

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

BUCKNER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT

Poteau, Scott County, Arkansas.

October 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1891.

OFFICERS:

L. F. PATTERSON, MODERATOR, Waldron, Ark.

C. HENDERSON, CLERK, Waldron, Ark.

R. P. CLABORN, TREASURER, Mansfield, Ark.

The next session will be held with the Palestine Church, three miles North of Salem, Sebastian County, Commencing on Saturday before the Third Sabbath in October, 1892, Eleven o'clock, a. m.

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MINUTES.

The South Concord Association met with the Baptist Church at Poteau, Scott County, Arkansas, October 17, 1891, at 11 o'clock a. m. Elder A. H. Autry preached an able introductory sermon from John 3-7. Theme, "The New Birth."

Elder L. F. Patterson in the chair, the Association went into temporary organization, by appointing C. Henderson Clerk. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the Association re-assembled, and after devotional exercises, was called to order by L. F. Patterson, the Moderator. Letters from the different churches were then read by Elder A. H. Autry, Dr. Jas. H. Smith and Senator A. G. Washburn, and the names of the Messengers enrolled by the Clerk. A permanent organization resulted in the election of Elder L. F. Patterson, Moderator, C. Henderson, Clerk, and Elder R. P. Claborn, Treasurer.

The Association was then declared organized and ready for business. Petitioning letters from Concord, I. T., Hartford, Hickory Grove, and Bethlehem were read and the churches received into the membership of the Association. A committee, consisting of Elder L. F. Patterson, B. E. Thomas, W. M. Sehorn, T. J. Condry, W. H. Stephens and R. C. Cook, was appointed on devotional exercises. Elders Wm. Morris and Jas. Barnes took seats as correspondents from Short Mountain Association. Received Elders A. H. Autry and J. N. Pennington correspondents from North Con-

cord. Received W. L. Carnett as visitor from Webster Association, Webster County, Mo. Correspondents were appointed as follows: To the North Concord Association, Elder A. A. Spiller, G. W. Evans and W. H. Shuperd.

To Short Mountain Association, Elder G. W. Evans and Brethren J. W. Cross and R. C. Cook,

To Ouachita Association: M. R. Spears, R. M. Evans, G. W. Evans, R. P. Claborn, J. P. Stephens, C. E. Brazier, and L. F. Patterson,

To Dardanelle Association: G. T. Matthews and W. P. Hall.

To General Association, W. H. Shuperd, A. A. Spiller, Jas. Edmondson, L. F. Patterson, L. B. Blackburn, R. P. Claborn and J. H. Anderson.

Prayer by R. P. Claborn. Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m., Monday, October 19.

NIGHT SERVICES.

Praaching at Denton school house by G. W. Evans and G. T. Matthews. Text, Romans 3-20. At Poteau church by W. L. Carnett and R. P. Claborn.

In the interim the following committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions. R. P. Claborn, S. Harrell, A. A. Spiller.

Ministerial Support. Dr. Jas. H. Smith, G. T. Matthews, G. W. Pearce.

Temperance. W. D. Looper, L. B. Blackburn.

Nominations. G. W. Evans, C. P. Miller, J. M. Bence.

Woman's Work. Jas. Edmondson, W. P. Hall, R. M. Evans.

Sunday School Work. T. J. Condry, John Rawlings, John O. Mitchell.

Obituaries. T. N. Watkins, J. H. Anderson.

Finance. J. W. Condry, B. F. Haddock, J. W. Cross.

Literature. T. N. Watkins, Jas. Edmondson, P. E. Windham.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 10 a. m., conducted by A. A. Spiller. At 11 a. m., missionary sermon by E. L. Compere; text, Matthew 28: 19-20. Collections: Cash, \$15.00. Pledges, \$10.50.

At 3 p. m. a very feeling discourse was delivered by W. L. Carnett, from Psalms 126 5-6. Theme, The call to the Ministry. Collection for W. L. Carnett, \$37.00.

At 7:30 p. m. preaching at Poteau by G. T. Matthews and W. M. Morris. Text, Luke 20-29.

MONDAY, OCT. 18, 1891.

At 8 a. m. the Association re-assembled. Opened by reading the 5th chapter Cor. Prayer by W. H. Shuperd. House called to order by Moderator. Roll called and minutes read.

To the call for correspondents, Elder E. L. Compere responded from Onachita Association in a warm talk in which he vividly described the workings of his people.

A. H. Autry made a similar talk, setting forth the workings of the North Concord Association, outlining the duties of Baptists. A like talk was given by W. M. Morris, from the Short Mountain Association, in behalf of the Red Man.

