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OF THE

Thirty-Second Annual Session.

OF THE

Ouachita
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Mt. Pleasant Church,

September 23, 1899.



OFFICERS:

J. J. HOLLAND, Moderator.

J. J. MERSHON, Clerk.



Next session to be held with the Mena Baptist Church, beginning at 10 a. m, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Ouachita Association met with Mt. Pleasant church Saturday, September 23, 1899. Introductory sermon preached at 11 o'clock by Bro. M. L. Ridling.

The messengers assembled at 1:30 and spent a short time in devotional exercises. The 108th Psalm was read by the moderator, J. J. Holland. Letters were then read from the following churches: Yocana, Corinth, Hickory Creek, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Pleasant, Mena, Dallas, Mill Creek, Union Grove, New Home, Mt. Olive, County Line, Lone Valley, Pleasant Hill.

Petitionary letters: Bethany, Blue Springs and Mt. Vernon.

The petitionary letters were acted upon and after being received the moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers. An election was then held for officers for the ensuing year, resulting as follows: J. J. Holland, moderator; J. J. Mershon, clerk and treasurer.

On motion Eld. C. W. Strickland was received as corresponding messenger from Howard County Association.

On motion Eld. Y. R. Harbin was seated as corresponding messenger from Southwestern Association, in the absence of regular messengers.

Dr. W. A. Clark, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, was enrolled as a visitor.

The preaching committee, composed of Bro. J. Jeffrey, together with the pastor and deacons of Mt. Pleasant church, reported as follows: Bro. W. A. Clark, followed by Bro. Y. R. Harbin, to preach at the church at night; Bro. S. A. Neighbors, followed by Bro. J. R. Chapman, at Flat Rock, and Bro. B. Duke, followed by Bro. R. J. Hall, at Gum Springs.

On motion the following new committees were to be appointed:

First, On ordained ministers and their postoffices and church clerks and their postoffices.

Second, On State Missions.

Third, On condition of our churches and the causes.

The appointment of the various committees left to the moderator and clerk.

After homes were assigned the messengers by the church committee the body adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY.

Prayer-meeting conducted by Bro. R. R. Pace at 9 o'clock. The missionary sermon at 11 o'clock was preached by Brethren J. J. Holland and W. A. Clark, after which a missionary cash collection was taken amounting to \$14.63.

The preaching committee announced that Bro. C. M. Powell (a visiting minister from Southwestern Association) and Bro. H. C. Ridling to preach at the church at 3 o'clock. At the church at night, Bro. W. A. Clark, and Bro. W. L. Compere to conclude. Flat Rock, Bro. E. S. James, with Bro. R. N. Hall to conclude. Bro. W. A. Clark preached a splendid practical sermon from Leviticus 8: 23, 24.

MONDAY MORNING.

The body met for business at 8 o'clock. After devotional exercises the roll of messengers were called.

On motion Bro. H. C. Ridling was seated as messenger from Concord church.

Bro. B. F. Cannon was seated as messenger from Southwestern Association.

Bro. W. W. Gardner was recognized as a visitor from Arkadelphia, working in the interest of the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, Arkansas.

Bro. S. H. Campbell was recognized as a visitor from Arkadelphia, working for the Ouachita Baptist College.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

First, On Orphans' Home, W. L. Compere, J. E. Taylor and J. Buchanan.

Second, On Education, Bros. C. W. Strickland, M. S. Almond and H. C. Ridling.

By request, Sister S. A. Beavers was recognized as the oldest Baptist lady in this part of the country.

The report on State Missions was received and adopted as follows (with a cash collection for State Missions amounting to \$6.83):

We find that our few feeble churches are utterly unable to supply our great destitution. Especially is this true along the railroad where the forces of evil are concentrated. We rejoice that the State Mission Board is coming to our rescue as a strong helper in doing this work. It is already helping some and is disposed to help more. Let us recognize this board as our friend and helper, and give it our earnest and prayerful co-operation in every way that we can. Those who have the interest of our cause at heart may co-operate in this work by sending contributions large or small, from church or individuals, to J. H. Kitchens, Jr., treasurer State Mission Board, Jonesboro.

