

MINUTES

OF THE

Washington County Baptist Association

Organized on Tuesday, November 26, 1918,
at Fayetteville, Ark.. Four Churches
Participating

First Annual Session

Held September 12, 1919, with Friendship
Church, Ten Churches Participating

Next Meeting, Thursday, at 2 p. m.,
Before Third Lord's Day in August 1920
with Springdale Church

Introductory Sermon by D. L. Hood
Missionary Sermon by H. H. Burton.

"Trust in the Lord and He shall bring it to pass."

Order of Business

1. Convening of the Body.
2. Reading of Letters and Enrollment.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Petitionary Letters.
5. Introductory Sermon.
6. Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Associational Missions.
 - (b) State Missions.
 - (c) Home Missions.
 - (d) Foreign Missions.
 - (e) Orphans' Home.
 - (f) Sunday School.
 - (g) B. Y. P. U.
 - (h) Woman's Work.
 - (i) Christian Education.
 - (j) Religious Literature.
 - (k) Temperance.
 - (l) Obituary.
 - (m) Finance.
 - (n) Resolutions.
7. Call for Correspondence.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Treasurer.
10. New or Miscellaneous Business.
11. Election of Brethren to Preach Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
12. Election of Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention and two Messengers to the State Convention.
13. Selection of Place and Time of Next Meeting.

CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME**—The name of this organization shall be "The Washington County Baptist Association."

2. **PURPOSE**—The purpose of this body shall be to offer to the Baptist churches of Washington county and vicinity the opportunity of co-operating through messengers in missionary, educational and benevolent work for the building up of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad.

3. **MEMBERSHIP**—The Association shall be composed of messengers elected by the Baptist churches that co-operate with the missionary, educational and benevolent work of the body. Regular pastors of co-operating churches who are in sympathetic co-operation with the work of the Association shall be regarded as ex-officio members.

The churches may send three messengers each for their membership up to fifty, and one additional messenger for every additional fifty members or major fraction thereof.

4. **AUTHORITY**—This Association shall never exercise any authority over any church or interfere with the local or internal affairs of any church, or try to determine any matter of doctrine for any church, but it may upon request of a church, or churches, act in an advisory capacity to churches that seek its counsel. It also retains the right, as every Baptist body, to determine its own membership, and to refuse seats to messengers sent from any church if that church has, in the opinion of this body, become heretical in teaching or practice.

5. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as the body may designate.

6. At each annual meeting the Association shall elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer. The Clerk and Treasurer may be the same person if deemed wise.

7. There shall be appointed at each annual meeting an Executive Committee of five members, besides the officers, who shall be ex-officio members. This committee shall act for the Association in the interim between the meetings by performing whatever duties shall be assigned to them by the annual meeting, and shall present in writing a report of their work at each annual session, but may not bind the Association in any financial or moral or doctrinal matter.

8. We promulgate no formal articles of faith, but we adhere to the doctrine commonly set forth by regular Baptist churches, and as stated in Pendleton's Church Manual.

9. It shall be the duty of the Association to suggest from time to time to the churches means and measures and plans as may seem expedient and wise for the promotion of gospel work everywhere.

10. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds of the members present and voting except that Article Four shall never be so changed as to encroach upon the freedom and independency of the churches.

MINUTES

Pursuant to appointment, the Washington County Baptist Association convened with Friendship Church, on Friday, September 12, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., its first annual session after organization, which was on Tuesday, November 26th, 1918.

After devotional exercises, led by Eld. H. P. Haley, pastor of Friendship church, the Association was called to order by the acting moderator, W. I. Elledge.

Letters from associated churches were called for when Fayetteville, Springdale, Prairie Grove, and Friendship responded with their letters, and their messengers were seated.

Before going into permanent organization, and that their messengers might participate in the same, petitionary letters were called for, read and churches received and all messengers seated; which resulted in the addition of four churches; Spring Valley, Valley Grove, Johnson and Sulphur City.

Going, regularly, into permanent organization the result was to constitute the following officers for the year:

Elder W. I. Elledge, Moderator,
Elder D. L. Hood, Assistant Moderator,
R. E. Kennard, Clerk,
W. B. Brogdon, Treasurer.

Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Washington County Baptist Association would report as follows:

This Committee, acting upon the instruction of the Association, given at the time it was appointed, entered into co-operative relationship with the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and has received help from that Board in the payment of the salary of our missionary to the

amount of \$62.50 per month. Without this aid we would not have been able to have the services of the Missionary for full time. We call attention to our Treasurer's report for the financial side of this committee's work for the year.

We have had the services of Bro. W. R. Chandler, who was elected at the time this association was organized, as Missionary for the entire time. The work, while presenting many difficulties, has made progress. Where the Missionary has gone, good work has been done. The people have heard him gladly, and we rejoice in the fact that souls have been saved and folks have been added to the church. The Missionary will make a separate report of his labors for the year.

