

• • **PROCEEDINGS** • •

OF THE

Buckville

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Marble Church,

Garland County, Arkansas, Sept. 1, 2 and 3, 1898.

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NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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-:- OFFICERS. -:-

J. W. Shepard, Moderator.

J. T. Blakely, Clerk.

G. W. Thompson, Treasurer.

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Next session to be held with White Plains Church, two and a  
half miles west of Buckville, Thursday before the  
Second Sunday in September, 1899.

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# Proceedings.

The Buckville Baptist Association met with the Marble Baptist Church, Garland county, Ark., in its ninth annual session, Thursday, September 1, 1898. Called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. After singing the "Uncloudy Day," a devotional exercise was led by Bro. I. G. Neal. Eld. J. W. Shepard was chosen by the delegates present to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Hebrews 12: 1.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 3 o'clock. Prayer by Moderator. J. G. McLane and C. C. Barrows were appointed as a Committee on Credentials, and letters from the following churches were read and delegates' names enrolled, namely:

Washita—J. G. McLane.

Buckville—Eld. H. H. Williamson.

Refuge—Eld. J. W. Shepard, J. T. Blakely.

Harvey's Chapel—Jeff Huddleston.

Concord—C. C. Barrows.

Cedar Glades—A. C. Roper, Wayne Rodgers, I. G. Neal.

White Plains—G. W. Thompson, T. C. Hunnicut, W. H. Osborn.

Pleasant Hill—Eld. A. S. Jackson, N. L. Tedford.

Mt. Tabor—Eld. M. C. Melton, J. A. Chitwood.

New Prospect—W. P. Guinn.

Marble—J. M. Kelley, L. W. Merriott, F. D. Cotman.

Glazier Poe—Eld. W. A. Neighbors, C. F. Guerin.

Prairie Grove—J. I. Wilson.

Mt. Pleasant—Jesse A. Muse.

Pleasant Home—J. W. Crawford, J. R. Green.

Crystal Hill—G. W. Rhea.

Rock Springs—Eld. J. L. Lanier.

Bethlehem—Not represented.

The body went into the election of officers, which resulted

as follows: Moderator, J. W. Shepard; Clerk, J. T. Blakely; Treasurer, G. W. Thompson.

The Moderator appointed Eld. D. H. Smith, J. M. Kelley, A. J. Baldwin, J. G. McLane as a Committee on Divine Service.

Visiting brethren were invited, and W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, and W. W. Gardner, representing the Orphans' Home, of Monticello, responded.

Bro. Glenn was received as correspondent from the Saline Association.

J. W. Crawford, C. A. Collum, Sr., J. R. Green and J. W. Shepard, alternate, were appointed correspondents to the Dardanelle Association; and correspondents that were appointed at the last Association were continued.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: W. A. Clark to preach Thursday night; A. S. Jackson, Friday, 11 a. m.

On motion, the body took a recess of business hours until 8 o'clock a. m. Friday.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator. Roll was called, and twenty-one messengers responded to their names. Letter received from Rock Springs.

On motion, a Committee on Home Missions was appointed.

Eld. W. A. Neighbors, Eld. M. C. Melton, W. T. Grisham, J. T. Blakely and T. C. Hunnicut were elected messengers to the State Convention.

Eld. J. W. Shepard was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and \$15 subscribed to defray his expenses; and if he should fail to go, the money subscribed will be used for Associational purposes.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

~~was~~ Called to order by the Moderator. W. A. Clark gave a short history of the work of the State Mission Board.

W. A. Clark agreed to print 300 minutes for \$13, and the Association ordered the clerk to enter into contract with Bro. Clark to have them printed.



Reports of committees read and adopted. (See reports).  
Adjourned until 7:30 Friday night.

EVENING SESSION.

W. W. Gardner, of Monticello, preached to a large congregation, after which the Committee on Orphans' Home reported, and pending its adoption, \$2.10 was contributed.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Osborn. The clerk was authorized to draw warrants on the treasury for money raised to defray the expenses of our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion by Bro. Williamson, the Moderator was authorized to appoint three members of the Missionary Board. He appointed W. H. Osborn, J. G. McLane and A. C. Roper on this board, and on motion, it was agreed that the officers of the Association should be ex-officio members of this board.

On motion, the delegates were requested to make a strong effort in their respective churches to raise funds to help the board put a missionary in the field.

The Moderator appointed H. H. Williamson, M. C. Melton, J. G. McLane and W. H. Osborn to draft a program for the district meeting, which meets with the Buckville church the fifth Sunday in October.

