

Minutes Of The Sixty-First Annual Session
of

The Red River

Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Prescott Baptist Church, Prescott, Ark.

October 9, 10 and 11, 1909.

Moderator, J. H. Smart, Whelen Springs.

Clerk, J. D. Bledsoe, Arkadelphia.

Treasurer, W. A. Forbs, Gum Springs.

Next session will be held with Bethlehem Baptist Church,
beginning on Saturday before the Second Sunday in
October, 1910, at 10 a. m.

N. B.—You are requested to carefully read this. There is
something important in it for you.

Proceedings of the Sixty-First Annual Session of the Red River Baptist Association.

Prescott, Ark., October 9, 1909.

The sixty-first session of the Red River Baptist Association was called to order in Prescott church, October 9, 1909, at 10 a. m. by Moderator J. H. Smart, with W. A. Forbes clerk.

Moderator read Psalms 27th. A song was sang and prayer offered by J. A. Ross.

Moderator appointed J. M. Thomas, Thomas King and W. R. Steed to read the letters preceeding the time for the introductory sermon. A number of letters were read.

At 11 a. m., the introductory sermon was preached by H. L. Winburn of Arkadelphia. Text: Acts II: 41-42.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Saturday 1:30 p. m.

Association was called to order by the moderator. The remaining letters were read from the churches and messengers enrolled as follows:

Messengers.

Hamond Chapel—J. H. Stevens.

Richwoods—J. W. Webb.

Delight—J. C. Bullard, J. C. VanBlack.

Bethel Springs—A. Stroud and W. F. Flambo.

Shiloh—J. A. Ross, S. Wilson.

Beirne—J. W. Overton, Ed Nelson.

Sweet Home—Thomas King and Joe Daniel.

Prescott—L. M. Keeling and W. R. Steed.

New Home—J. C. Brown.

Sycamore Grove—J. H. Smart, W. L. Jones, John H. Smart.

Bethlehem—J. W. Horton, W. F. Roe, D. E. Gray.

Boughton—E. Delaughter, W. L. Britt, W. M. Fomby.

Unity—L. E. Burns, W. A. Forbs, Miss Kirkpatrick.

Antoine.....

Arkadelphia—H. L. Winburn, H. J. P. Horne, R. A. Roberson.

Missionary Grove—J. W. Wingfield, D. D. Stuart, W. D. Stockton

South Fork—Jeff Dillard, C. C. Buckenham.

Okolona—W. H. Bolt.

Mt. Bethel.....

Gurdon—Thomas Haynie.

Caddo Valley—A. S. Suggs, W. C. Tull.

Lakeview--Sam Pharr

Liberty Hill---J. M. Avery.

Wellsville---W. H. Harris, W. H. Stingley, J. E. Terry.

Mt. Zion---.....

Pleasant Hill---S. Smith, E. W. Langley.

Providence---Lee Cox, Wilson Adams, Fate Hinds.

Hollywood---.....

Bethel---R. K. Hall, D. J. Hall.

After the enrollment of the messengers the association organized by re-electing J. H. Smart moderator and John D. Bledsoe, clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, and three were presented viz:

New Home Church Jr. Her letter was read and by motion was received Messengers from New Home were C. C. Dickenson and Ed Gathright.

Davis Chapel. Her letter was read and carried to receive her.

Social Hill's letter was read and by motion was received.

J. G. Presson was a messenger from Social Hill.

The above messengers came forward and was given the hand of fellowship by the moderator in behalf of the association.

A letter of dismissal was granted to Caney Fork church, also motion carried to give Liberty Hill a letter of dismissal to join Pike County Association.

Corresponding messengers were welcomed as follows:

Union Association—T. J. Pestle.

Hope Association—Bro. Block.

Visitors were welcomed and the following were enrolled:

M. M. Webb, Little Rock; D. Easterly, J. W. Hudson, W. R. Barren and J. M. Thomas, Union Association; and Brother Gardener, the Orphans Home man, from "everywhere."

J. A. Ross and T. J. Dillard with pastor and deacons of Prescott church were appointed as committee on Divine Service.

Motion by H. L. Winburn to take up ministerial education and young peoples work Saturday night.

The chair appointed as committee on ministerial education: H. L. Winburn, Sidney Smith and H. J. P. Horne.

J. D. Bledsoe, Joe Daniel and T. S. Haynie on young people's work.

A recess was taken until 7 o'clock.

Saturday 7 p. m.

Services opened by singing "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" and Bro. Gardener led in prayer.

H. L. Winburn read the report on ministerial education. The report was ably discussed by Winburn, Horne and Gardener, then adopted. It is as follows:

We your committee on Ministerial Education beg to submit the following report.

Ministerial Education is the education of ministers. In this day of advancing educational and cultural ideals among our people it is an absolute necessity that we have an educated ministry. Foreseeing this demand our church fathers established schools and colleges for this purpose. We are rapidly advancing toward that blessed ideal where a trained church will be led in holy warfare by a trained leader, or pastor.