J. O. BUTLER, Chairman.

A motion prevailed to give the 11 o'clock hour, set apart for preaching, to Brethren Gardner and S. H. Campbell to present the claims of Orphans' Home and Ouachita Callege.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: We learn by the Word of God that it is our duty as the church of Christ to carry the gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem. Let us read the Word of God prayerfully and learn our duty as children of God and observe all of his commandments that we may be worthy of the comforting spirit from God.

R. H. HALL, Chairman.

The report on Sunday-schools adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to submit our report: As we find the Sunday-school is one of the greatest helps in bringing our young people to accept gospel truths, we recommend sound doctrine, such as Baptist literature, and urge all our churches to have a Sunday-school in connection with their church work.

E. S. JAMES, Chairman.

The report on Orphans' Home was read and after its claims had been fully placed before the body by Bro. W. W. Gardner, a cash collection of \$11.60 was taken for its support:

We rejoice that we have in Arkansas a Christian home where our orphan children will be cared for under Baptist influence. Let us all help as we can in sustaining the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello.

W. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

AFTERNOON.

A few moments were spent in devotional exercises and then the report on education was taken up and adopted, after being spoken to in a very earnest and eloquent manner by Bro. S. H. Campbell, of Arkadelphia, also by Bro. C. W. Strickland:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: At the State Convention in 1883, held at Fayetteville, there was a move made to organize a Baptist college in our State. Three years later Ouachita Baptist College was organized, and began work in September, 1896. From that day to this a growing interest along the line of Christian education has continued until today the Baptists stand at the head as educators in Arkansas. Knowing that the only way to teach the people of the world the true doctrines of the Bible and to build up the Baptist Zion, is to educate the ministry and laity so that we can give a reason for the faith that we profess, and realizing the great good and the large number who have been benefited by our educational institutions, we therefore request and insist that we as Baptists stand by our denominational schools. We ask that this association pledge anew her support to Ouachita College, because from this magnificent institution come our young ministers to fill our pulpits and to build up the cause of Christ in this and other States Brethren, let us support our Baptist schools with our patronage, money and prayers, and in this way do a work for our Lord and Master in carrying on that great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," for in supporting our denominational schools we are giving to missions in the highest and truest sense.

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

The report on nominations was received and by motion was referred to the committee to have some necessary changes made.

Report on obituaries read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit our report: We find there have been ten deaths in the bounds of our association. Sister Nancy Parker was born March 11, 1815; professed a hope in Christ and united with the Missionary Baptist church in early life, and lived a consistent Christian until her death, February 11, 1899; age 83 years and 11 months; was a member of the New Home church. Sister Frances White died March, 1899. Ella White died December, 1898, and Margaret Horn died 1898; all of Yocana church. Sister Mattie Maidwell, of Mt. Olive church. Date

of death not given. Bro. Wm. North died February 17, 1899. and Sister S. S. Risner. February 4, 1899, both of Corinth church. Bro. William Fox died, no date; and Sister Mary Fox died June 6, 1899, both of Union Grove church. Bro. L. M. Bruce, of Lone Valley church, died January, 1899. We express a hope that our loss of these ten members may be their eternal gain in the home beyond prepared for all the faithful in Christ Jesus. M. McMILLEN, Chairman.

Report of Mission Board as adopted:

Your Board has held nine meetings. Has employed seven missionaries to labor at ten points. Two new churches have been organized and one re-organized. Sermons, 125. Baptized, 6. Received by letter, 18. Sunday-schools organized, 3. Missionaries have received from their fields of labor, \$13.20; the Board has paid them \$50. Total paid missionaries, \$63.20. Board received for its work, \$57.79 Paid \$50 of this to missionaries and \$2.96 for printing and postage, leaving a balance on hand of \$4.83. The board wishes to return thanks to the preachers and churches for their universal kindness and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

J. J. MERSHON, Sec. and Treas.

Report on Associational Missions received and amended as below:

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: The destitution reported last year still exists. However, some good work has been done during the past year, under the supervision of our Board, whereof we are glad. But, brethren, we wish to do more to support this vast destitution and would recommend that a finance agent be appointed in each church to raise mission funds, and pastors take up collections for every fifth-Sunday meeting.

