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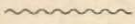
*Corinth Baptist Church,*

Van Buren County, Ark., Sept. 3, 4, 5, 1896.

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Eld. W. W. WILLIAMS, Moderator, Settlement, Ark.  
Bro. E. M. GUFFEY, Treasurer, Lexington, Ark.  
Bro. W. T. PASSMORE, Clerk, Campbell, Ark.

MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
PEE DEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH  
*CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH,*

Van Buren County, Ark., September 3, 4, 5, 1896.



Next Session to be held with Liberty Church, Van  
Buren County, Ark., on Thursday, at 11  
o'clock a. m., before the First Sun-  
day in September, 1897.

## Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present, and a majority of votes cast shall elect.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the body on the same day, but not afterwards.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by calling the speaker by name.
7. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or unless words of personal reflection are used.
8. Every motion made and seconded must come under the consideration of the body, unless withdrawn by the mover.
9. Every case taken up by this body shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.
10. When a question has been taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the body on the subject, and those voting in the affirmative shall signify the same by rising to their feet; the negative, by like sign.
11. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.
12. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.
13. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the body, nor more than once before every member that wishes to speak shall have spoken.
14. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in addressing one another.
15. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
16. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
17. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
18. Any member violating these rules may be reprovod by the Moderator at his discretion, but only on the day that the breach is made.



# Proceedings.

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LEXINGTON, ARK., September 3, 1896.

The Pee Dee Baptist Association met in thirteenth annual session with Corinth church Thursday, at 11 o'clock a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Beaver. Text, II. Cor. 15: 15.

The Association met at 2 o'clock p. m. The names of the churches were called and delegates' names enrolled. The body then went into a permanent organization, which resulted in the election of Eld. W. W. Williams, Moderator, and Bro. W. T. Passmore, Clerk, for the ensuing year. Also, Bro. E. M. Guffey was elected Treasurer.

The Moderator then, after having the Rules of Decorum read, called for correspondence from sister associations.

The various committees were then appointed as follows:

Devotion—W. I. Perkins, R. Harness, J. H. Carter.

Finance—W. S. Fortner, John Roden, E. M. Guffey.

Religious Literature—Eld. W. H. Vest, H. F. Wadkins, Thos. Branscumb.

Destitution—J. L. Childers, Tom Holly, Willie Fortner.

Home Missions—W. H. Vest, J. L. Childers, E. M. Guffey.

Foreign Missions—Thos. Branscumb, E. M. Guffey, Henry Wadkins.

Sabbath School—Sam Perkins, H. G. Childers, J. H. Carter.

Prohibition—W. I. Perkins, H. G. Childers, W. T. Passmore.

Christian Education—Tom Holly, John Holly, J. L. Lindsey.

Resolutions—W. S. Fortner, J. L. Childers.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock a. m. on Friday. Prayer by Bro. Thos. Branscumb.

## FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met on time. Prayer by Bro. H. G. Childers. The call was then renewed for correspondence, when Bro.

## MINUTES OF THE

L. E. Autry was received as a messenger from Trace Ridge Association.

Resolution No. 1 was presented by Bro. Willie Fortner, which was received.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Lindsey.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met on time. Prayer by Eld. James Denny. The Moderator renewed the call for correspondence, when Bro. D. F. Blackburn was received as a messenger from United Association.

The Treasurer was authorized by the Association to collect the funds that remained in the hands of the former Treasurer, who was D. M. Fitz.

The Moderator called for the reports of committees, which were read as follows:

## FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following: Received as minute funds, \$5.55; Home Missions, 25 cents; Foreign Missions, 25 cents. Total receipts, \$7.65.

E. M. GUFFEY, Chm'n.

## RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We beg to submit the following: We recommend the Bible, Arkansas Baptist, American Baptist and Ray's Handbook.

H. T. WADKINS, Chm'n.

## PROHIBITION.

We submit the following: We recommend that the members of this Association abstain from all intoxicating liquors, and that as a body we stand firm on this important question and vote the liquor traffic down.

W. T. PASSMORE, Chm'n.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

We submit the following: We believe strongly in education, and urge that the rising generation be first educated in the word of God and then in a literal sense.

J. M. LINDSEY, Chm'n.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We submit the following: We recommend that each church which has no Sunday school, be earnestly requested to organize one. We further recommend that they be Baptist Sunday schools and that they use Baptist literature.

W. H. CARTER, Chm'n.

### DESTITUTION.

We submit the following: There are destitute places in the bounds of this Association, and we recommend that this board devise plans by which the destitute places may be supplied. This is a very important work and demands our immediate attention. We, as Baptists, have the bread of life; let us give it to them that have it not.

ELD. J. L. CHILDERS, Chm'n.

### STATE MISSIONS.

We submit the following: We recommend that our missionary board get up a correspondence with the State Board and see on what terms we can be connected with them.

