

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

...OF THE....

Caddo River Baptist
Association

Held With Macedonia Church, Montgomery
County, Ark., September 17-18-19, 1909.

J. M. WHITE, Moderator, Black Springs, Ark.

J. O. BUTLER, Clerk, Black Springs, Ark.

L. M. PROWSE, Treasurer, Black Springs, Ark.

The next session of this body will be held with Little Hope
Church, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday in
September, 1910. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. R. Edwards:
Moderator, Rev. B. D. Millsap.

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-second Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Macedonia Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, on Friday night, September 17, 1909, in harmony with its adjournment with Black Springs Church.

The appointees, Revs. J. M. White and J. T. Covington, being absent the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Chas. Burnett from Mark 16:15.

Dismissed to meet Saturday morning.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order at 9 o'clock, by former Moderator, H. T. Howell, by reading the 17th chapter of John.

1st. The former Clerk being absent, on motion Eld. J. O. Butler was appointed Clerk pro tem.

2nd. Called for letters from the churches. W. M. Tackett and Revs. W. J. Thomas and Chas. Burnett were appointed to read the letters.

3rd. Call for petitionary letters. A letter from Pleasant Hill Church was presented by its Messengers and on motion was received and the hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator. Also, a petitionary letter was presented from Womble Church, by its Messengers, and on motion was received and the hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator.

4th. Election of officers. Brethren W. J. Thomas, N. W. Eeds and Lee Sherman were appointed tellers. The election resulted as follows: Rev. J. M. White, Moderator; Rev. J. O. Butler, Clerk; L. M. Prowse, Treasurer.

5th. Invitation for visiting ministers and correspondents. Rev. W. J. Thomas from Grayson county, Texas, Assn and Rev. J. H. Vann from Pike County Association were seated as visitors.

6th. The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee on Divine Service: J. D. Holmes and W. M. Tackett, with the Messengers of Macedonia church,

7th. On motion the Moderator and Clerk were requested to appoint a part of the committees at noon.—Adjournment till 2, p. m. for preaching at 11 o'clock.

8th. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. M. White preached from Luke 22-29, followed by Rev. Charles Burnett. Bro. W. J. Thomas appointed to preach at night at the church.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together by ringing at 2 p. m. The Moderator read a part of the 8th chapter of Romans, prayer by Brother Vann.

1st. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

2nd. Roll called.

Antioch—H W Rains, W N Hoffman.

Big Fork—N W Eeds, H A Standridge, J D Holmes.

Board Camp—W E Hilton, Chas. Burnett.

Brushy Creek—J G Singleton, J F Friar, B J Wilhite.

Black Springs—L M Prowse, J O Butler.

Little Hope—M F Hill, W M Pizley, S Williams.

Missouri River—Lee Sherman.

Macedonia—S P Posey, A C Hill, S W Bass.

Mt. Gilead—J M White, J R Edwards.

Mountain Home—B D Millsapps, W M Tackett.

Pleasant Valley—J N Wasson.

Sulphur Springs—Jonas Abee, Freeman Edwards.

Pleasant Hill—Isaac Roberts, Eugene Abernathy, J W Dillbeck.

Union—G W Carpenter.

Womble—R M Reece.

3rd. Called for Reports of committees.

Report on State of Religion read and re-submitted.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and tabled.

arned to meet Monday morning at 8 a. m.

ay night, preaching by Rev. W. J. Thomas from John, 3, subject, "Self Examination," after which a collection was taken for the Orphans Home and \$6.13 was contributed.

Sunday morning, assembled at 10 a. m., prayer led by Brother Burnett, preaching by Brother B. D. Millsapps from Eph. 2-8. At 11 o'clock the Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. H J Vann from Matt. 28-19, after which a collection was taken amounting in cash and pledges to \$23.37, for Associational Missions. At 3 p. m. preaching by J. O. Butler from Matt. 16-26, subject, "The value of the soul," followed by Bro. Thomas. Sunday night, preaching by Bro. J. R. Edwards, from Acts 11-17, followed by Bro. Mahurin

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8, a. m., the body met in harmony with its adjournment.

1st. Minutes of previous work read and approved.

2nd. Reports called for.

Report on State of Religion, read and adopted.

Report on Relation of Pastor to Church, read and adopted.

Report on Denominational Schools, read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries, read and adopted.

Report on Temperance, read and adopted.

