

MINUTES

**Of The Fifty-Seventh
Annual Session**

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



HELD AT

**Delight Church
Pike County Arkansas**

**Saturday October 7,
1905.**

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Fifty-Seventh Annual Session,
OF THE
Red River Baptist Association.

Saturday Oct. 7th, 1905.

At 10 a. m., the Red River Baptist Association assembled with Delight Church, Pike County, Arkansas.

A prayer and praise service was held, conducted by Bro. G. W. Burns, in which a number of the brethren made feeling talks, giving expression to their gratitude to God for his goodness and mercy to us.

At 11 a. m. Bro. J. H. Vann preached the Introductory Sermon. Text 19th and 20th, verses of 28th chapter of Mathew; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever, I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Brother Vann seemed at his best and held the individual attention of the congregation, while he enforced the duty of Christians to carry the gospel to all the world.

2 p. m.—After dinner the Association assembled for business. The Moderator, Bro. O. S. Jones, read the 84th Psalm, and after prayer, declared the Association ready for business.

Bros. W. A. Forbes, H. L. Winburne, and J. T. Howoll, were appointed to read the letters.

The names of the Messengers present were enrolled and the association organized by the election of Bro. W. A. Forbes Moderator and J. A. Ross, Clerk.

No Petitionary letters were presented.

Bros. W. J. Hinsley, W. T. Howell, and G. W. Burns, were appointed a committee on Divine service.

A motion was carried that the Moderator appoint the committee on Sunday-Schools and Associated Missions at once, so that their reports might be considered on the Sabbath.

The chair appointed Brethren H. L. Winburne, J. H. Vann and J. M. Thomas the committee on Sunday Schools and H. L. Winburne, A. J. Rush and J. M. Thomas, committee on Associated Missions.

Wall Creek Church, Murfreesboro Church, Pike City Church and Spring Hill Church having asked for letters of dismissal from this body, with a view of organizing a new association in Pike County, on motion and second it was ordered that the request be granted and the clerk directed to write the letters.

The committee on preaching report as follows: Saturday night G. W. Burns at the Christian Church, F. E. Teague at the Baptist Church, Sunday 11 a. m., H. L. Winburne at the Methodist Church. T. C. Mahan at Baptist Church. Sunday, 7:30 p. m., H. L. Winburne at Baptist Church and T. C. Mahan at Methodist Church.

Correspondence of Saline Association was accepted and returned, H. L. Winburne appointed messenger.

J. T. Howell and G. W. Burns to Columbia Association.

A. J. Price and J. C. Brown were appointed messengers to Union Association.

A. J. Price and J. T. Gathwright to Pike County Association.

J. O. Wright, O. S. Jones and T. C. Mahan to Union Association.

E. Delaughter and J. M. Thomas to Caddo Association.

J. M. Kelly, J. R. Hardy, J. W. Mitchell and W. B. Williams to Howard association.

On motion and second it was ordered that the next session of this body be held with New Home Church at 10 a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1906. On motion of Bro. O. S. Jones, it was further ordered that Bro. T. C. Mahan be appointed to preach the introductory sermon or Bro. W. J. Hinsley, his alternate.

RECESS UNTIL 7 P. M.

At this hour Bro. F. E. Teague preached at the Baptist Church. Text, Matt. 5 chap. 162: "Set your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and gratify your Father which is in Heaven." A sermon of remarkable force and power. At the same time, Bro. G. W. Burns preached at the Christian Church, but the clerk failed to get a report of it, further than that his text was in 1st ch. Luke and his theme, "The Model Christian."

After preaching, the Moderator, Bro. W. A. Forbes announced the appointment of the following committees:

Temperance—O. S. Jones, Andrew Measter, R. K. Hall

Orphan's Home—J. T. Gathwright, W. J. Hinsley, J. H. Vann.

Foreign Missions—E. Delaughter, J. T. Bolt, C. L. Dunlap

Woman's Work—Mrs. F. A. Formby, J. R. Hart, J. C. Brown.

Old Minister's Relief—W. R. Bass, J. V. Browning, T. T. Shackelford.

Finances—F. E. Teague, J. M. Milburn, Ezra Cates.

Literature—J. E. Armstrong, W. M. Deaton, C. F. Sturdivant.

State Missions—J. T. Howell, J. B. Rowntree, W. M. Mead.

Education—G. W. Burns, L. A. Ross, Elijah Wells,

Pastorial Support—T. C. Mahan, W. B. Williams, G. R. Gardner

Nominations—J. J. Byres, J. C. Wright, J. W. Kelly

Sunday 9 a. m.

The Moderator, Bro. W. A. Forbes, conducted devotional service reading the 11th ch. of Ecclesiastes.

Rev. H. L. Winburne presented and read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. It was spoken to by Brethren Winburne, Thomas, Hinsley, Teague, and Jones, and adopted. For report see appendix A.

Sunday 11 a. m.

At this hour Bro. T. C. Mahan preached at the Baptist Church, Text, Rom 7th ch. 42. "Wherefore my brethren ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." The distinctive features of the church as the bride of Christ were beautifully and clearly set forth, as well as her duty to bear fruit. Bro. H. L. Winburne at this hour occupied the Methodist pulpit, text John, 3 ch 7-2. "Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again." Theme, 'Regeneration.' A collection was taken in each congregation for associated missions amounting to \$7.66 at Baptist church, and \$11.23 at Methodist church. Total \$18.99.

