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*Minutes*

*of the*

*Sixth Annual Session*

*of the*

***Black River  
Association***

***1920***

***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

G. C. Gardner, Alicia  
R. S. Watson, Hoxie  
E. A. Fitzgerald, Walnut Ridge  
J. L. Johnson, Swifton  
J. M. Buster, Walnut Ridge  
H. W. Townsend, Walnut Ridge  
Frank Massey, Pocahontas  
Rev. W. J. Derrick, Hoxie  
Mrs. C. E. Post, Hoxie  
Rev. C. F. McDonald, Tuckerman

**Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session of  
Black River Association**

Held With

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Of

**Pocahontas, Arkansas**

**September 17, 18, and 19, 1920**

**Officers**

H. E. KIRKPATRICK.....Moderator  
FRANK MASSEY.....Clerk and Treasurer

The next session will be held with Walnut Ridge Church,  
beginning on Friday, before Third Sunday in Sept. 1921  
at Ten O'clock A. M.  
for Three-day Session

**Associational Sermon**

C. F McDonald

J. W. Derrick, Alternate

**Doctrinal Sermon**

S. C. Vick

J. P. Dunn, Alternate

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**Women's Meeting**

The next Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union,  
Auxiliary to Black River Association, will meet with the Walnut  
Ridge Church on Thursday before 3rd Sunday in September 1921  
beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

## PROCEEDINGS

Pocahontas, Arkansas, September, 17, 1920

The Sixth Annual Session of the Black River Baptist Association met at 10:00 a. m. in the Baptist church, and was called to order by H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge, Moderator of the previous meeting. After being led in prayer by J. M. Smith, the audience joined in singing, "How Firm A Foundation." Further devotional services were conducted by C. F. McDonald from Psalms 101.

The Moderator appointed as reading clerks R. S. Watson of Hoxie and W. L. McCullough of Alicia.

Upon roll call the following messengers answered for their respective churches, as follows:

Alicia—G. C. Gardner, W. L. McCullough.

Black Rock—Mrs. R. M. Johnson.

Hoxie—S. R. Watson, W. J. Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Post, Mrs. H. S. Shrewsbury.

Imboden—J. W. Wade.

Mammoth Spring—Not represented.

Minturn—Not represented.

Pocahontas—H. L. Haynes, B. F. Tracy, C. A. Going, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. D. L. Wiley.

Portia—Not represented.

Swifton—Not represented.

Smithville—J. T. Helm, J. E. Moore.

Strangers Home—Not represented.

Tuckerman—C. F. McDonald, G. T. Dawson.

Walnut Grove—J. M. Buster, M. C. Davis.

Walnut Ridge—H. E. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Henry, E. A. Fitzgerald, H. W. Townsend, C. B. Pope.

The organization of the body being in order, upon motion of J. W. Wade, the Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge, for Moderator. Frank Massey nominated S. R. Watson of Hoxie for Clerk and J. K. Smith nominated Frank Massey. Frank Massey was elected.

During the session the Moderator appointed the following committee to make reports on the following named subjects:

Committee on finance:—G. T. Dawson, J. M. Buster.

Committee on publications:—H. L. Haynes, Mrs. J. K. Smith, J. P. Dunn.

Committee on State Missions:—C. F. McDonald, M. C. Davis.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions:—W. J. Derrick, W. L. McCullough.

Committee on Woman's Work:—Mrs. C. E. Post, Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. R. M. Johnson, Mrs. H. S. Shrewsbury.



Committee on Associational Missions:—Executive Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools:—R. S. Watson, W. J. Derrick and Mrs. C. E. Post.

Committee on 75 Million Campaign:—H. W. Townsend, G. C. Gardner, H. A. Fitzgerald.

Committee on Christian Education:—W. J. Derrick, J. W. Smith.

Committee on Orphan's Home:—J. M. Buster, G. T. Dawson.

Committee on Temperance:—J. K. Smith, W. A. Henry. (No report.)

Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work:—J. P. Dunn, Mrs. C. E. Post.

Committee on nominations:—J. E. Moore, G. C. Gardner, C. B. Pope.

Committee on obituary:—Mrs. J. K. Smith, J. W. Wade, J. E. Moore.

