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## Thirty-Third Annual Session

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(Evening Sessions Only)

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The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday following the second Sunday in October, 1949, evening sessions only, through Thursday night. The meeting will be held at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. Annual Sermon to be preached by Vernon Bellue, with W. C. Rowe, alternate. Irvin M. Prince to preach the annual Doctrinal Sermon, with W. W. Phelps, alternate.

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## DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

### I. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator.....	R. Wilbur Herring, 5209 Kavanaugh, Little Rock
Vice-Moderator.....	Henry W. Ryan, Jacksonville, Ark.
Recording Secretary.....	Raymond Strickland, 4116 W. 22nd, Little Rock
Treasurer.....	W. Dawson King, 2324 Arch, Little Rock

### II. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph D. Dodd.....	900 S. Pine, Baptist Tabernacle
H. A. Elledge.....	1224 Parker, No. Little Rock, Baring Cross
W. T. King.....	1304 Louisiana, Bellevue
L. G. Miller.....	Route 1, Little Rock, Bethany
Pat Mehaffey.....	Box 35, O. B. C., Arkadelphia, Ark., Biddle
R. Wilbur Herring.....	5209 Kavanaugh, Calvary
W. C. Rowe.....	218 Pulaski, Capitol Hill
Earl Herrington.....	1604 Maple, No. Little Rock, Central
C. D. Johnson.....	Route 1, Box 24, Little Rock, Crystal Hill
C. O. Hitt.....	219 Rice, Crystal Valley
R. C. Campbell.....	1200 Louisiana, First Church
O. W. Moran.....	Box 243, No. Little Rock, First Church
R. D. Harrington.....	2220 Moss, No. Little Rock, Forty-Seventh St.
G. W. Smith.....	Mayflower, Ark., Friendship
Chas. E. Lawrence.....	1615 State, Gaines Street
M. E. Faulkner.....	2909 Izard, Geyer Springs
E. S. Ray.....	2410 E. Broadway, No. Little Rock, Grace
W. Dawson King.....	2324 Arch, Hebron
L. A. Tribble.....	Box 533, Little Rock, Holly Springs
W. O. Vaught, Jr.....	323 W. 21st, Immanuel
V. M. Bellue.....	615 Clayton, No. Little Rock, Ironton
H. W. Ryan.....	Jacksonville, Ark., Jacksonville
O. A. Greenleaf.....	Levy Station, No. Little Rock, Levy
Alex Davenport.....	123 Riverside, Liberty
L. Kendrick.....	Box 116, Mabelvale, Ark., Life Line
W. L. Wadley.....	Sweet Home, Ark., Mountain View
Harold Elmore.....	1823 Schaer, No. Little Rock, Nall's Memorial
R. W. Bishop.....	Route 1, Box 140, Benton, Ark., Oak Forest
Taylor Stanfill.....	940 Skyline, No. Little Rock, Park Hill
Byron King.....	718 W. 21st, No. Little Rock, Pike Avenue
Harold Presley.....	Sweet Home, Ark., Pine Grove
C. O. Abbott.....	Route 1, Box 294, Little Rock, Plainview
W. Harold Hicks.....	610 N. Oak, Pulaski Heights
Guy S. Wilson.....	2002 E. 6th, Reynolds Memorial
M. Ray McKay.....	1515 S. Tyler, Second Church
Ray Branscum.....	4009 W. 27th, South Highland

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George Fox.....	Route 1, Mabelvale, Ark., Stanfill
E. S. Ridgeway.....	2411 Franklin, No. Little Rock, Sylvan Hills
P. C. Church.....	Box 286, Arkadelphia, Ark., Trinity
Felix Williams.....	2305 S. Filmore, Tyler Street
T. P. Gladden.....	519 E. Capitol, West Side
W. E. Parker.....	507 N. Polk, Woodlawn
Lee Lewis.....	Woodson, Ark., Woodson
H. R. Boyd.....	Route 3, No. Little Rock, Worrells' Memorial
W. T. Craton.....	Route 6, Little Rock, Zion Hill

(Note: The Executive Board to consist of pastors of the churches and one other member elected by each church. The latter were not available.)

### III. STANDING COMMITTEES

(1) Missions Committee:

For one year—W. H. Hicks, W. O. Vaught, Jr., E. S. Ray.

For two years—H. W. Ryan, C. E. Lawrence, D. V. Turley.

For three years—R. C. Campbell, O. W. Moran, W. C. Halsell.

(2) Committee on Order of Business:

The Host Pastor, Moderator, Clerk, leaders of the Associational Organizations and Superintendent of Missions.

### IV. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent.....Dan Webster

### V. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION

To be elected later by the Executive Committee.

### VI. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

Superintendent.....Mrs. W. F. Miller, 2623 Wolfe, Little Rock  
 Field Worker.....Mrs. E. A. Ingram, 1624 W. 21st, Little Rock  
 First Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Marks, 3222 W. Markham, Little Rock  
 Second Vice-President.....Mrs. J. D. Yerby, 1107½ W. 4th, Little Rock  
 Young People's Leader, Mrs. H. A. Elledge, 1224 Parker, N. Little Rock  
 Secretary.....Mrs. J. L. Medlock, 3722 W. 11th, Little Rock  
 Treasurer.....Mrs. J. N. Norris, 2116 Maple, No. Little Rock

### VII. ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

The Association has no Brotherhood Organization.



**VIII. ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC**

Director.....Roland Leath  
Assistant Director.....M. O. Kelley

**IX. ASSOCIATIONAL WORKER**

Superintendent of Missions.....Dr. E. A. Ingram

**X. BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS**

Baptist Headquarters, Dr. B. L. Bridges,  
Baptist Bldg., 403 W. Capitol, Little Rock.....Executive Secretary  
Baptist State Hospital, John Gilbreath,  
1700 W. 13th, Little Rock.....Administrator  
Baptist Book Store, Miss Blanche Mays,  
303 W. Capitol, Little Rock.....Manager

**XI. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Associational Workers' Conference each month on the Monday night  
following the third Sunday. Places to be announced.

