

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

PIKE COUNTY

Baptist Association

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Held with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pike County,  
Ark., October 2, 1908

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Moderator—Elder J. H. Vann.....Amity, Ark.  
Clerk—W. H. Anderson.....Amity, Ark.  
Treasurer—W. J. Tollerson.....Kirby, Ark.

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The next session to be held at Murfreesboro Church, Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1909. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. A. Shackelford and W. P. Taylor.

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### PROCEEDINGS.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Pike County Baptist Association assembled with Bethlehem Baptist Church at Kirby, Pike County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, October 2, 1908, in harmony with its adjournment with Salem Baptist Church, Pike County, Arkansas.

The appointee, Eld. J. B. Thomas, preached the introductory sermon at 11 a. m., from 127th Psalm and first verse. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it except the Lord keep the city, the watchman maketh but in vain." After which the body was dismissed to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

### Friday Evening Service.

At 2 p. m. the body met, and after reading the 103 Psalm, and prayer by Eld. J. A. Shackleford, the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

1. Appointment of reading clerks. Eld J. B. Thomas and Dr. G. W. Tollerson appointed.
2. Call for letters from the various churches.

### LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Amity Church: Jno. H. Ward.

Bethlehem Church: G. W. Tollerson, W. J. Tollerson, and T. Tollerson.

Bethel Church: S. T. Robertson.

Brock Town Church: W. P. Henderson, L. E. Henderson, and J. P. Beavert.

Boto Church: J. W. Sparks.

Cany Valley Church: W. W. McLean.

Center Ridge Church: W. R. Whelir, J. R. Hardy, and M. M. McCauley.

Midway Church: J. L. Harvey and W. H. Harvey.

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Murfreesboro, Church: J. B. Thomas and W. E. Walston.

Mt. Pleasant Church: Not represented.

Pike City Church: Joe Brown.

Salem Church: J. A. Shackelford, W. S. Ward and B. P. Thrash.

Spring Hill Church: J. H. Funderburk and R. M. Bell.

Valley Grove Church: Eld. J. J. Hughes and W. H. Anderson.

Wall Creek Church: Not represented.

3. Call for petitionary letters. Three presented and messengers enrolled: Boto Church, J. W. Sparks; Brock Town Church, L. E. Henderson, W. P. Henderson and J. P. Beavert; Center Ridge Church, W. R. Whelir, J. R. Hardy and M. M. McCauley.

4. Election of officers. The Moderator appointed as tellers, Bros. B. P. Thrash, W. S. Ward and T. Tollerson, and the election resulted as follows: Eld. J. H. Vann as Moderator, W. H. Anderson as Clerk, and W. J. Tollerson, as Treasurer.

5. Appointment of preaching committee. The Moderator appointed Bro. T. Tollerson and the deacon of Bethlehem churches.

6. Appointment of committees:

Orphans' Home: W. W. McLean, J. H. Funderburk, W. H. Harvey.

Sunday School: J. J. Hughes, J. H. Ward, W. R. Whelir.

Temperance: B. P. Thrash, J. R. Hardy, J. L. Harvey.

Mission: W. S. Ward, J. B. Thomas, T. Tollerson.

State of Churches: J. P. Beavert, J. H. Brown, J. M. Sparks.

Destitution: G. W. Tollerson, S. T. Robertson, W. J. Tollerson.

Education: J. A. Shackelford, M. M. McCauley, R. M. Bell.

Finance: W. E. Walston, W. S. Ward, W. W. McLean.

Obituary: J. R. Hardy, B. P. Thrash, J. B. Thomas.

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7. Call for the report of preaching committee.

Motion for adjournment until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock a. m., carried.

At 9 a. m. the body met. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Thomas. After devotional exercise by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. L. E. Henderson, the Moderator declared ready for business. Call for the reading of the roll by clerk. Read, and absentees marked. By motion and second that the body take recess for 30 minutes, to enable the committees to complete their reports. By motion and seconded that all ordained ministers in this Association be ex-officio members of this body. Motion voted down. By motion and seconded that Elder W. P. Taylor, M. A. Tollerson and Bro. Motly be seated as visiting ministers, carried.

Call for the committee reports:

1. Orphans' Home. Read and adopted.

W. H. HARDY, Chairman.

2. Temperance. Adopted.

J. L. HARVEY, Chairman.

Moved that this report be recommended to the committee for a fuller report, carried. By motion and seconded that speeches be limited to five minutes, carried. By motion and second that this body now adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Preaching by Eld. J. A. Shackelford at 11 a. m. Text.

### Saturday Evening Service.

At 1:30 p. m. the body was called together by the choir and prayer by Bro. J. R. Hardy. The Moderator declared ready for business. Call for committee reports.

Mission: Read and adopted.

