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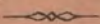
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
CENTER RIDGE CHURCH,


POLK COUNTY, ARK.

NOVEMBER 26. 27. 28 and 29. 1891.

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OFFICERS:

J. M. GREEN, MODERATOR. THOS. WRIGHT, CLERK.

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Next Session to be held with Yochana Church, Polk County, Ark.,
Saturday before the Fourth Sabbath in September, 1892.

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MINUTES.

The Ouachita Baptist Association met with Center Ridge Church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1891.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. D. Parham, Eld. J. P. Faith, alternate.

After a short intermission for refreshments the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. E. L. Compere.

The letter from the churches were read, showing twenty-one churches in attendance by their messengers.

New Cedar and Pleasant Hill churches presented petitionary letters and agreeing to the abstract of faith, the right hand of fellowship was extended to their messengers by the Moderator.

Eld. J. M. Green was chosen Moderator; Thomas Wright, Clerk and J. J. Mershon, Treasurer.

Preaching was announced for night at Center Ridge, Buffalo, Pleasant Hill and Centerville School House.

Eld. Holland from Concord Association and Eld. Ingle, from the Southwest Association were seated as messengers from their respective Associations.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint the Standing Committees and announce them at to-morrow's services.

On motion adjourned until Monday at 8 o'clock A. M.

Sabbath morning, 9:30 o'clock, divine services were begun by prayer meeting conducted by Eld. E. A. Mayo. At eleven o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by Eld. E. L. Compere, Eld. E. S. James being absent, after which a collection for Foreign Missions was taken and the sum of \$9.80 in cash and \$12.70 in pledge to be paid on or before the first day of March, 1892, was received.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Finance.—A. Blake, W. L. Sheppard, J. F. Nilson.

On Publications.—H. P. Coffman, W. A. Brumbly and E. R. Box.

On Sabbath-Schools.—D. W. Hill, B. F. Thompson and J. J. Mushon.

On Destitution.—J. D. Parham, E. R. Box and M. L. Ridling.

On Obituaries.—J. P. Faith, C. F. White and D. M. Lawrence.

On Home Missions.—E. E. Mayo, Thos. Wright and Wm. Ridling.

On Foreign Missions.—E. L. Compere, H. P. Coffman and Wm. Taylor.

On Nominations.—A. T. Jupling, J. R. Edwards and B. Duck.

On Temperance—J. J. Mushon, J. C. Kelley and S. L. Atkinson.

The sermon on Support of Pastors was deferred until to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to allow Buffalo Church to attend to the ordinance of baptism at that hour.

There was preaching at night at Center Ridge, Pleasant Hill and Centerville.

Morning Session.

MONDAY MORNING, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. J. Holland. The Moderator called the body to order. The roll was called and absentees noted.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the Moderator appointed messengers to Caddo River Association: E. R. Box, W. F. Ridling and J. W. Jeffry. To Concord Association: Elds. E. L. Compere and E. A. Mayo. To Southwest Association: Eld. D. W. Hill and T. W. Whitley.

On motion of Eld. E. L. Compere, correspondence was opened with Short Mountain Association, Choctaw Nation, Elds. E. L. Compere and J. P. Faith, corresponding messengers. To General Association of W. Ark. and Indian Territory, Eld. E. A. Mayo, J. M. Witt, M. L. Ridling, S. L. Atkinson, W. F. Mayo, J. F. McLeod. Alternates, H. P. Coffman, J. D. Parham and E. B. Williams.

Eld. E. L. Compere read the report on Foreign Missions which was received and adopted.

The report on Publications was received and adopted.

The following named brethren agreed to pay ten cents per month for Foreign Missions: A. L. Clayborn, J. M. Witt, A. Griffin, L. C. Dorer, J. A. Vanzant, John Bunyan Duck, D. J. Griffin, J. M. Jopling, J. W. Bogle, E. A. Mayo, J. D. Parham, W. F. Mayo, Mrs. N. C. Beam, T. C. Mathis, T. J. Sneed, S. H. Romino and wife, M. E. Fortner, D. M. Mayo, M. E. Atkinson, L. E. Coffman, Robert Fortner, and W. H. Taylor.

Eld. J. F. McLeod read the report on Sabbath-schools, which, after some remarks was adopted.

Bro. E. R. Box read the report on Nominations. Report adopted. The recommended that the next session of this body be held with Yochana Church. Eld. H. P. Coffman to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. E. B. Williams as alternate. Eld. E. E. Mayo to preach the Missionary sermon, with Eld. E. S. James as alternate.

The report of the Committee on Temperance, received and adopted.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow at 8 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Session.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

On motion Eld. J. M. Green was appointed as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. Eld. J. F. McLeod as alternate.