W. H. VEST, Chm'n.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We submit the following: We find that the foreign missionaries are doing a great work, and we thank God for sending such faithful servants to preach the gospel to the benighted heathen. We recommend that the brethren assist with their means as God has prospered them.

H. F. WADKINS, Chm'n.

### DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE.

Preaching Thursday night by Bro. W. S. Fortner, followed by Bro. J. L. Childers; Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., by Eld. W. W. Williams, followed by Eld. T. W. Harness; at night, by Eld. James Denny, followed by Eld. W. H. Vest; Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., by Eld. W. H. Vest, followed by Eld. J. L. Childers; at night by Eld. T. W. Harness, followed by Eld. J. B. Fortner; Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m., by Eld. J. B. Fortner, followed by Eld. W. H. Vest; at 11 o'clock a. m., by Eld. W. H. Vest, followed by Eld. J. B. Fortner.

W. I. PERKINS, Chm'n.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock a. m., on Saturday. Prayer by Eld. James Denny.



## MINUTES OF THE

## SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met on time. Prayer by Bro. E. M. Guffey. Report of Associational Missionary: Days traveled, 36; miles, 364; preached sermons, 58; converts, 14; baptized, 12; received, \$26; balance due, \$10.

W. H. VEST, Missionary.

The corresponding messengers were appointed to sister associations as follows:

Trace Ridge—T. W. Harness, W. I. Perkins.

Union—T. Branscumb Sr., J. L. Lindsey, J. L. Childers.

United—H. F. Wadkins, W. I. Perkins.

Blue Mountain—W. H. Vest, W. W. Williams.

Eld. T. W. Harness was elected to the State Convention.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, first, That this body appoint a Treasurer in each church to take up a collection for associational purposes once each month.

Resolved, second, That we tender our thanks to Corinth church and vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

Resolved, third, That the Clerk distribute the minutes to the several churches in proportion to their membership.

ELD. J. L. CHILDERS, Chm'n.

The names of the brethren appointed Treasurer in each church are as follows:

Mountain View, W. S. Fortner; Mt. Olive, H. F. Wadkins; Corinth, W. I. Perkins; Liberty, Albert Sterling; Zion, Mat Rushion; Sardis, B. Moore; Lost Creek, J. Roden; Meadow Creek, J. Broyles.

The next session of this Association will convene with Liberty church, Van Buren county, Ark., on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1897.

Eld. W. H. Vest was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. W. W. Williams alternate. Eld. J. B. Fortner was elected to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday and Eld. T. W. Harness alternate.

ELD. W. W. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

BRO. W. T. PASSMORE, Clerk.

Statistical Table.

| CHURCHES           | CLERKS                | MESSENGERS.                                    | Minute Fund. | Baptized. | Received by Letter. | Restored | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Total Membership. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|
| Sardis.....        | A. R. Moore.....      | D. E. Burnette, A. B. Moore.....               |              |           |                     |          | 5                    | 1         | 4     | 11                |
| Mountain View..... | F. M. Clark.....      | W. S. Fortner, H. G. Childers, W. T. Gibbons.. | \$2 25       | 22        | 12                  | 4        | 2                    | 5         |       | 69                |
| Corinth.....       | T. B. Holley.....     | W. I. Perkins, J. Holley, R. Harness.....      | 90           |           |                     |          | 1                    |           | 1     | 31                |
| Zion.....          | T. F. Johnson.....    | T. F. Johnson T. Branscum, T. Branscum, jr..   |              | 1         |                     |          |                      | 2         |       | 31                |
| Mount Olive.....   | N. B. McGlathery..... | E. M. Gufley, H. F. Wadkins, N. B. McGlathery  | 1 35         | 6         |                     | 1        | 6                    | 1         |       | 49                |
| Lost Creek.....    | A. R. Giddens.....    | W. M. Engle, Jno Roden, George Howard.....     |              | 3         |                     | 5        | 1                    |           |       | 23                |
| Meadow Creek.....  | W. T. Passmore.....   | Jno. Broyles, J. Williams, Jno. Cornett.....   | 1 05         | 14        | 3                   | 3        |                      | 3         |       | 37                |
| Liberty.....       |                       |                                                |              |           |                     |          |                      |           |       |                   |
| Pee Dee.....       |                       |                                                |              |           |                     |          |                      |           |       |                   |
| Totals ....        |                       |                                                | \$5 55       | 46        | 15                  | 13       | 15                   | 12        | 5     | 251               |

Paid for Printing Minutes.....\$7.50.



## Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE I. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. II. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. IV. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.

ART. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ART. VI. We believe in the doctrine of election that God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through justification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

ART. VII. We believe in the preservation of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water by a regularly ordained minister of the Gospel.

ART. IX. We believe Church membership to be a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper.

ART. X. We believe a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ.

ART. XI. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all persons and a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe in the work of missions, Home, Foreign and Domestic.

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