The churches co-operating in this work have risen to the situation and have shown an heroic spirit. They have met the needs of the work in a way that calls for commendation and praise. The salary of the missionary has been paid promptly at the first of each month.

It is the sense of this committee that Washington county presents a field of labor which is not surpassed by any in our state in its opportunities and needs. As we see the situation, there are large opportunities open to us, and the outlook for next year's work is very encouraging.

We, therefore, recommend that the Association, continue her mission policy in, if possible, a more aggressive way, and that we seek to enter the door of opportunity, which seems to be open to us throughout the bounds of this county. We also recommend that this Association seek to continue her policy of co-operation with the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

We recommend, also, that this Association pledge itself to the five-year program for Arkansas Baptists, both as regards Evangelism and Sunday School work. And that it be declared the sense of this body that the work of teaching is co-ordinate with that of evangelizing.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. ELLEDGE, Chairman,
R. E. KENNARD, Secretary.

Report of Missionary was read and adopted.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

To the Brethren and Sisters representing the Churches of Washington County Association,
Dear Brethren and Sisters:

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His grace and manifold blessings upon me personally, and upon you and all of our work, I bring you my report for 8½ months, up to Sept. 1st, 1919.

For some reasons the work of soul winning has been difficult. The work has been difficult because of the unrest and unsettled condition of the people generally.

Again, on account of worldly prosperity, many have forgotten God. They have left Him out of their plans and lives and hearts. It seems it is hard for the people to get their minds and hearts on the salvation of the lost, the most important business in the world.

Your missionary was hindered much during the winter on account of rain and bad roads, and on account of having a tussel with the flu for six weeks; but thank God he still lives and is able to have a part in building up the Master's kingdom.

Another thing that has made the work slow is that only one church had a pastor. Your missionary has given much of his time to assisting churches in securing pastors. (Not calling pastors for churches but helping them to call their pastors.)

But I am glad the work has not been in vain.

We organized with four churches now we have eight, which is encouraging. And there is a much better and broader spirit of co-operation than when we organized. We are hoping and praying that the time will soon come when all of our people will join hands and hearts with us in preaching the whole gospel to the whole world. This many will do when they are informed and understand what the Lord is doing through his people.

Let us all try to give them information about our work. Let us put our State paper (The Advance) in every Baptist home in our Association. It will bless every home where it is read.

I am truly grateful to the pastors and brethren and sisters who have stood by me in the work during the past eight and a-half months. Your prayers

and co-operation have been appreciated more than I can express. Heaven's blessings upon every one of you.

There is still much that needs to be done; the fields are already white unto harvest. We have a n field of great opportunity. By the grace of God let us go up and possess the land. We need to be much in prayer for divine guidance. Let us pray that His will may be done in our lives. Let us pray for our leaders in our great Seventy-Five Million Campaign. May the Lord give us a vision of lost souls at home and abroad.

REPORT

Months Labored	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sermons Preached	115
Other Addresses	55
Total Sermons and Addresses	170
Religious Visits	96
Prayed in Homes	23
Miles Traveled	2,600
Professed Conversions	47
Baptisms In My Meetings	28
Received by Letter	8
Total Received Into Churches	36

COLLECTIONS

Home and Foreign Missions, Springvalley Ch. ..	\$ 61.00
State Missions	532.75
Orphans' Home	25.00
Old Ministers Relief	20.00
Baptist Advance	14.50
Total	\$653.25

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Springdale Church	\$448.67
Fayetteville Church	262.50
Spring Valley Church	125.50
Friendship Church	80.00
Prairie Grove Church	35.00
Valley Grove Church (Elkins)	10.25
Sulphur City Church	4.00
Johnson Church	5.62
Total	\$972.04

Money Collected and Pastors Salary.....	
Pledged and for all other Objects.....	
Not Mentioned In Above Report.....	\$2,966.48
Total Collected for All Purposes.....	\$4,571.77
Paid to W. B. Brogdon, Treas., for Associa- tional Missions.....	\$972.04
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Received of W. B. Brogdon, Salary, Oil, Gas,	631.64
" " Minutes, 2 Lamps	19.35
Total Amount Received.....	\$650.99
Balance on hand for Asso. Mis.....	\$321.05
Respectfully submitted,	
W. R. CHANDLER.	

