

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF THE—
OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS

—HELD WITH—
NEW HOPE CHURCH, POLK COUNTY ARKANSAS,
SEPTEMBER 21.23, 1906.

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Minutes of the Ouachita
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OFFICERS.

S. A. NEIGHBORS,

MODERATOR,

Potter, Ark.

J. E. TAYLOR,

CLERK,

Hatfield, Ark.

B. W. TEATER,

TREASURER,

Vandervoort, Ark.

The next session of this body will be held with Salem church,
Polk county, Arkansas.

ERRATA

Page 2—Read R. G. Brown of Yocana instead of Welcome Home.

Page 7—Read Big Cedar, Sister Mary E. Workman; Hatfield, Sister Lula McDonald.

Page 8—Following the names of Sister S. H. Allen and Sister J. E. Erenes read Sister Lula McDonald.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the Ouachita Baptist Association convened with the New Hope Baptist church Sept. 21 to 23 A. D. 1906.

Friday at 11 a. m. the annual sermon was preached by the appointee, Eld. J. W. McDonald, after which the body adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The body came together by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Eld. J. B. Lumbley, former moderator. S. A. Neighbors appointed the following committees. On finance, B. W. Teater, W. W. Crawford and W. H. Stephens. On enrollment, U. S. Andrews, Robert Fortner and J. R. Blake. On preaching, A. J. Robins and the deacons of New Hope church. The moderator then called for the letters from various churches. Fourteen responded which were read by Brethren J. B. Lumbley and T. P. Nelson. The body then went into the election of officers. Bro. J. B. Lumbley taking the vote for moderator, Bro I. R. Turner for clerk and Bro. A. J. Robins for treasurer. The result was as follows: S. A. Neighbors, moderator; J. E. Taylor, clerk and W. M. Taylor, treasurer. The report of Bro. T. P. Nelson, as missionary, was read and approved. The preaching committee reported that Bro. M. L. Ridling and Bro. U. S. Andrews would preach at night, and Bro. H. C. Ridling and Bro. T. P. Nelson at 11 a. m. the following day. The letter from the Mena Baptist church was read by J. B. Lumbley. The body then adjourned, the moderator to appoint the various committees. Prayer by H. C. Ridling. Benediction by J. E. Smail. Preaching Friday night by M. L. Ridling. Text 4th verse of the 6th chapter of Acts.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body came together by singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." The moderator then read the 19th Psalm. Prayer by Eld. J. P. Olive. The moderator declared the body in session. Elders J. P. Olive and J. B. Earle were seated as missionaries of

the Baptist State convention. The roll of messengers were called by churches and absentees noted. Buffalo—Robert Fortner; Big Cedar—U. S. Andrews; Corinth—J. B. Neighbors and J. B. Lannan; Concord—H. C. Ridling and John Bogle; Eagle Fork—W. M. Literal; Hatfield—W. H. Stephens. T. P. Nelson and W. W. Crawford; Janssen—B. W. Teater; Mena—J. E. Smail; Mt. Vernon—F. M. Thacker; Mill Creek—A. J. Robins; Mt. Olive—S. A. Neighbors and J. E. Taylor; New Prospect—J. A. Baggs; New Home—B. Duek and J. W. Lovens; New Hope—G. W. Lawrence and D. N. Lawrence; Oak Grove—M. L. Ridling and Dan Nations; Pilgrims' Rest—J. B. Blanton and M. G. Blanton; Rock Springs—Wm. Shelton; Salem—J. D. Holman and G. S. Anderson; Sulphur Springs—A. S. Robinson and J. R. Blake; Welcome Home—J. W. McDonald and R. G. Brown.

The treasurer elect not being present, the moderator asked Bro. J. B. Earle to take the vote of the body for treasurer which resulted in the choice of Bro. B. W. Teater. The report on foreign missions was read and discussed by Brethren J. B. Lumbley, B. Duek, J. H. Gallispy, J. P. Olive, J. E. Smail and H. C. Ridling. The report was adopted. Following the adoption of the report a collection was taken for Bro. J. S. Compere and wife, amounting to \$4.50. The report on education was read, and by vote of the body was referred back the committee for some changes. The body then adjourned for preaching. Prayer by H. C. Ridling. Benediction by T. P. Nelson, Preaching by H. C. Ridling, text 32 verse of the 5th chapter of Ephesians. Benediction by J. J. Haynes.

