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#### OFFICERS.

ELDER J. O. BUTLER, Moderator Black Springs, Ark.

R. L. Thompson, Clerk Waters, Ark.

W. J. HALE, Treasurer Black Springs, Ark.

The next session of this body will be held with Big Fork Church, Egger, Polk County, Ark., beginning at 11 o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1914. Rev. J. O. Butler to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. J. B. Liles, alternate. Missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. T. Jones.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Pleasant Hill Church, Polk County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock, in harmony

with its adjournment with Mt. Olive Church.

The appointee, Rev. J. M. White, being present, preached from, "And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." Rev. Philip Abernathy concluded.

Dismissed to meet at 1:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the body was called together by singing. The Moderator, Brother J. M. White, read the 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Brother Vann.

The body declared in regular order of business.

First—Called for the letters from the different churches. Second—Brethren Butler, King and Standridge were appointed to read the letters.

Letters from the following churches were read and the

following messengers enrolled.

Black Springs-I. O. Butler, Charlie Roberts, W. J. .Hale.

Big Fork—H. A. Standridge, W. R. Standridge, J. M. Howell.

Mt. Gilead-J. F. Jeffrey, C. M. Bobo, J. T. Covington. Sulphur Springs-F. F. Edward, Gip Edwards.

Womble-H. L. King, R. M. Reece, Ula King.

Brushy Creek—J. N. Fiddler, B. G. Willhite. Pleasant Hill—J. B. Liles, J. W. Dilbeck, J. T. Jones.

Little Hope—W. M. Rizley, R. L. Thompson. Mt. Olive—I. P. Friar, S. S. Singleton, E. S. Singleton.

Missouri River-Monroe Shaw, Crad Crane.

Called for petitionary letters and received one from Sweet Home Church, and the Moderator in behalf of the Association extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegate, O. E. Smith.

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

Moderator—J. O. Butler. Clerk—R. L. Thompson. Treasurer—W. J. Hale.

Fourth—Called for visiting ministers, and seated Brother J. M. White from Caddo River Association and Brother J. H. Vann from Caddo River Association, South.

Fifth—Called for corresponding messengers; received

none.

Sixth—The Moderator appointed on Divine Service, Brother R. M. Reece, with deacons and messengers from Pleasant Hill Church.

By motion and second, dismissed fifteen minutes.

At 3:30 the body came together by singing "And Must This Feeble Body Die."

First—Read and adopted the report on Divine Service. Second—The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday Schools-J. T. Jones, J. T. Covington and H.

L. King.

Associational Missions—Charley Roberts, J. F. Jeffrey,

W. M. Rizley.

Third—By motion and second, the body adjourned with prayer by Brother H. L. King.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Preaching at Brother Phil Abernathy's by Brother J. O. Butler. text, "Faith."

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9:30 the body came together by singing for devotional

service, led by Brother J. O. Butler.

By motion and second, the report on Sunday Schools was read and a very lively discussion followed, and the report was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit

the following report:

Dear, brethren, we find that there is little or no interest in Sunday School work among the churches; and, as we believe that Sunday School is work of the church, we therefore recommend that each church organize a Sunday School at once, and put forth their best efforts to maintain the same. We find only two Sunday Schools reported, to-wit, Big Fork and Black Springs.

We recommend that the churches use convention litera-

ture. J. T. Jones.

J. T. COVINGTON. H. L. KING.

At 11:00 o'clock the body came together by singing. Prayer by Brother J. O. Butler, after which Brother Charles Burnett read from the 46th verse to the last of the 10th chapter of St. Mark, and preached a very able missionary sermon, and a free will offering of \$6.15 was given for Associational Missions.

After divine service the Moderator appointed the follow-

ing committees:

Home Missions—J. T. Jones, W. J. Hale and J. H. Ed-wards

Religious Literature—R. M. Reece, J. F. Jeffrey and I. M. Howell.

Finance - J. W. Dilbeck, B. G. Willhite and S. S.

Singleton.

Nominations—R. M. Reece, W. J. Hale and I. P. Friar. Obituaries—F. F. Edwards, J. N. Fiddler and J. B. Liles. Denominational Schools—Charley Roberts, J. M. White and C. M. Bobo.

Foreign Missions-J. T. Covington, O. E. Smith and

W. R. Standridge.

Duty of Pastor to Church and Church to Pastor—H. L. King, F. F. Edwards and W. M. Rizley.

Ministers' Names and Pastoffices-I. P. Friar, Monroe

Shaw and C. M. Bobo.

State of Religion—J. B. Liles, Charley Roberts and Crad Crane.

Temperance—J. T. Covington, B. G. Willhite and W. J. Hale.

Orphans' Home—Charley Roberts, J. H. Edwards and J. N. Fiddler.

State Missions—Elder J. M. White, H. L. King and R. M. Reece.

#### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Singing by the Pleasant Hill class from 1:30 to 2:30. At 2:30, preaching by Brother J. H. Vann; text, "The Mission of the Church," Matt. 19:28.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT.

