



OF THE  
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

Caddo River  
Missionary Baptist  
Association

HELD WITH  
MOUNT IDA CHURCH

MOUNT IDA, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18,

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MINUTES  
OF THE  
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OFFICERS:

ELD. J. M. WHITE, MODERATOR

Black Springs, Ark.

ERNEST BERRY, CLERK

Sims, Ark.

R. M. REECE, TREASURER

Woinble, Ark.

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The next session of the body will be held with the Oden Baptist Church, Oden, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, September, 15th, 1917. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Bro. J. O. Butler; T. J. Wright, alternate. The Missionary Sermon is to be preached by Bro. J. W. Hulsey.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Mt. Ida Church at Mt. Ida, Arkansas, at 10:30 o'clock Saturday, September 16th, 1916.

The body was called together by a song service led by Pastor Hulsey and prayers by Bro. T. J. Wright and Bro. C. C. Roberts. After a short intermission the congregation was again called together by singing "More About Jesus." Bro. J. B. Liles being absent, the alternate, Bro. C. C. Roberts, conducted the services. Bro. J. M. White led in prayer after which Bro. Roberts read the 23d Psalm. After another song and prayer Bro. Roberts preached the introductory sermon from Numbers 13:30, as a text. The sermon was followed by prayer by Bro. Hulsey.

The Moderator being absent Bro. J. W. Hulsey took charge and made the regular announcements. On motion the body then adjourned to 2 o'clock p.m. Bro. Yearwood pronounced the benediction.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2 o'clock p.m. the body was called together by singing "For You I Am Praying." Bro. J. T. Jones led in prayer and the Association sang, "I Want to Be a Worker for the Lord."

In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. J. O. Butler, a motion was made and carried that the Clerk appoint a Moderator pro tem. In accordance with the motion the Clerk appointed Bro. J. W. Hulsey to act until the body was duly organized and his successor elected.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Bro. C. C. Roberts, Bro. Ernest Berry, and Bro. W. L. A. Stranburg to read the letters. When the letters were read and the messengers enrolled the Moderator declared the Association duly organized and ready for the transaction of business. The body entered immediately into the election of officers.



The following tellers were appointed: Bro. W. L. A. Stranburg to receive the vote for Moderator, Bro. Ernest Berry to receive the vote for Clerk, and Bro. J. H. Vann to receive the vote for Treasurer. Bro. J. M. White was elected Moderator, T. J. Wright Clerk, and R. M. Reece Treasurer.

Bro. Wright feeling himself unable to accept the position, immediately resigned. By motion the Association accepted his resignation and proceeded to elect Bro. Ernest Berry Clerk.

Upon the call for petitionary letters one was received from the newly organized church at Oden, and by motion the church was received into the Association and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers from that church.

Brethren Vann, Fuller and Tackett from the Caddo Valley Association were duly seated as corresponding messengers from that Association.

By motion Bro. A. R. Chitwood was seated as corresponding messenger from Buckville Association.

On motion Bro. W. L. A. Stranburg was seated as corresponding messenger from Pike County Association.

The following were appointed as committee on Divine Service: Bro. W. M. Rizley, Bro. R. M. Reece and the deacons of the Mt. Ida church.

H. L. King made the following report as a member of the Associational Mission Board: We employed Bro. C. C. Roberts as Associational Missionary at one dollar per day with what he might collect on the field as a bonus.

Upon request of the Caddo Valley Association through Bro. Vann, the Caddo River Association by motion ordered the Moderator, Bro. White, to make the Caddo Valley Association a deed to the camp ground at Caddo Gap.

A collection was then made to pay for circulars printed for the camp meeting at Caddo Gap, and one dollar and fifty-five cents was received and paid over to Bro. H. L. King, leaving a balance of ninety-five cents unpaid.

Motion made and unanimously carried to amend the constitution so as to make all ordained ministers in the bounds of this Association members ex-officio of the body.

By motion the constitution was also amended so as to make visiting brethren eligible to serve on all committees of the body. Bro. J. W. Hulsey was added to the committee on Divine Service.

