

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE SOUTHWESTERN
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD AT DA-
MASCUS CHURCH, OCTOBER 10-12, 1914

Oak Hill



D. W. HILL,	-	-	-	-	Moderator
M. B. HUBBARD,	-	-	-	-	Clerk

Proceedings

The Southwestern Baptist Association of Arkansas convened with Oak Hill Baptist Church, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, October 10th, 1914.

Devotional services conducted by Moderator D. W. Hill; Prayer by E. T. Dumas. Letters from the churches being presented, the following Brethren were appointed to read them: Eld. D. W. Bolton, Bro. W. M. J. Hinsley; upon the completion of reading the letters, it was found that the various churches were represented by the following messengers:

County Avenue—T. H. Carter.

Lockesburg—R. H. Turner, J. R. Hopson, C. W. Burkhead.

Fairview—J. T. Yates, Sister M. J. Burns.

Paraloma—O. A. Tindell.

Damascus—Bert Holt, B. A. McNeal, Sister Mary Knox.

New Bethel—G. W. Holman.

Corinth—J. A. Milender, T. W. Collins, D. W. Hill.

Geneva—E. T. Dumas, J. W. Dumas.

Bog Springs—John Johnson.

Red Colony—W. M. J. Hinsley.

Pleasant Hill—R. M. McWhorter, J. W. Hampton.

Ogden—O. M. Weith.

Allene—W. J. Wright.

Ashdown—J. T. Cowling, C. H. Park, H. G. Sanderson.

New Hope—G. E. Scott, M. B. Hubbard.

New Prospect—J. W. Hubbard.

Oak Hill—N. W. Rudy, S. F. Martin, L. F. Taylor.

DeQueen—D. W. Bolton.

Horatio—Mrs. M. L. Stacy, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Meredith.

Committee on Divine Services reports that Eld A. J. Cabiness will preach at 11 o'clock. After listening to a grand sermon preached from the latter clause of the 9th verse of the 8th Chapter of Romans, the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 2 p. m.. Devotional services led by Moderator, Bro. J. W. Hampton leading in prayer. The

Association went into permanent organization, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the next year:

D. W. Hill, Moderator.

M. B. Hubbard, Clerk.

By vote of the body J. W. Hubbard, J. W. Hampton, O. A. Tindell were seated as messengers. Corresponding messengers report as follows: Eld. A. J. Cabiness, W. D. Davis of Howard County Association; J. J. Haynes of Ouachita Association; Sister Mattie Wilkerson of McCurtain County Association, Okla.; Ogden church sent a petitionary letter and was unanimously received into the Association. The Resolution offered by E. T. Dumas and J. T. Yates was adopted after being spoken to by the following brethren: E. T. Dumas, J. W. Hubbard, Eld. Standfield, C. H. Park, D. W. Bolton, T. H. Carter, A. J. Cabiness, J. T. Cowling. Motion carried that the body adjourn until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association convened Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. Devotional services led by Moderator D. W. Hill.

Sunday School mass meeting led by Eld. M. B. Hubbard. There were some very interesting talks made, led by W. D. Davis, J. W. Hodge, T. H. Carter, after which Eld. T. H. Carter of Texarkana, preached a real soul stirring and spirit filled sermon from Romans 11; 1. Subject has God forsaken His People. After the sermon, a collection of \$10.05 was taken for Texarkana Orphans' Home. Committee on Divine Services reports as follows: Eld. W. D. Davis of Nashville, Ark., will preach at Corinth Church tonight and Eld. J. W. Hodge of Oklahoma, at Oak Hill church. Body adjourned until Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association convened at 9 o'clock a. m. Devotional service conducted by Moderator. Report on State Missions was read, after being spoken to by the following Brethren, J. W. Hubbard, A. J. Cabiness, E. T. Dumas, W. D. Davis, was adopted with an amendment. (See report.)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

After being spoken to by the following Brethren, was adopted as received: E. T. Dumas, A. J. Cabiness, W. D. Davis. Re-

port on Ministerial Support was made and adopted as received.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted as received. Body adjourned until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 1 o'clock p. m. Devotional service led by Moderator D. W. Hill; prayer by R. B. Friday. Report on Sunday School work was adopted as received. Report on Ministerial Education was adopted as received after being spoken to by the following Brethren: E. T. Dumas, W. D. Davis, J. W. Hubbard, D. W. Bolton.

By vote of the body our next Association will convene with Damascus Church, between BenLomond and Lockesburg, Sevier County, Ark. By vote of the Association, our next Fifth Sunday meeting will convene with Allene Baptist Church, Little River County. Report on Associational Missions was adopted as received. By vote of the body the Messengers were instructed to go back to their homes and ask each church to elect one messenger from each church to constitute a Missionary Committee.

Finance Committee made their report and it was adopted. Bro. R. B. Friday was re-elected treasurer of the Association; Corresponding Messengers were appointed to visit the following Associations: Howard County, J. W. Hubbard, E. T. Dumas, D. W. Hill; Eauon, J. T. Yates, T. W. Collins.

Resolution of Respect. We the Messengers of the Southwestern Baptist Association extend our sincere thanks to Oak Hill Baptist Church and community for their unlimited hospitality shown us while in their midst. Be it resolved, that we the messengers of Southwestern Association, extend our hearty thanks to our Moderator for his kind and impartial treatment of us all.

M. B. Hubbard was appointed to preach the introductory sermon for our next Association. Motion carried that the Association adjourn to meet with Damascus Church, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1915.