A few years ago we were made to wonder why we could not secure more recruits for the gospel ministry. The period of wondering was succeeded by a period of prayer. In answer to prayer God has laid hands upon many of our brightest and best boys and young men. More and more they are going to our schools for training.

There are in Ouachita College now 47 ministerial students. This is almost double the number that was there at the same period last year. They are a bright, earnest, conservative lot of men who are undergoing countless hardships in order to train themselves for greater efficiency in the work of the Master. Statistics from other schools are not available, hence cannot be given here.

The number of applicants for help is about double the number last year at this time. True to His past custom, our Father is still calling the poor boy into the ministry. Churches demand a trained ministry and must be willing to pay the price. If we want our boys educated we must educate them.

The prospect is that the board of Ministerial Education will either have to receive upwards of \$3,000 this year or else send back some who have left all and come to the college for their training. It is for us to say what shall be done.

In view of the two-fold need, and the blessings of God, we recommend,

First. That ever church in the association take worthy collection for ministerial education this year and,

Second. That a collection in cash and pledges be taken at this hour.

H. L. Winburn, Sidney Smith, H. J. P. Horne, Committee.

A cash collection of \$11.48 and \$230.00 in pledges were taken for ministerial education.

The churches that pledged their amount is as follows:

Arkadelphia	\$75.00	Prescott	\$25.00
Antoine	5.00	Pleasant Hill.....	5.00
Boughton	10.00	Richwoods (collection)	
Caddo Valley.....	5.00	Sweet Hill	10.00
Delight	5.00	Sycamore	5.00
Gurdon	10.00	Shiloh	25.00
Graysonia.....	5.00	Unity	25.00
Lakeview	5.00	Davis Chapel.....	5.00
Mt. Bethel.....	5.00	Social Hill	5.00
Okolona (collection)---		Total	\$230.00

Industrial pledges \$2.25.

The report on Young People's Work was read by J. D. Bledsoe. The report was discussed by Bledsoe, Horne, Daniels, Burns and Winburn. On motion the report was adopted.

The report is as follows:

We your committee on Young People's Work report the following.

The training of young christians for service in Christ's cause is as wise as scripture and common sense can make anything. The need for it among Baptists is perfectly clear to every thoughtful observer. The Baptist Young People's Union, or B. Y. P. U., is the training service of Baptist children. It is an organization of the church, in the church and by the church.

The activities proposed by the B. Y. P. U., are Bible study, missionary study, study of Baptist doctrine and history and the actual performing of such duties as training one for his duties as a church member.

The move in Arkansas has grown. 12 unions in 1905 to 140 unions in 1909. The efficiency and value of the work has grown with its size. Under the auspices of the union the Summer Assembly has been built up in number and power until it is now one of the most important meetings of the year. It convenes every year in July at Arkadelphia.

Our Arkansas work is a part of the southern B. Y. P. U., which in recent years has severed its connection with National Union. The headquarters of the B. Y. P. U. South, are at Nashville, Tenn., and the field work is done by a splendid force of six specialists employed and paid by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In view of the wisdom of training our young people: of a proper organization as a necessity if the training work is to be

done in a larger way; and of the proven value of this present organization.

We recommend that each church in the association organize and maintain a Baptist Young People's Union.

J. D. Bledsoe, }
T. S. Haynie, } Committee.
Joe Daniel, }

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday School—1, J. W. Webb; 2, J. W. Webb; 3, T. S. Haynie.

Temperance—1, R. K. Hall; 2, E. W. Langley; 3, A. S. Suggs.

Finance—W. L. Britt, D. J. Hall, Joe Daniel.

Associational Missions—W. R. Steed, S. C. Bullard.

Home Missions—L. M. Keeling. (Clerk failed to get names of other two.)

Obituaries—J. C. Brown, W. L. Jones, C. C. Dickerson.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. C. Young, H. L. Winbun.

Literature—R. A. Roberson, Arthur Stroud, Ed Nelson.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Ross, C. C. Buchanan, J. H. Hall.

Nominations—W. F. Fambrough, T. J. Dillard, S. Wilson.

State Missions—W. A. Stingley, E. Delaughter, Lonnie Burns.

Pastorial Support—John Nichols, J. A. Ross, J. W. Wingfield.

Orphans Home—Thomas King, J. J. Smith.

Committee on Divine Service announced Bro. W. M. Webb to preach at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Bro. J. H. Smart at the Baptist church at 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Church—J. H. Smart, 11 a. m., and W. M. Webb 7 p. m.

Methodist Church—W. W. Gardener 11 a. m., and H. J. P. Horne 7:30 p. m.

Disciples (Campbellite) Church—Thanksgiving 11 a. m. and W. R. Story 7:30 p. m.