On motion the business session was adjourned to 8:30 Monday morning.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Saturday night session was opened by a song service led by Bro. Earl Sandlin. After prayer Bro. T. J. Wright took the pulpit and delivered an able sermon from Judges 7:20 as a text.

The following committees were appointed: Sunday Schools, J. N. Fiddler, J. W. Hulsey, Z. C. Edwards; B. Y. P. U. Work, W. L. A. Stranburg, I. D. Jones.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The service was opened at 8:30 o'clock by singing "Down at the Cross." The Moderator, Bro. White, being called away on account of sickness, Bro. Hulsey took the chair. The report on Sunday Schools was read and by motion was carried over to Monday. The various features of the report were ably discussed by Brethern Hulsey, Stranburg, and Vann. A recess of fifteen minutes was then given.

The following committees were appointed: Denominational Schools, J. T. Covington, T. P. Sandlin, I. D. Jones; Home Missions, A. F. Smith, B. G. Willhite, J. E. Garner; Associational Missions, C. C. Roberts, W. M. Rizley, G. L. Graham; Orphan's Home, R. M. Reece, L. L. Willhite, A. F. Smith; Religious Literature, J. T. Jones, A. A. Fryar, Marion Covington; Obituaries, J. F. Jeffrey, S. S. Lee, Ed Wehunt; Nominations, J. A. Bell, J. H. Herring, H. A. Stanbridge; State Missions, C. C. Roberts, T. J. Wright, J. N. Fiddler; Duty of Pastors to Churches and Churches to Pastors, T. J. Wright, W. A. Brakefield, A. R. Eitwood; Ministers Names and Post Offices, W. H. Guthrey, E. L. Ledbetter, J. H. Edwards; Temperance, Marion Batterton, Phillip Abernathy, Morris Elder; Foreign Missions, J. W. Hulsey, I. D. Jones, W. L. A. Stranburg; Finance, Charley Brunt, E. A. Suit, S. W. Bass.



At the 11 o'clock service Bro. W. L. A. Stranburg occupied the pulpit in the absence of Bro. Butler who had been selected to preach the Missionary Sermon. He preached a powerful sermon from the text found in Matthew 28:18-19-20.

At the close of the 11 o'clock services Sunday the following pledges to State Missions were made to be paid on or before December 1st:

J. W. Hulsey.....	\$10.00
W. A. Brakefield.....	10.00
C. C. Roberts.....	5.00
I. D. Jones.....	5.00
H. H. Brooks.....	5.00
R. M. Reece.....	5.00
Ernest Berry.....	5.00
J. N. Fiddler.....	5.00
Marion Covington.....	5.00
B. G. Wilhite.....	5.00
L. L. Wilhite.....	5.00
A. F. Smith.....	2.50
Mrs. Coleman McKinney.....	2.50
J. F. Jeffrey.....	2.50
John Scott.....	2.50
O. G. Roling.....	2.50
Mrs. Mauldin.....	2.50
Morris Elder.....	2.50
Ruth Sandlin.....	1.00
Mrs. Brakefield.....	1.00
Mrs. Lula Standridge.....	1.00
J. E. Garner.....	1.00
Mrs. Ed Wehunt.....	1.00
Mrs. Will Tally.....	1.00
Ed Wehunt.....	1.00
Mrs. C. C. Roberts.....	1.00
Phillip Abernathy.....	1.00
R. M. Rizley.....	1.00
Bert Wehunt.....	1.00
S. S. Lee.....	1.00
Bro. McKay.....	1.00
Grandma Wehunt.....	1.00
Mrs. Bethel Green.....	1.00
Mrs. R. Suit.....	1.00
S. S. Fryar.....	1.00
Will Tally.....	1.00
J. H. Edwards.....	1.00
F. F. Edwards.....	.50

## SUNDAY EVENING

The afternoon session was opened with singing followed by prayer by J. E. Garner. The subject, "Young People and Our Opportunity with Them," was very ably discussed by Brethren W. L. A. Stranburg, H. H. Brooks, J. H. Vann, J. W. Shepard and C. C. Roberts. The report of the committee on B. Y. P. U. Work was read and by motion carried over to Monday morning.