The Association voted to have the Associational Sermon preached at 1:30 p. m. and by general consent the body went into the discussion of conditions in general and good talks were made by Rev. J. K. Smith of Pocahontas, Rev. C. F. McDonald, of Tuckerman, W. J. Wade of Imboden, R. S. Watson and Rev. W. J. Derrick of Hoxie, G. C. Gardner of Alicia.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 2:00 p. m.

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Moderator called the Association to order at 2:00 o'clock, and after song by the audience, devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Wade of the Imboden church.

The committee report on S. S. was read and after being discussed by R. S. Watson, H. L. Haynes, J. K. Smith, C. F. McDonald, J. W. Wade, H. E. Kirkpatrick, H. W. Townsend, W. J. Derrick and J. T. Helm, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report. There are eleven active Sunday Schools in this association, with an average attendance of 780 pupils during the year. While some Sunday Schools show a gain for the year, we feel that the gains are not in proportion to what we as a denomination have a right to expect. Upon careful investigation, we find that we are losing our boys and girls in the intermediate grades, and that our senior and adult classes are woefully small or absent altogether. We find an indifference on the part of men and women to their attendance at this teaching department of the church. Competent teachers are scarce in nearly every school, and superintendents are constantly being forced to call upon unprepared teachers to take the place of teachers who have had experience. Many teachers regard their calling too lightly.

To help overcome these conditions, we recommend that pastors and superintendents emphasize the Sunday School work, and the training of better teachers, and that we all pray more earnestly and work more faithfully in trying to carry out the Great Commission, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

MRS C E POST,  
W J DERRICK,  
R S WATSON,

Committee.

The committee on woman's work made its report, which was discussed by Mrs. C. E. Post, W. J. Derrick and H. E. Kirkpatrick, and adopted.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We, the committee on woman's work submit the following report: While there is much cause for thanksgiving and encouragement because of increased interest on the part of societies in all departments of the work yet there are many tasks which bid us press forward. The great needs and magnitude of this work is a challenge to our faith and courage.—A call for the consecrated service of every woman in Black River Association.

We believe the out-look is much greater than ever before. We are enlisting numbers of women and developing them along lines of prayer, Bible study, missionary endeavor and giving. Not only the women but the young people as well. For the W. M. U. is the mother of the Junior organizations. There are four Sunbeam Bands in the association, one Y. W. A. four B. Y. P. U.'s, eleven women societies. The total gifts reported from the W. M. U. societies for 1918 were \$872.81, in 1919 \$1546.37 and in 1920 \$2631.04. These figures will give you an idea of the increased interest in our W. M. U. work.

Our women were well organized during the 75 Million Campaign and had a noble part in the giving. We would recommend that every pastor in the association see that their women and young people and children are organized for service and follow the admonition of James, "Help these Women."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS C E POST,  
MRS R H SHREWSBURY,  
MRS EVA BYRD,  
MRS R M JOHNSON.

The committee on publications made its report and was discussed by J P Dunn, C F McDonald, Mrs J K Smith, H E Kirkpatrick, and adopted.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We believe that now, as at no other time, there is a greater need of the distribution of good literature, and we will not find better than is contained in our denominational publications.

1. We recommend the reading and studying of the masterpiece of literature, the Bible. We would recommend that all our pastors and christian workers undertake such plan as to them seems wise to stimulate the study of the Bible.

2. We would recommend that our people subscribe for, and read the Home and Foreign Fields; Royal Service and Baptist Advance.

3. We would recommend that our pastors and Christian workers send for, and distribute good tracts, and that they encourage the reading of our Mission Books.

4. We desire especially to call attention to our Baptist Book House at Little Rock, and the publications of our Sunday School Board.

5. We feel like urging upon our pastors, that from day to day and from week to week they may greatly help the cause of God by recommending good literature of all kinds to our people, especially to the young people.

Respectfully submitted,

H L HAYNES,  
MRS J K SMITH,  
J P DUNN.



Motion carried that the Association decide at this time the place of the next meeting, and Walnut Ridge was the place selected. (This report was held open, discussed with 75 Million report, and adopted later on.)

