

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Caddo River

Baptist Association

Held With Providence Church,  
Montgomery County, Arkansas,  
September 7, 8, 9, 1906.

*Moderator*—T. J. Wright, Welch, Ark.

*Clerk*—J. T. Reece, Black Springs, Ark.

*Treasurer*—W. T. West, Manfred, Ark.

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Next session to be held at Brushy Creek Church, two and a half miles north of Oden, Montgomery County, Arkansas, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1907 at 11 p. m. Introductory sermon by Revs. T. Howell and W. T. West.

## Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in a true and living God.
  2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.
  3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
  4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
  5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
  6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.
  7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.
  8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.
  9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
  10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.
  11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.
- We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

## Proceedings.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Providence Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, September 7th, 1906, in harmony with its adjournments with Mountain Home Church, Montgomery County.

The appointees, T. J. Wright and J. R. Edwards, preached the introductory sermon at 11 a. m., from Corinthians 2:8-11, 12, after which the body was dismissed to meet at 3 p. m.

### FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 3 p. m. the body met, and after prayer, by the Moderator, was declared ready for business.

1st. Appointment of preaching committee. The Moderator appointed Bros. James Homes and Hampton Harvey, with the messengers of Providence Church.

2nd. Call for letters from the various churches. After letters being presented, J. O. Butler, J. B. Lumley, and H. T. Howell were appointed reading committee.

3rd. Call for petitionary letters. There were none presented.

4th. Election of officers. J. O. Butler, J. B. Lumley, and J. N. Wasson were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows: Moderator, T. J. Wright; Clerk, J. T. Reece; Treasurer, W. T. West.

5th. Invitation for visiting ministers. Revs. J. B. Lumley, J. A. Shackelford, and W. C. Palmer were seated as visiting ministers.

On motion carried, the Moderator and Clerk were given until Saturday morning to announce the appointees on the various committees.

6th. A motion prevailed for a committee on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Religious Literature. Carried. By motion of the house, Bro. Tedford was seated in council with the body.

7th. Call for report of preaching committee. It reported



Bros. J. A. Shackelford and J. J. Hughes to preach Friday night, and Bros. J. B. Lumley and J. O. Butler to preach Saturday at 11 a. m.

Motion for adjournment till Saturday morning at 8 a. m. was carried.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8 a. m. the body met, in harmony with its adjournment. Read 26th Psalm; song, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," after which the body was declared ready for business, and, on motion, carried. Rules of Decorum were read; also, that speeches be limited to five minutes.

Roll was called and absentees noted.

Black Springs—J. O. Butler, J. T. Reece, C. E. Brunt.

Big Fork—A. A. Bates, W. L. Glaze, J. D. Homes.

Corinth—J. B. Hitchcock.

Midway—A. W. Burchfield, Hampton Harvey.

Brushy Creek—J. C. Singleton, James Singleton, B. G. Willhite.

Pleasant Valley—J. N. Wasson, J. H. Ducket, W. T. West.

Valley Grove—J. J. Hughes.

Sulphur Springs—J. J. Abee, J. H. Edwards.

Mt. Pisgah—T. J. Wright.

Missouri River—J. R. Edwards, J. M. Smith.

Board Camp—A. J. Stricklin, Z. A. Hilton.

Liberty—E. S. Diffie.

Mountain Home—L. C. Tacket, H. H. Nelson.

Antioch—W. N. Caughman, John Welch.

Mt. Zion—D. T. Driggars, G. W. Pettitt, Sr.

Macedonia—W. A. Wallace, J. W. Justice.

Providence—S. T. Rogers, L. F. Lauder milk, C. C. Rowton.

Bethel—J. A. Blackman.

Forest Hill—E. Burns.

Mt. Gilead—J. F. Jeffrey, J. F. Cogburn, R. H. Perrin.

Little Hope—M. L. Hill, G. H. Darraugh.

Call for reports. A resolution on the state of religion was read and adopted.

Resolutions on Associational Missions were read and adopted.

# PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

J. O. Butler.....	\$ 5.00
A. A. Bates.....	5.00
J. N. Wasson.....	5.00
T. J. Wright.....	5.00
J. W. Justice.....	2.00
W. N. Caughman.....	2.00
John Welch.....	5.00
D. T. Driggars.....	1.00
G. W. Pettitt.....	2.00
J. J. Abee.....	1.00
Z. A. Hilton.....	1.00
J. T. Reece.....	1.00

On motion, carried, the Association will meet with Brushy Creek Baptist Church, two and a half miles north of Oden, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Revs. H. T. Howell and W. T. West. Adjournment till 1:30 p. m.

## SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the body met and was declared ready for business by the Moderator.

1st. Resolution was presented and carried for missionary sermon to be preached at 11 a. m. on Sunday, at each association.

2nd. On motion, carried, report on Obituaries received.

3rd. Report on Finance received.

4th. On motion, Bro. Joe Neighbors was seated as a visiting messenger from Washita Association.

5th. Report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

6th. Report on Orphans' Home was adopted with a donation of \$10.70.

7th. Report on Temperance received.

8th. On motion, carried, the following churches were granted letters of dismissal: Valley Grove, Midway, Bethel.

9th. Report of Preaching Committee: Saturday night, H. T. Howell; Sunday at 9 a. m., J. O. Butler; Sunday at 11 a. m., J. B. Lumley. Subject, "Missions". Sunday at 3 p. m., T. J. Wright.



- 10th. Report on State Missions received.
- 11th. Report on Sunday-schools received.
- 12th. Report on Duty of Church to Pastor received.
- 13th. On motion, carried, the report of Committee on Denominational Schools was adopted.
- 14th. On motion, carried, the report of the Committee on Religious Literature was adopted.
- 15th. Report of Camp Ground Committee received.
- 16th. Report of Committee on Ministers' Names and Post-offices received.
- 17th. Report of Treasurer received.
- 18th. Resolution on equipping young ministers for their work was adopted.

19th. Resolved, That hereafter the Caddo River Association will not seat messengers from churches who retain in their fellowship, members who advocate the second definite work of grace theory of sanctification.

Further, we warn the churches of the danger of calling pastors whom they do not know are in full fellowship and good standing with a missionary Baptist church.

20th. Bro. H. T. Howell and Will Lackey volunteered as visiting messengers to Washita Association.

21st. Pike County Association will be visited by H. T. Howell and J. N. Wasson, Buckville Association by W. A. Wallace and J. C. Singleton.

22nd. Missionary Board of Caddo River Association: J. N. Wasson, Chairman; J. T. Reece, C. C. Rowton, James Thomas, and Z. M. Nicholson. Rev. J. O. Butler was appointed member of State Board by Moderator.

23rd. On motion, carried, the Clerk to have 500 copies of the minutes printed; also, that the Clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services. On motion, carried, the Clerk will receive balance of pay on his work at next meeting of the Association.

#### REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICES.

Friday, 11 a. m., T. J. Wright and J. R. Edwards, 2 Cor. 8-11, 12.

Friday night, J. A. Shackelford and J. J. Hughes.

Saturday, 11 a. m., J. B. Lumley and J. O. Butler.

Saturday night, H. T. Howell.

Sunday, 9 a. m., J. O. Butler.

Sunday 11 a. m., J. B. Lumley.

Subject "Missions." Sunday, 3 p. m., T. J. Wright.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association extends its vote of thanks to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained us during this session of the Association.

W. T. West,

J. R. Edwards.

## Report of Committees in Full.

### A—TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We find that the use of intoxicating liquors is a curse to the human family. We therefore recommend that all our Baptist people abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and use their influence to prohibit the sale of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Hughes, Chairman.

### B—STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on State of Religion find from all sources we are able to command, that the churches as a whole are in a good condition at present, and growing in number and spiritual activity.

Brethren, let us pray the Lord to keep the blessed work going on in the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Driggars, Chairman.

### C—ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following report:

We find five churches calling for the next Association. Board Camp, Brushy Creek, Macedonia, Liberty No. 1, and



Pleasant Valley request that the next Association be held at the Camp Ground.

Board Camp, Brushy Creek, and Macedonia each request the body to meet with them.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Darraugh, Chairman.

#### D—COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find within the bounds of the Association great destitution and a general cry for the "bread of life." Therefore, we recommend that the Association take some steps toward supplying the destitute settlements with the preaching of the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments,"—(John 14, 15.) We recommend that the Association now appoint one Associational Board, consisting of five (5) members, with one additional member from each church, whose duty it shall be to supervise Mission Work within the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Diffie, Chairman.

