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Twenty-sixth Annual Session

Of The

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held With

Sardis Church, Sevier County,

October, 13, 14, 15, 1906.

OFFICERS:

G. S. PROVINCE, MODERATOR, DeQueen, Ark.

D. M. COCHRAN, CLERK, Ben Lomond, Ark.

W. C. MARTIN, TREASURER, Ashdown, Ark.

Next Session to be held with Wilton Church Saturday Before 2nd
Sunday in October 1907.

MINUTES.

The Southwestern Association met with Sardis Church in Sevier County, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m., Oct. 13th, 1906.

The body was called together by the Moderator, Elder Thomas Dulaney.

The Clerk being absent, D. M. Cochran was elected Clerk pro tem.

Bro. McNeimer of Little Rock being present, was called upon to preach the introductory sermon, which was ably done from Hebs., 13th chapter.

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

The Association was then permanently organized by electing Bro. G. S. Provins Moderator, and D. M. Cochran Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for and letters from Geneva Church and Gilliam Church were received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers present.

The Moderator then appointed the several committees as follows:

On Preaching—Elder W. D. Elkins and T. B. Holman.

To Investigate the Arkinda Trouble—Elder W. L. Smith, J. T. Yates, John Milwee, S. F. Martin and Joe Halecomb.

On Ministerial Support—John Milwee, J. O. Finton and J. G. Hughes.

On Sunday Schools—B. J. Zachry, F. H. Young and R. H. Turner.

On Finance—R. F. Herndon, Lonnie Coats and

Leon Hardy.

On Orphan's Home—J. R. Halcomb, J. E. Stacy and Toney Burns.

On Ministerial Education — W. L. Smith, Ben Stuckey and J. T. Trammel.

On Missions—T. A. Valentine, H. L. McCarrel and P. L. Brewer.

On Temperance—Elder Thomas Dulaney, T. C. Brinkley and Joe Halcomb.

On Sabbath Observance—J. N. Whitley, Lonie Coats and Leon Hardy.

On Literature—Elder S. L. Pine, A. B. Masters and Toney Burns.

On Obituaries—J. R. Hopson, J. M. Neal and L. C. Hanes.

On Adultry and Divorce—Elder S. L. Pine, J. A. Van Zant and S. F. Martin.

On Documents—T. B. Holman, Willie Johnson and Monroe Gilbert.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Tonight at this place—Bro. Ernell.

At Casatott Church—Rev. S. L. Pine.

At 11 o'clock a. m., Sunday—W. L. Smith.

At 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday—E. V. Mabry.

On motion the body then adjourned till 8:30 a. m., Monday.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday W. L. Smith preached an able and interesting sermon, at the close of which a collection was taken for missions which amounted to \$15.36.

At 3 o'clock Sunday evening Bro. Mabry preached a very fine and interesting sermon.

8:30 o'clock Monday morning having arrived, the body was called together by the Moderator.

After singing the good old song, "Amazing Grace,"

and reading the 39th Psalm, the body was led in prayer by W. L. Smith.

The Churches and Delegates represented at this meeting of the Association were as follows:

Oak Grove Church—Miss Neta Collins, T. W. and G. A. Collins.

Wilton Church—Lonie Coats, John O'Neal and Leon Hardy.

Ben Lomond Church—D. M. Cochran, M. J. Manning and Mrs. Josie Cochran.

New Prospect Church—J. W. Hubbard, Melvin Hubbard and B. J. Zachry.

Corinth Church—J. H. Pettigrew, D. T. Bagwell and Brit Long.

Foreman Church—S. L. Pine.

Fairview Church—John Burns, I. Cooper and Toney Burns.

Union Church—A. B. Masters, J. E. Stacy and J. R. Holcomb.

Sardis Church—Willie Johnson, Monroe Gilbert and T. B. Holman.

Lockesburg Church—J. M. Neal, J. R. Hopson and R. H. Turner.

Pleasant Hill Church—D. W. Hill, T. S. Wise and Joe Cannon.

Cossatot Church—M. S. Almond, David Ford and J. N. Whitley.

Shilo Church—No Messengers.

Mt. Pleasant Church—F. H. Young, W. J. Humphry and D. F. Humphry.

Valley Church—P. L. Brewer and J. M. Hawkins.

Gethsemane Church—W. P. Goodwin, J. T. Johnson and G. L. McGue.

New Hope Church No. 1—J. T. Trammel, Ben Stucky and Rev. Arnell.

Ashdown Church—G. W. Cowling, W. L. Smith and J. J. Huggins.

DeQueen Church—John Harris, G. S. Provins, T. A. Valentine and John Milwee.

