

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF ARKANSAS.

HELD WITH CANA CHURCH
LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARK.
OCTOBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1905

OFFICERS :

THOS. DULANEY, Moderator, Ben Lomond, Ark.

B. J. MATHEWS, Clerk, DeQueen, Ark.

W. C. MARTIN, Treasurer, Ashdown, Ark.

Next Session will be held with Sardis Church, Sevier County, Ark., commencing at 10 O'clock on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1906.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Southwestern Association met with Cana church, near Cerrogordo, Little River county, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m., October 6, 1905.

The moderator and clerk both being absent, Elder Thomas DuLaney was elected moderator pro tem. to call the body together. Elder B. J. Mathews was elected clerk pro tem.

Elder J. F. Love, of Little Rock, was called upon to preach the introductory sermon, which was ably done from John 3-7.

The letters from the different churches were called for, read and the names of the messengers enrolled.

The Association organized by electing Elder Thomas DuLaney moderator and Elder B. J. Mathews clerk.

On motion the visiting ministers and brethren were invited to seats with us, whereupon Elder J. F. Love, of Little Rock, responded as a representative of the Baptist Advance.

Elder J. B. Luck, of Hope, Ark., one of the State Missionaries, also was seated with us. Also J. T. Purfater, of Gilham.

Petitionary letters were called for and a letter and messengers from the church at Bokhoma, I. T., were received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to said messengers.

The moderator appointed the usual committees:

On Preaching—Elder E. V. Mabry, and the messengers from Cana Church.

On Finance—T. B. Holman, J. A. McDonald and A. DuLaney.

On Literature—W. L. Smith, J. W. Hubbard and J. A. McDonald.

On Temperance—B. J. Mathews, J. W. Hubbard and J. H. Barkman.

Sabbath Observance—S. W. Beavers, J. M. Smith and W. F. Burns.

On Documents—W. B. Adams, G. W. Collins and Joe Harder.

On Obituaries—A. B. Masters, John Key and D. B. Smith.

On Ministerial Support—R. F. Herndon, C. A. Tindall and J. R. Hopson.

On Orphans' Home—J. H. Barkman, R. W. Falkner and W. A. Latham.

On Ministerial Education—T. A. Valentine, J. A. Bennett and Thomas Johnson.

On Missions—B. J. Mathews, E. V. Mabry and J. F. Goodman.

On Sunday Schools—W. F. Burns, W. L. Smith and W. C. Barns.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Tonight at Cerrogordo—J. B. Luck and J. W. Hubbard.

Tonight at Cana—W. L. Smith.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday—B. J. Mathews.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday—W. L. Smith.

At 7:30 o'clock Sunday—B. J. Mathews.

On motion adjourned till 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

W. L. Smith preached a fine sermon on Saturday night from Eph. 3:21.

At 10 a. m. Sunday J. B. Luck conducted a devotional service which was a spiritual feast.

At 11 a. m. Sunday B. J. Mathews preached to a very large congregation out in the church yard. Text, Gal. 3:29. After the sermon a collection for State Missions was taken, which amounted to \$13.50.

At 3 p. m. Sunday W. L. Smith preached to a very large and attentive audience on the "Immortality of the Soul."

At 7:30 p. m. Sunday B. J. Mathews preached to a very large congregation on "The World's Wonderful Event," Matt. 27:45-54.

At the close of the 3 o'clock service a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home amounting to \$5.95. The Sabbath Day seemed to be pleasantly spent by all present.

MONDAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Elder Y. R. Harbin.

The roll of messengers were called and absentees were noted.

Winthrop—D. S. Cooper, C. N. Robertson, Addie Bevil.

Bokhoma, I. T.—W. B. Adams, W. S. Hargis, Geo. Delaughter.

Ashdown—W. L. Smith, John Johnson, W. F. Burns.

Chapel Hill—R. McElroy.

Cana—John McClinton, J. M. Smith, L. E. Wilburn.

Pleasant Hill—D. W. Hill, Joe Harder, R. W. Falkner.

Hopewell—W. J. Wheat, J. H. Neal, J. O. Sander.

Gethsemane—W. N. Burt, J. T. Johnson.

New Home—J. T. Jones, W. F. Smith, W. L. Treadway.

Allene—S. W. Beavers, D. B. Smith.

Cossatott—M. S. Ahmond, B. F. Allen, Joe Axton.

New Prospect—J. W. Hubbard, L. B. Mitchel, G. B. Hill.

Union—A. B. Masters, R. M. Cox, G. C. Hargrove.

