

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES
OF THE
FIRST SESSION
OF THE
Arkansas County Baptist
Association

HELD WITH THE
Big LaGrue Baptist Church
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Next Session to be held with
RISING SUN CHURCH
August 12, 13, 14, 1921

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DeWitt, Arkansas

CARL OWENS, TREASURER

DeWitt, Arkansas

Annual Sermon for the Next Session

Introductory Sermon, Friday Night, 8 o'clock

H. W. Jean; Alternate, T. E. Carter

Missionary Sermon Sunday 11 a. m.

C. P. McGraw; Alternate, G. W. Bray.

Arkansas County Baptist Church Association

First Session

The first session of the Arkansas County Baptist Association convened with Big LaGrue Baptist Church on Friday, August 6th, 1920.

Meeting was called to order by C. W. Fox, Moderator.

Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

Bro. R. Henderson led in prayer.

Song—"More About Jesus."

The Moderator announced that it was time for the Introductory Sermon. C. P. McGraw, the appointee, announced as his text, Rev. 22:20, "Even So Came Lord Jesus". Thence, "Longing For Christ."

Song—"Am I a Soldier of the Cross."

C. W. Fox led in prayer.

No further business appearing, the association adjourned to meet Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association convened by singing song No. 365. J. G. Lile led in prayer.

The Moderator called for the letters from the churches, and J. G. Lile and C. P. McGraw were appointed to read.

The following churches were enrolled and their messengers seated:

Almyra, G. L. Cox, G. W. Bray; Big LaGrue, A. Woods, G. W. Gardner, Arthur Allen; Belview, W. E. Noble, J. M. McSwain, W. C. McSwain, Mrs. B. J. Horton; DeWitt, Mrs. Clara Dudley, Miss Bird Rasco, Mrs. Guy Lawhead, Miss Pearl McGraw, Carl Owens, Sam Cox, J. W. Burnett; New Hope, W. L. Hargrove, Mrs. T. J. Walters, Mrs. W. L. R. Hampton, W. M. Freeman, Mrs. W. M. Freeman; Pine Oak, Bro. Weatherford, sister Webster, Myrtle Ellis; Rising Sun, Hattie Fish, J. H. Ragan, Mrs. W. Huddleston, E. R. Graves, W. B. Wood; Stuttgart, H. W. Jean, Jas. Henderson, Mrs. J. A. Henderson, R. A. Henderson; Zion, Jno. Shepherd, Henry Shepherd.

Moved that the association go into permanent organization. Election resulted in the election of H. B. Dudley, Moderator Emeritus, C. W. Fox Moderator, W. M. Freeman, Vice-President, C. P. McGraw, Clerk, Carl Owens, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Foreign Missions, H. W. Jean, Mrs. M. E. Walters, J. W. Rhodes; State Missions, C. P. McGraw, Geo. A. Miller, J. G. Lile; Home Missions, J. G. Lile, G. L. Cox, Mrs. W. M. Freeman; Sunday Schools, J. W. Rhodes, W. L. Hargrove, A. Woods; Associational Missions, W. M. Freeman, G. W. Bray, Mrs. M. F. Hampton; Temperance, R. A. Henderson, Mrs. W. M. Freeman; Finance, Jim Henderson, W. L. Hargrove, G. L. Cox; Obituaries, G. W. Gardner, A. Woods, G. H. Miller; Publications, L. H. Dodson, G. W. Bray, Mrs. Jim Henderson; Nominations, W. M. Freeman, H. W. Jean, L. H. Dodson; Christian Education, J. G. Lile, Carl Owens, H. W. Jean; Woman's Work, Mrs. W. S. Quertermous, Mrs. Jim Henderson, Mrs. Guy Lawhead; Religious Services, Pastor and Deacons of Big LaGrue Church.