TREASURERS' REPORT

I, your Treasurer, beg to make report on finances as follows:

1-13-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Spring Valley Church.....	\$ 55.50
3-3-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Friend- ship Church.....	80.50
4 30-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Fay- etteville Ch.	50.00
5-31-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Sul- phur City Church.....	4.00
5-31-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Val- ley Grove Ch.	10.25
5-31-19 Rec. of W. R. Chandler from Prairie Ch	35 00
5 31-19 Rec. of W. R. Chandler from Spring Valley Ch.	25 00
7-30-19 Rec. of W. R. Chandler from John- son Ch.	5.62
9-1-19 Rec. of W. R. Chandler from Spring Valley Ch.	45.00
9-1-19 Rec'd of W. R. Chandler from Fayette- ville Ch.	212.50
9-1-19 Rec'd of Springdale Church.....	448.67
Total.....	\$972.04

DISBURSEMENTS

1-31-19	W. R. Chandler, salary for December	\$62.50
1-31-19	" " for Gas and Oil for 12-18	9.25
1-31-19	" " Gas and Oil for 1-19	5.60
1-31-19	" " Salary for January	62.50
2-28-19	" " Gas and Oil for 2-19	7.60
2-28-19	" " Salary for February	62.50
4-1-19	" " Gas, Oil for 3-19	10 28
4-1-19	" " ½ Mo. Salary for March	31.25
4-1-19	" " April salary	13.97
4-30-19	" " for Minutes	8.00
4-30-19	" " Gas and Oil for 3-19	16.96
4-30-19	" " Bal. on Salary	48.53
5-31-19	" " Gas and Oil for May	13.10
5-31-19	" " Salary for May	52.50
6-30-19	" " Gas and Oil for June	11.44
6-30-19	" " Salary for June	62.50
7-31-19	" " Gas and Oil for July	18.11
7-31-19	" " Salary for July	62.50
7-31-19	" " 2 Lanterns	11.35
8-1-19	" " Gas and Oil for August	8.05
8-1-19	" " Salary for August	62.50
Total		\$650.99
Balance in Treasury		\$321 95

After an intermission of ten minutes, the introductory sermon was had, by L. E. Barton, who brought a forceful and stirring message on Distinctive Baptist Beliefs, or Beliefs that Distinguish Baptists.

After this service, a motion prevailed to adjourn to the reassembling after refreshments, 2 o'clock p. m. being named.

Afternoon Session

Assembled at 2 p. m.

After singing and a prayer, the business of the Association was resumed.

A committee on Order of Business, consisting of W. A. Moffit, W. R. Chandler and Mrs. F. O. Gulley, appointed by the moderator in the forenoon, reported at this time.

During the noon intermission, Mrs. F. O. Gulley County Chairman of W. M. U., explained

to her women helpers the nature of the campaign, now in hand with the County W. M. U., and having to do with that 75-Million budget fund.

Welcome was extended to the following visitors by the moderator, on the part of the Association:

H. G. Knight and wife, War Eagle, Ark., H. R. Whiteside, of Farmington, Ark.

Account of having to return to Little Rock this evening, Dr. Barton was asked to speak to the Association at this hour, 3:30, on the 75 Million Campaign, which he did.

The moderator named committees as follows:

On Worship; pastor and messengers of Friendship Church.

On Stewardship; A. M. Reed, F. O. Gulley, E. S. Thompson.

On Nominations; Fred Reed, Dr. J. R. Potts, W. P. Lewis.

On Associational Missions; H. P. Haley, W. B. Brogdon, F. O. Gulley.

On Observance of the Sabbath; W. B. Brogden, Mrs. Allen Sanders.

On Obituaries; D. L. Hood, Ras. B. Graham, Mrs. A. Sanders.

On S. S. and B. Y. P. U.; Juliet Mather, A. M. Reed, Miss Una Burnett.

On Christian Education; J. G. Lyle, W. R. Chandler, Juliet Mather.

On State Missions; W. A. Moffit, Mrs. A. Sanders, Mrs. Fannie Barlow.

On Home and Foreign Missions: H. H. Burton, A. Sanders, C. W. Phillips

Hospitals; D. L. Hood, Miss Frank Cardwell, Frank Johnson.

Temperance; J. F. King, A. M. Craig, Mrs. J. R. Potts.

Resolutions; W. S. Napier, M. C. Cooper, Mrs. J. O. Maxey.

Ministers Relief and Annuities; H. P. Haley, Mrs. Allen Sanders, Joyce Parsley.

Orphanage; Una Burnett, Fred Reed. J. N. B. Heflon.

Publications: W. A. Moffit, D. L. Hood, J. N. B. Heflon.

Finance; A. M. Reed, Dr. J. R. Potts.

Women's Work; Mesdames W. I. Hilliard, F. O.

Gulley, Bert Lewis.

On 75 Million Campaign, W. A. Moffit, J. G. Lyle, Gordon Gulley.

Names of Messengers

Fayetteville Church: W. A. Moffit, F. O. Gulley, Mrs. F. O. Gulley, Juliet Mather, Dr. L. E. Barton, H. E. Kennard, Mrs. Bert Lewis, J. N. B. Hefler, Joyce Porsley, Mrs. J. F. Porsley, Mrs. Fannie Barlow, James Moffit, H. H. Burton.

Springdale: W. I. Elledge, W. R. Chandler, W. B. Brogden, J. F. King, C. M. Phillips, J. F. Harris, Fred E. Reed, E. S. Thompson, Mrs. W. I. Elledge, and Mrs. L. M. Riggs.

