

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST

GENERAL ASSOCIATION

- OF -

WESTERN ARKANSAS AND IND. TER.,

HELD WITH THE

PRAIRIE GROVE CHURCH,

Kully Chaha, Ind. Ter.,

SEPTEMBER 8th, 9th, 10th AND 11th, 1888,



OFFICERS :

E. L. COMPERE, MODERATOR, J. H. HOLLAND, CLERK,
H. H. MOUSER, TREASURER.



The next Session will be held with Potean Church, Scott County,
Arkansas, six miles west of Waldron, on Saturday,
before the second Sunday in September, 1889.



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MINUTES.



The Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory convened in its thirteenth Annual Session with Prairie Grove Church at Kulli Chaha, Indian Territory, September 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1888.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. J. Holland, followed by Bro. H. H. Mouser, from 1st chapter and 9th verse of Songs of Solomon.

The Moderator, present and presiding, appointed as Committee on Credentials: brethren L. F. Patterson, J. W. Black, and W. M. Hayes; On Preaching, the Pastor and Deacons of Prairie Grove Church, with R. H. Cook and J. A. Bennett. Adjourned for dinner.

At 2:30 P. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator and after prayer the Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Messengers present from Short Mountain Association,
W. J. Patterson, W. M. Hayes and A. Newton.

Present from Short Mountain Churches:

Hopewell Church—J. A. Bennett.

Liberty Hill Church—L. S. Hill.

Texanna Church—W. M. Hayes.

Rock Branch Church—A. Newton.

Briar Town Church—G. P. Holt.

Liberty Church—James Strickland.

Locus Grove Church—B. R. Vineyard.

Friendship Church—R. H. Cook.

Present from Concord Association: Elder A. A. Spiller, Elder H. H. Mouser, J. C. White, B. D. Barnes and T. J. Condry.

Present from Concord Churches:

James Fork Church—E. Ross.

Fellowship Church—G. H. Council.

Waldron Church—J. S. Mitchell.

Pleasant Grove Church—J. W. Tripp.

Sharon Church—L. T. Hale.

Pilgrim's Rest Church—J. C. Harmon.

Glendale Church—C. L. Gibson.

Huntington Church—J. H. York.

Lebanon Church—S. A. Renfrow.

Amity Church—J. M. Ledbetter.

Smyrna Church—J. J. Holland.

New Providence Church—J. H. Malone.

Ross Creek Church—W. B. Herndon.

Dayton Church—W. M. Byers.

Echo Church—W. J. Brisco.

Pleasant Valley Church—J. H. Anderson.

Present from Ouachita Association: Elder E. L. Compere, and Elder J. W. Black.

Ouachita Churches:

Corinth Church—J. W. Black.

Dallas Church—E. L. Compere.

Present from Sunday Schools: Liberty Hill Sunday School—

M. H. Pace. Pleasant Grove Sunday School—J. W. Tripp and B. D. Barnes. Hackett City Sunday School—J. L. Harris.

Present and seated on money basis: Elder T. M. Merchant, Elder James Edmonson, Elder J. H. Millburn, Elder O. D. Bittick, Elder L. F. Patterson, Elder G. C. Anthony, Elder W. M. Morris, Elder J. H. Myers, Elder R. P. Claborne, Elder P. E. Windham, Elder Jos. Barnes, Elder T. N. Watkins, Elder J. W. Miller, J. H. Holland and L. W. Wright.

The Association then proceeded to the unanimous re-election of Elder E. L. Compere, Moderator; Elder H. H. Mouser, Treasurer, and the election of J. H. Holland clerk for the next Associational year. A motion prevailed to appropriate the Sabbath collections to Foreign Mission work.

Adjourned till eight o'clock Monday morning.

Benediction by Bro. L. F. Patterson.

Preaching Saturday night at the church by Bro. O. D. Bittick followed by Bro. L. F. Patterson.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 9:30 o'clock conducted by Bro. R. B. Claborne, after which the Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Finance—G. H. Council, L. W. Wright and B. D. Barnes.

Committee on Foreign Missions—J. H. Milburn, H. H. Mouser, T. M. Merchant, L. F. Patterson, A. A. Spiller and J. W. Miller.

Committee on Home Mission—W. M. Hayes, J. H. York, James Edmonson, A. Newton and Joseph Barnes.

Committee on Religious Literature—O. D. Bittick, J. J. Holland, J. W. Black, J. N. Ledbetter and R. P. Claborne.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—W. B. Herndon, T. J. Condry, J. W. Tripp and J. L. Harris.