**MESSENGERS ENROLLED****BAPTIST TABERNACLE:**

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Foard, Mrs. W. J. Richardson, Mrs. G. C. Joyner, Mrs. C. R. Croach, Rev. Robert Wright, Mitchell Taylor, C. E. Brown, C. E. Hinkson, D. O. Thomas, Hugh Taylor, Mrs. C. E. Parks, Mrs. Drew Richardson, Rev. Ralph Boyette, W. C. Burnett, Mrs. R. L. Colbert.

**BARING CROSS:**

Mrs. H. A. Elledge, Mr. and Mrs. George Stuart, Mrs. Leonard Gatewood, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Joe Huggins.

**BELLEVUE:**

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. King, Mrs. A. D. Henry, Mrs. Ruth Polk.

**BETHANY:**

Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Miller, Palmer Riggins, J. T. Garrett, C. H. Erwin.

**BIDDLE:**

Mrs. R. L. Ross, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. H. L. Harrell.

**CALVARY:**

Rev. and Mrs. R. Wilbur Herring, Mrs. Norman Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson, Ed Clark, Fred Smith.

**CAPITOL HILL:**

Mrs. E. A. Hill, Mrs. R. H. Morehead, Mrs. G. D. Ball, Mrs. Fredilene Snellings, D. R. Murphree.

**CENTRAL, N. L. R.:**

Mrs. Royal Whitecotton, Mrs. D. W. Wilson, C. T. Heard, Mrs. C. T. Heard, Mrs. Alta Johnson, H. B. Matthews, Mrs. Sue Whittle, Mrs. Jack Morgan, Mrs. Earl Herrington.

**CRYSTAL HILL:**

Gene Hickey, Jimmie Johnson, Clark Davis.

**CRYSTAL VALLEY:**

Mrs. J. A. Tompkins, O. N. Rees, Miss Jo Anne Sullivan.

**DOUGLASSVILLE, FIRST:**

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Halsell, Bill Duncan, Sam Singley, J. A. Turley.

**DOUGLASSVILLE, SECOND:**

W. J. Harris, L. J. Brunson, Fulton Harris.

**EAST END:**

Winnie Garner, Alta Young, Jean Wells, Mrs. Hoar, S. B. Johnson.

**FIRST CHURCH, L. R.:**

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Roland Leath, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Riley, Oscar Ellis, Rev. Dale Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. O. A. Stranz, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Yerby, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Caldwell, Rev. J. F. Queen, Mrs. N. E. Wyatt.

**FIRST CHURCH, N. L. R.:**

Rev. Owen W. Moran, Tom Townsend, Mrs. J. G. Doyle, Mrs. J. N. Morris, Mrs. R. L. Totty, R. L. Totty, Mrs. N. B. White, M. J. Blasingame, Mrs. Maeline Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Woolly, Mrs. Bess White.

**FRIENDSHIP:**

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fuller, Mrs. Wilbur H. Pearl.

**GAINES STREET:**

Rev. C. E. Lawrence, Gene Harrington, Mrs. Nora Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin DeBlack, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Cates, Beulah Carmical.

**GEYER SPRINGS:**

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin E. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Lloyd Murray.

**GRACE:**

Frank E. Pitts, Cecil Surratt, J. L. Crabtree, Mrs. William E. Hamby, Mrs. J. T. Wood.

**GRAVES' MEMORIAL:**

Mrs. Roy Black, Cecil Reybolds, Mrs. Ethel Hopkins.

**HEBRON:**

Rev. W. Dawson King, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Fred Wooten, R. B. Milner, Mrs. R. B. Milner.

**HOLLY SPRINGS:**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Brown, Wyre Mitchell.



**IMMANUEL:**

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Best, E. J. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Durrett, Mrs. W. F. Cochrane, Gen. E. L. Compere, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Green, Mrs. Carrie Tyson, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught, F. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Hammett, G. E. Hemphill, Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Mrs. J. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Perkins, Frank M. Pounders, Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Reagan, Frank Shamburger, J. L. Spence, Mrs. David Tate.

**IRONTON:**

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jenson, Rev. and Mrs. V. M. Bellue, Fred Bates.

**JACKSONVILLE:**

Chas. Thompson, Morgan Freeman, Mrs. W. F. Arrington, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Ryan.

**LEVY:**

Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Greenleaf, B. H. Ball, Mrs. A. E. Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Givens.

**LIBERTY:**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. C. E. Walderns.

**LIFE LINE:**

Rev. and Mrs. L. Kendrick, Ola Mae Donnigan, W. T. Lopp, L. W. Roachell.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW:**

R. Q. Simmons, Mrs. C. W. Richards, Mrs. W. L. Wadley.

**NALLS' MEMORIAL:**

Mrs. Carl Henson, Mrs. Mary Henry.

**NORTH POINT:**

Walter Goodwin, Mrs. Walter Goodwin, Mrs. Ruth Browning, Walter Oglesby, Millard Gates, Miss Mabel Browning.

**OAK FOREST:**

Rev. R. W. Bishop, C. A. Cobb, Mrs. Paul Edwards.

**PARK HILL:**

Rev. and Mrs. Taylor Stanfill, E. W. Parris, Mrs. Roy Echols, R. M. Feazell.



**PIKE AVENUE:**

Don Kendrick, R. S. Corder, T. J. Harness, S. W. Nesbet, M. L. Eaves, Marshall Smith, Roy Newman, Mrs. F. Houston.

**PILGRIM'S REST:**

Rev. A. R. Major, Mrs. Beth Major, Mrs. Marion Gunn.

**PINE GROVE:**

Rev. Harold Presley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bridges.

**PLAINVIEW:**

B. O. Turner, Lloyd Tugwell, J. C. Turley.

**PLEASANT GROVE:**

Rev. E. W. Goodson, J. E. Meux, Chester Crawford, Lonnie Nichols.

