

MINUTES

OF THE

GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION

HELD AT

NEW HOPE CHURCH

OCT. 17, 18 AND 19, 1903.



TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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OFFICERS.

Moderator—R. H. Parker, Van, Ark.  
Vice-Moderator, D. S. Bass, St. Charles, Ark.  
Clerk, R. L. Davis, Hazen, Ark.  
Treasurer, W. L. Cole, Hamilton, Ark.

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to be held with New Bethel Church, eight miles north-  
Hazen and six miles northeast from Carlisle, beginning at 10  
rday before the third Sunday in October, 1904.

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**GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASS'N.**

**HOW HOPE CHURCH, OCT. 17, 1903.**

The Association met Saturday at 11 a. m. with the pastor in the chair.

Worship—“Come Thou Fount.”

Psalm—Laud by D. S. Cannon.

W. V. Morris, who was appointed to preach the doctrine sermon, and B. F. House, his alternate, absent, by vote of the body R. E. Sutton was called to preach at this hour.

After scriptural reading, and prayer, led by R. F. House, the congregation listened to an excellent sermon by R. E. Sutton from the subject, “Ye Are Laboring Together With God.”

After assigning homes to the messengers and visitors adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

Reassembled at 2:30 p. m.

Worship by R. M. Richardson.

The Moderator appointed H. B. Dudley and Elmer House reading clerks to read the letters from the churches to the Association.

The following named churches and messengers re-

sponded:

Bethel—H. M. Garrett, J. W. Cubit, Joe Willis.

Big LaGrue—Byron Miller, Sisters Ward, Theodosia Parker.

Center Point—T. C. Rodgers, J. R. Sanders, John Martin.

DeWitt—W. H. Halliburton, J. B. Wofford, H. B. Dudley.

DeVall's Bluff—By letter.

Hebron—W. J. Grissom, A. J. Simpson.

Hazen—Geo. Craig, Wm. Woodall, H. G. Miller.

Harmony—S. W. Carson.

Fairmount—W. A. Craig, Sister Craig.

New Home—By letter.

New Bethel—Joe Johnson, Nathan Dawson, J. L. Harrison.

Pleasant Ridge—J. I. Kerr, Sister Kerr.

Rising Sun—Benjamin Word, Elbert Ragau.

St. Charles—J. N. Worthey, D. S. Bass, Sister Bagg.

Stuttgart—E. A. Washington, H. J. Kelley, Sister Kelley.

Cross Roads—W. H. Pharr, Sisters Nonnie and Judia Miles.

Oak Grove—W. L. Cole, A. W. Cole, Lee Gayden.

Point DeLuce—L. E. Thomas, J. W. McGalibey, C. W. Bradberry.

New Hope—John Rodgers, T. H. Jackson, J. B. Cook.

Prairie Chapel—G. L. Fisher, Sisters G. H. Westrope, Jennie Westrope.

Almyra—W. M. Webb, J. M. Fuller, Dora Edwards.

The Almyra church having been dropped from the roll, motion and second that the same be reinstated. Carried.

Committee on Religious Exercises—The pastor and deacons of New Hope church with W. H. Halliburton and W. M. Webb.

The election of officers next in order.

Motion and second that we suspend the regular order of electing by ballot and elect by acclamation. Carried.

The election resulted as follows:

Moderator—R. H. Parker.

Vice-Moderator—D. S. Bass.

Clerk—R. L. Davis,

Treasurer—W. L. Cole.

Corresponding letters next called for but none presented.

Visiting brethren invited to sit with us in counsel and R. E. Sutton, manager of colportage wagon No. 1 of the State Sunday School Board, received.

The Moderator appointed the following named committees, viz:

Finance—W. L. Cole, J. B. Wofford, J. R. Sanders

Sunday Schools—M. B. Hurt, W. M. Webb, J. S. Sanders, who were requested to report Sunday morning.