At Shady School House, preaching by Brother Charley

At Pleasant Hill Church, at 8:00 o'clock, Rev. J. O. Butler opened the service by reading the first chapter of Romans, from 13th to 20th verses. Preaching by Brother J. T. Jones; text, Rom. 1:14.

#### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:20 the body came together by singing. The Moderator read the 103rd division of the Psalms and offered prayer.

First—Called for the reading of Saturday and Sunday's

minutes; read and adopted.

Second—My motion and second, roll called and absentees marked.

Third—The Moderator called for reports.

Report on Associational Missions read and discussed and recommitted for supplement.

By motion and second, dismissed twenty minutes for

preparation on reports.

At 10:30 came together by singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Report on Home Missions read and adopted, as follows: We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the fol-

lowing report:

We find that yearly many thousand foreigners are coming to our country and many of them know nothing of our blessed Savior. In order to make them good citizens, we must teach them to know Christ, for true citizenship comes only by our knowledge and acquaintance with Christ in the regeneration of the soul. The Home Board is making a strong effort to lead these people to Christ. Brethren, let us help them with our money and prayers, and put our lives into the work to redeem from the traditions of their homes.

J. T. Jones. W. J. Hale.

Report on Associational Missions read and adopted, as follows:

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

The Mission Board did no work in the Association the

past year. We find a great field open in which much mission 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 employ a man with the money already on hand and ask the board for help in this great work. We beg each church to pledge as much as they can to help do this great work the coming year, for the harvest is truly ripe and the laborers are few. The following is reported to the Association:

Mission work done by J. T. Covington: Days labored, 10; miles traveled, 40; sermons preached, 8; conversions, 2;

churches organized, 1.

Report of mission work done by J. O. Butler: Days labored, 15; miles traveled, 96; sermons preached, 19; conversions, 10; additions by baptism, 12; additions by letter, 6; churches organized, 1; collected on field, \$2.00.

Report of mission work done by C. C. Roberts: Days labored, 8; sermons preached, 8; conversions, 8; collected on

field, \$7.00.

C. C. ROBERTS. J. F. JEFFRFY. W. M. RIZLEY.

Report on State Missions read and adopted, as follows: We, your Committee on State Missions, beg to report as follows:

Reports to the State Convention disclose the fact that during the year there was delivered 16,863 sermons and addresses, 2,353 conversion, 1,567 baptized, 1,234 received by letter; 9 churches were organized; 68 Sunday Schools organized. There was collected on the field for all purposes \$34,443.49, and \$5,289.06 for State Missions. Just what portion of this was borne by the Caddo River Association and how much she contributed in the way of funds we are unable to state. But in justice to the great cause she should bear her part in the matter of State Missions. We, therefore, recommend that she aid in State Missions by her prayers, by sympathies, by contributions and co-operation, as much as lies in her power.

H. L. KING. R. M. REECE.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find eight deaths reported from churches as follows:

Brushy Creek Church—Brother G. W. Hill, Brother J. K.

Singleton, Sister N. E. Johnson, Sister J. N. Fiddler.

Big Fork Church—Brother Calvin Holmes, Brother James Ford, Sister Rachael Cotton.

Little Hope Church-Sister Vicy Friar.

F. F. EDWARD.
J. N. FIDDLER.
J. B. LILES.

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

We, your Committee on Duty of Pastors to Churches and

Churches to Pastors, submit the following report:

The Bible 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 we see that the pastor has a great duty enjoined on him, viz., to minister to the church in things spiritual; and we would recommend that the pastors place more stress in their preaching on the importance and necessity of the church giving and contributing to mission and church work. While it is clear that the pastor's duty to the church is great, it is equally clear that the church's duty to the pastor is equally as great, in as much as he that ministereth in things spiritual is to be ministered unto in things temporal. The duty of the church to the pastor then is to see that his temporal needs are supplied. To respect, assist and encourage in every way possible to lend the helping hand whenever and wherever needed.

H. L. KING, Chairman.

Report on Divine Service read, corrected and adopted, as follows:

Saturday night, at Brother Philip Abernathy's, preach-

ing by Brother J. O. Butler.

Sunday, at Pleasant Hill Church, 11 o'clock, preaching by Brother Chas. Burnett; 2:30, preaching by Brother J. H. Vann; 8:00, preaching by Brother J. T. Jones.

Sunday night, at Caddo School House, preaching by

Brother Chas. Roberts.

R. M. REECE, Chairman.

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

Ordained—J. O. Butler, Black Springs, Ark.; J. M. White, Black Springs, Ark.; J. T. Covington, Black Springs, Ark.; A. A. Bates, Waters, Ark.; F. F. Edward, Clagett, Ark.; Elijah Abee, Womble, Ark.; J. B. Liles, Big Fork, Ark; Philip Abernathy, Big Fork, Ark.; A. T. Hill, Oden, Ark.; W. W. Mahurin, Oden, Ark.; Samuel Sherman, Albert, Ark.; J. T. Jones, Board Camp, Ark.

Licensed Ministers—Charley Roberts, Black Springs, Ark.; M. F. Hill, Oden, Ark.; Joe Shaw, Albert, Ark.; M.

