

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Fifty-Second Annual Session

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OUACHITA ASSOCIATION

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Missionary Baptist Churches of Christ

*Held With Board Camp Baptist Church at Board
Camp, Polk County, Ark., September 26, 27, 28, 1919.*

OFFICERS

Moderator.... W. E. Holt, Mena, Ark.
Clerk..... J. B. Hilton, Mena, Ark.
Treasurer.... W. F. Glen, Mena, Ark.

*The Next Session of the Body Will Be Held With the
Wickes Baptist Church at Wickes, Ark., Commencing on
Thursday Before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1920, at
8 p. m. Bro. J. W. Davenport Will Preach the Introduc-
tory Sermon.*

MINUTES OF THE OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Friday Night, September 26, 1919.

The Fifty-second annual session of the Ouachita Baptist Association was called to order by Moderator W. E. Holt.

This session was held with Board Camp Church at Board Camp, Arkansas.

First Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Opening Prayer by W. L. Smith.

Introductory sermon was preached by H. E. Crofford. After reading the 12th chapter of Matthew, he preached on "The Impossibility of Neutrality."

On motion that the reading of all church letters be dispensed with, and that J. W. Taylor and J. W. Davenport be appointed as a committee to make a tabulated form of all church letters, that all persons who know themselves to be messengers be seated as members of this Association, and if any church has not her quota, any person present who is a member of that church may be enrolled as a member.

Then a motion was made by W. L. Smith that the Association be organized on Friday night instead of Saturday morning.

A motion prevailed that W. E. Holt be elected Moderator, J. B. Hilton, clerk, and W. I. Green, treasurer.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator:

Divine Worship—W. L. Smith, E. G. Embry, W. E. Hilton, J. B. Hilton.

Finance—Bro. Weaver, H. W. Stewman, W. M. Lowery.

\$75,000,000 Campaign—J. W. Hulsey, J. B. Hammond, H. T. Howell, W. L. Smith, N. O. Hornsby.

Stewardship—H. E. Crofford, J. L. Nelson, J. W. Davenport.

Publication—Edgar Peters, L. L. Brown, Jim Compere.

Obituaries—W. S. Mayo, W. E. Reed, Mrs. Hedge.

Nominations—J. B. Hammond, Zack Hill, Mrs. E. Kinder.

Resolutions—H. E. Crofford, J. O. Butler.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Logie, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Hedge, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Stewman, Mrs. W. E. Hilton.

Sunday School—Mrs. Sanford, W. E. Hilton, R. C. Chrisco.

A motion prevailed that Cove Church be admitted as a member of the Ouachita Association.

The Smithville Church, not having put her letter into any other Association, is still retained as a member of the Ouachita Association.

Committee on Divine Worship announced that N. O. Hornsby would lead in devotional exercises Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning, September 27, 1919.

Song—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

After the reading of the 57th Psalm by N. O. Hornsby, a motion prevailed that we invite J. W. Hulsey, H. T. Howell and J. O. Butler (of the Caddo River Association) to seats with us in council.

STEWARDSHIP.

The report on Stewardship was discussed by H. E. Crofford, J. L. Nelson, W. L. Smith, J. W. Hulsey, and adopted as follows:

Much interest is being aroused in the subject of Stewardship.

Our people are seeing as never before that all life must be put on a stewardship basis.

Common honesty demands this.

Each one of us belongs to God. All of our possessions belong to God rather than to man. The very strength, skill and ability that we use belongs to the Father. We are to use and administer all these as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Our Master requires us not only to give our very best in all of our sacrifices, but he demands the tenth of all our increases in everything as that which belongs to Him.

In the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy we find how Moses told the people that if they obeyed God, all blessings would overtake them, and they would be blest above every nation.

But if they disobeyed, God would let every curse

necessary humiliate them; so we are having those very same curses today, therefore we believe it is because of our disobedience to His commands and our failure to render to him his just dues.

It is gratifying to note that this great subject is being emphasized and agitated all over the land.

The secretaries of the executive board of the state convention have sent out thousands of copies of free books and tracts on stewardship, and have circulated quantities of other free literature on the subject.

We recommend: First, That every pastor preach to all his people several times during the year on some phase of stewardship. Second, That books and tracts on this subject be circulated and read by our people as widely as possible. We also believe that if the spirit of this resolution be carried out that much good will be accomplished.

H. E. Crofford.

J. L. Nelson.

J. W. Davenport.

By arrangement of the committee on Divine Worship, J. W. Davenport preached at 11 o'clock Saturday.