#### E—COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We find that clothing and educating helpless orphan children under Baptist influence is a work that appeals to the sympathies of all. None of us know how soon our own children may be left helpless orphans. This work is being done by the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, under the management of H. H. Gardner, the building capacity being limited to seventy-five children. There are now sixty-three or more in the Home. We recommend that all of our churches take collections regularly for the maintenance of this grand work.

Z. A. Hilton, Chairman.

#### F—COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

We find that the State Board has seventy-four, (74) missionaries giving more or less of their time to Mission Work, and that the Lord has abundantly blessed their labor in three quarters of the convention year, 1905-6, as they have reported 1,827 conversions and 1,047 baptisms. We find that some of this work has been done in our own Association. We recommend that our churches be liberal with their means in this work.

H. T. Howell, Chairman.

#### G—COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee finds, from the reading of letters from the various churches of the Association that ten churches report Sunday-schools. We believe it the duty of Baptists to provide ways and means for the



maintenance of Sunday-schools for the young. A vital part of the Great Commission is the commission to teach. The Lord placed teachers in the church when he organized it (1 Cor. 12-28) and it is necessary that we obey this command at once; therefore we recommend that every Baptist church within the bounds of the Association organize a Baptist Sunday-school, and further recommend that they use Baptist literature. No better literature has ever been published, yet within the Baptist homes can be found papers and literature of other denominations.

E. S. Diffie, Chairman.

#### H—COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

We recommend that we patronize our own denominational schools, located at Arkadelphia and other places. We further recommend that all young ministers attend one of these schools.

A. A. Bates, Chairman.

#### I—COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Your committee recommends that the Bible is the Book of all books and that it should be read and studied more than all other books. Further, we recommend such other books as "Pilgrim's Progress," "Grace Truman" and "Little Baptists," and the reading of religious Baptist papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Wasson, Chairman.

#### J—COMMITTEE ON CAMP GROUNDS.

To the Caddo River Baptist Association, convened with the Providence Baptist Church, Sept. 7th, 1906: Our camp meeting commenced on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1906, and continued nine days. Was attended by good-sized congregation.

Preachers present: Revs. J. O. Butler, H. L. Winborne, T. J. Wright, J. A. Shackelford, W. T. Driggers, R. C. Fields, and J. M. White.

God's children were revived, many convicted, and several converted. The word of God was truly preached and established.

Our camp ground is in good condition, and interest improving on a better basis than ever before.

Yours with Christian Love,

J. N. Wasson, A. Dif.

#### K—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We submit the following report;

Amount now on hand. ....	\$ 42.45
For printing Minutes.....	27.41
For Home Missions.....	9.85

For Orphans' Home.....	1.95
Total.....	\$ 81.16

S. T. Rogers,  
W. A. Wallace.  
J. H. Duckett.

## L—DUTY OF PASTOR TO CHURCH.

We submit the following :

The Pastor should visit the members of his church, as he sees best, and declare the whole council. We feel that pastors should more diligently instruct their various churches on the question of missions.

## DUTY OF CHURCH TO PASTOR.

It is the duty of the church to administer the necessities of the pastor financially. We feel that it is the duty of the deacon to investigate the necessities of the pastor and make the same known to the church, and for the church to supply his needs.

L. C. Tackett, Chairman.

## COMMITTEE ON BETTER MINISTRY.

We, the Caddo River Baptist Association, urge a better ministry, and recommend that each church take collections early in the fall, or as early as is possible, and forward through the chairman of our Associational Board to H. L. Winborne, for ministerial education in Ouachita College.

J. N. Wasson, Chairman.

## ORDAINED MINISTDRS.

Name	Postoffice.
T. J. wright.....	Welch
D. T. Driggers.....	Alamo
A. Nelson.....	Hickory Station
H. T. Howell.....	Egger
J. O. Butler.....	Black Springs
J. J. Hughes.....	Rock Creek
W. T. West.....	Manfred
D. L. Sherley.....	Waters
R. C. Fields.....	Rock Creek
A. A. Bates.....	Waters
J. R. Edwards.....	Black Springs
John Pate.....	Welch

## LICENSED.

Name	Postoffice
G. S. Diggs.....	Welch
P. M. Whisenhunt.....	Welch

A Wilson.	Ophir
George McLean.	Manfred
Roy Bullard.	Manfred
A. M. Burchfield.	Amity
E. Burns.	Hickory Station
W. L. Glaze.	Egger
W. M. Tackett.	Ghent
E. S. Diffie.	Ophir
N. L. Huggins.	Welch

