

MINUTES  
—OF THE—  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
—OF THE—  
CADDO RIVER.  
REGULAR  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH THE  
BAPTIST CHURCH AT NEW HOPE, PIKE Co., ARK.,  
*Sept. 9th and 11th, A. D. 1882.*

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OFFICERS:

H. M. WILKINSON, MODERATOR.  
ISAAC F. WELCH, CLERK.  
I. R. TURNER, TREASURER.

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## CADDO RIVER REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1882.

The Caddo River Regular Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Church at New Hope, Pike County, Ark., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1882.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M. by the appointee, Elder J. P. Welch, followed by Elder J. J. Hughes. Text: "For without me, ye can do nothing."—St. John 15: 5.

At 2 o'clock P. M., Elder H. M. Wilkinson, Moderator, called the Association to order.

After reading the Scriptures and singing, prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Called for letters from the Churches. Letters read and the names of messengers enrolled. (See Statistical Table).

Called for Petitionary letters, when one was presented from the Church at Tuskawillow and one from the Church at Brushy Creek, Howard County. The letters were read and the messengers received, and the right hand of Associational fellowship extended by the Moderator.

The Association then went into the election of officers, which resulted in the election of H. M. Wilkinson, Moderator; Isaac F. Welch, Clerk, and I. R. Turner, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats in the body, whereupon Elder J. A. McDaniel, of the Southwestern Arkansas Association, presented himself, and was welcomed to a seat with us.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as Preaching Committee: I. R. Turner, G. W. Henthorn and W. D. Lefeyers.

Called for correspondence. No correspondence.



The Moderator then appointed the following committees, viz.:  
ON DOCUMENTS.—R. P. Wilkinson, J. J. Hughes and A. Nelson.  
ON FINANCE.—R. Talbot, W. J. Cowart and J. M. Smith.  
ON DESTITUTION.—W. H. Caldwell, W. W. Carson and A. R. Chitwood.

ON STATE OF RELIGION.—J. P. Welch, W. H. Collum and L. Autrey.

ON TEMPERANCE.—W. F. Willis, John Stuart and C. H. Eddlemon.

ON DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.—Isaac F. Welch, G. W. Tidwell and Asa Cunningham.

ON DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.—E. Burns, S. A. Goss and J. D. Neighbors.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by J. A. McDaniel.

## SERVICES OF SUNDAY.

The stand was filled by the following named brethren, who preached to large and very attentive congregations, and we trust great and lasting good was accomplished thereby: 9 o'clock A. M., A. Nelson and W. H. Caldwell; 11 o'clock, H. M. Wilkinson and J. A. McDaniel; 3 o'clock P. M., Isaac F. Welch; candlelighting, W. W. Carson and J. P. Welch.

## SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1882, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met according to appointment. Prayer by J. J. Hughes.

Called for reading of minutes of Saturday Minutes read and adopted.

Called roll, and marked absentees thus \*.

By motion, be it

*Resolved*, That all messengers absenting themselves from this body, by leave of absence from the body, it shall be so shown in the minutes *thus* \*; and that the names of those leaving without leave of absence shall be left out of the minutes.

Removed call for correspondence from Sister Associations. None responded.

Called for reports of committees.

The following reports were read and adopted:

### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to make the following report:

We find two Churches petitioning for membership in this body, viz.: Tuskwillow and Brushy Creek. We find eleven Churches not represented this year, viz.: Bethany, Brushy Creek North; Crystal Hill, Liberty, Mt. Ida, New Hope (Montgomery County), New Prospect, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Home, Spring Grove and Shiloh. Three Churches petition the Association to meet with them at its next session to wit: The Old Home, Mt. Pisgah and Forest Hill.

R. P. WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

### REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

BELOVED IN CHRIST: We submit the following report:

The Baptist Sunday-School Convention met with the Baptist Church at Liberty according to appointment. The introductory sermon was preached by the appointee, Isaac F. Welch. Dear brethren, we are glad to report that we are growing stronger in the good work. Five Schools were represented in the Convention, and five Churches. This body agreed to meet with Antioch, West, on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1883, to hold her next session.

Programme for next session:

1. Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. on Friday by J. M. Anderson, with J. P. Welch, alternate.
2. Convention to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. for organization and business.
3. Lecture at candlelighting Friday night by Isaac F. Welch, with N. H. Harley, alternate, on the "Duties of Parents in regard in Sunday Schools."
4. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock A. M. Convention to reassemble for business.
5. Lecture at 11 o'clock A. M. by J. H. West on "Our Duties toward each other in regard to Sunday-Schools."
6. Convention to meet again at 3 o'clock P. M. for business.
7. Lecture by J. E. Kennedy on the subject, "Are Sunday-Schools Scriptural?" at candlelighting Saturday night, to be followed by W. H. Caldwell.
8. Sunday-school lessons at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.
9. Lecture by W. J. Kennedy at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday. Subject: "Rise and Progress of Sunday-Schools."

