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Fifty-fifth Annual Session

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**CADDO RIVER  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

*Held with*

**MT. OLIVE CHURCH**  
Montgomery County, Arkansas

September 14, 15, 16, 1912

MINUTES  
OF THE  
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Baptist Association

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OFFICERS  
ELDER J. M. WHITE, *Moderator*  
Black Springs, Ark.  
R. L. THOMPSON, *Clerk*  
Waters, Ark.  
W. H. GUTHREY, *Treasurer*  
Black Springs, Ark.

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The next session of this body will be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Big Fork, Polk County, Ark., beginning at 11 o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1913; Rev. J. M. White to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Philip Abernathy, alterhate.

# Proceedings

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The fifty-fifth annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Mt. Olive Church, Montgomery County, at 11 o'clock, September 14, 1912, in harmony with its adjournment with Mt. Gilead Church.

The appointee, Rev. J. B. Miles, being present, preached the introductory sermon, from "God will provide." Rev. J. T. Covington concluded. Dismissed to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The body met at 2 o'clock p. m., by singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Moderator J. M. White read the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. W. W. Mahurin.

The body declared in regular order of business.

First—Called for the letters from the churches.

Second—Brethren H. L. King, Lee Sherman and W. W. Mahurin were selected to read the letters.

Letters from the following churches were read, and the following churches were enrolled:

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

Mt. Olive—W. W. Mahurin, S. S. Singleton.

Missouri River—Homer Sherman, Lee Sherman.

Macedonia—A. T. Hill, S. P. Posey.

Pleasant Hill—J. B. Liles, Jerry Lambert.

Sulphur Springs—J. J. Abbe.

Womble—H. L. King.

Little Hope—W. W. Delaney, W. M. Rizley, Sam Williams.

Black Springs—J. O. Butler, W. H. Guthrey.

Brushy Creek—Zach Hill, J. E. Singleton.

Big Fork—Egbert Holmes.

Third—Called for petitionary letters. Received none.

Fourth—Went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator—J. M. White.

Clerk—R. L. Thompson.

Treasurer—W. H. Guthrey.



Fifth—Called for visiting ministers. Received and seated Revs. D. W. Hall and J. C. Alexander, from the Southwestern Association.

Sixth—Called for corresponding messengers. Received none.

Seventh—The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Divine Service: Bro. W. H. Guthrey, Bro. Jonah Abee, with the deacons and messengers from Mt. Olive Church.

Eighth—Called the roll and marked the absentees.

Ninth—By motion, seated Bro. Jerry Lambert as a messenger from Pleasant Hill Church.

Tenth—By motion, dismissed twenty minutes for the Moderator and Clerk to appoint committees.

The following committees were appointed:

State Missions—W. W. Mahurin, S. S. Singleton.

Denominational Schools—A. T. Hill, Homer Sherman.

Associational Missions—H. L. King, S. P. Posey.

Orphans' Home—J. O. Butler, J. T. Covington.

Sabbath School—Lee Sherman, S. M. Williams.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Guthrey, Zach Hill.

Nominations—Jerry Lambert, W. W. Mahurin, U. P.

Awtrey.

Home Missions—W. M. Rizley, J. B. Liles.

State of Religion—Jonah Abee, J. C. Singleton.

Ministers' Names and Postoffices—B. G. Willhite, Lee Sherman.

Finance—J. O. Butler, W. H. Guthrey.

Obituaries—J. T. Covington, W. M. Rizley.

Religious Literature—A. T. Hill, S. P. Posey.

Duties of Pastor to Churches and Churches to Pastor—H. L. King, W. W. Williams.

Temperance—Jonah Abee, Homer Sherman.

Tenth—Read and adopted the report on Divine Service.

Eleventh—By motion, adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m., Monday morning.

## SATURDAY NIGHT.

Seven-thirty preaching by Rev. D. W. Hill. Text, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," John 12: 32, from which he preached an able discourse.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

The body came together by singing and prayer by Rev. J. T. Covington.

Preaching at 10 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Hill. Text, "The Christ."

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. O. Butler. Text, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

Preaching at 3 o'clock by Bro. A. T. Hill. Text, "Faith, Hope and Charity."

## SUNDAY NIGHT.

Seven-thirty prayer meeting led by Bro. J. T. Covington, after which preaching by Rev. J. M. White. Text, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" Heb. 2:6.

## MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body called together by singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The Moderator read the 28th chapter of St. Luke. Prayer by Bro. W. W. Mahurin.

First—Called for reading of previous minutes. By motion and second, the minutes were adopted, with the amendment that the messengers' names who are not present not be printed.

Second—By motion and second, limited the time of speaking to five minutes.

Third—Called for report of committees.

First—Report on Orphans' Home read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following report:

There are about 150 children in the Home at Monticello. The managers of the Home were compelled last year to make some improvements and more room is badly needed. It takes 50 pounds of flour for breakfast. These children are dependent upon the Baptists of Arkansas for a support. Clothing, feeding and educating orphan children is undoubtedly a good work. We recommend that the pastors of our churches take collections regularly and forward to the manager of the Home at Monticello.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. BUTLER,

J. T. COVINGTON.

Second—Report on Nominations read and, by motion, restored to the committee for the purpose of appointing the



time of meeting and the selection of some one to preach the introductory sermon, and to appoint a committee to carry on the missionary work of the Association.

