

MINUTES

OF THE

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

PULASKI COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AT

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

November 9
1916

M. J. MANNING, Moderator	. . .	Little Rock
E. J. A. McKINNEY, Clerk	. . .	Little Rock
C. B. MAXWELL, Treasurer	. . .	Little Rock

Next Session to be Held Commencing on Tuesday before the First Sunday
in October, 1917, at 10:00 a. m. Place to be selected by
Executive Board

MINUTES

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., November 9, 1916.

In pursuance of a call made by a number of churches in Little Rock and Pulaski County a meeting was held at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, on November 9, at 7:30 p. m., to organize a new Association to be known as Pulaski County Association.

Devotional services were conducted by Pastor S. H. Campbell, of Second Baptist Church, who read as a Scripture lesson Matthew 28.

On motion M. J. Manning was elected temporary Moderator and S. H. Campbell temporary Clerk.

On motion the following resolution was read as having been adopted by the churches ready to go into the Association:

Resolved, First, That the interests of Christ's cause will be best served by the organization of a Pulaski County Baptist Association.

Resolved, second, That this church hereby joins in a call for messengers from all Baptist Churches desiring to go into said Pulaski County Baptist Association, to meet at the Second Baptist Church house, corner Eighth and Scott Streets, Little Rock, on Thursday evening, November 9, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of effecting said organization and attending to such other business as may properly come before the body.

Resolved, third, That the basis of representation in said called meeting shall be three messengers from each church and one additional for every one hundred members or major fractional part thereof over the first hundred members.

Resolved, fourth, That all churches believing that it will best serve the interests of Christ's cause to organize said Pulaski County Association and desiring to participate in said organization are requested to call for and if possible secure letters of dismission from the Association to which the church may now belong; but a failure to secure such letters of dismission shall not debar any Baptist Church from the right and privilege of sending messengers to and becoming Charter members of said proposed Pulaski County Association.

The letter for the following churches from Caroline Association was read: First, Second, Third, Immanuel, Pulaski Heights, and Maple Street, Little Rock; Fir

Calvary, Levy, and Baring Cross, Argenta, and Lifeline, of Cypress Junction. Jacksonville from Caroline Association, Zion Hill, Pine Grove, and Ironton, from Pine Bluff Association, and Wright Avenue Church, a new church in Little Rock, presented their credentials.

On motion all these were recognized as those going into the new Association, and messengers enrolled as follows:

Second—Sam H. Campbell, C. E. Witt, W. T. McCurry, F. C. Robinson, G. W. Emerson, A. E. Dobyns, H. W. Seymour, T. B. Ford, T. J. Parker, H. A. Knowlton.

Immanuel—J. F. Hammett, Mrs. J. F. Hammett, S. P. Vaughter, H. L. McFarlin, Mrs. W. S. Farmer, J. H. Reynolds, Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney, E. J. McKinney, Mrs. R. C. Beavers, Mrs. J. M. Oathout, E. P. Alldredge, J. S. Bush.

First, Little Rock—H. G. Pugh, W. O. Pugh, W. E. Stotts, S. J. Gibbs, D. G. Whiddon, S. E. Cooper, J. T. Baker.

Third Church, Little Rock—Leslie Brown, Mrs. C. Brown, Heckler, W. A. South, C. L. Willis, Mrs. W. M. Jones, J. O. Jones.

Pulaski Heights—A. L. Aulick, M. J. Manning, A. M. McKen-
kenschap, C. B. Maxwell.

Maple Street, Little Rock—W. D. Holwell, Mrs. Martha Allen, C. E. Hinkson.

Levy—J. B. Searcy, George Beers, R. C. Otey.

First, Argenta—F. D. Baars, D. M. Switzer, H. L. White, G. DeCaulp, J. G. Paty.

Calvary, Argenta—Robert Deans, W. Hubbard, H. Derhune.

Lifeline—Brother and Sister Thomas Smith, Ed Weber.

Wright Avenue—H. Pullen, Sister J. W. Casey, R. W. Nall.