T. P. Johnson was seated as a visitor from the Dardanelle Association.

Motion by R. P. Claborn to change the name of the Association from South Concord to Buckner Association, which was discussed, then passed by a unanimous vote.

A report on Ministerial Support was read by Dr. Jas. H. Smith and discussed by L. F. Patterson and G. W. Pearce, then adopted.

Report on Temperance was read: Discussed by A. H. Autry, A. A. Spiller and R. P. Claborn, and adopted.

Intermission fifteen minutes.

The body re-assembled at 11 a. m. Preaching by R. P. Claborn and L. B. Blackburn. Text, Hebrews 2-19. Prayer by A. A. Spiller, benediction by R. P. Claborn. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. R. Muchler.

Report on nominations read and adopted, followed by an enthusiastic missionary speech by G. W. Evans.

Report on Foreign Missions, read by R. P. Claborn, discussed by Jas. Edmondson. Discussion limited to five minutes. Further discussion by E. L. Compere, A. H. Autry. Vote deferred until 10 a. m., Oct. 20th. Prayer by Moderator; benediction by G. W. Evans. Adjourned until 8 a. m., Oct. 20th.

NIGHT SERVICES.

Preaching at Poteau church by A. H. Autry, from Romans 3-22. At Denton's school house by G. T. Matthews; text, Romans 3-20.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19, 1891.

Association met at 8:30 a. m. First chapter and first verse of Peter read by Moderator. Prayer by A. H. Autry. Minutes read

and approved.

Under the provisions made in the report on nominations Elder R. P. Claborn was appointed missionary.

Report on Woman's Work, read by Jas. Edmondson, discussed by E. L. Compere, Jas. Edmondson and A. H. Autry. Report adopted and the suggested committee was appointed.

The following are the names of committee:

Miss Nannie McClure, President and Cor. Sec.

Miss E. F. Matthews, Vice-Pres. and Treasurer.

Miss Ella Graves, Rec. Sec.

A collection, amounting to \$103.50, was taken for the support of the missionary of the Association.

At 11 a. m. A. H. Spiller preached from John 11-28. Prayer by B. F. Haddock; benediction by R. P. Claborn. Adjourned for refreshments.

At 2 p. m. the body was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Jas. Edmondson.

Foreign Mission report was again taken up, discussed and adopted.

A report on Sunday school work was read by T. J. Condry and discussed by C. Henderson, T. J. Condry, L. F. Patterson, G. W. Evans and T. N. Watkins. Adopted.

Report on obituaries, read by T. N. Watkins. Adopted.

Report on Finance, read by J. W. Condry. Adopted.

Treasurer's report, read by R. P. Claborn, adopted.

Voted clerk \$10 for services.

Resolution of thanks voted to Poteau church and community for hospitalities shown to the members of the Association.

The Association resolved, by vote, that R. P. Claborn be allowed one-fourth of his time in his own church and be paid \$250 to do Missionary work for the remainder of his time.

Report on Literature, read by T. N. Watkins, adopted.

Minutes read and approved.

After some animated talks and a general hand-shaking, the Association adjourned at 4 p. m., to meet Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1892, with Palestine church, three miles North of Salem, Sebastian County, Ark.

ELD. L. F. PATTERSON, Moderator.

C. HENDERSON, Clerk.

REPORT A.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that in our judgment

this subject is one of great and vital importance, and demands our immediate attention.

The Master gave to His Church the great commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. We believe it to be the duty of every member to aid in this great and glorious work, and as we have a well organized system of Foreign Missions, we earnestly insist on all the churches in the Association making liberal contributions for this purpose, and that the pastors be requested to take collections for this purpose and report the same to the Executive Board.

As the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has called on the General Association to raise \$1000 for Foreign Missions, we advise that this Association make an earnest effort in this matter.

We recommend:

1st. That each pastor preach on this subject to his church in December or January and take collections.

2nd. That efforts be made to secure something from every member.

3rd. That our people join the "ten cent monthly band."

4th. That we celebrate Christmas week by talking and Collecting Foreign Mission funds.

R. P. CLABORN, Chairman.

REPORT B.—ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your committee on Ministerial Support, believe that nothing is more clearly taught in the Bible than that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. We believe that when a church elects a pastor, she, by that act, gives him a reason to believe that she will, in proportion to the time he serves, assist him in procuring substantial food and decent raiment; thus giving him time to study to show himself a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

JAS. H. SMITH, Sr., Chairman.