Third—Report on State of Religion read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on State of Religion, find from the reading of the church letters that the cause is not as prosperous as last year in the bounds of the Association. We also find that all the churches have pastors. We pray the good Lord that His work may be more prosperous another year, and pray God to bless our labor and send more workers in His vineyard.

J. J. ABEE,  
J. C. SINGLETON.

Fourth—Report on Obituaries read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find seven deaths reported; from Mt. Olive, Sister Louisa Friar; Mt. Gilead, Bro. J. F. Cogburn, licensed minister; Sulphur Springs, Sister A. E. Posey; Big Fork, Bro. J. D. Holmes, Bro. Ben Gorman and wife, and Sister Pearl Foster.

J. T. COVINGTON,  
*Chairman.*

Fifth—Report on Home Missions read and, by motion, restored to the committee for reconsidering.

Sixth—Report of Associational Missions read and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg to submit the following report:

The mission board did no work in the Association the past year that we know of or can get knowledge of, and as in the past, we find a great field open in which much missionary work should be done. The great commission is, "Go and preach the gospel to every creature." It thus becomes the duty of the churches to supply this pressing demand. We therefore recommend that the Association authorize the board to employ a man for as much time as possible with the funds at their disposal. We also urge our beloved pastors to take up quarterly collections at their churches and report the results immediately to the board each quarter, so they can act intelligently. We strongly urge our people to go forward in this matter, for the Caddo River territory is to us the Jerusalem spoken of by Christ in the commission, and should by

all means occupy the field, for the harvest is truly ripe and the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. P. POSEY,  
H. L. KING.

A very lively discussion followed this report, and the following pledges made:

Black Springs Church.....	\$10.00
Mt. Gilead Church.....	5.00
Little Hope Church.....	10.00
Little Missouri River Church.....	5.00
Brushy Creek Church.....	5.00
Macedonia Church.....	5.00
Mt. Olive Church.....	5.00
W. W. Mahurin—15 days preaching.	
B. F. Brewer.....	2.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>

By motion and second, the body omitted preaching at 11 o'clock.

By motion and second, seated Bro. Egbert Holmes as a messenger from Big Fork Church.

By motion and second, read the letter from Big Fork Church.

The report on Ministers' Names and Postoffices read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministers' Names and Post-offices, submit the following report:

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. O. Butler.....	Black Springs, Ark.
J. M. White.....	Black Springs, Ark.
A. A. Bates.....	Waters, Ark.
F. F. Edward.....	Clagett, Ark.
Elijah Abbe.....	Big Fork, Ark.
J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork, Ark.
Philip Abernathy.....	Big Fork, Ark.
A. T. Hill.....	Oden, Ark.
W. W. Mahurin.....	Oden, Ark.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS.

Charley Roberts.....	Black Springs, Ark.
J. T. Covington.....	Black Springs, Ark.
M. F. Hill.....	Oden, Ark.
M. E. Ford.....	Egger, Ark.
Sam Sherman.....	Slatington, Ark.



## VISITING MINISTERS.

D. W. Hill ..... Lockesburg, Ark.  
 J. A. Millender ..... Horatio, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,  
 B. G. WILLHITE,  
*Chairman.*

By motion, adjourned until 1 p. m.

## MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

The body was called together by singing. Prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. M. White.

By motion, appointed Bro. Egbert Holmes to help the Committee on Religious Literature.

The report on Sunday Schools read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report:

We find in the bounds of the Caddo River Association there is a great need of Sabbath Schools, and we urge that pastors, deacons and parents take a greater interest in this much needed work. We further suggest that each church in this Association organize a Sunday School, for we believe that Sunday School is a good way to advance the cause of Christ.

Respectfully,

LEE SHERMAN,  
 SAM WILLIAMS.

Report on State Missions read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on State Missions, find there is quite a destitution in the State. We therefore recommend that the Caddo River Association take her part in this work, and that what she does be done strictly through her churches, and that we co-operate with no other organization in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. MAHURIN,  
*Chairman.*

Report on Duty of Churches to Pastors and Pastors to Churches read and adopted as follows:

The Bible itself enjoins on the pastors the duty of feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers. And again, preach the Word. Thus it is seen that the pastor's duty to the church is to minister to the flock



in things spiritual. The pastor's duty to the church is indeed great, but the duty of the church to the pastor is equally as great, for he that ministereth in things spiritual is to be ministered to in things temporal, so the duty of the church to the pastor is to supply, or see to it that his temporal needs are supplied. To respect, assist, and to encourage in every way possible, to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. KING,

*Chairman.*

Report on Nominations read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, find that there is only two churches asking for the Association next year. We therefore recommend that the next session of this body be held with Pleasant Hill Church, beginning Saturday, at 11 o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1913, Bro. J. M. White to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. Philip Abernathy alternate. Missionary sermon, Sunday, at 11 o'clock, by Bro. W. W. Mahurin. Associational Mission Board, Brethren Jonah Abee, R. L. Thompson and I. P. Friar.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DELANEY,

*Chairman.*

Report on Denominational Schools read, amended and adopted, as follows:

We recommend that our people patronize our own denominational schools located at Arkadelphia, Conway and Bodcaw, and that we contribute to the support of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER SHERMAN,

E. E. HOLMES.

Report on Religious Literature read, amended and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, submit the following report:

We recommend the Bible as the book above all books, and to be read and studied; no preference to any other literature.

