

# Minutes

OF THE

## Fiftieth Annual Session

OF THE

# CADDO RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*Held With Brushy Creek Church, Montgomery County,  
Arkansas, September 7, 8, 9, 1907.*

Moderator—H. T. HOWELL

Clerk—J. T. REECE,

Treasurer—J. O. BUTLER

Egger, Ark.

Black Springs, Ark.

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Next session of this body will be held with Black Springs Baptist Church, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1908, at 11 a. m. Introductory sermon by Revs. Chas Burnett, E. S. Diffie.

# ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scripture, 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 baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Fiftieth Annual Session of the Caddo River Mission-Baptist Association assembled with Brushy Creek Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock a. m., Saturday, September 7th, 1907, in harmony with its adjournment with Providence Church.

The appointees, Rev. H. T. Howell and W. W. Mahurin preached the introductory sermon at 11 a. m., from Matt. 5:13-16. Dismissed to meet at 2 p. m.

### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The body was called together by singing; the Moderator being absent, Bro. H. T. Howell was elected Moderator pro tem.

The body was called in regular order of business.

1st. Appointment of preaching committee. The Moderator appointed Bro. Charley McDonald, James Homes with the messengers of Brushy Creek Church, preaching committee.

2nd. Call for letters from the various churches. J. N. Wasson, E. S. Diffie and Chas. Burnett were appointed reading committee.

3rd. Call for petitionary letters. Elnora and Meyer Creek Churches came forward and were accepted.

4th. Election of officers. J. N. Wasson, Chas. Burnett and E. S. Diffie were appointed tellers, the election resulted as follows: Moderator, H. T. Howell; Clerk, J. T. Reece; Treasurer, J. O. Butler.

5th. Invitation for visiting ministers and messengers. From Buckville Association, N. L. Tedford, E. Q. Lassetter, and S. A. Qualls were seated as messengers.

6th. By motion, Moderator and Clerk were given until



Sunday morning to announce the appointees on the various committees.

7th. Call for report on preaching committee. Saturday night at 8 p. m., Bro. W. R. Mahurin, J. M. White, text, Rev. 22:17. Sunday 11 a. m., Bro. J. O. Butler, W. W. Mahurin, John 3:16. Sunday 4 p. m., Bro. J. M. White, E. S. Diffie, Matt. 12:13. Sunday night, Bro. Chas. Burnett, H. T. Howell, Rom. 6:23.

By motion and second the body adjourned till Monday morning at 8 a. m.

#### MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8 a. m. the body met in harmony with its adjournment. Read 1st John, 3rd chapter and prayer, the body was declared ready for business.

Rules of Decorum were read; also speeches limited to five minutes.

8th. Roll called and absentees noted.

Missouri River—J. M. Sherman, A. C. Smith.

Meyer Creek—J. H. Harris.

Liberty—C. W. McDonald, E. S. Diffie.

Elnora—L. M. Harris, J. R. Garrett.

Big Fork—Rev. H. T. Howell, J. D. Homes, Chas. Burnett.

Brushy Creek—J. C. Singleton, James Singleton, G. W. Hill.

Pleasant Valley—J. N. Wasson, H. A. Fair.

Board Camp—S. W. Hilton.

Mt. Zion—J. S. Driggars, H. M. Jenkins.

Macedonia—S. W. Bass, G. W. Maddox, J. W. Justice.

Mt. Gilead—Rev. J. M. White, Rev. J. T. Covington.

Little Hope—W. W. Mahurin, George Dorrough, Fred Wilson.

Sulphur Springs—G. W. Cox, G. G. Edwards.

Providence—E. T. White, L. F. Lauder milk.

Black Springs—Rev. J. O. Butler, J. T. Reece, W. H. Guthrey.

1. Call for reports. Report on Religious Literature read and adopted.

2. Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. Contribution on same \$1.79.

3. Report on state of religion read and adopted.

4. Report on Orphans' Home read and adopted. Contribution for same \$4.25.

5. Report on Associational Missions read and adopted.

6. Report on Temperance read and adopted.

7. Report on Sunday School read and adopted.

8. Report on Finance read and adopted.

Motion and second to adjourn for dinner, meet at 1 p. m.

#### MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 p. m. the body was called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. O. Butler, the body was then declared ready for business by Moderator.