After reading the 28th chapter of Matthew, J. W. Davenport preached on "The Mission and Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Saturday Afternoon.

Song, "At the Cross."

Prayer by J. W. Hulsey.

The report on the \$75,000,000 Campaign was discussed by J. W. Hulsey, Sister Logie, J. O. Butler and Jim Compere, and adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

First of all we, your committee, want to thank very heartily our State Mission Board for their help in Ouachita Association. That board for the last several years has paid half the salary of our Associational Missionaries. In this we feel that it has honored the Lord and has been a blessing to his people in the mountainous district.

Our State Board is alive to every Kingdom interest in Arkansas and richly deserves the prayers of all the Baptists of the State.

We hope and trust that every Baptist in this Asso-

ciation will stand loyally by his board.

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board has accomplished wonders in the past few years in the Southland. Under the work of this board hundreds of thousands of our soldier boys in the cantonments have been led to Christ. Many foreigners have been met and saved through the instrumentality of this Board.

It is the greatest agency of the Southern Baptist Convention to overcome Catholic influences brought to this country by foreign immigration.

The Home Mission Board has also been a great help to struggling churches in building houses of worship. Therefore we ask the Baptists of this Association to remember this board in their prayers and their contributions.

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Va., has this year increased the workers on all the foreign fields wherever it has been possible for them to do it.

We have now more than 6,000 missionaries and helpers on the foreign mission fields. The Lord has wonderfully blest the Baptists in their foreign mission efforts. No doubt the Baptists are today seeing their greatest opportunity in all the nations of the earth. Centralized governments are trembling and falling. There is today but one autocrat upon the throne, and that is the pope. Now is the time for us as Baptists to go to those nations with our democratic form of government and save these nations to the Baptists.

We would recommend that liberal contributions be made to this phase of the work.

Committee.

HOSPITALS.

In view of the fact that it was a part of our Lord's mission on earth to minister to the bodily ailments of people as well as spiritual, and that He has committed this work to His churches and that we have several hospitals owned and controlled solely by the Southern Baptist Convention and that they do much charity work, thereby reaching many spiritually, therefore we rec-

commend that these hospitals have a prominent place in your prayers and contributions. Committee.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

As a denomination Baptists own and control more schools, colleges and seminaries than any other denomination in the United States. We have seen long since the need of trained men and women for the work of the Kingdom of Christ. We recommend that you continue loyal to all these institutions of the Lord by sending your children to the same. Committee.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It is a fact that Baptist preachers not only give their time but their means to the work of the Lord, and four-fifths of them grow to old age homeless, and it is nothing but right that we support them in their old age. We recommend that you give liberally to their support. Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Baptists are caring for thousands of orphan children thruout the Southland. Certainly the cries and the tears of orphans will touch your hearts in such a way as to bring contributions of which you will not be ashamed. Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Associational missions is that part of our work which is carried on by our Associational Mission Board in Ouachita Association. We have had the services of J. B. Hammond for the past six months. He has worked well and much good has been accomplished through him. We find much work to be done in the association, and recommend that you keep a missionary on the field for as much time as you are able to pay for. All of the above reports are grouped under the head of the \$75,000,000 Campaign, and will be cared for out of the general fund now being gathered in this drive.

J. W. Hulsey.
J. B. Hammond.
H. T. Howell.
W. L. Smith.
N. O. Hornsby.

Report on tabulating of church letters read and adopted as follows:

(See Tables after Page 13.)

John Taylor,
J. W. Davenport,
Committee.

After singing "Oh for a Closer Walk With God," the Association adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

Saturday Night.

By arrangement of the Committee on Divine Worship, J. O. Butler preached. He preached on "The Need of the Holy Spirit."

PUBLICATIONS.

The report on publication was read, discussed by Jim Compere, and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to report as follows:

That the Holy Bible be first of all publications in every home, and that it should be read and studied more systematically.

That the Baptist Advance and Home and Foreign Fields be in every home in this Association, and that the best religious books be in our homes, and that we as a people too, "study to show themselves approved of God; workmen that can rightly divide the word of God."

Edgar Peters.

L. L. Brown.

Jim Compere.

Sunday Morning.

Song—"When Millions Come Pouring In."

H. T. Howell read Psalm 1.

A motion prevailed that the time of beginning of our Association be changed from Friday night to Thursday night.

NOMINATIONS.

The report on nominations was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, beg to report as follows:

We recommend Wickes church as the place for the next Association. We recommend that Bro. J. W.

