

MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty-Eighth Session
OF THE
Current River
Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Independence Church

Neelyville, Missouri,

September 17, 18, 19, 1908.

J. A. WHEATLEY, Moderator
D. BLACKBURN, Clerk

Next session to be held with Knobel Church, Knobel, Ark.,
Thursday at 10 o'clock, before the third Sunday in October.

Minutes of Current River Baptist Association

Neeleyville, Mo., Sept. 17, 1908.

The Current River Baptist Association met with Independence Baptist church on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 10 a. m. before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1908.

After singing and prayer service led by Elder S. W. Abernathy, a temporary organization was gone into. Bro. S. K. Dungan was elected Temporary Moderator, Bro. E. L. Bullis Temporary Clerk. On motion and second Bro. S. K. Dungan was elected Permanent Moderator and Bro. A. L. Burson Permanent Clerk. Bro. S. W. Abernathy was elected Assistant Moderator and Bro. Wm. Trentelman Assistant Clerk. Moderator appointed Bros. Fowls and Bullis Reading Clerks. Letters presented as follows:

Union Church—Messengers: M. L. Huston on motion and second, Bro. Abernathy was elected to act as Messenger from Union Church. Motion carried.

Knobel Church—Sister Mary Moore, Sister D. Border.

Shiloh—J. B. Smith.

Palatka—John Gambill, G. B. Lafferty, R. R. Black.

Independence—J. C. Grider, T. H. Tracy, Wm. Trentelman.

Datto—T. J. Evens, Henry Gowan.

Landmark—J. I. Howell, Raymond Powell, Perry Lindsey.

Black River—L. X. Maddux, M. A. Maddux.

Pleasant Grove—Jno. Ferguson, Bert Smith.

Reyno—T. W. Malone, D. Blackburn.

Corrinth—In working order, no Messengers sent.

Hopewell—J. H. Irwin.

Moark—No Messengers.

Corning—Chas. Mathews, Sister Perry, Sister Wray.

Success—J. B. Gibbs, Jas. Colson.

Committee on Committees—R. L. Powell, T. J. Watson, E. L. Bullis, M. L. Huston, S. W. Abernathy.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

EVENING SERVICE.

Called together by singing. Prayer by E. T. Lincoln.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.

Associational Missions—D. Blackburn, E. L. Bullis, T. W. Malone, J. I. Howell.

Home Missions—M. L. Huston, R. R. Black, S. K. Dungan.

State Missions—S. W. Abernathy, T. J. Watson, R. L. Powell.

Foreign Missions—D. Blackburn, L. X. Maddux, Jno. Irwin.

Education—E. L. Bullis, T. W. Malone, R. R. Black.

Publication—John Gambill, Wm. Trentelman, J. A. Ferguson.

Temperance—J. T. Fowls, J. W. Maberry, T. J. Evans.

Documents—M. L. Huston, Grant Lamb, A. L. Burson.

Finance—John Irwin, Ben Gibbs, Jas. Colson.

EDUCATION.

Called for report on Education. Presented and read by L. X. Maddux, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Believing education to be an important factor in the establishment, welfare and safety of our institutions, we recommend that our Baptist brotherhood take greater interest in the subject than has been manifested in recent years.

The call comes from every direction for young men and women equipped and qualified to fill positions of great importance, which without and education they are not qualified to fill. We especially urge the importance of Christian education, and we recommend Buckner and Mt. Home Colleges as worthy of our patronage and support, both for literary and ministerial education.

In these colleges our young people are not only taught the rudiments and principles of literary education, but are taught sound Baptist, Bible doctrines also. We further recommend the Arkansas Baptist, our state paper, and the Baptist Flag of Fulton, Ky., as strong and helpful educational factors. They are sound in policy, principles and doctrine, and should be in the homes of all our people.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

E. L. BULLIS.
T. W. MALONE.
R. R. BLACK.

Called for report on Woman's Work. Presented and read by Clerk, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Dear Brethren:—While the richest of God's blessings have rested on all parts of our work in the past year, no department has been more greatly blessed than our women's work, and we should be greatly encouraged in doing His will and helping to spread His word, and in giving to maintain our different departments such as helping the orphans' homes. Let us urge our churches and ladies' aids and auxiliaries to respond freely to their help. The women's work can be of great help to advance our church and Sunday Schools and spread the gospel to all parts of the world. May God bless our women's work in the cause of our Lord and Master

MARY MOORE,
FLAUDIE PRITCHARD.