REPORT C.—ON TEMPERANCE,

Your committee submit the following report. We believe the use of ardent spirits a great barrier to national prosperity. It destroys human happiness. It causes the innocent to suffer and the guilty to go unpunished. In many instances we believe it to be one of the greatest evils with which the human family have to contend. We therefore recommend that our churches deal promptly with all members who use it as a beverage.

W. D. LOOPER, Chairman.

REPORT D.—ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Palestine church, three miles North of Salem, Sebastian County, Arkansas, at 11 a. m., Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1892.

We recommend that Elder W. P. Hall preach the introductory sermon, with Elder B. E. Windham as alternate. Elder G. T. Matthews the Missionary sermon, Elder T. N. Watkins, alternate.

We recommend that G. W. Condry, T. J. Condry, J. W. Tripp, B. D. Barnes, and A. A. Spiller be appointed Executive Committee.

We recommend that the Executive Committee meet at each District meeting, the Board to keep a correct record of their proceedings and report the same to the Association at its next session. We further recommend that the Missionary selected by this party report to the Executive Board at each of its meetings; also to the next meeting of the Association.

G. W. EVANS, Chairman.

REPORT E.—ON WOMAN'S WORK.

God gave woman, as a helper, to man. Paul tells us in Philippians 4-3 of a woman who labored with him in the Gospel, and in Romans 16-3, he mentions Priscilla as one of his helpers in Christ. Women are now doing a great work in sending the Gospel to heathen lands. But they do the most efficient work where organized. Therefore we recommend that the sisters be encouraged to organize in all the churches. We advise that a committee of sisters be appointed whose duty shall be to correspond with pastors and effect, if possible, the organization of a Woman's Aid Society in every church, to aid in securing funds for the various purposes of christian work. That said committee act in concert with the central committee of the General Association.

JAMES EDMONDSON, Chairman.

REPORT F.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, report that this is a subject of great importance. Upon the christian training of the children and youths of our land depends greatly the future prosperity of our church and the Master's cause in the world. If not trained for good they will be educated for evil. If not taught the ways of righteousness they will be led in paths of sin and death. Experience shows that the Sabbath school is the most effective agency we can employ to guide our youths in the way of holiness and truth. We regret to learn that so few of our churches have Sabbath schools. We therefore

recommend that each church in the bounds of this Association be urged to establish a Sabbath school and use only such literature as the Bible and helps published by the National Baptist Publishing Company.

T. J. CONDRY, Chairman.

REPORT G.—ON OBITUARIES.

After examining the letters from the churches of Buckner Association, we find that fifteen of our members have fallen asleep in Jesus; seventeen less than last year. Let us that are spared thank God for His preserving care and strive to be faithful in all things. That we, at God's appointed time, may meet them in the better world.

T. N. WATKINS, Chairman.

REPORT H.—ON FINANCE.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 25.50
Amount subscribed by churches.....	2.10
Home Missions... ..	3.50
Minute Fund.....	33.95
Total.....	<u>\$65.05</u>
Pledges.....	\$10 50
Cash turned over to Treasurer... 54.55	65.05

J. W. CONDRY, Chairman.

REPORT I.—ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee to whom was submitted the subject of Religious Literature, would respectfully recommend "Kind Words" and its series, the American Baptist Publication Society series, Arkansas Baptist, Home, Field and Foreign Mission Journal.

T. N. WATKINS, Chairman.

REPORT J.—TREASURER'S REPORT

Received for Minutes.....	\$33.95
" " Home Missions.....	3.50
" " Foreign " 	17.10
Total.....	<u>\$54.55</u>
By cash paid clerk for minutes.....	\$33.95
" " E. L. Compere.....	17.10
Amount on hand.....	3.50
	<u>\$54.50</u>

R. P. CLABORN, Treasurer.

PLEDGES TO ELD. A. A. SPILLER.

Jas. H Smith and wife.....	\$5.00
G T Matthews.....	5.00
J S Mitchell.....	5 00
T N Watkins.....	2 50
John O Mitchell.....	2 50
G W Evans.....	2 50
J W Condry.....	1 00
R P Claborn.....	1 00
W H Shupert and wife.....	2 50
L B Blackburn and wife.....	1 00
Miss Ida Watkins.....	1 00
T J Condry.....	25
D H Blair.....	25
C Henderson.....	2 50
G W Smith.....	1 00
Susan Smith.....	50
Fannie Strickland.....	50
Kate Condry.....	50
Total.....	\$34 50

MISSION PLEDGES.

