

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

ASH GROVE CHURCH,

MONROE COUNTY, ARK.,

OCTOBER 13, 14 AND 15, 1893.

OFFICERS

S. H. KING, MODERATOR.

W. H. PASLAY, TREASURER.

J. D. PERMINTER, CLERK.

Next session to be held with Marianna Church,
Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath
in October, 1894.

MIRROR PRINTING CO.,
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NOTICE.

On Page 6, Paragraph 2 reads: "he was allowed 10 per cent. for his services," etc. It should read \$10.00.

PLEDGES TAKEN FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

This page was overlooked until the Minutes were printed.

hence it appears here;

Clarendon	\$ 10 00
LaGrange	7 50
Rehoboth	10 00
Salem	10 00
Frenton	5 00
Lone Chapel	2 50
Hebron	5 00
Philadelphia	5 00
Ash Grove	5 00
Shiloh	2 50
Oak Hill	5 00
Forest City	10 00
Poplar Grove	10 00
Oak Grove	5 00
Forest Chapel	5 00
Haynes	5 00
Mars Hill	5 00
Marianna	10 00
Bible Union	5 00
Total	\$122 50

LaGrange H. R. Moran.

Level Valley—Not represented.

Clarendon O. J. L. Poland.

Rehoboth S. H. King, C. Langston.

PROCEEDINGS.



Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met with Ash Grove Church on Friday Oct. 13th, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m. The body was called to order by S. H. King, the former moderator, and J. B. Perminter was made secretary pro tem.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. J. Smith at 11 o'clock, from 1 Cor., 9:16. A good sermon.

AFTERNOON.

Letters were read by Elders H. J. Smith and H. Rhodes Moran, and Messengers enrolled from the following churches:

Barton Not represented.

LaGrange H. R. Moran.

Level Valley Not represented.

Clarendon O. J. L. Poland.

Rehoboth S. H. King, C. Langston.

Helena—T. M. Oldham.

Salem—H. J. Smith, R. H. Foster, W. H. Allison.

Trenton—W. H. Porter.

Good Hope—S. D. Johns.

Lone Chapel—A. Grizzle, J. M. Hicks.

Hebron—J. K. Sorrels, W. P. Taylor, T. H.

Psalmon.

Brinkley—J. B. Perminter.

Philadelphia—G. C. Goodwin, S. D. Sawyers, Jno.

Miley.

Ash Grove—J. B. Hardin, D. R. Steuman, T. A. Guy.

Bethlehem—Not represented.

Rama—Not represented.

Eudora—Not represented.

Cypress—Not represented.

Cotton Plant—G. W. Hill.

Wheatley—J. W. Patterson.

Howell—J. C. Griffin, B. M. Hughes.

Shiloh—W. C. Satterwhite.

Oak Hill—W. C. Kelso.

Prospect—M. E. Richardson.

Forrest City—W. H. Paslay.

Poplar Grove—J. B. Hodges.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus, W. A. Spivey.

Forrest Chapel—Julia P. Thompson, Buela Williams.

Haynes Sisters—Sallie Daniels, Emma Briley.

Big Creek—J. D. French, J. M. Hill.

Colt—Letter.

Mars Hill—N. L. Wilson, W. K. Leach.

Marianna—John L. Stricker, Lon Slaughter.

Bible Union—J. R. Nail, John Hiler.

On motion of H. J. Smith, S. H. King was re-elected moderator, and J. B. Permynter was elected clerk.

The association took a short recess, while the moderator appointed the regular committees as follows:

On Divine Services—Lon Slaughter, T. M. Oldham and the deacons of Ash Grove church.

State Missions—H. J. Smith, W. H. Allison, G. W. Hill.

Association Missions—W. H. Paslay, Lon Slaughter, W. H. Porter.

Home and Foreign Missions—H. R. Moran, F. L. Gustavus, W. A. Spivey.

Publications, J. L. Stricker, J. C. Griffin, G. C. Goodwin.

Education—J. W. Conger, Jessie Hodges.

Sabbath Schools—S. D. Johns, R. H. Foster.

Nominations—T. M. Oldham, W. C. Kelso.