Committee on Temperance—R. P. Claborne, G. C. Anthony, J. H. Milburn, R. H. Cook and T. N. Watkins. Missionary Sermon preached at eleven o'clock by Bro. E. L. Compere followed by Bro. L. F. Patterson, after which a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions amounting to \$24.00 and \$15.00 in subscriptions.

Adjourned for dinner. Re-assembled at 4 P. M. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Holland, after which an able sermon on communion was preached by Bro. J. H. Millburn. Preaching at night at the church by Bro. T. M. Merchant followed by Bro. A. Newton.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock, Association met pursuant to adjournment. Divine services conducted by Bro. J. W. Miller. Roll called and corrected. Minutes read and approved.

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

WHEREAS the Macedonian cry comes to us from China, Burma, Hindustan, Cuba, Mexico and the far-off islands of the sea and countries of earth "Come over and help us." And

WEREAS the harvest is great and the laborers are few and the command of the Master is "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" and "and preach the gospel to every creature." Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Association encourage the Foreign Mission work by requesting the ministers in the bounds of this Association to preach on the same, and all who love the cause of Christ to earnestly pray the blessings of God to attend these efforts.

Resolved, That the messengers and ministers of this Association be advised to commence early in the Associational year to urge upon the churches in the bounds of this Association to take up collections as opportunity affords that they may be ready with their offerings

when the next Association shall come. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. MILLBURN, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the above report the following pastors and workers agreed to take up collections for Foreign Missions purposes at each of their churches during Christmas week: L. F. Patterson, W. B. Herndon, J. W. Black, O. D. Bittick and his little daughters, Julia and Floyd, S. A. Renfrow, J. W. Miller, T. N. Watkins, R. P. Claborne, J. M. Ledbetter, J. J. Holland, A. A. Spiller, J. H. York, H. H. Mouser, James Edmonson, pastor of Dayton church by B. D. Barnes, L. T. Hale, W. A. Baker (representing his Sunday-school), W. M. Hayes, A. Newton, T. J. Condry (representing his singing classes), J. L. Harris, C. L. Gibson, J. H. Anderson, J. N. Pennington, W. D. Looper and C. Burns.

And the following brethren and sisters agree to pay ten cents each per month for Foreign Missions during the next Associational year: J. W. Tripp and wife, (60 cents paid), Jos. Tucker, A. A. Spiller, W. J. Brisco, S. A. Renfrow, B. R. Vineyard, J. H. Malone, G. L. Long, L. T. Hale (paid), J. W. Adams, B. D. Barnes, W. B. Herndon, J. S. Mitchell and wife, J. W. Black, C. L. Gibson and wife J. H. Holland and two children, J. J. Holland, H. H. Mouser, E. Baker, J. M. Ledbetter, J. A. Bennett, R. L. Daniel, Compere, Patterson, J. W. Miller, Jos. Bonner, W. Harmon, C. C. Payne, L. F. Patterson and J. H. Anderson. Also Sisters, M. P. Nunley, E. Duff, R. E. Mouser, A. Duff, S. J. Miller, V. E. Harris, E. Tucker, P. A. Boosman, R. Baker, E. Boosman, S. E. A. Baker, M. A. Bennett, S. J. Elliff.

The following brethren were requested to act by correspondence, and otherwise, as special helpers in the Foreign Mission work: H. H. Mouser, W. M. Hayes, J. J. Holland, W. B. Herndon, T. J. Condry and O. D. Bittick. After prayer by Bro. J. H. Myers, adjourned for dinner. Re-assembled at 2 P. M. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Black after which Bro. J. H. Millburn preached in continuation of his sermon on communion of Sunday 4 P. M.; at the conclusion of which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, (1st.) That we fully endorse the sermon on communion preached before this body by Elder J. H. Millburn.

Resolved, (2d.) That we request Elder Millburn to publish the same in tract form and advise all our people to possess and circulate it.

The Moderator announced Committee on Nominations, Bros. J. L. Harris, T. J. Condry, J. S. Mitchell, J. A. Bennett and G. H. Council. The following resolutions were introduced by Bro. W. B. Herndon, and adopted:

Resolved, (1st.) That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby, tendered to our efficient Foreign Mission Secretary for his services rendered to this body; and through him our thanks are tendered the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Benevolent Department of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, for the liberal donations to the work of this body.

Resolved, (2d.) That Bro. E. L. Compere be elected Superintendent of Foreign Missions and Foreign Mission Secretary.

