

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Fourche Valley Baptist
Association

HELD WITH

APLIN CHURCH, APLIN, ARKANSAS,

OCTOBER 12-13-14, 1912

OFFICERS

J. L. HILL, Moderator, Huston, Arkansas

H. N. HEFNER, Clerk, Aplin, Arkansas

Next Session To Be Held With

MT. GROVE CHURCH, SATUMA, ARK.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Fourche Valley Baptist Association convened in its twenty-fifth annual session with the Aplin Baptist Church, Oct. 12, 13 and 14 1912.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, H. G. Johnson.

The devotional committee was appointed as follows: M. A. Vandalsem, J. L. Hill and A. J. Little.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. Steeley.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: H. N. Hefner, V. N. Riddit, D. Lovelace and R. S. Williams. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional exercises were led by H. W. Duncan.

Statistical letters were called for and read, and messengers enrolled by churches as follows: Antioch; O. L. West, E. L. West and N. Turnbull.

Aplin; A. J. Little, John Allison and H. N. Hefner. Bigelow; J. E. Steeley.

Casa; Allen Jones, J. S. Mattingby, R. S. Williams and V. N. Redditt.

Cane Chapple; E. Renard.

Cherryhill; A. J. Ussery.

Houston; H. G. Johnson, J. D. Lovelace and Faunt Hill.

Harmony; Ben Smith.

Liberty; By Letter.

Mt. Grove; J. J. Boyett, Wm. Smith and J. W. Hathorne.

Mulberry Grove; M. E. McCabo and C. H. Duncan.

Mt. Mariah W. P. Adams.

Perryville; J. L. Hill, W. F. Tarvin and M. A. Vandalsm.

Pleasantview; By Letter.

The association went into permanent organization by electing J. E. Steeley Moderator and H. N. Hefner, Secretary and Treasure.

Called for Petitionary letters, Pleasantview, was received.

Committees were appointed as follows: Sunday School; R. S. Williams, Wm. Smith and O. L. West. Finance; M. A. Vandalsmen, C. H. Duncan and A. C. Swape. Obituaries; J. A. Johnson and A. W. Jones. Association Mission; H. G. Johnson and J. L. Hill. Literature; W. F. Tarvin and J. S. Mattingly. Prohibition; Prohibition; E. L. West, E. Renard and H. P. Eubanks. Orphans Home; J. D. Lovelace, John Allison A. J. Ussery. Foreign Mission; J. L. Hill and Faunt Hill. State Mission; H. G. Johnson, M. A. Vandalsem and J. L. Hill. Ministenal education; H. N. Hefner and O. L. West. Resolution; J. Mattingly, M. E. McCabe and W. P. Adams. Order of Business; J. J. Boyett, J. W. Hathorne and W. P. Adams.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to leave out the Articles of Faith and constitution, and not have them printed

FINANCE

The Committee on Finances report as follows; We your Committee on Finance submit the following report

Recieved for minutes.....	\$23.95
Recieved for Association Missons.....	3.00
Orphans Home.....	1.35
Fofeign Mission.....	1.05
Total - - -	<u>\$29.35.</u>

R. S. Williams Chairman.

Adjourned till 7 p. m. Prayer by H. G. Johnson

NIGHT SESSION

Assembled at 7 p. m. and was called to ordur by the Modrator. An interesting sermon was preached by Eld.

O. L. West

Adjourned until Sunday 9:30 a. m. Prayer by H. G. Johnson.

SUNDAY MORNING

This meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Prayer by H. G. Johnson.

Minutes were read and approved, also called for visiting brethren, Eld. T. D. Frasure, of Dardanelle Association was received.

On Motion the \$3.00 for Associational Missions was paid on salary of our Missionary L. P. Guthrey.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following;

Total enrollment.....	400.
Officers and Teachers.....	39.
Sunday School Expenses.....	\$68.84
Number of pupils baptised.....	22.
Paid Orphans Home.....	\$6.25.

Literature, Southern Baptist Convention Series and the Bible.

We find that there is a number of children out of Sunday School each Lordsday. We recomend that each church use more zeal in Sunday School work.

R. S. Williams, Chairman.

At 11 a. m. an interesting sermon was preached by Eld. H. G. Johnson, Text Mat. 5-19, after which, a collection was taken, for State mission \$1.00, for Associational Mission \$9.25.

Adjourned until 2:30. Prayer by T. D. Frasure.

SUNDAY EVENING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. A Johnson.

The Obituary Committee read the following report;

We, your committee on Obituaries find that God has preserved the lives of all our preachers since our last meeting, but the following members have died; Sister Janet Hawkins, nee Weaver, an honored member of the Mt. Grove church. Miss Hannie Loyd and Brother Willie Kelt of Liberty Church. Brother J. J. Rodgers and Alonzo Keeling of Houston Church. T. E. Carden of Perryville Church and T. J. Nixon and Columbus Bench Bigelow Church.

