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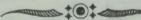
## FOURCHE VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

## Aplin Baptist Church,

ON THE

6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of October, 1898.



The next Association will be held with SOUTH VIEW CHURCH, Perry County, Arkansas, commencing on Thursday, before the Second Sunday in Oct., 1899, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

W H GEORGE, Moderator. P W MOSBY, Clerk.

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#### PREFACE,

## TO THE MINUTES

-OF-

The Fourche Valley Baptist Association,

Held with Aplin Church, October, 1898.



### Brethren of the Fourche Valley Baptist Association:

I present you herewith the Minutes of the Eleventh Session of our Association. The meeting was very harmonious, well attended and full of the Spirit. Many ministers were in attendance, all of whom acquited themselves admirably.

Specially do we mention the sermons preached by Bros. J. A. Myers, (Preach the Word), and W. A. Huff, (Redeem the time), We feel to thank these Bros. for their very kind help in time of need.

We would also urge the responsibility, on each church personally, the importance of looking after the different missions, that when we shall meet again, we may be able to hand to those who labor in our fields a fair renumeration for their services.

P. W. MOSBY.

#### MINUTES

-OF-

### The Fourche Valley Baptist Association.



The Fourche Valley Association met in its Eleventh Annual Session, with Aplin Church, at 2 p. m. on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday in October 1898.

The body was called to order by former Moderator, W. H. George. Minutes taken by P. W. Mosby. Moderator read from 1st chapter of Titus, after which prayer was offered. Mod. requested Bros. N. W. Gunn and Wm. Paschal to read letters.

The following Churches were represented to-wit-

Harmony by J. A. Sossamau.

Council Bluff by J. R. Truelove, T. F. Hill and Wm. Paschal.

Hickory Grove by W. J. Jones and L. A. McCarty.

South View by W. H. George, G. B. Hogue and J. M. Tidmore.

Pilgrims Rest by W. C. Stone.

Mt. Mariah by A. H. Moore.

Liberty by G. W. Wilson.

Aplin by J. W. Rucker, S. O. Welch and John Allison.

Antioch by G. D. Cate.

Mulberry Grove by E. L. West.

Dixie by L. G. Volman.

Mt. Zion by G. W. Elsberry.

Ada by W. A. Huff.

Perryville with out letter by J. E. McGoveran.

The organization was perfected by electing W. H. George, Moderator and P. W. Mosby as Clerk.

Motion prevailed that Bro. N. W. Gunn preach the introductory sermon to-night in the event that Bro. Wilcox does not materialize.

Call was extended to visiting brethern from sister Associations, Bros. J. A. Myers and J. T. Coats were seated of the united association.

Bro. Myers made some very pleasant remarks, urging that we send Messengers to their next annual session to be held at Plummerville, Conway county on Thursday, before the first Sunday in November, 1899.

Call was made for volunteer messengers to attend with sister Associations, whereapon Bros. N. W. Gunn, W. H. George and J. R. Truelove volunteered to attend with the United Association, M. G. McMillin and W. H. George the Dardanelle association and Wm. Paschal and J. R. Truelove the Greenbriar association.

Bro. McMillin made quite a nice talk, favoring in the fullest sense the importance of sending messengers to sister associations.

The Mod. appointed the following committees.

Divine Services, J. W. Rucker, T. J. Brown and G. B. Hogue. Home Missions, J. W. Rucker. W. C. Stone and J. W. Wilson. Documents, J. A. Sossaman, S. O. Welch and W. J. Jones. Publications, L. A. McCarty, A. H. Moore and Wm. Paschal. Sabbath Schools, J. R. Truelove, J. A. Sossaman and Wm. Paschal.

Ministerial and General Education, J. R. Truelove, T. F. Hill and A. H. Moore.

State Missions, J. A. Sossaman, J. M. Tidmore and John Allison Temperance, L. A. McCarty, J. W. Rucker and S. O. Welch. Associational Missions, G. W. Wilcox, A. H. Moore and John

Allison.

Foreign Missions, J. R. Truelove, W. J. Jones and G. D. Cate.

Obituaries, G. B. Hogue, W. C. Stone and G. D. Cate.

Nominations, J. A. Sossaman, T. F. Hill and J. M. Tidmore.

Finances, L. A. McCarty, G. D. Cate and G. B. Hogue.

