

MINUTES
—of the—
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
—of the—
OUACHITA ASSOCIATION
—of—
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF CHRIST

Held with Mount Olive Baptist Church
at Potter, Polk County, Arkansas
September 20, 21 and 22, 1918.

OFFICERS:

Moderator ----- W. E. Holt, Mena, Ark.
Clerk ----- J. J. Mershon, Mena, Ark.
Treasurer ----- W. I. Green, Mena, Ark.

The next session of the body will be held with
the Board Camp Church, at Board Camp, Ark.,
commencing on Friday before the Fourth Sun-
day in September, 1919, at 8:00 p. m. Bro.
H. E. Crawford to preach the opening sermon.

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OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY NIGHT, September 20, 1918.

The Fifty-first session of the Ouachita Baptist Association was called to order by Moderator W. E. Holt.

This session was held with the Mount Olive Church at Potter, Arkansas.

First—Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

By previous motion the association agreed to open its session Friday night instead of Saturday morning as minutes previously stated.

By motion Bro. Hammonds was asked to preach the introductory sermon instead of Bro. N. O. Hornsby, who was not present. Bro. Hammonds preached from the 40th Chapter of Isaiah.

After preaching a motion prevailed to have the letters read, and to meet Saturday morning for organization. The Moderator appointed Miss Anne Embry and Miss Amy Butler to take down minutes. Each church was asked to read its letters, after which a motion prevailed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday morning body was called to order by the Moderator. Song, "Happy Day." Devotional exercises, led by Bro. Crawford.

Then a motion was made by Bro. J. E. Taylor to suspend rules and elect W. E. Holt moderator by acclamation. J. J. Mershon was elected clerk and W. I. Green, treasurer.

The following committees were then appointed by the moderator.

FINANCE: Evaline Hill, J. B. Dobbins, J. T. Whitehead.

FAMILY WORSHIP: M. L. Ridling, S. C. Gentry, Robt. Fortner.

TEMPERANCE: R. T. Payne, W. C. Lawrence, Sis. W. M. Hedge.

STEWARDSHIP: W. E. Crawford, W. E. Tibbs, Sis. M. J. Lowrey.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS: W. J. Davis, Jewell Beavers, Sis. Bell Hilton.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: J. B. Hammonds, J. L. Nelson, L. L. Brown.

HOME MISSIONS: W. L. Smith, M. J. Hall, W. E. Tibbs.

STATE MISSIONS: Jim Compere, W. H. Stephens.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS: N. O. Hornsby, J. B. Hammonds.

A PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL OF CAMP PASTORS: W. L. Smith, R. T. Payne and W. H. Stephens.

ORPHANS HOME: J. E. Taylor and W. J. Davis.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: N. O. Hornsby, Ellis Goss and Raymond Lawrence.

WOMAN'S WORK: Sisters McDonald, Annie Butler, M. R. Lance and Shelton.

PUBLICATION: J. E. Taylor, W. J. Davis and Ellsworth Gardner.

OBITUARIES: Sister Annie Butler.

NOMINATIONS: J. E. Taylor, J. T. Lunsford, C. F. Hill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: W. I. Green.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES REPORT: C. B. Williams.

RESOLUTIONS: W. E. Crawford, Miss Annie Embry and Ellis Goss.

By arrangement of the committee on order of business, Bro. N. O. Hornsby preached Saturday at 11 o'clock.

At the beginning of the evening session the report on Associational Missions was fully discussed and adopted, as follows:

In view of the fact that missions are taught by the Scriptures, we, your committee recommend Associational Missions; first, because of the vastness of the territory, second, because of the destitution in this territory; third for the lasting good that may be accomplished by the Missionary; fourth, because it is the foundation of all other missions.

We recommend to our association board elect, to put in the field as soon as possible, a missionary for full time. We further recommend that the churches take collections quarterly for the work.

N. O. HORNSBY
J. B. HAMMONDS.

The following report on Home Missions was read and adopted:

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HOME MISSIONS.

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual ends. And only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done through this Board: Number of Workers, 1,498; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190, of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized, 634; churches organized, 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions, 51,949. For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly \$589,987.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged efforts for our soldier boys. This calls for greatly enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. Every loyal Baptist will do his best to care for the spiritual needs of these boys.