HOME MISSIONS

The report of committee on Home Missions was read by J. G. Lile, report follows:

The work of Home Missions consists of the preaching of the gospel in needy fields throughout the South and in Cuba; the building and fostering of Mountain Schools, providing as far as possible for annuities for old preachers, helping in the building of church-houses by gifts and loans, general co-operation and help in State Mission Work, the building and maintaining of hospitals, and general enlistment work. This work is directed by a board appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention. We recognize the importance of this work and recommend that all our churches heartily support it, and that our pastors from time to time give instructions to their people so that we may be generally informed with reference to this work.

J. G. Lile, Chairman

G. L. Cox,

Mrs. W. M. Freeman,

Committee.

Report spoken to by J. G. Lile, et al, adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read by H. W. Jean. Report follows:

If we are to understand Foreign Missions, we must know that it includes the evangelization of the lost, the training of the saved, the education of the ignorant, the healing of the sick, and the housing and support of our Mission Churches. Foreign Missions can never be put on a par with any single christian enterprise which we may be conducting at home. Our Foreign Mission board acts as Home Mission Board, Educational Board, State Mission Board, Orphans Home Board, Sanitarium Board, and all the rest.

The wide field which our board is cultivating puts its work out of comparison with anything else we are doing. Through this organization we are trying to minister to lands whose population reach into hundreds of millions. Take China, for instance. Every fourth toiler is a Chinese. Every fourth couple given in marriage is a Chinese. Every fourth orphan who cries for bread and clothing is a Chinese. It is said that if we were to put them in ranks, joining hands, they would girdle the globe ten times. Among the 400,000,000 of China's population, Southern Baptists have only about 150 workers.

But our responsibilities do not and cannot end with the fields which up to this time have received our attention. Recent events have in a new and peculiar sense made a much larger Foreign Mission program imperative for Southern Baptists. We are charged in the New Testament, Matt. 28:19 with a world wide missionary program. The 320 that we are supporting in the ten fields where we are doing work, are hardly touching the edges of the vast fields now open to us. On every hand, the truth is being brought to us that the hour for Baptists has struck. Let Baptists prove themselves worthy by addressing themselves to the New Testament program.

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H. W. Jean, Chairman.
Mrs. M. E. Walters,
Jno. Rhoads,

Committee.

Report spoken to by H. W. Jean and others and adopted as read.

Song—"Blessed Assurance."

STATE MISSIONS

Report read by C. P. McGraw.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to submit the following report:

The results speak for themselves; nevertheless, some things ought to be borne in mind in order to appreciate what has been done along State Mission lines under the 75 million campaign.

Some of our Associational Missionaries do their work only under their own Associational Missionary Boards and do not always furnish duplicates of their reports. So that the work here reported is by no means all the mission work we are doing with the 75 millions campaign funds. All those men who served during February and March had to undergo two very good hardships—an epidemic of influenza and a deluge of water and mud. Quite a number of the missionaries themselves were sick.

WORK OF MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS

Total number of missionaries reporting	131
Missionary Pastors	79
Circuit and Associational Missionaries	52
Days spent on field	13,305
Days spent at home	13,398
Institutes and conferences held	285
Churches visited	1,360
Sermons and addresses delivered	6,605
Revival meetings planned	287
Revival meetings conducted	107
Professions of faith witnessed	1,381
Additions by letter	657
Persons baptized by missionaries	311
Total additions	1,421
Churches organized	20
Sunday Schools organized	71
W. M. U's. organized	17
B. Y. P. U's. organized	39
Meeting houses built	11
Meeting houses repaired	26
Pastors homes bought	6
Religious books sold or given away	1,448
Good tracts distributed	30,831
Churches assisted in finding pastors	40
New 75 million subscriptions obtained	168
Churches enlisted with the convention	34
Collected on the field	\$8,013.65

Just at this time our state mission work is greatly handicapped because of the failure of many of the churches to pay their 75 million campaign pledge promptly.

We, your committee, recommend to the churches that have subscribed to the 75 million campaign fund, that such subscription be paid promptly, according to agreement, otherwise, our state mission board cannot operate.