Prayer by Bro. L. A. McCarty, adjourned, until Friday morning at 8 o'clock. At night Bro. Gunn preached a good sermon from Romans 5-6.

2ND DAY'S SESSION.

Friday Oct. 7th, 1897.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read from 2nd Chapter Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. Sossaman.

Roll was called and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved. Call for letters resumed, and one from Antioch, by hand of messenger, G. D. Cates.

Committee on Publication reported. Report read. (See Appendix A)

Committee on temperance reported. Courtesies of floor extended to all munisters. Bro. McMillin was heard for a while in some very pointed remarks. Bro. McCarty was also heard with due appreciation By request Bro. Myers was heard for several minutes, in a well measured talk in support of temperance. Bros. Sossaman and Truelove also made some very strong points for temperance, after which the report was read. (See appendix B).

Committee on Documents reported. Bros. McCarty and McMillin were heard at some length, in a measure condemning the report.

Motion prevailed, tabling the report, and that the body take a recess until 2 p. m., giving place for 11 o'clock services, by Bro. Coats. Text, Acts 2-37. Good sermon, well taken and appreciated.

By order of Moderator, resumed labor at 2 p. m.

Call for letter continued, and one read from Mulberry Grove, by hand of messenger E. L West.

Bro. L. G. Volman, as clerk, made a statistical report for Dixie Church. On motion Bro. Volman was seated as a Messenger.

The report of committee on Documents was called up. On motion the same was referred back to its committee for correction.

Committee on Documents offered a corrected report, after considerable discussion the report wrs read. (See Appendix C).

Committee on Foreign Missions reported, with the usual amount of discssion the report was read. (See appendix D).

Motion to adjourn till Saturday at 8 a.m., carried. Prayer by Bro-Huff. At night Bro. Myers filled the pulpit; text, Preach the Word, 2nd Tim. 2-4. Discourse a good one, ably presented and highly appreciated.

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#### SATURDAY, OCT. 8-8 A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read from 4th chapter of 1st John. Prayer by Bro. Wm Paschal.

Roll was called, and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Call for letters continued and one read from Ada church, by hand of Bro. Huff.

On motion, Bro. Huff was seated as messenger of Ada church and Bro McGoveran as messenger from Perryville church.

The committee on State Missions reported, with some discussion, report was adopted; (see appendix E.)

Committee on Ministerial and general Education reported; report was read; (see appendix F.)

Committee on Nomination reported; report read; (see appendix G.)
Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Some very valuable remarks were offered by Bros Sossaman and McGoveran in support of Sunday Schools, after which the report was read; (see appendix H)

Committee on Home Missions reported. Motion prevailed tabling the same and taken a recess until 2 p. m., giving place to deliver services by Bro W A Huff; text, redeem the time, Eph, 5.-15.

Discourse a good one and received with much appreciation by the congregation,

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#### 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Called to labor by the Moderator. Report of Committee on Home Missions was called up, and after discussion, the report was received; (see appendix I.)

Committee on Associational Missions reported: report adopted; (see appendix J)

A motion prevailed that the body recomend to all the Churches in its jurisdiction that they at once set apart to the work of Missions solely, a suitable person of their own choice, whose business it shall be to look after the interest of Missions and collections, if possible, on the ten cent system from all who paid last year, collect ten cents and collect twenty cents from all who paid nothing.

Bro J E McGoveran and W A Huff made report of their work as misnionaries for the year, (See appendix N and O respectfully.)

Treasurer reported same which was read; (see appendix M.)

On motion, rules were suspended and Bro. A J Little was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Motion prevailed that we approve the action of the Missonary Board, the manner in which they have contracted with and paid the Missionaries past year.

By request of South View church, and a unanimous vote of this body, it was ordered that the next session be held with South View.

church, commencing at 10 o'clock on Thursday before, the second Sunday in October, 1899.

Rev. J R Truelove was appointed to preach the introductory and Rev N W Gunn the Missionary sermon.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to use his own judgment in the matter of printing Minutes; if possible have as many as two bundred and fifty printed

The following delegates to the State Convention were appointed: Rev J R Trulove Wm Paschal, and E L Vest.

Committee on Obituaries reported, report received. (See appendix L.).

Motion prevailed authorizing the Moderator to appoint the Executive Board, whereupon the following named brethren were appointed—J A Sossaman, G W Ellsbery, T F Hill, G D Cates and G B Hogue.