On Temperance.

Report on Temperance called for and read by J. T. Fowls, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Intemperance is one of the greatest evils of earth.

Strong drink leads our boys astray. Sends them to drunkard's graves, and a devil's hell, breaks mother's heart, ruins homes, causes unnecessary expense and disqualifies men for usefulness in life. We recommend therefore, that all Baptists abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors for any purpose whatever, and that all do their best to suppress its use as a beverage. We further recommend that no support be given any man for

public office who will indulge in the use of liquors, and that is not in favor of state-wide prohibition.

We heartily recommend and endorse the efficient work being done by the inter-church temperance federation.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. T. FOWLKES, Chm.

G. W. MABERY, Secy.

T. J. EVANS.

We further recommend to all churches of this Association the withdrawal of fellowship from any one who persistently gives his support, either directly or indirectly to the nefarious liquor business in any way connected. This business goes hand in hand with all the leading sins and crimes known to humanity. Therefore, the suppression of the liquor business is a death blow to these crimes.

We further recommend that our people condemn the use of patent medicines containing alcohol.

Respectfully signed by the committee.

M. L. HOUSTON,

GRANT LAMB,

A. L. BURSON.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by W. J. Ward, text John 16-14; theme, "The Comforter."

Collection for A. Conner, \$8.40.

Called for report on District Missions. Presented and read by D. Blackburn, who moved its adoption. Carried.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

As there are many places of destitution within the bounds of this Association, we would recommend that the messengers from each church of this Association pledge a certain sum of money for their churches for the support of a district missionary and that it be sent out at an early a date as possible.

(Signed)

J. T. HOWELL,

T. W. MALONE,

E. L. BULLIS.

The following brothers were enrolled as welcome visitors. E. T. Lincoln, State Line Association; Jno. Epps, Cane Creek Association; W. J. Ward, Charleston Association.

Called for report on Orphans' Home. Presented and read by D. Blackburn, who moved its adoption and recommended that report stand same as last year. Carried.

Collection for Orphans' Home, \$10.12, to be divided between Texarkana and Monticello Homes.

2:00 p. m.

Called together by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by M. L. Huston.

Called for report on Home Missions. Read by M. L. Houston, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Home Missions.

We find great need for the preaching of true Baptist principles which is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are eleven

home missionaries now in the field working under the churches of the General Association; working and doing all they can for the cause of Christ. They need our prayers and means to help them to take the world for Christ.

We, your committee, recommend that each church of this Association take up annual collections and send direct to these home missionaries or to J. B. Sellman, who will see that they will get the same.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed)

R. R. BLACK.
M. L. HOUSTON,
D. L. DUNGAN.

Ministers and their Post Officers. Read by S. W. Abernathy, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Report of ministers and their postoffices—R. L. Powell, Corning, Ark.; John Foulks, Corning, Ark.; John Piland, Corning, Ark.; W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; S. W. Abernathy, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; J. A. Wheatley, Datto, Ark.; A. Conner, Palatka, Ark.; D. H. Sharp, Pitman, Ark.; D. A. Lemmons, Boydsville, Ark.; C. A. Fowler, Supply, Ark.; R. L. Lewis, Moark, Ark.; G. W. Maberry, Datto, Ark.; G. W. Lafferty, Moark, Ark.; J. F. Spriggs, Neelyville, Mo.; T. J. Watson, Datto, Ark.

Licentiates—Ben. H. Maberry, Datto, Ark.; W. F. Gambill, Datto, Ark.; John Ferguson, Palatka, Ark.; S. W. Abernathy, T. J. Evans.