## SUNDAY NIGHT

From 7:00 to 7:45 the Association was entertained by a program given by the B. Y. P. U. of Mt. Ida, and a talk by Bro. Ernest Berry. At 7:45 Bro. J. T. Jones took the pulpit and delivered a splendid sermon from the text found in Romans 1:13-14. A collection was then taken in behalf of Bro. Jones and \$14.48 was received and turned over to him.

## MONDAY MORNING

After singing and prayer the reports on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Work were adopted.

Report of committee on Religious Literature read and adopted. Report of committee on Christian Education read and adopted. Report of committee on Home Missions read and adopted. Report of committee on Duty of Pastors to Churches and Churches to Pastors read and adopted. Several speakers put emphasis upon the churches looking after the temporal needs of the pastor and especially that the deacons look after that matter. Report of the committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted. Report of committee on Orphan's Home read and adopted after being amended. Bro. J. W. Shepard of Buckville Association was duly seated as corresponding messenger from that Association. Report of committee on Associational Missions read and adopted. After a few minutes intermission the body was again called together by singing.

Bro. J. W. Shepard then took the pulpit and preached an able sermon from Matthew 5:14 as a text.

## MONDAY EVENING

After a brief song service Bro. J. T. Covington led in prayer. The roll was then called and the absentees marked. Motion carried to pay



Bro. T. J. Wright five dollars for mission work he had done. Bro. Wright promptly donated the money to the fund for paying for the printing of the minutes. Report of committee on Temperance read and adopted. Report of committee on Obituaries read and adopted. Report of committee on Finance read and adopted. Report of committee on Ministers and their Post Offices read and adopted. Report of committee on State Missions read and adopted. Motion made and carried instructing the Clerk to have 300 minutes printed. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Motion made and carried instructing the Treasurer to pay the Clerk \$10 for his services. Reprt of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

The following resolution was read and adopted: "Resolved that the Association tender its heartfelt thanks to the people of Mt. Ida for their hospitality and care during our stay with them."

Motion made and carried instructing any visiting brethren to act as corresponding messengers to Caddo Valley, Buckville, Pike County, Concord or other Associations. Motion made and carried to adopt the minutes as read.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Oden at 11 o'clock, Saturday, September, 15th, 1917.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: The Sunday School is recognized by all denominations who are progressive in doctrine and practice, as an indispensable factor in the church for the teaching of the Word of God to our young people and old people as well. It prepares the hearts and minds of the people for an intelligent and profitable hearing of the preached word, and enlists their co-operation with the pastor, and brings them into the greater life and fellowship of the denomination at large. It is therefore the teaching department of the church.

We therefore recommend:

1. That all of our pastors give special attention to the Sunday school work in their churches, by their counsel, presence and hearty co-operation with the Sunday School superintendent.



2. That regular teacher's meetings be maintained in connection with other plain duties devolving on pastors and officers of the Sunday School.

3. That our teachers be encouraged to take as soon as possible the SUNDAY SCHOOL NORMAL COURSE prescribed by our Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

4. That we avoid as far as possible all distinctions between the church and the Sunday School; that the church may remain pre-eminent as to its divine origin and authority over all its departments of work.

5. That suitable buildings for the Sunday School work be provided as rapidly as possible by our churches in order that we may avoid confusion in teaching the lesson.

6. That Baptist literature, only, be used in our schools.

7. That this department of our work be given a place in all our Associational and Fifth Sunday meetings.

J. W. HULSEY,

J. N. FIDDLER.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee on Religious Literature submit the following report:

1. We recommend the careful and prayerful reading of God's word.

2. We recommend for Sunday School Literature, the Southern Baptist Convention series.

3. We recommend as our state paper the "Baptist Advance." And as we realize the great need of a more reading people we recommend that each Baptist family select some good books on the doctrines and principles of Baptists and place them in their homes for the benefit of their children and the rising generation, so that our principles may be inculcated in the minds of the young.

