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OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## Howard County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

UNITY CHURCH

Nashville, Ark.

October 23, 24, and 25

1909

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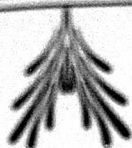
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Of the Seventeenth Annual Session of  
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1909.

The Howard County Baptist Association met with Unity Church in its seventeenth annual session, at 10 o'clock, Saturday, October 23, 1909.

After reading the second chapter of I Corinthians and prayer by the Moderator, the Association was declared ready for business.

The following brethren were appointed reading clerks: E. L. Compton, L. H. Bean and T. L. Epton.

The following named brethren were enrolled as messengers from the various churches:

Providence—J. C. Myrick, A. B. Myrick, A. J. Hosey.  
Pleasant View—J. E. Farley, J. L. Ferguson, Ed Farley.  
Mine Creek—J. T. Holt, A. H. Cagle, W. D. Davis.  
Rosedale—Frank Freeman, J. B. Chandler, H. T. Blankenship.  
Fellowship—J. B. Greenhaw, J. W. Glasgow, C. E. Greenhaw.  
Athens—John Serman, J. G. Sanders, E. W. Rhodes.  
Eden—L. B. Cornish, C. W. Turner, D. M. Fox.  
Amity—M. F. Dennis, G. W. McMurrian, J. D. Allison.  
Holley Creek—R. D. Bean, A. J. Bryant, Oscar Cook.  
Omn No. 2—G. W. Haynes, J. D. Hooker, C. M. Hipp.  
Liberty—W. M. Gantt, W. C. Stone, R. H. Hallmarsh.  
Harmony—W. H. Canaday, H. A. Jones, T. H. Canaday.  
Maple Springs—O. T. Green, J. F. Sanders, W. L. McLaughlin.

The hour having arrived for preaching, the Association adjourned to 1:30 o'clock. Brother John McWharter, the appointee to preach the associational sermon being absent, Bro. L. H. Bean, his alternate, proceeded to preach the associational sermon. Text: St. John, 8:44.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 o'clock. After singing and prayer by Bro. J. T. Howell, the reading of letters continued.

Mineral Springs—S. H. McCullough, C. M. Serles, C. I. Davis.  
Unity—W. H. Jones, S. A. Lewis, J. B. Sullivan.  
Center Point—R. N. Owens, Joe Bean, Joe Cannon.  
Clear Springs—J. O. Bowers, M. P. Cornish.  
County Line—Wm. H. Farley, T. D. Owens, G. H. Copeland.  
Sweet Home—Jno. Cornish, J. D. McFarland, S. C. Ford.  
Cedar Hill—W. M. Burgess, W. E. Burgess, C. A. Eavan.  
Antioch—L. Y. Compton, J. L. Hooker, J. M. Humphries.  
Bethany—J. W. Hampton, Denson Westbrook, W. R. Crisp.  
New Home—J. W. Payne, L. C. Ayers.  
Pleasant Valley—Sam Copeland, Austin Power, S. B. Ponder.  
Zion—J. B. Ball, F. R. Murphy, J. H. Hipp.

Motion that Brethren R. D. Neal and J. T. Howell be seated as messengers from Mine Creek Church. Motion lost.

After roll call of messengers the Association proceeded to elect a moderator, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

By motion Bro. J. T. M. Holt was elected moderator and Joe Cannon clerk and treasurer.

Bro. W. R. Story was seated as corresponding messenger from Union Association.

Bro. J. W. Hubbard, Jeff Cowling and Nathan Borum were seated as messengers from Southwestern Association.

Bro. L. M. Keeling was seated as corresponding messenger from Red River Association.

The moderator, in behalf of the Association, extended a hearty welcome to the corresponding messengers from the various associations.

Bro. A. C. Borum was seated as a visiting brother from Southwestern Association.

The following brethren were appointed as committee on Divine services: L. Y. Compton, C. A. Raven, messengers, and pastor of this church.

The moderator appointed the following brethren on finance committee: Joe Bean, J. B. Ball, Will Farley.

By motion the body went into selection of place for next mission meeting, the 5th Sunday in January, 1910.