Arkinda—S. F. Brown, John Key, J. A. McDonald.

Boggy Springs—P. W. Cooper, J. L. Brantly, J. W. Slaton.

Damascus—G. B. Parker, B. F. Purtell, W. A. Latham.

Brownstown—R. F. Herndon, C. A. Tindall, Thos. DuLaney.

De Queen—B. J. Mathews, T. A. Valentine, E. V. Mabry.

Fair View—J. G. Burns, J. A. Bennett, Chas. Burns.

Oak Hill—S. F. Martin, J. C. Spence, C. W. Burkhead.

Oak Grove—R. J. Bettis, G. W. Collins, W. S. Barnes.

Sardis—T. B. Holman, Ferrell Gilbert, R. E. Johnson.

New Bethel—Frank Goodman, Joe Holcomb, Ben Price.

Horatio—J. D. Montgomery, C. M. Anderson, G. V. Mabry.

Valley—J. M. Hawkins, A. M. Brewer, J. F. Rhoden.

Shiloh—Robt. Wright, J. L. Cook, Frank Edmond-Hill.

Goodwater—S. Enoch, W. P. Cobonist.

Ben Lomond—D. M. Cochran, A. E. DuLaney, G. B. Milford.

Lockesburg—J. R. Hopson, B. Aubrey, J. M. Holt.

Wilton—J. H. Barkman, Leon Hardy, William Barkman.

On motion, J. H. Denson was made a messenger from Union Church.

On motion a Mission Board was elected, consisting of J. A. McDonald, chairman, J. E. Millwee, Robert Herndon, A. B. Masters and J. T. Cowling, to compose the board for the incoming Associational year. Brother W. C. Martin of Ashdown was re-elected treasurer of the board.

On motion De Queen Church was instructed to arrange the program for the fifth Sunday meeting, which is to be held with said church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1905.

As there was not a quorum of the Mission Board that was elected to serve the past year, on motion J. A. McDonald was elected to fill the vacancy in order that the board might make its report to this body. On motion the outlining of mission work for the incoming year was placed in the hands of the new Mission Board.

On motion B. J. Mathews was elected as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets next May.

On motion the Clerk was ordered to have six hundred minutes printed and distributed among the various churches of the Association and that he have ten dollars for his service as Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Literature—We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following report: First of all, we recommend the reading of God's word, also that you make

it the man of your council. Second: We recommend the Baptist Flag, Baptist Advance and Western Recorder as sound Baptist papers and ask that you subscribe for one or all of said papers and read them carefully and prayerfully. In so doing you can keep in touch with the Baptist cause, from the Southwestern Association to earth's remotest bounds. Third: We recommend that you buy all good Baptist books that you can and read them carefully and prayerfully. Fourth: We recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society as the best for Sunday schools.

W. L. SMITH, Chairman.

Sunday Schools—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: Believing it to be the duty of the churches of this Association to spread the knowledge of the scriptures and being admonished in God's Holy word to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and believing that there is no better way than through the medium of the Sunday school; therefore, we recommend the organization and continuance of a Sunday school in every community within this Association. We also urge upon all members of the church, both old and young, to attend Sunday school, making it a Sunday duty of the first importance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BURNS, Chairman.

Ministerial Support—We, your Committee on Ministerial support, submit the following report: We believe that the interest of our Master's cause demands the greatest and most prayerful consideration in the selection of pastors for churches. After such selection is made then such pastor should be supported by the church or churches for whom he labors. Strong energetic pastors are the instruments through which God builds strong, energetic churches. Such pastors deserve and should have the support while he preaches the gospel. We are glad to see the churches coming to the front on this important subject of supporting their pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. HERNDON, Chairman.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We believe one of the greatest curses in the land is the dram traffic. Until our churches take an immovable stand against this curse the world will never know where we as Baptists stand on this subject. We recommend that all Baptists touch not, taste not and handle not the unclean thing.

Respectfully submitted,
B. J. MATHEWS, Chairman.

Ministerial Education—We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following report: We believe that ministers of the gospel should educate themselves to the extent of their ability and that their efforts should be supplemented by the churches and brethren to the end that they may bring into God's service strong, developed preachers full of God's knowledge and rich grace.

It is the business of our colleges and seminaries to equip suitable God-called preachers for this great work and our ministers should be encouraged and assisted that they may have advantage of such opportunities that are now confronting them.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. VALENTINE, Chairman.