Your Committee recommends: 1. That this Association gladly accept its increased apportionment for Home Missions. 2. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued by the Board, and that a large use be made of the free tracts on Home Missions. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Smith.

W. J. Hall.

W. E. Tibbs.

Committee.

The following visitors were welcomed to seats by the Moderator: J. W. Conger, President of Central College, Conway, Ark. W. J. Dorris, of the Orphans Home, Monticillo, Ark. and James Compere, assistant secretary of the State Convention, Little Rock, Ark.

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Foreign Mission report was thoroughly discussed by Bro. James Compere to the edification of all present and adopted as follows: "We, are doing Mission work in China, Japan, Africa, Italy and South America. We have a membership of 53,000, 464 churches on all the fields, of that number 141 have assumed self support. Last year there were 6,270 baptisms, we have 715 Sunday Schools, enrolling 34,000 scholars."

"The convention raised \$852,000 last year; 294,000 more than the previous year. This year we are raising 1,500,000. Our state should raise \$40,000 this year in order to meet the increase. Eighteen new missionaries this year, In order to meet the great increase, we urge every church in this Association to do their part in helping to meet the increase.

J. B. Hammonds.

J. L. Nelson.

L. L. Brown

Afer which the Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 at night.

The Association came together after devotional exercises, led by Bro. Payne. A letter was read from Liberty Church, and a motion was made to seat Bro. Lawrence as a messenger from the same.

Dr. Conger was given the full time on Christian Education and he certainly made it interesting and instructive to his hearers, after which the report was adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges—Ouachita, at Arkadelphia and Central, at Conway. Both these institutions have for many years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. We also have three mountain schools—Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home and Maynard Academy, at Maynard, and Mountview Institute, in Carrol County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total education debt as reported at the last meeting of our Convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board, and consists of the debts of Central College assumed by the Convention, and of obligations made to secure money to pay annual deficits

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at Ouachita College. We now have above \$70,000 in the Endowment Fund for Ouachita, and it is hoped and believed that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to keep us from having any more deficits there.

The Baptists of Arkansas must pay our little education debt, endow Ouachita liberally, and provide new buildings and equipment for our colleges and our mountain schools. We heartily endorse the plan of a five-year campaign for Christian Education. We are glad that an Education Secretary has been employed, whose time is given to raising funds for Christian Education, and to stimulating interest in education and to general enlistment work in this cause.

Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of very special importance in the matter of training men for the ministry. We are sadly in need of more preachers, and preachers need training in order to be prepared to do the best service. We ought to encourage and help our young preachers to attend our own Baptist institutions of learning. Let no church fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

N. O. Hornsby.

Ellis Goss.

Paymond Lawrence

FAMILY WORSHIP.

The report of Family Worship was read and adopted without discussion, as follows:

We find that family worship is greatly neglected, and as prayer is the means by which we can reach the great Giver of all good and perfect gifts, and as His word teaches that if we ask we shall receive, and especially in these perilous days, we should pray earnestly. Therefore we recommend and insist that each messenger here, when they return home, encourage the establishment of family worship in each household in the bounds of this Association.

M. L. Ridling.

S. C. Gentry.

Robt. Fortner.

TEMPERANCE

First, that the liquor traffic has lost more of its power since we last met. Therefore, we recommend and insist

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that all members of this body use every effort possible to suspend it entirely. And we pray that the time may speedily come when intoxicants with all its evils will be a thing of the past.

R. F. Payne.

W. C. Lawrence.

Sister W. M. Hedge

ORPHANS HOME.

The report on Orphans' Home was made by Bro. W. F. Dorris, after which it was adopted, and a cash collection was taken, amounting to \$50.00.

The Orphans' Home at Monticello, has been in operation 22 years, and has been a blessing to, perhaps, 1,000 orphans. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of our people. Its mission, based on God's word, is to relieve the distressed orphans, and save them to the State, and bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children into good, private homes, while it has its problems, nevertheless is proving a great blessing to the children, and at the same time enabling the Home to care for a larger number of children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a serious case of illness. All symptoms of pellagra have disappeared, and it is hoped that a permanent cure has been effected.

The serious drought has blighted the crop prospects, but the Home Superintendent thinks there will be sufficient amount of feedstuffs raised to care for the live stock until another crop is grown.

The Home will need \$7,500.00 to meet all obligations, and go to the Convention clear of debt.