2:30 P. M.—After devotional service, Bro. H. L. Winburne presented and read the report of the committee on Associated Missions and moved its adoption. In this connection the report of the Missionary by Bro. J. T. Gathwright was read, and also the report of the executive board. The following brethren discussed the report to wit: Winburne, Jones, Thomas, Gathwright, Browning and Burns, and report adopted. For copy of report of Committee see Appendix B, and for copy of report of Missionary Board see Appendix C.

Sunday 7:30 P. M.

Bro. H. L. Winburne preached at the Baptist church, text Hebrews 2 ch. 3-2. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." Theme, the "Doctrine of Salvation." The subject was handled with

great power and skill and all hearers must have been greatly benefitted. The Methodist pulpit was occupied at this hour by Bro. T. C. Mahan. Text 27-51. "And behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." The writer did not have the pleasure of hearing this discourse but feels sure, those who did, enjoyed a rich feast

After preaching the association convened and Bro. E. Delaughter presented and read the report on Foreign Missions, which was discussed by Brethren Delaughter, Howell, and Mahan, and adopted. A cash collection was taken amounting to \$10.02. For copy of report see Appendix D.

Monday Morning.

The devotional exercises were led by the Moderator, reading the 2nd chapter of Jonah.

Bro. O S Jones read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and moved its adoption. It was spoken to by brethren Jones, Thomas, Bolt, Burns, Delaughter, Bass, Kelly and Gathright and adopted. For copy of report see Appendix E

A motion was made by H L Winburne to limit speeches by chairmen of committees to 5 minutes, and speeches by others to 3 minutes. The motion was adopted

Bro W R Bass presented and read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief and moved its adoption. The motion carried and a cash collection for its cause was taken amounting to \$5 15 For copy of report see Appendix F

Bro W J Hinsley, on behalf of the Committee of Literature read this report and moved its adoption. The report was amended so as to include the Central Baptist. The report as amended was adopted. For copy of report see Appendix G

Bro J T Howell read the report of the Committee on State Missions and moved its adoption. After being spoken to by brethren Howell, Winburne and Burns, the report was adopted. For copy of report see Appendix H.

Bro J C Wright read the report of the Committee on Nominations and moved its adoption. A motion was made and adopted to strike out financial aid to Antoine church. Also to strike out A W King and insert N R Townsend on Mission Board

The report as amended was adopted. For copy of report see Appendix I

Bro F S Teague read the report of Committee on Finance, which was adopted See Appendix K

Bro Gathright read the report of the Committee on Orphans Home and moved its adoption. Carried. A cash collection of \$5.38 was taken. Bro. E. Delanghter pledged \$5.00, and messengers from nearly all the churches pledged that they would take collections at home for this cause. For copy of report see Appendix L,

Sister Fannie A. Formby presented and read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work. The report was spoken to by Bros. Winbure, Teague and Hinsley and adopted. For copy of reports and accompanying documents see Appendix M.

Bro. G. W. Burns read the report of the Committee on Education which was discussed by him and Bro. Mahan. For report see Appendix N.

Bro. T. C. Mahan read the report of the Committee on Pastoral Support and moved its adoption. The motion was carried. For report see Appendix O.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted. See Appendix P.

It appearing that the association was greatly in debt to its Missionary, a cash collection was taken and pledges made as follows:

Boughton church - -	\$5 00	Bethel - - - - -	\$2 50
E Cates, - - - - -	\$1 and col'n.	Anloine - - - - -	3 00
Delight - - - - -	3 16.	J T Bolt - - - - -	1 00
Gurdon - - - - -	6 00.	Hollywood - - - - -	1 50 and col'n
Liberty Hill - - - - -	50. pd. col,	Lake View - - - - -	2 00
J V Browning - - - - -	1 00, pd	J C Brown - - - - -	2 50
Okolona - - - - -	3 50	Prescott - - - - -	10 00
Pike City - - - - -	2 50	Pleasant Hill - - - - -	3 00
South Fork - - - - -	5 00, col'n	W L Jones - - - - -	2 50 pd
Shiloh - - - - -	5 00, pd.	Salem - - - - -	25 pd
Bethel Springs - - - - -	2 00	W A Forbes - - - - -	5 00
Unity - - - - -	50 pd	Union - - - - -	2 00
Ladies Aid Arka. - - - - -	5 00	Arkadelphia ch. - - - - -	3 00
Andrew Measles - - - - -	75	J H Stuart - - - - -	1 00 pd.
J T Gathright - - - - -	50 pd.	L O Ross - - - - -	1 00
W M Stephens - - - - -	1 00	A J Price - - - - -	1 00
Cash, \$8 38.			

Total Cash and Pledges, \$92 04

Resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted to wit: Resolved, that the Missionary Board be instructed to exercise their discretion as to employing Missionaries in the event there should be money on hand at any time during the associated year.

Bro. introduced the following resolutions, to wit: Resolved that this body extend our thanks to the Delight Baptist Church, and to the entire community for the hearty reception and broad hospitality which we have received at their hands. Also to the Methodist and Campelite brethren for the use of their houses of worship during the session of this body. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

- Bro. W. A. Forbes was elected Treasurer of the Association.

Minutes

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk cause to be printed the usual number of copies of the Minutes and that he be allowed \$15.00 for services provided there should be that amount left of Minute fund after paying for printing and postage.

A motion to adjourn was carried, therefore a hymn was sung, the parting hand was given, and Moderator declared this body duly adjourned to meet at New Home Church, Nevada County, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1906.