Baring Cross—Messengers not present.

Jacksonville—L. M. Burge, Bob Corder, R. L. Sweeny.

Zion Hill—A. E. Adamson, J. M. Mashburn, A. F. Singley.

Pine Grove—Walter Miller, Jesse Thomas, A. W. Brown.

Ironton—D. T. Cumbie, W. H. Perry, H. L. Gibson.

The letter for churches from Caroline Association was read as follows:

Lonoke, Ark., November 9, 1916.

Brethren—Pursuant to preamble and resolution passed by the Caroline Baptist Association, at its October, 1916, meeting, with the Third Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., directing the Moderator and Clerk of Caroline Association to issue letters of dismission to any church, or churches, of said Association who desire to go into the formation of a new Associational organization to be known as the Pulaski County Missionary Baptist Association, Second Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Immanuel Baptist Church, Third Baptist Church, Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Maple Street Baptist Church, all of Little Rock, and Levy Baptist Church, Baring Cross Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Argenta, and Lifeline Baptist Church, the above churches having applied, are hereby granted letters of dismission for purpose of such organization.

When the Caroline Baptist Association has been notified of such organization—such notice to be given to the Moderator and Clerk of Caroline Baptist Association by the Moderator and Clerk of the Pulaski County Association—then this letter of dismission will be in effect.

We pray God's blessings upon the new organization and churches composing the same.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator.

E. J. A. McKINNEY, Clerk.

On motion the following committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws to be adopted by the Association: J. B. Searcy, M. J. Manning, J. G. Patty, E. P. Alldredge.

Moved and carried that if no objections are made as each section of the Constitution is read, it shall be considered adopted:

On motion the Constitution was adopted as a whole, as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

The name of this body shall be Pulaski County Baptist Association.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this Association shall be to aid the churches in their divinely appointed work of spreading the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world by every scriptural means.

Article III.—Membership.

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist Churches which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this Constitution and desire to cooperate with this Association, and shall be entitled to seats upon the presentation of letters from their churches or other satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

Sec. 2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers and one additional messenger for each one hundred members or major fractional part thereof.

Sec. 3. Messengers from any church desiring to become affiliated with this Association may do so by the presentation of a petitionary letter indicating the desire of the church, the standard of faith which the church holds, and the messengers appointed to represent the church in the Association.

Article IV.—Authority.

This Association shall never exercise any legislative or ecclesiastical authority over any church, nor shall it in any way interfere with the rights and absolute independence of the churches of Christ.

Article V.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the opening

of each annual session by a majority of all the votes cast at such meeting. Provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms.

Sec. 2. The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Association or call some one to occupy the chair temporarily in his absence, and may exercise the same privilege of discussion as any other member of the Association.

Sec. 3. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association and shall superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of each session as he may be directed by the Association.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of every kind entrusted to his care, and shall disburse the same upon the order of the Association and shall make an itemized report of all such funds to the Association before the close of each annual session.

Article VI.—Associational Board.

Section 1. The Associational Board shall be composed of one member from each church co-operating with the Association (to be elected by the churches), and five additional members to be elected from the Association at large at each annual session of the Association, seven of the whole number constituting a quorum after due notice has been given to all the members of the Board.

Sec. 2. This Board shall co-operate with the churches in this Association in informing and arousing the churches, in gathering and disbursing of funds for all of the objects fostered by this Association and shall transact all of the business of the Association in the interim of the annual meeting of the Association.

Article VII.—Annual Meeting.

This Association shall meet annually on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, before the first Sunday in October, at such place as the Association may determine.

Article VIII.—Amendment.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds' vote of the messengers present at any annual meeting, provided that the substance of Article IV shall never be abrogated.

On motion the By-laws were adopted as follows:

BY - LAWS.

I. Each anniversary of the Association shall be opened with appropriate religious services under the direction of the Moderator, or in his absence by the next officer in rank present. Or if all the officers are absent, by the pastor of the entertaining church.

