

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
PIKE COUNTY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Held with Salem Church of Pike County, Arkansas,
October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1913

OFFICERS

Moderator	----- Elder W. P. Taylor	----- Kirby, Ark.
Clerk	----- Rev. J. M. May	----- Delight, Ark.
Treasurer	----- Rev. W. M. Patterson	----- Pike, Ark.

The next session to be held with Center Ridge Baptist
Church, Pike City, Arkansas, beginning on
Friday morning at ten o'clock be-
fore the First Sunday
in October,
1914.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ninth Annual Session of the Pike County
Baptist Association, Assembled at Salem
Baptist Church, Glenwood, Pike
County, Ark., at 10 a. m.,
Friday, Oct. 3, 1913

Friday Morning Session

The moderator being absent, devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. R. Hardy.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., the introductory sermon was delivered by Brother W. M. Patterson, his text being 2nd Timothy, 2-3. After the sermon, recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

Friday Afternoon Session

1. At 1:30 p. m. the body re-assembled and was called to order by the moderator reading the fourth chapter of Proverbs, after which prayer was offered.

2. Call for the letters from the different churches.

3. Reading clerks were appointed as follows: O. A. Featherston, H. Crow and F. S. Patterson. The letters were well read, after which the messengers of the different churches were enrolled as follows:

Amity—F. E. Teague, G. B. Reed and C. M. Moore.

Bethel—B. F. Cole, E. S. Kelley and Sister Rilzo Hubert

Caney Fork—J. W. Kelley and R. F. Kelley.

Caney Valley—Sisters L. A. Adams and Annie Adams.

Center Ridge—J. R. Hardy, T. J. Duggan and Sister T. J. Duggan.

Glenwood—J. C. Alford, Zeke Fuller and Bro. Butcher.

Kirby—W. P. Taylor, M. A. Tolleson and W. P. Tolleson

Liberty Hill—J. H. Jones, J. M. May and Sister J. H. Jones.

Midway—A. W. Burchfield, Sam Burchfield and James Hardy.

Murfreesboro—J. B. Thomas and O. A. Featherston.

Pike City—F. S. Patterson, W. M. Patterson and A. J. Fuller.

Salem—J. A. Shackelford, W. S. Ward and B. P. Thrash

Mount Pleasant—J. T. Miller and J. W. Jones.

Pilgrim Rest—G. W. White, O. M. Yarbrough and W. T. White.

Spring Hill—Brother Thunderberk.

4. The election of officers—the following officers being elected:

Moderator—W. P. Taylor.

Clerk—J. M. May.

Treasurer—W. M. Patterson.

5. Call for Petition Letters. Two: Pilgrim Rest and the Second Missionary Baptist church at Murfreesboro were read. Pilgrim Rest was accepted and messengers enrolled. The Murfreesboro church was accepted and the messengers agreed to use their influence for consolidation with the First Baptist Church at Murfreesboro.

6. Committee on divine service: F. S. Patterson, B. P. Thrash and W. S. Ward.

7. Asked that the visiting members might be seated with us in counsel, and the following brethren were seated: Rev. T. J. Christian of Little Rock, and Rev. P. B. Langley of Murfreeboro, Ark.

8. Report of committee on divine service:

Preaching Friday night by Rev. J T Christian.

Preaching Saturday at 11 a. m., Rev. T W Cornish.

Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. T A Holt.

Preaching Sunday at 3 o'clock by Rev. J M May, all of which was good.

9. Adjourned till Saturday morning at half past eight o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session

10. Called together by the moderator and reading the third chapter of the book of James, and then offered prayer.

11. Appointment of committees as follows:

Duty of Church to Pastor, A W Burchfield and F S Patterson.

Duty of Pastor to Church, Elder J A Shackelford and B P Thrash.

Education, J C Alford and J R Hardy.

Finance, J T Miller and T J Duggan.

Missions, F E Teague and G B Reed.

Orphans' Home, A W Burchfield and W M Patterson.

Obituaries, J H Jones.

Sunday School, B F Cole, E S Kelley and O M Yarbrough.

Temperance, M A Tolleson and A L Butcher.

Woman's Work, W T White and J W Kelley.

12 Move carried to limit speeches to five minutes.

13 Move carried that Elder P B Langley be seated in counsel as a messenger from the Red River Association.

14 Move carried to appoint some one to correspond with sister Associations. The following brethren were appointed:

Rev. J R Hardy, to the Howard County Association.

J M May and Elder J B Rountree to the Red River Association.

J A Shackelford, A W Burchfield and W P Taylor to the South Caddo River Association.