Report on Associational Mission, read and adopted.

Report on Orphans Home, read and adopted.

Report of Associational Mission Board, read and adopted.

Report of Association Missionary, Rev. H. T. Howell, adopted.

Report on Religious Literature, read and adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee, read and adopted.

Election on place of next session resulted in Little Hope Church as to place for next session.

Report on Ministers' Names and Addresses, read and adopted.

Report on Home Missions, read and adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions, read and adopted, and a free-will of \$1.25 made for the same.

Finance Committee's report read and adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 Association reconvened with prayer by Bro. Mahurin.

On motion accepted treasurer's r

The report of committee appointed session to collect balance due the Association by Bro. W. T. Webb was received and committee continued.

Report on state missions read and adopted.

On motion Revs. H. T. Howell, W. J. Thomas and J. O. Butler were appointed to attend the campmeeting next year.

Resolved that this Association extend its thanks to Macedonian church and community for their hospitality during this session of the Association.

Bro. J. R. Edwards was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next session; B. D. Millsapps, alternate.

The Association will meet on Friday night before the third Sunday in September, 1910, with Little Hope church.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to have three hundred copies of these Minutes printed; Clerk to have \$10.00 for his fee, and authorized to draw on Treasurer to pay for Minutes and Clerk fee.

Appointed correspondents: To Ouachita Association, J. D. Holmes; Buckville Association, H. T. Howell; Pike county Association, J. R. Edwards.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet with Little Hope church on Friday night before the third Sunday in September, 1910. "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," was then sung and the parting hand was taken. Thus ended a harmonious session.

J. O. BUTLER, Clerk.

J. M. WHITE, Moderator.

Reports of Committees.

Sabbath Schools.

We your Committee on Sunday Schools find that in the bounds of this Association there is a great lack of the study of God's word. We believe that every church in the Association should have a Sunday School, and urge that the members of each church take an active interest in this work, that the truths of the Bible be established. Respectfully Submitted, W. W. MAHURIN, Chm.

State of Religion.

We find from the reports of the various churches that the cause has advanced greatly and there has been a wonderful work accomplished in the name of our Savior, in the greater part of the bounds of our Association. We find the number added to our various churches to be 128, and suggest that our churches give more heed to the languishing fields.

Respt. Submitted,

J. R. Edwards, Chm.

Duty of Pastors to Churches and Vice Versa.

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report: The word of God says to the pastors to feed the flock of God over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, and minister unto their necessities. The Church should feel it their duty to minister unto their pastors in temporal things,

Respectfully Submitted,

B. D. Millsapps, Chairman.

Denominational Schools.

We recommend that we patronize our own Baptist Schools, located at different places and see to it as individual members and as churches, both in our prayers and in money, that our young preachers attend these schools,

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Wasson, Chairman.

Obituary.

We your committee on obituary make the following report: Antioch, 1; Brushy Creek, 3—Sisters, Louise Hill and Cora Chapman and Brother John Friar; Mt. Gilead, 2—Sisters, Dovie Cox and Ada Johnson; Mountain Home, 1—Sister Lula Driggars; Big Fork, 2—Sisters, Margaret Fish and Louisa Mays; Pleasant Valley, 1—Brother D. L. Bruce.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Sherman, Chairman.

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 its use, and use their utmost influence and vote to prohibit its manufacture, sale or use, not only within the bounds of this association but throughout the state. Believing that it is wrong for the government to be partners with the liquor traffic, be it resolved that this Association go on record as being in favor of an entire separation from the liquor traffic in all its branches.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. Hill, Chairman.

Associational Missions.

Your committee on Associational Missions find that Rev. H. T. Howell, who was employed as missionary to work in the bounds of the Caddo River Association, has been engaged in the work for 70 days with good success, but find that there is great destitution yet, and would recommend that the pastors of the several churches of our Association take a collection at least once every three months for Associational Missions and that they make a report at each 5th Sunday meeting to the board. And recommend that a special effort be made to collect sufficient means to keep a missionary in the field at least one half of the time during the next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Mahurin, Chairman.

Orphans Home.

We your committee find that in the Baptist Orphan's Home at Monticello there is 120 children, and we find that there is \$0.10 contributed to them. May God impress this great work upon all hearts to be more liberal to their necessities.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. Edwards, Chairman.

Associational Mission Board.

