



MINUTES

—OF THE—

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

UNITED ASSOCIATION

—OF—

MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

—HELD WITH—

❖ LONE GROVE CHURCH, ❖

CONWAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

—ON—

SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, 1888.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. K. BROADAWAY, Moderator, Scotland, Ark.

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Clerk, Centre Ridge, Ark.

W. L. WOOLVERTON, Treasurer, Centre Ridge, Ark.

Next Meeting Thursday, before the Second Sunday in September,
1889, with Causau Church, Searcy County, Ark.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The United Association of the Missionary Baptist Churches met at Lone Grove, on Friday, September 14th, 1888; Moderator and Clerk present. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder B. M. Stephens.

After sermon the Moderator called the Association to order and appointed E. A. Woolverton and J. A. Johnson to read the letters from the churches; there were twenty-one churches presented their annual letters.

The order of business was suspended and petitionary letters called for, and the following churches presented letters, to-wit: Providence, Pleasant Valley, Usebia and Zion Hill. After giving satisfaction as to their faith they were received by the body and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

The body then went into permanent organization by electing J. K. Broadaway, Moderator; E. A. Woolverton, Clerk and W. L. Woolverton, Treasurer.

Called for visiting brethren to seats in the body. Eld. J. N. Hall of the Arkansas Baptist; Eld's T. Moody, J. A. Johnson, — Meyers, — Coats and Dr. W. A. C. Sayle of the Russellville so-As-ociation, Eld. J. Denny of the Blue Mountain and D. F. Blackburn of the Pee Dee Association answered to the call and was admitted to seats; also Eld. M. S. Kirkland of Cold Water Association, North Mississippi, was admitted.

The Moderator appointed M. A. Boyd, Asa Robertson and L. F. Daniel committee on devotional service; and W. P. Melton, C. L. Boyd, B. F. Barnes on order of business. Motion to adjourn to 3 o'clock p. m. carried.

FRIDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Eld. J. W. Ford. M. T. Caperton was admitted as visiting member, also Eld. J. Mayall.

Committee on order of business read their report which was received.

Motion carried to amend the report by substituting "committee on Prohibition" in place of "committee on Temperance."

Motion to receive Bro. J. W. Briant as messenger from Union Association was ruled out of order. Motion to open correspondence with Union Association was, after some discussion, lost.

The following brethren were appointed as messengers to sister Associations, to-wit: To State Convention, which meets at Jonesborough, Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1888; Eld. J. Mayall, J. J. Turnham and T. Nutt. To the Blue Mountain Association, W. W. Reed, E. A. Woolverton, F. J. Goatcher, Green Brier, G. W. Ford; Russellville, J. Mayall, M. S. Kirkland; Little Red River, J. W. Yancy; Pee Dee, J. K. Broadaway, B. M. Stephens, W. W. Duncan. The Clerk rose to question of privilege and asked how many preachers were present; twenty answered to their names. On motion the next meeting of this body will be held with Canaan Church, six miles west of Marshall, Searey county. Eld. G. W. Ford to preach the introductory sermon, J. K. Broadaway alternate. On motion T. Nutt, J. F. Ward, J. H. Ridling were appointed committee on Queries. Adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Friday night 7 o'clock p. m., preaching by Eld. M. S. Kirkland, followed by B. F. Barnes. Theme, "Salvation by Grace," text, Eph. 2 chap. 8 v. After sermon a collection was taken to pay expenses of delegates to State Convention, which amounted to \$2.35.—

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Met for business, prayer by Bro. Denny. On motion G. W. Ford was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist convention with B. M. Stephens and J. Mayall alternates. Committee on publication read their report. Eld. J. N. Hall made an interesting speech after which the report was adopted. Report on Sabbath schools read and adopted. Report on Associational Mission read and referred to the committee on destitution. Report on Ministerial education read. Bro. J. N. Hall addressed the Association on the above report showing the great need of an educated ministry. The report was adopted. Report on prohibition read and adopted. Report on Foreign Missions read. Motion to adjourn carried to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. Coats.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON.

