

.... THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Southwestern Baptist ASSOCIATION

OF ARKANSAS



Held With
ASHDOWN CHURCH

Little River County, Ark.

October 8, 9, 10, 1910

OFFICERS

D. W. HILL, Moderator Provo, Ark.
T. M. MASHBURN, Clerk, De Queen, Ark.
GEORGE HOLMAN, Treasurer Lockesburg, Ark.



Next session will be held with Lockesburg church, Sevier county, Ark.,
commencing at 10 a. m., Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1911.
Introductory sermon will be preached by Eld. T. F. Richardson:

PROCEEDINGS

The Southwestern Association convened with Ashdown Baptist church, Sevier county, at 10 a. m., Saturday, October 8, 1910.

Brother Smith conducted short devotional services before the body was called to order.

The meeting was called to order by its former moderator, Bro. D. W. Hill. The former clerk, Bro. J. B. Luck being absent, T. M. Mashburn was elected clerk pro tem.

The moderator called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Elds. J. T. Benson, T. F. Richardson and Brother T. N. Coats to read them. The letters were read until 11 a. m., when the body adjourned to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Eld. J. T. Benson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Association met at 2 o'clock. A short devotional service was held and then the moderator called the body to order. The letter reading was continued until all present were read. The clerk then called the roll. The Association went into permanent organization, resulting as follows:

Eld. D. W. Hill, moderator; T. M. Mashburn, clerk and Bro. George Holman, treasurer. After a few words of thanks by the moderator, petitionary letters were called for and responded to by Haworth church and Oak Grove church. The churches were received and messengers were enrolled.

The moderator appointed pastor and deacons of Ashdown church as a committee on divine service.

Corresponding messengers were called for, and responded to by Elds. Carter, Columbia Association; Bennett, Red River Association; Simmons, Hall, Hanson, Southwestern Association; Dupree, Deloney, Hope Association; Spirer, Southwestern Association. These brethren gave good news from their different fields of work and all were invited to take part in all the discussions of the meeting.

Committee on Divine service reported that Eld. J. H. Milburn would preach at 7:30.

Bro. J. T. Cowling and Bro. I. N. Borum were appointed a

committee on orphans to report Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Bro. J. T. Cowling in a few well chosen words welcomed the Association to Ashdown.

Motion to adjourn until 7:30 was carried.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Eld. Milburn preached from First Roman,s 8th chapter, 1st verse.

Committee on Divine service reported that Bro. Turner would preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and Bro. Carter at the Methodist church.

Association adjourned until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING

After a very fine Sunday school service, Bro. Turner preached from Romans 5:1, 2.

At the same time Bro. Carter preached at the Methodist church.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Bro. Carter of the Texarkana Orphans Home, and Bro. Turner of the Monticello home, made some very instructive and interesting talks in regard to their respective work.

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT

Several interesting talks were made in regard to these homes, and a public collection was taken for them amounting to \$27.25. Pledges were made to the amount of \$315.00 to go to the support of the homes.

The moderator appointed the several committees at this time.

Committee on Divine service reported that Eld. J. S. Rodgers would preach Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Baptist church, and Brother Smith at the Methodist church.

MONDAY MORNING

Lesson read: 7th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Smith.

Motion to hold next meeting at Lockesburg was carried.

Eld. T. F. Richardson was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Bro. Bennett.

The Association went into the election of a mission board, resulting as follows: Bro. J. E. Millwee, chairman; Bro. I. N. Borum, Bro. Geo. Holman, Bro. Goodman, Bro. Williams.

By motion the Mission Board was instructed to pay Bro. Pole for mission work done the past year.

The restrictions requiring that all mission money go through the general association was removed so that anyone may have the liberty of sending mission money through any channel they see fit.

The Mission Board was instructed to employ a missionary at once and put him to work, his salary to be paid by Southwestern Association.

Motion to allow clerk \$12.50 for his service was carried.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, beg to submit the following report: We recommend that we take new courage and be more energetic and perservering in our fight for the temperance cause, and fight the evil until all saloons are forced to go from our country, as will also the numerous new evils that go in connection with the saloon. We rejoice that there is no place in our Association where whiskey can be legally sold. We recommend that all Baptist of this Association vote for no candidate for any office who is not a prohibition man and will support the prohibition cause.

Signed,

J. T. BENSON

B. A. McNEIL,

T. S. WISE.

Several talks were made on this report in a way that demonstrated the true feeling of every one present. The report was adopted.