Letter from Bethlehem church read and received.

On motion, the clerk was allowed \$4.30 for his services.

The Association voted to hold its next session with the White Plains church, two and one-half miles west of Buckville, Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1899.

The clerk was authorized to have the minutes distributed in proportion to the minute fund sent in by the churches. The clerk was also instructed to hold at least twenty minutes and furnish each church that is not represented at this session one copy of the minutes.

Preaching by W. A. Neighbors at 11 o'clock, followed by M. C. Melton.

"Glory Land" was sung, the parting hand extended and

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the Association closed with prayer by Bro. Melton. Adjourned to meet with White Plains church, September 7, 1899.

Thus closed a session without a discord. Peace, harmony and brotherly love prevailed throughout the session.

J. W. SHEPARD, MODERATOR.

J. T. BLAKELY, CLERK.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ's commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The commission was to the church. "Go" means action, reaching out from the home "into all the world." "Going" and preaching have no stopping place until the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of God's Son. Our obligations to the lost will not be fully discharged as long as any part of the world is ignorant of Christ's righteousness.

W. A. CLARK,  
J. M. KELLEY, } Committee.  
I. W. MERRIOTT, }

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that our Association is destitute from east to west, from north to south. We recommend that the Association appoint a board consisting of three, and this board employ a missionary for the time of three months or more, and that this Association raise funds for that purpose.

W. A. NEIGHBORS, }  
J. A. CHITWOOD, } Committee.  
N. L. TEDFORD, }

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Bible is our rule of faith and practice and the final arbiter of all religious controversy. It should be read every day as a means of communication between the churches. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist as a necessity in every home. We urge our people to take and read it; and we also recommend the convention's literature for use in our Sunday-schools.

A. L. JACKSON, }  
A. C. ROPER, } Committee.  
W. A. NEIGHBORS, }

### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We find from the reports from the churches that there has not been



the results we had hoped for during the past year. We learn that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe; and that God has chosen the foolishness of preaching to save the world. Further, it is ordained of God that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and inasmuch as our pastors are commanded to study to show themselves approved of God,—not ashamed. Therefore, brethren, we ought to loose their hands, that they may rightly divide the word, giving each one his portion in due season.

C. C. BARROWS, Chairman.

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ORPHANS' HOME.

We understand from the agent, Bro. W. W. Gardner, that the Baptist Orphans' Home is sadly in need of more room. We therefore recommend to your earnest consideration the furnishing of more rooms for the accommodation of the eighteen inmates, and other applications that are impossible for the management to take charge of under present conditions.

M. C. MELTON, }  
W. H. OSBORN, } Committee.  
G. W. RHEA. }

## PRAYER-MEETING.

We find by reading the letters from the churches that only four of them have regular prayer-meetings. These four churches report twenty-one baptisms and the other churches report only three baptisms. Taking this as a basis of our growth, we recommend that a regular prayer-meeting be maintained in every church. Prayer is the channel through which we commune with God, and we are commanded to meet often together to pray for and with each other.

I. G. NEAL.

I. G. NEAL,  
J. W. CRAWFORD, } Committee.  
J. R. GREEN.

## HOME MISSIONS.

In view of the recent victories of the American arms in opening up the islands long under the control of Spain and the Catholics, and now in the providence of God these islands are open to us and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we feel that the obligations of the Home Board are greatly increased, and we also feel that the Baptists of the South should stand by our Home Board. Your committee would ask every church in this Association to take a collection for this board. Let the pastors think and pray over this matter. The Home Board has rendered great assistance to our State work. Gratitude binds us in sympathetic co-operation with them.

W. W. GARDNER, }  
J. A. CHITWOOD, } Committee.  
C. T. GLENN. }

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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*Minutes of the*

|               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Home Missions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 50    |
| Total         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$20 50 |

C. C. BARROWS, }  
 A. C. ROPER, } Committee.  
 J. I. WILSON, }

## TEMPERANCE.

Your committee believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils of the age. We are commanded to shun the very appearance of evil. We beg our people to use all reasonable means, both in our homes and elsewhere, to banish this evil. It not only corrupts morals, but is annually leading thousands to destruction.

M. C. MELTON, }  
 W. T. GRISHAM, } Committee.  
 I. W. MERRIOTT, }

## NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Eld. John Lanier preach the introductory sermon; Eld. D. H. Smith, alternate. And that Eld. W. A. Neighbors preach the missionary sermon; alternate, J. W. Shepard.