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

Sunday Morning, 9:30

The Association reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

After singing "Come Thou Fount" prayer was offered by G. W. Thomas.

The report on Sunday school was read by J. W. Webb.

J. W. Webb, Haynie, J. M. Thomas, Stingley, spoke on the report.

By motion, report was adopted. It reads thus:

"We, your committee on Sunday school work, submit the following report:

"In view of the fact that the Missionary Baptist church has seen the great need of Bible training, and have instituted a Bible school known as the Sunday school, which was instituted for the enlightenment of the heart and mind of the unsaved, to write indelibly upon the blank mind of the youth the things that may bring him to Christ. Also to better train him for service and aggressive work in the cause of our Master, that those who have obtained a hope in Christ may know more of the Father's will concerning themselves that they may serve Him better.

"Hence, seeing the great good that Sunday school has accomplished, we recommend that this body stimulate the interest of this work by lecturing on its great merits.

"We recommend that Brother Winburn lecture to this body on Sunday school at a time that suits the convenience of it, and that the pastor of each church in this Association either give a lecture or provide one at an early date.

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. W. Webb	} Committee."
"J. W. Overton	
"T. S. Haynie,	

On motion, the Association took a recess for preaching.

The clerk did not hear any of the sermon at 11 o'clock on account of his filling Brother Forbes' appointment at the Colored Baptist church, at the same hour, but all reported good services at the morning hour.

Sunday Afternoon.

At 2:30 the association was called to order by the moderator. The choir sang "When the Roll is called up Yonder," and J. D. Bledsoe led the congregation in prayer.

The report on Temperance was read by R. H. Holland Spoken to by E. Delaughter, Forbes, Gardener, Keeling, H. Hal and J. W. Webb.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

We your committee on Temperance submit the following report.

We are gratified to report that there are no saloons within the bounds of our association. But Brethren it seems an easy matter to obtain intoxicating liquors, as one of your committee saw a few days ago an officer of the law intoxicated.

Brethren, let us make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether for state wide prohibition.

Let us as an association never relax our efforts until state wide prohibition has been obtained.

Brethren, let us as an association resolve never to vote for, or support for any office knowingly any man from President to Township Constable, who favors license in any form or indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. Hall, Chair.	} Committee.
E. W. Langley,	
A. S. Suggs,	

Report on Obituaries was presented by C. C. Dickerson, read and adopted.

The report reads thus:

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report.

After a careful inspection of the church letters, they show that the following brethren and sisters have departed this life during the associational year.

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our minutes to their memory By the clerk.

J. C. Brown,	} Committee.
W. L. Jones,	
C. C. Dickerson,	

For names of deceased see "Memorial Page."

Motion carried to adjourn until Monday at 8 o'clock a. m.

The Sunday night services so far as the clerk was able to ascertain were spiritual and helpful. It was our privilege to hear Bro. Smart. His discourse was enjoyed by all, and was full of practical thought. Text being Phil. 2: 5.

Monday 8 o'clock a. m.

The association was called to order by the moderator. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," the congregation was led in prayer by W. M. Webb.

The report on Nomination was read by S. Wilson. A motion carried to adopt the report.

It reads as follows:

We the committee on Nominations recommend. (1) That the next association meet with Bethlehem church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October at 10 a. m., 1910, and that Bro. Keeling preach the introductory sermon with Bro. J. D Bledsoe alternate.

(2) That the following brethren compose the Board of Associational Missions:—Brothers N. R. Townsend, Chairman, and Jim Bennett, both of Arkadelphia.

Tom Haynie, Gurdon,	} Committee.
Dr. Kirby, Gurdon,	
Jim Gullick, Beirne,	
Walter Firth, Prescott.	
W. T. Fambrough,	
T. J. Dillard,	
S. Wilson,	

The report of the Associational Board was read, but it not being satisfactory a motion was passed to recommend the report to the committee.

W. R. Steed presented and read the report on Associational Missions. After stinging speeches were made by Forbs, Webb and others it was adopted.

It reads:

You committee on Associational Missions beg leave to submit the following report.

We find that some destitution exist in our association as did one year ago, to-wit:—Blevins, Old Sweet Home, Redland, and possibly other places.

We recommend that a missionary be placed in the field for full time during the coming associational year. And in order that the churches may become more directly interested in associational mission, we recommend that each church in this association elect one of her own members to the Associational Mission committee, and send the name of said member to the moderator of this association, and the moderator shall call a meeting of this committee together at such time and place as may seem adequate.

We further recommend that each church take a collection for associational missions at the time they elect their committeeman, and send to the first meeting of the committee. And that each church take collections quarterly for associational missions, so this committee may have funds upon which to work.

W. R. Steed,	} Committee.
J. C. Bullard	

L. M. Keeling read a resolution and motion was carried to adopt it, which is as follows:

Seeing the need of an increased interest in associational mission and as one means of contributing to this interest. Be it resolved,

First. That each church in this association take quarterly collections for associational missions and send these collections by messengers to our fifth Sunday mission meeting.

