

Minutes
OF THE
Fifteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Greenbrier
Baptist* ✧ *Association,

HELD WITH
Macedonia Baptist Church,
Greenbrier, Ark., October 22, 23 and 24, 1898

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Next Session to be held at Conway, Faulkner County, Arkansas,  
Commencing on Friday before the fourth Sun-  
day in October, 1899.

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:-:- OFFICERS: :-:-

Eld. J. A. Batson, Wooster, Moderator.
Eld. P. H. Glover, Greenbrier, Clerk.
Eld. H. Sanders, Enola, Treasurer.

Proceedings.

At 10:30 a. m. Saturday, October 22, 1898, the Greenbrier Baptist Association met in its fifteenth annual session with Macedonia church, in Greenbrier. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. O. Cantrell. Text, Judges 7: 21. Theme, Importance of each servant of Christ standing in his own place. After which the body took recess until 2 p m. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Mills.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the association reassembled and was led in prayer by Eld. P. H. Gover. After scriptural lesson, read by the moderator, Jno. G. B. Simms, the body was again led in prayer, by the clerk.

Letters from the several churches were called for and read by Bros. J. G. Lile and J. A. Batson, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Grove—T. S. Wilson and T. J. Crook.

Shady Grove—J. D. Surratt and G. W. Hankins.

Cadron Ridge—G. B. Evans.

Spring Hill—J. W. Ray, N. D. Salter and J. C. Love.

Sulphur Springs, No. 2—B. E. Herring and W. T. Merriman.

Cadron Valley—J. O. Cantrell and J. H. Gore.

New Bethel—T. A. Mobry.

Smyrna—H. E. H. Fowlks.

Bethlehem—R. A. Clements, L. T. Patton and J. A. Batson.

New Home—J. F. Grable.

Cash Springs—J. G. Fielder and J. C. Lee.

Sunny Side—David Skinner and Joel Hubbard.

Macedonia—John Lawrence, T. I. Matthews and W. V. Strickland.

Conway—Jno. G. B. Simms, J. C. Lile and L. E. Beard.

Star Gap—R. M. Thompson and A. J. Cardin.

Mt. Zion—S. E. Lamar and J. M. Curtis.

Bethany—J. A. Davis.

Mt. Pisgah—C. Fulsom.

Pleasant Valley—I. S. Ball and J. F. Gateley.

Palestine—W. W. Lovell and J. M. Thompson.

Minutes of the

Barney—I. M. Poke.

Needs Creek—J. M. Williams and W. M. Mills, Jr.,

Oak Bowery—R. L. George, E. F. Park and J. H. Christenberry.

Sulphur Springs—W. T. Keller.

Liberty, no letter—W. O. Durham.

Mt. Olive—J. T. Fleming and R. M. Hendrickson.

Vilonia—W. H. Cole and B. F. Sheard.

The body then proceeded to a permanent organization by electing Eld J. A. Batson, moderator; Eld P. H. Glover, clerk; and Eld H. Sanders, treasurer.

An invitation was given to visiting brethren, when Eld. W. B. Holland, representing the Arkansas Baptist, responded, and was seated with the body.

Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations, whereupon, Elds J. A. Myers, T. C. Ford, J. T. Coats and Bro G. W. MaGee from the United, and Bro. W. S. Paschall from Fourche Valley, associations came forward and were seated with the body.

Former moderator, Bro Jno. G. B. Simms, on retiring from the chair, presented the association with a very beautiful gavel, which he had had made by an inmate of the insane asylum.

On motion a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Jno. G. B. Simms former moderator, for his faithful and efficient services rendered the association during the four years he has served as such.

Eld. J. A. Batson, on taking the chair as moderator, expressed himself very much surprised at the choice for moderator, but thanked the brethren and proceeded to the duties of his office by first reading the rules of decorum governing this association, and then appointed the various committees as follows:

Devotional Exercises—The pastor and messengers of Macedonia Church.

Finance—Jno. G. B. Simms, I. M. Poke and R. M. Hendrickson.

Associational Missions—G. W. Ford, V. Turner and J. M. Thompson.

State Missions—H. Sanders, T. A. Mabry and G. B. Evans.