Orphans' Home—We, your committee on Orphans' Home, submit the following report: This Home, situated on a little farm at Monticello, is worthy of support from all Baptists everywhere. In this home are sixty-six orphan children of both sexes. Those children we have adopted as our children. We are educating them to the best of our ability. Our children need food and clothing for the coming winter. They are badly in need of the necessaries of life now as the Home is destitute of funds. Their present needs cannot be supplied at present, therefore we recommend that all the churches of this Association take a collection for this institution on the first Sunday in November and quarterly thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BARKMAN, Chairman.

Missions—We, your Committee on Missions, sub-

mit the following report: We find that much mission work is needed to be done in many parts of this Association. On account of so much destitution we recommend that suitable Missionaries be sent to every section of destitution that can be reached.

Let us not forget our State Missionaries also. We learn that more than sixty Missionaries are out in our beloved State now preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and God is blessing their labors to the salvation of many souls. Lets pray for them and help them with our means as God has prospered us. We also pray God's blessings upon our Missionaries in the foreign fields. We also recommend that every church in this Association take renewed energy and lets all go home with a greater determination to promote our Master's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
B. J. MATHEWS, Chairman.

Sunday Schools—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: The Sabbath being a day set apart in God's word as a day of rest and for God's services, therefore we urge upon the people of this Association to abstain from all secular work on that day, observing it reverently in the study of this word at home, at Sunday School and at church.

Respectfully submitted,
S. W. BEAVERS, Chairman.

Mission Board—We, the Mission Board of the Southwestern Association, submit the following report: On account of so much rain and other causes the Board has been unable to have a meeting during the year, though we have had some good work done by Brother E. V. Mabry and we attach herewith his report:

Days labored.....	38
Sermons preached	47
Exortations	14
Family prayers	23
Family visits	77
Miles traveled	303
Baptisms	18
Received by letter	11
Reinstated	2
Awaiting baptism	2

Collections on field\$5.15

E. V. MABRY, Missionary.

We have given Brother Mabry a check for \$51.00 which covers amount due him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BARKMAN, Chairman.

Obituaries—We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find that the good Lord has taken from our midst during the past year many precious loved ones. We know not the names of all, but will give names of those we now call to mind:

Brother Short, Ashdown.

C. H. Cox, Oak Hill.

J. B. Treadway, New Home.

Sister Mack, Union.

Sister Stella Runnels, Pleasant Hill.

Sister Hattie Kemp, Pleasant Hill.

Sister Stewart, New Hope, No. 1.

Sister Safronia Farris, Sardis.

Dr. R. S. Morgan, De Queen.

Sister Lee, De Queen.

There are many others we cannot now call to mind, but we express our sympathy for all the bereaved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. MASTERS, Chairman.

Finance—We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Amount collected for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2.00
Amount collected for State Missions.....	22.35
Amount collected for Associated Missions.....	54.25
Amount collected for Orphans' Home.....	8.45
Amount collected for Minutes.....	32.60

Total amount collected\$119.65

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. HOLMAN, Chairman.

Documents—We, your Committee on Documents submit the following report: We find that three churches have called for the next session of this Association, viz: Sardis, Lockesburg, and Winthrop. We recommend that the next session of this body be held

with Sardis church and that the next fifth Sunday meeting, which is in December, be held with De Queen church.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. ADAMS, Chairman.

All the above reports were adopted as they appear in this minute.

As the treasurer was absent we were unable to get his report.

On motion the thanks of the body were extended to Cana Church and community for the hospitality extended the messengers and visitors during our stay among them.

The Moderator announced that the business of the

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association had been finished, and after singing, "We Are Passing Away to that Great Judgment Day," and extending to each other the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with Sardis Church in Sevier county on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1906.

THOMAS DULANEY, Moderator.

B. J. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Board

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "Southwestern Baptist Association."

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

3. The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel; to union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union through representation of three delegates at the annual session of this association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance 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.

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

9. The association shall take no cognizance of any query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the direction in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and have failed to settle it; then this association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The clergy of this association shall keep a file of the minutes of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended, at regular meetings of the association, by the concurring voices of two-thirds of its members present; provided, such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this association.

12. At each annual meeting there shall be an introductory and a missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m. for preaching.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or 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.

6. 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.

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

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

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

10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

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

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

13. 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.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—and these three in one.

2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam; and that the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and in the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only

by the righteousness of Christ imputed into them, and that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith, and following after justification, and are evidences of our own gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful, baptized persons, who are in Christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only law giver, and the disciple is with the body, and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God and the prosperity of his people.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but true believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.

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