W. L. COMPERE, Chairman.

Report on Condition of the Churches:

We, your Committee, report as follows: We find that an alarming condition exists. From reliable information we learn that the prosperity of the churches has declined and they are not as prosperous as they have been, nor as we wish them to be. Second, we know that prosperity comes from God our Saviour, and if it is withheld it is because we are robbing God by withholding or failing to bring all the tithes into the storehouse. God says, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse and prove me herewith and see if I will not pour you out a blessing that there will not be room to contain." We would recommend to the churches to give more heed to

the support of their pastors, for we find that this has been neglected. Brethren, let us come up to the help of the Lord and give, and it shall be given to us again.

J. O. BUTLER, Chairman.

After the above report was adopted the following subscriptions were taken for Associational Missions, headed by

C. W. Strickland, \$2.50.	J. J. Mershon, \$10.
J. J. Holland, \$2.50	J. O. Butler, \$5.
E. S. James, \$5.	B. Duke, \$2.50.
W. L. Compere, \$10.	R. R. Pace, \$2 50
M. L. Ridling, \$2.50.	A. M. Bruce, \$2.50.
S. A. Neighbors, \$2.	S. L. Atkinson, \$2.50.
Howard Thomas, \$2.	M. McMillen, \$2.50.
R. J. Hall, \$2.50.	J. Buchanan, \$2.50.
J. F. Hurley, \$2.50.	J. E. Taylor, \$2.
J. R. Chapman, \$1.	H. C. Ridling, \$2.50
J. M. Widener, \$1.	J. F. Jeffrey, \$2.50.
Sister J. J. Compere, \$2.	C. J. Russel, \$1.
J. Lannan, \$1.	W. W. Gardner, \$2.50.
W. P. Freeman, \$1.	Sister M. J. Brown, \$1.

Total amount subscribed \$79.

Report on nominations received and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, appoint Elder J. O. Butler to preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock Saturday; Elder H. C. Ridling, alternate. Elder W. L. Campere to preach the missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock; Elder J. R. Hale, alternate.

We recommend that the next session of this association be held with the Mena Baptist Church.

We recommend Elder E. S. James as a member of the State Mission Board, and W. L. Campere, A. J. Robins, J. O. Butler, J. J. Mershon and R. M. Anderson for Associational Board, with W. C. Compere, chairman. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report on Religious Literature:

Your Committee on Religious Literature desire to report as follows: We recommend, as a sound Baptist paper, the *Arkansas Baptist*, published at Little Rock, Ark. We also recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention for use in our Sunday-schools (published at Nashville, Tenn.) and urge upon our churches to provide the same for their Sunday-schools. We feel that it is high time for Baptists to be awake to their interests, from the fact that we see the great need of this being observed among our churches.

J. BUCHANAN, Chairman.

Report on Family Worship:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of family worship, believe that all Christian families ought to observe family worship. It is our duty to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How can this be done without prayer? We earnestly advise our brethren to erect family altars in their homes. Respectfully submitted,
J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

After the above report, quite a number of brethren agreed to try to keep up family worship this year.

Temperance Report:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: The use of whiskey is destructive to our churches, as well as our homes. Therefore we urge that our people abstain from its use, and be temperate in all things. Respectfully submitted,
S. A. NEIGHBORS, Chairman.

Report on Ordained Ministers and their postoffice and Church Clerks and their postoffices:

J. O. Butler, Dallas.
J. Buchanan, Grannes.
L. C. Burnham, Mena.
W. L. Compere, Mena.
J. R. Chapman, Board Camp.
B. Duke, Vandervoort.
R. J. Hale, Gillham.
J. J. Holland, Big Fork.
T. M. Hollingsworth, Cove.
E. S. James, Potter.
M. McMillen, Mountain Fork.
S. A. Neighbors, Dallas.
R. R. Pace, Grannes.
H. C. Ridling, Dallas.
M. L. Ridling, Hartley.
J. F. Shands, Texarkana.
R. W. Smith, Rocky.
Wm. Shelton, Ink.
E. B. Williams, Hatfield.
J. M. Widener, Cove.

J. E. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

Amount from the churches for Minutes.....	\$16.25.
Foreign missions.....	4.25.
Home missions.....	3.40.
Sunday collection for missions.....	14.63.
<hr/> Total amount.....	<hr/> \$38.53.

On motion, the body refused to grant Hopewell Church a letter of dismission.