Second. That our fifth Sunday meeting be made a mission rally for instructions in mission activities.

Third. That each pastor give his presence and influence to these meetings.

L. M. Keeling.

L. M. Keeling presented and read the report on Home Missions. The report was spoken to by Keeling and Gardener. Upon motion speeches were limited to ten minutes.

Motion to adopt the report was unanimously carried.

It reads thus:

We your committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

First. We believe that Home Missions are taught in the scripture both by precept and example. And that Southern Baptist cannot afford to be indifferent to their interest of the Kingdom, without affecting very materially their efficiency and growth in the near future.

Second. Foreign mission interest is sustained only in proportion to the interest taken in Home Missions work. In our home field we are to build forts and strengthen those already built as recruiting stations for foreign missions.

Third. As we look over our home field, we find that Southern Baptist are not at present supplying the demands that are being made upon them. Especially is this true west and southwest of the Mississippi. The destitution is alarming in our great southwest.

The prospects in Arkansas are higher today than ever before; but not so in some of our bordering states. In Louisiana the destitution is distressing. Sixteen counties at present have not a Baptist church within their borders. Oklahoma and Texas have a large per cent of destitution.

We recommend that our pastors inform themselves on this question and give this information to their people.

We further recommend that our fifth Sunday meetings be made a mission rally for the instruction of our people in our mission activities. Submitted.

L. M. Keeling, Chairman of Committee.

J. A. Ross read the report on Foreign Missions. Speeches to the report: Ross, Bledsoe, Hall, Forbs and Keeling. Motion to adopt the report was carried.

The following is the report:

Your committee on Foreign Missions report as follows.

When our great Captain gave his disciples their marching orders, he said "Go yea into all the world and preach the gospel to every living creature." That command remains in full force and effect today. If we sincerely desire to obey our savior, and do that which will be well pleasing in his sight, we must do all

we can for the gospel among the nations of the earth. Your committee has not at hand the necessary data to give you a general view of the conditions existing on the foreign field. Suffice it to say that the door of opportunity is opening to us as never before. The wall of prejudice is being broken down, and China, Japan, Africa and other heathern countries are inquiring the way and many are being saved. Will we make the best of our opportunity? Will we obey our marching orders? If so, we will pray for missions, we will give our best boys and girls to the mission work and we will give liberally of our means to their support.

From the reading of the letters, your committee gathers that many of our churches are doing very little for any kind of missions. We are persuaded that this is largely for the want of proper leadership. That wherever the pastors heart is on fire for missions, it spreads to the flock and large is the result for missions. We recommend that all our pastors pray for missions, preach missions and talk missions to the churches until the brethren realize the obligation resting on them to carry out the great commission.

J. A. Ross,
C. C. Buchanan, } Committee.
J. H. Hall.

W. H. Stingley came with the report on State and read it After reading the report, upon motion the association adjourned for dinner until 1:30.

Monday 1:30 p. m.

The session opened by singing "O Happy Day," and Bro. Strong leading in prayer. Then the association resumed to business. The report on State Missions was discussed by Stingley, Forbs and Ross. The report was adopted.

I give it here.

We your committee on State Missions report as follows:

We urge the brethren, to note the destitution in our State.

There are many people moving into our State. Many foreigners without the true religion, and unless we meet them with the true gospel, our own people will be corrupted by their false doctrines. Besides this there are many of our people who have not been reached with the gospel.

We note that a great work has been done through the State Convention and State Association this year. We recommend that our pastors take this matter up with their churches, and urge them to do more for State Missions this year than they

have in the past year, and that our people read our state papers that they may become better informed about the work. We believe that our great cause of lethargy in our churches along mission lines is a lack of knowledge of the needs of the work.

W. H. Stingley, Chair. }
E. Delaughter, } Committee.
Lonnie Burns, }

T. S. Haynie read the report of the Associational Board, which was adopted and reads thus:

To the Red River Association:

We your Board of Managers report that we have had several meetings during the year and tried to secure the services of a Missionary, but failed, only in this that according to instructions of this body, we tried to secure Bros. Thomas and Stingley at Blevins and Redland. If they done any work, they have not yet reported it. At another meeting we tried to secure the services of Bro. Basham to hold a meeting at a place near Wellsville. Bro. Forbs was to hold a meeting at Old Rome and as many other places as he could through July and August. As to work done we are not prepared to report much, but refer you to the missionaries.

J. H. Smart, }
T. S. Haynie, } Board.
W. A. Forbs, }
W. R. Steed, }

Reports of Missionaries:

The first of July I went to Old Rome and spent in going and returning 30 days—preached one sermon. I then spent four days looking over the field and found no place to hold a meeting. In August I held a meeting at Delight—preached nine days and preached 19 sermons, made 20 visits, baptized six, added by letter eight, collected \$15.60. Due me \$4.98 for three days work.