Home Missions—E. Loveless, W. W. Lovell and R. A. Clements.

Foreign Missions—J. O. Cantrell, W. M. Mills and Sam Cotton.

General Education—J. G. Lile, J. G. Fowlks and L. T. Patton.
Publications—L. E. Beard, W. C. Kelso and W. V. Strickland.
Sunday-schools—T. I. Matthews, I. S. Ball and B. F. Sheard.
Temperance—B. E. Herring, V. Turner and G. W. Hankins.
Queries—B. H. Gunter, S. E. Lamar and W. M. Mills, Jr.
Obituaries—H. P. Glover, J. M. Williams and J. D. Surratt.

A motion was then offered by Bro. J. G. Lile that a committee on committees be appointed. The vote being taken, the motion was lost

The following programme for tomorrow's exercises was offered by Bro Simms, and on motion was adopted:

At 9 a. m Sunday-school mass meeting, led by Bro. J. G. Lile. At 11 a. m. preaching. At 2:30 p. m. mass meeting to consider the cause of missionary indifference in our bounds, led by Bro. G W. Ford. 7 p. m. preaching.

The Devotional Committee reported preaching tonight at 7 o'clock by Eld. T. C. Ford Then on motion the body adjourned Prayer by Eld W B. Holland.

At 7 p m a very interesting sermon was preached by Eld. T. C. Ford

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

At 9 o'clock a m Sunday-school mass meeting was opened by Bro J. G. Lile by reading a scriptural lesson from the Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Myers. Bro. Lile then announced that he had arranged the meeting as follows: Bro P. H. Glover to take the lead with 5 minutes talk on "Are we in favor of Sunday-schools?" Bro. J J. Stephens "How to kill a Sunday-school." Bro Jno. G. B. Simms "How to have a good Sunday-school?" Bro. J. A. Batson "How many members interested in a Sunday school would it require to keep up a Sunday-school?" All of whom responded, followed by various other brethren with short talks, making the meeting very interesting.

By consent Bro. W. B. Holland was allowed 15 minutes talk in the interest of the Orphans' Home, at Monticello, and a collection was taken for the Home amounting to \$10 25.

At 11-o'clock a very able and interesting sermon was

preached by Eld. J. A. Myers. At 7 p. m. preaching by Eld. W. B. Holland.

MONDAY SESSION.

At 8 o'clock a. m. association met pursuant to adjournment. Scriptural lesson read by the moderator, and prayer offered by Bro. Clements

Called for reports of committees when report on Obituaries was read, amended and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would report that we find by reference to the various letters from our churches that there have been twenty-four deaths in our fellowship since our last association, and we make special mention of the fact that in that number the Lord took our esteemed brother, W. F. De Journett. He served his church as deacon for a number of years and died at the age of 68.

P. H. GLOVER, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: Whereas, we find that there is a pressing need that we heartily support our home field consisting of the United States, Indian Territory and Cuba.

Therefore, we earnestly recommend and urge that each member in our bounds make a contribution some time during the year to support this worthy cause that our home field may be thoroughly supplied with the gospel.

E. LOVELESS, Chairman.

The report on Sunday-schools was read by Bro. T. I. Matthews and was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, beg leave to submit the following report: Believing as we do that our children should have the proper Bible training, therefore, to this end we recommend and urge that each church in our bounds organize and maintain a good Sunday-school, using the Bible as a text book and our own Baptist literature as helps. We further recommend that the officers and teachers be of those who are bound in the faith.

T. I. MATTHEWS, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following report: We, the Greenbrier Baptist Association, do most solemnly in the fear of God enter our protest against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors for the reason that we believe that it has been a curse to the inhabitants of the earth from its introduction to the present. We do not have to go back to centuries past to discover its evil effects. There is perhaps not a family on earth today but has suffered more or less from the evil effects of this evil monster,

V. TURNER, Chairman.

The report on General Education was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on General Education beg leave to report as follows: We are glad to note that our denomination is awakening to the necessity of educating the youth. We now have three well-established colleges, Ouachita, Mountain Home and Central, and there are at least two good Baptist high schools, Bodcaw and Judson. We recommend that our churches take collections for ministerial education, and that these collections be sent to the Board of Ministerial Education at Ouachita to be used according to the discretion of the Board. As Central is within our own bounds we believe it should receive our first consideration, and that those of us who have daughters to educate should send them to Central in preference to any other institution.