We recommend: 1. That every church and Sunday School make regularly monthly offerings to this work of mercy. 2. That a cash and pledge collection be now taken for the Home. Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Dorris.

J. E. Taylor.

Committee.

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STATE MISSION.

Bro. James Compere spoke on State Missions Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, after which the following report was adopted:

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the terrible war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ. To fail in our support of State Missions is to fail in our support of the boys who are offering their all at the battle front.

This work is carried on by the churches in the State through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,243 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized, and \$44,800 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have four men working full time at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been more than 6,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all of this and more.

Your Committee urges: 1. That a careful study of the Board's Catechism be made by all the pastors and churches. 2. That pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and make plans to reach every church in the Association for a worthy offering to State Missions before December 1.

That every church in the Association do its very best to raise at least the amount asked of it by the Executive Board and that each church add special gifts for the work among soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than December 1.

W. H. Stephens.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	OFFICE POST	CLERKS	POST- OFFICE
Buffalo -----	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	S. C. Gentry	Cove-----
Board Camp	Chas. Burnett	Board Camp	J. B. Hilton	Board Camp
Hatfield -----				
Janssen -----	J. B. Hammonds	Vandervoort	F. W. Taylor	Vandervoort
Liberty -----	N. O. Hornsby	Hatfield	J. T. Whitehead	Hatfield
Mena -----	W. L. Smith	Mena	J. P. Bullion	Mena
Mt. Herman	W. L. Smith	Mena	Bro. Sparks	Mena
New Hope -----				
Potter -----	J. T. Benson		H. F. Gann	
Smithville -----				
Salem -----				
Two-Mile -----	N. O. Hornsby	Hatfield	J. E. Taylor	Hatfield
Wickes -----			Bro. Neal	Wickes
Yocana -----	Chas. Burnett		J. T. Lunsford	
Nunley -----	R. T. Payne		W. T. Fite	

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expense	The Poor
Buffalo -----	\$ 45.00			\$7.84		
Board Camp	70.00					
Hatfield -----		10.00			30.00	
Janssen -----	83.00		59.28			
Liberty -----	93.00					
Mena -----	900.00	266.33	122.64		52.48	
Mt. Herman	22.60					
New Hope -----						
Potter -----	123.00			3.00	13.31	
Smithville -----	280.00				25.00	
Salem -----						
Two-Mile -----	85.00				8.00	
Wickes -----	32.00					
Yocana -----						
Nunley -----						

B. Y. P. U. Secretary -----

W. M. U. Secretary -----

Kind of Literature Used,
Number of Teachers -----
Number of Pupils -----

S. S. Superintendents -----

Total Membership this Year

By Death -----

Decrease by Expulsion -----

Decrease by Letter -----

Received by Restoration -----

Rec by Letter or Statement -----

Received by Baptism -----

Total for Year -----

Nellie Rogers

Mrs. J. L. Nelson

W. C. Hilton

W. J. Davis

Mrs. J. C. Shelton

W. E. Holt

J. C. Whitaker

Jewell Beavers

J. E. Taylor

Bro. Vance

L. L. Brown

100 4 S.B.C.

21 3 S.B.C.

72 7 S.B.C.

150 9 S.B.C.

50 S.B.C.

39 4 S.B.C.

35 S.B.C.

50 4 S.B.C.

25 3 S.B.C.

73 4 S.B.C.

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105

82

17

81

41

16

20

88

Value of
Pastor's Home -----Value of
Church Property -----

Minutes and Clerk -----

Ministerial Education -----

Colleges and Schools -----

Orphanage -----

Other Objects -----

Foreign Missions -----

Home Missions -----

State Missions -----

Associational Missions -----

600.00

700.00

2,000.00

3.00

2.25

\$10,271.50

\$1,500

500.00

500.00

2,500.00

2.75

550.00

500.00

1.00

1.95

2.00

3.00

2.25

\$5.00

1.85

1.40

1.00

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38.15

\$50.00

4.00

11.35

5.00

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142.10

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117.25

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WOMAN'S WORK.

Report on Woman's Work was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Woman's Mission Work, we esteem it one of the greatest works in the Master's cause. Why we esteem the great work is because we have the Word of Truth. The Bible tells us of so many good women in this work in Christ and the Apostles days, so it applies to us the same today, and we urge all of our Baptist sisters to take up this great work. There are so many good ways that we can help in this good work. We can help so much in helping to send the Gospel to the destitute places. We can do great good in the orphans home and we urge our Baptist ministers to aid us in this great work. May God's blessings rest upon us and may it help in this great work.