J. A. Johnson, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The committee on associational missions read the following report which was adopted;

We your committee submit the following; Pursuant to the request of the last association, we placed in the field as missionary brother L. P. Guthrey on a salary of \$50 per month, the State Board paying half of the salary, the other half being guaranteed by the Perryville, Houston, Bigelow and Casa churches. All of which have been paid, And we find from the missionary's report that he preached 77 sermons baptised 2, Conversions 59 unsaved talked to, 144. Services in homes 3. Homes visited 85. Collection on the field \$24.25. Miles traveled 521. We feel that this is a fairly good report, considering the time, and conditions under which the work was done; it shows what great work could be done in our midst. When we consider our destitution with the proper man in the field with the full support of the churches of the association behind him, with their full and hearty cooperation we therefore submit and recommend that the association take proper steps to this end in the future.

H. G. Johnson, Chairman.

The amount paid by these 4 churches was \$13.75. Clerks Note.

PROHIBITION

Report of committee on prohibition:

The report on prohibition was read and adopted as follows:

We your committee on prohibition submit the following report. We regard the liquor traffic as among the greatest existing evils in our Government. It antagonizes social, political and religious liberties, distorts morals, makes abject slaves of those within its power.

We therefore recommend, that this body stand for and demand of our representatives in the Legislature, that they use their influence to pass a statutory State-wide prohibition measure for a term of at least four years after which time the prohibition question may be submitted to the people.

E. L. West, Chairman

ORPHANS HOME

Committee of Orphans Home read the following report, which was discussed by H. G. Johnson, and adopted.

We your committee on orphans home beg leave to submit the following report. We are glad to note the increased interest in this department of our work. We feel that there is no part of our denominational interest that should appeal to our hearts more than our orphans work. We have now as financial agent Bro. Dorris, and we hope that the churches will extend to him their hearty support. We have at present about 160 children in the home, and the condition of the home is comparatively good and the work is being conducted wisely and economically under the leadership of Bro. Williams. As winter is coming, and winter supplies will be needed we urge our churches to take offerings for the home and send to Bro. Williams as soon as possible. The Ladies Aid of Perryville, Houston and Bigelow are now, each clothing a child, and we recommend that other societies of this association do the same.

J. D. Lovelace, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS

Report on State Mission was read and discussed by J. L. Hill, H. G. Johnson and H. N. Hefner, and adopted as follows:

We your committee on State Mission submit the following: The object of the State Mission Board is to help to reach every destitute part of the state, and to that end it employs a corresponding secretary and places in the field from four to six state missionaries each year, and about the same number of district missionaries. And assists and co-operates with associations in the support of their associational missions and helps to pay the salary of the pastors of the weak churches. And as a result of this co-operative work the Baptist of Arkansas have for the last few years an increase of five to one over other denominations.

The work for the present year was laid out on the basis of \$35,000.00 and yet this did not more than half supply the crying demands of the destitution of our beloved state and yet we boast of being Missionary Baptist, but still we fail to co-operate. We say this to the shame of our cause. When we view the rich fertile fields, and at the same time look over our work the last year we find that the churches of Bigelow, Houston, Perryville and Casa, paid \$151.73, and the remainder of the churches \$5.10. Then we exclaim as our Lord Solomon; How long wilt thou sleep oh Sluggard. We insist on a greater support than we have had in the past.

J. L. Hill, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Without Christian education all of our Baptist work would come to a stand-still and soon die. We look to Baptist Schools for trained workers in pulpit and as well as on mission fields. God is distinctly on the side of education, and against ignorance. He commands that his people are destroyed for lack of

knowledge (Hasea 4:6) and declares that ignorance alienates from God (Eph 4:18)

Arkansas has two great colleges—Ouchita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, and Central for girls at Conway. Last year Ouchita had 352 students, and Central 193. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated. The atmosphere of the schools is religious and reverent, and many students who have gone to them strangers to God, have gone forth from them consecrated to God. The property of these schools is valued at \$300,000. Ouchita has \$20,000 interest bearing endowment, and an effort is being made to increase this to \$250,000. The education of preachers is one great object of these schools. Last year there were 51 young preachers in Ouchita College. The Baptist of the state gave about \$4,800 for their support. They received free tuition and some help on other expenses, where it was necessary.

We therefore recommend

1. That each pastor in the association preach at least one sermon on Christian education, and our duty to support these schools.
2. That regular collections be taken in each church for christian and ministerial education.
3. That Baptist patronize our own schools.
4. That earnest, unceasing prayer be made for this work.