W. A. Forbes.

Report of mission work done by W. H. Stingley during the year 1909, at Redland church. Held a seven days meeting resulting in one conversion and one restored. Collected \$2.20.

W. H. Stingley.

Report of mission work done by J. M. Thomas during the year 1909. Redland church, preached eight sermons covering a period of four months. Eight days work. No collections.

J. M. Thomas.

The treasurer made his report.

W. A. Forbes in account with Red River Association:

To cash from last years account.....	\$ 4.99
To cash from finance committee.....	121.36
To cash from Unity Church.....	21.09
To cash from Bethel Church.....	1.76
To cash from Lakeview Church.....	3.90
To cash from Beirne Church.....	7.25
To cash from Sycamore Church.....	16.72
To cash from Mt. Bethel Church.....	1.30
To cash from Caddo Valley.....	8.85
To cash from Unity Church.....	8.00
To cash from T. P. Johnson.....	5.00
To cash from Delight Church.....	15.60
Total.....	\$216.82

In addition to Mt. Bethel's \$1.30, she should have had \$8.31 of the above amount.

J. D. Bledsoe, Clerk.

CONTRA.

By cash from R. G. Bowers.....	\$10.00
By cash to Bro. Turner.....	10.25
By cash to A. F. Cagle.....	20.00
By cash to printing minutes.....	36.00
By cash to postage on minutes.....	1.35
By cash to clerks fee.....	15.00
By cash to H. F. Holt.....	15.60
By cash to H. L. Winburn.....	5.50
By cash to W. A. Forbes.....	4.98
By cash to in bank.....	90.61
By cash to in hand.....	7.53
Total.....	\$216.82

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. King presented and read the report on Orphans Home. The following named brethren made speeches on the report: King, Gardener and Story. The report was unanimously adopted. Cash collections were taken for Orphans Home at Monticello \$17.80. For Texarkana \$16.35. The report is as follows:

We find the home at Monticello has increased in the past year from 70 to 120 children. The responsibilities and necessities are greater than a year ago. We urge therefore that this home be supported liberally, that our churches and pastors cooperate with Bro. Gardener, the field agent, in this work.

We also find that the home at Texarkana has increased in the past year from 12 to 21 children, therefore the responsibili-

ties of this home has increased greatly. We urge that our pastors and churches co-operate liberally with Bro. Story, the field agent of their home.

Thomas King, }
J. J. Smith, } Committee.

Cash received for State Missions	\$ 7.82
Cash received for Associational Missions.....	57.20
Cash received for Home Missions50
Cash received for Foreign Missions	3.00
Cash received for Monticello Orphans Home	13.21
Cash received for Texarkana Orphans Home.....	6.10
Cash received for minutes	38.50
Cash received for Ministerial Relief	2.42
Total	\$128.75

W. L. Britt, }
D. J. Hall, } Committee.
Joe Daniel, }

J. A. Ross read the report on Pastorial Support. The report was spoken to by Bro. Ross. Upon motion the report was adopted. It reads thus:

Your committee on Pastorial Support beg leave to report as follows:

We gather from the reading of the church letters that there is a lamentable lack of support of the pastors of some of the churches in this association. There is no doctrine more clearly taught than this. That "they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Your committee is persuaded that this failure to support pastors results largely from a failure to realize the obligation resting upon the churches in this particular. We recommend that pastors lead their churches to realize the obligation resting upon the church to support their pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. A. Ross, }
J. W. Wingfield, } Committee.

Mrs. W. A. Kirkpatrick presented and read the report on Woman's Work. On motion the report was adopted.

The women in associations are ready to work for the Lord and obey Christ's command to go and tell others the story of his death and resurrection. Paul exhorts Timothy to help those women who labored with him in the gospel. We women ask every man, especially the pastors in our association to help us in this noble work. In our association we have forty-four churches and we find only about six ladies' societies. Yet these have done much good work. But how much good could have

been accomplished if we had more societies. We recommend that these unions elect messengers to meet with us in our annual gatherings and report their work, also that our pastors do all they can to encourage this work in their churches.

The following has been contributed through the Ladies Aid Society this year:

Associational Missions	\$ 4.55
State Missions	118.00
Home Missions	111.80
Self Denial.....	10.00
Box to Missionarier	131.24
Foreign Missions	91.50
Christmas offerings	42.97
Ministerial Education	5.00
Baptist Schools and Colleges	15.00
Orphans Home	25.00
Boxes to Orphans Home	75.45
Pastors Salary	364.70
Church Building	275.95
Church and School Literature	87.15
Church Charity	114.50
Total	<u>\$1476.81</u>

Mrs. W. A. Kirkpatrick, }
 J. C. Young, } Committee.
 H. L. Winburn, }

Bro. Roberson read the report on Literature. The report was spoken to by Roberson, Webb and others. Upon motion the report was amended to add the Land Mark S. S. Literature and the two State papers, viz: Arkansas Baptist and Baptist Advance. The following is the report:

We your committee on Religious Literature beg to submit the following report. We recognize the value of the printed page as an educational force, and never in the history of the world has so much use been made of this force as is being made now.