ISAAC F. WELCH, *President*.

JOHN A. TACKETT, *Secretary*.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, submit the following report:



BRETHREN: We have, in the bounds of our Association, those who are destitute of the preached Gospel, though we are proud to say that the destitution is not so great as heretofore. We find that the ministering brethren have been reaching out in their labors into the destitution by which we are surrounded more than in the past, and that their labors have been blessed to the salvation of souls. Brethren, let us be encouraged, and use our means and talents to try to promote and push forward the work of the Master.

A. R. CHITWOOD, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION.

DEAR BRETHREN: We make the following report on the state of religion within our hour is:

We see, from the letters to this body, that the state of religion is very encouraging. Most of the Churches have had glorious revivals of religion. The cause of the blessed Son of God is moving forward. There have been more conversions and baptisms than usual, and the Churches are coming more up to the apostolic practice in disciplining their offending members than heretofore. Dear brethren, let us be encouraged and thank God for his visitations, and strive in the future to redouble our diligence in the cause of our blessed Lord, and he will pour us out a blessing that our hearts cannot contain.

J. P. WELCH, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We are sorry to state that intoxicating drink is still being used to excess in the bounds of our Association. Dear brethren, let us, as laborers for Christ, use all our influence in putting the use of ardent spirits out of our bounds.

W. F. WILLIS, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

We, your Committee on the Duties of Churches to Pastors, submit this report:

DEAR BRETHREN: Within our bounds we do know that our Churches are far behind in the duties that they owe to their pastors. Their duties are many. We mention a few, and hope that the Churches, with one accord, will arise to a performance of those duties. We do not believe that any Church ought to call a pastor to serve them whom they do not intend to compensate bountifully for all his time employed for them. No Church ought to expect a minister to go a-warfaring at his own expense. If he sows unto them spiritual things, they ought to divide with him their carnal things. But, oh! dear brethren, the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the

grain is muzzled, and he that if feeding the flock is denied the milk of the flock. Brethren, these things ought not so to continue. It is the duty of the Church to visit its pastor, to know his wants and supply them, and to encourage him in every way possible; at least, it is the Church's duty to *help* him to bear the great burthens of the Church, if she would see Zion travel and bring forth sons and daughters. Brethren, let us hoist high the banner of the Church and do our whole duty, and God will bless us.

ISAAC F. WELCH, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

DEAR BRETHREN: We present the following report:

The pastor is the servant of the Church over which he is called. It is his duty to see that the rules of the Church should be obeyed, to preach the Gospel in its purity and contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and to reprove, rebuke and exhort with all long suffering and doctrines, and not fail to declare the whole counsel of God.

JOHN D. NEIGHBORS, *Chairman*.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to make this report:

We employed J. P. Welch and I. F. Welch to ride as missionaries in the bounds of this Association for two months and a half, and agreed to give them for said service, the money on hand for missionary purposes and the subscription made at the last Association for Home Missions.

L. AUTREY, *Chairman*.

#### MISSIONARY REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: In pursuance of an arrangement made by this body at her last session, to place two missionaries in the field for a period of time, to be determined by your Executive Committee, we were employed by said Committee for the term of two and a half months. We commenced our work on the first day of July, and have been laboring within the bounds of this Association ever since. What good has been accomplished, eternity only can tell. We have endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of our duties. We have been permitted to hear very many undone sinners cry, "What must I do to be saved?" while we have been permitted to point them to Christ, the bleeding sacrifice, as the only balm for their sin sick souls, and our hearts have been cheered by the shouts of new born souls.

Our work is summed up as follows:

Preached at thirty different places.

Preached sixty-nine sermons.

Delivered eighty-three exhortations.



Traveled 772 miles each; together, 1544 miles.  
Baptized five converts.

J. P. WELCH,  
ISAAC F. WELCH,  
*Missionaries.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, make the following report:  
We find on hand:

For printing minutes and Associational purposes.....	\$23 35
Cash for Home Missions .....	3 00
Subscription for Home Missions .....	45 00

All of which is ready to be paid over to the Treasurer.

R. TALLANT, *Chairman.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand for Associational purposes.....	\$23 35
Cash for Home Missions. ....	3 00
Subscription for Home Missions .....	45 00

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

We, your Committee, make the following report:

Saturday, 11 o'clock, preaching by J. P. Welch and J. J. Hughes;  
Saturday night at candlelighting, J. A. McDaniel and L. Autrey;  
Sunday, 9 o'clock A. M., A. Nelson and W. H. Caldwell; 11 o'clock  
A. M., H. M. Wilkinson and J. A. McDaniel; 3 o'clock P. M., Isaac  
F. Welch; candlelighting, W. W. Carson and J. P. Welch; 11  
o'clock A. M. Monday, J. J. Hughes and R. P. Wilkinson; Monday  
night, I. R. Turner and Isaac F. Welch.