Prairie Grove. Mrs. W. I. Hilliard, Una Burnett, Autry Wilson.

Friendship: W. P. Lewis, Ras. B. Graham, A. W. Reed.

Spring Valley: Mrs. Allen Sanders, A. Sanders, Mrs. A. Sanders, Dr. J. R. Potts, A. W. Craig.

Johnson: Mrs. J. O. Maxey, Frank Johnson, Francis Cardwell.

Valley Grove: D. L. Hood.

Mt. Gillead: W. S. Napier.

Illinois: W. S. Napier.

Sulphur City: M. C. Cooper.

Committee on worship announced that Dr. H. H. Burton, of Fayetteville, would preach at the evening hour, when a motion to adjourn to such hour, prevailed.

Assembling at the appointed hour for evening service, after singing and prayer, Dr. Burton spoke, when a motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m., Saturday, the 13th.

Saturday Morning Session, 13th

Assembled at 9 a. m.

After appropriate worship, minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Petitionary letters were again called for when Mt. Gillead and Illinois churches responded, which,

on reading of letters, were regularly received and their messengers seated.

Bro. J. G. Lyle, of Ouachita College, and Bro. Gordon Gulley, of Liberty, Mo., were welcomed as visitors.

Report on Religious Literature

Report of Committee on religious literature, follows:

In these days of enlightenment and Christian activity we recognize as never before the absolute necessity of the printed page. We are, therefore, seeing anew the importance of the denominational paper. In view of this fact our convention, in Atlanta, last May, passed resolutions calling upon our people everywhere to put new emphasis upon the circulation of our Baptist State papers. Next to the Bible and the preached word there is no greater agency for Christian culture. We have passed the day where anybody should feel that the denominational paper is a money making proposition. We are coming to appreciate it for its true value.

In these days of loose views in religious teaching, of unionizing efforts and inter-church propaganda, we feel the need more and more for a strong, fearless organ of truth by which our denominational life may be fed and strengthened. We feel that in the Baptist Advance we have such a paper, and in view of the fact that it has been made possible during this 75 Million Campaign that this paper may be put into every Baptist home in Arkansas, we recommend that this matter be taken up by our pastors and laymen everywhere and strong, undying efforts be made to put it into every home in this convention. We also urge the circulation of Home and Foreign Fields and W. M. U. organ. We would also call attention to our Baptist Book House, 405, Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, where all kinds of good books may be had at lowest prices. We would urge that all our people patronize this house.

We also recommend our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and its publications. There is no sounder, better, or cheaper Sunday School literature in existence than that published by this Board.

And lastly and more important of all, we would

urge a new and more careful reading of God's word that our spiritual life may be deepened and enriched, and that we may with more firmness and assurance carry on the work that God has committed to our hands.

W. A. MOFFIT,
D. L. HOOD,
J. N. B. HOFER.

It was read and spoken to by W. A. Moffit, and regularly adopted.

The committee on worship announced that W. A. Moffit would occupy the 11 o'clock hour. It being that hour, Bro. Moffit spoke to the theme, "God's Oversight, or Special Providence."

After the discourse by Bro. Moffit, intermission was had for refreshments.

Afternoon Session

Association convened, regularly, at 2 p. m.

During the noon hour Mrs. H. K. Wade had convened her helpers in annual session of the W. M. U.

Springdale and Spring Valley churches both petitioned to be named as place of assembly of the Association in its next annual session. When the matter was voted upon, resulting in a tie. Retaken, the vote favored Springdale by one, when a motion provided to make the choice of Springdale unanimous.

S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Report

We, your committee on S. S. and B. Y. P. U., submit the following report:

We note with pleasure the number of S. S. reported in the minutes and suggest that Sunday Schools be organized until there be one in each church of the county; that church members be present at Sunday School hour thus increasing the number in attendance and providing a good example for the children of the county; that Sunday School day be observed Oct. 2, and that the S. S. heartily co-operate in the 75 Million Campaign.

The number of B. Y. P. U. organizations is too small and it is suggested as of vital importance that

there be this training department of the church organized in each church as well as the S. S. or teaching department; that it be the aim of the Association to establish B. Y. P. U's in all the churches; that the older church people attend more dilligently to the welfare of their own young people to such an extent that they make Washington county a banner county with at least one B. Y. P. U. organization in each church of the county.

We also recommend that in view of the fact that it has been stated on the floor that the State Board will assist the Association in paying for a Colporter, the Association employ a S. S. and colportage worker. We recommend that whenever possible the S. S's. invite Mr. Morton and the State workers to hold Bible Institutes providing instruction for more and better Sunday Schools.

Respectfully,

JULIET E. MATHER,
MISS UNA BURNETT,
A. M. REED.

Report on Women's Work

We, the committee on Women's Work, recommend to this Association that there be a Women's organization in every church in this Association; that we co-operate with all work in this Association.