Ordained—S. F. Gepson, Reyno, Ark.; Sol. Henson, Success, Ark.; J. B. Gooch, Success, Ark.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock Saturday a. m.

Bro. Kenner being absent, R. L. Powell preached annual sermon at 7:30 p. m. Texts, Prov. 9:1, Isaiah 62-2.

Theme, "The Seven Pillars of the Church."

Morning Session, Sept. 19, 1908.

Prayer by Moderator.

Report on Obituary. Presented and read by H. N. Gowan who moved its adoption. Carried.

OBITUARY.

We, your committee on obituary, make the following report showing the numbers and from which churches the members have died since the meeting of last Association.

Success, 1; Independence, 2; Datto, 1; Landmark, 1; Mt. Pleasant, 2; Knobel, 1; Union, 1; Reyno, 3. Total, 12.

Dear Brethren, the Lord has called from us a number of our brethren and sisters whom we have loved, and hope to meet again where partings are no more. They will rest in the sunshine of God's love forever.

Committee:

H. N. YOUEN,
J. B. SMITH,
BERT SMITH.

A motion and second, that this Association correspond with State Line in regard to transfer of Maynard College. Carried.

Committee who volunteered to attend Spring River Associa-

Read: D. Blackburn, S. W. Abernathy, S. C. Tipton, W. F. Bridges, F. S. Gibson.

On motion and second the Association indorsed the foregoing committee: Carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report on Sunday Schools presented and read by J. W. Maberry who moved its adoption. After considerable discussion and supplement added, it carried.

The needs of development along the lines of Sunday School work is widespread among our people. What the Sunday school does depends upon what we make it. The Sunday School should be a Bible School. We recommend that every church maintain a school; and the school should be under the control of the church.

The doctrine of Baptist should be taught without apology or compromise

We find of the nineteen churches that only thirteen have Sunday Schools, leaving six without schools. Therefore, we earnestly recommend that each church organize a school. That all schools use Baptist literature and Baptist teachers and officers. We recommend this because of the heresy taught by other so-called churches

The great aim of the school should be to lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We earnestly recommend that all the various churches urge upon the parents to attend the Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

J. T. FOWLKES,

G. W. MABERY,

J. F. SPRIGGS.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions presented and read by clerk, who moved its adoption. Carried.

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

Believing that the Baptist church is the only body of Christians to whom the commission was given; and that the world is looking to and expecting of the Baptist a full gospel, and through them to behold the Christ, we therefore recommend that the churches of this Association enter anew this department of our Lord's work, and thereby cheerfully contribute of our means to the support of it in any way that may seem to them proper and right either in support of the work through the convention or State Association and that the pastors take collections for this work according to plans arranged or may be arranged.

(Signed)

Committee:

D. BLACKBURN,

Q. X. MADDUX,

J. H. IRWIN.

Report on Documents called for. Presented and read by clerk, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Report on finance reported as follows:

On Documents.

We, your committee, submit the following:

No. churches represented..... 13

No. received by baptism.....	177
No. received by letter.....	280
No. restored.....	20
No. dismissed by letter.....	41
No. excluded.....	16
No. Died.....	11
Present membership.....	1,001

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. IRWIN,
BEN GIBBS,
JAMES COALSON,
MARY SPRIGGS,
ROSA TRENKLEMAN.

We, your committee on finance, received minute funds as follows:

Reyno.....	\$ 2.00
Landmark.....	1.50
Datto.....	2.00
Pleasant Grove.....	1.25
Union.....	1.50
Knobel.....	.75
Corning.....	1.35
Shiloh.....	1.50
Palatka.....	1.50
Independence.....	1.50
Black River.....	.75
Success.....	1.50
Hopewell.....	1.00

Total.....\$18.10

J. C. Grider and G. W. Moss volunteered to attend Cane Creek Association.

S. W. Abernathy and M. L. Huston volunteered to attend Jonesboro Association.

Treasurer's report called for. Presented and read by D. Blackburn, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Sept. 17, 1908—Treasurer's Report.