W. A. FORBES, Moderator,

J. A. ROSS, Clerk.

Committee Reports

APPENDIX A.

Report on Sunday Schools.

Dear Brethren: Owing to the short time your committee has had we have been unable to get statistics on the Sunday School work but judging from the reading of the letters from the churches we feel confident there has been a decided gain over last years report. This is as it should be. The importance of the Sunday School work is no longer questioned. That it is the best means by which the church can teach the young people and the children no one doubts. The Sunday School teaching the Bible is the church at work. Therefore we boldly assert that no church can do its best work without a Sunday School. The great need in this line of work is efficient teachers and officers. Brethren it is appalling to think of the carelessness or disregard for the interests of the cause, that some of our churches show in selecting teachers. Men who never studied God's word with a view of teaching are often found standing before a class asking questions that they cannot themselves answer.

And it is not infrequent when we see people who do not profess to be followers of our blessed Lord, called upon to preach the words of life and salvation to the children.

We recommend therefore that our churches be more careful in the selection of their Sunday School leaders, and reorganizing the importance of the work and the great need of trained teachers to do this great work of shaping the destiny and moulding the character of the young people who are to be leaders of the next generation. We further recommend the continuance and enlargement of installed work. For the last two years Arkadelphia has led a Sunday School institute that has been very helpful to those attending; but very few of our brethren from Red River Association have attended them. Brethren let us talk up this work and if Arkadelphia is not the place for holding the institute let us have its teachers.

WINBURNE,

VANN,

THOMAS,

Committee.

APPENDIX B.

We your Committee on Associated Missions, beg to report as follows:

Associated Mission Work is that branch of our work which purposes to preach the gospel and develop churches in the bounds of our association. It's importance and the demands it makes upon our time and means are commensurate with the needs of the work at home and abroad. Associated work, is close to fundamental. By occupying and developing the field about us, we prepare our forces and fix a base of operation for that world wide evangelization which Christ has made the duty of His people. The interests of world wide evangelization are inseparably bound up with development at home.

We find that there is a wide field for this work among us. There are weak and struggling churches that need help and there are untouched fields to be entered. It is our duty, made imperative by needs of the field, the needs of world wide missions, our own development in grace and the command of God to enter heartily into the work of Associated Missions. We have the following resolutions to make: 1. That the Association abolish the office of Associated Missionary and devote the means of this purpose to liquidating the debt on our work this year. 2. That each church be urged to lend her pastor for one month's work of evangelization within the bounds of our association at a time to be decided on by the body. 3. That every preacher among us be requested to enter heartily into co-operation with this plan under the direction of the Associated Mission Board,

H. L. WINBURN,

A. J. RUSH,

J. M. THOMAS.

Committee.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Mission Board:

Dear Brethren: Your Board met in January and assigned to Bro. J. T. Gathright his field of labor. We have had but one meeting since. Bro. Gathright has been at work only part of his time and reports as follows:

Days of labor, - - - -	190	Miles traveled - - -	2285
Families visited - - -	208	Families prayed with	36
Sermons preached - - -	122	Addresses made - -	18
Prayer meetings attn'd -	18	S. S. organized - -	2
S. S. attended - - - -	3	Conversions reported	19
Baptized on field - - -	5	Rec'd by letter - -	5
Cash collected on field -	\$55.53	Cash col'd from Tres.	30.70
Cash Due Missionary. \$231.32			

A. W. KING, Pres. of Board.

W. A. FORBES, Sec'y

APPENDIX D.

Report on Foreign Missions:

The day for discussing the Foreign Mission Work has passed. Ever since the Lord gave the commission: "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature," there have been a few faithful ones who have been preaching the gospel, and today the problem of giving the gospel to the lost of earth seems unsettled. Brethren, it is high time that we were getting down to business and giving more time and energy to actual work and less time to discussions. It is a significant fact that churches contributing to missions, are more prosperous

than those not contributing. Therefore we conclude that the prosperity if not the very life of the churches, depends on the carrying out of the commission. Hence, it is not a question of whether the Missionary societies can exist without our contributions, but the question that confronts us; is, can we afford not to do mission work? Are we fulfilling the purpose for which Jesus instituted the church if we do not contribute. We would earnestly urge all our churches to make contributions, though they be small. We may be ashamed of our small contributions but God does not look upon the amount but upon the spirit of giving.

Therefore let us all send our gifts asking the blessing upon them and he will abundantly bless.

E. DELAUGHTER,

J. T. BOLT,

T. L. DUNLAP,

Committee.

APPENDIX E.

Your Committee on Temperance make the following report:

It affords your committee great pleasure to report visible and wide spread progress in the temperance work and sentiment. We believe the whiskey traffic is the great evil of our time and in its march of corruption, ruin and devastation it reaches all classes and conditions of our citizens degrading manhood, debauching virtue, multiplying crime filling penitentiaries, asylums, poor houses and houses of ill fame with its victims. Brethren, this crime against God and man, is licensed to do and continue its awful work, by the votes of men claiming to be Christians!! Your committee would most earnestly recommend that every Baptist in the Red River Association pray, work, talk and vote against this scourge and unmitigated evil.

O. S. JONES,

W. A. MEASLES,

R. K. HALL,

Committee.

APPENDIX F.