The following brethren were elected delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, E. L. Compere and L. F. Patterson, and alternates O. D. Bittick and H. H. Mouser.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday-schools report as follows: It is with

regret we report that there are few Sabbath-schools reported by our churches. There being no better place than the Sabbath-school for the training of children, therefore, we recommend that each church in the bounds of this Association organize and maintain a Sabbath-school and supply it with suitable literature which may be obtained from the National Baptist Publishing Com., of St. Louis, Mo.

W. B. HERNDON, Chairman.

Adjourned till 8 A. M., Tuesday. Preaching at night by Elder T. N. Watkins followed by Elder A. Newton from St. John 3: 16. Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Ledbetter. Minutes read and approved.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions report as follows: The Committee beg to report, 1st. The reports that come from all parts of field show that the Lord has blessed the labors of his people during the past year, yet destitution abounds and the Macedonian cry comes from all parts of our field and even our churches are calling in vain for pastors. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Space forbids me to speak of all the destitute points in our bounds; but suffice it to say, destitution is not only felt in the neglected parts of our field, but also in many of our churches, especially those in the Indian Territory: Their pastors leaving them to reach a few of the many points of destitution. Therefore the Committee would recommend, 1st. That settlement be made with our missionaries who have so faithfully labored for this Association during the past two years. 2d. We recommend the appointment of two missionaries, one to labor in the state; the other in the most destitute parts of the Choctaw and Cherokee nations in the bounds of this Association. 3d. That the pastors of their respective churches urge the system of monthly contributions to this great work. With men and money and the prayers of God's people we may look forward hopefully to the time when the Kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ.

W. M. HAYES, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report on Home Missions, the following brethren agreed to contribute labor as missionaries in the Territory as follows: Elds Jos. Barnes, 20 days; L. F. Patterson, 20 days; J. W. Miller, 20 days; O. D. Bittick, 10 days; P. E. Windham, 20 days; J. M. Ledbetter, 20 days; R. P. Claborne, 10 days; A. A. Spiller, 20 days; T. M. Merchant, 20 days; S. A. Renfrow, 20 days, J. W. Black, 20 days.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: The revealed will of God should be read daily by all and no other book or paper should be allowed to take its place. As helps we would recommend that every family have and read some good religious paper or papers. We feel that we can recommend the *American Baptist* of St. Louis, Mo., the *Arkansas Baptist* of Little Rock, Ark., *Our Home Mission Field* of Atlanta, Ga., and the *Foreign Mission Journal* of Richmond, Va. Furthermore we believe the time has come when steps should be taken to establish a paper that will represent this body. We need mediums of communication that we may be able to do our work to the best advantage. Situated as we are in the midst of one the most prosperous and promising sections of our great country, it appears to be not only proper, but a great necessity. We recommend the adoption of the following RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we believe a paper to represent us an actual ne-

cessity, and that this body authorize the appointment of a Committee with Elder E. L. Compere, as Chairman, to take the matter in hand and make such arrangements as shall be necessary to either have a department in the *Arkansas Baptist*, or a paper controlled by some one in our midst. We recommend the appointment of Elder Mouser and Elder Patterson on the Committee with Elder E. L. Compere and that he be authorized to select for this body two others. Furthermore, we pledge our support to whatever this Committee may conclude best to do.

O. D. BITTICK, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed on the above Committee, as per recommendation of Committee on Religious Literature, Elders O. D. Bittick and J. W. Black; for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of Committee on Religious Literature, Elder E. L. Compere was elected Editorial representative of this body.

TEMPERANCE.

Committee on Temperance report as follows: We consider the use of ardent spirits the greatest barrier to national prosperity; the destroyer of human happiness and the adversary of good morals. It is the greatest evil we have to contend with. It intercepts justice and causes the innocent unjustly to be punished. It destroys the morals of the youth of our land, weakens and unfits them for business. It sends want to the homes of thousands annually. It fills the heart of the widow with sorrow and causes her children to cry for bread. And not all the councils in God's universe can make it right to license the sale of this monster. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we as Baptist, do all in our power to suppress the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits in our State.

R. P. CLABORN, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the Temperance report the following resolution was adopted: WHEREAS this session of this body is in a territory under prohibitory law, therefore

Resolved, That we, pray and work till prohibition reigns throughout the United States.

The Treasurer came forward and paid over to the Clerk for printing Minutes. On motion it was agreed to pay the Clerk \$8 for his services, the remainder to be paid for printing and distribution of Minutes.

FINANCE.