We your Associational Mission Board submit the following report: The Board met at Mt. Gilead on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in May, and agreed and contracted with Brother H. T. Howell to

work three months within the bounds of the Caddo River Association at the rate of \$40 per month for the time he was actually engaged in the work. We knew at that time that there was only about half enough money in the treasury to pay him for three months work, but we expected the churches to co-operate with us in the way of contributions, especially did we expect the board members from each church to co-operate with us, but as they did not, we took the method of writing a circular letter to each church stating to them what we had done and asking them to bring the matter up and send in contributions for the work. Very few have responded to our appeal and those that did made small contributions. However, we are glad to report that our missionary is paid in full up to date, with a balance of \$10.83 in the treasure.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. Jeffrey,
 L. M. Prowse,
 B. F. Bates,
 C. W. McDaniel

Report of Missionary.

WORK DONE.		COLLECTIONS.	
Days labored,	70	Black Springs Church,	\$5.00
Sermons preached,	60	Macedonia,	\$2.50
Prayers Offered,	140	Liberty,	\$1.00
Homes Visited,	45	Pleasant Valley,	\$1.00
Professions,	35	From Individuals,	\$2.50
Baptized,	17	Total collected,	\$12.00

Respectfully Submitted,

H. T. HOWELL.

Religious Literature.

Your committee recommends that the Bible be read in preference to all other books and would also recommend the Baptist Advance as a good religious paper.

R. M. Reece, Chm.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to report that we find by the reading of the letters and from other sources that the following churches have called for the next session of the body: Little Hope, Pleasant Valley for the camp ground, and Antioch. We recommend that the next session of this body meet with Little Hope church, beginning Friday night before the third Sunday in September, 1910.

We nominate for Associational Board: J. F. Jeffrey, L. M. Prowse, C. W. McDaniel, B. F. Bates and J. O. Butler, with one memuer from each church.

W. M. Tackett, Chairman.

Ministers Names and Postoffice.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

D T Driggars, Alamo.
 A Nelson, Hickory Station.
 H T Howell, Black Springs.
 J O Butler, Black Springs.
 J M White, Black Springs.
 J R Edwards, Barnett.
 W T West, Caddo Gap,
 A A Bates, Waters.
 W W Mahurin, Oden.
 F F Edwards, Red Bird.
 M F Garrett, Fancy Hill.
 Elija Abee, Helen.
 Charles Burnett, Board Camp.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

G S Driggars, Welch.
 P M Whisenhunt, Welch.
 George McLean, Caddo Gap.
 Roy Bullard, Caddo Gap.
 E Burns, Hickory Station.
 W M Tackett, Ghent.
 E S Diffie, Ophir,
 N L Huggins, Welch.
 J T Covington, Black Springs.
 F Cogburn, Black Springs.
 A T Hill, Oden,
 G G Edwards, Alder.
 J F Ferguson, Red Bird.
 M F Hill, Oden.
 F M Bryant, Sims.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. P. Posey, Chairman.

Home Missions.

Your committee on Home Missions beg to submit the following report: It finds that the Lord has greatly blessed the work of the Home mission. Number of Evangelists, 11; missionaries, 1,097. The workers organized 957 Sunday Schools, constituted 316 churches; baptized into the church 24,668; received by letters 22,690.

total additions to churches 47,367. Let us thank the Lord and give him all the glory, also take new courage, for the work is very great; for out of 20,000,000 people 58,000,000 are without any religious affiliation. We also find that emigrants are coming are coming into our home land at the rate of 1,200,000 per annum, and that 100,000 foreigners come into the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention bringing their unbelief and idol worshipers with them. The greatest work on earth that man can do for his fellow man is to bring him to Christ. Therefore, let us be about our Master's business while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Therefore we recommend that each church in this Association make an offering for home mission, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Chas. Burnett, Chairman.

Foreign Missions.