**PULASKI HEIGHTS:**

Rev. W. H. Hicks, W. H. Halbert, B. W. Bowman, Mrs. B. H. Kelly, Mrs. A. C. Kolb, W. S. Rogers, W. A. Jeffries, A. R. Traylor, Mrs. Frank Marks, Mrs. G. D. Thompson, F. I. Ferguson, Mrs. A. T. Stringfellow.

**REYNOLDS' MEMORIAL:**

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burks, Mrs. B. Stalnaker, Mrs. H. O. Gunter, Mrs. Gillard.

**SECOND CHURCH, L. R.:**

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hill, June Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hall, Dr. and Mrs. M. Ray McKay, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pugh, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Mrs. R. B. Cash, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White, Mrs. Wallace Wilbourn.

**SHADY GROVE:**

L. M. Rye, Vertis Leslie, Henry Moore.

**SOUTH HIGHLAND:**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walloch, E. B. Hester, Mrs. C. M. Noyes..

**STANFILL:**

Louis Harrell, Mrs. Elsie McPherson, Mrs. Pearl Martin.

**SYLVAN HILLS:**

Mrs. J. E. Templeton, Mrs. H. Mantooth, Mrs. V. C. Autry, Mrs. E. S. Ridgeway, Mrs. H. E. Bigger.

**TRINITY:**

Tad Bradley, Mrs. Marie Oglesby, Mrs. Ruth Skiles, Mrs. Thurman Booth, Mrs. Sam Bass.

**TYLER STREET:**

Rev. Felix J. Williams, William R. Robinson, M. E. Andrews.

**VIMY RIDGE, IMMANUEL:**

Mrs. Frank Barth, Mrs. George Cuff, Mrs. R. J. Wilder.

**WEST SIDE:**

G. M. Bradley, Mrs. C. E. Rettstatt, Mrs. H. S. Snider.

**WOODLAWN:**

Rev. W. E. Parker, Lee Pack, Roy Haines, John Augustine, Mrs. J. C. Riggins.

**WOODSON:**

Rev. Lee Lewis, Fred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hudson.

**WORRELLS' MEMORIAL:**

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Boyd, Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Autry, Miss Jane Dunn.

**ZION HILL:**

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Carmical, Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Boyd, Mrs. Alice Abbott, Miss Hazel Melton.



## CONSTITUTION

As Amended at 1933, 1943 and 1948 Sessions

### Article I.—NAME

The name of this body shall be Pulaski County Baptist Association.

### Article II.—OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to aid the churches in their divinely appointed work of spreading the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world by every Scriptural means.

### Article III.—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches, which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this Constitution and desire to co-operate with this Association, who shall be entitled to seats upon the presentation of letters from their churches or other satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional member for every fifty members or major fraction thereof above one hundred.

Section 3. Messengers from churches desiring to affiliate with this Association shall present to the Association petitionary letters or other evidence setting forth the Articles of Faith on which the churches were organized together with satisfactory evidence of the regularity of their organization. They shall be received into the Association only by unanimous vote as cast by the body.

### Article IV.—AUTHORITY

This Association shall never exercise any legislative or ecclesiastical authority over any church, nor shall it in any way interfere with the rights and absolute independence of the churches of Christ.

### Article V.—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the last session of each Annual Meeting by a majority of all the votes cast at such meeting. Provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be eligible to serve more than one term.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Association or call some one to occupy the chair temporarily in his absence, and may exercise the same privilege of discussion as any other member of the Association.

Section 3. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings of the Association and shall superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of each session as he may be directed by the Association.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of every kind entrusted to his care, and shall disburse the same upon order of the Association and shall make an itemized report of all such funds to the Association before the close of each annual session.

#### Article VI.—ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

Section 1. The Associational Board shall be composed of one lay member, elected by each co-operating church, together with the pastors of such churches, and the officers of the Association and the Superintendents of W. M. U. work. Seven members of said Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business, after notice has been given all members of the Board of such meeting.

Section 2. This Board shall co-operate with the churches in this Association in informing and arousing the churches in gathering and disbursing of funds for all of the causes fostered by this Association and shall transact all of the business of the Association in the interim of the annual meeting of the Association.

#### Article VII.—MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee shall be elected by the Association in three groups, as follows: Group 3, to serve for three years; Group 2, to serve for two years; and Group 1, to serve for one year, thus retaining six members of the committee each year and only electing three new ones to take the place of the Group retiring.

The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association become ex-officio members of the committee, thus making the total membership twelve.

The Mission Committee shall elect its own chairman, who shall be required to report monthly to the meeting of the Associational Board and an annual report to the annual meeting of the Association.

The Mission Committee shall have the responsibility of the selection of the Superintendent of Associational Missions, subject to the approval of the Executive Board of the Association, and shall have



as its duty in co-operation with that officer the planning and practical promotion of the Program of Associational Missions for Pulaski County Baptist Association.

### Article VIII—MEETING

This Association shall meet annually on Monday night after the second Sunday in October at 7:30 o'clock.

### Article IX

This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present at any annual meeting, provided that the substance of Article IV shall never be abrogated.

## RULES OF ORDER

### (BY-LAWS)

#### As Amended at 1933 and 1947 Sessions

I. The following committees shall be appointed six weeks in advance of the Associational meeting:

- (1) Associational Missions; (2) State Missions; (3) Home Missions; (4) Foreign Missions; (5) Colleges and Schools; (6) Religious Literature; (7) Bible (Sunday) Schools; (8) Ministerial Education; (9) Orphan's Homes; (10) Christian Stewardship; (11) Hospitals; (12) Woman's Work; (13) Young People's Work; (14) Digest of Letters; (15) Obituaries; (16) Resolutions; (17) Finance; (18) Temperance; (19) Nominations.

II. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

III. The following shall be the order of business:

1. The Body called to order by the Moderator, or, in his absence, by brethren in the following order of precedence: Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Pastor of entertaining church.
2. Devotional Service.
3. Presentation of letters and enrollment of Messengers.
4. Permanent organization.
5. Introductory Sermon.
6. Petitionary Letters.

7. Reception of visitors, corresponding messengers from other bodies and introduction of new pastors.
8. Appointment of program committee which shall recommend a schedule for all reports and other matters to come before the body, subject to the Association's approval.

