

MINUTES

Of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association Met Oct. 11, 1913.

The Twenty-Sixth annual session of the Fourche Valley Baptist Association convened with Mountain Grove church at 10:30 a. m.

The Association was called to order and the clerk not being present, John L. Hill was elected clerk pro tem.

Devotional exercises.

11:00 a. m. — Sermon by Elder E. L. West, after which the devotional committee was appointed, as follows: The deacons of Mountain Grove church with V. N. Redditt and John L. Hill. Dismissed to 2:00 p. m. by prayer by John L. Hill.

Evening Session, Saturday, 3 p. m.

Devotional Exercises.

Reading clerks appointed — V. N. Redditt, J. W. Quinn and M. L. Stone.

Letters read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antiosh, E. L. West and O. L. West.

Aplin, B. B. Anderson and John H. Alexander.

Houston, H. G. Johnson, Fount Hill, Agnes Hill, W. H. Perry and Earl May.

Bigelow, J. E. Steely and D. E. Steely.

Casa, H. W. Duncan, V. N. Redditt and M. L. Stone.

Cove Chapel, letter only.

Harmony, A. Williams.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Forty-first Annual session of Friendship Baptist Association convened with Holly Springs Baptist church in Lincoln county, Arkansas, Saturday, Sept. 20, 1913 at 10 o'clock A. M.

The house was called to order by singing and Bro. James Bridges conducted devotional exercises. Bro. B. L. Bridges being absent, J. W. Fish preached the introductory sermon on the subject, "Go," from Matthew, 28: 19 as a text.

Association adjourned until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order and W. A. Fish and Dr. T. L. Adams were asked to read the church letters. The following messengers were enrolled:

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

- Bethlehem—J. W. Fish, M. Y. Moran, J. L. Tucker, J. H. Owen.
- Center—Dr. T. L. Adams and wife, J. W. Bridges.
- Cornerville—Not represented.
- Clio—Represented only by letter.
- Dumas—Jack Nuckols and wife.
- Enon—S. W. Doster,
- Friendship—Not represented.
- Florence—G. A. Sumrall, E. D. Allison and wife.
- Hickory Grove—A. Y. Moran, J. C. Haddox, R. S. Johnson.
- Holly Springs—D. W. Chance, I. L. Vick, T. R. Smith.
- Harmony—H. H. Mondell, W. Z. Stone, J. Jacks.
- Lone Grove—J. J. Morrison, Bester Wynn.
- Mt. Moriah—W. J. Caldwell, J. L. Conrad, Belle Caldwell.
- Nt. Zion—Not represented.
- Macedonia—G. A. Riffin, J. L. Riffin, D. Y. May.
- New Hope—Not represented.
- New Home—S. A. Ward, W. M. Rodgers.
- Oak Grove—L. J. Reed, W. T. Reed, C. T. Hankins.
- Ohio St., Pine Bluff—Represented only by letter.

Mountain Cove, W. R. Strange and Walter Black.
Perryville, M. A. Vandalsem, W. L. Tarvin and John L.
Hill.

Pleasant View, C. M. Wade.

The following committees were appointed:

On Sunday Schools, M. A. Vandalsem and M. L. Stone.

On Finance, H. W. Duncan, V. N. Redditt and W. H.
Perry.

On Obituaries, W. L. Tarvin, O. L. West and J. W.
Hathorn.

On Associational Missions, Fount Hill, and D. E. Steely.

On Literature, Elders J. A. Johnson and E. L. West.

On Prohibition, A. Williams, W. R. Strange and O. L.
West.

Orphans Home, C. N. Wade and V. L. Redditt.

On Foreign Missions, D. B. Moore and Walter Black.

On State Missions, H. G. Johnson, John H. Alexander
and D. F. Steely.

On Ministerial Education, M. A. Vandalsem and B. P.
Anderson.

On Home Missions, W. L. Tarvin, V. N. Redditt and
Earl May.

On Order of Business, O. L. West, E. L. West and John
L. Hill.

On Requests and Resolutions, John L. Hill, W. H. Perry
and H. W. Duncan.

Report of committee on Divine Service:

We, your committee on divine service, beg leave to
report that we have selected Elder O. L. West to preach at
7 p. m. tonight, and Elder J. E. Steely at 11 a. m. and Elder
H. C. Johnson at 7 p. m. tomorrow.

JOHN L. HILL, Chairman.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

7 p. m., sermon by Elder O. L. West.