Report on Old Minister's Relief:

We, your committee ask leave to report. In 1902 at the convention held in Conway, Bros. R. C. Medaris, W. T. Amis, and J. W. McDougald were appointed a committee to look after our old ministers who are in destitute conditions. As a result, some needy, worthy, brethren were helped, but what there is being done now, we do not know. We believe it a grand privilege and an incumbent duty to help the aged and careworn soldier of the cross, who has spent time and energy in preaching the gospel and uplifting humanity and society. Because the progress of mankind and the advanced state of society are mostly due to the harvest, earnest and untiring efforts of the gospel preachers, to say nothing of the increased number of churches. We are due them a great debt of gratitude and love and should prove our appreciation of their services by helping them when they become unable to help themselves.

Therefore we urge that pastor call the attention of their flocks to this line of charity and secure help for our needy old bishops. A collection was taken last year and Bro. Forbes forwarded to J. U. H. Wharton, the secretary of the committee, at Little Rock \$17.89 for the aged infirmed ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. BASS,

J. V. BROWNING.

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

APPENDIX G.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

1st. Believing that the Bible is the great Book of books and that it contains great feasts for both soul and mind, we hereby recommend first of all the Bible; and realizing the great and actual worth of it, we implore this body to use it as its principal literature.

2nd. We recommend that we use S. B. C. and A. B. P. Series as our Sunday School Literature. Brethren, we realize that ignorance is the bane of all society; that being in ignorance is being in jeopardy. For the better safety of our churches, we recommend that each church and individual of this association read carefully and prayerfully, "The Baptist Advance," "The Baptist Flag," "The Central Baptist," and our Home and Foreign Mission Journals, that we may be more alive to the great and glorious work of our Master.

J. E. ARMSTRONG,

WM. N. DEATON,

C. F. STURDIVANT,

Committee.

APPENDIX H.

Your Committee on State Missions would make following report:

We are glad to know that the situation in Arkansas is growing better every day. Our people have always been one in purpose but somewhat divided as to plans, but we are coming to realize more and more that it matters not, so much as how the work is done, but that we do it. It is encouraging to know that the results of missionary labor were never so gratifying.

The Trumpet of Salvation has been sounding from border to border of the state and multitudes have enlisted and put on the armor to fight the good fight. As a result of missionary labor thousands of cold and indifferent church members have been aroused and brought to a higher plane of Christian activity. We are, or should be, all alike interested in this great and inspiring feature of our work. There are two state organizations which afford ample facilities for missionary work to every church and individual member in the state. The State Convention has on the field this year sixty-one missionaries, with results calculated to make us all rejoice. The General Association also has missionaries on the field, eight in number, who are doing a great work.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the churches partially cooperate with one of these two general bodies in the evangelization of Arkansas, that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole state, as the waters cover the deep.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HOWELL,

J. B. ROUNTREE,

W. M. MEAD. Comm.

APPENDIX I.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report the following: That this body meet at New Home Church, Nevada county, Ark., at 10 a. m. Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1906. And that Bro. T. C. Mahan preach the introductory sermon, Bro. W. J. Mansley his alternate. We also recommend that the Mission board be

continued, and that it be selected by this body and that three constitute a quorum. We further recommend that Antoine church be reorganized as a mission point. We recommend the following brethren to serve on the Mission Board to-wit: N. R. Townsend, J. H. Smart. F. E. Teague, A. J. Price and John T. Bolt.

J. C. WRIGHT,
J. W. KELLEY.

Committee.

APPENDIX K.

Your Committee on Finance Report as follows:

Cash on hand for	Minutes	-	-	-	-	-	\$37 26
"	"	"	Associated Missions	-	-	-	129 78
"	"	"	Foreign Missions	-	-	-	13 82
"	"	"	Home Missions	-	-	-	1 00
"	"	"	General Association Missions	-	-	-	2 85
"	"	"	Orphans Home	-	-	-	25 10
"	"	"	Old Ministers Relief	-	-	-	5 15
Cash collection for	Orphan's Home	-	-	-	-	-	5 38
"	"	"	Associated Missions	-	-	-	14 25
"	"	"	Additional	-	-	-	1 00

Total, - - \$235 59

F. E. TEAGUE,
EZRA CATES,
JNO. M. MILBURN,

Committee.

APPENDIX L.

Report on Orphan's Home.

We are glad to report another successful year for our Orphan's Home. We have been at some disadvantages during the year. First by sickness of Bro. W. W. Gardner, which disabled him for service and for a time we were without a financial agent. The contributions have not been as liberal as they should have been, but the trustees have stood nobly by the work. They have given the Home the benefit of their personal credit in providing necessities for the Home.

There are sixty-six children in the Home now who must be clothed and fed. The situation of these unfortunates appeal to us in such an unmistakable way that we should come to their relief in a substantial way.

In addition to bodily necessities and comforts, the Home provides for moral and religious training. It also affords a good opportunity for Mission work. This Home belongs to the Baptists of Arkansas. It is our institution. It seeks to do a noble work. It is worthy of our support. Therefore your committee recommends that the Association take a collection now for the Home and ask the church to contribute regularly and liberally to this noble cause.

J. T. GATHRIGHT,
J. H. VANN,
W. J. HINSLEY.

Committee.

APPENDIX M.