The report on Obituaries was received and adopted.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Home Missions, the Association went into Committee of the Whole to consider Home Mission, with Thomas Wright as chairman; and after consideration of the subject the Committee arose and made the following report which was adopted:

That the churches in this Association be requested to support their pastors better, so as to enable them to supply the destitution around them.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a Board of Home Missions: Eld. J. F. McLeod, temporary chairman, J. J. Mushon, W. F. Brumbly, Wm. Taylor and Dr. J. A. Norris. And that the churches be requested to name one member from each church to co-operate with said Board and report the name of said brethren to the Board as appointed.

Eld. E. L. Compere offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Mission Board and our preachers and other brethren be requested to meet on every fifth Sabbath during the year to devise means to further the Mission interests of the Association. That the meeting in October, 1890, be held with Dallas Church and that Bro. J. J. Holland preach the introductory on Saturday. The meeting in January, 1892, will be held with Concord Church. The meeting in April with Mt. Olive Church. Meeting in July with Mt. Gilead Church.

The report of the Committee on Preaching was read and received.

The following was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, Eld. J. M. Green, the Moderator of this Association, contemplates moving to the state of Texas, and,

WHEREAS, He has been for twenty years a member of this body, having been ordained a minister among us; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply regret his loss, feeling that we need his wise counsel.

Resolved, 2, That we commend him to the love and esteem of any church or community where his lot may be cast, as an able, earnest and efficient minister of the Gospel, and a bold defender of the truth as held by Baptists.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to take the money and have the Minutes printed. The sum of \$2.35 was paid the Clerk for his services.

The Finance Committee made their report showing the sum of \$15.65 for printing Minutes; for Foreign Missions by Hopewell Church, \$1.00; Home Missions, \$2.00; Sabbath collection, cash, (Foreign Missions) \$9.80; pledges, \$12.70; J. M. Green for Foreign Missions, 25 cents.

A. M. BLAKE, Chairman.

The Report on Home Missions was received and adopted.

Resolved. That the thanks of this body is due the brethren

and friends in this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion adjourned to meet with Yochana Church, Polk Co., Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1892. While a hymn was sung the parting hand was given, the brethren shedding tears freely and after prayer led by Eld. J. D. Parham, the assembly broke up.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to report that we have had the subject of Sabbath-schools under consideration and recommend, first that pastors of churches organize Schools in their churches, where it is possible. Second, we do recommend to parents, Dayton's Question Book for their children and teach them the Gospel at home every Sabbath.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. THOMPSON,

J. J. MUSHON,

J. F. McLEOD.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find only twelve deaths among our members as reported in the letters: Bros. V. Hill, M. Perkins, T. J. Shaw, — Kaler, J. Q. Davis, T. W. Robinson, J. S. Rismborer, and Sisters Lydia Purin, S. Peppers, M. E. Jeffries, Jane Rogers, Sister Hopkins, wife of ex-sheriff. Each of these were orderly walking members with us, and we trust they have gone to rest. Let this remind us that death is abroad in the land.

J. P. FAITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We would recommend to the brotherhood of the Association, 1st. To read the Scriptures diligently. 2nd. We would recommend as sound Baptist literature the *Arkansas Baptist* and the *American Baptist* also the *Baptist and Reflector*.

For Sabbath-schools, Dayton's Question Books and *Kind Words*. Harvest Bells and Evergreen Hymn Books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. P. COFFMAN, Chairman.

DESTITUTION.

We find great destitution in the bounds of this Association. es-

pecially in the eastern part of this Association, where our stronghold was a few years ago. Churches are without pastors, besides other destitution. We would recommend that the Association take some suitable steps to supply this destitution by raising means and employing a missionary. We would further recommend that the churches send their pastors with the missionary to assist in this great work, when they can do so.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. PARHAM,
M. L. RIDLING,
E. R. BOX.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Believing that Temperance is one of the Christian graces, we earnestly recommend that the members of the churches composing this Ouachita Association, give due consideration to the subject of Temperance and endeavor to exercise temperance in all things. We also recommend abstinence from all intoxicants as a beverage, by which many dishonor the name of our Lord. Even the moderate use of intoxicants is not justifiable by the Scriptures, and especially when it becomes a stumbling block in the way of others.

We therefore recommend the churches to be punctual in dealing with all members guilty of the immoderate use of intoxicants.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MUSHON,
J. T. KELLY,
S. L. ATKINSON,
J. P. WILCOX.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To bring the whole world to Christ, should be the business of his church. And as God hath said to the Son in the second Psalm, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance," it is certain that Christians should pray much over this business. What we pray for, we will work for. And to "go teach all nations" as Jesus commanded, Matt. 28:19, will require much work. A great many Baptists are earnestly working at this business. Some are giving largely to send the gospel to the heathen, and all should do so. The Baptists of the South expect to start one hundred new missionaries to foreign fields during the next year. This will require a large increase in our contributions all over the South. Our General Association has been called on to raise twice as much as we were asked to raise last year, and the General Association has undertaken to raise it. We must do our part.