Boggy Springs Church—J. O. Finton, J. L. Brantly and P. W. Cooper.

New Hope Church No. 2—John G. Hughes, H. L. McCarrell and L. C. Holmes.

Oak Hill Church—S. F. Martin, Chas. Burkhead and W. Wood.

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

Genera Church—J. T. Yates, D. F. Williams and Jones Nalley.

Gilliam Church—John Smith, Benjamin Wiley and J. A. Vanzant.

Brownstown Church—Thomas Dulaney, R. F. Herdon and O. Kolb.

Cania Church—E. V. Mabry.

New Bethel Church—A. R. Upton, Joe Holcomb and T. M. Leeper.

Arkinda Church—S. F. Brown, Ben Kirklin and S. A. Smithers.

Red Colony Church—Robt. McLeod, E. C. Skinner and I. N. Borum.

On motion, a Mission Board was elected, consisting of G. S. Provins, chairman, John Milwee, R. F. Herdon, J. H. Hester and J. A. Vanzant, to compose the board for the incoming Associational year.

Bro. W. C. Martin of Ashdown, was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

On motion delegates were selected to visit the different Associations as follows:

J. A. Vanzant and W. L. Smith volunteered to go to the Ouachita Association; D. W. Hill and J. W. Hubbard to the Howard County Association, and G. W. Collins and J. T. Yates to go to the Miller County Association.

On motion Bro. D. W. Hill was elected to preach the

introductory sermon at the next Association, with Bro. J. W. Hubbard alternate.

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

At 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday, our good old Bro. Thomas Dulaney preached us a sermon that we all were indeed proud of, for it filled our very soul full of God's love and presence among us.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

To Investigate the Arkinda Trouble—We submit the following: After carefully investigating we recommend that this body receive the Associational letter from the original Baptist Church and seat the delegates named in the letter

2nd. We recommend and advise the Church to call in delegates from three or four of her Sister Churches to aid her in settling this trouble and report at the next Association in regard to it.

W. L. SMITH, Chairman.

Temperance—We are well pleased with the present outlook in our State. If we are correctly informed, three-fourths of the counties of the State have voted the sale of spirituous liquors out of them.

Our churches are taking a decided stand against the sale and the use of liquor, and are also disciplining members who use the same.

Therefore, be it Resolved: That we use every lawful means for the suppression of same.

THOMAS DULANEY, Chairman.

Adultery—This crime and sin was so heinous in the sight of God, when He gave the Ten Commandments to Israel, He commanded them to put to death those who were found guilty. Lev. 2, 10.

The Saviour said: "That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5, 28.

For the sin of adultery He says a man may put away his wife. Matt. 5, 32. But the Saviour did not say that the man could marry again.

Man, sinful man, has done this.

This sin has become so prevalent in the United States that it has called for special legislation.

Paul the Apostle says that "They that commit adultery shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

He commanded the Church at Corinth to put away that wicked person. If the virtuous cannot keep company with them; if we will not tolerate it in our homes, we ask the question, Can we tolerate it in the Church of the living God? I. Cor. 6, 15.

Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them the members of an Harlot? God forbid. What, know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith He, shall be one flesh.

Therefore we, the committee, recommend that all churches in the bounds of this Association enforce the law as laid down in the Scriptures against adultery.

S. L. PINE, Chairman.

Divorce.—The statistics of the United States show that there are over twelve thousand divorces granted in the United States every year. When we stop in our mad rush of money-getting of this age to enquire what is the cause of so much crime and destitution, and so many homeless children, we can partly answer the question.

The divorce courts are responsible for granting dissatisfied parties the privilege of separating and remarrying again at their own will.

Think! Thirty thousand children every year that

are deprived of a father's or mother's care by granting divorces to persons in order to give them the privilege of committing the same act over again and again if the wife does not please the husband, or the husband the wife.

How often we have met children whose parents were divorced, the mother, in some cases, retaining the children, or the father. Ask the question, Where is your father or your mother? and they will answer, I don't know where father is, for mother and he are divorced.

Is it any wonder when such a state exists that marriage is counted as nothing more than a contract of convenience for the parties to suit their own convenience, until such times when they please to call on the divorce court to grant a decree of separation, because they are tired of one another? By so doing they give God's Word the lie where He says, "Marriage is honorable in all the bed undefiled." Heb. 13, 4. They make marriage dishonorable by divorce and defile the bed; make void the command of God.