Report of Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to report as follows:

The subject of Woman's Work is one of such magnitude that we stand appalled before it when we realize how little effort is being put forth in comparison with the great possibilities and opportunities that lie within our reach. From the beginning, woman has had her place to fill in the great plan of salvation. She has ever been recognized as a co-worker with God and man; especially is this true of her since the advent of our blessed Saviour into the world. "Last at the cross and first at the tomb" has been beautifully spoken of her. Paul, our great Missionary leader, exhorted the churches to "Help those women who labored with him in the Lord." On every hand, in every place of work for the uplifting of fallen humanity can be found numerous examples of untiring devotion and loyalty to the cause of Christ.

We find a sad neglect of our churches of Red River Association of women's work. Out of the 43 churches composing the body, only 6 or 7 have women's organizations. Five churches sent in reports as follows:

Arkadelphia W. M. U.

Building and repairing,	-	-	-	\$51 10
The poor,	-	-	-	34 35
State Missions,	-	-	-	5 00
Home missions	-	-	-	101 25
Foreign missions	-	-	-	100 00
Other objects	-	-	-	17 00
S. S. and colportage	-	-	-	4 40
Orphanage	-	-	-	69 20
Frontier missions	-	-	-	104 15
Ministerial Education	-	-	-	5 00

Total \$491.45.

Ladies' Aid Society, Okolona, \$54.35.

Prescott W. M. U.

Building and repairing	-	-	-	\$350 20
Foreign missions,	-	-	-	3 35

Total \$353.55.

Lake View Ladies Aid Society.

Home missions	-	-	-	\$1 00
Orphan's Home	-	-	-	2 00
Church expenses	-	-	-	10 00
Charity	-	-	-	3 35

Total, \$16.35.

Ladies' Aid, Delight church.

Paid to pastor	-	-	-	\$26 00
Buying stove	-	-	-	11 00
Song books	-	-	-	3 50
On organ	-	-	-	7 50
Box to Orphan's Home.	-	-	-	17 35

Membership 16.

Total \$65.35

MRS. SAM STELL, Pres.

Ladies Aid, Boughton.

For various purposes	-	-	-	\$30.50
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As some of the reasons for organizing women's societies in the churches are to establish systematic giving; to learn more and better

ways to help our brethren: to study the different mission fields; to train young people and children for more efficient service. We therefore recommend that the body take a most decided stand for and encourage the women in their work. Also that all the pastors entreat them to organize into praying bands in order that they may more fully realize the "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

MRS. FANNIE A. FORMBY,
J. R. HART,
J. C. BROWN, Committee.

APPENDIX N.

Report on Education.

Education fosters freedom and virtue. Ignorance fosters serfdom and vice. Multiplied opportunities imply multiplied responsibilities. We claim to be a liberty and virtue loving people, and there never was a time when opportunities were more numerous and our responsibilities greater.

Therefore we should educate those upon whom these responsibilities will so soon come. We as a Baptist denomination have an excellent system and fine facilities for the education of our people literarily, morally and religiously. These facilities we have in Ouachita Central system of colleges with three academies and high schools. We have an enrollment of about 1500 students this year in these institutions. The facilities and equipments are better for good work than ever before.

We would recommend therefore (1) That our people pray for, patronize and support with their means these institutions of education. (2) That our young ministers avail themselves of the advantages of our own Ouachita in preparing for the great work of preaching the gospel of the Son of God.

G. W. BURNS,
L. O. ROSS,
E. T. WELLS. Committee,

APPENDIX O.

Pastorial Support.

Our reports from year to year have began by saying: "It is greatly to be regretted that our pastors are so poorly supported by the churches over which God has made them overseers." This lamentation is followed by such passages as Gal 6:6. "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate with him who teacheth in all good things." Rom. 12:27. "It hath pleased them verily and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." And 1 Cor 9:14. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." There is manifestly an improvement along the line of pastoral support in our association. Most pastors are timid in pressing this duty upon the churches and most churches are slow to assume their proper responsibilities in pastoral support. Like missions and education, it is largely a matter of education. Let the church and the people know that the more we gain, the more we grow. It is thus we live. If we could give our pastors a reasonable support, untie their hands for study and church work, it would revolutionize our church life and greatly multiply our usefulness and build up the Master's Kingdom in our bounds. We note with pleasure the improvement shown in our letters this year.

T. C. MAHAN,
W. B. WILLIS,
S. R. GARDNER, Committee

APPENDIX P.

Treasurer's Report.

To bal. last report	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 73 70
To cash from Finance Com.	-	-	-	-	-	166 68
" " Unity church,	-	-	-	-	-	43 72
" " DeGray	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
" " Mt. Bethel	-	-	-	-	-	13 10
" " Lake View	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
" " Prescott	-	-	-	-	-	11 60
" " Gum Springs	-	-	-	-	-	13 25
" " Providence	-	-	-	-	-	2 85
" " Arkadelphia	-	-	-	-	-	31 00
" " S. C. Brown	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
" " Collection	-	-	-	-	-	12 40
Total \$380.55.						

CONTRA.

By paid, J. H. Vann	-	-	-	-	-	\$151 90
" " J. U. H. Wharton	-	-	-	-	-	17 89
" " J. T. Crow	-	-	-	-	-	44 83
" " H. Beauchamp	-	-	-	-	-	6 35
" " W. W. Gardner	-	-	-	-	-	44 25
" " J. A. Ross	-	-	-	-	-	47 20
" " J. T. Gathright	-	-	-	-	-	42 95
" " B. B. Owens	-	-	-	-	-	5 25
" " Printing cards	-	-	-	-	-	2 25
" " Stamps and stationary	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
" " Balance on hand	-	-	-	-	-	16 78
Total \$380.55.						