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

We your committee on State Missions for Black River Association, beg leave to report as follows:

The way for a Baptist church to become "a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice. With Arkansas Baptists one supreme expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the State under the control of Christ. Our purpose in this work is to get everybody in the State saved and into the Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

The work of State Missions is carried on by the churches through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year shows the following results: Workers employed for full time last year, 120, 3,083 conversions, 2,281 baptisms, 3,902 additions to churches, 995 subscriptions to Baptist Advance. Money raised by missionaries \$50,005 00.

We recommend that all the churches observe Sunday Sept. 26 as Rally Day for State Missions.

C F McDONALD,

M C DAVIS.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 7:30.

### FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION

The Moderator called the Association to order at 7:30 p. m., and after two songs by audience, Rev E J A McKinney, representing the Enlistment Work of the Home Mission Board, led in prayer.

H W Townsend read the following resolution:

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Resolved: That article 5 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The Association shall elect at each annual meeting an executive committee of ten members, five of whom shall be located as nearly together as possible; that five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business during the interim of the meeting of the Association; and that it shall report its work to each meeting of the Association."

At this time the Associational sermon was preached by W. J. Derrick of the Hoxie church.

Adjourned with prayer to meet at 9:00 a. m. tomorrow.

### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9:00 o'clock, and the audience sang "Higher Ground," and further devotional services were conducted by Rev. E. J. A. McKinney.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Report of Frank Massey, Treasurer of Black River Association for the year 1919-1920, beginning Sept. 28, 1919 and ending Sept. 16, 1920.

**Receipts**

Swifton church .. .. .	\$ 3.00
Alicia church.....	1.00
Imboden church .. .. .	2.00
Smithville church.. .. .	1.25
Walnut Ridge church.....	7.58
Walnut Grove church, \$2.00 minute fund; \$6. 75 H. & F. Mis.....	9.75
Mammoth Spring church.....	1.50
Tuckerman church .. .. .	2.25
Hoxie church.....	3.00
Black Rock church.....	1.50
Pocahontas.....	3 50
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	\$36.83

**Disbursements**

Printing minutes .. .. .	\$21.10
H & F. Mis. Walnut Grove church.....	6.75
Postage .. .. .	2.00
Clerk & Treas. fees.....	6.40
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	\$36.25

Respectfully submitted,

**FRANK MASSEY,**

Treasurer.

Committees made reports on the following named subjects, which reports were (with the State Mission report formerly read) all discussed under the head of 75 Million Campaign, by different messengers and visitors during the day:

Report on Home Missions, read by W. J. Derrick.

Report on Foreign Missions, read by W. L. McCullough.

Report on Orphans Home, read by the Clerk.

Report on Executive Committee, read by H. W. Townsend

Report on Christian Education, read by W. J. Derrick.

Report on 75 Million Campaign, read by H. W. Townsend.

**REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS:**

Following the World War and in the midst of Reconstruction problem, thousands of our people have made a new dedication of themselves to the Christian Americanism. and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. They propose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in a America a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless people who grope in darkness.



In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptised one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far out-stripping that of any other similar agency. Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the great work being done by the Home Mission Board and its workers.

We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign and help carry on the work of the Home Mission Board.

W. L. McCULLOUGH,

W. J. DERRICK, Committee.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches in foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches.

There were 6,834 baptisms during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438, about three-fourths as many as there are Baptists in Arkansas or Oklahoma.

During the year 1919 the foreign missionary force rose to 341 during the year. The native missionaries now number 979. The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

W. L. McCULLOUGH,

W. J. DERRICK, Committee.

### ORPHANS HOME REPORT

Since the establishment of our Orphan's Home at Monticello, approximately one thousand children have been cared for.

These have gone out into various walks of life making good and useful men and women, many of whom but for your benefactions would in one way or another have become a menace to the social order and a burden to the state.

There are now about 60 children in the Home. They are received at any age up to 13 and are released at 18.

The health of the children has been remarkably good the past year, there being no deaths and no cases of serious illness, and indications are that the year will close with a cash balance on hand in the maintenance fund.