D. W. HILL, Moderator.

M. B. HUBBARD, Clerk.

Reports of Committees

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee beg to report that from the best information we can get, there is great destitution in our bounds. Therefore, we recommend that the churches take regular collections for this purpose, and send same to R. B. Friday our Associational Treasurer.—J. W. Hubbard, J. W. Hampton,.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the word of God demands that we mark those who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrines which we have learned and avoid them (Rom. 16: 17) and commands us to withdraw ourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly (II Thes. 3: 6) and to reject all fractious persons. Therefore, be it resolved that this body rescind the action of the last meeting at Gillham, Ark., which resolved that this Association co-operate with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in the Mission work, and we have had a continual disturbance for several years over the mission question, and as this Association is comprised largely of Associational Baptists, be it resolved that we will hereafter do our mission work through the local State and General Association, and whereas the word of God teaches that two cannot walk together except they be agreed; therefore be it resolved by this body that we will not seat any messengers from any church who will not work in harmony with the principles of these Associations. And be it further resolved that as the question has been discussed from time to time, we will not admit of any discussion of differences as above mentioned, but will proceed at once along the lines of the Associational work as above mentioned.—E. T. Dumas, J. T. Yates.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We your committee on Ministerial support, submit the following: As the Bible teaches the support of the ministry, we therefore recommend that our pastors make an earnest appeal to our churches to hold up their hands by paying them for their labor; if it be dishonest to buy anything and not pay for it, what is it to receive labor and not pay for it; let the churches think over these things, Brethren, for the sake of the cause of Christ. Brethren in God's name do the right thing and pay your pastors.—J. W. Hubbard, R. H. Turner, W. S. Wright.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We your committee, recommend as we are convinced that the Lord has laid his hands on Bro. Marshall Hubbard to preach the gospel, therefore we recommend that all our churches and Baptist people contribute liberally to his education. We also recommend Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas. The following brethren have subscribed to Bro. M. B. Hubbard's school expenses.—E. T. Dumas, Bert Holt.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We the committee on Home Missions hereby advise that our pastors take collections for Home Missions quarterly. Yours for Christ.—J. W. Dumas, T. W. Collins, L. F. Taylor.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report that we find four Missionaries in the Foreign Fields, and these messengers of God must be paid for their time in order that they keep going and bearing the message of life to the lost. Therefore, we recommend that each church in our Association contribute at least \$100 per quarter for Foreign Missions.--E.T. Dumas, S. F. Martin.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on State Missions submit the following report: We find from the reports that very few of our churches are supporting the state work and as the command is to go in all the world and as we claim to be Missionary Baptists, let us prove our faith by our works.

Amendment follows: We ask that our pastors and messengers return to their churches and ask them to represent in our state and general Association with contributions for state, home and foreign missions.—R. H. Turner, T. J. Yates.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report: The Sunday School is the church teaching God's word. No church is fully doing its duty until it has a well organized Sunday School and endeavoring to teach the rising generation the word of God. We recommend the Land Mark Literature.—R. H. Turner, T. W. Collins.

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 messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before taking their seats.

3. The messengers when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberate body by appointments of Moderator and Clerk, and 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 the 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 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 messengers 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

1. We believe in only 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 in one.

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

3. We believe in the fall of Adam and 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 foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

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

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

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

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only law-giver, and the 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 messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the Association, the Moderator shall open for business by prayer and praise in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a Moderator 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 departs from the subject, or for personal inflection; 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 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.

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

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

12. 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.

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CHURCHES	Total Membership	Ordained Min.	Pastor's Salary	State Missions Conventional	State Missions Associational	Orphan's Home Associational	Orphan's Home Conventional	Incidentals	Buildings and Repairs	Vis. Ministers	Minutes	S. S. Expenses	Ministerial Education and Colleges	Associational Missions	Home Missions	For. Missions	Value of Church Property	Total
County Avenue	85	2	\$ 100	\$	\$ 2 50	\$	\$	100 00	\$	\$	1 50	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 204 00
Dequeen	117	1	415 14	62 20			5 00	13 00	148 15		75	79 66	1 50	18 35	14 00	24 20	3000	781 64
Ashdown	310		1350	171 50				500 41	18 50	25 00	1 50		601 47	45 00	83 40	89 20	4000	3232 70
Geneva	74	2	32 75		80	70				8 00	75	6 00					800	49 00
Pleasant Hill	89	2	45 19														500	45 19
Oak Hill	46				1 66	1 66				7 55	1 55	3 61					500	16 08
Brownstown	19	1									75			2 50				3 25
Lockesburg	89			100 05			5 00		551 13		1 25	16 00	16 50	13 65			1500	703 58
Paraloma	48	1	180	3 70				12 00			1 50		11 45	1 40	3 70	2 35		224 85
Red Colony	35										50							50
Fairview	41					1 50					81							2 31
Corinth	72		25 10															25 10
Horatio	55		90				8 00	7 50			1 50		2 50	42 41				216 51
Damascus	79		75								1 00			86 81				162 81
New Bethel	63				4 00		2 00	1 55		4 00	1 00	10 00		3 50	2 00	2 00		30 00
Bog Springs	33																	
Winthrop	60		54									12 00						66 00
Hopewell	48									4 50	1 00	4 97					400	10 47
New Hope	45	2	50	9 10	50	5 00			40 00	2 50		5 50						112 65
Allene	66		113 88	7 00			5 00				1 50			1 00				121 38
Ogden	72			5 00							1 00							6 00

The churches of Union, Wilton, Gethsemane, Cerro Gordo, Mt. Carmel, Spring Hill were not represented.