Prayer by M. F. Caperton. Report on Foreign Missions taken up and adopted. Report on Destitution read and adopted. A collection was taken up for Associational mission work which amounted to \$1.00 in cash from Bro. F. Smith, a blind brother; the congregation at once contributed \$11.00 to Bro. Smith. There was also made in pledges for mission work \$147.50. Eld. M. S. Kirkland was elected by the body as Missionary for the next year with J. K. Broadaway alternate. Report of J. K. Broadaway as Mis-

sionary to the church at Pleasant Grove read and adopted. On motion E. A. Woolverton, J. H. Wright, J. H. Norwood, G. W. Hawkins, were elected as executive board for the next year. The committee on queries reported queries No. 1 2 and 3, which were all tabled in turn. Adjourned for preaching by Eld. J. W. S. Leslie, followed by B. F. Barnes. Motion carried to have articles of faith and constitution of this Association printed in Minutes.

On motion it was voted that the next meeting of the Association be on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September next. Resolution of thanks adopted. On motion Clerk to superintend the the printing and distribution of minutes and have \$10.00 for his services, carried. Minutes read and adopted. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Eld. J. N. Hall preached at 11 o'clock on the subject of the Church. The sermon was an able and learned effort and greatly strengthened the brethren. At 3 o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. J. Mayall.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

We your committee on publication ask leave to report that the interest of our people in reading and circulating our denominational literature is on the increase. Our books and papers are all receiving an increased support, and the outlook for the future is very promising. We are glad to say, also, that Baptist literature is second to none in the world. Our books, our periodicals, are first-class. We note with pride the improvement made in the literature of our own state. Our state paper has been enlarged and greatly improved in appearance and make-up. The subscription list is growing rapidly. Brethren Hall and Milburn also have a Baptist book house in connection with their paper work. We therefore recommend

1st. That the Bible continue to be our standard of appeal and constant study.

2nd. That our people take and read the Arkansas Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and Home and Field.

3rd. That each family endeavor to buy more Baptist literature every year.

4th. That the "Central Baptist," "American Baptist," "Christian Repository" and "The Baptist" are papers sound in doctrine and should be read by all our people.

B. M. STEPHENS, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We believe that a knowledge of the gospel plan of salvation is one of the means of bringing men and women to Christ, and we think there is no better time to teach this than in the tender years of childhood. Therefore, we would recommend that each church organize and keep up a lively Sabbath school that our children may be taught the way of truth and life, and that each church report its Sabbath school work to the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FORD, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Peco-Baptist world are doing all in their power and using every means within their grasp to educate their preachers, thereby fitting and qualifying that body to diffuse more of their anti-Christian doctrines among the perishing millions of fallen humanity. We think it highly necessary in order to compete with them that we should have an educated ministry. We would recommend therefore,

1st. That each church encourage and assist in the work as far as possible.

2nd. That Ouachita College is a suitable place for the education of our young ministers and should have our help.

J. W. S. LESLIE, Chairman.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We are glad to report to this body that there is a growing tendency in this Association in favor of prohibition as was manifested in the recent state election. Brethren, whisky is poisoning the morals of the young men of our country. We see that it nerves the hand of the assassin. It causes brother to slay brother, brother-in-law to take the life blood of brother-in-law, son to kill father and bring a mother in tears to a premature grave. It causes the young man to stain his hand in the hearts blood of the young lady. In view of all this, can we as Baptist afford to be silent in the cause of Prohibition? We would recommend that every Baptist in the United Association use their utmost influence to stamp out this evil from our midst. Let us take a firm, bold stand on this important question.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. MAGEE, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions is a great work and should enlist our strongest sympathies and warmest support, and strong

efforts should be used to push forward the Master's Kingdom in foreign lands where it is yet unknown. Therefore, we recommend that funds be raised to assist in this great work. Our foreign mission work has been attended with great success during the past year.

J. J. TURNHAM, Chairman.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We would recommend the following places as claiming the attention of this body, to-wit: At Springfield the church is too weak in numbers to be self-sustaining and should have aid, also Jerusalem, in the north west part of the county of Conway, and Choctaw, in Van Buren county, Crowell Mountain, also in Van Buren county. We further recommend that money be raised to assist the above named places.

J. W. S. LESLIE, Chairman.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

No. 1. When and how do we get into the invisible Kingdom of Christ?

No. 2. Should a church retain a pastor who affiliates with other churches? Pending the discussion of this query it was decided that this was not a legislative body.

No. 3. If feet washing is not a requisite, are not those in error who practice it? Answer yes, by E. B. Woolverton, tabled.