We recommend to all other churches that they subscribe as liberally as possible to the 75 million fund, as in this way means are furnished for carrying on all our denominational work.

C. P. McGraw, Chairman.

Geo. A. Miller,

J. G. Lile,

Committee.

Report adopted as read.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report of the committee on Christian Education was read by Carl Owens. Report follows:

Your committee on Christian Education beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that one of the greatest needs of the present, as well as the past and future, is Christian Education. Christianity is the foundation of all that is good. The truest heroism, the strongest democracy, and the highest culture are based on Christian principles.

One of the best aids to the Christian work, is the Christian school, which trains our boys and girls to think and act, and thereby develop them into men and women of real worth to the world and the Christian work. Baptist schools will conserve Baptist principles, will raise up efficient leaders for the church, and for the public schools, that will make and keep the state Christian, and perpetuate a Christian democracy.

Practically one-third of the 75 million campaign fund in Arkansas, was set aside for the work of our six colleges. We point with pride to the work that has already been done in these schools. Some of them are in the mountain district of Arkansas, and if these Christian schools were not maintained by our church, it would mean that the boys and girls of a very great area of Arkansas, would grow up in ignorance and sin. The schools are turning out every year, strong characters and efficient workers, who go back to their home communities, and do much for the Christian work. These schools had an enrollment last year of 982; value of school property \$495,000, sixty-nine conversions were reported last year; 135 volunteered for mission work, and 75 young men are in training for the ministry. There was 59 graduated from Ouachita and Central last year.

There are four new schools launched that will give an additional property value of between five and six hundred thousand dollars to school work. There are new buildings being erected at each of our six schools now in operation, and with these new schools, and new buildings, we should be able to take care of boys and girls who have formerly been turned away.

After careful thought we are intelligent wide-awake Baptists can fail to support Christian Education, without strangling his own conscientious convictions.

We recommend, therefore, that every church in the association, give Christian Education a large place in their work, their love, their prayers, and their contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Owens Chairman.

G. L. Cox,

G. W. Bray,

Committee.

Report spoken to by Carl Owens, J. G. Lile, G. W. Bray, H. W. Jean, and C. W. Fox. Adopted as read.

Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After partaking of a bountiful dinner prepared by the good women of LaGrue community, the association reconvened at 1:30 p. m. Song—"How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by H. W. Jean.

Song—"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

TEMPERANCE

We believe that intemperance is man's greatest enemy. The scripture teaches that it is unwise to be intemperate in anything. The Bible also teaches us to "shun the appearance of evil".

We have had a hard fight to put this foe out of business, but have, under God, succeeded. But we must remember the fight must be carried on. If we slacken our diligence in our fight against this great enemy, he will be established among us again. Every church ought to be as watchful as possible. Every means are being used to establish this business every where.

Every Baptist who votes this year ought to vote for an official who will enforce our laws.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Henderson, Chairman.

Mrs. W. M. Freeman,

Mrs. R. A. Henderson,

Committee.

Report discussed by R. A. Henderson, J. T. Lile, et al, and adopted as read.

Moved and carried that association recess 15 minutes.

Association re-convened by singing "His Way With Thee."

Prayer by L. H. Dodson Song—"Nearer My God to Thee"

NOMINATIONS

Your Committee on Nominations beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the association meet with Rising Sun Baptist Church, Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1921, and that H. W. Jean preach the introductory sermon, T. E. Carter, alternate.

We recommend that C. P. McGraw preach the Missionary Sermon, Sunday 11 a. m., Alternate G. W. Bray. We recommend H. W. Jean as member of State Mission Board from this association.

Adopted after being discussed by H. W. Jean, G. W. Bray and L. H. Dodson.

ORPHANS' HOME

The report of the committee on Orphans' Home was read by J. G. Lile.

