

# MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

DARDANELLE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

NEW HOPE CHURCH,

Yell County, Arkansas,

September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1876.

## OFFICERS:

JOHN YOUNG, Moderator.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk and Treas.

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The Messengers and Ministers, composing the Dardanelle Baptist Association, met with New Hope Church, Yell County, Arkansas, September 16th, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Spent one hour in prayer. Adjourned 10 minutes. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Young, from Matt. 20th : 24. Adjourned one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. Hudspeth.

Read the letters from the different churches and enrolled the names of their messengers. On motion reinstated the name of Union to the list of our churches. Called for petitionary letters.

*Elected Elders*—John Young, Moderator; and J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, granted Bro. Wolf, leave of absence.

Invited visiting Baptist Ministers to seats. Elders Shannon and Paslay took seats.

*Called for Correspondence*—Received A. F. Ross and D. S. Jettin, from Concord Association, and P. G. Light and P. A. Light, from Mountain Association.

*Appointed*—John Young and J. A. Keith, Correspondents to Concord Association—T. J. Allen and J. Hudspeth; to Clear Creek—J. R. G. W. N. Adams and J. Myers; to Mountain—T. W. Batson and W. F. Conlee; to United Association—J. R. G. W. N. Adams; to Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

On motion suspended the order of business for brother Keith to address the body.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning 8 1-2 o'clock. Dismissed by solemn benediction by the Moderator.

In the Interim appointed the following Committees.

*Deceased Ministers*—Keith, Godwin, and Myers.

*Domestic Missions*—Harley, Ellis and Raper.

*Temperance*—Hudspeth, John. L. Allen and Pendergrass.

*Sabbath Schools*—Crawford, Veazey and Scott.

*Documents*—White, Peeler and T. J. Allen.

*Finance*—Raper, Shepherd and John L. Allen.

*Nominations*—Ellis, Eidson and Batson.

*Publications*—Crawford, Myers and Keith.

*Preaching*—Myers, Brinson, Eidson, Keith and Ellis.

Sabbath 9 o'clock, a. m. Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. Keith. 10 1-2 o'clock, Missionary Sermon by Elder Hudspeth, from Luke 24: 47. Collection \$18,05. 2 1-2 o'clock, Sermon by Elder Shannon.

# MONDAY 8 1-2 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read and approved the minutes.

Read letter from Liberty Springs No. 1.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters.

Received a letter from Mount Tabor and extended the hand of christian fellowship to her messengers.

On motion adjourned for preaching by Elder Thomas, of Judsonia. Took a collection of \$7,80 for ministerial support. Met pursuant to adjournment, appointed, Crawford, Hudspeth and Keith, a committee on Ministerial Education. Adjourned one hour. Benediction by Elder Thomas.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Perry. Read Report on Domestic Mission. On motion recommitted said report and added Hudspeth, Ross and Keith, to the committee. Read and adopted same report, see appendix A.

Read and adopted report on deceased ministers, see appendix B.

Read and adopted report on Temperance, see appendix C.

Read and adopted report on Sabbath Schools, see appendix D.

Read and adopted report on Documents, see appendix E.

Read and adopted report on Finance, see appendix F.

Read and adopted report on Nominations, see appendix G.

Read and adopted report on Publications, see appendix H.

Read and adopted report on ministerial education, see appendix I.

On motion, granted Unity Church a letter of dismission.

Agree to hold the next session of this Body, with Scottville Church, Pope county, 6 miles north-east of Dover, on Saturday before the 3rd, Sabbath in September, 1877, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m.

On motion, granted brother Crawford leave of absence.



## PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the system adopted in the Dardanelle Association for furthering mission work has proved a failure and inadequate to the demand; and

WHEREAS, a more efficient system of disseminating Baptist literature among the brethren, and the propriety of building up a Baptist Institution somewhere in our section of country, at which we can educate our children directly under our observation and control, and as strength is found in union.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Dardanelle Association, that she invite the Concord, Clear Creek and Mountain Associations to co-operate with her in the accomplishment of these ends.

Resolved, That it is the sense this Body more effectually to promote this enterprise, that a General Association be organized.

