

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Twenty-Third Annual Session

of the

BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

WHITE PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

Two and One-Half Miles West of

BUCKVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ARK.

September 21, 1912

M. C. MELTON, BUCKVILLE,

Moderator

J. T. BLAKELY, STORY,

Clerk and Treasurer

Next session will be held with Mt. Zion Church, near Oakwood,
Montgomery County, Ark., Saturday before the fourth
Sunday in September, 1913, at 10 a. m.

Proceedings

The Buckville Baptist Association met with the White Plains Baptist Church, two and one-half miles west of Buckville, Montgomery County, Ark., in its twenty-third annual session, September 21, 1912.

Called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. P. Emery, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother A. R. Chitwood.

Elder W. J. Chitwood preached the introductory sermon. Text, Heb. 6: 1.

Recess till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Brother J. S. Ragsdale led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Credentials Brother S. H. Noles, Brother J. G. McLane and Brother I. G. Neal.

Letters from the following churches were read and Messengers' names enrolled, to-wit:

Buckville—W. B. Pool, W. H. Osborn, W. H. Brown.

Mt. Tabor—Elder M. C. Melton, Elder J. M. Crawford, Elder J. C. Ratliff.

Antioch—Elder W. J. Chitwood.

Pleasant Ridge—J. C. Graves, H. W. Metcalf.

Sweet Home—S. H. Noles, A. D. Cumbie.

Concord—W. H. Cumbie.

Harvey's Chapel—W. J. Huddleston.

Prairie Grove—J. I. Wilson, Lewis Wilson.

Jessieville—Z. T. Young, J. T. Ward, W. Givens.

Cedar Glades—Elder H. A. Belote, G. H. Speer.

Marble—J. W. Newkirk, J. W. Pullen, E. H. Newkirk.

Shady Grove No. 2—W. L. Campbell, I. K. Moon, Homer Smith.

Shady Grove No. 1—Elder D. T. Green.

Oak Hill—Elder W. A. Neighbors, John Elrod.

Washita—Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane, J. A. Grant.

White Plains—Jeff Bradley, C. C. Bradley, A. D. Young.

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, A. R. Chitwood.

Glazier Poe—Elder S. H. Jennings, R. E. Debruler.

Refuge—Elder J. P. Emery, J. T. Blakely, E. S. Lasseter.

Rock Springs—G. M. Fisher, Houston Richardson, W. C. Smith.

New Prospect—H. E. Snodgrass.

Bethlehem—Elder J. S. Ragsdale, C. B. McKee.

Pleasant Valley—I. G. Neal, W. L. Neal, W. G. Jones.

Mt. Zion—E. W. Chitwood, W. H. Bratton.

Brady Grove—Ben Kidd.

On motion the rules were suspended and petitionary letters were called for and one was presented by Unity Baptist Church. The letter was read, the church received, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers, Brother G. W. Carpenter and Brother J. D. Cunningham.

Elder J. S. Ragsdale, Elder W. A. Neighbors and Brother I. W. Merriott were appointed Corresponding Messengers to the Saline Association.

The body then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Brothers W. B. Pool, J. W. Pullen and J. I. Wilson were appointed as tellers. Elder M. C. Melton was elected Moderator, and J. T. Blakely was elected Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Services Brother J. G. McLane, Brother J. W. Newkirk and the Messengers of the White Plains Church.

On motion the body adjourned business hours till 8 o'clock, Monday.

Saturday night Elder W. A. Neighbors preached at White Plains, and Elder W. J. Chitwood preached at Buckville.

The people met at White Plains at 10:30 o'clock in a Sunday School rally. The White Plains and Buckville Sunday Schools marched into the church and listened to a splendid address by Elder J. W. Shepard.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. P. Emery preached to a large congregation. Text, 2 Chron. 15: 17.

After which a collection of \$11.71 was raised for Associational Missions.

Recess till 3 o'clock.

At 3 o'clock Elder J. S. Ragsdale preached.

Sunday night Elder J. M. Crawford preached, after which Brother A. D. Young was ordained as a deacon of White Plains church.

Elder W. A. Neighbors preached at Buckville Sunday night.

MONDAY.

Called to order by the Moderator at 8 o'clock, who read the first Psalm.

Prayer led by Brother W. J. Chitwood.