The Orphanage at Monticello is in good condition, and health of the children there during the past two years has been good. Bro. W. F. Dorris, our superintendent, is devoted to the work, and has been very successful in it. The farm is in charge of Bro. Horton, who is a splendid farmer, and the boys of the Orphanage are being well trained in practical agriculture and stock raising.

The direct management of the home is in charge of Bro. Horton and his wife, under the advice and direction of Bro. Dorris and the resident members of the Board of Trustees.

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In connection with the Orphanage we have about 300 acres of land. There are several buildings but none of them are well adapted to the work. We are glad that the 75 million campaign gives us promise of needed new buildings soon.

There are between 50 and 60 children in the home. The policy of placing the children in good homes has now been followed for about 5 years, and has proven satisfactory. Many good homes are without children, and Bro. Dorris is usually able to find good places for most of the children. In this way the number of children in the home has been reduced from near 200 to the present number, and we are thus able to provide for many more children than would have been possible under the former policy of keeping them in the home until they were grown. We recommend that our missionary societies continue the policy of clothing the orphans and that any of our churches that have not liberally contributed to this cause by pledges to the 75 million campaign, fail not to make contributions for the maintenance of our orphanage.

Let us apy for this work and help it every way possible. When an appeal comes from orphan children, we must hear and help.

J. G. Lile, Chairman Com.

Report spoken to by J. G. Lile, G. W. Bray and C. W. Fox, adopted.

PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on publications, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend the reading and study of God's word, and all good religious literature, especially the Baptist Advance, The Foreign Journal, The Home Field, and all good religious tracts.

The reading in our homes of good literature, make our homes what they ought to be.

L. H. Dodson, Chairman.

G. W. Bray,

Mrs. Jim Henderson,

Committee.

Report discussed by L. H. Dodson, H. W. Jean, and G. W. Bray. Adopted as read.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that G. W. Bray would preach at 8 o'clock tonight.

Moved to recess until 8 p. m., carried. Association reconvened at 8 p. m. by singing "Church in the Wild Wood".

Devotional Services were conducted by H. W. Jean, reading Phil. 1:1-8. Song—"Take My Life and Let It Be."

G. W. Bray read 2 Pet. 2:1-12. Song "Look and Live." Prayer by C. P. McGraw.

G. W. Bray announced as his text, 1 Pet. 2:7, "Unto you therefore who believe, He is precious." Theme: Christ precious to the Christian." The message was spiritual and helpful. Song—"Just When I Need Him Most."

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Sunday morning. Benediction by Bro. J. W. Rhodes.

Sunday, 9 a. m., song—"The King's Business," prayer by Carl Owens, song—"More About Jesus."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. WORK

Report read by J. W. Rhodes.

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church. In the Sunday School the children, young people and older ones as well, are taught the "Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth."

The wise man said, "Bring up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Paul admonishes parents to "bring up their children in the nature and admonition of the Lord." Timothy "from a child knew the Holy Scriptures, and they made him wise unto salvation."

It is estimated that about 80 per cent of the converts coming into our churches come from the Sunday School. Surely this fact alone proves the importance of the Sunday School work, and demonstrates the fact, that the Sunday school is the greatest evangelizing agency we have.

The B. Y. P. U. differs from the Sunday School in that it is not primarily, a teaching agency, but a training force. The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of a Baptist church. In its meetings young Christians are trained to do Christian work. The B. Y. P. U. aim is "All Baptist Young People Utilized," its motto "We study that we may serve."

We note with sorrow that some churches in the bounds of our association do not maintain Sunday Schools and very few have B. Y. P. Us. This ought not to be. The churches simply can't afford to neglect these important departments of church activity.

We would therefore earnestly recommend that the churches organize and maintain Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. Us.

J. W. Rhodes, Chairman.

W. L. Hargrove,

A. Woods,

Committee.

Report spoken to by J. W. Rhodes and Carl Owens. Adopted.

The hour for the missionary sermon having arrived, all joined in singing "I Must Tell Jesus." Prayer by C. W. Fox.