In the multitudes of the things for study we recommend careful selection. Read literature that will make for us stalwart christian characters.

Among the kind of literature best calculated to accomplish this end we think is:

First. To study the Bible in the churches and around the fireside. We recommend,

Second. The Southern Baptist Convention series, Land Mark S. S. Literature, Arkansas Baptist and Baptist Advance.

Report of Woman's Missionary and Aid Society of Prescott Baptist church.

State missions	\$ 5.00
Home missions	10.00
Foreign missions, Christmas offerings	14.00
Ministerial education	5.00
Pastors salary and church expenses	25.00
Central committee expense fund	1.50
Church building	5.50
Church charity	20.00
Miscellaneous	85.85
Total	\$171.85

Report of Ladies Aid 1st Baptist church, Arkadelphia, Nov. 1908 to Nov. 1909.

State missions	\$108.75
Home missions	107.65
Boxes to missions	134.24
Foreign missions	61.50
Christmas offerings	25.32
Total to missions	\$437.46
Baptist schools and colleges	\$ 15.00
Orphans home	10.00
Boxes to Orphans home	54.15
Minute fund	2.50
Pastors salary and church expenses	339.70
Church building	242.45
Church and school literature	1.35
Church charity	94.50
Total	\$1297.01

Membership 102.

Here is a Ladies Aid report that has no name to it. Perhaps the society sent their report with their church letters to the association and it was misplaced.—Clerk.

The report is as follows:

Orphans Home	\$ 6.00
Stove for church	28.00
Amt. in treasury	16.13

Bro. Joe Daniel read a resolution. On motion it was adopted. It reads thus:

First. Be it resolved that we, the messengers of Red River Association, extend our heartfelt thanks for courtesies and hospitalities shown us while here. (2) Be it further resolved: that

we pray God as one man for his blessings upon this church and pastor in their work here.

Joe Daniels

Upon motion the clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of minutes printed, and the clerk should have \$15.00 for his services.

Motion to adjourn until next place and time, which will be at Bethlehem church Saturday before the Second Sunday in October at 10 o'clock a. m.

We sang, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." and took the parting hand.

J. H. Smart, Moderator.
Jno. D. Bledsoe, Clerk.

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There is a letter in report that has to do with the
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that Joe Daniel read a resolution. The motion it was made
 and it reads thus
 That the members of the association of Red River
 Association extend our kindest thanks for your services and the
 kind of speech as well as the

MEMORIAL PAGE.

In Loving Memory of W. H. Bosley, Dr. J. C. Settles and
Mrs. Lucy D. Hall, Arkadelphia.

Arminda Hampton, Graysonia.

Miss Sallie Smart, Sycamore Grove.

Mrs. D. J. Montgomery, J. L. Steedand, J. C. Young, Prescott.

S. A. Huggs, De Gray.

A. W. Cagle, Beirne.

Sister Aaron and C. A. Howell, Delight.

J. J. Little and C. D. Brainard, Okolona

James Pruitt, South Fork.

Fannie Brewer, Mt. Bethel.

D. T. Bolt, Clear Springs.

"Not for the dead in Christ we weep,
Their sorrows now are o'er;
The sea is calm, the tempest past,
On that eternal shore."

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won.
Now comes rest."

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the messengers shall assemble for the session of the Association, the moderator shall open business by praise and prayer, in person, or by proxy. In the absence of moderator or clerk, the Association shall appoint one, pro tem.
2. Reading of church letters and enrolling messengers.
3. Election of moderator and clerk.
4. All motions and amendments must be seconded, if entertained by moderator, when motions or amendments to motions are made. The last one made shall be first in order. Mover of motion may at any time withdraw it.
5. Persons who wish to speak, make motions, etc., must rise and respectfully address the moderator. If in order, he is recognized by the moderator. No one shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or for personal reflections, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some former remarks.
6. When sufficient time has been allowed for discussion, the moderator shall take the vote, declaring the result; a plurality governing cases, except otherwise provided.
7. No member is allowed to vacate his seat without permission from the moderator.
8. Members speaking to, or of, one another shall call each other Brother.
9. The moderator may have the roll called when necessary.
10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate, as other members.
11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.
12. The minutes of the Association may be read at any time when it is thought necessary.
13. The moderator shall be the judge of order. Any one objecting to his rulings may appeal to the body, of which a majority shall determine the point of order.

Ordained Ministers.