Temperance—H. J. Smith, J. L. Shields.

Finance—Lon Slaughter, J. W. Patterson, Jessie Hodges.

The Association was called to order and petitionary letters were called for, visitors being invited to seats. Elder W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas

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Baptist: J. W. Conger, President Ouachita College; R. C. Meraris, S. S. Evangelist, and Eld. J. M. Woolam of Mississippi, accepted and took part in the discussions.

Correspondents were called for and Elder David May reported from White River Valley Association.

Correspondents were appointed to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. B. Perminter, H. J. Smith. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention: H. J. Smith, H. R. Moran, J. B. Perminter, W. H. Paslay, J. P. Forrer, Sr.

SATURDAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by J. L. Stricker. Minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The report on State Missions was read and discussion was deferred to 1 o'clock p. m. Report on Association Missions was read and on motion of Lon Slaughter, the report of the executive board was read and the two were discussed in connection. After lengthy discussions both were adopted, thus abolishing the present plans of mission work in the Association. See report B. On motion of J. L. Stricker, a committee of 5 was appointed to formulate plans for future work in missions: J. L. Stricker, W. H. Paslay, H. J. Smith, S. D. Johns, G. C. Goodwin.

Report on home missions was read and adopted. Report C.

Report on education was read, and after a feeling discussion was adopted. Report D.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 p. m., prayer by G. C. Goodwin. Report on State missions was taken up, and after discussion, was adopted. Report A.

On motion of Lon Slaughter W. H. Paslay was elected a passable member of the State Board.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. Pending the report, pledges were taken amounting to \$61. for Sunday School work, by R. C. Medaris. Report E.

Report on Publications was read and adopted. Report F.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted. Report G.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. Report H.

Report on Mission plans was read, amended and adopted. Report I.

Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7:15, and a report on nominations was read and after amendment was adopted. Report J.

The Treasurer submitted his report which was adopted.

Report on Finance was read and adopted. Re-

port K.

On motion of W. H. Paslay the clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed, and he was allowed 10 per cent for his services.

The following 'resolution' was offered by J. L. Stricker, and adopted.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the Ash Grove Church and this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body. J. L. STRICKER.

Adjourned.

Sunday morning the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock. W. H. Pasley was appointed to write a report on obituaries. Report L. ○

On motion of T. L. Oldham, the Association adjourned at 10:05 o'clock a. m., to meet with Marianna Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Thus ended, with song and handshaking, a very harmonious and profitable session of Mt. Vernon Association.

Elder H. R. Moran preached at 11 o'clock, and a collection was taken for missions, amounting to \$8.35



STATE MISSIONS.

The cause of State Missions should enlist the prayers, sympathies and contributions of the denomi-

nation throughout the State. From some cause it seems that there has been but little done this year.

It cannot be denied that there exists a great deal of destitution within the bounds of the state. Something ought to be done, something can be done and something must be done to send the Gospel to the destitute. While we are discussing plans and methods, sinners are perishing for want of the bread of life. The time has certainly come for active work. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to heartily co-operate with the convention board, in a wise and judicious method to develop our strength and increase our growth; extend the conquest of the Gospel and glorify God in the salvation of sinners.

Respectfully,

H. J. SMITH.

W. H. ALLISON.

Committee.

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ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

Your committee on Association Missions report There is no territory of any extent destitute of preaching. We have more preachers in the country districts now than at any previous time; and if they would all devote their whole time to the ministry, there would be no destitution within our bounds.

The missionaries employed this year found it very

difficult to find available fields of labor without infringing on that of pastors; which has caused some dissatisfaction. They did not receive the hearty co-operation that has hitherto been extended them which greatly impeded their work, and it is the opinion of your committee that we cease to employ missionaries and urge our pastors to occupy the weak points within our bounds, and that we use our mission funds to supplement their salaries at such points, and extend more help to the State Board, as there are many countries that have little or no Baptist preaching. We would urge our churches to continue their contributions for this work and the Master of the vineyard will bless their gifts with a reflex influence. Let there be a forward movement all along the line: Let all our ministers arouse themselves, and go out and possess the fields, trusting in the God of Israel, and the victory will be ours.