J. T. JONES,

S. F. FRYAR,

J. T. COVINGTON.

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

We your committee on B. Y. P. U. work submit the following report:

The Young People's Work of our Denomination is being carried on through the B. Y. P. U. under the leadership in our state of Bro. Doak Campbell, a man of God who is doing a great work. We would recommend that all churches in the Caddo River Association get in communication with Bro. Campbell who will furnish a full supply of literature on the subject; will give you statistics on what has been done and will show you the possibilities of what may be done.

I. D. JONES,

W. L. A. STRANBURG.

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your committee on Christian Education submits the following:

The Bible is definitely in favor of Christian Education. Matthew 28:20; Ephesians 4:18; Hosea 4:6. Indeed, every word in God's Book that speaks against ignorance is for Christian Education. Jesus was a great teacher as well as a great preacher. Christ and his apostles everywhere emphasized the importance of knowledge touching religious work. We as Baptists and followers of Christ and His apostles must believe in and practice Christian Education as thoroughly as we do missions.

The education of preachers is especially important for Baptists. We will be woefully undone in time, if we neglect this fundamental matter. We urge with all possible emphasis that every young preacher in this Association do his utmost to get a good education. Preachers are given free tuition in all our Baptist schools in the State. At Ouachita College other financial help is given when needed.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Baptist Colleges—Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, for boys and girls, C. E. Dicken, D. D., president; and Central College, at Conway, for girls, J. W. Conger, L. L. D., president. The attendance at Ouachita last year, was about 300, and at Central 200. We also have Mountain Home College, (a mountain school academy) at Mountain Home, Rev. H. F. Vermillion, president; and Maynard Academy, at Maynard, Rev. W. A. Cummings, president. Both of these schools are mountain schools of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., for boys and girls, and are doing well.

It is hoped that our Baptist people will patronize our Baptist schools. They are as good as the best. The atmosphere in all these schools is religious and Baptist. The study of the Bible is given a large place in each of them.



Your Committee earnestly recommends that all our preachers preach often each year on the needs and benefits of our Baptist schools, and that they urge our folks to send their children to them. We further emphasize the great importance of every church in this Association making a worthy offering to our schools each year.

The churches co-operating through the Baptist State Convention are giving about \$20,000.00 this year to Christian Education. Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock.

I. D. JONES,

J. T. COVINGTON.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., is the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of saving the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Mission is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons, 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our Board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptism and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist Churches and 321 Sunday Schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the Light of the World, the Savior of mankind. No Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidences of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and the countryside, among white and black, natives and foreigner, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, messengers of Christ have brought light for darkness, and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned \$438,750 for Home Missions to be raised by Baptist Churches in seventeen States. This is less than \$18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and



weaker churches is able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

We recommend:

1. That our churches be encouraged to order and use the instructive free tracts of the Board, which tell of each phase of its work, and that classes be formed to study its admirable book, "Baptist Missions in the South," and its other Mission Study books.

2. That earnest prayer be made in all the churches for the Board and for its work, and that at least one sermon yearly be preached in every church on Home Missions.

3. That this Association take proper steps to apportion its Home Mission apportionment among the churches and publish the list in the minutes of our body, also that the matter be pressed upon the churches throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,

A. F. SMITH,  
J. E. GARNER,  
L. L. WILHITE.

#### REPORT ON DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES AND CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

We, your committee on Duty of Pastors to Churches and Churches to Pastors, submit the following:

We find the Scriptures enjoin on the Pastors the duty of feeding the flock over which the "Holy Ghost has made them overseers;" and again they must "preach the word."

Thus we see that the Pastor has a great duty resting on him; that of ministering to the church in spiritual things. And we insist and urge that Pastors put more and greater stress in their preaching on the importance and necessity of the churches giving and contributing to the spreading of the gospel.

Admitting that the Pastors duty to the churches is great, it follows that the duty of the Church is equally as great, for "he that ministereth in things spiritual, is to be administered unto in things temporal." The duty of the church to her Pastor is to see that his temporal needs are supplied; to respect, assist, and encourage in every

way possible to help whenever and wherever help is needed to spread our Lord's Gospel.