IV. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator. In discussion all personalities shall be avoided. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without special permission from the Association.

V. Mell's Parliamentary Law shall be the standard in deciding questions of parliamentary practice.

VI. The minutes of the preceding session shall be read and approved at the meeting of each session and at close of the Association meeting.

VII. Such offerings may be taken at the annual meeting of the Association as the body may direct.

VIII. These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, or suspended by unanimous vote.

IX. The Associational Board shall meet monthly at such time and place as the Board itself may determine.

X. A doctrinal sermon shall be preached during each annual session at such an hour as each program committee shall provide.



## PROCEEDINGS

### FIRST EVENING

Monday, October 11, 1948

1. The thirty-third Annual Session of the Pulaski County Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. O. Vaught, Jr., at 7:00 P. M., Monday, October 11, 1948 in the auditorium of the Gaines Street Baptist Church, Little Rock, with a large attendance of messengers and visitors present.

2. Messengers and visitors were led in the opening prayer by Charles Lawrence, pastor of the host church.

3. After a song service led by E. B. Hester of South Highland Baptist Church, Jack Hogue led in prayer.

4. L. G. Miller read the second chapter of Philippians and led in prayer.

5. All messengers were recognized and officially seated.

6. At the scheduled time for the election of officers, Charles Lawrence made the following motion which was seconded by R. C. Campbell:

"That Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the last session of each Annual Meeting by a majority of all the votes cast at such meeting. Provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be eligible to serve more than one term."

On vote the motion carried unanimously.

7. The Nominating Committee's report made the following recommendations:

I. Standing Missions Committee: W. C. Halsell, Guy Wilson, W. T. King, R. C. Campbell, C. O. Hitt, Charles E. Lawrence, Vernon Bellue, E. S. Ridgeway, Joe W. Best, Owen W. Moran. (See p. 36, Amendment to Constitution.)

II. Officers of Associational Sunday School and Training Union: Your Committee recommends that a committee

be appointed by the Executive Board to choose two interested laymen who can devote their entire time to these two important offices.

**III. Officers of the Associational Women's Missionary Union:**

Superintendent—Mrs. W. F. Miller.  
Field Worker—Mrs. E. A. Ingram.  
First Vice-President—Mrs. Frank Marks.  
Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. D. Yerby.  
Young People's Leader—Mrs. H. A. Elledge.  
Secretary—Mrs. J. L. Medlock.  
Treasurer—Mrs. J. N. Norris.

**IV. Place of Meeting and Sermons:**

Place of meeting—Second Baptist Church.  
Annual Sermon—Vernon Bellue; W. C. Rowe, Alternate.  
Doctrinal Sermon—Irvin M. Prince; W. W. Phelps, Alternate.

Respectfully Submitted,

OWEN W. MORAN,  
HENRY RYAN,  
VERNON BELLUE.

Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

**PETITIONARY LETTERS**

8. Petitionary Letters were called for by the Moderator. Letters were presented by the following churches: Bethany Baptist Church, Capitol Hill Baptist Church, West Side Baptist Church, Tyler Street Baptist Church, 47th Street Baptist Church.

The letters were referred to the committee on Petitionary Letters and upon motion the Churches were voted into the Association. The pastors of the respective churches were called to the front of the auditorium and were introduced by Moderator W. O. Vaught, Jr. The messengers of the churches were then recognized and officially seated.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

9. Upon motion the following program was adopted as the Order of Business subject to such changes as deemed necessary:



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**Monday Night**

- 7:00 Opening Prayer—Rev. Charles Lawrence  
Song Service—Mr. E. B. Hester  
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. L. G. Miller
- 7:25 Enrollment of Messengers
- 7:30 Election of Officers—Rev. O. W. Moran, Chairman Nominating Committee
- 7:40 Accept Order of Business
- 7:45 Petitionary Letters—Rev. W. H. Hicks, Chairman
- 7:50 Reports  
Associational S. S. Work—Mr. Frank Shamburger  
Associational T. U. Work—Rev. Ray Branscum  
Associational Program for 1948-49—Dr. E. A. Ingram
- 8:30 Introduction of New Pastors
- 8:35 Special Music—Gaines Street Baptist Choir
- 8:40 Annual Sermon—Rev. Wilbur Herring, alternate.  
Closing Prayer  
Adjourn

Rev. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Moderator; Rev. Wilbur Herring, Clerk.  
Program Committee: Rev. W. O. Vaught, Jr., Rev. Charles Lawrence,  
Rev. Wilbur Herring, Mr. Frank Shamburger, Rev. Ray Branscum,  
Mrs. W. F. Miller, Dr. E. A. Ingram.

**Tuesday Night**

- 7:00 Opening Prayer  
Song Service—Mr. E. B. Hester  
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. Felix Williams
- 7:20 Reading of the Journal
- 7:25 Reports  
Hospital—Mr. J. A. Gilbreath  
Orphanage—Rev. Dawson King  
Temperance—Rev. L. H. Roseman  
Brotherhood—Mr. Nelson Tull
- 8:15 Financial Report—Mr. J. A. Jeffries  
1948-49 Budget—Rev. Charles Lawrence
- 8:40 Special Music
- 8:45 Doctrinal Sermon—Dr. M. Ray McKay  
Closing Prayer  
Adjourn

**Wednesday Night**

- 7:00 Opening Prayer  
Song Service  
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. Byron King
- 7:20 Reading of the Journal
- 7:25 Obituaries—Rev. W. C. Halsell  
Religious Literature—Dr. B. H. Duncan  
Christian and Ministerial Education—Dr. R. C. Campbell  
Stewardship and Tithing—Rev. Earl Herrington
- 8:15 World Relief  
Special Music
- 8:30 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:45 "The Tithe Is the Lord's"—Mr. R. A. Springer, Dallas, Texas  
Closing Prayer  
Adjourn

**Thursday Night**

- 7:00 Opening Prayer  
Song Service  
Scripture Reading and Prayer—Rev. W. E. Parker
- 7:20 Reading of the Journal
- 7:25 Resolutions
- 7:30 Associational Missions—Rev. W. H. Hicks  
W. M. U. Report—Mrs. W. F. Miller  
State, Home and Foreign Missions—Dr. M. Ray McKay
- 8:30 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:40 Special Music
- 8:45 The Co-operative Program—Dr. B. L. Bridges  
Closing Prayer  
Final Adjournment

**ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

1. The Associational Sunday School Report was read by Frank Shamburger. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

The only activity in Associational Sunday School work for the year 1947-48 was a Training School held the week of March 7-12, 1948 in First Church, Little Rock, and First Church, Jacksonville. The enrollment of these schools was 875 and the average attendance was 554. There were 666 awards as a result of these schools.