H. W. Jean, the appointee to preach the Missionary Sermon, announced for his text 2 Cor. 6:2. Theme: "The Plan of Salvation, and how God has displayed His Wisdom, Power and Love in Salvation." The sermon was strong, spiritual, and edifying, and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

At the close of the sermon, Bro. H. B. Dudley, who for years served Grand Prairie Association as Moderator, was invited to come forward and while the congregation stood and sang "How Firm A Foundation," the association and visitors extended to him the glad hand of welcome, thus expressing their joy at his being physically able to be present at the first session of Arkansas County Association. R. A. Henderson led in prayer.

Pastor Dodson announced that there was dinner on the ground for every one present, and urged all to remain and partake.

Motion to adjourn to 2 p. m. carried, benediction by H. W. Jean.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After doing full justice to the sumptuous dinner, the association re-convened by singing, "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by C. E. Condray. Song—"Jesus Lover of My Soul."

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ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Report read by G. W. Bray, missionary.

To the Board of the Arkansas County Baptist Association, I herewith present you a report of work done since the 4th Sunday in February:

Miles traveled 1800; sermons preached 100; visits made 850; families prayed with 200; collected on the field, St. Charles \$2.50; Corinth 45c; Big LaGrue \$2.85; Hebron \$1.00; Crockett's Bluff, for a meeting the 4th Sunday in April and continue until Tuesday night after the 1st Sunday in May, \$20.60; collected for my meeting at Mt. Zion, which began 2nd Sunday in May and continued 12 days, \$41.22 Began meeting at Brown's school house the 4th Sunday in May, and continued 12 days, collected \$22.22. Zion church paid the 2nd Sunday in June, \$5.50; Weber the 2nd Sunday night and week following paid \$12.20. Brown's school house, 4th Sunday in June, \$1.26; Crockett's Bluff and Bro. Hauley, \$1.00; Cuba school house for a meeting in June, continue 12 days, collected \$2.50; Zion church 75c At New Hope church I began a meeting on Tuesday night after the 2nd Sunday in July, which lasted two weeks, collected \$45.93; preached at Pine Oak church the 1st Sunday at 11 and at night, collected \$6.03; paid by the church at Stuttgart, \$234; paid by the church at DeWitt, \$25; borrowed of the board to buy books \$50, this is included in the \$234 from Stuttgart; total collected by me \$186.04; paid by Stuttgart and DeWitt, \$260; total received for five and one half months, \$446.04; balance due \$102.96.

Days worked 120; Sunday Schools organized, one; converts 21; baptized 7, six at Zion and one at Crockett's Bluff for Rising Sun church. I have held six meetings: Crockett's Bluff, Mt. Zion, Brown's School House, Webber, Cuba School House, and New Hope. Places preached: Gillett, Corinth, Rising Sun, Pine Oak, St. Charles, Big LaGrue Belview, Center School House, Crockett's Bluff, Webber, Brown's School House, Cuba, Goldman, Valley School House, Forks of LaGrue New Hope and Hebron. I have sold about \$300 worth of Bibles and Testaments, and given away 200 Tracts and 400 Sunday School papers.

Brethren, I have done the best I could with the rain and mud that I have had to contend with. "The field is white unto the harvest," and there is much to be done, and I love the work, and I feel that the missionary work is my work, and I would like to be your missionary for another year at least.

Respectively submitted,

G. W. Bray, Missionary.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

We fully endorse the good work begun and being done by our missionary, Rev. G. W. Bray. We know the destitution within the bounds of this association, and it is our request that you retain for the incoming year, Bro. G. W. Bray as Missionary, and make it possible by your prayers and financial support for him to carry the blessed truth to the utmost bounds of our association.

W. M. Freeman, Chairman.

G. W. Bray,

Mrs. M. F. Hampton,

Committee.

Report discussed jointly with Associational Missionaries report, by Jean, Graves, G. W. Bray, W. M. Freeman, C. E. Condray and G. W. Gardner. Report adopted.