W. H. PASLAY,

LON SLAUGHTER,

W. H. PORTER.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee begs leave to report some interesting facts relative to our Home Board. It is doing a magnificent work, which is gratifying indeed:

Churches and Stations.....	1482
Missionaries employed.....	368
Baptisms.....	5111
Received by letter.....	4493

Total.....	9604
Sunday schools formed.....	412
Teachers and pupils.....	16611
Churches constituted.....	155
Churches built.....	32
Bibles distributed.....	1748

“This is encouraging and should serve as a stimulus to awaken us to more aggressive work along this line.

The Lord will bless his truth to the salvation of souls wherever it is dispensed.

The Home Board has pledged itself to give us one dollar for every two we raise in the State to be expended on our own field. Let us rally to the work and raise all the funds possible. H. RHODES MORAN,
Chairman.

D.

EDUCATION.

The necessity now, more than ever before, is laid upon us to educate our youth. The success of our fathers, with such limited educational advantages, with a meager population, cannot be achieved by their successors because the conditions are changing.

This changing condition brings with it new responsibility and if we would have our children fully prepared to meet this responsibility and to continue the work so nobly begun by their fathers, they must have the blessings of higher christian education and of the broadest culture. Mental and spiritual power are required to meet successfully the seductive in-

fluences of false religious teachings and the bold assaults of infidelity and Catholicism.

We urge the importance of early and thorough training in the local free schools and private schools of the country. Let our people see that these schools are taught by christian teachers of high character and good scholarship. The character of our children is largely moulded by the teachers with whom they are associated in early life. See that the mental and spiritual atmosphere of your local schools is pure.

We urge the duty of patronizing Arkansas College. Patriotism and State pride demand that colleges in Arkansas have precedence over others. In the building of these character, we find this love of native country one of the chief elements.

We further urge that our Baptist Colleges, Ouchita Central and Mountain Home, become the object of your prayers and patronage. All of them have opened auspiciously. God has blessed us more than we expected. Our colleges are the peers of any, and should not be classed with most of the institutions, not under denominational control, which bear the name of colleges.

Will not each of the ministers in the Association be active in urging upon our brethren in their respective fields of labor the great importance of giving their men and young women the advantage of a collegiate education? Will they not urge all the young

men and young women to seek the brightest christian culture! Send for catalogues and judiciously distribute them.

Self-conservation and self-preservation, as Baptists, teaching a full and pure Gospel demand, that we put forth every effort to more fraternally establish these schools. Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. CONGER.

J. B. HODGES.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee would say that the Sunday school should be considered the church at work, and no pastor of a Baptist church should feel that he has done his duty until he has a well organized Sunday school. As early instructions are most lasting, great care should be taken to store the youthful mind with a knowledge of the scriptures, and we know of no better way to do this than in the Sunday school, and we hope a deeper interest will be felt in regard to this work, and that more Sunday schools will be reported in the letters at the next association. We would recommend that this association co-operate with the Ark. Baptist State S. S. & Bible Board.

S. D. JOHNS,

R. H. FOSTER.

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PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee report as follows: Since we are

confronted with the fact that our people are being awakened on the subject of education and literary attainments having created within the young and established in the old a desire for knowledge and light upon Bible doctrines and denominational practices, it is our conviction that such literature should be placed before our Baptist hosts as shall conduce to their development in those principles which we hold to be God given and God honoring.

Above all we recommend the publication and distribution of the Holy Scriptures; believing that only with an open Bible can all nations be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

We further earnestly commend our state paper, the "Arkansas Baptist," as worthy the support of every Baptist within our bounds, being fully convinced that it is through it, as the only medium, that we may discuss and wisely mould the plans which are to advance the Master's work among us. A Baptist paper published by Baptists for Baptists should not be neglected by Baptists.

"Our Home Field," published by the home Mission Board located in Atlanta, Ga., and the "Foreign Mission Journal," published by the Foreign Mission Board located in Richmond, Va., both under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention, are necessary to a thorough knowledge of the work of Southern Baptists and should be upon the reading table of every home.

We recommend the convention series of Sunday School Lesson Helps, published in Nashville, Tennessee, for use in our Sunday schools, judging them to be sound in doctrine based on Bible truth.