Committee on Finance report as follows:

Minute Fund	\$25.05
Foreign Missions	24 50
Home Missions	2.20
Total	\$51.75
Paid to Treasurer	\$51.75

G. H. COUNCIL, Chairman.

On motion Elder J. W. Black was appointed to travel as financial agent and that he report to the Board quarterly.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee	\$51.75
Paid Clerk for printing Minutes	\$17 05
" " " his services	8 00
" E. L. Compere for Foreign Missions	24 50
" Mission Board	2 20
Total	\$51.75

H. H. MOUSER, Treasurer.

On motion Sister Sallie Harris was constituted a correspondent of this body to solicit aid through the religious papers for the education of Bro. W. M. Hayes.

REPORT ON BUCKNER COLLEGE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: Your Committee have endeavored to obtain needed information regarding the status of Buckner College, but have failed to get such information as would satisfy this body. We therefore beg further time and recommend that this body re-affirm its legal right to Buckner College and that it labor to reclaim said college and place it under operation under the auspices of this body as it once was.

L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.

On motion the Committee appointed in 1887 to look after the interests of Buckner College were requested to carry out the instructions given at the time of their appointment.

NOMINATIONS.

Committee on nominations report as follows: Elder H. H. Mouser to preach the Introductory Sermon at next session; Elder R. P. Claborn, alternate. Elder E. L. Compere to preach the Missionary Sermon; Elder L. F. Patterson, alternate. Elder O. D. Bittick to preach at 3 o'clock Sunday on Ministerial Support.

MISSION BOARD.

J. H. Jmith, John Rawlings, J. D. Benson, F. G. Thomas, and J. W. Condry.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT., 8th, 1888.

Your Board has received during the past year, for Home Missions from Domestic Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention:

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary	\$1050.00
J. M. Green, E. L. Compere, each.....	10 00
Salem Church, Polk Co., Ark.....	1 50
Other Sources.....	5 00

Total..... \$1066 50

The following brethren have been under appointment as missionaries during the year: Elders J. M. Ledbetter, W. M. Hayes, J. H. York, V. M. Thasher and J. B. York of Idaho; and for a part of their time. Elders J. M. Green, L. F. Patterson, H. H. Mouser, G. W. Evans, R. P. Claborn, J. F. McLeod, J. N. Pennington, J. W. Black and T. N. Watkins. The work of these consecrated men has been: Sermons 1557, exhortations 341, baptisms 307, received by letter 99, churches organized 6, Sunday-schools organized 15, ministers ordained 2, deacons ordained 8, days labored 1526, miles traveled 15,320, pages of tracts given away 800, amount collected on the field \$698.95. Also Elder James Edmondson has been under appointment as Colporteur and missionary since last March and the Board has received from Benevolent Department American Baptist Publication Society, Dr. C. C. Bitting, Secretary, a pledge of \$200.00 to aid in Bro. Edmondson's support and on this pledge there has been paid \$88.33. The work of Bro. Edmondson to Sept., 1st is, days labored 163, prayer meetings 152, sermons 89, families visited 424, Sunday-schools organized 1, Sunday-school addresses 4, grants to Sunday-schools \$1.50, baptisms 6, miles traveled 1228. Eld. J. B. York, under appointment of the Association went to Idaho Territory soon after the last session and has done a good work. Of the amounts pledged to him, as published in the last Minutes, there has been paid to him

\$164.40 by Bro. A. F. Cowling with a balance in Bro. Cowling's hands of \$3.10—167.50 paid. Besides these pledges this Board has paid Bro. J. B. York \$70.37. Your Board has received and paid out for the Home work from

Dr. Tichenor's Board and other sources	\$1066 50
Dr. Bitting's Society.....	83.33
Collections of Missionaries.....	698 95
Pledges paid on Idaho Mission.....	174 20

Total..... \$2190.48

Besides the above, several houses of worship have been built, or are in way of construction, in important towns and country places.

The Superintendent of Missions has been very successful in securing help for our work so that the Board has been able to pay all it has promised the past year. And the work, though little in comparison with the necessities of our field, has been a success. Hence we should thank God and take courage trusting God and increasing our efforts and contributions for the future. Your Board takes this method of expressing its obligations to the Domestic Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga., and to the Benevolent Department American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

C. BEVILL, Chairman.

JAMES H. SMITH, Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Received since Sept. 12th, 1887, cash balance reported last session \$66.95

Sept., 1887. Mrs. E. Taylor, Mrs. Frisby, T. M. Tucker, 10 cents each; Mrs. Cross, 25 cents; Foreign Mission Board, Ouchita Association \$11.00 \$11.55. T. B. Phelps's grand children 50 cents. .50

Oct., 1887. Miss Sallie Harris 25 cents; W. B. Herndon 10 cents; Collection, Concord Association \$7.05; A. J. Watson 50 cents; H. T. Drury \$1.00; Liberty Hill church \$1.00; Mrs. Theo. Cook \$1.00 \$10.90.