II. The following shall be the order of exercises:

1. Religious services as above.
2. Call to order by the presiding officer.
3. In case of the absence of all officers, election of temporary Chairman and Clerk.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Appointment of Program Committee to report at each hour of adjournment.
6. Appointment of Committee on Enrollment.

7. Reading of Articles Three, Four, Five, and Seven of the Constitution by the Clerk.

8. Introduction of visitors.

III. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, and confirmed by the Association, unless otherwise ordered.

IV. There shall be appointed at each annual session, the following committees, to report to the Association in session:

1. Associational Missions.
2. State Missions.
3. Home Missions.
4. Foreign Missions.
5. Colleges and Schools.
6. Religious Literature.
7. Bible Schools.
8. Ministerial Education.
9. Orphans' Home.
10. Christian Stewardship.
11. Woman's Work.
12. Young People's Work.
13. Digest of Letters.
14. Obituaries.
15. Resolutions.
16. Finance.
17. Temperance.
18. Nominations.

V. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

VI. Visiting brethren and sisters may be invited to seats in the Association and allowed all privileges of the session except to vote.

VII. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator. In discussion all personalities shall be avoided. No one shall speak more than twice on the same question, without special permission from the Association.

VIII. Mell's Parliamentary Law shall be the standard in deciding questions of parliamentary practice.

IX. The minutes of the preceding day shall be read and approved at the opening of each morning session.

X. Such offerings may be taken at the annual meeting of the Association as the body may direct.

XI. These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds' vote of those present, or suspended by unanimous vote.

XII. The Associational Board shall meet monthly at such time and place as the Board itself may determine.

J. B. SEARCY,
E. P. ALLDREDGE,
J. G. PATY,
M. J. MANNING,

Committee.

On motion, the Association being declared organized and ready for business, the following officers were elected:

Moderator—M. J. Manning.

Clerk—E. J. A. McKinney.

Treasurer—C. B. Maxwell.

On motion the Articles of Faith, as found in Pendleton's Church Manual, were adopted as expressing the doctrines held by the Association.

On motion committees to consist of five each were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—E. P. Alldredge, W. D. Joyner, J. F. Hammett, F. C. Robinson, C. E. Witt.

Nominations—S. H. Campbell, A. L. Aulick, J. O. Johnston, J. T. Early, F. D. Baars.

On motion the churches were requested to elect their Board members at the earliest meeting possible and notify the Clerk of their names.

On motion J. B. Searcy, W. T. McCurry, and C. B. Maxwell were appointed to notify the women that the Association was ready to hear any matter they might have to present.

J. S. Rogers, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Association.

T. A. O'Bryant, General Missionary, also spoke for a few minutes.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

Executive Board at Large—H. C. Locklar, Leslie Brown, D. M. Switzer, C. E. Witt, W. I. Moody.

Place of Meeting—Left with Executive Board and any church desiring the Association to meet with it sends its invitation to the Board.

To Preach Introductory Sermon—A. L. Aulick.

To Preach the Missionary Sermon—E. P. Alldredge.

The report as read was adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted its report as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions offers the following:

Resolved, That a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of this Association be sent to all Baptist Churches in Pulaski County not represented in the organization of Pulaski County Baptist Association, inviting each of them to approve the same and elect a Board member for said Association, it being understood that in taking this action and in giving notice of the same to the Clerk of the Association they thereby become charter members of Pulaski County Baptist Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to notify all churches

co-operating with Pulaski County Baptist Association, or who decide to co-operate with this Association, that the Board member of each church in said Pulaski County Baptist Association is requested to meet in a called meeting of the Association Board of said Association at Second Baptist Church on Friday, December 1, at 1:00 o'clock p. m., to consider the election of a missionary and to transact such other business as may properly come before the body.

E. P. ALLDREDGE,
W. D. JOYNER,
J. F. HAMMETT,
F. C. ROBINSON,
C. E. WITT,

Report adopted.

Committee.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have as many Minutes printed as the \$26.00 offering will print.