The body was called off, giving place to night services by Bro. McMillin, in his Missionary discourse; text St John 10-14-after which a voluntary contribution was had for the benefit of our blind brother, James Werver, whose heart was gladdened by receiving \$4.25. The congregation was dismissed till Sunday, 11 a. m.

#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the good people of Aplin and vicinity for the generous and hospitable manner in Which they have entertained this Association during its present session. Respectfully submitted. G W WILSON.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9-11 A. M.

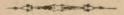
The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. J A Myers preached from Mathew 28 ch. 19th and 20th v. His discourse was very fine indeed, and at its close, a collection for Missions was taken amounting to \$2.50, which was paid Bros. Huff and McGoveran,—after which, a general hand shaking was indulged in, and the Association adjourned to meet with the South View church, at 10 a. m., on Thursday before the Second Sanday in Oct., 1899.

W H GEORGE, MODERATOR.

P W MOSBY, SECRETARY.



## APPENDIX.



#### Appindix A.

We your committee on publications submit the follwing. We hereby recomend the Arkansas Baptist as safe and sound in doctrine, and as a medium of communication among the brethern, almost indispensible, also recommend Ford's Christians Respository, published by G H Ford, St Louis Mo. For Sunday School Literature, we would recommend The American Baptist Publication Society Series and the Southern Baptist Convention Series.

L. A. McCarry, Chairm'n.

#### Appendix B.

Report of Committee on temperence.

God says, Search ye the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are that which testify of me. John 5:39.

Does intemperence bring eternal life or eternal death. God's word answers this great question.

L A McCarty.
J W Rucker.
S O Welch.

#### Appendix C.

Committee on Documents reports as follows. We find there are three churches that have not been served by pastors and had but little Missionary work, and was very anxious

indeeed that the Gospel be preached to them.

We find the churches lacking in the interest of prayer meetings, Sunday Schools and missionary contributions.

Respectfully Submited.

J A Sossaman.
S O Welch.
W J Jones.

#### Appendix D.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions.

We your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report.

From the letters of the churches composing this body, we find that little interest is taken in the important work,

The commission of the Master is go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Shall we do it! It is not left to our own choice, but is from Heaven, go preach. While we all do not go in person, nevertheless the command is very important, and we should freely give of our means to the support of matters to this end. Then let us strive to do more in the future than in the past.

J R TRUELOVE W J JONES G D CATES.

#### Appendix E.

Report of Committee on State

We your committee on State Missions beg to report as follows:

Not having the Statistics we are some what short in our report. We know however that the State Board has been and are now supplying many places in the State with Missionaries which otherwise would be destitute of the preached word.

This work is co-operative. The home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention have been duplicating for years the amounts raised and expended in the State. We should give the matter careful consideration and work to the end that all the associations in the State may be in cooperation. We therefore ask that this Association co-operate with the State Board.

Respectfully

J. A. Sossaman.
J. R. TRUELOVE.

#### Appendix F.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education.

We your committee on Ministerial Education beg to report as follows;

We are in sympathy with the State in the Educational Work and especially do we sympathize with the work of Ministerial Education.

We believe we have the truth and that error is arrayed against us, hence we deem it quite essential that our Preachers be educated.

We recomend that our Churches contribute to the State Board for Ministerial Education.

A. H. MOORE.

T. F. HILL.

J. R. TRUELOVE.

#### Appendix G.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report:

We recomend that the next session of this body be held with South View Church, near Casa.

We further recomend that this body select men to preach the introductory and Missionary sermons.

Respectfully Submitted

J. A. Sossaman.

T. F. HILL.

J. M. TIDMORE

#### Appendix H.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

We recomend that each church organize a Sabbath school and that each Pastor in the bounds of this Assocition is hereby requested to take an active interest in Sunday school work and that we use our denominational literature.

Respectfully
J A Sossaman.
J R TRUELOVE.
WM. PASCHAL.

#### Appendix I.

Report of committee on Home

We your committee submit the following report on Home Missions:

We feel that this is a great work and should be encouraged by our prayers and means. "The field is the world, occupy till I come.—Luke 19-13. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature—Mark 16-5." The field of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doubtless included in the instructions of our Lord. And the same embraces Southern states, Mexico, Cuba and will probable take in the islands of Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

We recomend that the preachers and missionaries of this Association instruct the people on this work.

Respectfully
J W RUCKER.
W C STONE.
G W WILSON.