**Recommendations for 1948-49**

1. That the second Tuesday in each month be set aside as Associational Workers Conference and that each church in the association plan their activities so as not to conflict with this date. Furthermore, that 50% or more of these meetings be held in rural churches.

2. That we have a Sunday School revival in all of our churches this year if so desired by them. These revivals to be held simultaneously, week of March 21-25. These revivals should be sponsored by the city churches, and the city churches to bear all expenses in connection with same.

3. That the association elect the following officers: An Associational Superintendent. An adult, young people, intermediate, junior, and an elementary superintendent. That we elect three zone superintendents to work with and assist the general superintendent.

4. That we offer three banners at each of our monthly meetings as follows: Attendance Banner, Efficiency Banner, and Horror Banner.

5. That the week of May 9-13 be set aside for an Associational-Wide Training School to be held in one of the churches in Greater Little Rock.

6. That all expenses for promotion and advertising of our associational work be borne by the central office through our Associational Missionary.

FRANK L. SHAMBURGER,  
GEORGE STUART,  
GUY WILSON.

**ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING UNION REPORT**

11. Ray Branscum read the report on the Associational Training Union work for the year. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

According to the 1947 minutes of the association, there were 47 churches reporting Training Unions. There were 295 individual Unions with an enrollment of 4,870. During the year only 6 churches reported no Training Union work.

**I. Activities**

The following are some of the activities of the Associational Training Union Organization:

1. One mass meeting at the South Highland Baptist Church, March.

2. Promotion of Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Young People's Speakers Tournament. Associational Elimination Contest was held at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. Miss Annette Carter, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, represented the Intermediates of our association at the State Training Union Convention, Fort Smith, and won first place in the Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill at Ridgecrest. Mr. Willis Truman Moore represented the Young People in the Better Speaker's Tournament at the State Training Union Convention at Fort Smith.

## II. Study Course Awards

The following 2,164 Study Course Awards were issued to 32 churches in Pulaski County Association, October 1, 1947 to September 1, 1948:

Baptist Tabernacle, 11; Baring Cross, 159; Biddle, 4; Bethany, 56; Calvary, 5; Capitol Hill, 24; Central, North Little Rock, 43; Crystal Valley, 49; Douglassville First, 46 First, Little Rock, 261; First, North Little Rock, 114; Gaines Street, 308; Geyer Springs, 35; Grace, 31; Hebron, 59; Immanuel, 228; Ironton, 4; Jacksonville, 137; Park Hill, 13; Pike Avenue, 90; Pilgrim's Rest, 23; Pine Grove, 8; Plainview, 60; Pulaski Heights, 59; Reynolds' Memorial, 17; Second, Little Rock, 50; Shady Grove, 16; South Highland, 123; Sylvan Hills, 54; Trinity, 12; Woodlawn, 63; Worrells' Memorial, 56.

## III. Financial Report

Receipts .....\$ 600.00

### Disbursements:

Office Supplies .....\$ 1.75

Long Distance Telephone Call, Nashville, Tennessee ..... 1.35

250 Posters ..... 55.64

Total Disbursements .....\$58.74 58.74

Balance .....\$ 541.26

## IV. Recommendations

1. That one week be set aside for Church Development Week for all Training Union Members of this association. The date to be set later.



2. That all churches promote the State Training Union Convention to be held Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, 1949, at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

3. That each church promote and enlist members to attend the State Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs and the Southwide Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

4. That all churches join in the crusade to enlist all of their members to read the Bible daily, pray daily, and to have family worship, and that all Training Unions engage in the crusade to increase prayer meeting attendance.

5. That six new Training Unions be organized.

6. That the Association elect an Associational Training Union Director for Pulaski County Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

RAY BRANSCUM.

12. E. A. Ingram presented the Associational Program for 1948-49.

13. A men's quartette under the direction of Roland Leath sang two numbers.

14. R. Wilbur Herring, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, preached the annual sermon. His sermon subject was, "Is Evangelism Elective?" The closing prayer was led by B. L. Bridges.

## SECOND EVENING

Tuesday, October 12, 1948

15. The second evening session of the Pulaski County Baptist Association was opened by prayer led by E. S. Ray. Moderator W. O. Vaught, Jr., presided.

16. The messengers and visitors were led in song by E. B. Hester.

17. Felix Williams read the scripture and led in prayer.

18. The Journal for the previous evening was read by the clerk.

**BAPTIST HOSPITALS**

19. J. A. Gilbreath made the Hospitals Report. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

As we review the record of service of the Baptist hospitals during the past year, we are reminded of Matthew's statement concerning the ministry of Jesus: "Great multitudes came unto Him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and He healed them: insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see; and they glorified the God of Israel."

The Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis reports an outstanding year in their institution's work. They ministered to the greatest number in their entire history, 25,761. Free service was given to 1,318 persons and the cost of hospital service rendered without charge was \$289,283.07, the largest in the hospital's history.

The Memphis hospital spent \$223,012.83 for remodeling and improving, and paid a \$25,000 indebtedness to the University of Tennessee, which has been outstanding since 1912. All of this was done without cost to the denomination, for the Baptist Memorial Hospital receives no funds whatsoever from the denomination and made no appeals nor campaigns during the year.

The Baptist State Hospital at Little Rock completed its 30th year of operation, which was very satisfactory. All our departments are functioning smoothly in spite of shortage of technical help. The staff has increased to 189 doctors, and this organization has improved much in the last year. Doctors work together with hospital personnel with the least possible friction.