T. J. WRIGHT,  
W. A. BRAKEFIELD.  
A. R. CHITWOOD.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, were \$806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to \$518,323, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of \$180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of \$1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the subscriptions to this fund.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed \$129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday Schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Attention should be called to the great strides which the native churches are taking toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is \$5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Amongst our members in



foreign lands there are many tithers. There are indeed churches which make tithing a test of fellowship. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of Missionary work in their own land and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained, and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

Like everything that grows, our Foreign Mission work has increasing necessities. Our success has carried us into a situation from which there is no turning back and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can neither turn loose nor turn over to others. To turn loose means to ignore opportunities, forsake converts and churches or turn them over to other denominations. We ought not to do either. Perhaps there is nothing connected with Foreign Missions so imperfectly understood by the masses of our people as this of the unescapable necessities of the work. Conditions at home may be pieced out by other means, and in emergencies matters can be deferred for the time being, but such is not the case on the foreign fields where foreign missionary salaries and other items have to be met.

We would urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one Magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidated magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In addition to the mass of material in tract form, the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board calls special attention to the mission study class method. We would urge that a larger number of classes be organized to study the latest Foreign Mission Board Report which will be put into text-book form, and can be secured from the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. This Report is a valuable study on our own foreign mission work. We wish that a large number of our men and young people would study the Report in mission study classes or discussion groups, and that the women would see to it that special classes are organized for the men and young people, or that these be invited to the sessions of the women's classes.



In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt, we recommend that this Association divide among the churches on an equitable basis the apportionment for this year, and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1917.

In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the regular channels. We recommend the Every Member Canvass and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches.

J. W. HULSEY,  
W. L. A. STRANBURG,  
I. D. JONES.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We your committee on Orphans' Home report as follows:

We find the Home to contain about 130 children. About 75 or 80 children have been placed in good homes in accordance with the resolution passed by the last State Convention.

We also find that there is a debt of \$17,000 hanging over the Home, and that about 21 children have been declined because of the lack of funds to care of them. The debt must be raised and the children cared for,

Therefore we recommend:

1. That every pastor in this Association lay the matter upon the hearts of his people and take the lead in caring for these helpless ones as God commands us.
2. That all our Sunday Schools make monthly offerings to the Home.

3. That our Ladies' Societies be requested to join this debt-raising campaign.

4. That each church in this Association immediately take a cash collection to relieve the heavy demands.

R. M. REECE,  
L. L. WILHITE,  
A. F. SMITH.

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We your committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

We find that there has been forty days work done by C. C. Roberts. In this he delivered 48 sermons and lectures, organized the First Baptist Church at Oden, received 9 into the church by letter, baptized 12 and 6 were converted in his meetings.

We find the field very great and urge that some plan be adopted to reach our weak churches with some strong doctrinal sermons.

C. C. ROBERTS,  
G. L. GRAHAM,  
W. M. RIZLEY.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance report as follows:

We find intoxicating drink to be a curse to the human family, and hence, strongly urge all our Baptist people to abstain from its use; and they use their vote and influence to prevent its use and sale.

We especially call attention to Initiatory Act No. 2, which is to be voted on at the coming November election, which if it carries will repeal our state-wide prohibition act.

Note especially these features of the act:

1. It is not local option but county option.
2. That a county judge is forced to grant license to saloons, in counties voting wet or go to the penitentiary as a penalty.
3. That it provides that any person raising grapes or other fruits may manufacture wines and liquors from them and sell the same in five-gallon lots without license.

We urge every Baptist to do his best with vote and influence to defeat this act at the polls in November.

MARION BATTERTON,  
MORRIS ELDER.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries find that there have been three deaths among us this year:

Sister Margaret Perrin, of Mt. Gilead church; Sister Temperance Amerson of Brushy Creek church, and Sister M. E. Pinkerton, of Sweet Home church.