T. NUTT, Chairman.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God and only rule of faith and practice.

2. We believe in the living God; Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, alone, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the doctrine of election. That God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through justification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

7. We believe in the perseverance of the saints, and they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water by a regularly ordained minister of the Gospel.

9. We believe church membership to be a pre-requisite to the Lord's Supper.

10. We believe a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptised on a profession of faith in Christ.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all persons and a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

12. We believe in the work of missions, Home, Foreign and Domestic.

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known as the United Association, and shall be composed of messengers chosen annually by the churches.

2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, provided that when a church shall number more than 100 members they shall be entitled to one messenger for each additional 50.

3. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may select.

4. The officers shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually.

5. The Association shall have no power to regulate the internal affairs of any church, but may withdraw her fellowship from any church that becomes disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

6. This Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer, who shall be president, and four other members who shall be chosen annually by ballot.

7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-third vote of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Clerk.

14.35
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62.90



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors	Clerks.	Post Office.	Names of Messengers.	Rece'd		Dism'd		Excluded	Total No.	Contrib.			
					Baptism	Letter	Letter	Missions			Minutes			
Antioch	J K Broadway	W H Sugg	Scotland	I. K Joiner, B. F. Barnes, Joseph Jones	5	5	1	2	9	2	70	185	120	
Bethlehem		T C Ford	Bee Branch	Not represented							12			
Canaan	J W S Lesslie	A B Ledbetter	Marshall	J. W. S. Lesslie, D. Horton, P. Horton	3						50		100	
Cleveland	B M Stephens	T Nutt	Cleveland	T. Nutt, Wm. Chromster, Jas. Mizell		2		1			25		125	
Cedar Creek	B M Stephens	J H Lockhart	Springfield	B M Stephens, J H Lockhart, J M Barton	19	3	1	1	3	2	28		120	
DeSoto	J W S Lesslie	John Taylor	DeSoto	M A Boyd, J Depriest, J Furgason	8	1		1	11		36		100	
Friendship	B H Bearden	G B Bearden	Solgochachia	Not represented							17			
Lone Grove	B F Barnes	J Wallace	Solgochachia	W F Noland, W O Beaty, J H Riddling	2		1	1	14	8	28		100	
Lone Oak	H W Melton	E E Rainwater	Morrilton	S V Poteet, J L Dreggar, E E Rainwater	16	2					36	2	25	100
Mt. Moriah	M Strasner	S F Lesslie	Bee Branch	J T Baker, S M Farley, John Fleming	9			1	3	2	57		200	
Mt. Gilead	B F Barnes	L F Daniel	Hanks	J K Broadway, J M Austin, L F Daniels	23	6					42		125	
Mt. View	H H Russell	J C Emmons	Centre Ridge	W L and E E Woolverton, K K Thomson	5	2					52		115	
Pleasant Hill	B F Barnes	W P Melton	Centre Ridge	W W Reed, W P Melton, W J Simms								150	100	
Pleasant Valley	W A Hutto	W A Brown	Bee Branch	J W Yancy, M McGee, A H Brickey							66		225	
Pleasant Springs	B M Stephens	J H Wright	Springfield	J H Wright, J Hewett, J P Coal	8	2	1	9			41	2	10	100
Pleasant Grove													50	
Providence	B F Barnes	J C Grisswood		J C Grisswood		2					7		50	
Mt. Pleasant	G W Ford	S H Trout	Plummerville	G W Ford, J F Ford, J G Coble	8	2	2				28	6	40	150
Sardis	H W Melton	J W Masingle	Hattleyville	J A Palmer, L Halbrook, H W Melton	27	10	3	3	6	1	117	8	20	250
Springfield	B M Stephens	Jno Simms	Springfield		3						14		100	
Union Hill	J Mayall	Asa Robertson	Centre Ridge	W F Winingham, J J Turnham, A Robertson	4	7					53		145	
Uebia	H H Russell	J F Sims	Bee Branch	J Ward, A J Farmer	7	3	5	1			28		50	
Valley Home	M Strasner	J A Neal	Morganon	R F Parish, J A Neal, J T Pike	5						57			
Witt Springs	J K Broadway	H A Morgan	Witt Springs	H A Morgan, W P Compton		1		2		2	21		100	
Zion Hill	C L Boyd	J M Briges	Hanks	N Adams, C L Boyd, J M Briges	14		1	5	1		47		100	
					158	55	16	12	64	18	950	22	30	2625