I. R. TURNER, *Chairman.*

The Association then suspended business for preaching to meet  
again at 3 o'clock P. M.

Reassembled again at 3 o'clock P. M. and resumed business.

Called for the reading of the Circular Letter. The letter not  
being presented, it was dispensed with.

The former Treasurer not being present, the Association re-  
ceived a statement from Isaac F. Welch as a report, which was, that  
there were in the treasury eight dollars for Associational pur-  
poses.

The Association agreed to open up correspondence with the  
Southwestern Arkansas Association. The Moderator then appointed  
as corresponding messengers to said Association, Elder W. W.  
Carson and Asa Cunningham and C. H. Eddlemon; Elder Carson to  
write a letter of correspondence.

The Moderator then appointed corresponding messengers to Sis-  
ter Associations as follows:

To RED RIVER.—J. C. Goss and J. M. Smith; Smith to write.

To OUACHITA.—Isaac F. Welch and N. L. Huggins; Welch to  
write.

To SALINE.—A. Nelson, H. M. Wilkinson, A. R. Chitwood and  
I. R. Turner; Nelson to write.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

*Resolved, 1,* That all ministers of this Association are earnestly  
requested to advocate the cause of Home Missions within their re-  
spective charges, and urge upon the brethren to send some specified  
amount of money by the messengers at the next session of this  
Association, to be used in employing a missionary in our bounds for  
the next year.

*Resolved, 2,* That we, as an Association, use our energies to  
raise money enough by the next Association to send a missionary to  
New Mexico for twelve months.

*Resolved, 3,* That we, as an Association, drop the names of all  
the Churches that fail to represent themselves for three meetings in  
succession, to take effect at the next meeting of the Association.

*Resolved, 4,* That the Clerk have as many minutes printed as  
there is money to pay for after reserving ten dollars for his services  
as Clerk, and that a few copies be sent to those Churches which have  
failed to represent themselves this year and which sent money to  
pay for minutes last year.

*Resolved, 5,* That we have the Abstract of Faith of this Asso-  
ciation printed in the minutes of this session.

*Resolved, 6,* That we request all the Churches of this body, in  
sending up their statistics to the Association, to give the names of  
all the ordained ministers and deacons and licensed ministers in  
their fellowship and their postoffices. Also, that their letter show  
who has been their pastor for the Associational year just closing.

*Resolved, 7,* That the Association tender her special thanks to  
the members of the Church at New Hope and the vicinity for their  
liberal support and friendly hospitality during our stay among  
them.

*Resolved, 8,* That the next session of this Association be held  
with the Church at Forest Hill, Montgomery County, Ark.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR NEXT SESSION.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by W. W. Carson, with A.  
Nelson, alternate.

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alternate.

Baptism and Communion by N. H. Hawley, with J. J. Hughes,  
alternate.

Circular Letter by Isaac F. Welch on the subject of "The Dea-  
conship."

No further business appearing, the minutes were read and  
adopted.



After appropriate and touching remarks and closing prayer by the Moderator, a suitable hymn was sung while the messengers and brethren gave each other the parting hand amidst tears of joy, hoping to meet again.

The Association then adjourned to meet with the Church at Forest Hill, Montgomery County, Ark., four miles below the Caddo Gap, on the Hot Springs road, on Saturday (at 11 o'clock A. M.) before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1883, peace and harmony prevailing.

H. M. WILKINSON, *Moderator.*

ISAAC F. WELCH, *Clerk.*

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

(WITH REFERENCES).

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5: 7; John 1: 1, 2, 3; 1 Tim. 3: 16.)

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. (2 Tim. 3: 15, 16; 2 Peter 1: 21; Rom. 15: 4.)

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1: 1, 2.)

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. (Gen. 3: 6, 7; Ps. 57: 6; Rom. 5: 12-14.)

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. (Isa. 1: 5-7; John 6: 44.)

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. (Jer. 23: 6; Rom. 22-24; 1 Cor. 1: 30.)

ART. 7. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. (Ps. 89: 31-35; Heb. 8: 10, 11; John 10: 20; John 3: 9.)

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode. (Mark 6: 16, and 15: 16; Acts 2: 41, 42; Rom. 6: 3-7; Matt. 20: 26; Acts 2: 42; 1 Cor. 11: 22-26.)

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. (John 5: 28, 29; 1 Cor. 15: 22, 23; Rev. 20: 12, 14, 15.)

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. (Matt. 28: 19, 20; 1 Tim. 4: 14; Titus 5: 10.)

ART. 11. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. (Acts 2: 42-47.)