That we organize, when possible, G. A's, R. A's, Y. W. A's, B. Y. P. U's and Sunbeam bands; that one or more of the papers, "Royal Service," "Home and Foreign Missions," and the "Baptist Advance" be put in every home.

We have five W. M. U's, one being organized in the Friendship church since last session; one Y. W. A. at Springdale, two Sunbeams bands at Springdale and Prairie Grove; also that we as a Woman's organization, enter heartily into the 75 Million Campaign—Millions for the Master.

MRS. HILLIARD,
MRS. BERT LEWIS,
MRS. F. O. GULLEY.

Report on Stewardship

In submitting our report on this all important matter connected with our Lord's work we must consider the many phases of our work. We must account to the Lord for the many privileges and blessings we receive. Our lives are given us and we are endowed with certain talents and we must use these God-given gifts and accomplish the work set apart for us in the allotted time we have to live. There are two plans we wish to submit and that are of Bible authority. One is the tithing system and the other the budget system. In presenting this matter we wish to impress the individual responsibility of each member as to what he should do. Make it an individual matter and do not leave your subscription or your part in the Lord's work to be decided or dictated by another. In order that we may do the greatest good and secure the results we so much crave we would recommend the budget system to the various churches of this Association, and in so doing this does not in any way effect the tithing system, and wherever it can be worked effectively and as a God-given plan it should be encouraged. We further recommend and request that every pastor of the various churches realizing the importance of the stewardship of our denomination use the pulpit freely to impress every Baptist of giving to the Lord that which of right belongs to Him.

A. M. REED,
F. O. GULLEY.

Report on Temperance

We your committee report. The Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things. We note with grateful hearts the rapid progress of temperance in our country. The untiring efforts of our people has succeeded in ridding the United States of the curse of intemperance. It will be a glorious day when we see the curse of intemperance banished from the whole world.

We would urge our Baptist people to pray, work and vote till victory crowns our efforts.

Signed by Committee.
ELIZA E. POTTS.

Report on Resolutions

As men and women pray in secret and God rewards them openly, so, also, shall the deed of little note, sometime, somewhere, be remembered. We appreciate the fellowship of kindred Christian spirit; and especially as the ministers of God's holy word and teachings we appreciate the occasion that causes us to mingle our minds and spirits, and experiences in contemplation of what has been done, and of what can, and should be labored for.

Thank God for Christian fellowship and mutual ties and labors. Let not the head say to the hand, "I have no need of thee!" We offer thanks, first, to our Maker for redeeming grace; second, to those who have labored, not only during the two days of our fellowship, but the past days of sacrifice and toil that these and other things be made possible.

Sincerely, your Committee,

W. S. NAPIER,
M. C. COOPER,
MISS J. O. MAXEY.

Report on Sabbath Observance

We your committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, beg to submit the following report:

That the Sabbath was ordained of God and commanded by God to be kept holy unto Him by all His creation from the beginning and he has reiterated this commaad through His prophets wherever his law has been enjoined upon man and he has ever blessed and has continued to bless His people in the keeping of the Sabbath holy unto Him and we should refrain from all kinds of work or labor and keep the day holy unto the Lord by reading His word and attending church services and encouraging others to do the same. We have a law on the Statutes of the State that forbids any violation of the Sabbath and every Christian should give his influence to the enforcement of this law and he should use his influence with his fellow man to keep the Sabbath day holy unto the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. BROGDON,
A. SANDERS,
JAS. MOFFIT.

Report on Obituaries

We your committee on obituaries make the following report:

Death has made his entry into our midst and claimed a goodly number of our brethren and sisters the past year. While it has brought grief and pain to many hearts, and great loss to the cause of Christ yet we believe it has been a great gain to them, as they have entered into that rest of the Lord. We, as an Association, extend our sympathy to all of the bereaved and commend them to the consoling love of our dear Father who doeth all things well. The following are the names of our dead:

Fayetteville: Mrs. C. D. Cheetum, J. R. Ryan,
Miss Wanda Shelley.

Peattie Grove: Mrs. Fred Reed,

Friendship: W. B. Cooper.

Spring Valley: R. H. Morris.

Springdale: Sisters Ada Peterson, Nola Peterson,
Agnes Stamper, Bro. T. J. Jones.

Valley Grove: Sister Emeline Lewis.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. HOOD,

MRS. ALLEN SANDERS.

Report on Nominations

We your committee on nominations submit the following report:

We nominate for the Executive Committee Bros. W. B. Brogdon, A. M. Reed, Anderson Sanders, F. O. Gulley and W. S. Napier.

As preacher of Introductory Sermon, Bro D. L. Hood.

As preacher of Missionary Sermon, Bro. H. H. Burton.

As messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. R. E. Kennard.

As to time of meeting, Friday before the Third Sunday in August.

As to place of meeting, we present the invitations of Spring Valley and Springdale, and ask that the messengers select by vote the meeting place.