G W Evans.	\$5 00
L F Patterson.....	5 00
John Cross.....	5 00
John O Mitchell.....	5 00
Charles Duncan.....	5 00
J W Condry.....	5 00
W H Shupert.....	5 00
L B Blackburn	5 00
M Sehorn.....	5 00
T J Condry.....	1 00
Robert Payne, Sr.....	1 00
C Bevil.....	5 00
Fellowship church.....	10 00
J S Mitchell.....	10 00
C Henderson.....	5 00
Miss Vira Cross.....	5 00
Jame's Fork Church....	10 00
Jas H Smith and wife....	5 00
R C Cook.....	2 50
W H Stephens	50
J P Duncan.....	1 00
J A Singleterry.....	2 00
Total..	\$103 00

SCAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Meeting Days	For Minutes	For Missions
Amity	Hackett	Sebastian	J W Miller	H J Roberts	H J Roberts, W	10	3	2	12			52	1	\$1 75	
Black Fork	Black Fork	Scott	G W Pearce	W T Hoover	M Sehorn, D J	3	5		15	4	1		1	75	
Bethlehem	Brawley	Scott	G W Evans	B B Brown	M Q Workman		7					20	1	75	
Clear Grove	Boothe	Scott	L B Blackburn	S R Loper	J B Hurt, A H	1	2	2	4	2		68	1	50	
Cedar Creek	Gipson	Scott	T H B McAlister	H H Travis	V Stephens, S	2	6		3	1	1	71	4	1 55	
Concord, L. T.	Monroe	Sugar Loaf	W H Shupert	R H Davis	J J King, R H									50	
Center Point	Magazine	Logan	D M Bryant	S J Chaney	J L Bryant	3	1				1	31		1 00	
Dayton	Dayton	Sebastian	G W Evans	T F Dixon	C P Miller, Jol	6	4		5	4	1	120	4	1 50	
Fellowship	Witcherville	Sebastian			A A Spiller, G										
Glendale	Boonville	Logan	W I Goff	W L May	D G Dilca, Wi	1	1		1			34	2	1 00	
Hopewell	Carolan	Logan	D M Bryant	J J Fuller	W S Hooke, T	3	1	3	4			40	1	50	
Hartford	Hartford	Sebastian	I D Rasberry	L H Campbell	L H Campbell							44	3	1 25	
Highway Grove	Boonville	Logan	W N Dodson	Rector Bangs	C E Hopper, L	12	20		1			31	2	90	2 55
James Creek	Brawley	Scott	T E Windham	O B Phipps	J R Wyatt, O		3		21			50	2	80	
James Fork	Peoria	Sebastian	G W Evans	D L Vaughn	J F Inge, G W	8	3	2	11	5		66	3	1 80	
McLendon	Blansett	Scott		J C Eschinger	J C Eschinger, R	3	8	4	5	3		28			
Mill Creek	Buck Knob	Scott	S B Redwine	W B Davis	M R Speer, C F							8	2	50	
New Providence	Hackett	Sebastian		N B Forrester	James Edmons				4	1	2	47		50	2 15
New Home	Cauthron	Scott	L B Blackburn	W L Nelson	C Stinson, M P	1	2					41	2	1 00	
Pilgrims' Rest	Mansfield	Sebastian	R P Claborn	P A Watts	R P Claborn, J	4	2	1	5		3	76	4	1 50	
Pleasant Grove	Cauthron	Scott	R P Claborn	J T Plummer	J T Plummer, I		4		10	1		24	1	1 00	
" "	Fuller	Scott	L B Blackburn	J M Blackwell	J P Stephens, J	6	9		1		2	33	3	60	
" "	Green Ridge	Scott	John Taylor	T B Williams	John O Mitchell	1			2			38	1	60	
Potomac	Waldron	Scott	L F Patterson	I M Lion	Dr. Jas. H Smit	35	14	3	4		3	193	3	5 15	
Palatka	Witcherville	Sebastian	R P Claborn	J W Ramsey	J W Cross, I W				5		1	42	3	1 25	
Pink Creek	Mansfield	Sebastian	R P Claborn	M S Condry	M S Condry, W	4	5					24	3	1 00	1 00
Polish	Belva	Scott	D M Bryant	R Godwin	A J Pennington	3	3		6	4	1	76	3	70	
Waldron	Waldron	Scott	J D Rasberry	C Henderson	J Rawlings, W	7	8		4	2	2	108		2 00	40 00
West Harmony	Hartford	Sebastian	G W Evans	W H Sims	W H Sims, R C	13	2	2	7	3		75	1	2 50	
White Oak	Chilmanville	Logan	D M Bryant	P M Taylor	J C Muchler, V	4	2		3	3		32	2	60	