Education—R. M. Richardson, Elmer Moon, H. J. Kelley.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Halliburton, Byron Miller, Elbert Ragan.

Publications—H. B. Dudley, W. B. Word, D. D. Willis.

Temperance—W. H. Halliburton, R. M. Best, D. S. Bass.

Obituaries—R. F. Routh, W. A. Craig, Sister Westrope

The Committee on Religious services announced that R. M. Best will preach tonight, R. M. Richardson at 11 a. m. tomorrow and M. B. Hurt at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Motion and second that the Association give a few minutes intermission for the Executive Board to meet and make their report, and that we take up the deliberational work after receiving that report. Carried. Adjourned to 7 p. m.

Congregation assembled at 6:30 p. m. for devotional exercises, lead by M. B. Hurt, after which R. M. Best preached an interesting sermon on "Honoring God," showing how we may honor Him and how he honors us.

The Executive Board made their report which was discussed by R. F. Routh, D. S. Cannon, R. M. Richardson.

Adjourned to 11 a. m. Sunday

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1903

The Association convened at 10 a. m. by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by D. S. Cannon.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report which was discussed by M. B. Hurt, R. F. Routh and R. E. Sutton and then took a recess until after preaching this evening.

At 11 a. m. the congregation listened to an able discourse by R. M. Richardson from James 4:14, after which a cash collection amounting to \$25 was taken for Associational Missions, and the following pledges, viz:

Center Point Church	\$ 5.00
Pleasant Ridge Church	3.00
New Bethel Church	5.00
St. Charles	5.00
Hazen	5.00
Point DeLuce	10.00
Rising Sun	5.00
Cross Roads	2.50
DeWitt	5.00
DeWitt Sunday School	5.00
DeWitt W. M. U.	5.00
H. B. Dudley	5.00
E. B. Hurt	5.00
W. H. Halliburton	5.00
Stuttgart Ladies' Aid	5.00
Elmer Moon	5.00
J. M. Fuller and wife	2.00
T. H. Jackson	2.00
W. B. Word	2.00
Elbert Ragan	1.00
S. W. Carson	1.00
J. B. Wofford	3.00
Total	\$91.50

At 2:30 p. m. the audience listened to an instructive and feeling sermon on "Our Relation to the Church," by M. B. Hurt.

After the sermon the Association was called to order and the discussion of the Sunday School report



was continued by W. M. Webb, W. H. Halliburton, H. H. Cannon, H. B. Dudley, R. F. Routh, R. E. Sutton and D. S. Bass.

Report adopted. (See Appendix "A.")

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday.

Sunday night we had a strong and able sermon on "Missions," delivered by R. F. Routh, from John 15:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1903.

Assembled at 9 a. m. by singing "Come Thou Fount." Prayer by D. S. Bass.

The Association again took up the report of the Executive Board and the discussion was continued by H. H. Cannon, Wm. Webb, R. H. Parker, R. F. Routh, H. D. Willis, R. E. Sutton, R. M. Richardson, M. B. Hurt, H. B. Dudley. Amendment offered which was received and the report, as amended, adopted. (See Appendix "B.")

Report on Publications read and adopted. (See Appendix "C.")

Report on Foreign Missions read and discussed by M. B. Hurt after which a cash collection of \$20.40 was taken to be applied on salary of a native missionary in China. Report adopted. (See Appendix "D.")

Report on Temperance read and discussed by W. H. Halliburton and R. H. Parker. Report adopted. (See Appendix "E.")

Report on Obituaries read and adopted. (Appendix "F.")

Report on Education read and adopted. (Appendix "H.")

Report of Finance Committee read and approved. (Appendix "I.")

Time and place of holding our next meeting in order. Prairie Chapel, Hazen, New Bethel and Cross Roads were placed in nomination. By vote of the body it was decided to hold our next meeting at New Bethel Church beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1904.

The Treasurer made his report which was received. (Appendix "J.")