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT

Your committee on Orphan's Home Work, respectfully submit the following: We are profoundly grateful to God for his blessings upon this department of our work the past year, We have two Orphan's Homes in Arkansas. One at Texarkana, the other at

Monticello. Elder T. H. Carter and wife have charge of the one at Texarkana. Prof. J. N. Williams and wife have charge of the one at Monticello. There are about one hundred and forty children at these two homes. The children are well housed, comfortably clothed, substantially fed and schooled and trained in industry, frugality and economy. The religious atmosphere is good and the work is generally prosperous in each home. It is the sense of your committee that every Baptist in Arkansas should support this good work with his or her sympathy, prayer and means as early as possible. We recommend therefore, that every church, Sunday school, Aid Society, B. Y. P. U., and Sunbeam society of this Association make at least one offering to this work annually and that they strive to get every member to give something to this work. We further recommend that this Association now and here take an offering for this work and that every church, Sunday school, etc., and every individual, shall pledge or give as to him seems best.

Signed,
J. T. COWLING,
I. N. BORUM,
T. W. COLLINS.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

God has been calling men to preach His Word from the beginning of time and has promised to guide them by His Spirit, yet He has said for them to study His Word. We believe that it is the duty of all God-called ministers to make all preparations that opportunity will permit. We also believe it is the duty as churches, to aid all young ministers to get this education.

Signed,
J. W. HUBBARD,
A. E. FERGERSON.

Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to report the following: We find on nearly every page of the Bible the great doctrine of missions. Jesus said: "Go ye unto all the world and preach my gospel." The Holy Spirit said: "You shall be witnesses of me first in Jerusalem, Judea, Servia and to the utmost

part of the world." We are prepared to say the State Association last year had four missionaries in the field. During the year they baptized 278. Total amount collected for State Missions was \$2,149.03. The State Mission Board had 81 missionaries in the field, their labor resulting in more than 3,000 baptisms and collected for State Missions \$2,856.80. From this report you see that God is blessing our state work. We therefore urge every Baptist and Baptist church to give liberally to State Missions. We find from reading of the letters of the Association \$267.23 has been paid by seven churches and twenty-one that will not pay anything.

C. R. POLE,
J. H. CHRISTIAN.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend to all member, above all things, the study of the Bible, in order that they may be sound in the faith once delivered to the Saints. We also recommend the Baptist Advance, Arkansas Baptist and the American Baptist Literature. We further endorse the many Tracts published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Signed,
W. A. SMITH,
W. M. KOLB.

Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: The first and all important work of the church, is the preaching of the Gospel of Christ to all nations. It is not a matter of choice with the people of God, it is their imperative duty. It is an obligation placed upon us by the great hand of the church. The "Go preach the Gospel to the whole creation," is just as binding on the Baptists of the Southwestern Association of Arkansas, as it was upon those who stood in the presence of our Lord and King when he uttered those words, "Beginning at Jerusalem," intended most clearly our home land as the place of our beginning. And this home field, so far as Southern Baptists are concerned, is a

large and important one. This home field is the basis of our supplies for both present and future operations abroad. The deeper and stronger we lay our foundation and build here, the more effective will be our work in the foreign field. We believe God has abundantly blessed his people in this home field, both in men and money, enabling them to carry on the work He has committed to their care, to a glorious success if they will. That there is great and wide spread destitution in this field cannot be questioned by any well informed person, and this destitution is being increased each year by the large number of foreigners coming to our Southland, almost all of whom are Catholics or under the influence of that form of religion. In view of these facts, together with many not herein mentioned, we recommend that all the churches in this Southwestern Baptist Association of Arkansas, as early as possible, adopt some plan of systematic and regular giving to the support of this important part of our Lord's work.

Signed,

T. F. RICHARDSON,

T. F. TAYLOR.

We had several very interesting talks on this Mission work.
Report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

In view of the fact that we have today thousands of heathens perishing without the Gospel and that our Savior in His last and greatest commission said: "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel," we recommend that our Foreign Missionaries be supported and kept in the fields of labor in order that all may hear and come to Chris for Salvation.

Signed,

J. W. DUMAS,

T. W. COLLINS.

ASSOCIATED MISSIONS

We, your committee on Association Missions, beg to report: That we find there is a great deal of destitution in this Association. We have been unable to respond to all the calls for help because we did not have the money to do the work. Therefore we urge that our people be more liberal in their payments for this

work so that the board will be enabled to have more and better work done.