15 Report of committees;

Duty of Church to Pastor, report read and adopted. For

report see Appendix (a)

Duty of Pastor to Church, report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (b)

Education, report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (c)

Finance report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (d)

Mission report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (e)

Orphans' Home report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (f)

Obituaries report read and approved. For report see Appendix (g)

Sunday School report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (h)

Temperance report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (i)

Woman's Work report read and adopted. For report see Appendix (j)

Saturday Afternoon Session

16 Move carried to adopt the following resolution, by Elder J A Shackelford, to-wit:

Resolved, That the Pike County Association recognize all ordained ministers who are members of the different churches of the association, as members of the association.

17 Move carried to go into the selection of a place to hold the next convention.

Move carried that the Pike County Association meet with Center Ridge Church, post office, Pike City, Ark.

18 Move carried that Elder J A Shackelford preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. F E Teague as alternate

19 Committee appointed to see after the destitute places, M C Morse, C M Morse and J T Miller.

20 Motion carried that the clerk have 300 minutes

printed, and that he is to have \$10 for his work in getting up the minutes.

21 Resolution of hospitality read by Rev. F E Teague, and adopted as follows:

Whereas, our brethren and sisters of Salem and community have entertained us so courteously and done so much to make our visit among them pleasant, Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, one and all, hereby extend our heartfelt thanks for their Christian kindness, and pray God's richest blessings upon them.

The above resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

22 The proceedings of the meeting were read and adopted.

23 Motion carried that this body now adjourn to convene with Center Ridge Church on Friday at 10 o'clock before the first Sunday in October.

An appropriate song was sung and the parting handshake was given, and after prayer the association was declared adjourned.



APPENDIX

Report of Committees in Full

(a) Duty of Churches to Pastors

Our duty to our pastor as a church, so long as our pastor recognizes the fact that he is a servant of the church and not its master, is to respect, cherish, and hold up his hands at all hazards. We should watch after his financial standing and see that there is nothing needed in his home. We should pray for and with him, and talk with him about the spiritual welfare of the church.

F. S. PATTERSON, Com.

(b) Duty of Pastor to the Church.

We your committee resolve to report the following: The duty of the pastor to the church is to preach the gospel in all its purity, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Eld. J. A. SHACKELFORD.

B. P. THRASH.

Committee

(c) Education

We are glad to report that the Baptists are keeping up with the other denominations in the way of education. We

believe in a Bible education. It is of more importance. Our people are making great attempts toward educational institutions, and this is right and commendable. We believe that the Baptist should rally to the support of all our Baptist educational institutions as much as possible.

J. C. ALFORD

J. R. HARDY

Committee.

(d)

Finance

We your committee on finance beg leave to report the following:

Association Missions.....	\$10.75
State Missions.....	1.00
Foreign Missions.....	1.00
Orphans' Home at Texarkana.....	13.00
Minute Fund.....	25.17

Total amount in full, \$50.92

J. T. Miller

T. J. Duggan

Committee

(e)

Missions

We your committee on missions make the following report. That when we read the words of our Savior to His disciples "go ye therefore and teach all nations," is a command to do mission work. As best your committee could learn we have done some mission work through some of the brethren, whose report will be made to this body and have what work that was done on a very economical basis and have only paid out twenty-five or thirty dollars for work done. Our Treasury now has somewhere near seventy-five dollars in it. As your committee views the field, we be-

lieve the greatest need at present is to forward the work by helping the pastorless churches that are in our association.

Therefore we recommend the appointment of a committee of three, to have the work in charge to plant the gospel with those who have it not and to cultivate the places where it has been planted. They are to be authorized to draw on the treasury for the same.

F. E. Teague

G. B. Reed

Committee

(f)

Orphans Home

We your committee on Orphan's Home recommend that this Association take more interest in the orphan's home than ever before by keeping in touch with their needs and helping their keepers more than have been before.

A. W. Burchfield

W. M. Patterson

Committee

(g)

Obituaries

We your committee on obituaries come with sad hearts because of the fact we have lost eight members by death.

The following churches:

Amity	2
Bethlehem	2
Caney Fork	1
Mid Way	1
Mt. Pleasant	1
Murfreesboro	1

Total number died

8

J. H. Jones

Committee

(h) Sunday School

We your committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows; Six Sunday Schools reported in the church letter. We the committee recommend the pastors of all the churches to organize and maintain Sunday Schools in all their churches.