Davenport preach the introductory sermon. We recommend W. L. Smith for Chairman of the Associational Mission Board, and that said Board be composed of one member from each church, and that five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. We recommend that the Fifth Sunday Meeting be held with the Vandervoort church.

J. B. Hammond.
W. L. Smith.
W. I. Green.
W. E. Hilton.
W. E. Holt.
J. J. Mershon.

OBITUARIES.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We, your, committee, report that since our last Association Death has visited these homes and churches: Mena—Mrs. G. W. Roberts, Mrs. Stella (Cunningham) Reno, Bro. Jesse Green, Miss Ruth Williams. Vandervoort—Bro. Otis Bell, Sister Ola Wisdom. Yocana—Bro. Robert Hilton was killed on the battlefields of France September 18, 1918.

Resolved, that we tender our sympathies and assistance to the friends and relatives of the departed dead.

Bro. Mayo.
Bro. W. E. Reed.
Mrs. W. M. Hedge.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We, the committee on Woman's Work, rejoice in the consciousness of being a needful part of the Kingdom set up by our Lord Jesus Christ, and count it a joy to be co-laborers in that Kingdom. Our earnest prayer is that each woman do well the part that God has given her, realizing that if she fails to do it the blessed words, "She hath done what she could," will never come to her. We also earnestly pray that each woman re-dedicate herself and family to the Lord's work and form the

habit of daily prayer for her home, her church, the schools, and the whole unsaved world.

Mrs. Sanford.
Mrs. Hilton.
Mrs. Reed.
Mrs. Logie.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Report of J. B. Hammonds was read and adopted as follows:

From April 6 to September 28.

Sermons preached	108
Other religious addresses	18
Conversions	34
Additions to church by letter	12
Additions to church by restoration	0
Additions to church by baptism	20
Religious visits	182
Revival meetings	5
Prayer meetings organized	1
Churches assisted in securing pastors	4
Books sold or distributed	13
Tracts distributed	660
Miles traveled	1126
Amount raised for Home and Foreign Missions	\$64.50

Financial Report—

Amount received from State Board June 1	\$ 82.50
Amount received from State Board Sept. 1	135.00

Amount Raised on Field—

Hatfield	\$ 6.40
Rocky	4.50
Smithville	74.50
Two-Mile (Fifth Sunday Meeting)	27.00
Board Camp	53.00
Mena (by J. J. Mershon)	10.00

\$175.40

Amount Due from State Board	\$37.50
Amount Due from Associational Board	79.60

TEMPERANCE.

Report on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

First, that the liquor traffic has lost more of its power since we last met.

Therefore we recommend and insist that all members of this body use every effort possible to suspend it entirely, and we pray that the time may speedily come when intoxicants with all its evils will be a thing of the past.

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to say that the necessity of Sunday Schools is to give the child an education on the bible, using our Southern Baptist literature and periodicals that accompany it. And also that we employ teachers that can explain the doctrine in a plain, simple way, and let this be our slogan: Reach the child while young, for many children may be won to Christ through the Sunday Schools. The school is an auxiliary to the church and has been defined as the church at work.

W. E. Hilton.

R. C. Chrico.

Mrs. Sanford.

RESOLUTIONS.

Report read and adopted as follows:

We, the Messengers and visitors of the Ouachita Association, have enjoyed ourselves among the good people of Board Camp while here in the work of the Lord.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That we extend to them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

H. E. Crofford.

J. O. Butler.

After preaching by Jim Compere from Rev. 1:11, the Association adjourned to meet with the Wickes Baptist Church at Wickes, Ark., on Thursday night before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1920.

Benediction by J. W. Hulsey.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of the order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.
4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but not thereafter.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.
8. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resumes their seats.
10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak has spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close debate until the subject has been fully discussed.
12. Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.
13. The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. The Moderator is entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the Association be equally divided.
16. Any member violating these rules may be re-

proved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach be made.

ARTICLE OF FAITH.

1. We believe only in one true and living God, and that there are a trinity of persons in the God head—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—and these three are in one.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general reesurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who are in Christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only lawgiver, and the discipline is with the body and should be kept faithfully up for the glory of God and the prosperity of His people.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but baptised believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of **The Ouachitta Missionary Baptist Association of Christ.**

2. This Association shall be composed of churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before taking their seats.

3. The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed and shall act only as an advisory council assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in its justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. It should therefore guard all churches 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 union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted to this union through the representation of three delegates at the annual session of this Association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptised, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This Association may have a fund supplied by a

voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

8. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.