More buildings are needed,

We recommend that our Sunday School continue to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphan's Home, not only because of the need but for the educational value to our Sunday School pupils.

G. T. DAWSON,

J. M. BUSTER, Committee.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee, after three meetings, employed Rev. W. G. Mathis as missionary for Lawrence county. Bro. Mathis began the work Feb 1, and continued until July 29, when he tendered his resignation to



take effect Aug. 1, he having accepted a call to become pastor of the church of Leslie, Ark., which resignation was accepted by the committee.

His final report showed the following work done:

Total miles traveled 1565, total sermons and addresses, 74, total collections to Associational Missions, \$54.32, total subscriptions to Baptist Advance, 6, total subscriptions to Home and Foreign Fields, 2, total professions of faith, 2, total additions to Churches, by Baptism 4 and by letter 1.

His report also showed great destitution and that he had outlined a plan of work to try to reach as far as possible this destitution. His resignation, however, made it impossible to carry out the work he had planned, since we were unable to find available workers and because the State Board was unable to secure money with which to pay the mission workers in the State.

Your Committee has been greatly disappointed at the results of the years work, but believe that, all things being considered, your missionary has done as well as might be expected.

We recommend that this body take proper action looking to the continuation of the mission work within its limits for the ensuing year, and that the State Board be asked to permit the Churches to retain the proper quota out of the 75 Million funds for Associational Missions and pay same to the Treasurer of the Association, and to make a sufficient additional appropriation to enable us to continue mission work within the limits of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. TOWNSEND, Chairman,  
R. S. WATSON, Secretary.

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are what we are very largely, almost entirely because of the teaching we have had. If we had been brought up in homes of infidels and taught by infidel parents and infidel teachers, not many of us would now be serving the Lord Jesus Christ. In every school in the land we should have Christian teachers. If we are concerned about the spiritual welfare of our children, if it is our purpose to help our young people to become useful Christian men and women, we must stand loyally for our Baptist schools and support them with our means and our patronage. Every Baptist in Arkansas should rejoice in our educational institutions.

Onachita College, at Arkadelphia, property valued at \$250,000 00. The endowment is about \$112,000.00. The new buildings are to cost about \$250,000 00

Central College at Conway has property valued at \$125,000.00, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000.

Mountain Home College, our junior college, has property worth \$60,000.00.

There are a number of academies already, and new ones being established. Also a new college is to be established at Jonesboro.

The most helpful sign of progress in all our work is the property of our Baptist schools and colleges, and the increased patronage they receive. The 75 Million Campaign has put new life in these schools and colleges. Let us pray for our schools and support them.

W. J. DERRICK,  
J. K. SMITH,  
Committee.

## REPORT ON 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

The Southern Baptist Convention which met in Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1910, inaugurated the greatest forward movement ever undertaken in an organized way by Southern Baptist, known as the 75 Million Campaign. This effort to raise a subscription of 75 Million dollars to be paid in one-fifth each year for five years was eminently successful, reaching in its grand total nearly ninety-three million dollars throughout the Southern churches.

Arkansas' quota in this effort was \$3,200,000.00, and pledged some two and a half million dollars, and about a half million on extras, of which amount Black River Association pledged about thirty-five thousand dollars.

Two chief things remain to be done. One is the enlargement of the campaign subscriptions in churches that have not been enlisted and the working of new material coming into the already enlisted churches. The other tremendously important and most pressingly urgent thing is to secure prompt payments on the pledges already made. Let churches remember that all the objects to which they have heretofore made special offerings are to be cared for from the campaign funds, and must suffer seriously and irreparably if the churches delay or forget to redeem their promises.

We recommend that every church, in some way by its own organized plan, or by special committee, if necessary, immediately inaugurate a systematic effort for the collection of the full annual quota, or one-fifth of its campaign subscriptions.

H. W. TOWNSEND,  
E. A. FITZGERALD,  
G. C. GARDNER,  
Committee.

After five minutes intermission, Rev. C. F. McDonald of Tuckerman Church, preached.

Adjourned with prayer until 2:00 p. m.

### SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who conducted the devotional exercises, after which a number of good talks were made by different messengers on the reports already read coming under the head of 75 Million Campaign.