R. M. Richardson was elected with R. M. Best as

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alternate to preach the next introductory sermon, and M. B. Hurt. with D. S. Cannon as alternate, to preach the next annual missionary sermon.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved: That in case the resolution passed as to our Associational Mission efforts should fail, that the Executive Board be instructed to fall back on the original motion—that is, to employ a missionary for all his time within the bounds of our Association. That the churches instruct their members of the Board in regard to this matter.

Resolved: That The Clerk have 500 copies of the minutes of this Association printed, and distribute to the different churches, and that the Clerk be given \$15 00 for his services for the past two years, and that if there is not enough money sent up for this purpose, a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer for enough to make it.

Resolved: That it is the pleasure of this body to give a vote of thanks to New Hope Church and vicinity for care and hospitality during our sitting.

Motion and second that the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for courtesies shown during our meeting. Carried.

R. M. Richardson was appointed messenger to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(The Moderator requests each church to recommend a member of the Executive Board.)

Adjourned for dinner.

The members met at 1:30 p. m. Song, "Shall We Gather at the River."

Prayer by W. M. Webb.

The Moderator announced the following Executive Board for the ensuing year. Viz:

Big LaGrue, R. C. Allen  
 St. Charles, W. W. Dunn  
 Point DeLuce, Abbott Powell  
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 Oak Grove, W. L. Cole  
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Motion and second that we adjourn to meet at New Bethel Church on Saturday before the third Monday in October, 1904, at 10 a. m.

A very touching farewell address was given by Col. W. H. Halliburton who is one of the landmarks of the State.

After singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," and extending the parting hand, was closed with prayer by W. H. Halliburton.

R. H. PARKER,  
 MODERATOR.

L. DAVIS, CLERK.



## APPENDIX.



### "A." SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to say: Our Sunday Schools are not what they should be, neither in number nor in quality. 2nd. That it is one of the strongest factors in church work—of building the young people up in Christian faith and church doctrine. Therefore be it resolved: 1st. That we all return to our homes determined to stir up more interest in our own schools and create in others a desire to enlist in the great work until every church in this Association is supporting a Sunday School. 2nd. That we recom-



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ment to each Sunday School Baptist literature to the exclusion of all other, else we fail in our purpose of the school. 3rd That we request the Executive Board and ministers of this Association to meet regularly Saturday before every fifth Sunday in the year, and that these meetings be called Sunday School conventions. In these meetings such questions shall be discussed as pertain to the best interests of the Sunday School and church work.

M. B. HURT  
J. R. SANDERS  
W. M. WEBB.



#### "B." EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, beg leave to submit the following: During the last associational year we have done no missionary work but recommend that the Association employ a missionary for all his time during the ensuing year to work within the bounds of this Association as there is great destitution within our bounds,

R. H. PARKER, Chairman.  
R. L. DAVIS, Secretary.

Amended by referring the mission work back to the churches, recommending each church to select mission points for her pastor and report same through the church to the Executive Board,



#### "C." PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would respectfully submit the following:

1st. We would recommend first of all the word of God which is able to make us wise unto salvation, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2nd. Good sound literature as a means for the advancement of our people cannot be estimated. There is danger of laying too much stress upon arithmetic and other similar studies during the educational period of our children, and too little stress on good reading. Along with the child's educational duties, let our fathers and mothers prescribe good books for their children, such as missionary travels and Bible stories. Let every family lay aside at least a part of their means for the purchase of good literature. As good literature we would recommend some good Baptist paper, and especially the Foreign Mission Journal, and for our Sunday Schools we would recommend only Baptist literature.

H. B. DUDLEY  
D. D. WILLIS  
W. B. WORD.



#### "D." FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Moderator and Messengers of the Grand Prairie Association:

Your committee appointed to make report on the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following as their report, to-wit:

They are sorry to be compelled to say they have neither statistics nor other reliable information on which to base information as to such the work on said subject within the bounds of said Association. But they respectfully beg leave to say that they

believe it to be the religious duty of every christian of every name or nationality to use such means as God, in His loving kindness, has vouchsafed to such christians for the promulgation of the doctrine of salvation, and that each church be requested to take collections for Foreign Missions and send either to M. B. Hurt or to any of the Foreign Mission agencies. Respectfully submitted,  
 W. H. HALLIBURTON  
 ELBERT RAGAN.



