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MINUTES
—OF THE—
GREENBRIER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—HELD WITH—

Cadron Valley Church,

October 24th and 25th, A. D., 1902.

Next Session to be held with Marcus Hill Church commencing on Friday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1903, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. M. C. VAUGHTER, Chairman, W. W. LOVEL, Treasurer.

R. F. ADAMS, Secretary.

W. W. RIVERS. MAUD DUNAWAY.

P. H. GLOVER, MODERATOR,
Greenbrier, Ark.

B. R. BROWN, CLERK,
Barney, Ark.

W. W. LOVEL, TREASURER
Holland, Ark.

ROLL OF PASTORS, CLERKS AND DELEGATES.

CURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES PRESENT.
Barney.	M A Thompson	B R Brown	Barney	A L Chambers, B R Brown.
Bethany.	M A Thompson	J A Dayis	Mount Vernon	G S Bell, J M Ricket.
Bethlehem.	J E Ford	H M Langston	Wooster	R A Clements, W H Julian.
Bristol.		M R O'Quinn	Bristol	J B Forlks, B F Winton, W S Richard.
Cash Springs.	R L Hendrickson	W Johnson	Republican	J G Fielder.
Cadron Valley.	Not represented			
Cadron Ridge.	M A Thompson	J L Connor	Greenbrier	W C Gore, A H Surratt, J L Connor.
Chadwick.	Not represented			
Conway.	A A Scruggs	J Frank Jones	Conway	W W Rivers, J M C Vaughtner, H M Reeves, Maud Dunaway.
Harmony.	Not represented			
Macedonia.	J O Cantrell	W A Reynolds	Greenbrier	T I Matthews.
Marcus Hill.	H P Glover	J A Ingram	Enola	J R W Mathews, J P Henderson, W C Hoggard.
Mt. Vernon.	J A Yarbrough	S H Keathley	Mt Vernon	J B Traylor, E L Hendrixson, S H Keathly, Emma Traylor.
Mt. Olive.		J B Allen	Guy	P M Douglas, J B Allen.
Mt. Pisgah.				H C Price, G W Wheeler.
Mount Zion.	J O Oantrell	J A Curtis	Enola	J T Harper, T C Smith.
Needs Creek.	G T Kilpatrick	J B Abrams	Linder	J D Park, T C Flournoy.
New Liberty.	A J Crye	B F Lackey	Hamlet	L S Brawner, B F Lackey, J B Horner.
New Home.	H P Glover	G T Condray	Guy	J W Grable.
Old Liberty.	W E Roberts	L T Southerland	Conway	T M Wilson.
Oak Bowery.	A A Crye	A S Sowell	Saltito	J D Jones, A S Sowell.
Palestine.	J A Yarbrough	J L Garrett	Holland	J L Garrett, W W Lovel, T A Mabrey.
Pleasant Grove.	J F Ford	R L Turner	Conway	T J Crook, Guy Hovis, R F Adams.
Pleasant Valley.	J O Cantrell	I S Ball	Wooster	I S Ball.
Preston.	Not represented			
Sulphur Springs, No. 1	A McPherson	R D Blackwell	Conway	R D Blackwell, W C D. y.
Sulphur Springs No. 2	J M Magee	W F Tanner	Enders	B E Herring, W F Tanner, L H Livingston.
Spring Hill.	Not represented			
Sharon.	Not represented			
Shady Grove.	G T Kilpatrick	R B Sims	Greenbrier	J D Surratt, A J Mills, W J Caldwell.
Smyrna.	M A Thompson	W L Nolen	Hammons ville	W M Arnold, H N Kemper.
Star Gap.	M A Thompson	Robert Hart	Hardinyille	A J Carlin, J Belote, Leonard Cardin.
Vilonia.	None	Gus Bush	Vilonia	T W Waller, C A Harris.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, together with the ministers, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats,

ART. II. This Association shall be known as Greenbrier Baptist Association.