A motion was carried giving Bro. H. C. Ridling the balance, \$4.83, left in the hands of the Associational Board.

A resolution of thanks was tendered by the body to Mt. Pleasant Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they cared for the messengers and visitors.

A motion was carried instructing the clerk to have the minutes printed, leaving out the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith, and whatever balance might be left out of the minute fund to go to the clerk.

A motion was carried appointing Mt. Olive Church the place for holding the first fifth Sunday meeting, which will commence Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October this year.

The following appointments were made by motion: J. J. Holland, messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention; J. O. Butler, alternate, to date from second Sunday in May, 1900.

Messengers to the State Conference, Jonesboro, Nov. 7, 99, W. L. Compere, M. McMillen, E. S. James, J. Buchanan, J. O. Butler.

Amount made up for clerk hire, \$1.80.

The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed: Howard County Association, date Oct. 1, 99: Howard Thomas, S. L. Atkinson and J. J. Holland. Southwestern, date, Oct. 7, 99, J. Buchanan and J. F. Hurley. Buckville, J. J. Holland. Buckner, the clerk instructed to write a letter of correspondence.

Report of Preaching Committee as follows:

Bro. C. W. Strickland at the church at night, followed by Bro. H. C. Ridling; at Flat Rock, Bro. J. R. Chapman and B. Duke.

On motion, the association adjourned to meet with Mena Baptist Church Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

At the close a prayer was offered, and while singing a song, the parting hand was taken.

J. J. HOLLAND, Moderator.

J. J. MERSHON, Clerk.

Churches, Pastors, Messengers, Clerks and Postoffices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Corinth.....	S. A. Neighbors.....	S. A. Neighbors, J. Larman.....	W. A. Brumby.....	Mena.....
County Line.....	M. L. Ridling.....	M. L. Ridling.....	B. R. Carter.....	Hartley.....
Dallas.....	J. O. Butler.....	J. O. Butler.....	B. F. Thompson.....	Dallas.....
Hickory Creek.....	R. R. Pace.....	W. H. Weeks, B. Duke.....	B. Duke.....	Vandervoort.....
Lone Valley.....	E. B. Williams.....	A. M. Bruce.....	W. A. Snitker.....	Hatfield.....
Mena.....	W. L. Compere.....	W. L. Compere, J. D. Jones, J. G. Jackson.....	J. J. Mershon.....	Mena.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. Buchanan.....	J. W. Hurley, C. J. Russel, J. F. Hurley.....	J. W. Hurley.....	Grannes.....
Mt. Gilead.....	J. J. Holland.....	J. F. Jeffrey.....	J. F. Jeffrey.....	Black Springs.....
Mt. Olive.....	E. B. Williams.....	J. E. Taylor.....	R. M. Anderson.....	Gann.....
Mill Creek.....	R. W. Smith.....	J. W. Fields.....	A. J. Barber.....	Rocky.....
New Home.....	M. McMillen.....	M. McMillen.....	N. S. Andrews.....	Rocky.....
Pleasant Hill.....	J. Buchanan.....	S. L. Atkinson.....	S. L. Atkinson.....	Duckett.....
Union Grove.....	R. J. Hall.....	R. J. Hall, M. S. Almond, P. L. Bruer.....	P. L. Bruer.....	Gillham.....
Yocana.....	J. J. Holland.....	J. J. Holland.....	G. W. Corley.....	Ink.....
Concord.....			Thos. Embry.....	Ink.....
Mt. Vernon.....	J. Buchanan.....	Solomon Martin, G. R. Thomas, Howard Thomas.....	H. H. Geortlemiller.....	Board Camp.....
Bethany.....	J. R. Chapman.....	J. R. Chapman.....	J. M. Mowdy.....	Smithville, I. T.....
Blue Springs.....		J. M. Mowdy.....	Robert Davis.....	Mena.....
Shady Grove.....	S. A. Neighbors.....			

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Days of Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total Membership.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Paid Pastor.	Value of Church Property.	For Minutes.	Incidentals.	Total Contributions.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	No Classes.	No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Literature.	Cost of Literature.
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Hickory Creek.	2d.	2	4			5	4	4	13																	
Lone Valley.	3d.			2	1		9	9	18																	
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Mill Creek.	2d.	6	4		2	2	128	16	144		5 05	1 90														
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