Report of committee on Requests:

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that this Association be held next year
with the Perryville Baptist church at Perryville, Ark., and

select Elder D. B. Moore to preach the introductory sermon at 11 a. m. of the first day of the Association, and we select Elder H. G. Johnson to preach the missionary sermon at 11 a. m. on Sunday.

JOHN L. HILL, Chairman.

Report of committee on Finance;

We, your committee on finance report that we have \$26.50 minute fund; 70 cents associational fund; \$1.40 state mission fund, and \$2 80 orphans home fund.

V. N. REDDIT, Chairman.

(Clerk's Note. — The difference between \$20.25 as shown by the statistical table and \$26.50 for minutes was made up at the association.)

By a vote of the Association it was ordered that the clerk take receipts for all funds paid out, and it was further ordered that the clerk write H. N. Hefner asking that he pay to the clerk \$15.50 paid to him last year as clerk for the benefit of O. L. West for educational purposes.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Sunday.

Sunday Morning, 9 O'clock.

Devotional exercises led by Moderator J. E. Steely.

By vote of the Association E. L. West was elected as messenger to Trace Ridge Association, and John L. Hill as messenger to Dardanelle Association, and W. H. Perry to United Associations, next year.

Report of the committee on Sunday Schools was offered and discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following:

Number of school reported, 5.

Total enrollment, 341.

Number of officers and teachers, 32.

Cost of literature, \$79.49.

Paid to orphanage, \$3.71.

Kind of literature, S. B. Convention.

We find the enrollment very light and recommend that each Baptist use more zeal in the future welfare in regard to Sunday school work, as this is a pathway to the future of

the church. Also that the Fifth Sunday meetings have Sunday school program.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. VANDALSEM.

M. L. STONE.

10:30. Report of committee on Obituaries adopted as follows:

We your committee on obituaries beg leave to report that through the mercy of God He has preserved the lives of all our ministers since our last meeting. But the following members have gone to their reward since our last gathering:

May Cobb, O. H. Fullerton, Aplin.

E. Thurston, Antioch.

Dr. E. A. Tarvin, Perryville.

Sister J. S. Hambright, Casa.

Effie Williams, Harmony.

Wm. Ballard and Mattie Gibbons, Bigelow.

Jodie Mayo, Houston.

O. L. WEST,

W. L. TARVIN.

JOHN HATHORN

10:30. Report of committee on State Missions offered, discussed and adopted, as follows.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to report that our state mission work this year was laid out on a basis of \$36,000, putting in the field six missionaries for full time, besides assisting weak churches to pay pastors and suppling the salaries of associational missionaries. As a result of state missions hundreds have been converted and weak churches have been supplied with pastors that otherwise would have been pastorless, and associations have had missionaries within their bounds. We, therefore, recommend and insist that every church and every pastor take regular collections for this part of our great work, so that when the year shall have come to a close we will be able to

wipe out all debt and begin the new year with a determination to do greater things than we have done in the past.

H. G. JOHNSON,
J. H. ALEXANDER,
D. E. STEELY.

11:00 p. m. Missionary sermon by Moderator J. E. Steely.

Collection for state missions \$5.00.

Adjourned with prayer by H. G. Johnson.

Sunday Afternoon.

3: p. m. Opening song and prayer led by W. H. Perry.

3:30. Report of committee on Associational Missions was offered, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on associational missions, make the following report: We had no missionary on the field this year, and we see the need of the gospel being preached at the destitute places. We think that we, as Missionary Baptists, should be willing to send the gospel to those who are near us, and we recommend that we have a missionary in the field six months in 1914.

D. E. STEELY.
T. F. HILL.

After the adoption of the report on state missions, it was ordered by a vote of the association that the executive board employ an associational missionary for three months, or even for six months, if funds could be had. At this point Mr. Jesse Henry subscribed \$5.00 toward paying an associational missionary, to be paid on order of the executive board.

3:40 p. m. Report of the committee on Literature was offered and adopted, as follows:

Your committee submit the following report:

"Back to the Bible" has been preached by Baptists all through the Christian era. The tendency of the human race, while unevangelized, has always been to retrograde. We rejoice to know that our adorable Lord and Master has always had a people who have adhered to the Bible, making

it their only rule of faith and practice. They have, instead of limiting its transcendent truths to the clergy, and leaving the laity to grope in darkness, it has ever been their policy to translate the Bible into the native tongues of the people so they could read and understand for themselves. It is in keeping with his direct word to reach first the individual, and after, as a sufficient number of them have become evangelized, to organize them into independent churches, in order to secure co-operation in the work left by the Master for them to do, with only one head and Lawgiver, our Lord Jesus Christ. And, although the history of these witnesses for Him can be traced by their blood to the banks of the Jordan, and we feel to rejoice with all of our being today that we can justly claim them as our ancestors. May we never be ashamed of such a lineage.