E. Ford, Egger, Ark.

Visiting Ministers—J. M. White, Black Springs, Ark.; Charley Burnett, Board Camp, Ark.; J. H. Vann, Caddo Gap, Ark.

I. P. FRIAR, Chairman.

Report on Temperance read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the follow-

ing report:

We find that intoxicating drinks are a curse to the human family. We, therefore, recommend that our Baptists people abstain from its use, and that they use their influence and vote to prohibit and discourage the sale of the same.

We also commend the State legislature for passing the

prohibition law.

W. J. HALE. B. G. WILLHITE.

By motion and second, adjourned for dinner until 1:00

o'clock p. m.

At 1:00 p. m. the body came together by singing "Some Sweet Day." Prayer by Brother J. T., Jones. The body declared in regular order of business.

Report on Foreign Missions read, discussed, re-read, dis-

cussed 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"—a positive command—and it it is manifested to us that each year affords greater opportunity for preaching the gospel as commissioned. Necessity lays it upon us to make more self sacrifices to meet this pressing demand. We urge our pastors to take up collections quarterly.

J. T. Covington.

W. R. STANDRIDGE. O. E. SMITH. Report on Finance read and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following: Sent up by churches—For minutes, \$21.10; Associational Missions, \$20.00; Foreign Missions, 75c; Orphans' Home, \$6.75; total \$48.60.

Associational Missions by collection, \$6.15. Balance in treasury from last year, \$27.18.

Total, \$81.93.

J. W. DILBECK. S. SINGLETON.

Report on Religious Literature read and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following:

We recommend the Bible as the book above all books, and to be read and studied in preference to any other literature. We further recommend other literature, such as books and papers published by our denomination.

J. M. Howell, Chairman.

Report on Nominations read and by motion and second

amended and adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, find that there is only one church asking for the next Association. We, therefore, recommend that the next session of this body be held with Big Fork Church, beginning Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1914, at 11 o'clock, and that Brother J. Q. Butler preach the introductory; Brother J. B. Liles, alternate. Missionary sermon Sunday at 11, by Brother J. T. Jones. We recommend for Associational Board Brethren J. O. Butler, O. E. Smith, Monroe Shaw, E. A. Lewis and W. M. Rizley.

R. M. REECE, Chairman.

Report on Denominational Schools read and adopted,

as follows:

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

C. C. ROBERTS. J. M. WHITE.

Report on State of Religion read and adopted, as follows: We find from the reading of the letters from the churches that some churches have had quite a revival, but we still find that there are weak churches and destitution in the bounds of the Association. We, therefore, recommend that the Association put forth a great effort to assist these weak churches to hold at least one meeting each month, and that we do a greater work in supplying the destitution with the gospel.

J. B. LILES. C. C. ROBERTS.

Report on Orphans' Home read and adopted, as follows:

We find that there are about 175 children at the Home in Monticello. The managers of the Home were compelled in 1911 to make some improvements and more room is badly needed. These children are dependent upon the Baptists of Arkansas for support. We, with our means and prayers, should take some humble part in this great work. We recommend that our pastors take collections regularly and forward to the manager at Monticello.

CHARLEY ROBERTS.
J. N. FIDDLER.

Treasurer's report read and adopted, as follows:
Minute fund, \$21.10; Associational Missions, \$20.00; Foreign Missions, 75c; Orphans' Home, \$6.75; Associational Missions, by collection, \$6.15; Balance on hand from former Treasurer, \$27.19; by collection at close of session for minutes, \$5.40; by subscriptions at close of session, \$5.50; total, \$92.93.

W. J. HALE, Treasurer.

The following resolutions were adopted:

No. I.

Resolved, That the Associational Board meet in one of our churches each fifth Sunday and hold a missionary rally for the furtherance of the cause of Associational Missions.

No. 2.

Resolved, That this body authorize the Treasurer to pay the brethren who reported missionary work done one dollar per day, with what was collected on the field.

No. 3.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Hill Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

By motion and second, the body accepted the file of minutes tendered the Association by Brother J. O. Butler and made him custodian of the same for a time.

By motion and second, a committee of Brethren J. O. Butler, J. M. White and R. M. Reece were elected to see after the camp ground.

The following messengers volunteered to the different Associations:

Ouachita—J. T. Jones.
Caddo River, South—R. M. Reece.
Pike County—J. M. White.
Buckville—H. H. Thomas.

By motion and second, the Clerk to have 300 copies of the minutes printed and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services, and that he draw on the treasury to pay the same.

By motion and second, the minutes were read and adopted, and the body adjourned to meet with Big Fork Church, Saturday, at II o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1914.

Prayer by Brother J. H. Vann, after which the congregation stood and sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and took the parting hand. Thus ended the fifty-sixth session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association.

REV. J. O. BUTLER, Moderator. R. L. THOMPSON, Clerk.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

#### FIRST DAY.

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 Committees.

#### SECOND DAY.

i. 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 I. 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 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 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.

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

- I. 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 oblector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- I. 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.
- ro. 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.

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