JESSE A. MUSE, }  
 J. W. RODGERS, } Committee.  
 W. H. OSBORN, }

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

|                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Cash on hand from last year                         | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$10 80 |
| Received from Refuge church, Associational Missions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 60    |
| Received for Associational Missions                 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 50    |
| Home Missions                                       | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 50    |
| Total                                               | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$18 40 |

G. W. THOMPSON, Treas.

## OBITUARIES.

Each year we are reminded that we must die. Some brother may be called on to write of our death next year. We report from Cedar Glades church three deaths, Sister Susan Sharp and Bros. W. H. Hawkins and Henry Stooksberry, whom we trust have gone home to rest. May we all be prepared to meet them in heaven.

A. C. ROPER, }  
 W. J. HUDDLESTON, } Committee.  
 W. P. GUINN, }

## SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In view of the fact that little or no work is being done in this line, we your committee, would recommend that each church appoint a member to look after and organize a Sunday-school. Further, we would recommend that no compromise be made in this matter, but that Baptist schools be maintained, headed by a Baptist superintendent and supplied with Baptist



teachers, that the true Spirit of Christ may be instilled into the youths of our country, and that the fruits of such schools may add to the number and influence of the church,

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| J. G. McLANE,   | } Committee |
| A. S. JACKSON,  |             |
| G. W. THOMPSON, |             |
| G. W. RHEA,     |             |

#### STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report a great neglect in the mission work of the State, especially in the rural or mountainous part of the State. We recommend a more vigorous effort in mission work in our churches and Association, that the State Board may accomplish a greater work in the cause of our Master.

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| H. H. WILLIAMSON, | } Committee. |
| T. C. HUNNICUT,   |              |
| W. H. OSBORN,     |              |

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this Association express their heartfelt thanks and Christian salutations to the brothers and sisters composing Marble church and the citizens of this community, regardless of membership with us. May the Lord bless them in all their charitable and Christian efforts.

G. W. THOMPSON.

#### DOCUMENTS.

We recommend White Plains, and Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1899, as the time and place of holding the next Association.

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| J. M. KELLY,    | } Committee. |
| J. W. CRAWFORD, |              |
| J. G. McLANE,   |              |
| G. W. RHEA,     |              |

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#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Adams, J. B., Cedar Glades.  
 Belote, H. A., Cedar Glades.  
 Ceymore, W. T., Hawes.  
 Crawford, J. N., Cedar Glades.  
 Jennings, S. H., Durant.  
 Lanier, J. L., Cedar Glades.  
 Melton, M. C., Gladstone.  
 Neighbors, W. A., Hot Springs.

Ragsdale, J. S., Jessieville,  
 Roy, J. G., Sims.  
 Shepard, J. W., Story.  
 Shields, J. L., Story.  
 Smith, D. H., Akin Farm.  
 Williamson, H. H., Buckville.  
 Young, W. G. J., Ava.  
 Jackson, A. L., Washita.



## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. This union of churches of God shall be known as Buckville Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. II. The Association shall be composed of messengers from churches in this union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall have been chosen by the respective churches to which they belong.

ART. III. Messengers, when convened, may organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and in justice and propriety must retain the right to withdraw from all churches which may depart from the faith of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with vigilant eye, as its principal object shall be to promote the truth of the Gospel and advance the kingdom of God in our bounds and to all the ends of the earth.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches having letters of dismission from other Associations of like faith and order, may be admitted to membership in this Association at any regular annual session of the body, provided they send messengers with a petitionary letter.

ART. VI. The churches of this Association shall transmit to each annual session a written or printed communication, signed by the moderator and clerk of the church, specifying the names of their messengers and the statistics of the church, showing the progress of the church since the last session of this body, which shall be read and filed with the clerk of this body accordingly.

ART. VII. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, which shall be paid over through a finance committee to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall present annually to the Association for insertion in the minutes, a clear statement of all receipts.

ART. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with printed copies of the minutes of each session.

ART. IX. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless it appears that the churches sending them have used due diligence to solve them first; and it shall not undertake to settle individual differences between the members of the churches, unless it appears that the individuals, or the churches to which they belong, have taken, or caused to have been taken, Gospel steps for the adjustment of the trouble.

ART. X. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided, further, that Article IV. of this Constitution shall not be altered or amended.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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ARTICLE I. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

ART. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the revelations of God; that the New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through the sanctification of the soul unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. IV. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is in by nature.

ART. VI. We believe the saints are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the reward of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. X. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the hands of a Scriptural presbytery.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's Day should be kept as a day of rest and of devotional exercise.