Resolved, That the corresponding messengers to each of these Associations, bear a copy of these resolutions, asking their co-operation.

Resolved, That the Concord Association fix the time and place of holding said General Association and that each church be allowed one representative.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of New Hope Church for their hospitality during the session of this body.

Agreed, that the Clerk have five hundred copies of these minutes printed, and be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Read and approved the minutes. Sung a hymn and took the parting hand. Prayer by Elder Hndspeth.

JOHN YOUNG, Moderator.

J. H. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk and Treasurer.

The following amounts were raised for Domestic Missions

Antioch, N. H. Harley	\$10.00.
Donnel, C. M. White	2.50.
Donnel, D. C. A. Roach and J. A. Huckaby	10.00.
Clear Creek, J. F. Gray	10.00.
Clarksburg, J. W. Grantham	20.00.
Clarksburg, { W. W. Crawford and J. H. Hudson.	10.00.
Clarksburg, { Walter Crawford	5.00.
Clarksburg, D. Perry	2.50.
Clarksburg, Watson and Conlee	10.00.
Clarksburg, J. R. Raper	10.00.
Clarksburg, D. Drake	2.50.
Clarksburg, D. Drake	5.00.
Clarksburg, W. M. Peeler	5.00.
Clarksburg, J. A. Keith	25.00.
Clarksburg, J. A. Keith	5.00.
Clarksburg, W. Dawson (paid 1.00)	5.00.
Clarksburg, E. B. Landers	10.00.

# REPORTS.

(A)

## REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The plan adopted in former years has thus far proved inadequate to the demand. It is, therefore, advised that each church appoint three sisters to solicit subscriptions or means to further the work of missions. We further recommend that the messengers bind themselves for the sum — annexed to their names and go home to work with their churches to raise the means. We further recommend that the services of an efficient minister be procured to travel in the bounds of this Association, and he be empowered to raise means from the churches as he travels, either in subscriptions or means that will answer his purpose and report to the Treasurer quarterly.

J. A. KEITH, Char'n.

(B)

## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Master has preserved the lives of all our ministers another year. May his blessings continue over them and crown their labors with rich rewards.

J. A. KEITH, Char'n.

(C)

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding we have adopted resolution after resolution and report after report, regarding dram drinking as being calculated to bring reproach on the cause of our blessed master, we see that intemperance is still in our midst.

THEREFORE: we recommend to this body, that she request each pastor to preach at least two sermons on the subject of intemperance. Also we recommend that there be one appointed to deliver a lecture to this body at some convenient hour during her next session.

J. HUDSPETH, Char'n.

(D)

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

From the information we get from the different churches of this body, we regret to say there is so little interest taken in this important work. We deem it of great importance to churches and communities. We earnestly desire the brethren of the different churches to engage in the work of Sabbath Schools. We recommend libraries from Baptist Publishing Houses. We also recommend our churches to make a report of this work to the next association.

THOS. N. SCOTT, Char'n.

(E)

## REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find that Clarksville and Scottville churches request the next session of this body and that Unity asks a letter of dismission. Also Dardanelle has dropped 11 from her roll.

T. J. ALLEN, Char'n.



(F)  
REPORT ON FINANCE.

For Minutes.....	\$ 39 75
In hands of Treasurer.....	15 00
Collection on Sabbath.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 72 75

J. R. RAPER, Char'n,

(G)  
REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Elder J. R. G. W. N. Adams, to preach the Introductory Sermon, N. H. Harley alternate; Elder W. W. Crawford, the Missionary Sermon, and J. A. Myers alternate.

OLIVER ELLIS, Char'n.