The roll was called with 55 Messengers present.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, and after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother I. G. Neal, and Brother Emery, and after an amendment requesting each church to send a contribution for Foreign Missions to the next Association, was adopted. \$3.50 was collected for Foreign Missions.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother J. W. Newkirk, Brother Cockrell and Brother Melton, was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions was made, and after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother I. G. Neal, Brother W. J. Chitwood and Brother Cockrell, was referred back to the committee.

On motion the body rescinded the act of doing its mission work through the General Association, and gave each church the privilege of saying through what channel it desired to do mission work.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions read, and after being discussed by Brother Cockrell, Brother Emery, and Brother Neighbors, was adopted.

Brother Melton had to leave to attend a funeral, and Brother J. W. Shepard was elected Moderator till he returned.

Committee on Orphans Home made their report, and after an amendment including the Monticello Orphans' Home with Texarkana, was adopted.

Recess till 1:30 p. m.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. W. Shepard preached, and offered an invitation to the unsaved, and three came forward for prayer.

A collection of \$10.00 was made, to be divided equally between the Monticello and Texarkana Orphans' Home.

Committee on Ministerial Support made their report, and after being discussed by Brother J. G. McLane, Brother Shepard and Brother Melton, was adopted.

Committee on Home Missions made their report which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on State Missions read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries and Condolence read and adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Missionary W. A. Neighbors made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary J. S. Ragsdale made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary J. P. Emery made his report, which was adopted.

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were read and adopted.

The body then went into the election of a Missionary Board for the ensuing year. J. G. McLane, W. B. Pool and J. T. Blakely were elected.

On motion the Missionary Board were given full power in directing the missionary work in this Association.

On motion it was voted that each church that desired the Association to meet with it, should so state in their letter.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 400 copies of the minutes printed and distribute them to each church in proportion to their minute fund. The clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Church, near Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ark, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1913 at 10 o'clock a. m. A song was sung, the parting hand extended, and Brother Andrew Chitwood led the closing prayer.

ELDER M. C. MELTON, *Moderator.*

J. T. BLAKELY, *Clerk.*

Reports of Committees

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows:

The needs on the Foreign fields for the preaching of the gospel are still very great.

We should do all in our power to support the Missionaries.

I. G. NEAL,
W. L. CAMPBELL,
D. T. GREEN,

Committee.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report as follows:

We believe it is our duty to help evangelize this great State of ours, therefore we urge each church in this Association to do its best for State Missions.

J. W. SHEPARD,
J. S. RAGSDALE,
C. B. MCKEE,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, report as follows:

We believe it is our duty to co-operate with the churches in having the gospel preached in the destitute places in our home field.

We recommend that a collection be taken up and sent through the channel that the contributing church may direct. We recommend that the deacons take up collections for this important work.

S. H. JENNINGS,
I. K. MOON,
J. W. NEWKIRK,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report as follows:

We find that there is great destitution within our bounds, and believe that an efficient Missionary should be sent into the destitute places and preach Christ and Him crucified, that sinners might be saved and the cause of Christ built up.

W. L. COCKRELL,
J. I. WILSON,
W. B. POOL,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, report as follows:

We believe that the churches of the Buckville Association should pay their pastors better salaries, in order that they may better prepare themselves for the work of pastoring the churches.

Therefore we recommend that the churches of this Association look better to the needs of their pastors.

W. H. OSBORN,
A. R. CHITWOOD,
G. M. FISHER,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report:

We believe the Sunday School is simply the church at work. We find that the churches are neglecting this important work. We recommend that each church in this Association organize and maintain an evergreen Sunday School, and use Baptist literature in the study of the lessons.

J. G. McLANE,
W. J. CHITWOOD,
C. C. BRADLEY,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

The use of intoxicating drinks is very hurtful, and their excessive use is strictly forbidden by the scriptures.

Therefore we urge our people to do all they can to discourage dram drinking and abolish saloons from our fair State.

As Christians we should do all in our power to shield the young people from the blighting influence of strong drink.

J. P. EMERY,
W. H. CUMBIE,
J. W. PULLEN,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that death has taken 13 of our brothers and sisters from our midst.