B. F. COLE

E. S. KELLEY

Committee

(j) Temperance

We your committee on Temperance desire to put ourselves on record as being opposed to the use of intoxicating liquors in any way believing as evils that it is contrary to the teachings of God's word and detrimental to the progress of our people in their Christian life. We deplore the fact that some of our people are adicted to its use. We recommend that our churches take such steps as will be in harmony with God's word to stop the use of it in any way.

M. A. TOLLESON

A. L. BUTCHER

Committee

(k) Woman's Work

We your committee on Woman's Work beg to make the following report: We find that the Amity church is the only church that has reported a Ladies Aid Society. This Society is doing a great work to advance the Lord's cause. It has paid \$28.70 for church furnishing and \$3.00 on pastors salary and \$18.50 in treasury. There are many other helps being done by them. We recommend that Ladies Aid Societies be organized in every church in this association.

There are other churches of which the sisters were doing a great work but not under an organized society.

Eighth Annual Statistical Report

Churches	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Baptism	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Died	Membership	Days of Meeting	Associational Mission	State Missions	Home Missions	Orphans' Home	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School	Value of Church Property	Incidentals										
Amity	7	40				2	236	2	5	22	12	42		8	91	3	61	188	00	75	00	32	61	2000	00	32	11	
Antioch																												
Bethel		1		2			35						70											500	00			
Bethlehem	3	4	2			2	94	1					1	15	120	00		15	00				500	00				
Caney Fork					1	1	14		65			3	60	50		1	00											
Center Ridge	9	6					36		2	50		3	50	1	65								200	00				
Glenwood	6						102					40	00	3	00													
Murfreesboro	31	9	2			1	30			10	000	14	50	33	50	1	36	175	00			20	00	1000	00	50	00	
Liberty Hill	2	2					68	1	3	40	2	00	16	50	1	50					3	51	750	00				
Midway	1		4				70	1																				
Murfreesboro							23		3	00		14	00	1	00													
Mount Pleasant			10				19						1	25														
Pike City	1	1	1				30	1	1	60		4	00		1	50			11	75								
Pilgrim Rest							22	1					1	30														
Salem	8		14				67	1					3	00														
Spring Hill																												
Caney Valley		2	4				25	1				2	00	1	00													
Totals	68	65	47	2	1	6	870		16	35	11	442	18	50	122	52	22	52	483	00	87	75	71	12	4450	00	82	11

Statistical Reports Continued

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Address

Churches	Pastors	Clerk	Post Office
Amity	F. E. Teague	G. B. Reed	Amity
Antioch			
Bethel	A. W. Birchfield	B. F. Cole	Welch
Bethlehem	D. W. Cornish	W. J. Taylor	Kirby
Caney Fork		R. B. Kelley	Shawmut
Caney Valley	W. M. Patterson	C. L. Cantrell	Rosboro
Center Ridge	J. M. May	T. J. Duggans	Pike City
Glenwood		J. G. Walls	Glenwood
Murfreesboro	D. W. Cornish	C. A. Rankin	Murfreesboro
Liberty Hill	W. M. Patterson	J. H. Jones	Bowen
Midway	J. A. Shackelford	J. H. Burchfield	Amity
Murfreesboro		O. A. Featherston	Murfreesboro
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. White	J. W. Jones	Langley
Pike City	W. M. Patterson	R. A. Bell	Pike City
Pilgrim Rest	J. A. Shackelford	J. R. White	Zebulon
Salem	F. E. Taylor	B. P. Thrash	Glenwood
Spring Hill			

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Words of God and the Only rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the Saints shall be Preserved in Grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism and that Immersion is the Apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and in the General Judgement, and that the felicity of the Righteous and the punishment of the Wicked shall be Eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly Baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.
11. We believe that none except Baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day shall be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Rules of Decorum

1. When the delegates of the several churches assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxi. If the former moderator or clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session, the church letters shall be read by persons the moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall elect, by ballot, a moderator and clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the moderator. When motions are amendments to motions made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to original motions, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak in any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order the moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; no one in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or for personal reflections, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, or to explain a former remark.

6. When sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association and declare results, a

plurality governing all cases, except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without consent of the moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to, or of others, he shall call him "brother."

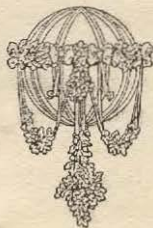
9. The moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever necessary.

10. The moderator may speak on matters for debate, as other members, by calling some one else to his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council who may speak, but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as often as may be necessary.

13. The moderator shall be judge of order; the objectors may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.



Constitution

Art. 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Pike County Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government and shall act as advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justness and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of the compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory for God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel and the means in accordance with the gospel, to cultivate fellowship and union with all the churches of Christ es-

pecially those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized received, by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