ELD. J. B. THOMAS, Chairman.

The report on Temperance that was recommitted, called for. Read and adopted.

Destitution. Read and adopted.

G. W. TOLLERSON, Chairman.

Education: Read and adopted.

ELD. J. A. SHACKLEFORD, Chairman.

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Motion and seconded that the report on Education be amended so as to restrict Buckner College out of the report. Carried.

Sunday School: Read and adopted.

ELD. J. J. HUGHES, Chairman.

Obituary: Adopted.

J. R. HARDY, Chairman.

Finance: Adopted.

W. S. WARD, Chairman.

By motion and seconded that the next session of this body will meet with Murfreesboro Baptist Church, Pike County, Arkansas, on Friday at 11 o'clock, before the first Sunday in October, 1909. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. A. Shackleford, W. P. Taylor as alternate. By motion and seconded that this Association go into an election of three brethren from this body to act as an Association Mission Committee to see after, and supply the destitute parts of this Association with Gospel preaching. Bros. W. S. Ward, G. W. Tollerson and Eld. J. H. Vann, committee. By motion and seconded that Bro. Funderburk be granted leave of absence. Moved that this body adjourn to meet again after services to night. After divine service by Bro. W. P. Taylor, the Moderator called the body together.

Call for Missionary report; read and adopted. Call for the report of treasurer; read and adopted.

W. J. TOLLERSON, Treasurer.

Call for resolution: Resolved that this Association extend its vote of thanks to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained us during this session of this Association. J. H. VANN.

Moved that this Association correspond with Sister Associations.

Caddo River Association: John W. Ward.

Red River Association: Eld. J. R. Hardy.

Howard County Association: G. W. Tollerson, T. Tollerson, Eld. J. H. Vann.

Moved that the Clerk have 350 minutes printed. Move for an adjournment came. An appropriate song was sung.

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The messengers, brethren and sisters had a hearty hand shake. Hoping to meet again. So closed a joyful meeting.

ELD. J. H. VANN, Moderator.

W. H. ANDERSON, Clerk.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES IN FULL.

Orphans' Home: We, your committee on Orphans' Home submit the following report:

We find from the reading of the letters from the various churches of this Association that nothing has been done by them towards the support of this grand and noble institution of the Baptist host. We further recommend that the churches of this Association will in the future support and maintain this noble institution of ours.

W. W. McLEAN, Chairman.

Sunday School: We, your committee on Sunday School, beg leave to report the following:

We find that our churches in this Association are getting indifferent towards the Sunday School work. Only four churches reported Sunday Schools. We recommend that the churches take the matter of Sunday School in hand, and maintain an ever green Sunday School in every church.

ELD. J. J. HUGHES, Chairman.

Temperance: We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report the following:

Temperance is a Bible proposition and means a moderate use of all things the Father has created for his children. Temporarily speaking we find from the reading of the "Search Light," a prohibition paper published at Little Rock, Ark., that the temperance organizations are doing a great work, both in a personal and a political way. Dear brethren, we believe that the Church of Jesus Christ should have had the praise that the temperance league has won through their continued efforts and would if we had done our duty as a Church of Christ. Let us resolve to be more diligent in the future. Let us pray, work and vote for temperance and impress upon the minds of our young people the importance, seeing that it is necessary to a good government, both religious, politically and socially as well.

J. L. HARVEY, Chairman.

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Missions: We, your committee on Missions, beg leave to report the following "As the field is white unto harvest:"

We recommend that the Pike County Baptist Association do her duty in sending the Gospel to lands remotest bound, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. THOMAS, Chairman.

State of Church: We, your committee on the State of Churches, submit the following report:

We find that the majority of the churches of this Association are taking a more active part in contributing to State and Associational Missions. While there are others that are indifferent on this very important duty of theirs, we pray the Lord that He may awake them to a deep sense of their duty along this line. We find that the churches are indifferent towards maintaining Sunday Schools for the teaching and instructing of the young. May we all awake to our duties on these very important duties and obligation of ours, is the earnest prayer of your humble committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. BEAVERT, Chairman.

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

After a careful consideration we find that there are some places of this Association destitute of gospel churches. We deem it necessary that this Association plan whereby these destitute places may be supplied. We further recommend that this Association elect three brethren from this body to look after the destitute parts of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TOLLERSON, Chairman.

Education: We, your committee on Education, submit the following report:

Education is of vital importance to us as individuals, and also as a denomination, and to the advancement of Christianity. We recommend that we give more attention to the education of our people, and to others who will learn. We recommend as places the pulpit and Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SCHACKLEFORD, Chairman.

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Finance: We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find the following amount paid in by the churches for printing minutes, \$17.75; for Association Missions, \$15.30; Orphans' Home, \$1.60. We find the amount on hand insufficient for printing minutes and paying the clerk for his service. We recommend that the churches contribute more liberally.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. WARD, Chairman.