## OBITUARY.

The following persons have been called from among us since our last report:

**Brushy Creek Church**—D. F. Singleton, born —, 1887, died December 30, 1905. Member of the church 30 years.

**Rastus Renolds**, age 20 years, baptized July 30, 1904, died Aug. 11, 1906.

**Black Springs Church**—Isabel Nobles.

**Providence Church**—Esther Welch.

**Mt. Pisgah Church**—R. Tallant, died February 8, 1906. A charter member and deacon.

**Syntha Tallant**, died Oct. 8, 1905. Member for 20 years.

**Marandy J. Featherston**, died July 15, 1906. Member for 42 years. Age, 40 years.

A. J. Stricklin,

E. Burns,

R. H. Perrin.

## Order of Business.

### FIRST DAY.

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| 1. Introductory Sermon.                | 5. Invitation to visiting ministers to seats. |
| 2. Call for letters from the churches. | 6. Call for correspondence.                   |
| 3. Call for Petitionary letters.       | 7. Appointment of committees.                 |
| 4. Election of Officers.               | 8. Report of preaching committee.             |

### SECOND DAY.

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| 1. Reading Minutes.               | 4. Call for Resolutions.         |
| 2. Roll Call.                     | 5. Appointments of next Session. |
| 3. Call for report of committees. | 6. Treasurer's Report.           |



## Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the 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 they take their seats.

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

ART. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united 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 cultivate fellowship and union with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

**ART. 6.** This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

**ART. 7.** This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

**ART. 8.** The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

**ART. 9.** It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

**ART. 10.** This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

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## Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

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

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and call-



ed by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by a ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

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

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or 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 it by calling the name of the person; and one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart 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 a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

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

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

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

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Bapt.	Disin. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Died	Membership	Days of Meeting	Minute Fund.	Home Mission	Val. of Ch. Prop.	Orphans' Home	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.
Midway.....	1	2	2				28		\$1 85		\$200	\$34 00	T. J. Wright	J. H. Burchfield	† Elm.
Valley Grove....	3						27	4	1 00				J. A. Shackelford	Lee Hearin	\$ Rock Creek.
Bethel.....			8	2			37	2	1 25				J. A. Shackelford	S. T. Robertson	\$ Rock Creek.
Liberty No. 1...	5	8	4	2			69	2	90				T. J. Wright	E. S. Diffie	† Ophir.
Mountain Home.		2	4	7		1	69	3	1 50				T. J. Wright	L. C. Tackett	† Ghent.
Antioch.....			1				24	1	1 00	\$3 35		1 95	J. M. White	John Welch	† Caddo Gap.
Mt. Pisgah.....			2	3		3	51	1	1 50				T. J. Wright	H. W. Whisenhunt	† Welch.
Brushy Creek...		8			3	1	40	1	1 75				D. L. Shirley	G. W. Hill	† Oden.
Macedonia.....	2	5		2			41		1 70		300		H. T. Howell	W. A. Wallace	Egger.
Big Fork.....		3	3	8			121	4	1 50	5 00			A. A. Bates	P. D. Mays	Egger.
Missouri River...			2				11		75				M. F. Garrett	Lee Sherman	† Fancy Hill.
Mt. Gilead.....		8	8	5			25		1 00		50		M. F. Garrett	J. F. Jeffrey	† Black Springs.
Corinth.....							12		25				E. S. Diffie	M. M. Dutton	† Alamo.
Little Hope.....		1	2	7			53		75		200		D. L. Shirley	R. S. Rupp	† Waters.
Black Springs....	6		2	2		1	51	3	2 00				J. O. Butler	D. J. Pepper	† Black Springs.
Mt. Zion.....		6					40		75		200		D. T. Driggars	Henry Johnson	† Plata.
Pleasant Valley	4	13					68		1 50		250	8 05	T. J. Wright	W. T. West	† Manfred.
Board Camp....	1	9	10	4	1		74		1 10	1 00	900		D. L. Shirley	G. A. Kennett	† Board Camp.
Sulphur Springs	2	8	1	0			80		65		1000		A. A. Bates	W. M. Edwards	† Red Bird.
Forest Hill							36		70				R. C. Fields	J. H. Adcock	† Hickory Station.
Providence	4	1	1	2		1	50		1 50				H. T. Howell	A. T. Rodgers	† Black Springs.