Brothers J. A. Stephens, Willie Aldredge. Sisters Malissa Gantt, Malinda Oller. and Minnie Menton, of Refuge Church; Brother W. P. Melton and S. E. Noles, of Mt. Tabor; Sister Minnie Shepard, of Washita; Brother Jake Richardson and Jess Murders, of Rock Springs; Sister Julia Freeman, of Buckville; Sister Hessie Guerin and Dave Akins, of Marble.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved, and feel ere long we shall one by one step across the river.

J. M. CRAWFORD,
J. T. WARD,
J. A. YOUNG,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, report as follows:

We find that the needs are such at our Orphans' Home that we recommend that churches and Sunday Schools take up collections and forward same to our Orphans' Homes at Monticello and Texarkana. We find there is some sickness in our Orphans' Home.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,
A. D. CUMBIE,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend that Elder J. P. Emery preach the introductory sermon, with Elder J. W. Shepard alternate, at the next session of our body.

W. H. BROWN,
W. H. SMITH,
R. E. DEBRULER,

Committee

We, your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Received for Minute Fund.....	\$28.15
Received for Orphans' Home.....	5.70
Received for Associational Missions.....	8.70
Received for Foreign Missions.....	3.50
Total	\$46 05

S. H. NOLES,
W. J. HUDDLESTON,
J. J. BRADLEY,

Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. I

Resolved, That we have a sermon preached at our next session and annually afterwards on Obituaries and Condolence, thereby respecting our deceased brethren and sisters.—W. A. Neighbors.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Resolved, That this body tender its thanks to the church and people of this community for their hospitality and kindness during this session of our body.—I. G. Neal.

RESOLUTION No 3.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficiency and dispatch of business.—I. G. Neal.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Miles traveled, 117; days labored, 28; sermons preached, 33; baptisms, 10; restored to fellowship, 9; renewals, 17; professions witnessed, 21.

W. A. NEIGHBORS.

Your Missionary submits the following report:—

Days labored, 26; sermons, 29; professions, 5; baptized, 6; restored, 2; miles traveled, 120; collected, \$6.00.

J. S. RAGSDALE.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored 5; Sermons 10; Professions witnessed 6.

J. P. EMERY.

Received from W. A. Blakely, former Treas.	
for Associational Missions.....	\$ 72.63
Received from Sister N. J. Rogers.....	2.00
Received from N. L. Tedford.....	2.00
Received from White Plains Church.....	5.00
Received from J. P. Emery.....	5.00
Received from W. L. Cockrell.....	3.00
Received from Finance Committee.....	46.05
Received from Collection on Sunday at Ass'n.	11.71
Received from Collection for Foreign Miss'ns	3.50
Received from Collection for Orphans' Home	10.00
Received from J. T. Ward.....	5.00
Received from M. C. Melton.....	5.00
Received from W. H. Cumbie.....	5.00
Received from Rock Springs Church.....	5.00
Received from Refuge Church.....	5.00
Received from Dr. Pool for Orphans' Home..	1.00
Received from J. S. Ragsdale.....	2.00
Received from S. H. Jennings.....	5.00

Total.....\$193.89

Disbursements—

Paid to W. A. Neighbors.....	\$ 42.00
Paid to J. S. Ragsdale.....	39.00
Paid to J. P. Emery.....	7.50
Paid to Orphans' Home.....	15.70
Paid to Foreign Missions.....	7.00
Paid for Printing Minutes.....	28.15

Total.....	\$139.35
Balance on hand.....	\$ 54.54

J. T. BLAKELY, *Treasurer.*

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

John W. Newkirk.....	\$ 2.00
J. P. Emery.....	5.00
Oak Hill Church.....	5.00
W. L. Cockrell.....	2.00
S. H. Jennings.....	1.00
I. K. Moon.....	1.00
Homer Smith.....	1.00
W. L. Campbell, paid.....	2.00
W. A. Neighbors, paid.....	1.00
J. S. Ragsdale, paid.....	2.50