ART. III. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates until the church numbers one hundred, and then one for every additional fifty.

ART. IV. The object of this Association will be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and meet at such times and places as she may appoint.

ART. V. This Association shall be considered an advisory council, and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

ART. VI. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their abstract of faith and church government.

ART. VII. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each session, and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified; the Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Board.

ART. VIII. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

ART. IX. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money to each annual meeting as shall be necessary to defray the expense of this Association, and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity; the names of delegates, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers; her increase by baptism; by letter; by exclusion; died; total membership; her contribution for pastor's salary; other home expense; Associational Missions; State Missions; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; ministerial educations; number of Sunday School pupils; number of officers and teachers; name and postoffice of Superintendent; amount contributed by the Sunday Schools; value of church property; time of regular conference meeting.

ART. XI. Any church may send any query asking advice of this Association.

ART. XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association and to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association may from time to time think proper.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid to him for the use of the Association, according to its order.

ART. XIV. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ART. I. We believe there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and belief of the truth.

ART. IV. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary transgressions fell from that holy state, and consequently became dead in trespasses and sin.

ART. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, through faith in his name.

ART. VI. We believe in the final preservation of all the Saints in grace.

ART. VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. VIII. We believe that a church is a congregation of baptised believers who meet stately and have covenant together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the Church of Christ.

ART. IX. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel unless he has been regularly baptised, called, and come under the imposition of the hands of a proper Presbytery.

ART. X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institutions and the only ordinance of the Church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion alone is baptism.

ART. XI. We believe that regularly baptised believers only have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and devotion,

RULES OF DECORUM.

1 This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2 The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members prese it by ballot.

3 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the rules of decorum.

4 Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.

5 One member shall speak at a time; he shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor shall proceed without interruption, unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.

6 No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave of the Association.

7 No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.

8 Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association, unless a division is called for.

9 All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10 No application but that of "brother" shall be used by members addressing each other during the session of this Association.

11 The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and also vote in case of tie to give the casting vote.

12 The names of members may be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

13 These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary

14 These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Read Letters from the Churches.

2 Election of Officers.

3 Reception of New Churches.

4 Invite of our faith to seats.

5 Call for Correspondents.

6 Appointment of Committees.

7 Reports of Committees.

8 General Business.

9 Appointment of Correspondents.

10 Time and place of next meeting.

11 Appointment of ministers to preach Introductory and Missionary sermons.

12 Adjournment.

The Associational Committee then reported the following which on motion was adopted :

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.

We, your Committee on Associational Mission, submit the following :

We insist very earnestly upon this body to push the work with greater zeal the ensuing year. We have done well, but we can do better. Many of the churches gave something and some of them liberally. No man is so strong that we do not need him ; neither so weak that he cannot help some. We urge our Executive Committee to employ the ablest man they can find, and push forward with increased energy in raising his support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. LOVIL,

J. O. CANTRELL.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

The Report on publication was read by Committee and adopted as follows .

The Committee on Publication beg to submit the following report :

1st. That we recommend to all the Sunday Schools in this Association the Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that Sunday School Papers for the children be taken by each school, and freely distributed among them.

2nd. We further recommend our Denominational Papers as helpful to Christian knowledge and usefulness, and urge that each family take one or both of the Baptist papers published in the State. We further recommend that as Ministers and Laymen, we will do what we can to make our papers Messengers of Peace and Purity.

We further recommend a full and free use of Doctrinal Tracts, such as are calculated to build up a strong Christian manhood in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

ARCHIBALD S. UGGS,

F. C. FLOURNOY,

B. F. WINTON.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following which was adopted :

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report. We have received the following amounts :

Amount for Minutes.....	\$ 24 46	For Home Missions.....	50
For Associational Missions....	35 64	State Missions.....	1 00
By collection	14 27	Foreign Missions....	25
		Orphan's Home.....	5 22
Total.....	\$49 91	S S and col. portage.....	44
Out of which we paid Bro. P. H. Glover....	\$49 72	Total....	\$81 78
		Less amount paid Bro. Glover,	49 72
Bal. on hand.....	19	Bal. on hand.....	\$32 06

S. H. KEATHLEY,

W. W. LOVIL.

On motion P. H. Glover, R. A. Clements, J. T. Harper, J. B. Traylor and W. W. Rivers were elected as delegates to the State Convention.