Christ, Mark 10:7, 8, 9, says: A man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife and they twain shall be one flesh. So then they are no more twain but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Here men disregard the law of God and put asunder whom they please, for the money as a need that there is in it. Therefore we, as a people that regard God's word above all things else, should cry out against this as one of the most awful crimes against the human family. That brings desolation in so many families in this land of ours. It is the Upas-tree that is sending death and destruction to the American family and making us a stench in the nostrils (so to speak) of the Almighty. From every Baptist pulpit it should be condemned. From the pew it should be condemned. On the highways it should be condemned.

Every Baptist preacher and laymen should condemn it, and petition our legislators to enact laws against this horrible sin in the sight of God.

And this Association, as a body, condemn this awful evil that is among us save for the one cause of adultery. And that this Association, composed of Baptist Churches, condemn it publicly and privately. Let there be no divorces granted save for the one cause that our Lord specified—*adultery*.

S. L. PINE, Chairman.

Sabbath Observance—The Sabbath being a day set apart in God's Word as a day of rest and for God's services. Though we find that the Sabbath is not being kept by some of the so-called Baptists, therefore we urge the people of this Association to abstain from all secular work on that day, observing it reverently in the study of His Word at home, at the Sunday School and at church.

J. N. WHITLEY, Chairman.

Ministerial Support—We believe that the interest of our Master's cause demands a careful and a prayerful consideration in the selection of pastors for our churches. After such selection is made, then we should agree on what we can pay our pastor or pastors, and then we should feel obligated and duly bound to comply with our whole duty.

We also believe it the duty of pastors to devote their whole attention to his church or churches.

He should have the prayerful support of the church or churches. We are glad to see the churches pressing to this end. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MILWEE, Chairman.

Sunday School—We believe it to be the duty of the churches of this Association to spread the knowledge of the Bible. And we know of no better way than through the medium of the Sunday School. Therefore we rec-

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, feeling it a duty that rests upon us all. Respectfully submitted,
B. H. ZACHRY, Chairman.

Ministerial Education—The root idea of education is the forging and shaping of an instrument for use. The sculptor's chisel is an instrument for cutting and carving of the marble into forms of beauty and symmetry. Education is to the mind what the sculptor's chisel is to the marble.

Ministerial education is the development of the preacher for God's use. Education does not make the preacher, but only develops and trains the man that God has called into his work.

Duty to God, then, demands that the preacher seek that preparation which will best fit him for the most efficient service.

The preacher must study to show himself approved unto God a worker. Therefore we recommend all of our young preachers to attend our Baptist School and prepare themselves for the highest usefulness.

We also ask the churches of this Association to contribute liberally to the support of our young preachers while they are striving to get an education. We are glad to report to this body that we have one young man (a preacher) in our Baptist School at Arkadelphia, namely, Thomas Dulaney. Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SMITH, Chairman.

Mission 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.

We further recommend that our contributions for foreign missions go through the hands of the General

Association. We further recommend that our contributions for State Missions go through the hands of the General Association. We further recommend that the Associational funds be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Southwestern Association to be used at the discretion of the body while in session or in session of the Fifth Sunday meetings.

We further recommend that the churches send up regular contributions to Fifth Sunday meetings and Associations for the promotion of our Master's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. VALENTINE, Chairman.

The above report was amended by abolishing everything in it that would conflict with the plan we have been working under the past year.

Publication—We recommend to our people the study of God's Word, that it may make them sound in the faith and knowledge of God's will concerning them in the matter of salvation and leading sinners to Christ.

We recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Flag, published by the widow of the lamented J. N. Hall, and the Advance. We recommend the American Baptist Publication Society and the divers tracts (doctrinal) for distribution. Respectfully submitted,

S. L. PINE, Chairman.

Obituaries—We, your committee, submit the following:

We find that the Lord has called from our midst the past year many beloved ones, the names given as follows:

Bro. H. Herndon, Brownstown.

Sister Lucy Johnson, Ben Lomond.

Sister Mamie Hill, Ben Lomond.

Sister Amanda Roberson, DeQueen.

Bro. M. C. Jordon, Lockesburg.

Bro. Robt. Wardlow, Lockesburg.

Sister Smith, Lockesburg.

Sister Vianna Turner, Oak Hill.

Sister Gardner, Ashdown.
Sister Short, Ashdown.
Two from Pleasant Hill.
One from Cossatot.
One from Boggy Springs.
One from New Hope No. 1.
Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Hopson, Chairman.

Committee on Documents—We recommend that the next Association be held with Wilton Church, Little River County, Ark., beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1907.

We also recommend that the next Mission Meeting be held with Geneva Church, Sevier County, Ark., beginning on Friday before the Fifth Sunday in December, 1906.