J. F. JEFFREY,  
ED WEHUNT.

#### REPORT ON FINANCES

We your committee on Finances submit the following report:

We have received from the churches the sum of \$30.10 for minutes and \$1.50 for Orphans' Home which we have duly turned over to the Treasurer.

S. W. BASS,  
E. A. SUIT,  
CHARLIE BRUNT.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

We your committee on Ministers and their Postoffices report as follows:

##### ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. C. Roberts.....	Oden, Arkansas
F. F. Edwards.....	Alf, Arkansas
E. Abee.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
J. O. Butler.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
J. M. White.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
J. T. Covington.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
T. J. Wright.....	Fancy Hill, Arkansas
H. T. Howell.....	Opal, Arkansas
J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork, Arkansas
M. F. Garrett.....	Fancy Hill, Arkansas
J. W. Hulsey.....	Mt. Ida, Arkansas
A. F. Smith.....	Mt. Ida, Arkansas



S. S. Lee.....	Mt. Ida, Arkansas
Phillip Abernathy.....	Big Fork, Arkansas
Sam Sherman.....	Albert, Arkansas
S. W. Sherrod.....	Albert, Arkansas
J. T. Jones.....	Womble, Arkansas

### LICENSED MINISTERS

G. H. Edwards.....	Alf, Arkansas
George Vandiver.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
S. C. Parish.....	Mt. Ida, Arkansas
Z. C. Edwards.....	Womble, Arkansas
Joe Shaw.....	Albert, Arkansas
L. L. Wilhite.....	Oden, Arkansas
S. S. Singleton.....	Oden, Arkansas

E. L. LEDBETTER,  
J. H. EDWARDS,  
W. H. GUTHREY.

### <sup>1</sup> REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Your committee on State Missions submits the following report:

All New Testament churches find their origin and end in missions. The ultimate origin of missions is to be found in the heart of God; the historical origin of missions is found in the life and death of Christ, and the practical origin and application of missions is entrusted to Baptist or New Testament churches. Missions believed in and practiced is just as much a mark of true Baptists as the restricted Supper of our Lord, or the preservation of the saints.

State Missions is in many respects the very heart of all our denominational work. State Missions is the constant friend of Association Missions, the conservator of Home Missions, and the base of supplies for Foreign Missions. No church in this Association can afford not to make an offering to State Missions this year.

State Missions includes revival meetings, baptizing, reviving and

enlisting laggard churches, colportage, helping to build church houses, aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Work, and Woman's Work.

In 1915 the churches co-operating through the Baptist State Convention did the following State Mission work:

Missionaries and other workers.....	60
Conversions.....	2,301
Baptisms .....	2,053
Additions.....	3,085
Bible Schools held .....	11
Bible Institutes held .....	132
Amount raised in Arkansas for State Missions...	\$18,762.00

This year our number of employees in State Mission work is 56; the number of conversions up to September 1, was 2,511; the number of baptisms 1,802, and number of additions 2,518.

To put our State Mission work out of debt, the Baptists of the state need to raise between this and December 6, approximately \$27,997.12.

Your committee would recommend three things:

1. That our people all up and down the Association pray devoutly for our State Mission cause.
2. That every pastor by sermons, gift and visits do his utmost in every church for the State Mission debt.
3. That our pastors and active laymen and women organize themselves into committees of two or more and go out to try to get every church in the Association to make an offering to State Missions.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock.

C. C. ROBERTS,  
T. J. WRIGHT,  
J. N. FIDDLER.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand at beginning of Session of 1915.....	\$38.51
Received for minutes and Clerk's services.....	24.45
Received for Associational Missions.....	13.50
Received for Orphan's Home.....	96.65
Total on hand at close of session 1915.....	86.11
Paid Oct. 2nd to H. L. King for minutes and Clerk services.....	24.45
Paid to John Milain for circulars for 5th Sunday meeting.....	1.00
Paid May 8th 1916, to J. S. Rogers for Orphan's Home..	9.65
Balance on hand at beginning of session, 1916.....	51.01
Received Sept. 18th for minute and Clerk fund.....	35.10
Received Sept. 18th for Home Missions.....	1.00
Received Sept. 18th for Orphan's Home.....	1.50
Received Sept. 18th from sale of timber on camp ground.....	.85
Received Sept. 18th for H. L. King.....	3.60
Amount on hand at close of session of 1916.....	96.03