J. G. LILE, Chairman.

The report on Publications was read by Bro W C. Kelso and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows: First. We recommend the careful study of God's word. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist as sound in the faith and bespeak for it a careful reading by every family in our bounds, and to our Sunday-schools we also recommend our own literature.

L. E. BEARD, Chairman.

On motion adjourned until 1:30 p m. Benediction by Bro. W. C. Kelso. Preaching at 11 o'clock by the venerable Dr B M. Stephens, from Matt. 28: 19 20

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p m. the association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Bro H. Sanders.

A motion was made by Bro Simms that the next meeting of this association be held with Conway Church, whereupon, an amendment was offered by sub-tituting the name Bristol instead of Conway. Also an amendment to the amendment was offered substituting Mt. Olive. The vote being taken, the amendments were lost and the original motion prevailed.

The report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

The Finance Committee have received the following sums:

For minutes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 19 30
For associational missions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16 55
For home missions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 25
For State missions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75
For foreign missions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 35
For Sunday collection (Batson)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 41

For Orphans' Home (Holland)	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 55
For State missions, public collection, (Turner)	-	-	-	-	-	-	6 55
Unaccounted for	-	-	-	-	-	-	85
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 66 06

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Chairman.

The report on State Missions was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on State Missions respectfully submit the following report: We deem our State mission work as one of great importance. The good that has been accomplished through our State mission work will only be realized in eternity. We, the Baptists of Greenbrier Association, should consider the State mission work as our work, and should never forget that the Baptists of America are the fruit and outgrowth of missionary labor. Therefore, we do most earnestly insist upon the brethren to contribute of their means in support of this great enterprise.

VINES TURNER, Chairman.

Whereupon, a collection was taken for State missions amounting to \$6 55.

The report on Associational Missions was read as follows:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report as follows: The duty of the Church of Christ to preach the gospel through her ministry to all nations is undisputed by the missionary Baptists as a denomination; and while we as an association should aid in this great work by contributing of our means to support our home and foreign missions. We should not be forgetful of our State and associational mission work. Therefore we recommend,

First. That every church be urged to take collections at least once a quarter, endeavoring to secure a contribution from each member, and that some one in each church be appointed whose special duty it shall be to look after this matter.

Second. That the boards use the amounts contributed to supply destitute places by employing the minister, who, in the judgment of the boards, is most suitable and available to preach in these places as often as possible, and if it can be so arranged to hold a meeting of several days in every destitute place in the association, and that they further supply the destitution if possible by voluntary contributions of their time and service by our preachers,

Third. That we further request them to seek the co-operation of the State Board in order that the destitution be more fully supplied.

Fourth. That we recommend the holding of missionary institutes in the association as often as practicable, and the Board of Associational Missions be constituted a committee to arrange for and supervise the work of the institute,

G. W. FORD, Chairman.

On motion the above report was amended by adding a Central Board of five members, three of whom to be appointed from one church. The report was then adopted, whereupon, the moderator appointed as such Board Jno. G. B. Simms, J. G. Lile and L. E. Beard, of Conway; J. J. Stephens, Greenbrier, and H. Sanders, Marcus Hill.

On motion it was made the special duty of the Central Board to district the association into four divisions, appointing a Board of three to each district, whose duty it will be to gather up the contributions of the churches for mission work.

On motion a committee was appointed consisting of Jno. G. B. Simms, G. W. Ford and P. H. Glover to revise the line of committees of this association.

Eld. G. W. Ford was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at next meeting.

J. J. Stephens, J. A. Batson, L. M. Carrington, H. Sanders and P. H. Glover were chosen as delegates to the State Convention; Vines Turner, to the Southern Baptist Convention, and W. B. Peeples member of the State Board.

Appointed corresponding messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

Little Red River—Vines Turner and H. P. Glover.

Caroline—P. H. Glover and J. O. Cantrell.

United—G. W. Ford and W. C. Kelso.