# Statistical Table.

| CHURCHES.           | PASTORS.              | CLERKS.               | POSTOFFICES.         | Rec'd by Baptism. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restored. | Dismiss'd by Letter. | Excluded. | Died. | Present Membership. | Minute Fund. | Associational Missions. | Home Missions. | Pastor's Salary. | Sunday-Schools. | Day of Meeting. |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Buckville.....      | J. W. Shepard.....    | James Hatmaker.....   | Buckville.....       | 2                 |                  |           |                      |           |       | 38                  | \$1 00       |                         |                |                  | 1               | 2d.             |
| Bethlehem.....      | S. H. Jennings.....   | J. W. Ward.....       | Jessleville.....     |                   |                  |           | 2                    |           | 1     | 39                  | 30           |                         |                |                  | 1               | 3d.             |
| Cedar Glades.....   | M. C. Melton.....     | I. G. Neal.....       | Cedar Glades.....    | 3                 |                  |           |                      |           | 3     | 64                  | 70           |                         |                |                  | 1               |                 |
| Crystal Hill.....   | W. T. Ceymore.....    |                       | Hawes.....           |                   |                  |           |                      |           |       | 7                   | 50           | \$0 50                  |                |                  |                 |                 |
| Concord.....        | J. W. Shepard.....    | W. B. Robertson.....  | Aly.....             | 1                 | 1                | 2         | 2                    |           |       | 18                  | 85           |                         |                |                  |                 | 3d.             |
| Glazier POC.....    | H. H. Williamson..... | C. F. Guerin.....     | Mountain Valley..... | 2                 | 9                |           | 2                    |           |       | 40                  | 1 00         |                         |                |                  | 1               | 2a 4            |
| Harveys Chapel..... | L. Wareek.....        | Jeff. Huddleston..... | Hawes.....           |                   | 2                |           | 2                    |           |       | 45                  | 1 00         | 1 00                    |                |                  |                 |                 |
| Mt. Tabor.....      | M. C. Melton.....     | F. M. Ratliff.....    | Glacstone.....       |                   |                  |           | 6                    | 2         |       | 60                  | 1 50         |                         |                |                  | 1               | 3d.             |
| Marble.....         | D. H. Smith.....      | A. J. Baldwin.....    | Akin Farm.....       |                   | 3                |           | 1                    | 1         |       | 38                  | 1 30         |                         |                |                  |                 | 3d.             |
| New Prospect.....   | John Lanier.....      | S. H. Jennings.....   | Durant.....          |                   | 1                | 1         |                      |           |       | 21                  |              |                         |                |                  |                 |                 |
| Prairie Grove.....  | H. H. Williamson..... | J. I. Wilson.....     | Mabel.....           |                   |                  |           | 9                    | 2         |       | 43                  | 75           |                         |                |                  |                 | 2d.             |
| Pleasant Hill.....  | J. W. Shepard.....    | H. C. Lackey.....     | Sims.....            |                   | 4                |           | 3                    |           |       | 37                  | 75           | 1 00                    |                |                  |                 |                 |
| Pleasant Home.....  | A. H. Birchfield..... | J. W. Crawford.....   | Steve.....           |                   | 1                |           | 6                    | 2         |       | 25                  | 50           |                         |                |                  |                 | 4th.            |
| Refuge.....         | J. W. Shepard.....    | J. T. Blakely.....    | Story.....           |                   |                  |           | 1                    | 7         | 1     | 43                  | 1 15         | 2 60                    |                | \$25             |                 | 1st.            |
| Rock Springs.....   | J. B. Adams.....      | S. M. Adams.....      | Cedar Glades.....    |                   | 1                | 2         |                      |           |       | 22                  | 60           |                         |                |                  |                 |                 |
| Mt. Pleasant.....   | John L. Lanier.....   | Samuel Ritter.....    | Cedar Glades.....    |                   |                  |           | 1                    |           |       | 30                  | 1 20         |                         |                |                  |                 |                 |
| White Plains.....   | M. C. Melton.....     | W. H. Osborn.....     | Buckville.....       | 18                |                  |           |                      |           |       | 62                  | 1 40         |                         | \$1 50         | 25               |                 | 4th.            |
| Washita.....        | J. W. Shepard.....    | J. G. McLane.....     | Washita.....         |                   | 2                |           | 6                    | 1         |       | 23                  | 1 00         | 1 00                    |                |                  |                 | 4th.            |
| Totals.....         |                       |                       |                      | 25                | 27               | 4         | 43                   | 13        | 4     | 675                 | \$15 50      | \$6 10                  | \$1 50         | \$50             | 5               |                 |