IN MEMORIAM.

This page is sacred to the memory of our dead.

Arkadelphia—Houston Force, William Murrell,
Rev. R. E. Sutton, J. R. Dawson.

Bethlehem—Mattie Aikens, Wesley Thornton.

Bethel Springs—1, name not given.

DeGray—1, R. B. McBrayer.

Gurdon—2, names not given.

Landmark—2, names not given.

Lakeview—William A. Dean.

Mt. Bethel—Sister Callie Browning, Sister Martha Browning, Rev. James M. White.

Midway—Sister Lula Etcherson.

Mt. Zion—Sister Pearl A. Buck.

Okolona—Sister Annie E. Cargile, Bro. Henry Smith.

Prescott—Sister Joe Brown.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. W. K. Gilreath.

Shiloh—Sister Emily Disheroon,

Salem—2, names not given.

South Fork—Thomas Lamb, Bessie McMillan,
Sabra Williams, Bettie Wood, Sarah J. Lane, Martha Williams, Sallie Jones.

Spring Hill—1, name not given.

Unity—Sister Willie B. Waldrop.

Union—1, name not given.

Willisville—Sister Lucinda Finter.

“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto them also that love his appearing.”—2nd. Tim 4-8.

Ordained Ministers.

NAMES	CHURCH	POST OFFICE
Baars, F. D.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Brown, W. B.	Liberty Hill	Bowen
Browning, J. V.	Mt. Bethel	Arkadelphia
Burns, G. W.	Unity	"
Davis, W. U.	Bethel	Okolona
Delaughter, E.	Boughton	Boughton
Franklin, G. A.	Bethel Springs	Bee
Forbes, W. A.	Unity	Gum Springs
Gardner, W. W.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Gathright, J. T.	South Fork	Dobeyville
Haynes, J. J.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Hamilton, J. S.	"	"
Harris, J. G.	"	"
Horne, H. J. P.	"	"
Hamlin, G. L.	Richwoods	"
Hall, J. H.	Bethel	Dobyville
Howell, J. T.	Delight	Delight
Hardy, J. R.	Pike City	Pike City
Kelley, J. W.	Bethel	Boswell
King, W. A.	Gurdon	Gurdon
Mahan, T. C.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Owen, B. B.	"	"
Price, A. J.	Delight	Delight
Patterson, W. M.	Wellsville	Pike City
Rountree, J. S.	Liberty Hill	Bowen
Smart, J. H.	Bethel	Dobyville
Stingley, W. H.	Wellsville	Wallaceburg
Thomas, H. H.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Thomas, J. A.	"	"
Townsend, N. R.	"	"
Thomas, J. M.	Boughton	Boughton
Tobey, C. E.	Mt. Bethel	Arkadelphia
Thomas, J. B.	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro
Teague, F. E.	Okolona	Okolona
Vann, J. H.	Unity	Arkadelphia
Winburn, H. L.	Arkadelphia	"
Whitten, W. F.	"	"
Williams, W. B.	Union	Alpine

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCH	No. Officers	No. Pupils	Av. Attendance	No. Classes	Kind of Literature	COST	SUPERIN-TENDENT	POST OFFICE
Arkadelphia	30	400			S C C	\$.....	J C Wallis	Arkadelphia
Amity	6	50			A B P	.....	D C Fulmer	Amity
Bethel	6	29	22	3		.....	R K Hall	Doppyville
Boughton	3	30			S B C	.....	J M Thomas	Boughton
Bethlehem	3	25	20	4	A B P	2.20	S S Tangley	Bee
Caddo Valley			30		D B C	.....	
Cancy Fork						.....	R F Kelley	Shawmut
De Gray	5	30		5	A B P	.....	J D Bledsoe	De Gray
Delight	5	70			S B C	.....	P B Longley	Delight
Gurdon	9	155	35		S B C	31.67	W C Tison	Gurdon
Liberty Hill	3	40			A B P	.....	R T Langley	Delight
Lake View	7	50	37	4	A B P	8.26	J H Rickett	Curtis
Mt. Bethel	8	95	38	5	A B P	7.00	L L Hamlin	Arkadelphia
Murfreesboro					A B P	.....	
Midway	4	30			A B P	.....	J N Thomas	Halfway
Mt Zion						.....	Z E Quillens	Arkadelphia
New Home	5	50	24	3	A A P	4.20	J L Homan	Prescott
Okolona		22	14	3	A B P	7.00	A J Nelson, Jr.	Okolona
Pike City			34		S B C	.....	S Z Moran, Jr.	Pike City
Prescott	9	85			S B C	.....	O S Jones	Prescott
Rich Woods	5		25	3	A B P	1.50	C T Hamlin	Curtis
Shiloh	4	75	40	4	S B C	8.00	J A Ross	Arkadelphia
South Fork	7	30	18	4	A B P	7.50		
Salem					Bibfe	.....	
Union	2	20			Bap't	.....	
Unity	0	24			S B C	4.60	H Edwards	Arkadelphia
Wellsville	3	18			S B C	.....	W H Stingley	Wallaceburg
Washington	7	40	26		S B C	5.84	J R Lanier	Washington

Digest of Letters.