(H)  
REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is the opinion of your committee that one of the great necessities of our churches is a sound Biblical Literature. For want of this we see a great diversity of opinions and practices which often lead to disastrous results. This is well understood and the benefits of it are reaped by others who avail themselves of the means of knowledge in the circulation of books that set before the people their peculiar views of Gospel truth. By this means they attain a oneness of the doctrine and demonstrate the maxim "united we stand, divided we fall." This lever for good has been too long neglected by us, without good books in our families our children grow up ignorant of our principles and are easily led into error. Many heads of families from the same cause are deficient in that knowledge which would enable them to give an intelligent reason for the hope which is in them or for their peculiar principles and practices. Did our members not avail themselves of the means of information that are in easy reach, we would see an influence growing out of it, that would tell powerfully for good in building up our Zion and enabling them to correct the misrepresentation of our principles and to instruct the inquiring. We would urge our brethren to procure and read Orchard's History of Baptists, Thomas Earnest, Grace Truman, The Trilemma and old Landmark reset, Inghel's Confession and the Graves and Ditzler Debate. If these were carefully read and compared with the word of God, we would soon see a change in the influence of our people upon the world. The circulation of Religious Newspapers is a great necessity, if we would keep pace with the christian world and know what our brethren are doing for the advancement of God's Kingdom. By it our zeal would be greatly increased. We would earnestly recommend all our brethren to take and read the Baptist published by J. R. Graves, Memphis Tennessee, and the Western Baptist, published by Boone & Espy, Little Rock, Arkansas.

We would urge all our brethren to purchase books and Sabbath School Libraries, from the Southern Baptist Publishing Society, as they are sound in doctrine and can be procured as cheap as at any other place.

W. W. CRAWFORD, Char'n.

(I)  
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the opportunity of free tuition furnished by Jackson University, for all who study for the Gospel Ministry and pledge ourselves to induce the young men called of God to preach to prepare for the work by study.

Resolved, That we recommend to all our churches to contribute 25 cents per member to the cause of Ministerial Education.

W. W. CRAWFORD, Char'n.

## CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This body shall be known as The Dardanelle Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches, known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers; one hundred members shall entitle a church to four messengers; and churches with more than one hundred members shall be entitled to one member for each succeeding hundred.

ART. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by two third vote, at each annual session and shall continue in office till their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to an order from the body.

ART. 5. The objects of the Association shall be: 1st. To promote fellowship among the churches, secure unanimity of faith, and cultivate the piety of its members. 2nd, To labor for Domestic and Foreign Missions, and for the establishment of Sabbath Schools in all the churches. 3rd, To encourage the circulation and reading of Baptist Literature. 4th, An especial object shall be to encourage and provide assistance for the education of the rising ministry, and for this purpose to establish an institution of learning in our midst as soon as practicable.

ART. 6. This body shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council whenever it may be necessary. It, however claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from, and disown, all churches that depart from the principles of this compact; by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

ART. 7. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon their petitioning by letter and messengers at our annual meetings, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. 8. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at an annual meeting, for the purpose of joining any body which we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association; but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

ART. 9. A quorum to do business in this Association shall consist of at least two thirds of the messengers who may assemble at its session.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of this Association, by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members who are in attendance.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The Officers of this Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.



## RULES OF DECORUM.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; on obtaining leave, shall proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by nameing the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays, or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association. nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate has been carried through.
12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
16. Any member violating these rules may be reprovod by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
17. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of this body, by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposed change has been submitted to the body the day previous.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, The Farther, Son and Hol/ Spirit.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and that The New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of Baptism; and that immersion is the apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a scriptural Presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be kept as a day of rest and devotional exercise.