Respectfully, your committee,

Mrs. Fronie McDonald.

Mrs. W. C. Butler.

Mrs. J. C. Shelton.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report on Sunday School read and adopted.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report that in viewing with regret the report of some of our churches that they are in a dying condition, and we see that they have no Sunday Schools, therefore, we would urge every church to sustain a live working Sunday School, as we believe the church gains the most influence through its Sunday Schools. We recommend that the church urge the reading of the Bible in the Sunday School with the help of the Southern Convention literature.

W. J. Davis.

J. J. Beavers.

Ball Hilton.

OBITUARIES.

The following report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

We, your committee, report that since our last Association, death has visited the churches and homes. Two-Mile Church, Sister M. T. Hamilton. Board Camp Church,

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W. P. Hilton. Sisters Mrs. Paralee Weavers and Mrs. Maude Wilcoxon. Yocana Church, David Lunsford, Ada Lunsford and Bettie Bates. Shady Church, J. O. Barlow, Sisters Dovie Lawrence and Martha Hatfield. Mena Church J. E. Evans. Hatfield Church, Miss Pauline Dodd.

Resolved that we tender our sympathy and assistance to the friends and relatives of the departed dead.

Amy .A Butler, Chairman.

By request a letter of commendation was granted Smithville, Okla. Church to another Association of like faith and order.

PUBLICATION.

We, your committee on Publication, beg leave to report as follows: That the Holy Bible be the first of all publications in every home and that it should be read and studied more systematic. That the Baptist Advance and Home and Foreign Fields be in every home in this association, and that the best religious books be in our homes and that we, as a people, to "study to show themselves approved of God. Workman that can rightly divide the Word of God."

J. E. Taylor.

R. T. Payne.

MISSIONARIES AND TREASURERS REPORT:

Report adopted.

Report of C. B. Williams, Assnl. Missionary Ouachita Association, from April 1, 1918 to August 11, 1918.

Sermons Preached	79
Other Religious Addresses	10
Conversions	56
Additions by Letter	1
Addition by Restoration	2
Baptisms	22
Religious Visits	144
Revival Meetings	3
Prayer Meetings Organized	1
Churches Assisted in Securing Pastors	1
Books Sold or Distributed	51
Tracts Distributed	600
Subscriptions to Baptist Advance	6
Miles Traveled	863
Raised for Home and Foreign Missions	\$103.35

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Report adopted.

By Amount Raised on Field	\$149.23
By Amount Received From State Board June 1st ----	90.08
By Amount Received from State Board (later) ----	97.36
By Amount Received from State Board (later) ----	96.66
To Salary of Missionary for 4 1-3 months	\$433.33.

To Balance ----- \$433.33. \$433.33

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Report adopted.

To the Ouachita Association, when convened at Mount Olive Church, 1918.

Received from Finance Com. at Ass'n.	\$119.37
Paid on note at F. & M. Bank	105.52
Balance on Hand	13.85

In settling with the Missionary for 1918, the Board made a note to the Farmers & Merchants Bank for \$97.36, which is now due.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. Green, Treas.

STEWARDSHIP.

Report adopted.

Much interest is being aroused on the subject of Stewardship. Our people are seeing as never before that all life must be put on a stewardship basis. Common honesty demands this. Each one of us belongs to God; all of our possessions are God's property rather than our own; the very strength, skill and ability that we use belongs to God. We are to use and administer all these "as good stewards of manifold grace of God."

It is gratifying to note that this great subject is being emphasized and agitated all over the land. The secretaries of the Executive Board of the State Convention have sent out thousands of copies of free books on Stewardship and have circulated quantities of other free literature on the subject; many classes have been organized to study Stewardship; many sermons have been preached on it by your pastors; and it has often been discussed in institutes, Bible Schools and assemblies.

We recommend: 1. That every pastor preach to all

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his people several times during the year on some phase of Stewardship. 2. That books and tracts on this subject be circulated and read by our people as widely as possible. 3. That classes for the study of Stewardship be organized in churches and Sunday Schools, in W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. Societies, and in protracted meetings. Free books for such classes (as well as other free literature on Stewardship and Tithing) can be had by writing J. S. Compere, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Crawford.
Mrs. M. J. Lowrey.
W. E. Tibbs.
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS ON CAMP PASTORS

Report adopted.