By motion Antioch was selected.

Motion this body go into selection of place for next sitting of the Association. Motion carried.

Liberty and Ozan No. 2 were put in nomination. A vote was taken as follows: Liberty 13, Ozan No. 2, 28.

Motion was made to make the vote for Ozan No. 2 unanimous. Motion carried, and Ozan No. 2 was selected as the place for the next sitting of the Association by an unanimous vote.

By motion the moderator appointed the following brethren as a committee on program for mission meeting: T. H. Westbrook, S. B. Ponder, J. D. Hooker.

Committee on Divine Services submitted the following report: Saturday night, preaching at 7 o'clock, L. M. Keeling; Sunday School mass meeting, led by J. N. Borum, at 9 o'clock Sunday morning; preaching at 11 o'clock Sunday, W. M. Webb, at church; preaching at 11 o'clock, school house, T. H. Westbrook; Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, preaching by Bro. W. R. Story; Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, preaching by Bro. J. A. Turner.

Motion that Association select corresponding messengers to sister associations. Motion carried. The following brethren were appointed as corresponding messengers to the following associations:

Southwestern Association—C. M. Series, T. H. Westbrook, C. A. Raven.

Red River Association—J. T. Howell, A. H. Cagle.

Union Association—L. M. Byers, A. J. Cabaniss, T. L. Epton.

Pike County Association—J. C. Turner, J. F. Sanders, J. T. Howell.

Dr. G. W. Tallerson and T. Tallerson were seated as corresponding messengers from Pike County Association.

Bro. W. M. Webb was seated as a visitor from Little Rock.

Motion that Association adjourn till 7 o'clock. Carried.

### SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching at 7 o'clock by Bro. L. M. Keeling. Text: Matt. 28, 19:20. Subject, "A Practical Study of Our Marching Orders from a Subjective View Point."

After preaching the moderator announced the following committees:

Committee on Orphans' Home—J. C. Turner, S. A. Lewis, J. T. Hall.  
 Committee on Ministerial Education—A. H. Antry, C. I. Davis, C. W. McMarrian.  
 Committee on Ministerial Support—Will Davis, Otho Harper, J. H. Hipp.  
 Committee on Nominations—W. H. Eley, J. F. Sanders, G. H. Copeland.  
 Committee on Woman's Work—J. T. Howell, E. F. Parley, A. E. Ogle.  
 Committee on Sunday Schools—J. L. Ferguson, S. H. McCullough, C. M. Hipp.  
 Committee on Family Devotion—A. H. Antry, H. A. Jones, O. T. Green.  
 Committee on Young People's Work—D. W. Carnish, W. E. Burgess, J. M. Humphries.  
 Committee on Obituaries—T. L. Epton, J. D. McFarland, J. W. Payne.  
 Committee on State Missions—T. L. Epton, W. L. Stone, G. W. Hayes.  
 Committee on Foreign Missions—D. W. Carnish, M. F. Dennis, L. H. Bean.  
 Committee on Evils of Intemperance—R. N. Owens, C. A. Westfalls, Monroe Burgess.  
 Committee on Destitution—L. M. Byers, R. H. Hallmark, S. B. Carnish.  
 Committee on Literature—L. C. Ayers, J. L. Hooker, J. W. Hampton.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1909.

Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by Bro. I. N. Bordens. Brethren Jeff Cowling, J. W. Turquett, L. M. Keeling, W. R. Story, made some strong speeches, showing that every church ought to organize and maintain a Sunday School.

Preaching at 11 o'clock, at church, by Bro. W. M. Webb.

Preaching, at school house, at 11 o'clock, Bro. T. H. Westbrook.

Preaching, at 3 o'clock, by Bro. W. R. Story.

Preaching, at 7 o'clock, Bro. J. C. Turner.

#### MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 1909.

The Association met at 8:30 o'clock. (1). Song, "I Love Thee"; reading by the moderator, Rom., 12 chapter: prayer, led by Bro. T. L. Epton. After which the moderator declared the body ready for business.

