayer by the President. Voluntary essays were called for and the following responded: Sister Laura Florence, subject: My Lot in Life; Miss Dona Huie, subject: The Bible. Interesting addresses were delivered by Elds. W. J. Taylor, J. J. Hughes, G. C. Smith and others.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with Amity Church, embracing the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

J. A. McMILLAN,
W. B. WHITE,

Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered

to Salem Church and community for their kindness in entertaining this Convention, and to the President and Secretary for their services.

Collection for printing Minutes, \$2.50, which was turned over to the Treasurer.

Program for the next session was read and adopted, as follows:

Friday, 11 a. m., Sermon by J. A. McMillan; alternate, J. R. Motley.

Essay by Sister A. Matthews on Family Religion.

R. B. Hollingshead, subject: Why Use Sunday-School Literature?

Fannie Smith, subject: Why Should Children Attend Sunday-School?

R. C. Fields, subject: Necessity of Sunday Schools in Every Community.

J. J. Hughes, Jr., subject: Duties of Superintendents.

Eva Willis, subject: Responsibility of Teachers.

Eld. W. P. Taylor, subject: Should Pastors Advocate and Encourage Sunday Schools in their Churches?

Annie Collier, subject: Is it the Duty of Each Church to have a Sunday School?

Eld. H. T. Howell, subject: The Origin and Usefulness of Sunday Schools.

W. D. WHITE, Chairman.

The Convention then adjourned to meet with Amity Church, Clark County, at 11 a. m on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

W. F. WILLIS, President.

W. W. SMITH, Secretary

[Dear Brethren: This Convention was a perfect feast of good things, and those who failed to attend missed a blessing.]

W. W. SMITH, Secretary.

CONVENTION STATISTICS—CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	POSTOFFICES.
Antioch.....	C. G. Ham.....	Caddo sp
Amity.....	W. D. White, J. A. McMellon.....	Amity.
Caney Valley.....	W. W. Smith S. A. McLain, J. D. Caldwell.....	Rock Creek.
Bethlehem.....	E. T. Keith, W. J. Taylor.....	Kirby.
Valley Grove.....	J. D. Brunson, Eula Bullard.....	Rock Creek.
Salem.....	W. D. Ward Mary Wilson W. W. Mathews.....	Wilson.

SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	MESSENGERS.	SUPERINT'DT	POSTOFFICE	Scholars.
Amity.....	Willie Key.....	.....	Amity.....	75
Caney Valley.....	W. G. McLain, O. P. Adams, Lucy Howell.....	S. Z. Moran.....	Rock Creek.....	70
Bethel.....	Eva Willis.....	W. F. Willis.....	Rock Creek.....	30
Salem.....	W. S. Ward, Julia Mathews, Josie Thrash.....	G. C. Smith.....	Wilson.....	55
Mountain Home.....	R. C. Fields, Davie Huie, Julia Tackett.....	J. A. Tackett.....	Caddo Gap.....	51
Valley Grove.....	Wallace Hughes, Ann Brunson, J. Ponder.....	J. J. Hughes.....	Rock Creek.....	41
Total No. of scholars				322

Elds. N. H. Harley and J. W. McDonald (visitors from Hot Springs), wishing to depart, the Association extended the parting hand. After preaching, Association adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association assembled with singing. Call for reports of committees renewed.

On Finance.—We find \$26.45 cents on hand for Associational purposes and \$2.50 for Home Missions.

A NELSON,
J. J. HUGHES,
T. A. VALENTINE,
Committee.

Committee on Preaching announced that Eld. A. A. Bates preached at Oak Grove Saturday night, Eld. H. L. Wasson at Grenade; H. T. Howell and A. Nelson Sunday at 9 a. m.; J. M. Dean and H. T. Howell at 11 a. m.; J. W. McDonald and E. P. Chitwood at 3 p. m.;

N. H. Harley and E. Wright at night. At night at Oak Grove, Eld. J. D. Bates and J. R. Hardy. At Grenade, W. J. Chitwood and T. J. Cunningham. At the Church Eld. E. P. Chitwood and T. A. Valentine. Monday at 11 a. m. Eld. J. Hughes and J. M. Dean.