Our financial condition the past year was healthy. We are still unable to meet demands for beds. The pressure is somewhat less than it has been in previous years, but there is still a waiting list at all times.

The hospital treated 11,274 bed patients. In addition there were 2,249 out-patients treated in the emergency room or in one of our clinical departments.

Baptist State Hospital spent \$50,610.92 for charity. A special offering for charity was taken on Mother's Day which amounted to \$5,748.00. This fund has been set aside for charity authorized by churches and will be discussed as calls are made for this service.



The School of Nursing maintained an average of 150 students during the fiscal year. Cost of the School amounted to \$175,274.54. Forty-six students were accepted in June and 55 in September of this year, which brings the School up to 200 enrollment.

Approximately \$60,000 was spent in remodeling our maternity department. Air-conditioning, fluorescent lighting and piped oxygen to the nursery were installed. All rooms have been redecorated which gives the appearance of a bedroom in your home rather than a hospital room.

Our religious program is still very active. The work of the Auxiliary was the most outstanding of any year in the past. Through the help of our Chaplain, Brother J. F. Queen, Mrs. Charles H. Brough, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken and Miss Elma Cobb, we are endeavoring to advance the religious program among patients, relatives, personnel and students.

#### BOTTOMS' ORPHANS' HOME

20. W. Dawson King read the report for the Bottoms' Orphans' Home. Motion was made that report be adopted. Carried.

During the past year the guiding principle of our program of care has been that of serving each child in accordance with his or her needs. Each child has been studied in order to learn his or her particular need and then an effort has been made to give the needed relationships and activities necessary to meet those needs. Many dependent children, because of the tragic experiences they have suffered when their homes were broken up and they were denied a measure of tender love and affection, have developed deep emotional problems for which they must have skilled help to overcome. Our program has been carefully designed to serve this broad purpose of meeting each child's physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs.

Such has been our positive approach in dealing with our children and their problems. We accept and love each one of them, as we must if we help them. We do not whip them. Corporal punishment tends to wreck the spirit of dependent children and causes more problems than it solves. We do not use the fear motive. It would not be in their interest to be afraid of us. Love has been the guiding principle.

Our Home has been filled to capacity since the first of the year. We have had to turn away 61 very needy children because of a lack of room. This increase in population from

41 to 100, together with the rising cost of living, has increased all our operating expenses. This has incurred a deficit of approximately \$4,000. By the end of the year it will probably be around \$10,000. We must either have a larger financial support or we shall have to cut down on the number of children cared for, and perhaps, have to curtail some very needful aspects of our program. Our financial needs can be met if all our churches will give us a liberal Thanksgiving offering. Our goal this year will be "One Day's Pay" from each Arkansas Baptist.

There were twenty-seven additions from our Home to our Church in 1947, and already this year we have had fifteen additions. Our children are active in the various auxiliaries of our church: S. S., B. T. U., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeams; and several of our boys belong to Boy Scouts and the 4-H Club.

Bro. L. B. Snider, Superintendent since January, 1947, has resigned and severed his connection with the Home. Rev. H. C. Seefeldt, formerly pastor of the Paris Baptist Church, has been chosen as Superintendent and is already on the field.

We ask that our churches remember the special seasons for receiving offerings for our Orphans' Home and increase our gifts to the Co-operative Program from which most of the Home's funds must come.

W. DAWSON KING,  
Chairman;  
R. W. BISHOP,  
JACK WHITFIELD,  
C. O. HITT.

21. H. C. Seefeldt, the newly elected Superintendent of the Bottoms' Orphans' Home was introduced by W. Dawson King. Rev. Seefeldt gave an oral report and made a plea for the prayers and assistance of all Baptists in the Association. At the suggestion of Moderator W. O. Vaught, Jr., all messengers signified their desire to support the Orphanage by a standing vote.

#### TEMPERANCE

22. W. C. Rowe gave the report for the Temperance Committee. Motion made that report be adopted. Carried.

The liquor traffic still presents the same complex problems that it has always presented, and carries with it the same destruction and disgrace that has always followed in its



trail of crime and broken homes. We must believe that "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Proverbs 20:1.

### Liquors, an Increasing Menace to Women

Just a few years ago it was estimated that of every ten alcoholics, one was a woman. The Chicago Herald-American (Jan. 5, 1948) estimates that now, of every ten alcoholics, four are women. It is truly a dark picture painted by this man-polluting soul-destroying traffic.

### Economic Loss Caused by Liquors

The economic loss to Arkansas in 1947, caused by liquors:

Spent for all liquors.....	\$52,437,773.00
Crime caused by liquors, Arkansas, 1947.....	30,700,000.00
Auto Accidents caused by liquors, Ark., 1947....	3,177,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$86,314,773.00</b>

That was the per capita cost of \$43.14.

Liquors "revenues" to Arkansas, 1947, \$6,524,750.00. That was a per capita revenue of \$3.16. Each \$1.00 of "revenue" cost \$13.00 plus.

### America's Liquor Bill for 1947

Spent for "legal" liquors.....	\$ 9,640,000,000.00
Bootleg (estimate, at least).....	964,000,000.00
Crime, caused by liquors.....	6,000,000,000.00
Auto accidents, caused by liquors.....	440,000,000.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,044,000,000.00</b>

This concerns only the money-side of this situation. The MORAL and SPIRITUAL loss caused by all these liquors, with all the evils attending its consumption, cannot be calculated until God judges the world in righteousness.

And yet, the distillers and promoters, in their insatiable greed for more money, spend more than a million dollars annually for advertising, to make more and more people drink, and to make drinkers drink more and more.

### Bootlegging in Wet Counties

On March 18, 1948, there were 37 dry counties in Arkansas. There are 55 Federal retail whiskey permits in those 37 counties. In the 38 WET counties, there were, in addition to all kinds of "legal" licenses, 273 "Federal Bootleggers",—persons who were holding Federal permits but no ARKANSAS permits. There are more bootleggers in WET areas than in DRY areas.