Afternoon Session.

At 1:30 p. m. the body came together by singing "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by J. B. Lumbley. The report on Orphans Home was read and discussed Brethren J. B. Lumbley, J. J. Haynes, H. C. Ridling, A. J. Robins and S. A. Neighbors. After the adoption of the report \$4.25 in cash was paid for the Home and the following pledges are to be paid during the year.

J. R. Blake, \$2.50; J. E. Smail, \$1.00; J. L. Fisher, \$1.50; Wm. Shelton, \$2.50; Hatfield, New Prospect, Salem and Mt. Olive churches, \$5.00 each; New Home church, \$4.00; F. M. Thacker, \$1.00; J. B. Neighbors, \$1.00; J. W. McDonald, \$2.00.

The report on Sabbath schools was read and discussed by Brethren M. L. Ridling, A. J. Robins, H. C. Ridling and J. D. Holman. Report on State was read and discussed by Brethren J. E. Smail, J. B. Lumbley, J. P. Olive and J. J. Haynes. Report on Education read, received and discussed by Brethren J. J. Haynes and J. B. Lumbley. Report on Ordained and Licensed Ministers read and adopted. Report on Temperance read and discussed by Brethren J. D. Holman, J. H. Gallispy and S. A. Neighbors.

A letter was received from Concord and Mt. Vernon churches and the messengers seated. The preaching committee announced that Bro. J. P. Olive would preach at night followed by J. B. Earle. The body voted to have a night session after preaching and adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Benediction by J. B. Lumbley.

NIGHT SESSION.

The report on Obituaries was read and laid over until 9 a. m. Sunday morning. Report on Associational Missions was read and discussed by Brethren T. P. Nelson, J. D. Holman, J. B. Lumbley, J. P. Olive and S. A. Neighbors. The report was adopted. Report on Family Worship was read and discussed by Brethren F. M. Thacker, J. B. Earle and J. B. Lumbley. The preaching committee announced that J. B. Lumbley would preach Sunday at 11 a. m. followed by J. J. Haynes. Report on Nominations was read and amended by striking out Mt Olive church and inserting Salem church. By vote of the body Salem was selected as the place of meeting of the next session of the Association. By motion and second the body voted to drop West View from the roll of churches. Report of the Associational Mission Board was read and adopted. Correspondence was appointed to the following places. Southern Baptist Convention, J. E. Smail.

Southwestern Association, F. M. Thacker and W. W. Blanton. Caddo River Association, A. J. Robins and R. G. Brown. Howard County Association, W. J. Brothers and B. F. Cannon. By vote of the body anyone bearing a copy of our minutes be allowed to represent us in any of the above bodies. By vote of the body correspondence was opened with Buckner Association. Wm. Shelton and J. D. Holman were appointed messengers. Report of committee on finance was read and adopted. On motion the clerk was authorized to have 500 minutes printed out of the minute fund, he to have the balance for his services.

Bro. M. L. Ridling was selected to hold the memorial service in honor of Bro. S. E. Chote, deceased. The body adjourned to meet with the Salem Baptist church Friday at 11 a. m. before the 4th Sunday in September A. D. 1907.

Sunday morning at 9 a. m. Bro. M. L. Ridling opened the memorial service, using the 4th chapter of Hebrews as a lesson. The body gave Sister Chote and family \$10.10. Preaching at 11 a. m. by J. B. Lumbley. Text 19th verse of the 2nd chapter of Second Timothy. After services a song was sang and the parting hand was taken. The closing prayer was offered by Eld. H. C. Ridling.

S. A. Neighbors, Moderator,

J. E. Taylor, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Preaching of annual sermon.
2. Appointment of committee on enrollment.
3. Appointment of committee on finance.
4. Reading of letters from churches.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Election of officers.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of various committees.

Resolution.

Resolved that this body tender its thanks to New Hope church and vicinity for the kind way in which they entertained this body during its session with them.

STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on State Missions submit the following report: We find that the State convention helped this Association this year to the amount of \$813.00; Mena Baptist church \$180.00 for pastor's salary, S. A. Neighbors \$32.90, T. P. Nelson \$105.00, W. H. Burt \$225.00, Brethren Earle and Olive \$270.00 for which we are thankful and recommend that the thanks of the Ouachita Association be offered to the convention for this much needed help. We further recommend that this Association ask all the churches as far as consistant to aid the State convention in every-way to carry on the great work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this great State of Arkansas that all destitute places may receive the Gospel of Christ. Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Smail, R. G. Brown and J. A. Baggs, Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance find that the use of intoxicating drinks is a curse to the human family and that its effects lead to cruelty, murder and many other crimes to numerous to mention. Its use has brought many prosperous families to poverty and shame. Its victims fill our Insane Asylums and State prisons. We therefore recommend that all of our brethren vote against it, put forth all their efforts to stop the sale of all intoxicants and use all their influence to persuade men and women not to touch the poisonous stuff.

J. W. McDonald, W. W. Crawford and W. H. Stephens, Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report: It was through foreign mission enterprises that the Gospel was carried throughout Europe and other parts of the world, by which it was possible for our forefathers to receive the Gospel that taught us of Christ and Him crucified. The Gentile world have been beneficiaries of foreign missions. The great commission makes the world the field and we cannot afford to do less. We therefore recommend that we have foreign mission sermons preached, foreign literature read and foreign mission collections

taken in all the churches during the next year.

J. B. Lumbley, B. W. Teater and J. B. Neighbors, Com.

FAMILY WORSHIP.

By some degree of inquiry we are led to believe that not over twenty-five per cent of our people maintain family devotion, yet no people on earth more than we realize the power and efficiency of prayer. Much of our praying, however, is in the closet, the doors of which have been closed. It might be well that we return to the old time custom of family prayer. Certainly it will be fatal to us, if, from any cause, we forget the injunction of the apostle to pray without ceasing. I, in everything, give thanks.

J. H. Gillaspay, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

Your board of the Ouachita Baptist Association would report as follows: The Board employed Bro. T. P. Nelson to do mission work in the Ouachita Association for nine months at a cost of \$25.00 per month to the Association. The State Mission Board has given \$15.00 a month on Bro. Nelson's salary, for which we are very thankful. We have not had the co-operation of the churches as we should have had. We have received \$109.79 from the churches. We recommend that all of our churches take a part in this great work in the Ouachita Association.

J. E. Taylor, Chairman of the Board,
Rob't. Fortner, Clerk.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Annual report for 1906 to the Ouachita Baptist Association at New Hope church when convened.

I hereby submit my report for 7 months work: Time labored 7 months, miles traveled 1,241, sermons preached 139, conversions 48, baptisms 18, received by letter 3.

Financial report: 7 months at \$25.00 per month \$175.00, received up to date \$126.00; Association still due me \$49.00. I have received from State Board \$90.00 for 6 months work. Respectfully submitted,

T. P. Nelson.

NOMINATIONS.

We your committee report as follows: We recommend Eld. U. S. Andrews to preach the Introductory Sermon; B. F. Cannon alternate. We also recommend Salem church as the place for holding the next association. We recommend that the first Fifth Sunday meeting be held with Hatfield church. We recommend that the Association Mission Board be composed of one member from each church. We recommend J. E. Taylor as chairman of the Mission Board and recommend that five members shall constitute a quorum.

A. S. Robinson, B. W. Teater and R. G. Brown, Committee.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries beg to report as follows by referring to the letters from our members: Big Cedar, Sister Lula McDonald; Mt. Olive, Bro. Ben Branch; Mena, Rev. S. E. Chote, Sister S. H. Allen and Sister J. E. Erenes. Seeing it is the will of our alwise God we humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

T. P. Nelson and J. R. Blake, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools believe that it is bringing our children to God; that it keeps them out of many evils because it brings the old and young together every Sunday to hear the blessed word of God. We therefore recommend that every church in the Ouachita Baptist Association organize and keep up a Sunday School.

M. L. Ridling, A. J. Robins and J. W. Lovins, Committee.

EDUCATION.

We your committee on education beg to report that we find education indispensable to the development of the denomination both spiritually and mentally. We further recommend our denominational schools and call the attention of any of our young people, who want an education, to the unexcelled advantages of our own schools.