Letters were received from 37 churches, 2 less than last year. Seven churches not represented. All the churches represented report pastor's while 12 churches were pastorless last year. Fifteen churches report pastor's salary—last year, only 11. Amount of pastor's salary last year, \$2357.25, this year, \$3,209.45, increase, \$852.20. Total Baptisms this year, 199, last year 190. Total membership this year 2,865, last year, 2,949. Two churches made notable gains by Baptism, Arkadelphia and Mt. Bethel. The first, a gain of nearly 9 per cent, the last a gain of 38 per cent. Only two churches contributed this year to every branch of churchwork, Arkadelphia with \$6.22 per member and Unity with \$22.55 per member, but Prescott church outputs us all, having built a nice brick church and contributed to all our enterprises but one at a cost per member of \$40.00 Eight churches failed to contribute to Associated Missions and three churches failed to contribute to anything other than Minute fund. Total contributions for all purposes last year \$5,806.14, this year \$10,805.04, a gain of \$4,998.90, but \$4,000 of this is in the Prescott church building. Still we have nearly a thousand dollars gain or 34 cents per member. Last year we gave to all missions \$1837.67 or 45 1-3 cents per member, this year, \$1,687.77, not quite 59 cents per member.

As directed by the association at a former session, the clerk has endeavored to indicate through which channel the contributions of the churches passed. "G. A." standing for General Association, and "S. C." for State Convention. Doubtless he has made some mistakes as some of the letters were indefinite on this point.

Twenty-seven churches report Sunday Schools, but 6 fail to state the number of pupils. The enrollment of the remaining 21 amounts to 1361, a gain of 61 pupils over last year. Probably the churches not reporting enrollment would average 30 pupils, if so, the gain would be about 240.

On the whole, the outlook is encouraging. While accessions to our churches, this year, by baptism, are only a few in excess of last year, still the increase in contributions during a disastrous crop year, shows that our people are more interested in the Lord's work and if so continue, He will surely bless you.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Etc.

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RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Days of Me'tg	MESSENGERS
Arkadelphia	H L Winburn	R D Hall	Arkadelphia	Ev'y S	H. L. Winburn, T. C. Mahan, Mrs. Fannie Formby.
Antoine	A W King	Lee Dowdle	Antoine	1	Eugene Owen, J. C. Wright.
Am'ty	M P Thomas	J C Magee	Amity	4	A. J. Rush.
Antioch					
Bethel	J H Smart	K K Hall	Dobyville	4	J. H. Smart, R. K. Hall.
Boughton	W A King	W L Britt	Boughton	3	E. Delaughter, J. M. Thomas.
Bethlehem	Jas H Smart	T B Burris	Bee	3	Andrew Measles, Ezra Cates.
Bethel Springs	W U Davis	S A Gills	Bee	2	W. F. Fambrough, T. T. Ingle.
Caddo Valley	B B Owen	B F Meeks		3	
Caney Fork	J L Hill	W N Calley	Elk	2	J. J. Byers, J. W. Kelley.
Clear Springs	F E Teague	J T Bolt	Clear Springs	3	J. T. Bolt, Sam Jones.
De Gray	N R Townsend	A C Terrill	De Gray	3	J. E. Armstrong, A. C. Terrell, C. L. Dunlap.
Delight	W J Hunsley	W N Deaton	Delight	2	E. E. Geiser, W. N. Deaton, J. T. Howell.
Gurdon	W J Hunsley	W K Brooks	Gurdon	2	Frank Sturdivant, J. W. McAlpine.
Gum Springs	C W Burns	Joe Gr son	Gum Springs	1	G. W. Burns.
Gethsemane		R R Wilder	Leard		
Hollywood	F E Tague	J M Harris	Hollywood	1	W. E. Hudgens, B. J. Kimbrough.
Liberty Hill	W M Patterson	J H Rountree	Bowen	4	J. M. Avery, J. B. Rountree, M. Rountree.
Land Mark	J H Vann	B F Malcom	Hollywood	4	W. M. Mead.
Lake View	F E Tague	S T Dawson	Arkadelphia	4	James Dawson, Robert Hart.
Mt Bethel	N R Townsend	J L Bozeman		1 & 3	I. V. Browning.
Mt Olive	J H Vann	M D Bishop	Hollywood	3	M. D. Bishop.
Murfreesboro	J H Vann			1	J. B. Thomas.
Midway	J M Kelley	J N Thomas	Halfway	1	
Mt Zion	N R Townsend	John Jones	Arkadelphia	4	
Mt Carmel					
Missionary Grove					
New Home	W C Felts	J W Nelson	Prescott	3	Ben Ward, W. S. Roe, J. C. Brown.
Okolona	W M Wright	A J Nelson, Jr.	Okolona		F. E. Teague, T. T. Shackelford, A. J. Nelson, Jr.
Pike City	A J Price	S Z Moran	Pike City		J. R. Hardy.
Prescott	T C Mahan	E G Blakely	Prescott		O S Jones, J M Millburn,
Pleasant Hill	G L Hamlin	J B Langley	Ellis	2 & 4	W R Bass
Shiloh	N R Townsend	C E Moores	Arkadelphia	4	J A Ross, L O Ross
Richwoods	W T Whitten	R S Brown	Gum Springs	1 & 3	
Refuge					
Red Land					
Sycamore Grove	J H Smart	J M Gullick	Beirne		W L Jones
South Fork	J H Smart	G W Wells	Gurdon	2	J T Gathright
Salem	J M Kelley	W E Howell	Amity	2	W F Howell, A E Wilson
Spring Hill	J L Hill	B F Morton	Lissie	2	J W Mitchell, S L Funderbark
Union	J T Gathright	N M Powell	Alpine		N M Powell, W R Williams
Unity	W A Forbes	C R Patterson	Arkadelphia		N M Forbes, R A Burns
Wellsville	W M Patterson	W H Mingley	Wallaceburg		J D Coopwood, K T Wells, P J Wells
Wall Creek	W E Brown	Catharine Sparks	Wall Creek		J D Cooper, H V Bridges
Washington	A W Brown	J B Carter	Washington		

Statistical Table.