The Committee on obituaries made its report, as follows:

Your committee on obituaries report: We find that since our last association the Lord has called from our membership the following members:

Walnut Ridge church, Sisters Nancy Moore, Margaret Ora VanTreece, Brother Allen Pierce and Brother Charles Thorn.

Tuckerman church, Brother and Sister Julian.

Smithville church, Bro. John P. Goodwin and Sister Hannah Moore.

Hoxie church, Sister Susan Jackson and Bro. Gred George.

Imboden church, Sister Ethel Rash.

"They rest from their labor and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. K. SMITH,  
J. E. MOORE,  
J. W. WADE,  
Committee.



A very touching, sympathetic memorial service was held in memory of the departed members.

Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION

The Moderator called the Association to order at 7:30, and after devotional services, the committee on nominations made its report, as follows:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS:

We, your committee on nominations beg leave to report:

We recommend that C. F. McDonald preach the Associational Sermon, alternate, W. J. Derrick.

To preach the doctrinal sermon, S. C. Vick, alternate, J. P. Dunn.

The Executive Committee, G. G. Gardner, Alicia; R. S. Watson, Hoxie; E. A. Fitzgerald, Walnut Ridge; J. L. Johnston, Swifton; J. M. Buster, Walnut Ridge. (The following names were added to this committee, after the amendment to the constitution had passed: H. W. Townsend, Walnut Ridge; Frank Massey, Pocahontas; W. J. Derrick, Hoxie; Mrs. C. E. Post, Hoxie; C. E. McDonald, Tuckerman.)

Messenger to State Convention, J. K. Smith; Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, H. E. Kirkpatrick.

To report on publications, Hoxie church; to report on Woman's Work, Alicia church; to report on Associational Missions, Pocahontas church; to report on Sunday Schools, Tuckerman church; to report on Temperance, Imboden church; to report on B. Y. P. U. work, Walnut Ridge church.

We recommend that the following be placed under the general head of 75 Million Campaign and be given to Walnut Ridge church, to-wit: State Missions, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education and Orphan's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. MOORE,

G. C. GARDNER,

C. B. POPE,

Committee.

The proposed amendment to the constitution which was read during the first day of the session, was again read, and by vote of the Association adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. C. E. Post, and adopted:

Whereas the church of Pocahontas has opened their homes and entertained the messengers and visitors to the Black River Association royally during the stay here, therefore,

Be it resolved: That we extend to the church and to the ladies of Pocahontas our sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality during our meeting. We are grateful to the pastor and his wife for their untiring efforts to make our stay here pleasant. Also to our Moderator and Clerk for their efficient service, and we thank our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to attend this meeting.

After the preaching of the doctrinal sermon by Rev. H. E. Kirkpatrick, the Association adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

## SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION

In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk called the Association to order, and after the classes had devoted a short time to the Sunday School work, the committee on B. Y. P. U. work read its report, and R. W. Lawrence, special worker in B. Y. P. U. training, used the remainder of the Sunday School hour discussing the report, which was adopted.

### B. Y. P. U. REPORT

We, your committee beg leave to report that the important matter of training in Black River Association is a decided improvement over last year, and still is greatly neglected, having 5 B. Y. P. U's now against 2 last year.

We recommend that we see to the entire commission; that we lay more stress upon the "observance of "all things" which we have been taught; that we use our diligence in organizing Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U's in every church in the Association.

That B. Y. P. U, extension work be observed Oct. 10th to 17th.

That representatives be sent to the Summer Assembly July 5 to 12 (next year.)

That a B. Y. P. U. convention be organized; that we call upon our B. Y. P. U. workers to assist in institutes and training schools.

J. P. DUNN,

MRS. C. E. POST,

Committee.

After a very spiritual sermon by Rev. W. J. Derrick, pastor of Hoxie church, adjournment was taken until 7:30 p. m.

## SUNDAY—EVENING SESSION

After an interesting sermon by Rev. J. P. Dunn, of Hoxie, the Association adjourned to meet with the Walnut Ridge church at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1921.

FRANK MASSEY, Clerk.

H. E. KIRKPATRICK, Moderator.

## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Black River Association of Affiliated Baptist churches.