FRED E. REED,

J. R. POTTS,

W. P. LEWIS.

A special program for Sunday's order of business was announced, as follows: reading of reports on 75 Million campaign, State, Home, and Foreign Missions, limiting discussion upon these to end at 11:30 a.m., when a sermon would close the morning session. The afternoon sessions to hear the reading of reports on Christian Education, Orphans Home, and Ministerial Relief and Annuities, discussion to be limited to the hour of 4 p. m., when an address would be had.

The committee on worship reported that H. H. Burton would preach at the 11:30 hour and that Prof. J. G. Lyle would address the body at 4 p. m.; also that Eld. D. L. Hood would occupy the pulpit Saturday night,

Adjournment was had to the hour for convening in the evening service.

Coming together in the usual way, Bro. Burton spoke to the edification of all.

Morning Session, 14th

Association met, formally, and pursuant to adjournment, at 9 a. m., Moderator, W. I. Elledge, presiding.

Minutes of previous day were read and approved.

Reports read were:

Report on 75 Million Campaign

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta last May, feeling the need of enlargement of our work in Missions, Education and Benevolences, it was decided with great unanimity of purpose to launch a campaign to raise 75 million dollars in the next five years for these purposes.

We, your committee, feel that with all heartiness and earnestness of soul we as an Association should endorse this movement and call upon all our people to throw themselves into it without reserve.

We recommend that the quota of \$50,000 asked of this Association be accepted, and that each church be asked to accept its quota, and assist the County organizer in perfecting its own organization according to the plan

suggested, and that each individual member of each church be asked to do his part in preparation, prayer and giving that success may crown our efforts to the glory of God.

W. A. MOFFITT,
GORDON GULLEY,
J. G. LYLE.

Report on State Missions

The work of the State Mission Board in Arkansas is becoming to be so well known that an explicit statement about it would hardly seem necessary, and yet it is well for us to be constantly reminded of its scope and purpose and to have the matter so presented to our minds that our interest shall not lag.

Its work may be included under the heads of Evangelism, Teaching, Training and benevolences. We are thus endeavoring to imitate the work of the Master and to carry out His last command. Our efforts at evangelism mean to try to reach with the gospel the more than one million lost souls in our state. Teaching specifically means the work done in Bible Schools and Institutes, of which a large number are held every year, and from which it is confidently believed comes, in large measure, the marked advance noted in our State Mission work.

Under the head of Training would come S. S., H. Y. P. U., and Women's Work; and Benevolences would include Orphans' Home, Hospitals and Old Ministers' Relief.

Our Board also fosters Christian education as represented by Ouachita and Central Colleges, and our three Mountain Schools. In fact State Missions is the foundation of all the work we are doing in the state to help bring Christ's Kingdom in, and reaches out to the ends of the earth by fostering Home and Foreign Missions.

We have not the statistics at hand for this year's work, but the work has been greatly enlarged and there is every indication that the report to our State Convention this fall will be the most encouraging ever made by this Board.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that the campaign for this work for this year has been merged with the 75 million campaign, but does not mean that we shall make less effort for this

great cause, but rather more, both in prayer and contribution. The amount to be allotted to State Mission from this fund, including Associational Missions is \$700,000 for the five years.

We would urge that all our people lay themselves out to the limit in this mighty movement.

W. A. MOFFITT,
MRS. A. SANDERS,
MRS. FANFIE BARLOW

Report on Home and Foreign Missions

The influence of America in shaping world-ideas is unequaled by any other nation. Sound missionary policy requires that we really make the world Christian. Baptists of the South have in the Home and Foreign Mission Boards agencies of marked efficiency through which they are bringing to bear their combined effort to that end.

The unsettled condition of the world today is an urgent and insistent call for the gospel of grace and peace. Shall the Baptists of the South respond to the call of God in carrying the message of truth to all the world? Shall we be a great people and do great things for God?

The Southland is a great mission field. There are about 20,000,000 persons in the South who make no profession of religion. There are some 4,000 churches that have no church home. Thousands and thousands of our people are not enlisted in the work. In the field of Indians, foreigners and Negroes the Home Board is enlarging its services to meet enlarging opportunities. Our Mountain Schools need to be enlarged in order to get the best possible training to the increasing number of young people attending these schools.

The foreign field is one of unprecedented opportunity. The field is white unto harvest. The door of opportunity is open. The call of God is, "Come over and help us." Hundreds of missionaries are needed on the foreign field now. All of our work must be enlarged to meet the growing demands on the fields.

The 75 Million campaign is the greatest effort ever made by Southern Baptists. It is the first time we have set ourselves as a whole to do our very best

by our gifts for every object by which Baptists seek to honor and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your committee would insist with all possible emphasis the importance of everyone fully committing himself to this great and glorious task. We plead for a new awakening to the great issues now at stake, and for a greater and more sacrificial support to this cause. Every consideration of Christian patriotism and of love for the Master and our own people invite us to go forward.