The following were elected as Executive Board : J. M. C. Vaughter, President ; W. W. Lovel, Treasurer ; R. F. Adams, Secretary ; W. W. Farris and Maud Dunaway

Please allow us to call your attention to the following: For the past three years your Board has divided the churches among themselves, and each member of the Board has visited a certain number of churches and presented the Associational Mission cause and taken collections for the same to support the Missionary. This has been done at no little trouble and expense on the part of the members of your Board. May we not hope that during the coming year these brethren, who are messengers here, and especially the Pastor of the churches, will present this matter to their churches, take a collection, and forward the same to our Treasurer for sustaining this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. C. VAUGHTER,
H. H. STREET,
W. W. LOVILL.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

To the Executive Board of the Greenbrier Association:

Dear Brethren: The following is my report for the year 1902:

WORK DONE.

Days of actual labor	143	Sermons preached,	108
Miles traveled in performance of labor,	1,387	Religious addresses,	53
Stations supplied regularly,	2	Total sermons and addresses,	161
		Religious visits,	117

VISIBLE RESULTS.

Professions of conversion,	9	Raised for Associational Missions,	\$13.01
Number baptised,	1	Raised for State Missions,	\$5.81

Raised for Sunday School, col. portage work, \$1.41.

Total for all purposes, \$20.23.

P. H. GLOVER.

PAID TO MISSIONARY. (ITEMIZED.)

Preston church	.50	Caney school house,	\$1.70
Mayflower,	\$.50	Old Liberty S S and col. portage,	1.00
		Colored people of Caney,	\$2.02

The Committee on Foreign Missions read the following report which was on motion adopted:

We, your Committee, ask to submit our report on Foreign Missions.

Recognizing the fact that the commission given to the Church in the Apostolic days by Christ, also applies to the Church of Jesus Christ in the present age. To go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. For the last fifty-six years the Baptists of the South have been doing their Foreign Mission work through the Foreign Board of the Southern Baptist convention located at Richmond, Va., Dr. R. J. Willingham, Cr. Su., from a small beginning. This interest has enlarged in scope and power with the passing years until now we have a force of 102 missionaries and 171 mission helpers, occupying 127 churches and supply 166 sub-stations teaching 2,294 pupils in Sunday schools, and baptising 1009 converts to the religion of Christ, making a grand total of 6,773 members of Baptist churches established by the prayers and efforts of the Southern Baptists in heathen lands. But with all these blessings of our Heavenly Father upon the work that has been done, showing that He has put His seal of approval on our efforts. But with all of this we should remember that we still give on an average of only about nine and a half cents a member for this great work. We need and urge that we enlarge our gift. We need to realize that God is calling every one who loves him to send forth his Gospel; as some are called to go, others are called to give, and thus help. Not only should the Church give, but every member of every church. Some can give large amounts, others can give only a few cents. But those who can give small

amounts have a duty and privilege as surely as those who give larger amounts.

Our people need more information. We therefore recommend that our preachers and pastors preach more mission sermons, that the work of the Lord may lay hands on the hearts of all of God's people. God is calling on all to go.

We are now working in six foreign countries, namely, China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. We have more than 100 Missionaries. Some of them are from Arkansas. Arkansas Baptists have answered this contribution to this cause. Each year may we and may God help us to still increase our gifts to this grand work.

We recommend that each church in this Association take a collection for this cause and send it in by April 30th, next.

J. B. TRAYLOR,
J. L. GARLETT,
GUY HOVIS.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The Committee's report on Education was read and adopted.

