

# **MINUTES**

—OF THE—

## **Eleventh Annual Session**

—OF THE—

# **Friendship Baptist Association**

—HELD WITH—

**BETHEL CHURCH, NO. 1, DORSEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,**

**September 15, 16 and 17, 1888.**

### **OFFICERS.**

**I. R. VICK, Moderator.**

**J. M. WHARTON, Clerk and Treasurer.**



Next Meeting to be held with Bethel Church, Lonoke County, Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1884.

# MINUTES.

The Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened with Bethel church, No. 1, Dorsey county Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September 1883, 10 o'clock A. M. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. H. W. Overton. Text John 1:29.—Behold the Lamb of God. This was a pointed sermon, and the deductions drawn were forcible and plain. After a brief intermission, during which the congregation partook of refreshments bountifully furnished on the ground. The congregation was called together by singing, prayer by Elder M. Y. Moran.

Letters from the different churches were read and delegates names enrolled  
See list of statistics.

Petitionary letters being called for, Brother D. E. Gean came forward bearing a letter from Cedar Branch church, Grant county, praying admission into the Association, and it being considered orthodox, on motion it was received into the Association, and the Moderator on behalf of the body extended the hand of fellowship to said delegate.

On motion proceeded to ballot for officers for the present session, which resulted in the choice of Eld. I. R. Vick, for Moderator and J. M. Wharton, Clerk and Treasurer.

The following committees on preaching were appointed: Brethren T. J. Varnell, W. B. Nelms and B. F. Moody.

An invitation being extended to visiting brethren, Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D., of Little Rock responded, and his name enrolled as a member of the State Mission Board, Rev. W. P. Clonts also responded and accepted the invitation.

On motion proceeded to appoint the various committees.

Home Mission—W. B. Nelms, J. S. Fish and J. H. W. Overton.

Finance—J. W. Lybrand, B. F. Moody and William Keahay.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Wharton, E. D. Taylor and O. P. Miles.

Publications—Eld. E. F. Applin, U. W. Poss and J. J. May.

Education—Elds. J. B. Searey, D. D., M. Y. Moran and Brother J. M. Aydelotte,

Documents—J. C. L. Green, J. S. Fish and H. R. Moran.

Nominations—Eld. J. S. Taylor, Brethren S. J. Jaggars and W. J. Cope.

The Secretary's report was read and adopted. See report A.

The Executive Board of Home Missions made their report. Pending its adoption adjourned till Monday 8 o'clock a. m.

#### SABBATH SERVICES.

10 o'clock a. m., Elder M. Y. Moran preached. Text, Heb. 8:5. Subject: "The Church and her Ordinances." It is only needful to say that this was an effort characteristic of the distinguished ability of the speaker in arguing the deep doctrines of the Bible unalloyed by human tradition.

3 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. D. Mayfield preached a most excellent sermon full of the richest food for the soul. Text, Col. 3:11, after which a collection was taken up for Home Missions amounting to \$9.20.

7 o'clock p. m. the missionary sermon was preached by Eld. L. R. Vick. Text, Malachi 3:9, 10. This was indeed a happy effort, mightily convincing the people. Reasoning from the Scriptures that it is the duty of all to give as the Lord has prospered them. Thus closed one of the happiest Sabbath day's services perhaps ever enjoyed by the Association. To God be all the glory.

#### MONDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Read the 8th division of the Psalms, sang "Children of the Heavenly King." Prayer by Eld. R. T. Yates. Minutes of Saturday and Sabbath read and adopted. Rev. R. T. Yates was invited to a seat in the body.

The report of the Executive Board was called up and adopted. See report, B.

The committee on Publication read their report which was discussed and adopted. See C.

On motion of Eld. J. H. W. Overton no brother was allowed to speak more than five minutes at a time and not more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

The committee on Nominations made their report which was discussed, amended and adopted. See D.

Committee on Home Missions made their report which was discussed amended and adopted. See E.

A very liberal amount was subscribed for this work, which was made due and payable on or before the 25th of December next.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report which was adopted. See F.

Secretary of Ministerial Education made his report which was adopted. See report G.