Signed,

J. T. YATES,
E. C. SKINNER,
F. E. TAYLOR.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

As secretary of your Mission board, I submit the following report: We have had Elds. D. W. Hill and J. T. Benson working as missionaries. They have labored

4½ months at \$50.00	\$216.66
Collected on the field	39.96
Paid by the treasurer	50.50
Paid by the treasurer	86.65
Total paid	177.11
Balance due them	37.05

I. N. BORUM,

Secretary Mission Board.

A cash collection of \$24.50 was taken and the remainder, \$12.50, in pledges to balance the account.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find from the letters of the various churches that twenty-one of our brothers and sisters have been called to their final reward. In their death we are forcibly reminded of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and the importance of being ready. We extend our condolence and prayers to the bereaved families of all the deceased members reported. May they feel that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

A. E. FERGUSON.

MESSENGERS THAT WERE SEATED

FROM THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

Allene—C. W. Wright and J. W. Dumas.

Wilton—J. H. Bordman and T. A. Coats.

Bokhoma—W. S. Williams and J. A. Ford.

New Prospect—J. W. Hubbard.

Hopewell—E. S. Beckett and J. C. Dudley.
 Pleasant Hill—D. W. Hill, T. S. Wise and Joe Cannon.
 Ashdown—W. L. Smith, J. T. Cowling and W. E. Kinsworthy.
 Brownstown—R. F. Herndon, Thomas Delaney, J. H. Lavender.
 Bogg Springs—J. L. Brantley.
 New Bethel—J. H. Christian and George Holman.
 Fairview—Mrs. M. J. Bowens.
 Corinth—J. A. Mellender.
 Ben Lomond—A. E. Duloney.
 Oak Hill—Frank Leslie, A. C. Ferguson and T. F. Taylor.
 Oak Grove—T. W. Collins and G. W. Collins.
 New Home—C. R. Pole.
 Cross Trails—W. H. Williamson.
 Sardis—W. M. Kolb.
 Lockesburg—B. A. McNeil, E. C. Skinner and J. R. Hobson.
 Red Colony—I. N. Borum and J. T. Middleton.
 Geneva—J. T. Benson, D. F. Williamson and J. T. Yates.
 Gethsemanae—
 De Queen—T. F. Richardson, J. E. Millwee, T. M. Mashburn.

REPORT OF J. T. BENSON, MISSIONARY

Places visited: Fairview, Paraloma, Brownstown, Eagleton, Gillham and Cerro Gordo. Meetings were held at Fairview, Brownstown and Gillham, besides holding meeting at the following places where I was pastor before taking the missionary work: Sardis, New Bethel, Union, Oak Hill and Geneva. Members baptized, 36; received by letter, 17. Amount for two months work, \$100.00; amount collected on field, \$25.76; received from State Board \$25.50. \$51.26. Balance due \$48.74.

I find the mission field here is a great one and we need a strong preacher in the field all the time and I recommend that a missionary be put in the field for full time.

J. T. BENSON.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Baptist church of Ashdown and their friends, for the generous and kind hospitality shown in the entertainment of the messengers and visitors of the Association.

LON N. COATS.

REPORT OF C. R. POLE

Report of mission work done by C. R. Pole, commencing April 20, 1910. Days labored, 74; homes visited, 82; miles traveled, 748; sermons preached, 136; churches organized, 1; Sunday schools, 1; ministers ordained, 1; deacons ordained, 1; baptized, 8; collected on field, \$19.60. Brethren, the field is white to harvest. Pray for a great work to be done.

C. R. POLE.

REPORT OF D. W. HILL

Report of two months mission done by D. W. Hill: Points visited, 14; sermons preached, 63; baptized, 20; members received, 35; by baptism, 20; by letter or statement, 15; days labored, 71; collected on field, \$14 20. Brethren, the work is a great one, the field is ready to harvest but the limited time your missionary had, we could only begin the work. We have promised to hold several meetings in places we have been unable to reach yet. Our hearts are bleeding for the lost souls around us. Brethren, pray the Lord of the Heavens to send laborers into the field.

D. W. HILL.

OBITUARIES

Sisters Ida Burtch, A. A. Brazil, Nalley, May Lobley, G. W. Cowling, Brothers Frank Nelson, William Meredith, W. P. Cabiness, W. H. Spence, J. M. Faulkney, B. B. Friday, J. H. Denson.