R. M. REECE, Treasurer.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee on nominations report as follows:

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Baptist church at Oden. That the Introductory Sermon be preached by Bro. J. O. Butler; Bro. T. J. Wright, alternate. That Bro. J. W. Hulsey preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a.m., Sunday. That Brethren J. W. Hulsey, J. M. White, and J. O. Butler be appointed as Executive Board and Associational Mission Board, and that the next meeting of the Board be held at Womble.

J. A. BELL,  
J. H. HERRING.



## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches of the Union and the ordained ministers of the various churches in the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they can take their seats.

Article 3. The messengers 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 session of the Association, and continue in office until their successors shall be chosen.

Article 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 an 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 messengers from the churches and the ordained ministers, 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 under this constitution.

Article 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 messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Article 6. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions from the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and be 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.

Article 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and 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.

Article 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 the same to his successor in office.

Article 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.

Article 11. That the Moderator and Clerk be considered and hereby are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Boards.

Article 12. Visiting brethren shall be eligible as committeemen.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. When the messengers 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 protem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall



be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the messengers be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the messengers' 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 the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of its members and declare the result, a plurality governing in 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 messengers 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 order to seat 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, but 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 Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God and the only Rules of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the Doctrine of the 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 sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed 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 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 that the punishment of the wicked shall be Eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any 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 baptizd 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.



CHURCHES.	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Minute and Clerk Fund	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions
Big Fork	1		3	3	7		70	\$2.35	\$	\$	\$
Brushy Creek	8			20		1	73	2.00			
Black Springs	1			4	1		46	2.05			
Little Hope		3			1	1	36	2.00			
Mount Gilead					3	1	77	3.25			1.60
Mount Ida	3	3		2	3		126	5.00		40.00	34.00
Macedonia	7			3			15	1.65			
Mount Olive	4			2	2		57	2.50	.75		
Oden	5	10					15	1.75			
Providence							22	1.05			
Sulphur Springs					3		21	1.25			
Sweet Home	6	8	3			1	39	2.00			
Womble	3	2		11			56	2.50		24.57	0.00

	The Poor	Incidentals	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Value, Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Contributed by Ladies' Aid	Christian Education	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	MESSENGERS.
3.40	\$ 2.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 300.00	\$ 26.11	\$	\$	\$	H. T. Howell	Opal	W. R. Lackey	Opal	{ E. A. Suit
10.00					500.00					C. C. Roberts	Oden	J. N. Fiddler	Oden	{ B. G. Wilhite
23.25			2.65		350.00	64.50	7.17			T. J. Wright	Fancy Hill	Jesse Harbor	Black Springs	{ J. N. Fiddler
44.26	5.00	57.89		38.80	500.00	18.50				Phil. Abernathy	3 1/2 Fork	Mace Ferguson	Alder	{ J. H. Herring
										J. O. Butler	Black Springs	C. M. Bobo	Black Springs	{ C. E. Brunt
														{ W. H. Guthrie
														{ W. M. Rizley
														{ J. M. White
														{ J. T. Covington
														{ J. F. Jeffrey
														{ M. Batterton
														{ O. G. Rolling
														{ Ernest Berry
														{ S. W. Bass
														{ W. F. James
														{ G. W. Maddox
														{ P. R. Abernathy
														{ L. Wilhite
														{ S. S. Lyar
														{ C. C. Roberts
														{ J. E. Gar
														{ Rep. by Lett
														{ F. F. Edwards
														{ J. H. Edwards
														{ T. J. Wright
														{ E. L. Ledbetter
														{ Mrs. Ledbetter
														{ I. D. Jones
														{ R. M. Reece
														{ J. A. Bell
11.44	3.00	37.74			1200.00	200.00	56.98	50.00	6.50	W. L. Stranburg	Glenwood	Will Johnson	Womble	