We also recommend that the following named brethren arrange the program for same: Bros. G. S. Provins, John Milwee and G. W. Collins.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE JOHNSON, Chairman.

Mission Board—We, the Mission Board of the Southwestern Association, submit the following report:

We trust, and are made to believe, that God's service has been closely attended by our missionaries this year.

We secured C. H. Arnold to serve a mission point in the Indian Territory. Brother Arnold reports:

Miles traveled, 120; baptized, 13; in view of letter, 1; paid for services, \$5.00 per quarter; employed three quarters; total, \$15.00.

S. L. Pine to serve a mission point in Little River County for one-fourth time at \$20.00.

E. V. Mabry for Almond School House at \$5.00 per quarter, two quarters, \$10.00.

D. W. Hillis' services secured at \$2.00 per day:

Days labored	62
Sermons preached	55
Exhortations	92
Family prayers	38
Family visits	96
Miles traveled	657
Baptisms	14
Received by letter	35
Sunday Schools visited	3
Conversions claimed	40

J. B. Luck's services secured for two months at \$75.00 per month, total \$150.00.

Days labored	60
Sermons preached	93
Homes visited	263
Miles traveled	789
Baptisms	34
Received by letter	21
Reinstated	3
Baptism by others at his meetings.....	20
Collections on field	\$48.61

The brethren are all paid in full and we have a neat little balance in the treasury. Respectfully submitted,

THE MISSION BOARD.

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

Amount collected for Foreign Missions.....	\$.40
Amount collected for State Missions.....	1.25
Amount collected for Associational Missions...	78.45
Amount collected for Orphans' Home.....	2.00
Amount collected for Minutes.....	30.35

Total amount collected

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HERNDON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand Oct., 1905.....	\$106.49
Amount received from Association.....	104.80
Amount received Fifth Sunday, Dec., 1905....	17.93
Amount received Jan. 16, 1906.....	2.66
Amount received April 14, 1906.....	3.00
Amount received April 30, 1906.....	42.69
Total amount received from all sources....	\$277.57
Amount paid Missionary Oct., 1905.....	\$ 57.00
Amount paid Missionary Nov., 1905.....	33.00
Amount paid Missionary April 30, 1906.....	5.00
Amount paid Missionary May 4, 1906.....	2.35
Amount paid Missionary Sept. 22, 1906.....	40.00
Amount paid Elder Luck.....	101.39
Amount paid Elder Pine.....	20.00
Total Disbursements	\$258.74
Leaving Balance in hands of Treasurer on Oct. 1, 1906	18.83

W. C. MARTIN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we, the members composing the Southwestern Association, return our thanks to the good people of Sardis Church and the community for the way we have been entertained by them while in their midst. We pray God's blessings to rest on you and your families. Respectfully,

S. L. PINE.

All the above reports were adopted as they appear in these minutes.

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association had been finished, and after singing "I Am Bound for the Promised Land" and extending to each other the parting hand, the meeting was closed with prayer by Elder W. L. Smith, to meet with Wilton Church in Little River County, on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1907.

G. S. PROVINS, Moderator.

D. M. COCHRAN, Clerk.

Churches.	Day of Meeting.	County.	Pastors.	Postoffice.	Sunday school	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Scholars.	Re'd. by Bapt.
Corinth.	4th.	Sevier	Bro. Masters.	Lockesburg.				3
Oak Grove.	4th.	"	D. W. Elkins.	"				2
Gethsemene.	3d.	Little River	C. H. Arnold.	Foreman.			50	15
New Hope 1.	1st.	"	S. L. Pine.	"				7
Ashdown.	1, 4.	"	W. L. Smith.	Ashdown.	1	5	70	10
Pleasant Hill.	3d.	Sevier	D. W. Hill.	Provo.				
Union.	2d.	"	J A Westbrook	"				
Ben Lomond.	2d.	"	W. L. Smith.	Ashdown.				10
DeQueen.	all	"	B. J. Mathews	DeQueen.	1	14	220	49
Shiloh.		Little River	S. L. Pine.	Foreman.				
Sardis.	1st.	Sevier	T H Westbrook	Centre Point.	1			
Mt. Pleasant.	4th.	"	A. B. Masters.	Lockesburg.				
Oak Hill.	1st.	"	J. C. Park.	Horatio.	1	3	35	1
Geneva.	1st.	"	D. W. Elkins.	Lockesburg.				39
Gillham		"						10
Lockesburg.		"			1	4	50	
Fairview.	3d.	"	J. C. Toibert.	DeQueen.				1
Wilton.	4th.	Little River	W. L. Smith.	Ashdown.	1	5	60	32
Bogg Springs.	3d.	Sevier	P. W. Cooper-	DeQueen.				5
Foreman.	4th.	Little River	S. L. Pine.	Foreman.				
Arkinda.	1st.	"	E. V. Mabry.					9
New Hope 2.		"	McCarrel.					
Valley.	1st.	Sevier	H. L. McCarrel	Lebanon.				2
New Prospect.	4th.	"	D. W. Hill.	Provo.				3
Red Colony.		"	Jno. McIntosh	Centre Point.				
Damascus.	3d.	"	D. W. Elkins.	Lockesburg.				
Cossatot.		"	D. W. Hill.	Provo.				13
Brownstown.	2d.	"	W. L. Smith.	Ashdown.	1	11	82	1
New Bethel.	3d.	"	T H Westbrook	Centre Point.				6