### We Recommend

1. That we express to Mr. Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, our appreciation for his outstanding work.
2. That our churches work with the Anti-Saloon League, and other Christian bodies, in opposing the liquor traffic.
3. That our churches place the Anti-Saloon League in their budget.
4. That we co-operate with our law enforcement officers as they endeavor to safeguard our well being.

23. Clyde C. Coulter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, spoke against Initiated Act No. 2 to be voted upon at the General Election of November 2, 1948. W. O. Vaught, Jr., and Charles E. Lawrence suggested that the messengers make a voluntary offering at this session for the purpose of "running newspaper advertisements informing the people of Pulaski County of the evils of Initiated Act No. 2." An offering was taken and the sum of \$106.81 was contributed to this cause.

### BROTHERHOOD

24. Frank Shamburger read the Brotherhood report. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

On October 1, 1948, there were approximately 160 Brotherhoods in churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This figure represents a growth of twenty-five per cent in the number of church Brotherhoods as compared with 1947. Thirty-five of the forty-two associations now have one or more Brotherhoods in operation, although the development of the Brotherhood Movement in Arkansas is still in the pioneering stage. Many churches are becoming aware of the need for organizing work among the men.

Churches are beginning to realize: (1) Men need to be at work at the tasks of the church and the kingdom of God; and (2) every church needs the influence and work of its men.



Two of the perennial objectives of the Brotherhood Department are: (1) A Brotherhood in every church; (2) an Associational Brotherhood in every association.

The Brotherhood ideals are: (1) Personal Consecration, (2) Personal Stewardship, (3) and Personal Soul-Winning. These three add up to: Better men, giving all of themselves to the Lord, in the greatest work in all the world.

The main emphasis of the Brotherhood Department in 1948 has been on evangelism; and God has richly blessed. Hundreds of souls have been saved and added to the churches of the state.

A church Brotherhood is simply the willing men of a Baptist Church banded together and organized to undergird every phase of the life and work of the church. The Brotherhood has an aggressive program which is designed deliberately to put men to work at the tasks of the kingdom.

Our Brotherhood work is going forward with the deep conviction that our men need to be enlisted in the work which Christ has given His people to do. We believe that every church needs a Brotherhood, and that an associational Brotherhood should be set up in every association.

Our association at present has 15 Brotherhoods. They are: Douglasville No. 1, Hebron Baptist Church, Jacksonville Baptist Church, Life Line Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock Immanuel Church, Reynolds' Memorial Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, South Highland Baptist Church, Baring Cross Baptist Church, Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock; First Baptist Church, North Little Rock; Sylvan Hills Baptist Church, Worrells' Memorial Baptist Church, Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

NELSON F. TULL, Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

25. The Treasurer's report was read by W. A. Jeffries. Motion to adopt report. Carried.

#### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

From October 18, 1947 to October 1, 1948

Church	Minutes	Gen. Work	Church	Minutes	Gen. Work
First, L. R. ....	\$10.00	\$ 337.50	Baring Cross .....	\$10.00	\$ 120.00
Woodlawn .....	2.00	32.00	Mt. View No. 2 .....	2.00	3.00
North Point .....	2.00	-----	Plainview .....	2.00	50.00
East End .....	5.00	-----	Worrells' Memorial .....	3.50	36.62
Pike Avenue .....	3.00	50.00	Levy .....	10.00	135.41

Church	Minutes	Gen. Work	Church	Minutes	Gen. Work
Grace, N. L. R.	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00	Oak Forest	\$ 3.00	\$ 15.00
Jacksonville	5.00	155.00	Baptist Tabernacle	10.00	240.00
Shady Grove	2.00	18.00	Ironton	10.00	66.61
Pine Grove	3.85	60.00	Bellevue	5.00	38.00
Pulaski Heights	5.00	240.00	Sylvan Hills First	6.00	105.00
First, N. L. R.	10.00	220.00	Douglasville No. 2	2.50	
Geyer Springs	3.00		Stanfill	3.00	15.00
Pilgrim's Rest	2.00		Life Line	3.00	
Douglasville First	2.00	72.00	Park Hill	5.00	50.00
Hebron	4.00	93.00	Biddle	2.00	
Holly Springs	2.00	36.00	Woodson	3.00	
Trinity	3.00	4.67	Calvary, L. R.		146.69
Central, N. L. R.	5.00	65.00	Second, L. R.		330.00
Zion Hill	5.00	22.00	Natural Steps		12.00
Liberty	2.00		West Side		45.00
Crystal Hill	5.00		Little Rock Ext.		93.34
Immanuel, L. R.	20.00	490.00	Home Mission Board		1,166.57
Reynolds' Memorial	12.00	50.00	Graves' Memorial		23.67
South Highland	10.00	103.34	Balance from 1946-47		504.04
Friendship	4.00	31.70	S. S.-B. T. U. Work		18.33
Crystal Valley	5.00	18.00	L. R. Ext. School		93.34
Gaines Street	5.00	177.78			
			Total Receipts		\$5,875.25

## Expenditures

Pastor Supplement	\$ 830.00
Traveling Expenses for Missionary and others	176.39
Expense of Bus to Siloam Springs	25.00
Expense of Training Union Conference at South Highland Church	40.00
Record Book for Associational Clerk	2.09
Purchase of new typewriter for office	199.19
Rev. E. A. Ingram's Salary	1,916.65
Ministers' Retirement	166.68
Baptist Book Store	31.78
Purchase of Tent for the Association	595.00
Expense of Moving Missionary to Little Rock	403.13
Telegrams sent in interest of Association	15.00
Office supplies—stationery, stamps, etc.	53.79
Raynor for extra janitor service	6.00
Refund to First Baptist Church on Minutes	10.00
Bank charge	14.46
Film used at First Church during Training School	13.25
Printing	504.33
Postage	4.00
Secretary hire	56.00
Total Disbursements	\$5,874.91
Balance on hand, October 1, 1948	\$ .34