[A number of pledges was made for this cause to assist in the education of Brother Miles. We would here remark that the list of pledges taken for different causes passed into the hands of their Secretaries before we ascertained their respective amounts.—CLERK.]

The committee on Education made their report which was adopted. See report H.

Following which Dr Mayfield made a telling speech in favor of Education. On motion proceeded to ballot for brethren to preach the annual sermon at

the next setting of this body which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. B. Searcy D. D., to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. L. Quinn his alternate and Rev. A. J. Fawcett to preach the Missionary sermon and Eld. J. H. W. Overton his Alternate.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions made his report which was adopted. A lively interest was manifested by the brethren in this noble cause in response to an appeal for help. See report I.

The committee on Finance made their report which was adopted. See J Committee on Documents made their report which was adopted. See K.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Elds. M. Y. Moran, J. M. Haycraft, A. J. Fawcett and J. B. Searcy. On motion agreed to send \$2.50 for Minutes.

On motion returned Corresponding Messengers:

To Bartholomew Association, M. Y. Moran, J. B. Searcy and J. P. Rogers.

To Judsonia Association, J. B. Searcy, L. Quinn, J. R. Searcy and E. F. Apple.

To Liberty association, J. B. Searcy, and J. H. Grumbles.

To Pine Bluff Association, J. W. Lybrand, U. W. Poss, E. D. Taylor and J. B. Searcy.

A number of resolutions were adopted. See them in their order.

By request of the Secretary the body took into consideration the place desired for publishing the Minutes.

On motion he was requested to forward the same to the office of the ARKANSAS EVANGEL for publication.

The following Query was offered:

1st. Four or five Baptist believers organized themselves into a church—one of this number—Brother A, claimed to be an ordained minister, but after the organization is completed, it is found out that Brother A is only a licenciate. Is this a scriptural church? 2 This church (if a church) before she found that Brother A was not an ordained minister, called him with others to ordain Brother B, one of her members to the ministry. Were the baptisms preformed by Brother B valid?

After considerable debate pro and con, both questions were answered in the affirmative.

On Motion of Eld. M. Y. Moran the Association agreed to hold a Sunday school Convention with the church at Toledo, Dorsey county before the 5th Sunday in August, 1884.

On motion adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church, near Palmyra, Lincoln county, Ark., on Saturday 10 o'clock, a. m., before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1884. A hymn was sung, the parting hand was extended while tears of joy and gladness flowed freely. Prayer by Eld M. Y. Moran.

Thus closed the Eleventh session of the Friendship Association.

J. M. WHARTON,

Clerk and Treasurer.

I. R. VICK,

Moderator.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to turn over all the funds in his hands for Home and Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education to Rev. J. B. Searcy for the use of the Board.—J. M. WHARTON.

# FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That the Secretary superintend the publishing of the Minutes and that he have fifteen dollars for his services.—J. B. SEARCY.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Bethel Church, No. 1, and the kind friends of the vicinity for the very kind and able manner in which they have entertained us during this session,—J. M. WHARTON.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

[A]

A. J. Wharton in account with Friendship Association, 1882.

To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$ 73 6
By amount paid for Minutes .....	16 00
Clerk's fees.....	15 00
Stamps and stationery .....	1 10
Paid to Foreign Mission .....	10 15

Total.

42 2

Amount to credit of Association,

\$ 31 4

A. J. WHARTON, Clerk and Treasurer.

[B]

Your Executive Board would respectfully submit the following report. Soon after our appointment, we had a meeting, organized and proceeded to business. We employed Eld. L. R. Vick as missionary pastor to Mt. Morris church, supplementing his salary with \$25.00, which amount we are authorized to report paid. We also agreed to appropriate (out of funds on hand and special contributions for the purpose), \$25.00 per quarter, to aid in the support of Rev. A. J. Fawcett, missionary pastor at Pine Bluff, commencing January, 1883, fifty dollars of which has been paid. We also employed Rev. R. T. Yates as missionary to all destitute points within the bounds of Friendship Association for three months, commencing June 1st and ending the last of August; promising him \$75.00 for his services. The State Board promised to duplicate the amount promised Brother Yates for his services. The former Treasurer, R. A. J. Wharton, reports \$31.40 in his hands for the use of this Board, our Treasurer, Brother O. P. Conner, has collected from promiscuous subscriptions and paid it over to Brother Yates. Brother Yates' reports having collected and applied on his salary \$3.00, leaving the sum of \$28.60 unpaid and yet to be provided for. We have on the subscription list, pledged at last Association \$47.50, subject, however, to correction in case of errors becoming apparent. We herewith submit the report of our missionaries as a part of our report. In conclusion your Board would state that we feel encouraged to believe that much good has been accomplished through our missionary work this year, and that through vigorous perseverance a bright future in regard to missionary operations lies before us.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HALEY, President