Committee, H. H. BURTON,
A. SANDERS,
C. M. PHILLIPS.

The reports above were spoken to by W. A. Moffit and J. G. Lyle, and were regularly adopted.

A motion by W. B. Brogdon, seconded by W. A. Moffit, to refer the report on Associational Missions back to that committee for its consideration as to recommending the employment of a missionary colporteur, and for suggestions as to steps for financing this addition, carried.

The hour having arrived, Dr. Barton spoke most forcefully, to 1 John 3:11.

Afternoon Session

Moderator, W. I. Elledge, being called away to conduct a funeral, Assistant Moderator, D. L. Hood, in the chair.

After the usual devotional exercises, the following reports were read, spoken to by J. G. Lyle, Miss Juliett Mather, and others, when they were regularly adopted:

Report on Orphans' Home

We your committee on Orphans' Home, submit the following report:

The Baptists of Arkansas have one home located at Monticello. The home has at present about 60 children as quite a number have been placed in Baptist homes within the last year. So we recommend that each church remember our Orphans both in contributions and in prayers.

UNA BURNETT,
FRED E. REED,
J. N. B. HEFLER.

Report on Christian Education

We your committee on Christian Education realizing that through education the life and conduct of the nation's young people are moulded and that our Baptist young people should become well grounded in Baptist beliefs and in knowledge of our denominational work, recommend that we more heartily support our denominational schools; recommend that this support be not only by more liberal giving to the equipment and maintenance of our institutions but that we heartily endorse the work done in our colleges and Mountain Schools and encourage our young people to study in these Baptist institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BARTON,
JULIETTE MATHER,
A. M. REED,
MR. LYLE.

Report on Ministerial Relief

We heartily endorse the plan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in regard to Ministers' Relief and Annuities. The plan adopted by the Board is practicable and commendable. The Annuity feature will appeal to many ministers. Basing its rates on one's age at joining and its benefits upon the time of service to the denomination. It is as stable as the best insurance company, supplementing the one-fifth payment of the minister's by a four-fifths one from the Board. Its annuities are more generous than those of any insurance company. The aim of this fund is to provide against want rather than to relieve it. Every eligible member of this Association should join the annuity fund without undue delay. The other feature, that of Ministerial Relief, is such as should appeal forcibly to every Southern Baptist. It is not administering charity but discharging the highest moral obligation. It is honoring ourselves and our Lord by caring for those who have worn themselves out or broken themselves down in our service and His, but we are glad to know that a part of this 75 Million fund will go for this purpose. And we recommend the adoption of the above to this Association.

H. P. HALEY,
MRS. ALLEN SANDERS.

The committee's report referred, on Associational Missions, was read as a whole, and regularly adopted as supplemented and as it appears here:

Report on Associational Missions

We, as your committee, realize the importance of Associational Missions and feel that it is of great moment and that proper plans be made for the accomplishment of the greatest amount of work within our bounds. We recognize the work of our Missionary and thank God for the great work he has accomplished.

We recommend that the policy of co-operation with the State Board be continued and that that Board be requested to continue to pay a part of the salary of our missionary. In view of this fact we realize that we should make our work conform to the policies of that Board, and that we require our missionary to push and foster all the lines of work in which the State Board is engaged. That he be required to hold Institutes, Bible Schools, and encourage Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. and Women's Work. We further recommend the missionary be under the direction of the Executive Board and that he be required to give practically all of his time to destitute places, except when engaged in teaching Bible Schools and Institutes.

We further recommend that your Executive Committee employ a suitable man as Missionary-Colporter for this Association at their earliest convenience whose duty shall be to assist the missionary in teaching Institutes, Bible Schools and encourage Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. and Women's Work, and sell bibles and other good books and distribute religious literature and preach and hold meetings when not otherwise engaged; and that the State Board be asked to assist in raising the salary of the Missionary-Colporter for this Association.

We further recommend that each and every church in this Association take steps at once to raise their part of the salary by taking pledges and subscriptions and notify the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

We also recommend that a man be put in the field for his full time in accordance with the above

recommendations and that the matter of his election be referred to the Executive Committee; and further that each of our churches be requested to do its full duty by prayer, work, and finance, and in every way to assist Associational Missions.

H. P. HALEY,
W. B. BROGDON,
F. O. GULLEY.

Report on Hospitals

We your committee on Hospitals submit the following report:

We as a people have not kept pace with others in caring for the sick and afflicted of the state, and have been great losers thereby.

In the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., we have an interest. Other states have their hospitals and are doing a great and blessed work. There are twelve Baptist hospitals in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention doing a great and glorious work.

It is the conviction of this committee that there is great need for one or more Baptist hospitals in our state, that we may be able to care for our own people as well as to be able to care for others.

We recommend that we give prayerful consideration to this matter, that the Lord may open the way for this much needed institution. There is now a move being made to build a hospital in our own state.