Balance on hand Sept. 25, 1907, to cash.....	\$31.08
5th Sunday at Datto, Sept. 29.....	10.00
Paid to R. L. Powell, Sept. 29.....	\$10.00
Paid March 29, 5th Sunday, Success.....	4.09
March 29, paid R. L. Powell.....	5.09
5th Sunday at Reyno.....	3.00
August 20, paid S. W. Mabry.....	3.10
Paid at Palatka.....	6.70
Receipt for Palatka.....	6.70
Sept. 18, Paid T. J. Watson.....	24.00

\$51.89 \$51.89

Received at Reyno.....	5.00
Sister Moore.....	1.00
Bro. Maddux.....	5.00
Bro. Huston, Union.....	5.00
Hopewell.....	1.00
Independence.....	5.00

S. K. Dungan	3.50
Pleasant Grove	1.00
Datto	1.11
Paid Bro. Powell.....	23.11
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	\$51.89 \$51.87

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. W. Mabery, Text, 2 Chron.

9-15-19.

Theme, "Steps to the Throne."

Evening Session.

Called together. Singing devotional exercises led by W. R.

Powell.

Pledges to District Missions:

Landmark Church.....	\$ 7.00
Reyno Church.....	5.00
Datto Church.....	10.00
L. X. Maddux, individual.....	1.00
Union Church.....	5.00
Independence Church.....	5.00
Hopewell Church.....	5.00
Pleasant Grove Church.....	3.00
Grant Lamb, individual.....	1.00
Palatka Church.....	5.00

\$47.00

Resolutions:

Resolved, That the messengers of this Association attend the 5th Sunday meetings of this Association as messengers of their respective churches.

That this Association recommend that none of our ministers affiliate or hold union meetings with any other denominations.

That we return our hearty thanks to Independence Church and the good people of that community for this kind entertainment and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

That the Clerk of this Association have 500 minutes published and distributed among the churches of this Association and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

By private ballot it was decided to hold the next meeting of this Association with Knobel Church.

Motion second that the body elect a man to preach the annual sermon and R. L. Powell was chosen and R. L. Lewis alternate.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Knobel Church, at Knobel, Clay county, Ark., on Thursday, before the third Sunday in Sept. 1909 at 10 a. m.

Motion to adopt minutes as read, carried.

S. K. DUNGAN, Moderator.

A. L. BURSON, Clerk.

STATE MISSIONS.

Collection for State Mission, \$10.00. Paid to S. W. Abernathy, who receipted for same.

Motion to adjourn.

Called for report on State Mission. Presented and read by S. W. Abernathy, who moved its adoption. Carried.

Our state is developing on all lines so rapidly we feel that if

and gave Himself for us. We recommend that a collection be taken for State missions and turned over to Bro. S. W. Abernathy, taking his receipt for the same.

Respectfully

(Signed)

S. W. ABERNATHY,
T. J. WATSON,
R. L. POWELL.

Evening Service, 7:30.

Preaching by J. T. Fowles. Text, Romans 3-23. Theme, "Justification."

Friday, Sept. 18.

Called to order. Moderator S. K. Dungan, 8 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by J. F. Spriggs.

Called for report on publication. Presented and read by Wm. Trentelman, who moved its adoption. Carried.

PUBLICATION.

We, your committee on publication, beg to make the following report:

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has given the commission to the Missionary Baptist Church to go preach the word and to teach all nations the truths of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a channel through which to obtain this information, we recommend that we carefully and prayerfully search the Bible and such books as our Baptist people have written for our edification.

We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptists keep pace with their obligations and opportunities they must be more consecrated to the work of missions.

There are coming to our state each year hundreds of immigrants who are settling in our midst to live. They, their influence and means will either be used for God and right or for the devil and wrong. New railroads are being built, and new towns are springing up as if by magic. Many of these towns, with mining districts, are destitute of the gospel. There is sufficient destitution in the state to employ the time of hundreds of missionaries constantly. Baptist churches are the true churches of Christ, hence are duty bound to send the true gospel to all who have it not. We have not done our duty in carrying out the Great Commission until we have done our best to get the gospel to every creature. Now, since we are the custodians of the pure gospel, we should do our work in the way God reveals in His word.