Article 2. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—State, Home and Foreign, Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Orphans' Home, Temperance and such other interests as will promote the Lord's cause among men.

Article 3. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall be entitled to three delegates, and to one additional delegate for each fifty members or fractional part thereof above the first fifty.

Article 4. The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall also be treasurer, elected annually and who shall discharge the duties generally incumbent upon such officers.

Article 5. The Association shall elect at each annual meeting an executive committee of ten members, five of whom shall be located as nearly



together as possible; that five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business during the interim of the meetings of the Association; and that it shall report its work to each meeting of the Association.

Article 6. The Association shall appoint at each annual meeting two preachers to prepare and preach a sermon at the ensuing meeting. One to preach the associational sermon, and the other a doctrinal sermon.

Article 7. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work and shall never usurp the authority of the churches or infringe upon the independence and rights of the individual church.

Article 8. At each annual meeting of the Association a committee shall be appointed to report back to said meeting, assignment to the various churches the work of preparing for the next session, reports on the various objects on which this Association now does or hereafter may decide to have reports.

Article 9. The time for holding the annual sessions of this body shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and shall continue for three days. The place for holding the next ensuing session shall be selected by a majority vote of the delegates present at each annual session.

Article 10. This constitution can be amended by a two-third vote at any regular meeting, provided such amendment be offered at the first day and voted on the second day of the meeting of the body.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

C. F. McDonald .....	Tuckerman
J. K. Smith .....	Pocahontas
W. J. Derrick .....	Hoxie
W. M. Frizzell .....	Black Rock
J. P. Dunn .....	Hoxie
C. D. Tibbles .....	Imboden
G. B. Borah .....	Imboden
H. T. Ross .....	Imboden
F. M. Carter .....	Mammoth Spring
W. D. Ellis .....	Swifton
H. L. Thomas .....	Swifton
S. C. Vick .....	Tuckerman
J. J. Mathis .....	Walnut Ridge
H. E. Kirkpatrick .....	Walnut Ridge

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Black River Association met at the First Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Friday Sept. 16, 1920.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. by Mrs. C. E. Post, Associational Supt. After singing "We Praise Thee Oh God" Mrs. Byrd of Alicia read a part of the 4th chapter of Mark, with helpful remarks, followed with prayer by Bro. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge.

Welcome address given by Mrs. J. K. Smith of Pocahontas. Response by Mrs. H. E. Kirkpatrick of Walnut Ridge.

Song—"Have Thine Own Way" was given by Mesdames Carter and Wiley of Pocahontas.

Mrs. J. K. Smith was appointed enrollment clerk, and the following were enrolled:

Walnut Ridge—Bro. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Ed Marks, Mrs. W. W. Moore, Mrs. W. Story, Mrs. T. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. May Henderson, Mrs. C. A. Alstead, Mrs. Len Downen, Mrs. Leige Slater, Mrs. H. R. McCarroll.

Hoxie—Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mrs. C. E. Post, Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. Rainwater, Mr. G. W. Moore, Mrs. N. S. Schrest, Mrs. F. E. Maddox, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn.

Tuckerman—Bro. C. F. McDonald, Bro. G. F. Dawson.

Allola—Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Andrews

Imboden—Mrs. J. M. Smith

Pocahontas—Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. Daly Mondy, Mrs. Frank Massey, Mrs. Emma Carter, Mrs. E. E. Lewis, Mrs. Throgmorton, Mrs. Etchason, Mrs. D. L. Wiley.

Little Rock—Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

On motion and second, Mrs. D. L. Wiley was elected Sec. pro tem.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Literature—Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. Ed Brown, Mrs. McCarroll.

Committee on Obituaries—Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Smith, (of Imboden) Mrs. Byrd.

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. Frank Massey, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Andrews.

Reports were read from the following societies: Hoxie, by Mrs. Geo. Bates, showing total enrollment 39. Average attendance 14. "75 Million Campaign" fund including Nos. 1 and 2 Societies \$357.93. Expenditures during the year \$846.93.

Allola—By Mrs. Ada Andrews, showing total enrollment 21, average attendance 14. Expenditures during the year \$299.60.