We further recommend other literature, such as books and papers published by our denomination.

Respectfully,

A. T. HILL,

*Chairman.*

Report on Temperance read and adopted, as follows:

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

We find that intoxicating drinks are a curse to the human family. We therefore recommend that our Baptist people abstain from its use, and use their utmost influence and vote to prohibit the manufacture, sale or use, not only in this Association, but throughout the State, believing it to be wrong for the government to be partner with the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ABBE,  
HOMER SHERMAN.

Report on Finance read and adopted, as follows:

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

Sent up by the churches for minutes.....	\$19.15
Associational Missions .....	.35
State Missions .....	.35
Home Missions .....	.35
Foreign Missions .....	.35
Orphans' Home .....	3.35
By Collection Associational Missions.....	5.20
Balance in Treasury from Last Year.....	25.95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$55.05</b>

J. O. BUTLER,  
W. H. GUTHREY.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, as follows:

Minutes .....	\$19.15
State Missions .....	.35
Home Missions .....	.35
Foreign Missions .....	.35
Orphans' Home .....	3.35
Associational Missions .....	5.55
Amount on Hand .....	25.95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$55.05</b>

W. H. GUTHREY,  
Treasurer.

Report on Foreign Missions read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report the following:



The great commission is "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," making it a positive command, and it is manifested to us that each year opens greater opportunity for preaching the gospel, as commissioned. Necessity lays it upon us to make more self denial and greater sacrifices to meet this pressing demand.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GUTHREY,  
ZACH HILL.

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association tender our heartfelt thanks to Mt. Olive Church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality during our stay with them.

*Resolved*, That the pastors of the churches of this Association make a report of their year's work at the next session of this body.

*Resolved*, That this Association authorize the Clerk to have 200 copies of minutes printed by the Pugh Printing Company, of Little Rock, and that he have ten dollars for his services, and that he draw on the Treasurer to pay for minutes and his services. We further recommend that the churches send more money for minutes and Clerk, and that we will not take out of the missions funds any more money to pay for minutes.—J. O. Butler.

By motion and second, the minutes were read and adopted, and the body adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1913.

Then the body sang "Lord, I Want to Live for Thee," and took the parting hand. Thus ended the fifty-fifth session of the Caddo River Association.

R. L. THOMPSON, *Clerk*,  
J. M. WHITE, *Moderator*.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

## FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Invitation to visiting ministers and messengers to  
seats.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report of Preaching Committee.

## SECOND DAY.

1. Reading minutes.
2. Roll call.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments of next session.
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 the 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 prin-



cial 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 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 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 called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by 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 no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs 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 members 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.



## 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 fore-knowledge 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 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,

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership	Meeting Days	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor
Mt. Gilead.....	J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork.....	M. T. Covington.....	Black Springs.....	1	1				1	50		\$2.15	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.50	\$
Mt. Olive.....	W. W. Mahurin.....	Oden.....	L. P. Friar.....	Oden.....	1	4			4	1	37	3	1.50						5.00	
Missouri River.....	Phillip Abernathy.....	Big Fork.....	Lee Sherman.....	Slatington.....	1						12		.50	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35		
Macedonia.....	W. W. Mahurin.....	Oden.....	S. P. Posey.....	Oden.....							20	2	.75			15.25				
Pleasant Hill.....	Chas. Burnett.....	Board Camp.....	E. A. Lewis.....	Big Fork.....	5	1		1	2		63	2	1.15							
Sulphur Springs.....	J. M. White.....	Black Springs.....	J. H. Edwards.....	Alder.....	4						126	3	1.00							
Womble.....	H. H. Thomas.....	Mt. Ida.....	I. D. Jones.....	Womble.....	3	5					35						15.25	15.25		150.00
Little Hope.....	J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork.....	R. L. Thompson.....	Waters.....	5			3	4		70	1	1.70						3.00	19.00
Black Springs.....	J. H. Vann.....	Caddo Gap.....	John Prowse.....	Black Springs.....		2					66		2.00			3.50	3.50	3.00		56.80
Brushy Creek.....	J. T. Martin.....	Oden.....	Zach Hill.....	Oden.....	3	1		1	1		50	1	1.50						4.00	
Big Fork.....	Chas. Burnett.....	Board Camp.....	R. Slinker.....	Egger.....	21	1		5		4	84	4	3.00						3.00	