H. N. Hefner, Chairman.

After discussion the following sums were pledged on the tuition on Bro. O. L. West, to help him take a course in Ouchita College.

Mulberry Grove	\$5.00. Paid
Aplin	5.00. Paid
Bigelow	5.00
Perryville	2.50
Houston	10.00

Cane Chapel.....	2.00.	Paid
J. L. Hill.....	5.00.	
Antioch.....	5.00.	
Mt. Grove.....	5.00.	
W. P. Adams.....	\$.50	Paid
Homewood.....	2.00.	Paid
H. P. Eubanks.....	1.00.	Paid
Total.....	<u>\$47.00</u>	
Amount paid.....	<u>15.00</u>	
Balance.....	<u>\$31.50</u>	

Upon motion the following Associational Board was elected: H. G. Johnson, J. S. Mattingly, J. E. Steely, J. L. Hill, with the Associational Secretary, H. N. Hefner

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

Called for the report of the committee on Home and Foreign Missions, which was read and adopted as follows:

We your committee submit the following.

In recent years there has been a great and gratifying advance among Southern Baptists in Home Mission conviction, giving and results.

In 1902 the receipts of our home board were 88,874. In 1912 they were \$366,050, and the apportionment ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention for the present fiscal year ending May 1st, 1913, is \$412,000.

So great and pressing are the needs that the board appropriated the whole \$412,000 except \$97, at its July meeting. It is decided that this meeting of the home board was the most representative it has ever had. We learn that 13 of the states vice-presidents were present and helped in planning the year's work. It was the conviction of those present that to supply the urgent demand for help that came up from all over the south the board could do no less than it was empowered to do, and then put their faith in the brethren everywhere that they will come up to the help

EVENING SESSION.

1. Reading statistical letters, and enroll messenger.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Appointment of committees.
- Adjournment.
1. Call for report of committees.
 2. Selecting place of next meeting.
 3. Final adjournment.

E. Renard, Chairman.

Report of committee on resolutions:

Resolved; 1st. That this body tender its heart felt thanks to the Aplin Baptist church, and the citizens generally for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

Resolved; 2nd. That we thank Eld. Mathews and the Christian church for allowing us to occupy their house on Sunday.

Resolved; 3rd. That we thank the moderator for his impartial rulings, and the clerk for faithful service rendered.

M. E. McCabe, Chairman.

After taking the parting hand was adjourned to meet with Mt. Grove church.

Order of devine service Saturday 11 a. m. J. E. Saturday evening O. L. West, Sunday 11 a. m. H. G. Johnson, Sunday evening 7:30, T. D. Frasur.

H. N. Hefner, Secretary.

NOTICE.

In the front fly leaf of this minute where it reads J. L. Hill, moderator it should read J. E. Steely.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors	Clerks	Postoffice	Inc. by Baptism	Inc. by Letter	Dec. by Letter	Excluded	Decr. by Death	Total Members	For Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Orphans' Home	Days of Meeting	No. in Sun. School	Value of Ch'h Property
		X Sent to all																
Antioch	E. L. West	E. F. Rankin	Houston	11	5				43	1.00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
Aplin	H. N. Hefner	J. A. Falls	Aplin	3	4				22	1.20	12.50	1.50	.30	75.00	.50	1		
Bigelow	J. E. Sterley	A. Bland	Bigelow	16	14	5	15	2	56	3.00	12.50	46.95	2.50	177.25	1.26	100	\$1500	
Casa	H. G. Johnson	M. Stone	Casa	14	7	1	1	1	88	3.50		12.50	8.25	137.00	5.00	3	87	1000
Cane Chappel		C. J. Counts	Pontoon															
Cherry Hill		T. K. Stafford	Perryville	2					38	1.00								
Houston	H. G. Johnson	J. A. Lovelace	Houston	2	1	5	2	2	164	3.75	12.50	44.50	14.30	250.00	22.00	1	65	1000
Harmony	M. P. Anderson	Geo. Williams	Maumelle	6	2		2		63	1.00		.50	9.75		2.70	3	36	500
Liberty	Elder O'Neal	E. Holiday	Maumelle					1	45				2.00	23.80		1		
Mulberry Grove	H. N. Hefner	M. E. McCabe	Adona		2	3			24	1.25	1.50					2		
Mountain Grove	M. P. Anderson	A. Pitts	Satuma	1	1				59	1.50							48	
Mt. Moriah	J. M. Bowen	W. P. Adams	Ledwidge							1.00								300
Perryville	H. G. Johnson	J. L. Hill	Perryville		1			1	58	2.50	12.50	11.50	16.75	150.00	12.81	2	60	800
Pleasant View	W. R. Huckaby	E. G. Wade	Card'n B'tm		6				10	.50						1		

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