Hoxie—No. 2 by Mrs. Gilkerson, showing total enrollment of 31; average attendance 10. Expenditures during the year \$66.00.

Walnut Ridge—By Mrs. Walter Smith, showing total enrollment of 31; average attendance 11. Expenditures during the year 1500.00. Sick calls 139. Meals sent 143.

Imboden—By Mrs. J. G. Hill, showing total enrollment of 18; average attendance 12. Expenditures during the year \$317.53

Tuckerman—By Mrs. R. Hunter, showing total enrollment 30; average attendance 17. Expenditures during year \$650.75 (including 75 Million Campaign.)

Portia—Announced their report would be later. (However failed to reach secretary.)

Pocahontas—By Mrs. Price, showing enrollment 30; average attendance 12. Expenditures during the year 200.60. Visits to sick and strangers 605. Blankets to poor 7. Flowers and trays to sick 47. Good literature to jails 6 pkgs. Standard of Excellence adopted.



Supt. Mrs. Post reports as follows: Letters written 117. Societies visited 2. Institute held. Conventions attended 1. A trip to Little Rock to attend Board meeting. "Flu" epidemic prevented meeting. Subscriptions to "Royal Service" 7. Baptist Advance 1. Societies organized 1.

Money raised for expenses:

From Alicia, \$1.00, Imboden, \$1.00, Walnut Ridge, \$5.00. Total \$7.00  
Total expense \$12.75.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson gave an inspiration to the Ladies, when she told of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The "Quiet Hour" was conducted by Mrs. Jackson, also reading the 11 chapter of John, with comforting remarks on same.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. K. Smith to convene at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order by Mrs. Post at 2:00 o'clock p. m. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" devotional was led by Mrs B B Robertson, reading the 6th chapter of John followed by prayer by Mrs Dr McCarroll.

Mrs Smith of Walnut Ridge told of her meeting with the State Convention.

Mrs C E Post, our Supt in her own earnest manner gave a very interesting address full of enthusiasm.

Mrs Poulter's splendid paper on "The importance of Bible and Mission Study" (she being absent) was read by Mrs Clay Henderson.

"How we may enlist the unlisted women in the Church" was discussed by several ladies with very helpful suggestions.

Song—"Jesus Shall Reign."

Mrs Jackson talked on things of interest pertaining to District work.

"Personal Service and Why" was also discussed by Mrs Dr Andrews.

Report of Literary Committee was read and adopted, as follows:

The Literature department of the Woman's Missionary Union should be upheld as an essential phase of the Union's work. The great religious reformation in Europe was cradled in the printing press.

As the teaching champion of civil and religious liberty Baptists should even more than others, recognize and use the printed page for the spread of the truth and bringing in of the Kingdom. We should support our denominational paper; the "Advance" should be in the home of every Baptist family in the State. Among the best missionary literature you will find the "Royal Service" our own Woman's Missionary Union organ. We urge that our women take and read this magazine, also "Home and Foreign Fields" and may other good books published by our Boards, we would heartily recommend.

We would recommend above all the masterpiece of literature, The Holy Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS J K SMITH,  
MRS H R McCARROLL,  
MRS ED BROWN.

Report of obituary committee read and adopted as follows:

Your committee on obituaries report that during the past year God has called the following members of the Walnut Ridge and Imboden churches, Mrs. Ira Vantreese, Walnut Ridge; Mrs. Ethel Rash, Imboden; Mrs. C. W. Brown of Sedgewick.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from labors; and their works do follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. E. KIRKPATRICK,

MRS. EVA BIRD,

Mrs. J. M. SMITH.

Resolution committee made report as follows, which was adopted:

We take great pleasure as your committee on resolutions in behalf of Miss Mildred Matthews, to extend our thanks to her and to God, for her work she has undertaken in Cuba, she having served our association so faithfully as District Missionary for the past year, has answered God's call, and given herself as a missionary to Cuba.

1. Be it resolved that Black River Association do hereby commend her to an allwise Father and pray that he may be with her and that a great harvest of souls may be the result of this noble Christian girl, laboring among the heathens.