Fourche Valley—W. B. Peeples and J. A. Batson.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we believe that we, the messengers, are members of churches after the apostolic order. That Christ is the head and founder of the churches of which we are in fellowship. Therefore, we most respectfully advise the churches comprising this association not to affiliate in church capacity with pedoBaptists, Campbellite women preachers, for if we bid them God speed we are partakers of their evil deeds.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this association be on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. instead of Saturday.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered this church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during this session.

Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he retain \$8 for his services.

When on motion the association adjourned to meet with
 Conway Church on Friday at 11 o'clock a m , before the fourth
 Sunday in November, 1899

J. A. BATSON, Moderator

P. H. GLOVER, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers.

W. B. PEEPLES.....	Conway.	H. SANDERS.....	Enola.
J. M. DAVIS.....	Conway.	T. L. INGRAM.....	Enola.
M. I. LIVINGSTON.....	Conway.	D. H. HAILEY.....	Enola.
J. A. CRYE.....	Conway.	E. H. STONE.....	Bristol.
W. M. MILLS.....	Greenbrier	H. P. GLOVER.....	Guy.
VINES TURNER.....	Greenbrier	C. H. CHEEK.....	Preston.
P. H. GLOVER.....	Greenbrier	G. W. FORD.....	Wooster.
J. O. CANTRELL.....	Greenbrier	J. A. BATSON.....	Wooster.
W. C. KELSO.....	Greenbrier	B. N. BROWN.....	Mt. Vernon
S. W. COTTON.....	Greenbrier	J. H. CHRISNBERRY.....	Saltillo.
E. LOVELESS.....	Linder.	C. B. PARSONS.....	Enola.

LICENTIATES.

J. M. C. VAUGHTER.....	Conway.	J. P. BOYD.....	Greenbrier
J. M. BAKER.....	Mt. Vernon	J. W. CLARK.....	Holland.
I. M. POLK.....	Barney.	R. M. HENDRICKSON.....	Guy
M. M. KELLY.....	Saltillo.	MADISON MATTHEWS.....	Enola.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, MESSENGERS, POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS,	POSTOFFICES.
Bethlehem.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	W. H. Lindsey....	R. A. Clemments, T. L. Patton, J. A. Batson...	Wooster.
Bethany.....	B. N. Brown.....	J. A. Davis.....	J. A. Davis.....	Mt. Vernon.
Barney.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	B. B. Hefington....	I. M. Polk.....	Barney.
Bristol.....	S. Anderson.....	B. F. Winton.....	J. G. Fowlkes, B. H. Gunter.	Bristol.
Conway.....	W. B. Peeples.....	J. F. Jones.....	John G. B. Simms, J. G. Lue, L. E. Beard.....	Conway.
Cadron Valley.....		John Conner.....	J. O. Cantrell, J. H. Gore.....	Greenbrier.
Cadron Ridge.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	E. Kuykendall....	G. B. Evans.....	Conway.
Cash Springs.....	G. W. Ford.....	J. A. Oliver.....	J. G. Fielder, J. C. Lee.....	
Liberty.....			W. O. Durham.....	
Macedonia.....	P. H. Glover.....	J. E. Wofford.....	J. Lawrence, T. D. Matthews, W. V. Strickland	Greenbrier.
Mayflower.....				
Marcus Hill.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	J. A. Ingram.....		Enola.
Mt. Pisgah.....	J. H. Chrisenberry..	A. J. Kaufman.....	C. Fulson.....	
Mt. Zion.....	C. B. Parsons.....	J. D. Starr.....	S. E. Lamar, J. M. Curtis.....	Enola.
Mt. Pleasant.....				
Mt. Olive.....	P. H. Glover.....	J. W. DeJarnett....	J. T. Fleming, R. M. Hendrickson.....	Guy.
NeedS Creek.....	W. M. Mills.....	W. T. Williams....	J. M. Williams, W. M. Mills, Jr.....	Greenbrier.
New Liberty.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	J. H. Hall.....		Hamlett.
New Bethel.....	E. Lovelace.....	D. L. Bryant.....	T. A. Mabry.....	Holland.
New Home.....	H. P. Glover.....	J. F. Grable.....	J. F. Grable.....	Guy.
Oak Bowery.....	G. G. Howard.....	A. S. Sowell.....	R. L. George, E. F. Park, J. H. Chrisenberry..	Saltillo.
Pleasant Valley.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	I. S. Ball.....	I. S. Ball, J. F. Gateley.....	Wooster.
Pleasant Grove.....	J. M. Davis.....	R. L. Turner.....	T. S. Wilson, T. J. Crook.....	Conway.
Palestine.....	J. O. Cantrell.....	W. W. Lovell.....	W. W. Lovell, J. M. Thompson.....	Holland.
Preston.....				
Spring Hill.....	P. H. Glover.....	J. W. Rhea.....	J. W. Rhea, N. D. Salter, J. C. Love.....	Linder.
Shady Grove.....	W. M. Mills.....	S. S. Surratt.....	Q. D. Surratt, G. W. Hankins.....	Greenbrier.
Star Gap.....	M. A. Thompson.....	W. A. Wooley.....	R. M. Thompson, A. J. Cardin.....	Enola.
Sunnyside.....	W. C. Kelso.....	J. P. Boyd.....	David Skinner, Joel Hubbard.....	Greenbrier.
Sulphur Springs.....	E. Lawless.....	E. L. Fulmer.....	W. T. Keller.....	Conway.
Sulphur Springs No. 2.....		W. J. Tanner.....	B. E. Herring, W. T. Merriman.....	Enders.
Sharon.....				
Smyrna.....	S. B. Anderson.....	W. O. Kemper.....	H. E. H. Fowlkes.....	Hammondsville.
Vilonia.....	G. W. Ford.....	B. F. Sheard.....	B. F. Sheard, W. H. Cole.....	Vilonia.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.