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. (Ex. 20: 8; Acts 20: 7; Rev. 1: 10.)

# ORDAINED MINISTERS

AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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W. W. CARSON, New Hope.  
H. L. WASSON, Black Springs.  
N. H. HARLEY, Crystal Springs.  
I. F. WELCH, Rock Creek.  
H. M. WILKINSON, Crystal Sp'gs.  
W. H. CALDWELL, Hickory Sta'n  
J. A. HOLCOMB, Point Cedar.  
J. M. ANDERSON, Mt. Ida.  
J. P. WELCH, Rock Creek.

G. W. SCATES, Point Cedar.  
D. T. DRIGGERS, Hickory Sta'n.  
JOHN NEIGHBORS, Rock Creek.  
A. NELSON, Hickory Station.  
T. J. WELCH, Sims.  
J. H. WEST, Caddo Gap.  
J. J. HUGHES, Rock Creek.  
I. AUTREY, Rock Creek.

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# LICENTIATES

AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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J. M. SMITH, Rock Creek.  
I. R. TURNER, Caddo Gap.  
E. BURNS, Hickory Station.  
O. R. SALES, New Hope.  
L. W. TURNER, Paits.  
J. C. GOSS, New Hope.  
R. P. WILKINSON, Rock Creek.

G. C. BANDY, New Hope.  
J. B. ECHOLS, Rock Creek  
E. P. CHITWOOD, Crystal Spr'gs.  
L. T. BAGWELL, Red Land.  
T. J. CUNNINGHAM, Crystal  
Springs.

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# ORDER OF BUSINESS

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## FIRST DAY.

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1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call for letters from Churches.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Invite ministers to seats.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Call for report of Committee on Preaching.

## SECOND DAY.

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9. Call for reading of minutes.
10. Call roll and mark absentees.
11. Call for report of committees.
12. Call for reading of circular letter.
13. Call for resolutions.
14. Appoint'nts for next session.
15. Call for Treasurer's report.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

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## CHURCHES OF THE CADDO RIVER REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS.	PASTORS	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total Mem-bership.	SABBAT OF MEETINGS
Antioch East	C. H. Eddlemon	N. H. Harley	C. H. Eddlemon	Crystal Springs			7	2			18	Third
Antioch West	I. F. Welch, I. R. Turner, W. B. McNight	I. F. Welch	I. R. Turner	Caddo Gap		3		2			35	Second
Bethel	J. P. Welch, L. Autrey, W. F. Willis	J. J. Hughes	W. W. Welch	Rock Creek	3	1	2	4	1		46	First
Brushy Creek South	Jas. Seales, W. A. Canady	W. W. Carson	James Seales	Paits		4					10	Third
Bethany	Not represented										26	Second
Brushy Creek North	Not represented											
Crystal Hill	Not represented											
Forest Hill	E. Burns, J. D. Neighbors	W. H. Caldwell	J. A. Tackett	Hickory Station	5	5		2			36	Second
Liberty	Not represented				5						23	Fourth
Liberty Springs	H. M. Wilkinson	H. M. Wilkinson	S. J. Standefer	Crystal Springs	5	1	2	1	1		42	Fourth

Mountain Home	A. Nelson, W. H. Caldwell	J. H. West	G. C. Caldwell	Hickory Station		5	4				40	First
Mt. Pisgah	R. Tallant, Geo. Tidwell	L. Autrey	R. Tallant	Hickory Station	3	5	2				23	Second
Mt. Ida	Not represented											
New Hope, Pike Co.	W. W. Carson, J. C. Goss, W. D. Lefevers	W. W. Carson	J. H. Keith	New Hope	4	7	1	1		1	46	First
New Hope, Mont. Co.	Not represented										11	
New Prospect	Not represented											
Pilgrim's Rest	R. P. Wilkinson, W. J. Cowart, W. C. Collum	J. J. Hughes	L. T. Bagwell	Rock Creek								
Pleasant Valley	Not represented										12	
Pleasant Home	Not represented										10	Second
Salem	J. J. Roberson, N. L. Hug- gins	I. F. Welch	N. L. Huggins	Rock Creek	2	7	5	1			19	Third
Spring Grove	Not represented										6	Fourth
Shiloh	Not represented										14	
Tuskawilla	John Stuart, Richard Dyer	J. A. McDaniel	J. J. Hill	Venetia Grove	17				2		23	Second
The Old Home	A. R. Chitwood, A. Cun- ningham, J. O. Duckett	H. M. Wilkinson	Joel Chitwood	Crystal Springs	6			1			33	Second
Valley Grove	J. J. Hughes, J. M. Smith, G. W. Henthorn	J. J. Hughes	J. M. Smith	Rock Creek	10	5	5	1	1	1	51	Fourth
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>55</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>524</b>	