2nd. That each society in this association covenant together this day to remember, during all the years which she labors as a missionary to pray that the benedictions of God may be upon her.

3rd. That these resolutions be adopted and placed in the minutes of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER SMITH,

MRS. N. S. SECREST.

Nominating committee made report as follows, which was adopted:

Mrs. H. H. McCarroll, President.

Mrs. C. E. Post, Associational Supt.

Mrs. D. L. Wiley, Secy. and Treas.

Creating a fund to pay expenses of Associational Supt. was discussed, resulted in that each society take up the matter and act thereon.

Adjourned to meet at 7:45 p. m.,

### EVENING SERVICE

Opened with song "Praise Him." Mrs. Smith of Pocahontas led the devotional reading from God's word. "the Parable of the Talents" with remarks stressing "personal service."

Song—"Help Somebody Today." Prayer by Mrs. C. E. Post. Solo—Mrs. Emma Carter sweetly sang "An Evening Prayer."

Address by Mrs. Jackson, "The Saving of the Soul. and the Winning of the Life," was uplifting.

Song—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

Dismissed with prayer, to meet the day before the next meeting of the Black River Association.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Ex luded and Died	Total Membership	S. S. Enrollment	S. S. Expenses	Pastor's Salary	Ass'ial Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphans Home	75 Million Campaign	Building and Repairing	Other Objects	Total	Value Church Property
Albela	8	2	3	1		31	53	33 88	264 00	50 00						150 17		98 26	596 31	1500 00
Black Rock	2	7		4	62	31	50	59 00	210 00						8 50	55 00	120 00	30 00	483 70	3500 00
Hoxie	25	11		2	2	158	124	64 57	803 50			41 75	25 75	30 00	19 66	932 40	3000 60	422 00	5400 91	6000 00
Imboden	14	12		7		116	82	40 00	1300 00						10 00	384 80	2 25	290 31	2027 28	2000 00
M. Spring																				
Minturn																				
Pocahontas	55	20	7	50		145	100	96 32	624 00		61 25		13 89	50 00	8 41	667 01	18 00	228 80	1767 68	8000 00
Portia																				
Swifton																				
Smithville				1	2	48			180 00							54 00		2 00	236 00	600 00
Strangers Home																				
Tuckerman	141	14		2	2	302	125	80 65	1500 00							887 50	625 00	749 25	3851 40	7000 00
Walnut Grove		1				74	30	14 69	83 60	4 80								7 41	134 90	1000 00
Walnut Ridge	38	15	-	17	4	261	216	226 14	1750 00						25 00	3930 29	782 91	820 84	7520 18	25000 00
Total	283	82	10	84	72	1166	781	624 25	6715 10	54 80	61 25	41 75	39 64	80 00	66 57	7061 17	4608 16	2665 37	22011 34	49600 00

# CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCH	Name and Address of Pastor	CLERK	Superintendent	S. S. SECRETARY	Address of Clerk Supt. and Sec'y.
Alicia	T. M. McGee, Kensett	G. M. Magee	W. L. McCullough	Mabelle Lemay	Alicia
Black Rock	O. O. Marshall, Imboden	Eddie Matthews	J. H. Townsend	Hall Townsend	Black Rock
Hoxie	W. J. Derrick, Jonesboro	Mrs. Ed Brown	R. S. Watson	Villa Shrewsberry	Hoxie
Imboden	J. W. Wade, Imboden	J. A. Hill	O. D. Tibbles	Zella Sewell	Imboden
Mammoth Spring					
Minturn					
Pocahontas	J. K. Smith, Pocahontas	Frank Massey	Frank Massey	Minnie Bennett	Pocahontas
Portia					
Swifton					
Smithville	O. O. Marshall, Imboden	Mrs. Dora White			Smithville
Strangers Home					
Tuckerman	O. F. McDonald, Tuckerman	Mrs. R. H. Hunter	R. B. Vick	O'Neal Jamison	Tuckerman
Walnut Grove			M. C. Davis	Ora Cox	Walnut Ridge
Walnut Ridge	H. E. Kirkpatrick, W. Ridge	H. T. Kirkpatrick	G. E. Henry	Roy Cutsinger	Walnut Ridge