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	Where Funds Sent	FINANCIAL EXHIBIT										Value Church Property	Other Objects
	INCR'SE			DECR'SE					MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Incidental and Church Repairs	Orphans' Home	Printing Minutes		
	Baptised	Letters	Restoration	Letters	Deaths	Expulsions			Associa'l	State	Home	Foreign								
Arkadelphia	50	66	...	59	4	...	616	S C	\$ 48 13	\$ 527 22	\$ 320 55	\$ 305 13	\$ 27 81	\$ 296 40	\$1,500	\$ 375 00	\$ 112 20	5 00	\$ 7,000	\$ 314 94
Antoine	...	4	...	4	...	1	34	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	80	...	...
Amity	3	4	...	4	...	2	82	G A	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	...	...
Bethel	7	1	...	1	...	...	63	"	10 82	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boughton	2	2	1	4	...	1	80	S C	...	...	...	...	...	15 00	75	42 50	2 50	1 55	500	...
Bethlehem	3	2	...	8	2	6	113	G A	12 25	1 45	...	2 45	...	2 20	...	85 00	3 10	1 50	500	...
Bethel Springs	2	7	...	...	1	3	40	"	4 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	500	...
Caddo Valley	11	1	...	...	...	...	29	"	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	1 35	350	...
Caney Fork	2	4	...	...	...	2	30	"	40	2 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...
Clear Springs	10	...	...	6	...	2	58	"	2 35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	9 55
De Gray	6	4	...	2	1	1	152	"	11 61	...	...	...	...	8 00	...	37 80	5 00	1 00	...	...
Delight	7	7	...	8	...	8	93	S C	...	...	7 85	7 50	...	7 00	195	27 50	34 00	1 50	250	...
Gurdon	7	9	...	4	2	...	133	"	...	...	...	...	10 00	31 67	200	45 40	...	1 50	1,000	30 00
Gum Springs	1	1	...	4	...	...	37	"	2 50	5 25	4 07	3 00	...	50	...	...	...	50	25	...
*Gethsemane	...	...	...	2	2	1	19	"	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...
Hollywood	4	...	...	...	...	...	40	G A	3 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	...
Liberty Hill	7	1	...	1	...	...	71	"	5 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 85	1 55	500	...
Land Mark	...	...	...	2	2	...	18	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	50	...	...
Lake View	8	1	1	2	1	2	71	"	5 15	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	1 25	...	...
Mt. Bethel	23	13	5	4	3	...	83	"	25 00	8 00	...	10 00	...	1 65	80	25 62	30 00	1 00	500	15 00
Mt Olive	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	"	1 15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
Murfreesboro	...	...	...	4	...	...	37	"	2 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
Midway	...	...	...	1	...	...	20	"	1 61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	...	...
Mt Zion	1	2	...	9	1	2	57	"	1 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 00	1 00	350	...
New Home	2	2	...	5	...	1	89	"	14 00	...	...	...	...	7 00	81	...	...	1 00	...	...
Okolona	8	5	...	...	2	...	53	"	4 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	...	...
Pike City	1	1	...	12	...	...	53	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	...	...
Prescott	7	10	...	6	1	1	120	†	12 10	40 63	34 80	61 80	...	27 00	600	4000 00	20 25	1 50	3,000	2 00

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	Baptised	Letters	Restoration	Deaths	Expulsions	Associa'l			State	Home	Foreign										
Pleasant Hill	5	3		8	1		84	G A	\$ 2 75	\$		\$		\$	\$	\$ 75	\$	\$	\$ 1 25	\$ 500	\$ 10 00
*Rich Woods	4			9			70		3 30							60			1 50		
Shiloh	7	3	1	10	1		72	S C	10 85	26 00	22 52	25 00				125	3 00		1 00	200	21 50
Sycamore Grove	5	6	1	4	5		84	G A	2 95	95		85		10 50		41 35		3 00	70	500	45 55
South Fork	1	2	4	9	7	5	122	"	6 40	2 85		2 60				38 10		5 00	1 50	500	27 62
Spring Hill	1			9	1	1	40	"	2 00					7 56					50		
Union	1	1	1		1		33	"	2 25	50		55				25		2 00	75	150	
Salem	4			2	5		25	"											60		
Unity	2	3	1	10	1		82	S C	15 00	12 40	11 28	12 75	17 70			100	19 65	8 40	1 11	600	
Wellsville	1	4		7	1	1	33	G A	3 35					10 99				1 50	70	600	
*Washington	3	7		2			20	S C	2 50	3 50	5 00	5 00				150	59 00	10 00	1 00		
Wall Creek		1			2		18	G A	1 50					5 84				35	50		
Total	199	70	15	213	36	51	2865		\$ 215 87	\$ 629 10	\$ 402 07	\$ 440 73	\$ 55 51	\$ 424 97	\$3,209 45	\$4661 47	\$ 250 40	\$39 26	\$19,525	\$ 476 21	

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