9. Report on Obituary read and adopted.

10. Report on Document read and adopted.

11. Report on State Missions read and adopted.

12. Report on duty of Pastor to Churches and duty of Churches to Pastors.

13. Report on Ordained and Licensed ministers read and adopted.

14. Report on Denominational Schools read and adopted.

15. Report on better Ministry read and adopted.

16. Report from Treasurer read and adopted.

17. Report on Camp Ground read and adopted.

18. Report was adopted for corresponding with other Associations.

19. Corresponding messengers to other Associations.

Ouachita—J. O. Butler, Chas. Burnett.

Buckville—J. W. Justice, W. A. Wallace and R. O. Carter.

20. The Missionary Board of Caddo River Association—J. N. Wasson, Chairman; J. T. Reece, C. C. Rowton, James Thomas and Z. M. Nicolson.

21. The Clerk was authorized to have 500 copies of minutes printed and receive \$10.00 for his work.

Received from Association on Clerk fees \$3.50.

Pledges from churches on Clerk fees:

Little Hope .....	1.00
Mt. Gilead .....	1.00
Black Springs .....	1.00
Big Fork .....	1.00
Sulphur Springs .....	.50

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Introductory sermon by Chas. Burnett, E. S. Diffiee.

#### REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICES.

Saturday, 11 a. m., H. T. Howell and W. W. Mahurin, Matt. 5:13-16. Saturday night, 8 p. m., W. R. Mahurin, J. M. White, Rev. 22:17.

Sunday, 11 a. m., J. O. Butler and W. W. Mahurin, John 3:16. Sunday 4 p. m., J. M. White and E. S. Diffiee, Matt. 12:13. Sunday night, Chas. Burnett and H. T. Howell, Rom. 6:23.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association extend 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.

L. F. Laudermilk,  
J. D. Holmes.



## Reports of Committees in Full.

### A—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We find from the reading of letters from the various churches of the Association that there is not as many Sunday Schools reported as we think should be. 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 commission is 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.

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.

Within the Baptist homes can be found papers and literature of other denominations.

We further recommend that every church report their Sunday School work to the next Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. Burnett, Chairman.

### B—STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report. State Missions is one feature of Associational Missions that the State Board co-operates with.

We find that the State Board in co-operation with pastors and Association Missionaries report the following last year: Conversions 1,760; baptisms, 1,265.

The total amount of work done by the State Board in all departments last year was as follows: Conversions, 3,313; baptisms, 2,218.

We are thankful to God for His blessings in our State Mission work, and recommend that our Association co-operate with the State Convention in the next session contributing our means according as the Lord has prospered us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Butler, Chairman.

### C—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 it as a beverage and use their utmost influence and vote to prohibit the sale of same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Justice, Chairman.

### D—ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find within the bounds of the Association great destitution and cry for the bread of life.

We, therefore, recommend that the Association take some steps toward supporting the destitute settlements with the preaching of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to those who believe.

"If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." John 4:15.

We recommend that the Association hold the Missionary Board as has been appointed before. And one from each church to act with the Board, whose duty will be to supervise Mission work within the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. Edwards, Chairman.

### E—DUTY OF PASTOR TO CHURCHES AND CHURCHES TO PASTOR.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Dear brethren, the word of God says to the pastor "feed the flock of God on which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer" and ministers to the spiritual things. The churches should feel it their bounden duty to minister to the pastor in temporal things.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. Edwards, Chairman.

### F—DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Wilson, Chairman.

### G—CAMP GROUND.

To the Caddo River Baptist Association convened with Brushy Creek Church September 7th, 1907.

Our camp meeting began on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1907, and continued nine days, attended by large congregations.

Preachers present: Revs. H. T. Howell, J. A. Shackelford, B. D. Millsapps, J. O. Butler, J. M. White and others. Good Christian revivals and a number of conversions.

The word of God was preached in power and demonstration of the spirit was in the work. Our camp ground is in good condition and interest growing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Wasson, Chairman.

### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that none but Baptist preachers in good standing be appointed by the camp ground committee to preach at the camp ground.

E. S. Diffie, Chairman.



## H—BETTER MINISTRY.

We, the Caddo River Baptist Association urge a better ministry in our bounds of work. We respectfully urge that each pastor take it in his churches and recommend that the church take collection as early as possible and forward the same through the chairman of our Association Board to H. L. Winburn for ministerial education in Ouachita College.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. Bass, Chairman.

## I—ORPHANS' HOME.

We find that clothing and educating helpless children under Baptist influences is a work that appeals to the sympathies of all. None of us know how soon our own children may be left helpless orphans.