OBITUARIES

We your committee on Obituaries, make the following report: We find that there were five deaths within the bounds of Arkansas County Baptist Association during last associational year, whom God in His infinite wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to take from among us to that Celestial Home that knows no parting. We mourn their loss, but say "Gods will be done," and commend the bereaved ones to the "Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

Big LaGrue, sister S. L. Alexander; New Hope, sister Blanche Steadman; Rising Sun, Bro. Jimmie Winkler.

We your committee, ask that this association remember the families of the deceased brethren and sisters in their prayers.

Respectively submitted by the committee.

A. Woods, Chairman.

G. H. Miller,

Committee.

Moved that a cash offering be taken to pay G. W. Bray the balance due him by the association carried.

Pledges;

H. B. Dudley, paid	\$25.00
Jim Henderson, paid	10.00
G. W. Gardner, paid	5.00
J. W. Burnett, paid	5.00
C. E. Condray, paid	5.00
Geo. Miller, paid	5.00
A. Wood,	5.00
W. W. Davidson, paid	5.00
Robt. Miller, paid	5.00
Lee Woods, paid	5.00
Sam Cox, paid	5.00
W. L. Hargrave, paid	5.00
Jas. Cox, paid	5.00
W. W. Cox, paid	5.00
Mrs. W. Rhodes, paid	5.00

Total - - - - - \$100.00

RECESS TEN MINUTES

Song—"Count Your Blessings."

WOMAN'S WORK

Report read by Mrs. W. S. Quertermous.

Your associational superintendent comes to you in this the first year of my work, feeling a great burden because of the lack of organized support. The cares of this life have pressed mightily upon me since last fall. I've been so busy caring for the sick of my family and not very strong myself. I've prayed and begged for more co-operation and interest in our woman's work in this county. Realizing that the greatest task before us is the enlistment of the unenlisted of our rural churches, let me urge you, pastors, that you lend us your assistance in organizing bands and W. M. S's. in your churches, for we feel the day has come when the woman's work is the vital part of the church. A majority of S. S. teachers come from W. M. societies.

"The fields are white and the workers are few."

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After enlistment comes the need of more interest in mission and Bible study, and a larger vision of the channels for personal service, that through these we may better become a blessing to humanity and grow more like the Master.

Let me urge each organized society to keep before you the Standard of Excellence and strive to reach each point. We need to learn that the christian life is a business and not a past-time. The necessary work is with our young people, who must be enlisted at once and trained to take our places. May I ask each woman and young girl here to make the W. M. U's. watch-word, your motto—"That in all things, He might have the pre-eminence."

Mrs. W. S. Guertermous,

Mrs. Jim Henderson,

Mrs. Guy Lawhead,

Committee on Woman's Work.

Report spoken to by Mrs. W. S. Quertermous, Mrs. R. W. Dudley, Mrs. Guy Lawhead, Otela Gillispie, Mrs. Sam Cox, H. B. Dudley, et al. Adopted.

--W. M. U. ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT, DEWITT CHURCH--

Christian Education.....	\$ 5.00
Cash to Orphan's Home.....	14.00
Boxes to Orphan's Home.....	43.75
Benevolence.....	31.50
Church Building and Furnishing.....	108.56
Total - - - - -	\$ 202.81
To 75 Million Fund, cr. W. M. U.....	\$1,075.00

Grand Total - - - - - \$1,277.81

Report of Associational Superintendent of Arkansas County Association from November to August.

DEWITT, JR. W. M. S.

Christmas Offerings.....	\$ 5.00
Cash to Orphans Home.....	14.00
Boxes to Orphans Home.....	43.75
Church Building and Expense.....	84.85
Total - - - - -	\$147.60

BY DEWITT W.M. S.