NAME	CHURCH	POST OFFICE
J J Almond	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
T D Bass	"	"
J D Bledsoe	De Gray	"
E Delaughter	Boughton	Boughton
W N Davis	Bethel	Okolona
Joe Daniels	Sweet Hill	Arkadelphia
W A Forbes	Unity	Gum Springs
W W Gardener	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
S D Grumbles	"	"
H J P Horne	"	"
Dr H S Hartzog	"	"
Carl Hinton	"	"
F A Holt	"	"
G L Hamlin	Richwoods	"
W H Harris	Wellsville	Blevins
L M Keeling	Prescott	Arkadelphia
Thomas King	Sweet Hill	"
A E Lawley	Mt. Bethel	"
J P McGraw	Arkadelphia	"
Otto Matthis	Sweet Hill	"
G G Pressou	Social Hill	"
R A Roberson	Arkadelphia	"
J B Roundtree	Liberty Hill	"
W H Stingley	Wellsville	Blevins
E Smith	Beirne	Beirne
J H Smart	Sycamore Grove	Whelen Springs
Cora Tobey	Sweet Hill	Arkadelphia
J H Turner	Mt. Zion	"
Dr N R Townsend	Arkadelphia	"
H L Winburu	"	"
J W Wingfield	Missionary Grove	Prescott
W T Whitten	Mt. Zion	Arkadelphia

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCH	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils	Teachers	Baptism	Literature	No. of Classes	SUPERN-TENDENT	POST OFFICE
Arkadelphia	2	400	31		S B C		Dr J C Wallis	Arkadelphia
Bethlehem	1	80	5	14	S B C		J M Measles	Whelen Springs
Boughton	1	30	4		S B C		Ivin Hawkins	Boughton
Bethel Springs	1	20	4		S B C		H C Stroud	Whelen Springs
Beirne	1	68	4		A B P S		J W Overton	Beirne
Caddo Valley	1	50	4		A B P S		A S Suggs	Aikadelphia
De Gray	1	75	5		S B C		W A Dunlap	"
Delight	1	63	7		S B C		W N Deaton	Delight
Gurdon	1		5	15	S B C		T S Haynie	Gurdon
Graysonia	1	35	5		A B P S		J P Copeland	Graysonia
Hammond Ch'pl							H W Wilson	
Liberty Hill	1	45	4				J H Jones	Bowen
Lakeview	1	75	7		S B C		J R Hart	Arkadelphia
Missi'n'ry Grove	1	32	5		A B P S		J W Wingfield	Prescott
Mt Zion	1	32	3		S B C		W D Warrick	Arkadelphia
Mt Bethel	1	70	4	6	A B P S		R W Bishop	"
New Home	1	35	3	4	L M & A B P S		W S Roe	"
Okolona	1	30	4					
Prescott	1	130	11		S B C		J M Powell	Prescott
Pleasant Hill	1	35	5	1	S B C		Sidney Smith	Ellis
Rc hwoods	1	56	4		M B P S		J W Webb	Gun Springs
South Fork	1	36	4	2	L M B		B C Brookins	Keyton
Sycamore Grove	1	24	4	5	S B C		J M Gullick	Beirne
Shiloh	1	55	4	5	S B C		J A Ross	Arkadelphia
Social Hill	1	51	4		A B P S		W M Ham	"
Sweet Hill	1	113	4	16	S B C		J W Burrows	"
Unity	1	36	4	5	S B C		H Edwards	"
Wellsville	1	30	3		S B C		W H Stingley	Blevins

Churches, Pastors, and Clerks,

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Arkadelphia	H. L. Winburn	R. D. Hall	Arkadelphia
Antoine	R. A. Roberson	Florence Elkins	
Bethlehem	F. E. Teague	W. F. Key	Whelen Springs
Boughton	E. Delaughter	Dave Rearce	Boughton
Bethel Springs	G. G. Presson	R. H. Ball	Gurdon
Bethel	W. N. Davis	R. K. Hall	Okolona
Beirne	J. H. Smart	S. C. Shaver	Beirne
Caddo Valley	Dr. N. R. Townsend	W. C. Full	Arkadelphia
De Gray	Dr. N. R. Townsend	L. A. Bledsoe	Arkadelphia
Delight	W. A. Forbes, supply	W N. Deaton	Delight
Davis Chapel	R. A. Roberson	Comelia Smith	
Gurdon	J. H. Smart	T. S. Haynie	Gurdon
Graysonia		J. J. Smith	Graysonia
Hammonds Chaple	G. G. Presson	J. A. Langley	Whelen Springs
Hollywood	F. A. Holt	J. N. Carter	Hollywood
Liberty Hill	W. M. Patterson	J. H. Ronudtree	Bowen
Lakeview	F. E. Teague	J. H. Rickett	Arkadelphia
Missionary Grove	W. H. Stingley	J. B. McKenzie	Prescott
Mt. Zion	W. T. Whitten	W P. Wright	Arkadelphia
Mt. Bethel	J. D. Bledsoe	E. P. Gaither	Arkadelphia
New Home	W. C. Felts	J. W. Nelsdn	Prescott
New Home No. 2	W. T. Whitten	J. B. Wells	Dobyville
Okolona	J. H. Smart	A. J. Nelson, Jr	Okolona
Providence	E. Delaughter	W. F. Stoekton	Boughton
Prescott	L. M. Keeling	W. R. Stead	Prescott
Pleasant Hill	H. J. P. Horne	J. B. Langley	Ellis
Richwoods	M. P. Thomas	R S Brown	Gun Springs
South Fork	W. T. Whitten	J W Wells	Gurdon
Sycamore Grove	J. H. Smart	J M Gullick	Beirne
Shiloh	Dr. N. R. Townsend	J R Arnold	Arkadelphia
Social Hill	J. D. Bledsoe	J A Glover	Arkadelphia
Sweet Hill	Thomas King	D A Sutton	Arkadelphia
Unity	Dr. N. R. Townsend	James Medlock	Arkadelphia
Wellsville	W. R. Barrham	W F Stingley	Blevins

MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

CHURCHES

Increase Decrease

MISSIONS

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP			Present Membership	MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Building and Church Repairs	Orphan's Home	Printing Minutes	Value of Church Property	Other Objects	Incidentals	Visiting Members	Poor
	Baptised By Letter	Restored	Dia. by Letter Excluded		Died	Associat'ul	State	Home												
Arkadelphia	8	31	46	3	616	\$ 307 90	\$ 295 50	\$ 280 50	\$ 58 00	\$2300 00	\$ 200 00	\$2000 00	\$7311 00	\$ 108 15	\$ 5 00		\$ 5 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 94 50
Antioch	1	1	1	1	20	3 00			3 35			96 00	12 00	1 00						
Boughton	6	5	7	2	72	2 50		2 00			7 50		3 00	1 50	1000 00			39 10		
Beirne	6	1	2	1	76	7 25					7 46	75 40	36 68	1 25	1 00	565 00	44 72	8 15	16 00	
Bethel Springs	12	1	2	1	77	1 00							60	75	400 00					
Bethlehem	14	4	6	2	176	4 80								60	1 50	500 00				
Bethel	2	2	3	5	45	2 20	50								1 00	250 00				
Caddo Valley	20		2		52		8 85	1 00			6 00	45 00		4 70	1 50	400 00			15 00	
Davis Chapel					12	2 00														
Delight	6	8		2	93	15 60					6 00	4 00		50						
DeGray	26	3	3	2	228	7 05					6 00			5 00	2 00	750 00	20 00			
Graysonia	3	3	6	1	38		19 50				7 50	50 00		5 65	1 00	750 00			30 00	
Gurdon	15	7	7		116		10 30		5 88		7 50			8 25	1 00			10 00	12 00	
Hollywood	2			1	47	1 65		5 50			28 08	104 30				1000 00		8 20	40 00	
Hammond Chapel	6		1		39							58 85		1 00						
Liberty Hill	1		4	1	63	2 90						16 40								
Lakeview	16	9	2	3	102	8 00	3 77	1 85	1 20					1 00						
Mt. Bethel	7	3	1	23	129	9 31	10 45	6 30	10 60		11 30	100 00		6 95	1 10		2 57			
Missionary Grove	4	1	1	6	52	1 60	11 33				11 18	50 00		12 50		500 00	1 86		15 00	
Mt. Zion			11		58	3 27		1 50			1 65			1 60	1 00					
New Home	6	5	10	3	112	2 50					4 50	50 00			1 00					
New Home No. 2					24		2 91							2 50	1 50	4 50				
Okolona	3		4	2	51	3 00								2 91						
Preacott	15	26	7	6	199	14 50	140 00	49 50	53 70		12 00	85 53		2 50	50	1000 00				
Pleasant Hill			3		90	10 00		10 50	15 60			100 00			1 50					
Providence	1	2	1		40	2 00								5 40	1 25	600 00			16 25	
Richwood	2	7	8		96										1 00					
South Folk	4		19	2	105	22 21	17 01				4 13	75 90	72 00		1 50	5 00	3 30			
Sweet Hill	16	19	7	1	110						4 19	72 00		5 90	50	350 00		25	5 66	
Sycamore Grove	6	3	1	1	89	11 25	2 25		2 25		30 00	2 40		7 50	1 75	500 00			26 00	
Shiloh	6		5		72	15 50	50 00	25 00	75 00		12 65	86 30		8 00	1 25	5 00				
Social Hill	6	7			32						17 00	150 00		10 00	1 50	1500 00				
Unity	7	3	12		92	22 95	32 25	43 17	110 99	25 25		40 00			50					
Wellsville	2		1	1	40	6 70			2 90		4 40	100 00	13 30	37 81	1 15	600 00	80 00	15 00	28 00	
											3 00			75	600 00					