It will help our people very much if they will read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, which furnishes news every month from our foreign missionaries. It is a monthly magazine, published at Richmond, Va., for 50 cents per year, to our preachers 25 cents.

The Savior says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35. And Paul commends the churches, that "everyone of you lay by on the first day of the week." 1 Cor. 16:12. Now we recommend,

1st. That the Association approve the effort of the General Association to raise the \$1000 that it has been asked to raise.

2d. That our people pray more for Foreign Missions in secret, in their families and in the churches.

3rd. That our people read and circulate the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

4th. That our people lay by for Foreign Missions according to the plan that Paul commanded, 1 Cor. 16:2,—especially that they join the Ten-Cent-Monthly-Band.

5th. That our preachers be requested to preach to all their congregations and take collections for Foreign Missions, during the months of December and March.

6th. That meetings be held during Christmas week, in which sermons may be preached, talks may be made by the members, mission papers may be distributed and collections taken. If the "wise men of the east" gave gifts to Christ at his birth, let us celebrate Christmas in like manner.

E. L. COMPERE,
H. P. COFFMAN,
W. H. H. TAYLOR.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Yochana.—H. C. Ridling.

Dallas.—E. L. Compere.

Buffalo.—H. P. Coffman, E. A. Mayo.

Two Mile.—J. M. Green.

Salem.—T. B. Phelps.

Mt. Olive.—E. S. James, J. F. McLeod.

Lone Valley.—E. D. Williams.

Centre Ridge.—J. P. Faith, J. D. Parham.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Sabbath Meetings.	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Rec. for Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Paid Pastors.	Licentiates.
Hickory Creek..	B Duck, N H Meek, Chas Cheatwood..	H P Coffman..	W H Meek....	Hatton.....	3rd				2			14	\$ 75				
Mt. Pleasant....	A Claborn, J T Bland.....		J T Beavers...	Silver Hill...		1	1			1		10	30				
Yochana.....	C F White, J P Wilcox.....	H C Ridling...	J P Wilcox....	Egger.....	1st	1	7					51	1 00				
Hopewell.....	J E Mathis, J T Kelly, J M Witt....	E S James.....	Dan Nations...	Cove.....	4th	2	12		5		1	31	1 00		1 00		
Dallas.....	E L Compere, B F Thompson, J J Mus	E L Compere..	D C Loyd.....	Dallas.....	3rd	8	11	2	4	2	2	41	1 00	40 00	2 50	57 00	
Concord.....	J W Bogle.....	H C Ridling...	T H Embry....	Ink.....	3rd	1	1		1			30			1 25	13 50	
Buffalo.....	H P Coffman, T Wright, E A Mayo....	H P Coffman..	G B Mayo.....	Cove.....	4th	4	1		1			33	95				
Two Mile.....	J M Green, Wm Romini, J A Martin...	J M Green.....	H Gann.....	Eagle Hill...	2nd						1	28			6 00	15 00	
Corinth.....	W J Neighbors, G W North.....	E L Compere..	S A Neighbors	Ramson.....	4th			1	5	2		35	60	2 00			
Salem.....	J A Edwards, W A Bumbly.....	J M Green.....	W A Bumbly..	Dallas.....	2nd	1	2	1	15			26	1 00				
New Hope No. 2.	D M Lawrence, J O Barlow.....					1	2		6		1	25	50				
County Line....	M L Ridling.....			Harley.....			2		2			13	50				
Mt. Olive.....	W H Taylor, J F McLeod.....	E J James.....	J D Wood.....	Potter.....	2nd	13	2	1	1	1	1	17	50				
Pilgrim's Rest..	A J Pierce, W L Sheppard.....	J D Parham...	J F Jones.....	Mt. Fork....	1st	13	2	1	1	2		21	1 00				
Lone Valley....	D W Hill, Wm. Smither.....	E D Williams..	L H Fortnes...	Cove.....	3rd		2		2			27	70				
Rock Springs...	S W Bass.....		S W Bass.....	Quitto.....	3rd				1	1	1	19	70				
Center Ridge...	J D Parham, A M Blanke, A Griffin....	J P Faith.....	J T Dover.....	Cove.....	1st	2			8	4		40	30		10 00	15 40	
Mt. Gillead....	E R Box, R H Penin, J W Jeffry.....	H C Ridling...	E R Box.....	Blk. Springs	2nd	11	2		4	1	4	57	1 75	65	3 00	20 00	
Union Grove....	T W Whitly, J A Vanzant, J C Rhoden		J A Vanzant...	Silver Hill...		2	6		1	1		26					
New Cedar.....	J F Nelson, Jas Crawford.....	J F McLeod...		Bulger.....	3rd	1						20	75				
Pleasant Hill...	S L Atkinson, E B Williams.....	E B Williams..	S L Atkinson..	Ducket.....	2nd	3	3		2		1	9	50				