9. The Association shall take no cognizance of query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed, nor any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th Chapter of Matthew and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration.

10. The Clerk of this Association shall keep a file of the minutes of this Body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association, by concurring voices of two-thirds of its members, provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this Association.

12. At the Annual meeting there shall be an introductory and missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m. for preaching.



MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs..	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday Schools	Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property	Minutes and Clerk	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Home
Liberty	\$142.00	.....	10.00	\$17.55	\$	\$	\$	\$ 17.00	\$	\$	\$ 500.00	\$2.10	\$	\$
Cove . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mena	900.00	110.15	173.77	.....	24.98	14.91	63.00	275.00	242.81	242.80	10,271.50	7.00	47.27	1500.00
Old Cove	65.00	.....	5.00	.....	25.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....
Salem	25.00	.....	.....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	1.25	.....	.....
Smithville . . . .	.....	209.71	6.00	6.00	24.40	15.00	74.05	.....	.....	.....	3,000.00	2.50	.....	.....
Two-Mile	75.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	30.50	25.00	.....	.....	.....	2.00	8.93	.....
Vandervoort . .	.....	.....	.....	12.00	28.00	.....	15.00	.....	9.25	9.25	500.00	2.00	.....	.....
Wickes	120.00	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Grannis . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....
Yocana	12.00	.....	5.47	20.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.30	.....	.....
Board Camp . . .	.....	.....	.....	25.65	.....	.....	53.50	20.70	19.00	19.00	700.00	2.50	.....	.....

CHURCH	PASTOR	Pastor's Postoffice	CLERK	Clerk's Postoffice	Mem. Last Year...	Rec'd by Baptism...	Rec'd by Letter...	Rec'd by Restoration	Decrease by Let...	Decrease by Expul.	Decrease by Death.	Tot. Mem. This Year	Sunday School Superintendent	No. of Pupils.....	No. of Teachers....	Kind of Literature..	Sunday School Secretary
Board Camp.			J. B. Hilton.....	Mena, R. 4..	132	1	2		3			132	W. E. Hilton.....	90	4	S.B.C.	Lee Hilton.....
Cove.....	H. E. Crofford..	Mena.....	I. Ross Silvey..	Cove.....	16						1	15					
Liberty.....	N. O. Hornsby...	Hatfield.....	J. T. Whitehead..	Zafra, Ok....	40	4	3			6		41					
Mena.....	W. L. Smith.....	Mena.....	J. P. Bullion....	Mena.....	390	1	19		21	1	4	384	J. T. Law.....	25	3	S.B.C.	
Mt. Hermon..	W. L. Smith.....	Mena.....											W. E. Holt.....	205	9	S.B.C.	Myrtle Tyler.....
Mt. Olive....	J. T. Benson.....	DeQueen.....	J. J. Beavers....	Mena, R. 1...		2	1										
New Hope....																	
Old Cove....	N. O. Hornsby...	Hatfield.....	H. Stockton.....	Hatfield.....		14	7					21					
Salem.....			W. F. Fite.....	Mena, R. 4..	20		6		7			19	Jim Rose.....	40	4	Union	Kittie Rose.....
Smithville...	J. B. Hammonds..	Vandervoort..	Mrs. Dr. Smith...	Smithville...	41	17	2		2			58	W. W. Brumley...	80	5	S.B.C.	Clara Brumley....
Two-Mile....	N. O. Hornsby...	Hatfield.....	J. E. Taylor.....	Hatfield, R. 2..	74	1	3		2			76	J. B. Dobbins...	65	5	S.B.C.	Miss Zasel Henderson
Vandervoort.	J. T. Benson.....	DeQueen.....	P. W. Taylor....	Vandervoort..	64		6		2		2	66	J. E. Taylor.....	70	4	S.B.C.	Miss Maggie Harker.
Wickes.....	N. O. Hornsby...	Hatfield.....	Fred Daniels...	Wickes.....	44	3	5					52	Mrs. J. C. Shelton..	40	4	S.B.C.	Miss Grace Shelton...
Grannis.....	N. O. Hornsby...	Hatfield.....	S. H. McCurley..	Grannis.....	26	18	6					37	O. D. Bradshaw...	40	4	Union	Georgia Hamby....
Yocana.....	H. T. Howell.....	Opal.....	J. T. Lunsford...	Ink.....	88	4	7		15	4	1	79	S. H. McCurley...	75	4	S.B.C.	