Benevolence.....	\$ 27.00
Church Building and Expense.....	70.98
Total - - - - -	\$ 97.98
Total Gifts to 75 Million Campaign.....	1,075.00

Grand Total for DeWitt W. M. U's. \$1,320.58

STUTTGART W. M. S.

Bible Fund S. S. Board.....	.75
Margaret Fund.....	2.00
Training School Enlargement.....	8.25
Benevolence.....	2.00
Church and Building Expense.....	500.00
Total - - - - -	\$513.00

Grand Total, Stuttgart and DeWitt.....\$1,833.58

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No. of letters written during the year	10
No. of packages of literature forwarded	12
No. of Societies Organized, Y. W. A.	1
Mrs. W. S. Quertermous, Supt. DeWitt, Arkansas	

Pledges to Associational Missions for the Associational Year, 1920 and 1921

W. E. Noble	\$ 5.00
Mrs. M. F. Hampton	5.00
G. W. Gardner	5.00
George Miller	2.50
Arthur Allen	5.00
Mrs. Leo Roy	5.00
Jim Stocks	5.00
Walter Cox	5.00
Mrs. Lee Woods	5.00
Mrs. Dosia Terry	5.00
Jim Henderson	10.00
R. A. Henderson	2.50
Tom Webb	5.00
Carl Owens	5.00
Mrs. Robt. Allen	5.00
Leo Roy	2.50
Eda Maddox	2.50
Robert Miller	5.00
Mrs. Dessie Miller	5.00
Mrs. Gene Miller	2.50
Mrs. R. N. Lewallen	2.50
W. M. Freeman and wife	25.00

\$130.00

(Report of the Com. on Finance, if delivered to the clerk, can't be found—clerk.)

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas this association has been royally entertained by the good people of Big LaGrue church and vicinity,

Therefore, be it resolved by this body, that we extend to Bro. L. H. Dodson and his noble church, our appreciation and heart felt thanks for the splendid manner in which they have entertained us, and for the good fellowship we have enjoyed.

C. P. McGRAW.

Nnanimously adopted.

No further business appearing, association adjourned by singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." During the song a general hand-shaking was indulged in. Next session to be held with Rising Sun church, beginning on Friday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1921.

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator Emeritus.

C. W. FOX, Moderator.

C. P. McGRAW, Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known by the name of Arkansas County Baptist Association, and composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union. who, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seats; also the ordained ministers in good standing, retiring moderator and all committees appointed at one to report at the next.

ARTICLE 2. The motto of this Association shall be:

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"The truth in its purity, preached in every section of our bounds."

ARTICLE 3. The letters from the churches must state the number of members baptized, received by letter, resigned, dismissed by letter, excluded, and the name and postoffice of pastor and clerk.

ARTICLE 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches, but may act as an advisory council for the common good of all churches, and for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom and have power to exclude any church from her fellowship which may depart from the Gospel of Christ, either in faith or practice.

ARTICLE 5. Each church composing the Association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ARTICLE 6. Should any church fail to represent herself for two consecutive years, she may be dropped from the list of churches should a satisfactory reason not be given.

ARTICLE 7. New churches may be admitted into this body who petition by letter and delegates, if it be found to be in sound faith and good order, the petition to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

ARTICLE 8. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are observed and take voice of the association on all questions properly brought before it; also a Vice-Moderator, and a Clerk and it shall be the Clerk's duty to keep a correct record of all the business of the Association; also a Treasurer, to receive and disburse funds sent up to the Association, as directed by the body of churches sending same.

ARTICLE 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to retain on the Minutes the names of all churches admitted to membership, until such are dropped by action of the Association, and in case of non-representation it shall be his duty to write, "not represented," in the proper place opposite their names in the statistical table.

ARTICLE 10. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present except in the reception and admission of a church, which shall be unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions as may be agreed upon while in session.

ARTICLE 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate to preach a missionary sermon at each succeeding session; and to fix the time and place for the next meeting of the body.