NOTE BY THE CLERK—Having failed last year to procure the Constitution and Decorum; I have inserted them in this minute.  
Printer's fee \$40.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Disin by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Total	Contributions	Preaching
Antioch	Elizabeth	Logan	N. H. Harley	W. O. Reynolds	N. H. Harley, *S. D. Reynolds, W. Cotton	0	1	3	0	2	0	020	\$...	3
Bethel	Dardanelle	Yell	J. R. G. W. N. Adams	C. M. White	J. R. G. W. N. Adams, C. M. White, A. M. Jones	0	1	1	0	1	0	032	1 50	2
Beulah	Danville	Yell	B. F. Ellis	J. M. Rouch	*W. N. Sloan, D. C. A. Roach, J. R. Huckaby	13	6	0	0	1	0	030	2 15	2
Cane Creek	Morrison's Bluff	Logan	J. S. Gray	J. A. Gray	*J. S. Gray, *G. W. Burns, J. F. Gray	1	0	7	4	4	1	177	2 00	2
Clarksville	Clarksville	Johnson	J. Hudspeth	J. W. Grantham	J. Hudspeth, J. W. Grantham	11	5	0	0	0	2	48	2 00	1
Corinth	Black Fox	Johnson	J. A. Myers	J. R. Stilley	*J. R. Jett, *J. G. Kirkpatrick	0	3	1	0	11	0	76	2 00	8
Dardanelle	Dardanelle	Yell		R. Veazey	W. W. Crawford, J. H. Hudson, R. Veazey	0	0	0	2	0	1	50	2 00	0
Galley Creek	Atkins	Pope	W. W. Crawford	S. H. Watson	*S. H. Watson, *L. B. Collier, C. E. Marsh	0	2	0	0	1	0	36	1 00	0
Liberty Springs 1	Russellville	Pope	J. Hudspeth	W. Wheeler	D. Perry, L. C. Shinn, A. Robertson	5	2	0	0	1	0	58	2 60	2
Liberty Springs 2	Shoal Creek	Logan	W. S. Young	J. T. Hodges	J. T. Hodges, E. A. Rogers, W. V. Frazier	0	1	1	0	2	0	85	...	2
Landmark	Magazine	Logan	John Young	J. J. Corley	J. W. Young, A. Robinson	4	1	0	0	0	0	25	1 10	2
Lewisburg	Lewisburg	Conway	W. W. Crawford	Wm. Conlee	T. W. Batson, Wm. Conlee	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	3 00	2
Mountain Spring	Dardanelle	Yell	J. A. Myers	J. G. Ellis	Oliver Ellis, *B. F. Ellis	0	0	2	0	0	0	20	40	4
Mountain Arbor	Cassville	Johnson	E. J. Hogan	J. E. Hughes	No representation									
Macedonia	Morrison's Bluff	Logan	G. W. Burns	J. R. Raper	J. R. Raper, W. M. Raper	2	4	0	0	4	2	36	25	4
New Hope	Dardanelle	Yell	J. W. Pendergrass	R. J. Pendergrass	J. A. Myers, J. W. Eidson, R. W. Brinson	0	3	0	0	7	1	59	2 00	1
New Prospect	Bolesville	Pope		S. G. Manscill	*J. D. Owens, *J. J. Martin	1	0	0	0	0	7	7	50	
Pleasant Grove	Shoal Creek	Logan			No representation									
Pleasant Valley	Omega	Yell			No representation									
Pleasant Hill	Ellsworth	Logan			No representation									
Pine Hill	Clarksville	Johnson	J. Hudspeth	E. T. Harris	*J. L. Reegan, *E. T. Harris	2	4	0	0	0	0	15	50	4
Revillee	Magazine	Logan	John Young	A. M. Bass	J. Young, James Corley	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	1 00	1
Russellville	Russellville	Pope	J. R. G. W. N. Adams	J. H. Perry	T. N. Scott, W. Peeler	7	7	2	1	0	1	163	3 50	3
Shiloh	Magazine	Logan	John Young	J. A. Keith	J. A. Keith, I. Godwin, W. E. Weems	1	3	1	0	1	2	25	2 00	2
Spring Creek	Danville	Yell	B. F. Ellis	C. Fowler	*C. Fowler, *B. F. Baker	8	2	0	0	0	0	31	75	2
Scottville	Scottville	Pope	S. O. Howard	John A. Hickman	*J. J. Wooton, Eli Landers, *E. Sharley	12	2	0	0	0	0	47	...	...
Paris	Paris	Logan	S. H. Blair	F. A. Beach	F. A. Beach, *J. C. Smith	1	2	1	0	0	0	14	25	...
Union Grove	Clarksville	Johnson	T. J. Allen	W. O. Reynolds	T. J. Allen, J. C. Smith	1	2	0	0	0	0	14	25	...
Union	Paris	Logan	S. H. Blair			1	2	0	0	0	0	14	25	...