Nov., 1887 Miss Nannie McClure \$1.00; Miss Ida McClure \$1.00 H. P. Coffman \$1.00; \$3.00.

Jan., 1888. Collection by H. H. Mouser during Christmas week Locust Grove church \$4.35; Prairie Grove church \$2.55 \$6.90.

March, 1888. G. W. Evan's tithe on amount paid him by Mission Board \$2.50.

Apr., 1888. Ed. Windham \$1.00; Mrs. E. S. McLeod \$.75 \$1.75

May 1888. Corinth Church, part of J. J. Mershon's tithe \$5.00

Sept., 1888. E. L. Compere's tithe of office fees \$4.00; 10 cents monthly payments or \$1.20 each; J. H. Holland, little Chesterfield and Cleveland Holland, L. T. Hale, Jos. Mitchell, Charlie Tyler, H. C. Ridding, J. F. McLeod, Geo. W. Evans, J. W. Black, J. N. Pennington, H. H. Mouser, Mrs. M. J. Muchler, Mrs. Mary Bates and Lattimore and Susie Compere \$19.20. A. A. Spiller \$1.25; Esais Baker, Tom Jeff and Tom Marion Baker and W. M. Morris 50 cents each; Mrs. Mary Whitlock. Mrs. L. F. Patterson, B. D. Barnes \$1.00 each \$6.25. H. H. Mouser, Sabbath Collection, General Association \$26.60. J. W. Tripp 60 cents; officer elect in Polk County \$1.00; Representative, J. M. Green; Circuit Clerk, J. W. Davis; Sheriff, J. M. Hopkins; Judge, T. R. Rowe; Treasurer, Minor Pipkins; Assessor, Marion Williams and Mail Contractor, Joe Bell, 50 cents, \$7.10. Total \$174.20; Paid Dr. H. A. Tupper, \$100.00; Balance on hand, \$74.20.

E. L. COMPERE, Secretary.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed for next Annual Session. It is pleasant here to remark that the manifestations of

God's grace and brotherly love were abundant; and every one present seemed to feel that his spiritual strength was renewed and that it was good to be there. A hymn was sung and the parting hand given each other. Prayer by Elder L. F. Patterson.

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator.

J. H. HOLLAND, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as "The Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory."

ART. 2. This Association shall consist of Baptist Messengers, one from each Baptist church or Sunday-school; five from each Baptist Sunday-school Convention, and five from each District Association; in addition to which, each will be allowed one Messenger for every five dollars collected to the objects of the Association during the preceding year, and any individual Baptist may become a member by making the same contribution.

ART. 3. The officers shall be Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer. The duties usually assigned to the officers of similiar organizations shall devolve on those of this body. They shall be elected annually by ballot, and hold their offices until a new election.

ART. 4. The objects shall be: *First*—To promote Missionary operations, and especially Home Missions. *Second*—The dissemination of religious literature. *Third*—To promote Sabbath-school work. *Fourth*—To establish and maintain a literary institution of high order in our territory shall be our prime object.

ART. 5. To accomplish the object contemplated by the fourth section of the fourth article, a Board of Trustees shall be elected consisting of fifteen members; one third to serve one year, one third to serve two years, and one third to serve three years. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned by resignation, death, or expiration of office. (Second Section). Said Board shall be fully empowered to do all that may be necessary for the accomplishment of the above specified objects and shall make a full report to this body at each session. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

ART. 6. There shall be a Board of five appointed annually on Missions, Denominational Literature and Sabbath-school work. Its duties shall be to supply the destitute, especially in our bounds, with the gospel; circulate denominational literature; and foster the Sabbath-school work; and it shall report annually to this body. The Board will also have the right to fill such vacancies as may occur among themselves, and execute the business of the Association when the Association is not in session.

ART. 7. The annual meetings of this Association shall commence on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September; and shall suspend business each day at eleven o'clock A. M. for Divine worship.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds, when notice has been given at a previous meeting.

ART. 9. The churches represented in this body shall send funds for Associational purposes.

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