Report of Missionary.—(It seems this report was not handed in. I believe that our Missionary rode over six hundred miles, delivered over sixty sermons and dissertations, and baptized three.)

Report of Missionary Board.—We employed Eld. H. L. Wasson as Missionary at \$25 per month. We have paid him \$41.75, balance due on pledges: Mt. Zion Church, \$2; Black Springs, \$3.55; Mt. Ida, \$5; Providence, \$5; Total, \$15.55.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. CHITWOOD, Chairman.

W. L. COCKRELL.

W. J. CHITWOOD.

These three brethren were re-elected as the Missionary Board for another year.

Association voted to pay the Clerk \$10 for his services.

A resolution was adopted tendering the thanks of the Association to the community for their hospitality in entertaining the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand from last year.....	\$16 55
Received from Finance Committee.....	26 45
Total	\$43 00
Expense for Minutes.....	\$24 00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$19 00
W. F. WILLIS, Treasurer.	

HOME MISSIONS.

Elnora Church.....	\$1.00
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New Home.....	\$1.00
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E. WRIGHT, Clerk.

Elds. H. L. Wasson and T. A. Valentine were appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and Black Springs Church selected for our next meeting, to be held on Saturday at 11 a. m., before the second Sunday in September, 1896.

The Clerk was instructed to have the Abstract of Faith published in the Minutes. The Minutes were read and adopted. Correspondents to other Associations were elected as follows: W. J. Chitwood and Asa Col- lum to Big Fork Association; W. F. Rucker, A. R. Chit- wood and W. L. Cockrell to Saline Association; J. P. Hawthorne, H. T. Howell and S. Z. Moran to Red River Association.

The Association adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. Closing prayer by H. L. Wasson, who had served two months as Missionary. The Associa- tion displayed a lively missionary interest and many excellent speeches were made in behalf of our faith. The parting hand was extended with much joy, love and prayer.

H. T. HOWELL, Moderator.

E. WRIGHT, Clerk.

P. S.—By vote of this body, \$14 was paid to Eld. J. W. McDonald for the printing and distribution of five hundred copies of Minutes.