S. B. Larmon, U. S. Andrews and B. Duek, Committee.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS.

ORDAINED—Allen W. M., Galena, Bates J. D., Mena, Russel Brown, Grannis, Burt W. H., Vandervoort, Blanton W. W., Galena, Brothers W. J., Wickes, Cross G. A., Cove, Cannon B. F., Hatton, Duek B., Big Cedar, I. T., Gillaspay J. H., Hatfield, Eades W. C., Cove, Hollingsworth F. M., Cove, Nelson T. P., Hatfield, Neighbors S. A., Potter, McDonald J. W., Cove, Pace R. R., Grannis, Phelps T. B., Rocky, Ridling H. C., Mena, Ridling, M. L., Vandervoort, Shelton W. M., Ink, Smail J. E., Mena, Posey Edward, Quito, Thacker F. M., Duckett, Wilson Lee, Hatton, Widner J. M., Cove, Williams E. B. Vandervoort.

LICENSED—Andrews U. S., Big Cedar, I. T., Belew J. A., Potter, Cherry E. H., Rocky, Fisher J. L., Mena, Hensley F. Y., Hatfield, Large L. E., Ink, McDonald M. C., Egger, Nations Dan, Vandervoort, Robins A. J., Rocky, Taylor W. M., Potter.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD.

Rev. S. E. Chote was born at Revilee, Logan county, Arkansas August 18, A. D., 1852, was married to Miss Lucy Hardgrave in 1870, who died in 1878 leaving one child. He was again married in August 1880 to Miss M. A. Sharpe, was converted in December 1880 and joined Revilee Baptist church in April 1881. He was licensed to preach in July 1887 by Mt. Tabor Baptist church in Garland county, Arkansas and was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Hopewell Baptist church, Polk county, Arkansas, October 2, 1892. Died June 19, A. D., 1906, leaving a wife and ten children.

Sister Mary E. Workman died June 29, A. D., 1906.

Bro. Ben Branch died May 13, A. D., 1906.

Sister S. H. Allen and Sister J. E. Erenes.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee beg leave to report as follows: We find that the Association employed T. P. Nelson as missionary for seven months of the past year at \$25.00 per month. We find that our association is a great mission field and recommend that the association go forward with the work. We recommend that the

churches increase their contributions and further recommend that the board withhold the employment of a missionary until the first of July and then employ all that we have means to pay.

T. P. Nelson, M. G. Blanton and Dan Nations, Committee.

ORPHANS HOME.

We your committee would report as follows: We find that the Baptist Orphans Home at Monticello is a grand institution and recommend that all our churches help to maintain this great institution. We find that the home now has about 70 children.

H. C. Ridling, J. E. Taylor and J. B. Blanton, Committee.

FINANCE.

We your committee beg to report as follows: Received for minutes \$24.40, associational missions \$12.10, foreign missions \$7.05, orphans home 10.75, Jas. Compere for foreign missions 4.30. Total amount \$58.50.

B. W. Teater, W. H. Stephens and W. W. Crawford, Com.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your treasurer would report as follows: Received of finance committee for minutes \$24.40, associational missions \$12.20, orphans home \$11.85, foreign missions 12.70. Total amount received \$61.15. Respectfully submitted,

B. W. Teater, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "Ouachita Baptist Association."

2. This association shall be composed of churches in 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 taking their seats.

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

4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard all churches under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to promote the declarative glory of 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 union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order may be admitted to this union through the representation of three delegates at the annual session of this association with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This association may have a fund supplied by a voluntary contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold office during the pleasure of the association and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

8. The association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.

9. The association shall take no cognizance of any query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have failed to settle it; then this association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The clerk of this association shall keep a file of the minutes of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended, at regular meetings of the association, by the concurring voices of two-thirds of its members; provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this association.

12. At each annual meeting there shall be an introductory and missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m. for preaching.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of members present.

3. The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.

4. Any member dissatisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but not thereafter.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by this association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resume their seats.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject. without permission from the association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close the debate until the subject has been fully discussed.

12. Members shall address each other under appellation of brother.

13. The roll may be called as often as the association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided, he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any subject unless the association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only the day the breach be done.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are a trinity of persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three in one.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity, and in the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the Saints. and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

7. We believe that good works are fruits faith, and following after justification, and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful baptized persons, who are in christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only law giver, and the disciple is with the body and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God and the prosperity of His people.

11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but true believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.