MINUTE FUND PLEDGES.

Argenta.....	\$ 2.00
Levy.....	1.00
First, Little Rock.....	2.00
Second, Little Rock.....	5.00
Immanuel, Little Rock.....	5.00
Third, Little Rock.....	2.00
Pulaski Heights.....	2.50
Maple Street.....	1.00
Wright.....	1.00
Zion Hill, By E. P. Aildredge.....	1.00
Ironton.....	1.00
Pine Grove.....	1.50
Jacksonville.....	1.00
	<hr/>
	\$26.00

On motion J. B. Searcy was elected delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion any brother from this Association who may be present at a sister Association that meets before our next meeting is authorized to enroll as corresponding messenger.

On motion the Woman's Auxiliary was received into the body.

Mrs. S. H. Campbell and Mrs. W. T. McCurry spoke for the ladies. Response by S. H. Campbell.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion the Association adjourned to next time of meeting, which is Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1917, at 10:00 a. m., the place to be selected by the Executive Board.

After remarks by the Moderator the Association was dismissed with prayer by J. B. Searcy.

M. J. MANNING, *Moderator.*

E. J. A. McKINNEY, *Clerk.*

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Argenta—	Membership
Baring Cross	96
Calvary	72
First	202
Levy	61
Jacksonville	56
Ironton	78
Lateline	31
Little Rock—	
First	680
Immanuel	1,094
Maple Street	53
Pulaski Heights	164
Second	1,028
Third	333
Wright Avenue	33
Pine Grove	39
Zion Hill	55
	4,075

Baptisms and other figures were reported in Pine Bluff and Caroline Association Minutes. Figures taken from latest reports in hands of Clerk.

ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Aldredge, E. P., Little Rock.	Dodd, W. A., Little Rock
Adams, T. W., Little Rock	Early, J. T., Little Rock
Ashburn, A. J., Little Rock	Finch, O. T., Little Rock
Aulick, A. L., Little Rock	Johnston, J. O., Little Rock
Haars, F. D., Little Rock	Joyner, W. D., Little Rock
Rogers, J. S., Little Rock	Kime, W. P., Little Rock
Routh, J. H., Little Rock	King, W. T., Levy
Nearcy, J. B., Little Rock	Lewis, C. D., Argenta
Weber, E., Little Rock	McCarty, G. W., Jacksonville
Campbell, S. H., Little Rock	McKinney, E. J. A., Little Rock
Chrissanberry, J. H., Argenta	Newsome, R. G., Little Rock
Corder, J. P., Jacksonville	Ramsey, W. M., Little Rock
Corder, W. E., Jacksonville	Reynolds, J. H., Little Rock
Deans, Robert, Argenta	Rhodes, Oscar, Little Rock

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Abridged from Pendleton's Church Manual.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16.

2. We believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Gen. 1:26; II Cor. 13:14.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from the happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 1:26; 3:17.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Eph. 2:8, 9.

5. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel. Isaiah 55:1; John 7:37; Rev. 21:6; Rev. 22:17.

6. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy His glory hereafter. John 3:3-8.

7. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of everyone who hears the Gospel. Matt. 3:2; Acts 18:31.

8. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners. Rom. 8:30.

9. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness. John 3:6; II Thes. 2:12.

10. We believe in the preservation of the saints, that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. I Peter 1:5.

11. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government. II Tim. 3:17, 18.

12. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and deacons. Acts 2:41-47; 3:28.

13. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:18; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3, 4.

14. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:26, 27; I Cor. 11:20-23.

15. We believe that the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services. Mark 16:9; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Heb. 10:25.

16. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of States and Nation should be obeyed when the laws they seek to enforce do not conflict with the Gospel.

17. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead. Dan. 12:12; Thes. 4:16.

18. We believe in the final judgment, and that in that day the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever. Acts 17:31; Matt. 25:32, 33.