Messengers, Pastors, Clerks and their Postoffices.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	OFFICES.
Antioch.....	John Welch.....	J. J. Hughes.....	C. G. Ham.....	Caddo Gap.
Mt. Pisgah.....	E. Wright, R. Tallant.....	J. M. Sims.....		Lucky.
Black Springs.....	H. L. Wasson, G. W. Wasson, J. M. Dean.....	H. L. Wasson.....	W. H. Guthrey.....	Black Springs.
Valley Grove.....	A. Nelson, J. J. Hughes, D. T. Brunson.....	A. Nelson.....	J. J. Hughes, jr.....	Rock Creek.
Spring Grove.....	J. M. Kilgro, J. P. Hawthorne.....	R. W. Pate.....	J. M. Kilgro.....	Mazam.
Mt. Moriah.....	W. F. Rucker, T. J. Carpenter.....	E. Wright.....	T. Deaton.....	Usery.
Mt. Pleasant.....	David Cowart, R. L. Phillips.....	J. G. Goss.....	G. W. Dennison.....	Lodi.
Mt. Ida.....	J. N. Wasson, J. W. Tolley.....	H. L. Wasson.....	J. S. Nelson.....	Mt. Ida.
Liberty.....	D. I. Moran, W. S. Robinson.....	H. T. Howell.....	A. J. Newcomb.....	Ophr.
Providence.....	L. F. Loudermilk, J. A. Collium.....	H. L. Wasson.....	L. F. Loudermilk.....	Black Springs.
Caney Valley.....	H. T. Howell, S. Z. Moran, W. W. McLain.....	H. T. Howell.....	S. Z. Moran.....	Rock Creek.
New Home.....	W. L. Cockrell.....	J. A. Valentine.....	W. L. Cockrell.....	Bear.
Salem.....	J. B. Echols, Clemie Taylor.....	H. T. Howell.....	A. F. Wilson.....	Wilson.
Forest Hill.....	Elias Burns.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	C. F. O'Neal.....	Hickory Station.
Bethlehem.....	J. R. Motley.....	H. T. Howell.....	Willie Taylor.....	Kirby.
Pleasant Valley.....	M. A. Robins.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	Wm. Tackett.....	Maunred.
Zion Hill.....	Wm. J. Chitwood.....	J. M. Sims, J. A. Shackelford.....	C. A. Shackelford.....	Chandler.
Bethel.....	W. F. Willis, J. A. Yarbrough, G. L. Black.....	H. T. Howell.....	G. L. Black.....	Rock Creek.
Mountain Home.....	F. Nelson.....	R. W. Pate, T. A. Valentine.....	J. C. Thomas.....	Hickory Station.
Hurricane Grove.....		T. A. Valentine.....	H. Dinton.....	Mt. Ida.
Macedonia.....	Abe McKay, A. C. McKay, G. B. Blackstun.....	J. J. Holland.....	G. W. Maddox.....	Sims.
Union.....	T. J. Cunningham, A. E. Chitwood.....	H. L. Wasson.....	J. W. Clanton.....	Bear.
Elnora.....	T. A. Valentine, J. J. Hays, J. S. Wallace.....	J. M. Dean.....	J. J. Hays.....	Silver City.
Piney.....		T. A. Valentine.....	W. J. Otwell.....	Bear.
Corinth.....		H. L. Wasson.....	J. W. Hays.....	
Valley Grove No. 2.....	G. W. Carpenter.....	Jno. Rouse.....	R. A. Wright.....	Crystal Springs.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						Present Membership.	Minute Fund.	Days of Meeting.
	Increase.			Decrease.					
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.			
Antioch.....	.....	4	.....	21	2	1	35	\$0 75	21
Mt. Pisgah.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1	1	32	75	2d
Black Springs.....	.....	15	.....	3	.....	.....	45	1 50	2d
Valley Grove.....	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	27	2 60	4th
Spring Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	10	60	1st
Mt. Moriah.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	1 25	3d
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	28	65	2d
Mt. Ida.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	75	4th
Liberty.....	15	9	1	.....	.....	.....	52	60	3d
Providence.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	44	.....	.....
Caney Valley.....	5	6	.....	3	.....	.....	73	1 60	1st
New Home.....	.....	.....	.....	11	1	1	23	1 00	3d
Salem.....	3	.....	2	.....	1	.....	53	2 50	1st
Forest Hill.....	2	4	1	2	1	.....	26	50	2d
Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	28	50	.....
Pleasant Valley.....	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	17	75	2d
Don Hill.....	.....	8	.....	3	2	1	45	1 00	4th
Bethel.....	.....	2	2	7	.....	3	32	80	2d
Mountain Home.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	75	3d
Hurricane Grove.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	8	.....	4th
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	32	1 10	2d
Union.....	.....	2	.....	4	1	.....	35	1 00	.....
Elmora.....	1	4	2	2	2	1	12	1 00	2d
Piney.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	75	1st
Corinth.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....
Valley Grove No. 2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	25	4th
Totals.....	39	68	9	65	14	7	781	\$22 95	.....

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

CARSON, W. W.	Caddo Gap
WRIGHT, E.	Lucky
WASSON, H. L.	Black Springs
DEAN, J. M.	Black Springs
NELSON, A.	F. Ivory Station
HUGHES, J. J.	Rock Creek
BRIGHT, D.	Usery
HOWELL H. T.	Rock Creek
SMITH J. M.	Rock Creek
COCKRELL, J. E.	Bear
SMITH, G. C.	Wilson
SHACKELFORD, J. A.	Hickory Station
MODLIN, W. S.	Chandler
SIMS, J. M.	Usery
DRIGGERS, D. T.	Hickory Station
CUNNINGHAM, T. J.	Bear
PATE, R. W.	Plata
ROUSE, J. W.	Bear

LICENTIATES.

WASSON, G. H.	Black Springs
COLLUM, J. A.	Black Springs
BURNS, E.	Hickory Station
CHITWOOD, W. J.	Chandler
WEBB, Wm.	Crystal Springs
HAYS, J. W.	Plata
CALDWELL, S. W.	Hickory Station