JOSEPH H. DENSON

To the Southwestern Baptist Association:

We, your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions touching the death of Rev. Joseph H. Denson, which occurred on June 14, 1910, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, It has pleased the Allwise Creator, in his infinite wisdom, to send his death angel and claim for his own our beloved brother, Joseph H. Denson, a faithful servant of the Lord, for a long time clerk of this Association and at one time its Moderator and for 14 years clerk of Sevier county, and remove him from the troubles and cares of this transitory existence to a state of eternal bliss; therefore, be it Resolved

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our

Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. Resolved

Second, That in his death this Association has lost a most zealous and consecrated co-worker, the ministry an able and fearless exponent of the Truth, the county and state a valued citizen and his family a loving and tender husband and father. Resolved

Third, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved wife and children, and point them to Him who tempers the wind at his will, as the only source from which comfort and consolation can come. Resolved

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his wife and a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. COWLING,
J. P. HOPSON,
THOS. DuLANEY,
E. C. SKINNER,
J. W. HUBBARD,

Committee.

J. W. Hubbard signs the above resolutions after substituting for the word, "co-worker," the words, "Land Mark Baptist."



CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

4 This Association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed and shall 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 heretodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal 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 throughout the representation of three delegates at the annual session of this Association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreement to the abstract of the principles herein published.

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

7 This Association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertion 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 and act upon them at its discretion.

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

3 We believe in the fall of Adam, and 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 into them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

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

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

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1 When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by prayer and praise in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a Moderator or clerk protem.

2 Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

3 When the delegates named are enrolled and called by the clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot, a moderator and clerk, the majority of votes governing the election.

4 All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made the last one shall be first in order and so on, in reverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5 Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order, the moderator shall signify the same by calling his name; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflection; nor shall any person speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or explain some of his former remarks.

6 Whenever sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result (a majority governing in all cases except those provided for.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 The moderator shall be the judge of order. An objector to the moderator's ruling may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

TREASURER'S REPORT

of the Southwestern Baptist Association for the Year Ending 1910:

	ASSOCIATION MISSIONS	STATE MISSIONS	TEXARKANA ORPHAN'S HOME	MONTICELLO ORPHAN'S HOME	MINUTES	TOTAL
October 10, 1909, to balance in treasury	\$96.91		\$18.56	\$10.71	\$32.73	\$158.91
October 12, 1909, by amount paid J. W. Sims, treasurer Texarkana Orphan's Home ..			\$18.56			
October 12, 1909, by amount paid T. F. Rich- ardson for service	\$92.51					
October 12, 1909, by amount paid F. J. Turner, treasurer Monticello Orphan's Home....				\$10.71		
October 12, 1909, by amount paid J. B. Luck..					\$32.73	\$154.51
October 12, 1909, to balance in treasury	\$4.40					
October 12, 1909, to amount paid by different churches:						
Gethsemane			\$1.00			
Pleasant Hill	\$2.00					
New Home	1.00					
New Bethel	1.00					
Brownstown	2.05					
January 30, 1910, to amount paid by different churches:						
New Home			\$3.85			
Gethsemane50					
De Queen	2.50					
New Prospect	3.25					
Pleasant Hill	1.00					
Allene86			\$23.41
February 1, 1910, to balance in treasury	\$17.70		\$5.71			
May 29, 1910, to amount paid by different churches:						
Oak Hill	\$10.28		\$1.00			
Lockesburg	3.20					
New Bethel	1.50					
Gillham	1.11					
Red Colony	3.80					
Fairview75					
Damascus	1.50					
Bogg Springs50			
De Queen	10.65					
Valley	1.25					
Union	2.21					\$61.16
June 4, 1910, to balance in treasury	\$53.95		\$7.21			
June 4, 1910, by amount paid J. W. Sims			\$7.21			
July 7, 1910, by amount paid J. T. Benson for service	\$10.00					
July 25, 1910, by amount paid J. T. Benson for service	\$10.00					\$27.21
July 31, 1910, to amount paid by different churches at New prospect, 5th Sunday meeting (no list sent with the amt.)	\$22.15		\$1.90			
July 31, 1910, to amount paid by De Queen	\$5.50					\$90.71
August 1, 1910, to balance in treasury	\$61.60		\$1.90			\$63.50
August 4, 1910, by amount paid J. W. Sims			\$1.90			
August 5, 1910, by amount paid D. W. Hill	\$25.00					
August 20, 1910, by amount paid J. T. Yates for T. J. Benson	\$5.50					
September 16, 1910, by amount paid D. W. Hill	\$15.00					\$47.40
October, 1910, to balance in Treasury	\$16.10					