	Rec'd by Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Elders	Licentiates.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Church Expenses.	Sunday-school Expense.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Property.
Bethlehem.	1	1		3	1	1	79	2						\$0 70					\$0 70	
Bethany.	5						51					\$40 00		65					40 65	
Barney.	7	4					34	1	2					60					60	
Bristol.	15	2	1	1	2	4	87						1 00	25	\$1 00		\$0 50	\$0 50	3 00	
Conway.	15	21		11	2		162	1	1	17	140	598 30	\$26 00	1 00	10 00	\$48 30	3 60	31 35	718 35	\$3,000
Cadron Valley.							15	1						85					25	
Cadron Ridge.				1		1	32	2											85	
Cash Springs.		1		1			38													
Liberty.							72													
Macedonia.		4		5	2	1	75	2		8	65		10 00	85		3 00			13 85	200
Mayflower.							8													
Marcus Hill.	8	5		2	1		69	1	1	6	40			55					65	250
Mt. Pisgah.	11	1		2		1	62							50					50	
Mt. Zion.		1		5		2	76							1 00					1 00	
Mt. Pleasant.							18													
Mt. Olive.	2	6		3	5	3	100	2						1 00					1 00	
Needs Creek.			2	2	3	1	92	1						75					75	
New Liberty.							61													
New Bethel.	2			2	1		36		1			7 35		50					7 35	
New Home.	11	8		2			50							75	2 50					
Oak Bowery.	6	3	1	3	4	2	68	1	1					1 00	3 00	50	50	50	5 50	300
Pleasant Valley.		1		1			66							65					65	250
Pleasant Grove.	3	2	1				64	1						1 00	2 00				3 10	
Palestine.				4	2	1	62					76 00		1 00					77 00	500
Preston.							37													
Spring Hill.				5	4	3	75							60					60	
Shady Grove.				1			44	2						80					80	
Star Gap.				1			17							75					75	
Sunnyside.	2	2					14							40					40	
Sulphur Springs.	4	4		4	3	1	34					20 00		35	15				20 50	200
Sulphur Springs No. 2.				6		1	49					22 95		1 00					23 95	300
Sharon.							11													
Smyrna.	1						34							70					70	
Vilonia.		2					23					33 00		40					33 40	200
Total.	93	68	5	60	33	24	1825	17	6	31	245	\$797 60	\$36 00	\$19 60	\$18 75	\$51 80	\$4 60	\$41 35	\$956 75	\$5,200