D. L. HOOD,
FRANK JOHNSON.

A motion by F. O. Gulley prevailed, changing date of meeting of Association from Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. to Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m. before the third Lord's day in August; and suggested that the Lord's day be devoted wholly to worship.

A motion by H. P. Haley, providing for the payment of \$25 to the clerk of the Association, out of the Association's treasury, for the arrangement and printing of the minutes, was seconded by F. O. Gulley, and passed.

A motion to adjourn, prevailed.

NOTE—Any funds turned in by messengers after
convening of Association—except for minutes—do
not appear in reports of Missionary and Treasurer,
but carry forward.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. S. D. Cheetum, J. R. Ryan
Miss Wanda Shelley

SPRINGDALE

Ada Peterson, Nola Peterson
Agnes Stamper, T. J. Jones

PRAIRIE GROVE

Mrs. Fred Reed

FRIENDSHIP

H. B. Cooper

SPRING VALLEY

R. H. Morris

VALLEY GROVE

Emiline Lewis

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.”—
Rev. 14:13

Financial and Statistical Tables

The Associated Churches	Present Members	Increase				Decrease				Pastor's Salary	Value Ch. Property and Pastor's Home	Upkeep & Expense	Associat'nal Minutes	Messengers to So. B. Convention	To Mountain Train'g School	Christian Educa'n	S. S. Expense	Orphans' Home	The Poor	Incidentals	Visiting Members	Other Purposes	To Missions			
		By Baptism	By Letter	Restoration	Statement	By Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death														Associational	State	Home	Foreign
Fayetteville	544	5	23			30		3	\$1634.99	\$50 000	\$1760.15	\$10.00	\$25	\$222.00	\$1,033.25	\$211 19	\$ 32.00	\$87		\$32 68	\$262.50	\$715 00	\$402.00	\$300.00		
Springdale	445	27	49			31	2	4	1550 00	13,590	1489.87	10.00		113.00	100.00	238.78	117 50	40	\$293 67	\$228	20.00	148 67	437.00	409.82	409.88	
Prairie Grove	53		3				6	1	370 86			1.25		22 00	6 00	19.26	33.41		33 82	1 95	35 00	6.00	40 50	37.00		
Friendship	72		6			3		1	150.00	1,200		2.50				25.50					83 00		21.00	21 00		
Spring Valley	107	4				5		1	200.00	2,000		2.00				30.00			122 44		125.50	45.00	30 50	30.50		
Johnson	36	3	1						40.00			1 50					13.50		3 00	23	5 63	5.62				
Valley Grove	25							1				1.25					3 00				13 25					
Mt. Gilead	25											1.00														
Illinois	25											1.00														
Sulphur City	13								31.00			2.00					2 25		2.25		4.75	2.00				

Churches Auxiliaries Pastors S. S. Supt.	W. M. U.		Sunday Schools						B. Y. U.	Pastor	Sunday School Superintendent	Church Clerk
	Number	Total Amount Contributed	No. Members	Sunday Schools	Enrollment	Av. Attend.	No. Baptisms	Of's & Teach's				
Fayetteville	1	\$704 68	60	1	275	164	4	20	1	H. H. Burton	A. G. Flowers	Jas. R. Greer
Springdale	1	251.78		1	508		25	21	1	W. I. Elledge	E. S. Thompson	E. S. Thompson
Prairie G'v	1	35 70		1	30			4			J. W. Webb	S. R. Wilson
Friendship	1			1	66			5		H. P. Haley	Rev. B. Graham	A. M. Reed
Spring V.	1			1	60			5		H. P. Haley	Pete Homesley	A. W. Craig
Johnson	1			1	40			4		D. L. Hood	Miss Frankie Cardwell	Hugh Lichlyter
Valley G'v										D. L. Hood		
Sulph. City										W. S. Napier		
Mt. Gilead										W. S. Napier		
Illinois												John Genning Miss Annie Morris, Watts, Okla.

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W. I. Elledge, Moderator,.....Springdale, Ark.
D. L. Hood, Assistant Moderator,.....Elkins, Ark.
H. E. Kennard, Secretary,.....Fayetteville, Ark.
W. B. Brogden, Treasurer,.....Springdale, Ark.

Executive Committee

W. B. Brogden, A. M. Reed, F. O. Gulley,
W. S. Napier, Allen Sanders.

Ordained Ministers in Churches

Fayetteville: H. H. Burton, L. E. Barton, W. A.
Moffit, J. N. B. Hefler.

Springdale: W. I. Elledge, W. R. Chandler, J. H.
Pigman, E. F. Rice, T. B. Miller.

Prairie Grove: J. H. Burnett, M. G. Burnett, J. F.
Parker.

Johnson: G. P. Hanks.

Valley Grove and Sulphur City: D. L. Hood, Elkins.

Mc Gufford and Illinois: W. S. Napier, Cane Hill.