In the matter of modern literature, we recommend, most heartily, our own state paper, The Baptist Advance, which has now passed into the hands of our State Convention, though it is still under the editorial management of our dear brother, E. A. J. McKinney, and we advise all the brethren to heartily co-operate with him in the difficult and arduous labors he has to perform.

As helps to the pastor in leading his flock and securing their hearty co-operation in mission and other work, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and the literature supplied by the Boards, together with the Sunday school literature and other reading matter that may be obtained from the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We believe we should literally sow down our field—the South—with mission tracts which may be had of our boards without cost.

J. A. JOHNSON.
E. L. WEST.

3:45 p. m. The report of the committee on Prohibition was adopted as follows:

There has been for years no moral question that de-

mands the attention of God's people more than the whisky traffic of any country. The day is at hand when the better class of our society must discourage this traffic in every way or find themselves shut out from their rights as citizens. Whisky is nowhere sold except where the whisky men control the politics of the locality. The cities are becoming the hiding places of these corrupt forces for overriding the law and trampling under foot good order. We call upon our membership not only to strive to put the business out of the country but out of the towns and cities, until the traffic has been banished from this great state.

And, we recommend that we assist any courts and men in authority to close the soft drink shops on Sunday, as it is a violation of law and a detriment to the attendance of our churches and Sunday schools.

A. WILLIAMS.

3:30 p. m. The report of the committee on Orphans Home beg permission to submit the following report:

First. That our work in this department has been very progressive under the efficient services of Bro. Williams.

Second. That everything is being done for the best interests of the children.

Third. That practically every child that has reached a suitable age has united with the church.

Fourth. That there are about 180 children in the home.

Fifth. That the Ladies Aid of Bigelow, Houston, Perryville and Casa are each clothing a child in the home.

Sixth. We feel that each church should respond to the calls of the superintendent in the care of the little ones.

V. N. REDDITT.

G. M. WADE.

4:00 p. m. At this point John L. Hill offered an amendment to the constitution which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Be it ordered by this body that Article II (2)* of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows.

"It shall be composed of persons who hold their membership in the church from which he or they may be sent, and who have been duly elected delegates or messengers by the respective churches belonging to this union."

4:15 p. m. The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was adopted, as follows:

We your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

Number of countries operated in by the Southern Baptists (China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina)	7
Number of missionaries in the field	268
Number of native helpers	577
Number of baptisms	2,500
Number of women's training schools	9
Number of students	312
Number of theological schools	10
Number of students	245
Number of medical missionaries	15
Number of patients treated	51,796
Amount of money raised on missionary fields	\$76,872 05
Amount the board expended	\$630,735 31
Present debt of the board	\$56,390 50

Your committee urge pastors and laymen to instruct the churches in reference to missions. We further urge every member of our churches to face God and do what each one believes God wants him to do in helping to advance the kingdom of heaven.

D. B. MOORE, Chairman

4:20 p. m. The following were appointed by the moderator on the executive board: H. G. Johnson, J. E. Steely R. A. Jones, Geo. Price and John L. Hill.

The report of the committee on Order of Business was offered and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

10.00 a. m. Association called to order by moderator.

10.00 to 10.30. Devotional exercises.

10.30 to 11.00 Appointment of devotional committee,
song service and report of committee.

11.00 to 12.00. Introductory sermon by D. B. Moore.

12.00 to 2.00. Adjournment.

2.00 to 3.00. Reading statistical letters and election of
officers.

3.00 to 4.00. Appointing committees.

7.00 to 8.00. Sermon.

8.00 to 9.00. Report of committee on requests and se-
lecting place for next meeting, and report of committee
on Finance.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9.00 to 10.00. Devotional exercises and Sunday school
talks.

10.00 to 11.00. Sunday school.

11.00 to 12.00. Missionary sermon by H. G. Johnson.

12.00 to 2.00. Adjournment.

2.00 p. m. Reports of committees.

7.00 p. m. Sermon.

9:30 A. M. MONDAY.

Reports of committees and general business.

E. L. WEST.

O. F. WEST.

JOHN L. HILL.