"E." TEMPERANCE.

To the Moderator and Messengers of Grand Prairie Association:  
 Your committee appointed to report on the subject of Temperance beg leave to submit the following as their report in this behalf: Reporting, say they regard the use of intoxicants of every name or nature as a beverage a great evil and that it is the religious duty of every lover of the religion of our b'essed Savior to use such means as may be in the power of such christian by precept and example in the suppressing of the sale and use of intoxicants. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HALLIBURTON.



"F." OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report the following:

He who rules over the destinies of all, has seen fit, in his wisdom, to call from our midst thirteen (13) from churches of this Association.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

We believe while we have lost, they have gained. Therefore we humbly bow to the will of our Lord who doeth all things well. Therefore be ye also ready.

ROB'T F. ROUTH  
 MRS. G. H. WESTROPE.

"H." EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would offer the following reports:

We are glad that this important duty commands the attention of this Association. Representing as we do a large, intelligent citizenship, we could not very well afford to pass it by unnoticed, for it is the imperative duty of the Church of Christ to instruct its members in the great truths of christianity. For our Savior incorporated this duty in the great commission, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We would therefore suggest that every church within our bounds devote it to the cause of Christ to use every means within its reach to enlighten, instruct and train its members, especially the young people, for a life of usefulness and religious efficiency as to all our denominational efforts and enterprises. Hence we recommend the judicious distribution of denominational books and tracts, and above all to urge the reading and studying of God's Holy Word. "Search the Scriptures," etc. We would also recommend that all our people patronize our denominational schools and colleges. Respectfully submitted,

R. M. RICHARDSON  
 ELMER MOON  
 H. J. KELLEY.



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## "I." FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

The churches sent for Minutes and Clerk	
Fees.....	\$ 26 37
DeVall's Bluff Church for Home Missns	7.50
Rising Sun	1.40
" " State Missions	1.00
" " Foreign	1.00
" " Orphans Home	1.00
" " Assoc'nl Missions	1.50
DeVall's Bluff Church, Foreign	7.50
" " Orphans Home	5.00
Grand Prairie Assn for Foreign Missions (M. B. Hurt)	20.40
Cash Collection for Asso'nal Missions	25.00
Cash Collection for Associational Mis- sions, Big LaGrue	5.00
Center Point Church, on old pledge	5.00
New Hope " "	5.00
Cross Roads " "	2.50
Hazen " "	5.00
New Bethel " "	2.50
Pleasant Ridge " "	3.00
Rising Sun " "	1.00
DeWitt " "	2.85
DeWitt Sunday School, on old pledge	2.50
DeWitt Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
H. B. Dudley on old pledge	5.00
D. S. Cannon	5.00
Chas. Bradbury	2.50
Miss Berline Percifull, on old pledge	1.00

Total..... \$ 150.12

Wm. L. COLE, J. R. SANDERS, J. B. WOFFORD,  
Committee

## "J." TREASURER.

Statement of Treasurer of Grand Prairie Association:

Supposed amount received Oct. 19, 1902..... \$95.43

## DISBURSEMENTS

Orders from Clerk for D. S. Cannon	\$ 20.00
Orders from Clerk for R. M. Best	8.43
Paid R. C. Medaris for State Missions	1.20
" Home Missions	2.75
" Foreign Missions	13.45
" Orphans Home	2.00
" H. H. Street, Sun School Missionary	9.08
Minutes \$15, postage \$1.50, Clerk fees	
\$2 00	18.50
Paid postage for Minute money	12 76 03

Balance brought down	19.38
Received from E. J. McCain	3.58
Received at this place	130.34