We also commend to this body the use of such books, commentaries, and Sunday school Libraries, as are published by the American Baptist Publication Society. These we consider publications of moral and doctrinal tenor, calculated to develop the reader after the Gospel plan. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. STRICKER.

J. C. GRIFFIN.

G. C. GOODWIN.

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Temperance according to Webster is a moderate indulgence of the appetite. Intemperance is excess, drunkenness, inebriation. This matchless evil, the open saloon and excessive use of strong drink, is doing more to degenerate our race and bring misery, suffering and want to our people than any thing else in the land. Listen to some awful facts. The saloon cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, and imparts pesti-

lence. It fills the land with idleness misery and crime. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It is the life blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, curses God and despises heaven. It brings shame not honor, terror not safety, despair not hope, misery not happiness and with the malevolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolation and unsatisfied with its havoc, it kills peace, ruins morals, blights reputation, wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin.

Your committee would recommend the churches to exercise strict discipline on members who indulge in excessive use of strong drink.

H. J. SMITH,
J. L. SHIELDS.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., has employed many consecrated men and women to lift up, civilize and christianize the many millions who are dying for the bread of life. More men are being employed every year. This necessarily increases the liabilities of the board. Africa, China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, are all open for the reception of the Gospel. Shall

we leave them to die or shall we send them the gospel? We recommend that each church in the association take a collection for the work at the first meeting in May and October and forward same to the treasurer of the Foreign Board. We recommend that our church members take and read the Foreign Missions Journal, published at Richmond, Va., that they may know what amount of work is being done by the board.

H. RHODES MORAN, Chairman.



MISSION PLAN.

We suggest the appointment of a missionary to do mission, S. school, and calportage work during such parts of the year as seems practicable to the appointing board. We recommend that pledges be taken from the church looking to the support of such missionary.

J. L. STRICKER, Chairman.



NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations suggest that the next session of the association be held with Marianna church and that Bro. J. B. Perminter preach the introductory sermon. Bro. J. L. Sticker alternate. That the executive board be E. P. Burrows, Jesse Hodges, J. P. Farror Sr., James Belsha, J. W. Cook.

W. C. KELSO.

T. M. OLDHAM.

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FINANCE.

The finance committee reported the following collections:

For Association Missions.	\$93.75
For State Missions.	\$8.80
For Home Missions.	\$9.50
For Foreign Missions.	\$4.85
For Minutes.	\$40.70
Total	\$157.60

LON SLAUGHTER.

J. B. HODGES.

D. R. STEUMAN.

OBITUARIES.

Since our last meeting the following beloved brethren and sisters have fallen asleep in death at their posts:

Oak Grove Church—Bros. Wm. Gibson and R. J. Bickerstaff, both old servants of the Master. Philadelphia Sister Anderson and sister Elizabeth Terrentine. Ash Grove—Sister E. A. Barker. Marianna Deacon I. D. Brown. Good Hope Sister Catharine Poland. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

W. H. PASLAY.

TREASURER'S REPORT

DEBIT.

Amount received Finance Committee for Associ-

ation Missions.....	\$120 00
For Home Missions.....	4 75
For Foreign Missions.....	21 00
For Minutes.....	41 36
For State Missions.....	6 11
From Colt.....	3 65
From Barton.....	2 00
From Big Creek.....	1 75
Total.....	\$200 75

CREDIT.

By amount paid McKinney.....	\$ 9 85
Amount paid Fowler.....	10 00
Amount paid clerk.....	10 00
Postage on minutes.....	2 80
Foreign missions.....	21 00
State missions.....	10 85
Printing minutes.....	32 50
Peoples & McKinney.....	71 00
Money order and postage.....	77
Balance on hand.....	31 96
Total.....	\$200 73

Respectfully,

W. H. PASLAY

Treasurer

October, 1892.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board would respectfully report that they employed Elder W. B. Peoples and E. J. A.