We are constrained by the inexorable duties and rights of conscience before Almighty God to bring to you the following solemn protest against your recent order denying certain religious denominations the right to send ministers of the Gospel and other workers to the army camps to minister to the religious needs of the soldiers.

First: It is agreeable to our patriotism and consonant with the facts of history to inform you that loyalty to the national government is a fundamental tenet of the Baptist denomination. If you are conversant with the facts of history you probably know that General Washington singled out the Baptists of America for special encomiums of praise, because of their stalwart support of the Revolutionary cause, and you can hardly be unmindful moreover of the very important and honorable part this denominational amendment, which says: "Congress shall enact no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." There is no doubt in our minds that the said order plainly violates our constitutional rights for it does, without doubt, prohibit the "free exercise" of religion.

In the second place, we call your attention to an unfair, unjust and unconstitutional discrimination which the order makes in favor of some and against other denominations. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Roman Catholics, through their distinctive organization, known at the

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Knights of Columbus, and some others, have a free hand in approaching and ministering to the men, even to the erection of buildings on government land, and the teaching of their distinctive doctrines and the practicing of their distinctive rites and ordinances—a privilege which has been strictly denied to other religious organizations, indeed to practically all evangelical denominations.

Again, we ask you to remember that this principle of individual liberty has always been recognized in American life, even to the extent of granting the right to prisoners and condemned felons to choose their own spiritual advisers. Just why, the men who are giving their lives to their country at this time should be denied the right to have the pastor of their own faith minister unto them, is inexplicable to us.

We urge, furthermore, that in our judgment this order can not be justified on the grounds of military necessity, for the camp pastors have, as nearly as it is humanly possible, always worked in harmony with and subject to the regulations of the military authorities, and experience has already shown that their presence promotes efficiency and ministers to the morale of the men in the service.

We believe, Honored Secretary, that our rights guaranteed by the Constitution are taken from us by this order. We know that our Baptist people, the largest evangelical body in the United States, are loyal to the government and will remain so despite this unwarranted invasion of our constitutional rights, and therefore because of our loyalty, our love for the national honor, our unalienable rights in the premises, our love for the boys, who should have the right to choose their own spiritual advisers, and because of the solemn voice of conscience which cries aloud for a free and untrammelled approach to God, this Association, representing a vast body of white Baptist, bring to you our perpetual remonstrance against the enforcement of this discriminatory ruling, and respectfully request that you immediately restore to all denominations those liberties vouchsafed in the Word of God and written into the fundamental law of the nation.

COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Report adopted,

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend Board Camp Church as the place of meeting for the next Association.

We recommend that Bro. H. E. Crawford preach the Introductory sermon. We recommend Rev. W. L. Smith as chairman of the Associational Mission Board, and that said Board be composed of one member from each church; and that five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

We recommend that the first Fifth Sunday Meeting be held with Vandervoort Church.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. Taylor, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted.

Whereas the people of Potter have been very kind and hospitable to us, the Messengers of the Baptist Association Be It Resolved, That we extend to them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Embry.

Ellis Goss.

H. E. Crawford.
Committee.

A motion was then made to adjourn to meet at Board Camp Church, Friday night, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1919.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of the order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.
4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but not thereafter.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken up by this Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
9. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resumes their seats.
10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association, nor more than once 'till every member wishing to speak have spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close debate until the subject has been fully discussed.
12. Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.
13. The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. Ahe Moderator is entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints an-

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other to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules may be reprov-
ed by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the
breach be made.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Tes-
taments is the word of God and the only rule of faith and
practice. z

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the depravity
of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and
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 to
them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preach-
ing to save them that believe.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith,
and follow after justification, and are evidences of our
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 persons who are in Christian fel-
lowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agree-
able to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of
the church, and the only lawgiver, and the discipline is with
the body and should be kept faithfully 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 baptised believers
have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular
ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic
mode of baptism.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

CONSTITUTION.

1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the **The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ.**

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 act only 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 its 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 guard 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 to this union through the 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

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contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertions in the minutes, a clear and distinct 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 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 18th Chapter of Matthew and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration.

10. The Clerk 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 concurring voices of two-thirds of its members, provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this Association.

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