We your committee on Foreign Mission beg to submit the following report: The basis of all missionary work is found in John 3-16 God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Christ was the missionary from Heaven to a lost world. So long as there is a lost soul in the world so long shall this command ring out clearly to God's people. The field is the world. We find that there are many millions of souls famishing for the bread of life because they know not Christ. So, let us contribute of our means a small portion to this part of the Lord's great work. The doors of the fields are open and our Foreign Mission Board is making great progress in the work. Our God has graciously blessed us during the year in the work which we have been doing for Him. We gratefully acknowledge God's mercies. We find that the Lord has blessed the work with 2,905 baptisms. When we remember that in 1883 after the missionaries had been at work for 48 years they had only 2,923 enrolled in all the churches of the mission fields, and now have 2,905 baptisms in one year, we surely should thank the Lord. We find that the work is being reinforced in all the fields. We recommend that our pastors most earnestly present the claims of a lost world, and pastors and people pray to God that from our bounds may go some who shall preach the glorious gospel

to those who wait in clouds of darkness and sin.

Chas Burnett, Chairman.

Finance Committee's Report.

Received for Minutes,	\$24.75.
Associational Missions,	0.95.
Orphans' Home,	0.75.
Foreign Missions,	0.50.
Total,	\$26.95.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. D. Friar, Chairman.

State Mission.

Your committee submits the following report: We believe that this phase of our mission work is one worthy of our support, as it means mission work done in our beloved state. The following is the report of the State Mission Board, of work done the first three quarters of the year 1909: Number of men employed 72; Conversions 2,046; Baptisms 1,225; Additions 2,083; Churches organized 12; Sunday Schools organized 56. We recommend that the churches contribute of their means as far as they are able to the support of this good work in our beloved state.

W. W. MAHURIN, Chairman.

Financial Report.

Minutes and Clerk,	\$24.75.
Associational Mission,	0.95.
Orphans' Home,	0.75.
Foreign Mission,	0.50.
Collection Sat. night for Orphans, Home,	0.13.
Collection Sun. for Associational Mission,	21.37.
Collection Mon. for Foreign Mission,	1.25.

Total, \$55.70.

L. M. Prowse, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION Caddo River Baptist Association.....

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 as 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 solve 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 and 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.

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 the sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and in 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.
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 felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have the 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.

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 correspond'ce |
| 3. Call for petitionary letters | 7. Appointment of committees. |
| 4. Election of officers. | |
| 8. Report of teaching committee. | |

SECOND DAY.

1. Reading minutes.
2. Roll call.
3. Call for reports of committees.

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Baptized	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership...	Meeting Days	Minute Fund...	Asso. Mission Fund	State Mission Fund	Home Mission Fund	For'gn Mission Fund	Orphans' Home	Val. of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Pastor.	P. O.	Clerk	P. O.
Antioch	9	2	2	1	140	2	\$2.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$800	J H. Vann	Amity	H W Raines..	Caddo Gap	
Big Fork	4	1	2	5	3	2	122	2.00							Chas Burnett	Board Camp..	H Standridge	Egger.	
Board Camp	22	4	5	3	10	115	2.00		3.00			8.00	11.1	48.20	W W Mahurin	Waters	E T Embry...	Boardcamp.	
Brushy Creek	17	6		2	3	84	1	2.65						250	W J Thomas	Black Springs	Jas Singleton	Oden.	
Black Springs	9		4			47	3	2.00	5.00	34.40	7.22	3.45		500	Elija Abee, ..	Helen	Saml Williams	Black Sprgs	
Little Hope	24	4		3		73		1.50							J M White ...	Black Springs	Lee Sherman	Waters.	
Missouri River				1		8		.25				.50		75	H T Howell,	" "	A F Hill	Slatington.	
Macedonia	2					34	2	1.65	2.50						J M White	" "	G F Driggers	Oden.	
Mt. Zion						30		1.00							J M White	" "	S J Bell,	Plata.	
Mt. Gilead	7			1	2	45		2.00		2.35	2.00	2.80		300	B D Millsapps	Ghent	L C Tackett..	Black Sprgs	
Mtn. Home					1	70	3	1.50							" "	" "	R W Bullard..	Ghent.	
Pleasant Valley		2			1	45		1.00							" "	" "	D G Edwards	Caddo Gap.	
Sulphur Spgs	16		1	1		28		1.00						125	J R Edwards	Barnett	R J Chitwood	Alder.	
Union	12	3				30	4	1.00	.95						H T Howell...	Black Springs	E Abernathy	Bear.	
Pleasant Hill	8	10				25		1.70							J R Edwards	Barnett	J D Jones	Big Fork,	
Womble	1					8		1.00		58.00								Womble,	
Total	131	32	10	17	16	834		\$2425	\$8.45	\$97	75	\$9.22	\$14.75	\$11	35	\$1975	\$103.20		