The work is being done by the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello under the management of O. T. Finch.

The building capacity is limited to seventy-five children; there are now sixty-three or more in the home. We recommend that all of our churches take collection regularly for the maintenance of this grand work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Butler, Chairman.

## J—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 Baptist" and other reading of religious Baptist papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Wasson, Chairman.

## K—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following report: Inasmuch as the Marks says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," therefore we believe that it is the duty of the Baptists who say the word of God is the man of their council to do all in their power under God to carry out the great commission.

The Southern Baptist Convention following the Divine injunctions has been engaged in this work for many years.

There are thousands who have never heard the Gospel. Brethren, we recommend that every church and every Baptist make an offering for Foreign Missions, surely it is right to support the men that leave home and native lands to preach the Gospel in foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Butler, Chairman.

## I.—STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on State of Religion, find from the reports from the various churches that the cause is languishing in some parts of our Association. We suggest that our churches give more attention to the working of these languishing fields.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. White, Chairman.

## M—DOCUMENT.

We, your Committee on Document, submit the following report: We find four churches calling for the next Association. Big Fork, Black Springs, Baptist Camp Ground by Liberty and Pleasant Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Cox, Chairman.

## N—OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries beg to report as follows:

Sister Lydia V. Edwards, Sulphur Springs; Thomas Cotton, Big Fork; Sister Mary Lawrence, Big Fork; R. P. Rowton, Providence; Anna Strickland, Board Camp; Peter Mulanax, Brushy Creek; E. P. Wasson, Pleasant Valley; D. L. Shirley, A. J. Ausbern, Little Hope.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Cox, Chairman.

## O—ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Post Office.
T. J. Wright.....	Welch, Ark.
D. T. Driggars.....	Alamo, Ark.
A. Nelson .....	Hickory Station, Ark.
H. T. Howell.....	Egger, Ark.
J. O. Butler.....	Black Springs, Ark.
J. M. White.....	Black Springs, Ark.
W. T. West.....	Manfred, Ark.
A. A. Bates.....	Waters, Ark.
J. R. Edwards.....	Black Springs, Ark.
M. F. Garrett.....	Fancy Hill, Ark.
W. R. Mahuren.....	Waters, Ark.
W. W. Mahuren.....	Waters, Ark.

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

G. S. Diggs.....	Welch, Ark.
P. M. Whisenhunt.....	Welch, Ark.
A. Wilson .....	Ophir, Ark.
George McLean.....	Manfred, Ark.
Roy Bullard .....	Manfred, Ark.
E. Burns.....	Hickory Station, Ark.
W. L. Glaze.....	Egger, Ark.

W. M. Tackett.....Ghent, Ark.  
 E. S. Diffie.....Ophir, Ark.  
 N. L. Huggins.....Welch, Ark.  
 Chas. Burnett .....Board Camp, Ark.  
 John Covington.....Black Springs, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Driggers, Chairman.

#### P—FINANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report amounts as follows:

For minutes .....	\$ 22.75
For Home Missions .....	3.90
For Foreign Missions.....	6.95
For Associational Missions.....	19.45
For Orphans' Home.....	7.91

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Total amount.....\$ 60.96

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Diffie, Chairman.

#### Q—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer reports as follows:

Received from Finance Committee:

For minutes .....	\$ 22.75
For Home Missions .....	3.90
For Foreign Missions .....	6.95
For Associational Missions .....	19.45
For Orphans' Home.....	7.91

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Total amount received.....\$ 60.96





## Order of Business.

### FIRST DAY.

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| 1. Introductory Sermon.                   | 5. Invitation to visiting <del>min-</del><br>isters to seats. |
| 2. Call for letters from the<br>churches. | 6. Call for correspondence.                                   |
| 3. Call for petitionary let-<br>ters.     | 7. Appointment of <del>comm-</del><br>tees.                   |
| 4. Election of officers.                  | 8. Report of preaching <del>com-</del><br>mittee.             |

### SECOND DAY.

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| 1. Reading minutes.                     | 4. Call for resolutions.                       |
| 2. Roll call.                           | 5. Appointments of <del>next</del><br>session. |
| 3. Call for reports of com-<br>mittees. | 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 fund 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 question sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to settle the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between 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 by the 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 names shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.



5. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by a ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

6. 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.

7. 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 no 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.

8. 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.

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

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

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

12. 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.

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

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

15. 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.