Motion that the Association receive Independence Church on forthcoming petitionary letter. Motion carried. Bro. R. L. Hoyles was seated as a messenger from Independence Church, and hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator in behalf of the Association.

The committee on Ministerial Support submitted the following report:

Inasmuch as God has commanded us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and while we are not called to preach, still we all have a part in this great work. We therefore recommend our pastors and missionaries urge the people to give at least a tenth of all their increase to the Lord's cause, and our ministry be so supported that no one will have to leave the doctrine and principles of our Lord and his apostles and seek other fields of labor for means of support, and that they may give their entire time to the study of the scriptures,

that they may be able to preach the gospel in its purity to lost souls for their salvation and for the edifying of the church of Christ, and thereby help to prevent heresies and false doctrines and teachings from entering into our churches, and after being led by the spirit of God, to have boldness and courage to say how and where we want our money to go that it may do the most good for the cause of Christ.

(Signed.)

W. D. Davis,  
J. H. Hays,  
Otto Harper,  
Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

After speeches by Brethren J. T. Howell, W. D. Davis and T. L. Epton the report was adopted as read.

The committee on Ministerial Education submitted the following report:

Preachers are commanded in the word of God to "study to show themselves approved of God; workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." They are urged also to give heed to "reading and teaching, and to commit the things which they have learned to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. They are commanded to "make disciples, baptize and teach them." Now it is incontrovertibly certain that if one teaches he must know how to teach, and if he knows how to teach he must study. We would therefore recommend that all our preachers, who possible can do so, do all within their power to obtain the best possible education. To this end we take pleasure in recommending our own Bucknor College. We further recommend that our churches take collections and do all they can to assist by their prayers and money the young preachers who are now in Bucknor College trying to better prepare themselves for their life's work. Respectfully submitted,

C. I. Davis.

Motion to adopt carried.

After being discussed pro and con by Brethren A. H. Autry, L. M. Byers, J. T. Howell, A. J. Cabaniss, T. L. Epton and W. M. Webb, a motion was made to strike out Ouachita College, also fifty young preachers, and insert Bucknor College. After some discussion the report was adopted as amended.

At request of Bro. Autry a motion was made to leave Bro. Autry's name off of the report. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn till 1:30 o'clock and have preaching by Rev. A. H. Autry carried. Bro. Autry proceeded to preach at 11 o'clock. Theme: "Mountain Top Experience."

## MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the moderator. After song and prayer by Bro. W. R. Story the moderator declared the body ready for business.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted a majority report as follows:

Seeing this is a great work that was committed to the church, we have four missionaries in the field. Therefore, brethren, we urge that these brethren and sisters have our aid and assistance. They have been called into service and that each church be left free to work in any way it sees fit.

Signed.

L. H. Bean,  
M. F. Dennis,  
Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

Brother Cornish submitted a minority report on foreign missions. Motion to adopt carried. After speeches by Brethren D. W. Cornish, W. R. Story, J. T. Howell and W. L. Smith, the minority report was rejected and majority report adopted.

The committee on State Missions made the following report:

Finding that the great commission, as recorded in Matt. 28:19, was given to the churches, and that they were to begin at Jerusalem and Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. Therefore we recommend that each church rally to the support of our missionaries now on the field. We are informed that we are indebted to our missionaries for their hard services, therefore we emphasize the

importance of setting now. In reading the Arkansas Baptist, we find that our missions have been very successful in soul-winning and in strengthening the churches. Feeling encouraged over the success of our state work through the state association, we ask the hearty co-operation of all true Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. Epton, Chairman.

Motion to adopt. Carried. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Destitution submitted the following report:

After careful investigation we find some neighborhoods within our bounds destitute of Baptist preaching, while most of the territory is covered by churches, but many of them have no pastors and seem to be asleep at the post of duty. There is one place between Nathan and New Hope, on the Preston N. W. R. R., which might be filled. Some in the northern and southwestern parts of the association, but if our brethren would wake to the situation the destitution could be filled. Bro. Epton and myself, as appointed by the board, have been able to hold only a few meetings with pastorless churches. Also, we held meetings at Independence where home and organized a church of three members, after which the church received 13 members by letter and 5 by experience and baptism. At School we received 13 by baptism. At Yellow Creek we received 3 by baptism. Bro. Epton has done 27½ days' work, for which he has received \$48.13. L. M. Byers has done 27½ days' work, for which he has received \$43.75. We therefore recommend that meetings be held by the Association in these destitute places. We collected on the field \$75.13.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. Byers,  
R. H. Hallmark,  
S. B. Cornish,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Literature submitted the following report:

We recommend the Bible as the book of all books to be read prayerfully, and the Arkansas Baptist as a means of communication, and the Land Mark literature for Sunday Schools.