Believing as we do, that the methods employed by the State Association are both Scriptural and practicable, we recommend that our churches co-operate with and represent in that body. These methods guard the sacred rights and liberties of the churches leaving all authority in their hand where it belongs. We have been greatly blessed in our efforts to maintain these old Bible principles. Since we have adopted God's word as our only guide in mission work. Our success has been very pronounced when we consider the organized efforts of "brain and money" against us, and our work. But notwithstanding all this opposition we are constantly growing in number and in influence. Let us continue to love God and do His will and we will come out more than conquerors through Him that loved us,

We also recommend Baptist Publishing Co., of Little Rock,
as the channel through which we obtain our literature.

D. BLACKBURN,
J. A. FERGUSON,
Wm. TRENTelman,
J. A. GAMBILL, -

On Orphans' Home.

BRO. D. BLACKBURN,
BRO. T. J. WATSON,
S. K. DUNGAN,

(Signed)

Committee.

Woman's Work—Mary Moore, Claudia Pritchard, Rosa Trern-
tel, Mary Spriggs.
man, Mary Spriggs.

Woman's Work—J. B. Smith, Henry Gowan, Bert Smith.

Ministers and their Post Officers—D. Blackburn, T. J. Evans,
S. W. Abernathy.

Sunday Schools—J. T. Fowiks, G. W. Maberry, J. F. Spriggs.
Committee.

T. J. WATSON,
S. W. ABERNATHY,
R L. POWELL,
M. L. HUSTON,
E. L. BULLIS.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastor.	P. O. of Church.	Clerk.	Postoffice of Clerk and Time of Meeting.	Increase			De-crease			Mem-ber ship		
					Baptism	Letter	Recom-dation	Restoration	Dis. by Let.	Excluded	Deceased	This Year.	Last Year
Landmark.	R. L. Powell.	Corning Ark.	J. I. Howell.	Corning, Ark.	13	3			1		1	63	49
Corning.	J. T. Fowlks.	Corning Ark.	J. S. Jordan.	Corning, Ark.,	11	21			8			93	
Success.	R. L. Powell.	Success, Ark.	R. A Hawthorn.	Success, Ark., 4th.....				3		1	1	64	65
Hopewell.	T J. Watson.	Corning Ark.	J. H. Irwin.	Corning, Ark., 4th.....	13							24	
Datto.	T J. Watson.	Datto Ark.	S. J. Evans.	Datto,, Ark., 1st.....	32	14		5	4		1	207	161
Union.	W. F. Bridges.	Wal. Ridge Ark.	M. L. Huston.	Walnut Ridge, Ark., 3rd	10	1	1	4	1	4	1	96	90
Reyno.	F. S. Gibson.	Reyno, Ark.	Leota Seymore.	Reyno, Ark., 1st and 3rd.....	43	21			11	2	3	150	108
Black River.	D. A. Lemons.	Boydsville, Ark.	F. N. Lemons.	Boydsville, Ark., 2nd.....					3			29	32
Independence.	R. L. Powell.	Neelyville, Mo.	A. L. Burson.	Neeleyville, Mo., 1st.....		6		1		1	2	74	70
Knobel.	R L. Lewis.	Knobel, Ark.	Mary Moore.	Knobel, Ark., 1st and 3rd.....	32	2		5	2		1	49	14
Palatka.	R. L. Powell.	Palatka, Ark.	R. R. Black.	Palatka, Ark., 3rd.....	11			1	5		2	57	48
Shiloh.	C A Fowler.	Datto, Ark.	J. B. Smith.	Datto, Ark.,	10				6	7		39	36
Pleasant Grove.	P. L. Powell.	Palatka, Ark.	A. J. Beckers.	Palatka, Ark.,	12	7						34	15
Totals.					187	75	1	19	41	15	12	985	688