J. E. FERGUSON, Secretary.

[C]

Your committee on Publication would report that it is a fact that the printed press is a great power in the land, either for good or evil. And as early impressions are the most lasting, we would do well to be very careful what kind of literature we permit our dear children to read. Paul said to Timothy, from whom thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee

unto salvation. Therefore, we recommend the Bible first, afterward other sound religious literature. We recommend as good religious papers The Tennessee Baptist, The Watch Tower and The Christian Index. We would also recommend that our people take some of the Foreign Mission Journals, and strive to acquaint themselves with the needs of that people and our duty towards them. But above everything below the Bible, we would recommend that our people take, read, study and strive to circulate our own Dear EVANGEL. The reasons why we would thus recommend so strongly The EVANGEL are obvious. First, because it is our own State Paper, and is therefore the only medium through which we can thoroughly acquaint ourselves with the great Baptist family of the state. The great spiritual good it has accomplished is another reason. The reasons are many. Brethren pray for its success. As Sunday school papers we would recommend Kind Words and the Young Reaper. As a Hymn book for general use we would recommend the Psalmist.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. APPLIN, Chairman.

[D]

Your committee on Nominations submits the following report: For Executive Board, Dr. W. W. Hatley, President; J. E. Ferguson, Secretary; Brethren J. J. May, O. P. Conner and W. T. McCullough. For Secretary of Sunday schools, W. H. Cash. For Secretary of Foreign Missions and Book depository, J. B. Searcy, D. D. For Secretary Ministerial Education, R. H. Moran.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. TAYLOR, Chairman.

[E]

Your committee on Home Missions would report; The subject of missions is one of divine origin, and the churches that fail to attend to this work, fail to be the light of the world in this respect. Dear Brethren, we have within the bounds of this Association a large scope of territory without Baptist preaching. We hope this Association will authorize her board to employ missionaries as soon as possible, and tell them to go solely into the destitute places, to work, and that the brethren go home from here with a determined resolution to raise funds in connection with what we have on hand to sustain them; our prayer is that the love of Christ may constrain us to do our duty in this respect. Resolved that we instruct the Executive Board to employ such missionaries as may be necessary to supply the destitution in our bounds. We would especially recommend that the Board select pastors to do the mission work in the fields contiguous to them.

Submitted

W. B. NELMS, Chairman.

[F]

Your committee on Sunday schools offer the following report: We are glad to find that the work of the Sunday school is being more favorably impressed upon the minds of the churches throughout the Association than in former days. It is a noticeable fact that its glorious object is redound to the glory of God, in impressing the wholesome precepts of the Scriptures upon the minds of the rising generation. And we are fully persuaded that its worth in the church is far underrated; we are far too much inclined to look to the work of the ministry as the only medium through which the church may be strengthened and sinners warned to flee the wrath to come. This is a sad mistake, for the church can accomplish great and lasting good without the assistance of any minister; and we know of no better way by which we can exercise a saving influence over those with whom we associate than to teach and impress the sacred

truths of the Scriptures upon their minds, especially while they are young; and this we claim is the object of the Sunday school. It is indeed encouraging to have so many of our churches reporting the increasing effort in this noble work. But alas some report no school. Brethren, this should be remedied by those churches at once proceeding to organize a Sunday school. Brethren, if all our churches would heartily espouse this great cause, its worth would soon be untold in gathering in the wandering youths that are plunging into vice and dissipation and influencing them to retrace their steps and seek the Savior while he may be found. A vast field of usefulness lies before the church in this respect. Shall we occupy it or shall we unheedingly pass it by? God help us in deciding the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WHARTON, Chairman.