Obituary: We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to report the following:

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from among us the following named brethren and sisters: Bethlehem Church, Sister Herenden; Cany Valley Church, Bro. Walter A. Burnes; Cany Valley Church, Sister Mattie E. Motley; Murfreesboro, Bro. Mack Thomas. As your committee, we sorrow over these departed brothers and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HARDY, Chairman.

Report of Mission Committee: Dear Brethren—We, your committee, report the following:

As a result of our work during this associational year we have had the services of Bros. J. R. Hardy, J. B. Thomas and J. H. Vann.

Sermons preached, 47; churches organized, 3; amount received for associational missions, \$20.60; amount paid to treasurer, \$20.60.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VANN.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand from 1907, \$46.20; amount received from secretary, Oct. 3, 1908, \$20.60; total \$66.80.

Amount paid to Eld. J. H. Van, \$5.00; to J. R. Hardy, \$21.00; to J. B. Thomas, \$10.00; total amount paid out, \$36.00; amount on hand, \$30.80.

W. J. TOLERSON, Treasurer.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES        | Received by Baptism | Received by letter | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Restored | Died | Membership | Days Meeting | Association Mission | State Mission | Minutes' Fund | Orphan's Home | Foreign Mission    | PASTOR :          | CLERKS       | POSTOFFICE |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|------|------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| Amity .....     | 120                 | 8                  | ..                  | 1        | 3        | 110  | 4th        | \$.....      | \$.....             | \$ 1.20       | \$.....       | \$.....       | J. H. Van.....     | A. J. Rush.....   | Amity        |            |
| Bethlehem ..    | 5                   | 3                  | 3                   | 1        | 1        | 51   | 4th        | .....        | .....               | 1.50          | .....         | .....         | J. H. Van.....     | W. T. Taylor..... | Kirby        |            |
| Bethel .....    | ..                  | ..                 | 1                   | 2        | ..       | 34   | 1st        | .....        | .....               | 1.40          | .....         | .....         | M. A. Tollerson... | S. T. Robertson.. | Welch        |            |
| Brocktown ..    | ..                  | ..                 | ..                  | ..       | ..       | 9    | ....       | 2.00         | 5.80                | .50           | .....         | .....         | J. R. Hardy.....   | L. E. Henderson.  | Brocktown    |            |
| Boto .....      | ..                  | ..                 | ..                  | ..       | ..       | 17   | ....       | 2.20         | .....               | .55           | .....         | .....         | J. R. Hardy.....   | Y. D. Allen.....  | Boto         |            |
| Cany Valley..   | 16                  | 4                  | ..                  | ..       | 2        | 44   | ....       | .....        | .....               | 1.25          | .....         | .....         | W. P. Taylor.....  | W. W. McLene...   | Rasboro      |            |
| Center Ridge .. | 1                   | 2                  | ..                  | ..       | ..       | 15   | ....       | 5.30         | .....               | 1.00          | .....         | .....         | W. M. Patterson..  | M. N. Calley..... | Shawmit      |            |
| Midway .....    | 3                   | ..                 | ..                  | ..       | 1        | 25   | 3rd        | .....        | .....               | 2.50          | .....         | .....         | J. A. Shackelford. | J. H. Burchfield. | Elm          |            |
| Murfreesboro    | 9                   | 7                  | 1                   | ..       | 1        | 42   | ....       | 3.00         | .....               | .50           | .....         | .....         | Wm. Fezell.....    | W. E. Watson....  | Murfreesboro |            |
| PikeCity ....   | 13                  | 8                  | 8                   | 1        | ..       | 40   | ....       | 2.30         | 22.10               | 1.00          | 1.60          | 3.35          | W. M. Patterson..  | G. A. Sanders.... | Pike City    |            |
| Salem .....     | 1                   | 3                  | 5                   | ..       | ..       | 39   | ....       | .....        | .....               | 2.10          | .....         | .....         | J. A. Shackelford. | B. P. Thrash....  | Glenwood     |            |
| Spring Hill...  | ..                  | ..                 | ..                  | ..       | ..       | ..   | ....       | 3.90         | .....               | .75           | .....         | .....         | W. M. Patterson..  | C. T. Erwin.....  | Lissie       |            |
| Valley Grove.   | ..                  | ..                 | 1                   | ..       | 1        | 21   | 4th        | .....        | .....               | 1.25          | .....         | .....         | J. A. Shackelford. | Lee Heavin.....   | Amity        |            |
| Total .....     | 48                  | 46                 | 29                  | 4        | 3        | 8    | 447        | ....         | \$18.70             | \$27.90       | \$15.45       | \$1.60        | \$3.35             |                   |              |            |