Total on hand..... 213.30

W. L. COLE, Treasurer

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. S. Cannon, DeWitt, Ark	M. B. Hurt, DeWitt, Ark
A. J. Frost, Des Arc	Wade Pharr, Carlisle
R. M. Best, Hazen	A. B. Swift, Hazen
R. F. Routh, Hazen	D. D. Willis, Hazen
T. K. Flynn, Hazen	R. M. Richardson, Stuttgart
John H. Bracewell, Vaby	S. H. Fowler, Roe
L. T. Grumbles, DeVal's Bluff	B. F. House, Barrettsville
H. Y. Morris, Barrettsville.	

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Joe Johnson, Hazen	John Martin, Hazen
Allen Hendricks, Hazen	J. W. Outlaw, DeValis Bluff
	J. I. Kerr, Uzzell,



NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS.

Almyra Church, J. M. Fuller, Almyra  
 Bethel Church, H. M. Garrett, Stuttgart  
 LaGrue, R. H. Parker, Van  
 Counter Point, W. H. Bullock, Hazen  
 Cross Roads, C. L. Highfill, Hickory Plains  
 De Witt, J. B. Wofford, DeWitt  
 DeValis Bluff, D. J. Swinney, DeVal's Bluff  
 Debron, A. J. Simpson, DeLuce  
 Hazen, Mrs. Hattie Sanders, Hazen  
 Harmony, J. G. Lancaster, Melta  
 Fairmount, Mrs. J. C. Pace, Fairmount  
 New Home, J. F. Chapman, Des Arc  
 New Hope, Elmer Moon, Hagler  
 New Bethel, George Gerren, Carlisle  
 Oak Grove, W. L. Cole, Hamilton  
 Point DeLuce, Abbot Powell, DeWitt  
 Pleasant Ridge, L. E. Buchanan, Uzzell  
 Prairie Chapel, J. E. Wheeler, Hazen R. F. D., No. 1  
 Spring Sun, C. J. Henderson, Sassafras  
 St. Charles, A. B. Cullipher, St. Charles  
 Stuttgart, W. J. Stillwell, Stuttgart.

Name of Church.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Total	Sun. School	For Missions & Clerk Fees	Assoc'ional Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastors' Sal	Value of Church Property
	Baptism	By Letter	Restored	By Letter	Died	Expelled									
Almyra.....	12	17	7	2	2		65	1	1 65					100 00	
Bethel.....	12	3	3		1		33		2 00						\$ 200 00
Big LaGrue.....	12	1	2	2			76		1 50	5 00					600 00
Center Point.....	21	9	7	5		4	154		2 00	5 00					
Cross Roads.....	8	3	1	10		2	48		1 00		2 50				
DeWitt.....	8	14		7	2		119	1	2 00	15 00	48 60	2 00	8 00	410 00	1200 00
DeVall's Bluff.....		7		4			40	1	1 25		13 50	9 75	9 75	220 00	850 00
Hebron.....	1				1		23	1	1 65					25 00	
Hazen.....	81	12		5			88	1	1 60	5 00					900 00
Harmony.....						1	33	1	50					40 00	
Fairmount.....							11	1							500 00
New Home.....	1	3				4	41								
New Hope.....				2	6		63		1 00						
New Bethel.....	2	2		1		4	40	1	87	2 50				21 25	500 00
Oak Grove.....	3	1	1	1		1	31	1	1 00						
Point deLuce.....	15			2		1	85		1 40					75 00	
Pleasant Ridge.....	2	4		2			55	1	66					50 00	200 00
Prairie Chapel.....	27	8		2			55	1	1 64		3 00			51 50	300 00
Rising Sun.....	2	1	1	5	2	1	78	1	90	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
St. Charles.....	4	1		1			33		75						
Stuttgart.....		16	1	3			62	1	3 00		45 52			525 00	1200 00
Totals.....	161	102	23	54	14	16	1202	14	\$26 37	\$35 50	106 72	\$15 25	\$18 75		