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. B. Adams.....	Cedar Glades
A. M. McClelland.....	Cedar Glades.
H. A. Belote.....	Cedar Glades.
J. M. Crawford.....	Cedar Glades.
James Sharp.....	Cedar Glades.
J. L. Lanier.....	Jessieville.
J. S. Ragsdale.....	Jessieville.
W. L. Cockrell.....	Bear.
M. C. Melton.....	Gladstone.
J. C. Ratliff.....	Gladstone.
W. J. Chitwood.....	Chandler.
W. T. Smith.....	Chandler.
J. A. Shackelford.....	Chandler.
J. O. Booth.....	Chandler.
W. T. Seymore.....	Haws.
J. P. Emery.....	Story.
J. W. Shepard.....	Washita.
S. H. Jennings.....	Mt. Valley.
J. E. Ritter.....	Jessieville.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

G. W. Hulsey	Hot Springs.
D. T. Green	Jessieville.
J. E. Helms	Haws.
A. D. Young	Buckville.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Days of Meeting
Antioch.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	J. F. Reece.....	Chandler.....	1	3	3				57	\$.75	\$.....	\$.....	\$.75	\$.....	1	3rd
Brady Grove.....	H. A. Belote.....	Mrs. J. E. Minton.....	Cedar Glades.....							34	.65						2nd
Buckville.....	M. C. Melton.....	G. L. Williamson.....	Buckville.....	36	31				1	112	3.00				31.50	1	4th
Bethlehem.....	S. H. Jennings.....	W. T. Masner.....	Jessieville.....	1	6		1			47	.40	2.00				1	2nd
Cedar Glades.....	H. A. Belote.....	Bart Neal.....	Cedar Glades.....			2				56	1.00				7.00		1st
Concord.....	J. P. Emery.....	W. H. Cumbie.....	Aly.....							30	.75	5.00		1.65		1	2nd
Glazier Poe.....	Wm. Cain.....	R. E. DeBules.....	Mt. Valley.....							49	1.00	5.00				1	
Harvey's Chapel.....	S. B. Redwine.....	W. J. Huddleston.....	Haws.....							46	1.00	1.00					
Jessieville.....	S. H. Jennings.....	A. F. Newkirk.....	Jessieville.....	2	1					42	1.15	2.85			13.70	1	3rd
Marble.....	W. A. Neighbors.....	J. W. Pullen.....	Beaudry.....	5			2	4	2	76	1.10				6.20	1	2nd
Mt. Tabor.....	M. C. Melton.....	F. M. Ratliff.....	Gladstone.....	20	4	1			1	122	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	7.15		3rd
Mt. Zion.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	Johny Nichols.....	Oakwood.....	7		4				64	1.00						
New Prospect.....	S. H. Jennings.....	J. A. Snodgrass.....	Mt. Valley.....	1	1	1	2			38	.50				6.15		1st
New Home.....	W. J. Chitwood.....	C. R. Houser.....	Bear.....		1	1		1		78	1.50	1.20					2nd
Oak Hill.....	Wm. Cain.....	G. W. Snodgrass.....	Hot Springs, Mt. Route.....	3	1	2	1			35	1.00				28.00	1	2nd
Pleasant Ridge.....	J. M. Crawford.....	Roy Vawter.....	Lena.....	8		1	3	5		45	1.20				12.30		
Pleasant Valley.....	H. A. Belote.....	I. G. Neal.....	Cedar Glades.....	9	3	1				38	.60					1	
Prairie Grove.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	W. L. Lockhart.....	Story.....	3	4					46	.50				16.60		
Refuge.....	J. P. Emery.....	J. T. Blakely.....	Story.....	6	2	8			5	84	1.00	10.00	5.10		10.00	1	3rd
Rock Springs.....	H. A. Belote.....	J. A. Fisher.....	Cedar Glades.....		1	1		1	2	78	1.05	5.00					3rd
Shady Grove No. 1.....	W. A. Neighbors.....	Wm. Crane.....	Holls.....	3			3			44	1.00						1st
Shady Grove No. 2.....	W. L. Cockrell.....	L. K. Moon.....	Flr.....		1	1				42	1.25	.50		2.30	10.50		1st
Sweet Home.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	S. H. Noles.....	Stillwater.....							34	1.00						2nd
Union.....	W. Smith.....	Julia Coleman.....	Maddox.....	3		3		1		34	.70						
Washita.....	H. H. Thomas.....	R. C. Phillips.....	Washita.....	3	5	3	3		1	67	2.00		2.50				3rd
White Plains.....	M. C. Melton.....	P. H. Sams.....	Buckville.....	2	5	13				45	1.00				10.50	1	2nd
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