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McKinney as Missionaries the past summer: the former for two and a half months, and the latter for two months, with the following results:

Number of conversions.....	53
Number received for baptisms.....	45
Number baptized.....	41
Number received by letter.....	12
Number received by relation.....	1
Amount cash collected.....	\$17.80
Amount to be sent to the Association.....	\$40.00
Number of Sunday Schools organized.....	1
Total number of services.....	136
The Board has paid the Missionaries.....	\$87.80
Amount still due them.....	\$137.20

S. H. KING,

Chairman of Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

FIRST DISTRICT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Days.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastors' Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Number in Sunday School.
Barton	G. C. Goodwin	H. A. McGill	Clarendon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	\$ 1.50							61
Clarendon	H. R. Moran	E. P. Barrows	La Grange	2 and 4	5	2	1	1	1	1	55	1 00	\$ 1.50			\$ 4.45	\$ 1.50		
Level Valley																			
Helena		B. R. Fitzpatrick	Helena		1	5	1	1	1	1	138	2.50				6.75			100
Lehoboth	W. H. Pasley	A. M. Hopkins	Vineyard	2 and 4	19	1	1	1	1	1	94	2.00				15.00			45
Salem	H. J. Smith	J. F. Jarrett	Marvell	4	12	5					84	2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00		10.00	2.50		30
Trenton	H. R. Moran	R. R. King	Trenton	1	3					1	35	1.50	\$ 2.50	1 00	\$ 15.00	5.00	85	\$ 5.00	40

SECOND DISTRICT.

Good Hope	Halford	L. H. Weld	DeView	2	12	8	7	6	1	1	122	1.50				1.45			80
Lane Chapel	P. C. Crow	John Howton	Brinkley	1	3	1	3	3	2		25	1.00				3.40			
Hebron	S. D. Johns	W. P. Loyd	Wheatley	1 and 3	5	1	1	3	2		42	1.50							
Brinkley	J. B. Permlinter	A. Flora	Brinkley	3	8	1	1	1	3	2	73	2.00				5.50			61
Philadelphia	J. B. Permlinter	H. W. Daniels	Brinkley	3	8	1	1	1	3	2	90	2.00							31
Ash Grove	G. C. Goodwin	W. H. Wainwright	Cotton Plant	3	7	1	1	1	3	2	57	2.00							81
Bethlehem																			
Itana																			
Cotton Plant	H. J. Smith	D. R. Suffer	Cotton Plant	1	2	1	1	1	2		17	1.00							
Wheatley		J. W. Patterson	Wheatley	4	2	1	3				13	75				1.25			
Howell	G. C. Goodwin	L. C. Griffin	Howell	4	7	3				1	84	2.00				6.50			

THIRD DISTRICT.

Shiloh	W. C. Kelso	W. C. Satterwhite	Colt	2 and 4	4	1	1	1	1	1	36	85							23
Oak Hill	R. L. Stokes	M. S. Hill	Calwell	3	12	1	1	1	1	1	20	1 00							
Prospect	W. C. Kelso	S. M. Brook	Colt		2	3					17	1 00							
Forest City		W. T. Sanders	Forest City	Every	1	1	1	1	1	1	91	2 00							63
Poplar Grove	W. H. Pasley	W. H. Huestess	McDaniel		4	1	1	1	1	1	46	2 00							
Oak Grove	J. L. Wilson	T. L. Gustavus	Moro		2	1	4	1	2	2	69	1 50	1 00	1 85		12.25			35
Forest Cha	J. W. Bell	J. F. Thompson	Haynes		23	1	1	1	1	1	61	1 50				5.00			50
Haynes		G. H. Robuck	Goodwin		19	1	1	1	1	1	62	1 50							
Big Creek	N. L. Wilson	S. T. Schlenker	Palatine		4	1	1	1	1	1	26	75							
Mans Hill	N. L. Wilson	W. K. Leach	Colt		4	6	4	4	3	3	60	1 00							20
Colt		J. J. Ables			1	1					1	125							
Caldwell		J. P. Farror	Clifton			6	4	1			50	2 00				7.50			41
Marianna																			
Endora																			
Cypress	H. J. Smith	James Smith	Turners	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	34	1 50			50 00			1 95	
Bible Union	J. L. Shields	J. A. Thompson	Palestine	1	8	1	2	2	3	1	1	1 10							
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