#### Appendix J.

Report on Associational Mission.

Your committee on Associational Missions submit the following report.

We find Elder J E McGoveran has labored 37 days and Elder W A Huff 30 days in the bounds of this Association and there are still places not yet supplied. We would therefore request that this body employ some means by which their destitute places may be filled. Respectfully

G W WILSON.

A H Moore.

Jno. Allison.

#### Appendix K.

#### Report Finance Committee.

Your committee on Finance submit the following report.

Received for Minutes.....\$11.50

" Foreign " ....2.00

Total

\$21.25

Respectfully
G D CATES,
Chr'n.

#### Appendix L.

Report of Committee on Obit-

We your committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

God in his Providence has seen fit to take from our midst the following brethren: A J Castlebery, Houston Camp, O J Lindsey, B Robinson and others, whose names have not been furnished.

While we bow our heads in humble submission and say the will of God be done, yet we miss them in our council. We loved them here and hope to meet them in that happy oright beyond.

To the bereaved families we can only extend our sympathies, our prayers, ever praying for them that they may secure and continue in the faith, and when called from the walks of men, may find rest with their loved ones on the other shore.

Respectfully

G B HOGUE. W C STONE. G D CATES.

#### Report of Treasurer.

#### Appendix M.

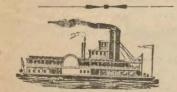
I respectfully submit the following as my report.

Amt, on hand from last year \$14.49 Received from Dixie church....2.00

\$16 49 Paid to Brother W A Huff .... 10.00

Paid to Brother McGoveran .... 5.00 Balance on hand...... 1.49

> L G VOLLMAN. Treasurer.



Amount yet due Brother McGoveran

#### Report of Missionaries.

#### Appendix N.

Miles traveled140
No. of days labored 37
No. of sermons preached 40
Rec'd contributions on the field \$ .25
J E McGoveran

Missionary.

Labored 37 days.....\$ 37.00 Received from Treasurer ..... 5.(0 on field 25c;..... 5.25 

#### · Appendix O.

Miles	Traveled 282
Sermo	ons preached27
Days	Labored30
Total	received\$18.85

Balance due . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7.35

W A HUFF Missionary.

\$25.45

### Missionaries' Account.

## Report of W. A. HUFF.

To Amount Received on Field and	other Sources
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### Clerk's Account with the Association.



### P. W. MOSBY, Clerk.

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Paid to	W A Huff4.8	30
Paid for	r Printing 400 Copies of Minutes18.0	00
	s as Clerk	



Total - Balance due Clerk..

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I This Association shall be called the Fourche Valley Baptist Association.

- ART. II. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective Churches belonging to this union.
- ART. III. The Delegates representing the different Churches shall at the opening of each Association present letters specifying apppointment and also showing the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year together with the whole number in fellowship.
- ART. IV Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and one for each fifty above that number.
- ART. V Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by this Association.
- ART. VI. New churches may be admitted into this body by sinnifying their wishes by letter and Delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.
- ART. VII This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting—by a private ballot, so soon as letters from Churches are read and member's names enrolled.
- ART. VIII. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall intringe upon the independence and rights of Churches; yet it may drop such Churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.
- ART. IX. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.
- ART. X. If a church have a difficulty with another church, we advise her to take the steps laid down in the 18th chapter of Mathew. And no

Moulty between churches will be entertained by this body, unless such

ART. XI. When churches of this Union have gifts they deem worthy of instion, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more Minters to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry according the New Testament, and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of listers and Deacons, and constitution of churches, to be governed by the Bract of principles of this Association.

ART. XII This Association will correspond with sister Associatious of

Int. XIII. The Minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises. No session shall ad-

Err. XIV. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting Treasurer, and four other members, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meet-



### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Truelove, J R,
McMilian, M G,
McGoveran, J E,
Huff, W A,
Barris, Charles,
Taylor, James,

Guinn, J W,
Gunn, N W,
Rogers, J W,
West, E L,
Hammons, J H,
Wilcox, G W,



## Statistics of the Fourche la fave Valley Baptist Association.

NAME OF CHURCHES,	Baptised.	Received by Petition.	Received by Letter,	Dismissed by Letter	Restored.	Exculded.	Died.	Total Member-ship.	For Minutes.	Associational Mission.	State Missions.	Home Missions.		NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME CLERK.	POST OFFICE.
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