Note—State Mission, Dequeen, \$50.00; Foreign Mission, Ashdown, \$10.00; Dequeen, \$40.00; Ouachita College, Wilton, \$10.00.

Total for all Purposes	Visiting Ministers	Value of Church Property	Minutes	Orphans' Home	Incidental	Associational Missions	Pastor's Salary	Ordained Ministers	Total Membership	Died	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Recd. by Statement	Recd. by Letter
\$ 11.75	\$6.00		\$.50	\$.75			\$ 4.50	42	21	4				2	2
1.50			.50			1.00		32	31					1	2
1.75			.75			2.41		31	75	1				2	2
3.41			.75	.25			300.00	20.00	85	2				2	2
441.50	60.00	\$2500	1.50	5.00	\$25.00			3	51	3				2	2
1.75			1.75			1.80		2	40					2	2
2.55			.75			2.55	60.75		269	2				3	2
78.68			1.50		13.88	14.90	900.00	3	13	4				1	2
1553.57		3500	2.55	31.22	152.00			1	116					3	2
.75			.75			3.51			41					1	1
5.51			2.00			3.00			65	1				2	2
3.80			.80			2.00			66					1	1
3.25			1.25			5.30			39	1				2	2
9.00	2.30		1.40			3.62			55					1	1
1.00			1.00			2.50			35					1	1
5.20		750	1.23	.35		2.00	120.00	1	30					1	1
3.00			.50		7.50		150.00		33					1	1
239.50	62.50		1.50	5.00					38					2	2
1.60		750	.60	1.00					39					2	2
150.00			1.15						33					1	1
3.15			.60						36					2	2
2.50			1.00			1.50			74					1	1
1.35			1.00			.35			33					2	2
3.81			1.25			1.31			36					1	1
1.50			.50			1.00			33					2	2
15.55	12.05		1.00			2.40			33	1				1	1
17.99			1.00			1.75			52					2	2
2.94			1.25			1.69									

Note—Buildings, Dequeen, \$372.50; Sunday School Expenses, Ashdown, \$20.00; Wilton, \$15.00; Brownstown, \$15.24.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

Churches.	Clerks.	Postoffice.
Corinth.	R. B. Friday.	Horatio.
Oak Grove.	T. W. Collins.	Thelma.
Gethsemane.	J. T. Johnson.	Wilton.
New Hope 1.	A. Shelton.	Foreman.
Ashdown.	J. T. Cowling.	Ashdown.
Pleasant Hill.	R. W. Faulkner.	Provo.
Union.	J. C. Henson.	Lockesburg.
Ben Lomond.	D. M. Cochran.	Ben Lomond.
DeQueen.	Otis Dickson.	DeQueen.
Shiloh.	Lonis Cook.	Foreman.
Sardis.	R. E. Johnson.	Lockesburg.
Mt. Pleasant.	F. H. Young.	DeQueen.
Oak Hill.	Frank Leslie.	Horatio.
Geneva.	Oscar Humphrey.	DeQueen.
Gillham.	J. A. Vanzant.	Gillham.
Lockesburg.	W. H. Wardlaw.	Lockesburg.
Fairview.	W. Burns.	DeQueen.
Wilton.	J. H. Barkman.	Wilton.
Bogg Springs.	I. W. Slaton.	Horatio.
Foreman.	S. L. Pine.	Foreman.
Arkinda.	S. A. Smithers.	Arkinda.
New Hope 2.		
Valley.	P. L. Brewer.	Gillham.
New Prospect.	B. H. Zachry.	Ben Lomond.
Red Colony.	I. N. Borum.	Milford.
Damascus.	B. F. Purtell.	Riddle.
Cossatot.	J. H. Taylor.	Gillham.
Brownstown.	R. F. Herndon.	Brownstown.
New Bethel.	W. L. Holder.	Halcomb.