[G]

Your Secretary of Ministerial Education would report that he has received from the different churches for the use of Brother O. P. Miles, \$71.10 and that he has paid for Brother Miles' board while at school at Warren, \$71.50, leaving a balance due your Secretary of 40 cts. Brother Miles has spent his vacation as a missionary of Bartholomew Association and has done good service. He is now desirous of continuing his studies, by attending school at the South Western University, at Jackson, Tenn. It is hoped that the Association will continue Brother Miles as her beneficiary till he is educated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

P. S. Since writing the above I have received \$4.50, leaving a balance on hand of \$4.10.

J. B. S.

[H]

Your Committee on Education would report that the time is past to argue the importance of education. It is a conceded fact that we must educate our children, or leave them to be hewers of wood or drawers of water for those that are educated. It is fast becoming a recognized fact that no man is suitable for a farmer, not to say a lawyer, doctor or teacher, without being educated. Education is an increase of power. The mere education of the head to the neglect of the education of the heart may be injurious, as well as advantageous. We need Christian schools where our children can be educated under such moral and religious influences as will give promise of their protection from the vices incident to schools without such influences. The Centennial Institute which this Association helped to establish and foster, has met with a great calamity in the burning of its buildings, the Board and Trustees have, however, rallied and opened school again at Warren, Arkansas, at the Baptist church of that place. The Board of Trustees have, however, located this school at Monticello, Arkansas, where a committee has charge of the work of raising the means and providing suitable buildings for the school to open next fall. We urge the support of this school by way of patronage by our brethren. The question of establishing a State College is being discussed in certain quarters and we feel anxious that such a school be encouraged by our people.

Submitted

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman,

[I]

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would say that comparatively little has been done by our churches in this work during the past year, but we are hopeful for the future; we are called upon as a State to raise \$1,000 for Foreign Missions. Your Secretary would be glad for this Association to pay \$100 of this

amount, and to this end we would urge that the delegates from the several churches pledge what they are willing to raise for this work, and thus become voluntary agents to collect Foreign Mission funds in their churches.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

[J]

Your committee on Finance would report that we find amount sent up for Minutes \$35.40; Home Missions \$45.95; Foreign Missions \$20.30. Amount collected on Sabbath for Home Missions \$9.20. Total \$110.85.

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. W. LYBRAND, Chairman.

[K]

Your committee on Documents would report as follows, to-wit: Bethlehem, Pleasant Spring and Union churches petition for the next session of this Association. We find number of churches reported, 23; ordained ministers 15; unordained ministers, 6; received by baptism, 120; by letter, 36; by voucher, 10; by relation, 2; restored, 21; dismissed by letter, 43; excluded, 15; died, 21. Number of male members, 416; females, 659; grand total, 1075. No religious papers taken, EVANGEL 95; Tennessee Baptist, 7; Christian Repository, 2. Your committee would recommend that this Association convene its next session with Bethlehem church.

Submitted,

J. C. L. GREEN, Chairman

ORDAINED MINISTERS, AND POST OFFICES.

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| I. P. Miles, Selma, Arkansas.       | M. Y. Moran, Palmyra, Arkansas,       |
| I. B. Searcy, Annover, Arkansas.    | E. D. Taylor, Grapevine, Arkansas.    |
| I. R. Vick, Garnett, Arkansas.      | A. J. Fawcett, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.  |
| S. Taylor, Lehi, Arkansas.          | J. M. Haycraft, Pine Bluff, Arkansas. |
| I. H. W. Overton, Toledo, Arkansas, | T. B. O'Neal, Garnett, Arkansas.      |
| I. F. Applin, Brooks, Arkansas.     | C. A. Gaitman, Grapevine, Arkansas,   |
| I. G. Taylor, Grapevine, Arkansas.  | L. Quinn, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.       |
| I. Y. A. Rogers, Coleman, Arkansas. | R. C. Rhoden, Darysaw, Arkansas.      |

UNORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

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| I. J. Varnell, Gum Springs, Arkansas. | H. R. Moran, Palmyra, Arkansas. |
| J. L. C. Green, Garnett, Arkansas.    | J. W. Fish, Palmyra, Arkansas.  |
| Wm. Coats, Randall, Arkansas.         |                                 |



# TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DLEGATRS.		R. Pap. Tak.	
					No. Sec. in S.S.	No. in Sunday Schools.	
					Min Education	Religious Papers Taken.	
Bethiehem.	M Y Moran.	W S Beard.	Palmyra.	M Y Moran. Z Collins, W M Willis.	3	239 64.	103 2 00
Bethel, No. 1.	E D Taylor.	J A Green.	Gum Springs.	B F Moody, S J Jaggers, D Tate.	21	9 10.	55 75
Bethel, No. 2.	J H W Overton.	W McCollough.	Bradley.	(Not represented.)			5 50
Centerville.	J. Smith.	Smith.	Bradley.	W D West, J W Andrews, J M Aydelotte.			4 85
Cedar Branch.	E D Taylor.	W S Woodrome.	Darysaw.	D E Gean.	9	16 29.	45 1 00
Enon.	R A Lee.	J E Ferguson.	Annover.	J B Searey, J R Searey.	26	30 46.	78 2 50
Friendship, No. 1.	J H W Overton.	G w Reed.	Randal.	W J Cope.	26	74 86.	160 2 50
Friendship, No. 2.	W T Clonts.	Jas Kennedy.	Pinchback Mills.	James Kennedy, A J Carley, J R Wright.	26	11 28.	30 70
Holly Springs.	I R Vick.	C H Hawk.	Star City.	I R Vick, J Wilks.	1	18 27.	45 1 00
Hickory Grove.	I R Vick.	C F Jenkins.	Star City.	J S Fish, J C Bailey.	1	129 35.	64 2 00
Macedonia.	J H W Overton.	S McDaniel.	Toledo.	J J May, D D Tucker.	1	10 23.	35 1 50
New Hope.	J S Taylor.	John Clark.	Toledo.	J W Sadler, John Clark.	1	7 13.	20 1 00
Mt. Zion.		W W Taylor.	Lehi.	J S Taylor, J W Cash.	1	10 10.	20 1 00
Mt. Moriah.	I R Vick.	W B Nelms.	Walnut Lake.	W B Nelms, Brooks, Ball.	7	30 1 25.	75 00
Pleasant Grove.	L Quinn.	J H Johnson.	Ain.	J H Johnson, D W Campbell, I Love.	3	8 10.	4 55
Pleasant Hill.	I R Vick.	A J Oneal.	Garnett.	J L C Green, W A Keyhea.	4	7 24.	31 1 50
Pleasant Springs.	B C Hyatt.	J W Oswald.	Coleman.	J W McPherson, J P Rodgers.	9	59 2 00.	2 50
Providence.	L Quinn.	D W Branch.	Darysaw.	W J Nixon, R N Heird, M H Huett.	1	121 38.	96 2 00
Pine Bluff.	A J Fawcett.	H C Fox.	Pine Bluff.	J M Haycraft.	2	33 14.	47 1 50
Spring Hill, No. 1.				(Not represented.)	10	456 65.	
Spring Hill, No. 2.	R C Rhoden.	T K Holloway.	Brooks.	E F Applin, T K Holloway, W P Clement.	13	2 19 36.	2 30
Sardis.	E D Taylor.	J W Lybrand.	Grapevine.	E D Taylor, J W Lybrand, U W Poss.	4	5 6.	2 35 45
Selma.	O P Miles.	M Miles.	Selma.	O P Miles.	1	6 11.	17 1 00
Star City.	B C Hyatt.	E J Atkinson.	Star City.	E V Hellums, B Giford.	3	11 20.	31 1 50
Zion.	L Quinn.	J D Overton.	Toledo.	J H W Overton; J M Wharton, J D Overton.	7	100 00.	10 00
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TOTALS: Baptized, 122; Received by Letter, 42; by Voucher, 12; Restored, 20; by Relation, 2; Dismissed by Letter, 6; Excluded, 16; Dead, 21; No. Males, 416; No. Females, 657; Total Membership, 1067; Amount for Minutes, \$35.45; Paid Pastors, \$955.60; Home Missions, \$67.75; Foreign Missions, \$32.30; Ministerial Education, \$22.50; No. in Sunday Schools, 340; No. Religious Papers Taken, 124.