ARTICLE 13. The messengers assembled shall elect the Missionary; and the Moderator shall appoint(at each session, an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church, whose duty it shall be in case a vacancy occurs between the sittings of the Association, to elect and employ a missionary or missionaries.

ARTICLE 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, except that clause in the fourth article which prohibits interference with the internal rights of the churches, which shall forever remain intact.

ARTICLE 15. The minutes shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Churches	Name	Address
Almyra.....	Geo. Cox.....	Almyra.....
Big LaGrue.....	A. Woods.....	Van.....
Belview.....	W. E. Nobles.....	Ethel.....
DeWitt.....	C. P. McGraw.....	DeWitt.....
Gillett.....	Carl Sager.....	Gillett.....
Hebron.....	S. E. Thigpen.....	DeLuce.....
New Hope.....	W. L. Hargrave.....	Almyra R. 2.....
New Salem.....	W. H. Blankenship.....	Casco.....
Rising Sun.....	Eugene Graves.....	Almyra R. 1.....
Pink Oak.....	A. R. Dannen.....	St. Charles.....
Stuttgart.....	H. W. Jean.....	Stuttgart.....
St. Charles.....	Ovie Lewellen.....	St. Charles.....
DeLuce.....	H. E. Adams.....	DeLuce.....
Corinth.....	Mr. Steward.....	Humphrey R. 1.....
Zion.....	Jno. Shephard.....	Tichenor.....

CHURCHES—Their Pastors, Clerks and Their Postoffices

Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address
Almyra			Martha Fuller	Almyra
Belview	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	W. C. McSwain	Ethel
Big LaGrue	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	Mrs. Lee Woods	Van
DeLuce			H. E. Adams	DeLuce
DeWitt	C. P. McGraw	DeWitt	J. W. Burnett	DeWitt
Corinth				
Gillett		Gillett	Mrs. Thomas	Gillett
Hebron	J. P. Burroughs	Van		DeLuce
New Hope	Rev. CcCray	Humphrey	Mrs. M. F. Hampton	Hagler
New Salem				Cacso
Rising Sun	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	W. B. Wood	DeWitt
Pine Oak	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	Myrtle Ellis	St. Charles
Stuttgart	H. W. Jean	Stuttgart	Mrs. J. R. Caldwell	Stuttgart
St. Charles	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff		St. Charles
Zion	G. W. Bray	Almyra	Lillie Roberts	Tichenor

STATISTICAL TABLE

	MEMBERSHIP									MISSIONS															
Churches	No. of members last year	Baptisms	Letter	Restoration	Total Increase	Excluded	Died	By Letter	Total decrease	Present Membership	Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Sunday School	Christian Education	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Orphans Home	Minutes and Clerk	Value of Church property	Incidentals	Through 75 Million Fund for all purposes	Other Objects	Total to All Purposes
Almyra	46						2		2	44								150.00		6.50					156.50
Belview							3	1	4	71							100.00			2.00					102.00
Hig LaGrue	64						1			63					6.00			112.00		2.50			39.00	2.50	162.00
DeWitt	129	3			3					132					91.41	5.00	1,500.00	108.56	91.99	10.00	4,000.	100.00	2,317.00	131.50	4,395.46
New Hope	70	1	1		2		1		1	71	65.98						300.25			3.00	1,000.	16.00			385.23
Pin Oak	18									18	6.00						68.00			2.06					76.06
Rising Sun	85	20	2	1	23		1		1	107					4.50		103.00			2.97	1,500.				110.47
Stuttgart	249		15		15			19	19	245	234.00	429.76	331.50	272.81	297.46	423.00	1,800.00		84.37	17.50	25,000.	274.40		180.56	4,405.86
Zion		6	1		7						58.92									1.00					59.92
TOTAL ...	661	30	19	1	50		8	20	27	751	364.90	429.76	331.50	272.81	399.37	428.00	3,871.25	370.54	176.36	47.53	31,500.	390.40	2,356.00	314.56	9,853.50