19. We believe that the righteous will be happy forever in heaven and the wicked miserable forever in hell. Matt. 25:34-46.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy, and hoping that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins, and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we do this day, before God and the world, and with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into this covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church, to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just, and faithful in our business relations, and as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other in the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

DIRECTORY CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

Argenta, First—Pastor, F. D. Baars, Little Rock; Clerk, E. G. McGough; Sunday School Superintendent, Gray DeCaulp; President W. M. S., Mrs. Gray DeCaulp; President B. Y. P. U., Gray DeCaulp; all of Argenta except pastor.

Argenta, Baring Cross—Pastor, A. J. Ashburn, Little Rock; Clerk, J. A. Smith, 403 West Ninth; Sunday School Superintendent, G. C. Ryles, 922 Parker Avenue; President W. M. S., Mrs. J. A. Smith; President B. Y. P. U., Miss Edith Dollar; Leader

R. A., G. C. Pyles; Sunbeam Leader, Mrs. E. S. Moore, 410 North Tenth; all of Argenta except pastor.

Argenta, Calvary—Pastor, Robert Deans, 1413 Main; Clerk, J. W. McPherson; President W. M. S., Mrs. E. A. Ramsey, 203 Main; President B. Y. P. U., Miss Mae Hubbard, 1812 Main; all of Argenta.

Argenta, Levy—Pastor, J. B. Searcy, Little Rock; Clerk, Mrs. Annie Underdunk; Sunday School Superintendent, Reuben Beers; President W. M. S., Mrs. A. Warrce; President B. Y. P. U., Reuben Beers; all except pastor of Levy Post Office.

Iron-ton—Pastor, J. H. Chrissonberry, Argenta; Clerk ———

Jacksonville—Pastor, G. W. McCarty; Clerk, L. M. Burge; President W. M. S., Mrs. L. M. Burge; all of Jacksonville.

Lifeline—Pastor, W. D. Joyner, Little Rock; Clerk, Thomas Smith, Mabelvale, R. 1; Sunday School Superintendent, E. Weber, Little Rock, R. 3; President W. M. S., Mrs. E. Weber.

Little Rock, First—Pastor, J. T. Early; Clerk, Dred Whiddon; Sunday School Superintendent, H. G. Pugh; President W. M. S., Mrs. W. R. Potts; President B. Y. P. U., Mr. Nininger; all of Little Rock.

Little Rock, Immanuel—Pastor, E. P. Alldredge; Clerk, W. S. Farmer; Sunday School Superintendent, W. R. Nelson; President W. M. S., Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney; President B. Y. P. U., Harvey Nixon; all of Little Rock.

Little Rock, Maple Street—Supply, W. N. Dodd; Clerk, T. H. Edmondson, 5015 Second Avenue; Sunday School Superintendent, not given.

Little Rock, Pulaski Heights—Pastor, A. L. Aulick, 512 North Pine; Clerk, C. L. Durrett, 415 Spruce; Sunday School Superintendent, C. B. Maxwell, 410 North Walnut Street; President W. M. S., Mrs. A. L. Aulick; President, B. P. U., R. W. Lawrence, 408 Ash Street.

Little Rock, Second Church—Pastor, S. H. Campbell; Clerk, H. A. Knowlton; Sunday School Superintendent, H. K. Ford; President W. M. S., Mrs. H. J. Harker; President B. Y. P. U., C. C. Davis; President Intermediate B. Y. P. U., Klon Butler.

Little Rock, Third Church—Pastor, J. O. Johnston; Clerk, Charles E. South, 921 Jefferson Street; Sunday School Superintendent, Leslie Brown; President W. M. S., Mrs. J. B. Searcy; President B. Y. P. U., P. L. Johnson.

Little Rock, Wright Avenue Church—No pastor; Clerk, Frank Bradley; Sunday School Superintendent, R. W. Nall.

Pine Grove—No pastor; Clerk, Margaret Avery.

Zion Hill—No pastor; Clerk, Melton Smith; Sunday School Superintendent, Graves Turner, of Little Rock, R. 3.