Signed.

L. C. Ayers,  
J. W. Hampton,  
J. L. Hooker,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Orphans' Home made the following report:

We find on investigation that our Texarkana Baptist Orphans' Home is growing and prospering, but we find a heavy debt hanging over it. We urge all the churches to rally to this home and pay off the present debt of \$1,800. We have twenty-one children in the home. Brethren, the home is yours. Will you come to its aid?

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Turner,  
S. A. Lewis,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

A motion was made by Bro. J. T. Holt to amend the report so as to embrace the Orphans' Home at Monticello. After discussing the amendment pro and con by Brethren W. R. Story, W. M. Webb and J. T. Holt the amendment was lost and the report was adopted as read.

By motion and second a collection was taken for the home at Texarkana. Amount, \$10.08.

The committee on Evils of Intemperance submit the following report:

Realizing the evils of the liquor traffic and the bad effect of the sale of alcohol in any form on our country, and especially our rising generation, we earnestly urge all our churches composing the Howard County Association, to go on record against the sale or licensing the use of this evil in any form, and that in selecting men to enact and administer our laws we should be careful to select such men as are in sympathy with temperance as a Bible principle, and



that our temperance laws will never be enforced until the right kind of men are selected to enforce them.

Signed.

R. N. Owens,  
C. A. Westfall,  
W. M. Burgess.

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried. The report was adopted as read. Committee on Nominations made their report. Motion to adopt. Carried.

Motion that the report on nominations be recommitted. Carried.

The committee on Finance made the following report.

We find the following amount sent up by the churches

For Associational Missions and Sundays' collection	\$ 75.21
For minutes and clerk's fees	34.12
For State Missions	22.00
For Orphans' Home	7.00
For Foreign Missions	4.50
Total	\$142.83

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Woman's Work made the following report.

The Baptist women of churches of Arkansas are doing a great and glorious work in an organized capacity, known as the Woman's Missionary Union. We, therefore, beseech the pastors to encourage our sisters in this great work.

Signed.

J. T. Howell.

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Family Devotion submitted the following report:

We feel it the duty of parents to pray with their children; that they ought to erect a family altar and pray at least once a day. We recommend that we be more active in this solemn duty.

Signed.

A. H. Autry,  
O. T. Green,  
H. A. Jones,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. The report was adopted as read.

The treasurer made the following report:

Balance on hand at Association at Eden	\$105 91
Sent up for minutes and clerk	27 95
Associational missions	30 07
Nov. 27, 1908, First mission meeting	11 50
Jan. 31, 1909, Second mission meeting	36 12
May 30, 1909, Third mission meeting	37 00
August 30, 1909, Fourth mission meeting	25 35
Collected on mission field	39 33
Total	\$313 23

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Eld. W. L. Mitchell in July	\$ 15 00
Paid Eld. James Turner	15 00
Paid Eld. Jno. McWhorter	15 00
Sept. 4, paid Eld. T. L. Epton	16 65
4, paid Eld. L. M. Byers	16 65
" 22, paid Eld. T. L. Epton	10 81
" 30, paid Eld. T. L. Epton	10 83

Sept. 30, paid Eld. L. M. Ryers .....	20 00
Oct. 22, paid Eld. L. M. Ryers .....	9 14
" 25, paid Eld. T. L. Epton .....	10 83
Paid minutes and clerk fees .....	55 00
Assessational letters .....	1 00

Total .....	\$196 01
Balance on hand .....	\$117 22

Motion to adopt. The report was adopted as read.