4:40 p. m. Report of the committee on Home Missions
was offered and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on home missions beg permission
to submit the following report:

The work of the home mission board for the fiscal year
in May, 1913, is on a larger scale than ever before. Ap-
portionment is \$412,000, and the board has found it neces-
sary to appropriate the whole amount. Money was appro-
priated as follows:

West of the Mississippi river	\$128,388
East of the Mississippi river	73,500
Evangelism.	42,000

Negroes	75,000
Mt. Schools.	47,150
Publicity	10,000
Cuba and Panama	52,150
Special Appropriations	27,911
Fixed Charges	25,700
In Arkansas.	13,600
Money collected in Arkansas for home missions.	8,912

We especially recommend that we co-operate with the Home and Foreign Mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. L. TARVIN
V. N. REDDITT
CARL MAY.

5:00 p. m. Adjourned to 7:30 with prayer by J. A. Johnson.

7:30. Song service and prayer led by J. E. Steely.

Sermon by Elder H. G. Johnson.

On motion it was ordered that the clerk be paid \$5.00 out of the minutes fund for his services.

The report of the committee on Requests and Resolutions (Sec. 2) was offered and adopted, as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved. That this association extend our heartfelt thanks to Mountain Grove church and the people of the neighborhood for so nobly and loyally entertaining us during the session of this body. May God's blessings be theirs henceforth, is our prayer.

JOHN L. HILL, Chairman.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Perryville church at Perryville, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1914.

J. E. STELY, Moderator.

JOHN L. HILL, Clerk,

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Present Membership	Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Orphans' Home	Days of Meeting	Number Enrolled in Sunday Schools	Cost of Literature	Our College Debt	Value of Church Property
Antioch	E. L. West	Divide	E. F. Rankin...							\$ 1 00										
Aplin			J. H. Alexander	1		2	2		41	2 50	60	\$ 1 40	\$ 10		\$ 2 00	1				
Houston	H. G. Johnson	Magazine	Joe London...	8	4	4	1	4	167	3 00		63 00	37 00	\$ 250	15 00	1-2	\$ 50	\$11 85	\$ 9 00	1000
Higelow	W. H. O'Neal	Arkadelphia	C. M. Cagle	9	6	3	2	1	65	4 00			25 50		362	10 00		1 10	25 64	1200
Cass	H. G. Johnson	Magazine	M. L. Stone		6	6	1		84	2 50		32 50	19 50	150	6 00	3		67	24 00	1000
Cove Chappel	E. Renard	Pontoon	C. J. Counts	11	2	5			23	1 00						4				
Harmony	M. P. Anderson	Maumelle	Etta Brazil		2		1			80			3 00		4 50	3				
Mountain Grove	J. M. Neal	Satuma	J. W. Quinn			2	1		50	2 00						4	29			
Perryville	H. G. Johnson	Magazine	J. E. Brazil	1	2		1	1	51	2 50	2 50	20 00	25 25	100	15 71	4	85	12 75	2 00	800
Pleasant View	O. L. West	Divide	E. S. Wade	10	10	9			38	1 00					80					
				52	31	13	22	9	6	519	\$20 35	3 10	\$ 116 50	114 35	\$ 862	\$54 81	\$ 2 41	\$73 46	\$11 00	4000

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be called the Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association, and shall meet on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October of each year, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. and remain in session three days.

Art. II. It shall be composed of persons who hold their membership in the church from which he or they may be sent, and who have been duly elected delegates or messengers by the respective churches belonging to this union.

Art. III. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each association, present letters specifying appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and died during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

Art. IV. Each church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and one for each fifty above that number.

Art. V. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by this association.

Art. VI. New churches may be admitted into this body by signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to work in fellowship with us.

Art. VII. This body shall have a Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk who shall be chosen at each annual meeting by private ballot, as soon as letters from churches are read and delegates' names are enrolled,

Art. VIII. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of the churches, yet, it may drop such churches as become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

Art. IX. This body shall have a fund for its expenses and the churches may send up funds for domestic or foreign missions or for the Bible cause. This association shall take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

Art. X. If a church shall have a difficulty with another churches we advise her to take the steps laid down in the 18th chapter of Matthew. And no difficulty between churches will be entertained by this body, unless such steps shall have been taken.

Art. XI. When churches of this union shall have gifts they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry according to the New Testament, and we advise all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this association.

Art. XII. This association will correspond with sister associations of the same faith and order.

Art. XIII. The minutes of this body shall be read and and corrected and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

Art. XIV. The association shall have an executive board consisting of the treasurer and four other members who shall be chosen annually.

Art. XV. This constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

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