## ASSOCIATIONAL BUDGET

26. Charles Lawrence read the report on the suggested Budget for 1948-49. Motion was made to adopt the Budget. Carried.



## Suggested Budget for 1948-1949

Printing of Minutes.....	\$ 100.00
Salary of Missionary.....	2,800.00
Clerk Service .....	75.00
Office Rent .....	300.00
Telephone .....	100.00
Postage-Stationery .....	150.00
Printing of the Bulletin.....	420.00
Annual Associational Meeting.....	100.00
Ministers' Retirement .....	120.00
Associational Promotional Work.....	1,000.00
Church Supplements .....	1,440.00
Miscellaneous—School of Missions	
Simultaneous Revival	
Book Store Expense .....	1,395.00
Total .....	\$8,000.00

We, your Finance Committee, recommend that since the Associational enlarged Program needs an \$8,000.00 budget and that since we have around 16,000 resident members, therefore, that each church contribute an amount corresponding to fifty cents a year for each resident member.

CHARLES LAWRENCE,  
Chairman;  
TAYLOR STANFILL  
W. A. JEFFRIES,  
L. G. MILLER.

27. Special music was rendered by the Choir of Immanuel Baptist Church under the direction of Hatcher Hoyt.

28. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, brought the doctrinal sermon on "The Doctrine of Sanctification."

29. The session was closed by prayer by O. W. Moran.

## THIRD EVENING

Wednesday, October 13, 1948

30. The evening session of the Pulaski County Baptist Association was opened by prayer led by Henry W. Ryan. Moderator W. O. Vaught, Jr., presided.

31. The messengers and visitors were led in a song service by E. B. Hester.

32. W. E. Parker read from John 1:1-18 and led in prayer.

33. The Journal for the previous evening was read by the Clerk.

34. Report on Obituaries was made by W. C. Halsell and special prayer was led by R. C. Campbell. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

35. Miss Lelia Maude Funston gave the report on religious literature. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

The literature a person reads has much to do with shaping his ideals, forming his character, determining his conduct and relationships of life. The most notable example of the influence of reading matter upon the life and conduct of the individual is the current "comic book" trash which is credited with having much to do with the present wave of juvenile delinquency.

The Bible is the basis of all Christian literature. No literature may claim to be Christian except as it incorporates the teachings of the Bible and makes these teachings applicable to daily living.

It is with this purpose in mind that Southern Baptists are producing such a tremendous volume of literature—totaling approximately 30 million pieces of literature annually. The aim of this stream of Christian literature is four-fold: exposition of Bible doctrines; evaluation of Bible teachings as they relate to daily living; guidance in the methods and skills of Christian witnessing; inspire the reader to faithful Christian service.

All Christian forces should be committed to the unrelenting effort of guiding the reading habits of people in the direction of wholesome literature, particularly Christian literature.

The Arkansas Baptist is committed to such a program. It is the hope of the editorial staff of the Arkansas Baptist to provide its readers with the incentive to read Christian literature and so fill the mind with Christian thoughts and ideals.

The Arkansas Baptist is the official publication of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and it is intended to serve several definite purposes:



1. It serves as a medium for disseminating news of the churches, pastors, associations, conferences, and all meetings of the Convention.

2. It serves as the channel through which the institutions of the Convention may reach the Baptists of the state with their message.

3. It carries news of the denomination throughout the South and the world.

4. It endeavors to provide its readers with devotional, informational, inspirational, and doctrinal reading matter.

5. It seeks to interpret the Baptist position on current issues.

The Arkansas Baptist has approximately 32,000 paid subscriptions. The vast majority of these subscriptions are obtained through the church budget plan.

There are three subscription plans: The individual subscription at \$2.00 per year. The club plan of 10 or more subscriptions at \$1.50 per year. And the church budget plan, where the church places the paper in its budget and sends it to the families in the church membership at \$1.32 per year, or 11 cents per month.

The church budget plan is the most economical and the most effective plan for keeping the entire membership of the church informed on denomination affairs. We heartily commend this plan to all our churches.

The Arkansas Baptist has three sources of income:

1. The first, and by far the largest source of income, is from the subscriptions. However, the subscription rate does not cover the cost of production, therefore, other sources of income must be provided.

2. A second source of income is the allocation of \$8,000.00 by the Executive Board for 1948, which partially pays for the space used by the departments of the Board.

3. The third source of income is from advertising. The main bulk of advertising comes from our denominational agencies and institutions, though we do carry some commercial advertising. The paper has declined to accept political advertising and patent medicine advertising. It has been the efforts of the business management to keep the advertising carried by the paper on the highest possible level.

We solicit the full co-operation of our pastors and laymen in promoting a wider circulation of the Arkansas Baptist, and a wider reading of Christian literature.

B. H. DUNCAN,  
Chairman;  
O. A. GREENLEAF,  
LELIA MAUDE FUNSTON,  
R. F. WEEKS.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

36. The report on Christian and Ministerial Education was read by R. C. Campbell. Motion that report be adopted. Carried.

"Heresy in college means false doctrine in the churches," declared Charles H. Spurgeon.

There are few subjects as important as Christian education to claim our attention. All our calling causes—evangelism, missions, benevolences—are inseparable from it. For Christian education to fail, means failure eventually all along the lines of our work. May we think of Christian education under these heads: The founding, the field, the fruits, the future.

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#### The Founding

A century ago we stood in the day-dawning of Christian education. There was no fixed star in our denominational sky concerning Christian schools. We groped in uncertain light. Doubt stalked among those who were pessimistic in regard to these schools which were slowly springing up. The founding of our Christian schools was one of the mighty birth hours of our beloved denomination, a destiny-laden event fraught with immeasurable blessings. These schools were God-given and have been Heaven-blessed.

Looking back over the history of our Christian schools, we see a picture most beautiful; a panorama most pleasing, a scene most challenging. This picture was not painted by the hand of great wealth; it was painted by the hand of sacrifice. Its rich hues are not tints of gold; they are the crimson color of the blood of their sacrificial founders and promoters. Our Christian schools were born in the prayers, tears, and sacrifices of our forefathers.