Motion was made that the Association supplement the pastor's salary of Clear Springs Church to amount of \$30.00. Motion carried, and the treasurer was ordered to pay the pastor of the above church \$30.00.

Motion was made that this Association pay Bro. L. H. Bean \$40.00 for mission work. Motion carried and treasurer ordered to pay same.

Resolution offered by Bro. T. L. Epton:

Resolved, That we, the messengers of the Howard County Association, return our heartfelt thanks to this people for their generous hospitality and many kindness shown us while with them.

Respectfully submitted, T. L. Epton.

Motion to adopt. The resolution was adopted as read.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

Believing that the Sunday School is a place where all the membership of the church may participate and be instrumental in God's hands in teaching the word, we recommend that every church holding membership in this Association maintain an active Sunday School the year round; that every member of each church attend his or her respective Sunday School every Sunday. We recommend that they have none but sound Baptist men and women as teachers in said schools, and that they use none but sound Baptist literature which teaches the Bible, and it alone.

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

Motion that we, the messengers of Howard County Association, recommend to the churches of this Association that hereafter they elect such messengers as will promise the church that they will stay with the Association until the session shall have ceased.

Motion carried and resolutions adopted.

The committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

Since our last meeting the scythe of Time has mown down a number from our ranks, many from a human standpoint we could not spare, but we remember that God makes no mistakes and doeth all things for the best. We resolve that we cherish their memory and bow in humble submission to the will of God, knowing all things work together for good to them that are called according to His purpose.

(Signed.) T. L. Epton, Chairman.

Motion to adopt. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Nominations made the following report:

Be it resolved by this Association:

(1) That we dispense with the present Association Board; and  
 (2) Ask each church of this Association to appoint one messenger, as a committee to carry out the wishes of the churches in regard to mission work in this Association, said committee to meet at first mission meeting.

(3) That they shall not have authority to employ any man who has not been recommended by his church, setting his salary and

asking the co-operation of this Association.

(4) That said committee use their utmost effort to supply the destitute places in this Association.

(5) That Eld. J. A. Turner preach the associational sermon, Eld. J. M. Copeland, alternate.

Signed,

W. H. Ely,

L. M. Byers,

A. J. Cabaniss,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Program for next mission meeting made the following report:

(1) Introductory Sermon—J. A. Turner, alternate, T. F. Westbrook.

(2) An Exegesis of Matt. 16:17.—A. H. Antry.

(3) Is Footwashing an Ordinance of the Church? If Not, Why Not?—L. M. Byers.

(4) How to enlist the Young People in the Work of the Church A. J. Cabaniss.

(5) Sunday School Mass Meeting—Led by J. W. Turquett.

Signed,

T. H. Westbrook,

J. D. Hooker,

S. B. Ponder,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. The program was adopted as read.

Motion that the clerk be paid the same for his services as last year. Motion carried.

Motion that churches which have not contributed to minutes be notified to send in same at once. Motion carried.

Motion that this Association adjourn to meet with Ozan Church No. 2, Saturday, at 10 o'clock, October 22, 1910. Motion carried.

After song, "We Shall All Be Gathered In," and prayer by Bro. J. T. Holt, this Association adjourned.

J. T. M. HOLT, Moderator

J. A. CANNON, Clerk.



## CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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Anty—A. J. Narsworthy, Nash-ville.	New Home—Millard Tarno, Co-rinth.
Athens—W. A. Jones, Athens.	Ozan No. 2—J. T. M. Holt, Bin-gen.
Bethany—W. R. Crisp, Martha.	Providence—H. H. Hovey, Schaal.
County Line—T. S. Burgess, Nashville, R. F. D. No. 1.	Pleasant Grove—Homer Harris, Belton.
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A. J. Cabaniss, Nashville.	F. D. Wynn, Martha.
J. H. Reaves, Dixon.	J. W. Mitchell, Athens.
A. J. Bird, Westbrook.	

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Call for Letters.
3. Appointment of Committee to Read Letters.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Roll Call of Messengers.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Call for Corresponding Mes-sengers.
8. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
9. Appointment of Commit-tees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Call for Reports of Com-mittees.

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