The Territory of the United States is growing year by year and adding new burdens of responsibility on her citizens. New combinations of wealth bring new problems to be solved in the sociological as well as the financial world. The great Strike just closed reminds us that united labor organizations present questions worth the consideration of your best minds, and which are new to the world and the questions confronting the Church has assumed correspondingly large proportions.

We are appalled at the magnitude of the transactions in the materialistic world and are led to question the ability of mind to cope with them. We are sure they will baffle man's skill unless God be taken into partnership.

In fact many of our troubles can be traced to the development of the mind without that of the heart. The expansion of our country, the accumulation of wealth, combination of labor, all are good things if they be used for Christ and his glory. Why may it not be so, if we, his chosen people, will but do our duty in training the minds that will have to settle these great questions. It is not enough that they be educated, but they must be educated in Christ, and for Christ. Christ must be the foundation rock upon which the whole fabric stands. The denominational school alone, is thus builded, hence, it should have our hearty support.

This is not meant to disparage the support the common schools of the country. Never before did we have greater need for an educated ministry; the citadels of the arch enemy are strongly forfeited and error has assumed so nearly the semblance of truth that, indeed, our leaders should be "wise as serpents and as harmless as doves" if we would succeed.

We therefore pledge our support to the several Baptist academies of the State as well as our two colleges, Ouachita and Central.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. RIVERS,
J. T. HARPER,
J. B. ALLEN.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following, which was adopted:

We, your Committee find by reference to the various church letters that there have been twenty deaths since our last meeting. While this is not so much as has been heretofore, we should feel thankful to God that it is as well with us as it is and should thank God for his mercies toward us.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. KELSO,
J. G. FIELDER.

After a short vacation J. F. Ford preached the Missionary Sermon from Mark 15:16, after which a collection was taken for the Associational Missionary of \$14.40.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following :

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools desire to report as follow :

The Sunday School is recognized as one of the most useful departments of Christian work. A large majority of the people who profess conversion and join the churches each year are pupils from the Sunday Schools. But we are negligent of this important work in Arkansas. The 70,000 Baptists of Arkansas have 1300 churches and but little over 300 Sunday schools. Nearly 1,000 churches in Arkansas report no Sunday Schools. In this Association, at its present session 25 churches have reported, and 11 have no Sunday School.

We are pleased with the arrangement of the past year by which the Associational Missionary did such Sunday School work as he found consistent with his other duties, and recommend that this feature of the work be continued.

The State Sunday School and Colportage Board has been operating in the State for six years, and is now completing the largest year's work of its history. Bro. Street, the secretary of this work informs us that more than 2,000 pupils have been gathered into new schools this year, and Bibles and Testaments and books have been put into many homes. We recommend the hearty support of this work.

R. E. SUTTON.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report :

We find that the Scriptures are so plain against intoxicating drink that we should not be slow to commit ourselves in favor of all organizations and laws that are calculated to abate the monster evil Intemperance, and as we are commanded to abstain from appearance of evil, we are forced to the conclusion that there is but one consistent course to be pursued by the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is to abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage.

WM. GRABLE,

R. T. BLACKWELL,

W. C. DAY.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions then read the following which was adopted,

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following :

By Home Missions we mean a co-operative work done by our Churches, Associations and Conventions in that part of the field embracing the Southern States and the Island of Cuba. We rejoice in the great work, which under God, has been accomplished in the past, and contemplating the wonderful opportunities that God in his mercy has extended to us.

We urge that this Association recommend to the churches that we wake up out of sleep and arise from the dead that Christ may give us light.

We deeply deplore the fact that our churches, during the past year, have done practically nothing for this work. In view of our Lord's command, Mark 15, 16, "Go ye therefore into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," as in the imperative mood and forever in the present tense.

We urge that in the future our churches take an active part in this department of our mission work.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. FORD

The following Corresponding Messengers were then appointed to the Little Red River Association : B. E. Herring, H. P. Glover, B. R. Brown. To the United Association, Wm. Grable and Eld. Cotton.