
MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BUCKVILLE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 25-27
1915

The next session of the Association will be held with Marble Church, 16 miles north of Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

PROCEEDINGS

The Buckville Baptist Association met at New Hope Church, in its twenty-sixth annual session, September 25, 1915.

Called to order at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother A. R. Chitwood.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder John M. Crawford.

Recess till 2:00 o'clock.

Called to order by the Moderator, who read a chapter and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Brother J. P. Emery and S. H. Noles reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were read and their messengers enrolled.

Mount Tabor—Elder M. C. Melton, Elder J. M. Crawford, J. F. Pitts.

Buckville—H. J. Mahaffey, Elder J. A. Young, W. H. Brown.

Washita—Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane.

Jessieville—Elder J. L. Lanier, A. F. Newkirk, J. G. Murders.

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, A. R. Chitwood, J. C. Young.

Concord—W. H. Cumbie, J. Curl.

Harvey's Chapel—W. J. Huddleston, W. S. Huddleston.

New Hope—T. B. McKelroy, W. J. Blackburn, E. J. Fuller.

Bethlehem—W. T. Masner, C. M. Ritter.

New Prospect—L. D. Johnson, J. A. Tubbs.

Pleasant Ridge—J. B. Cash, J. C. Graves.

Corinth—John Parker, R. L. Hulsey.

Union—J. D. Cuninghame, J. A. Coleman, T. S. Sorrells.

Shady Grove No. 2—W. H. Smith, M. C. Burrow.
Marble—J. W. Pullen, J. T. Newkirk.

Refuge—Elder J. P. Emery, J. H. McKinzie, J. T. Blakely.

Glazier Poe—C. W. Holland.

Prairie Grove—Mose Breashears, Elmer Adamson,
J. I. Wilson.

Sweet Home—A. D. Cumbie, S. H. Noles.

Rock Springs—J. W. Halsell, J. A. Fisher.

Valley Home—Jasper Sims, S. H. Wells, W. M. Nooner.

White Plains—J. J. Bradley, W. J. Anderson.

Brady Grove—

Cedar Glades—Ben Kidd.

Mount Zion—C. W. Chitwood.

Went into the election of officers.

W. H. Brown and J. I. Wilson acted as tellers.

Elder M. C. Melton was elected Moderator and J. T. Blakely, Clerk and Treasurer

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Service Brothers A. D. Cumbie, L. D. Johnson, Tillman McKelroy, and W. J. Blackburn.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Divine Service, Elder W. L. Cockrell preached at New Hope Saturday night, Elder J. W. Shepard preached at Buckville, and Elder J. L. Lanier preached at the residence of Brother Hill.

On motion adjournment was taken till 8:30 o'clock Monday.

SUNDAY.

Met 10:00 o'clock.

Splendid addresses on Sunday Schools were made by Brother J. G. McLane and Brother Emery.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder J. P. Emery preached a forceful sermon to a large congregation, after which a collection of \$12.72 was taken for Associational Missions, and \$36.00 in pledges were made.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At 3:00 o'clock Elder J. W. Shepard delivered a splendid discourse.

Sunday night Elder J. P. Emery preached at Buckville and Elder W. L. Cockrell preached at the Sixteenth Section.

MONDAY.

Called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 o'clock. He read a chapter and Brother Cockrell led in prayer.

The Committee on State Missions made their report and after an amendment by Brother Shepard designating that at the regular meeting day in each church in October a collection for State Missions should be taken, was adopted.

Brother Shepard, Brother J. A. Young, Brother Mahaffey, and Brother Emery were appointed corresponding messengers to the Caddo River Association; Brother Alms, Brother Nooner, and Brother Jones, to the Dardanelle Association; Brother J. D. Cunningham and Brother Reeves to the Caddo Valley Association; Brother J. T. Newkirk and Brother J. W. Pullen to the Bullne Association.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read, and, after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother Emery, Brother McLane, and after a collection of \$1.80 was made, was adopted.

Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother Emery, and Brother Cockrell, was adopted.

Committee on Temperance made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother J. A. Young, Brother Cockrell, Brother Parker, and Brother M. H. Noles, was adopted.

Recess till 1:30 o'clock.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder W. L. Cockrell preached.

Called to order at 1:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother J. A. Young.

Report of Missionary W. L. Cockrell read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, which was adopted.

Missionary M. C. Melton made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary J. C. Ratliff made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary E. S. Robbins made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary J. P. Emery made his report, which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries and Condolence made their report, which was adopted.

On motion the body adopted the same report on Home Missions that was adopted two years ago.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education read and adopted.

A Missionary Board, consisting of J. G. McLane, J. H. McKinzie, and J. T. Blakely, was elected.

The Board, together with the Moderator, were instructed to arrange a program for the Sunday School work in the next Association.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 300 Minutes printed and distribute them in proportion to the Minute fund of each church.

The Clerk was allowed balance of Minute fund after having them printed, and \$2.25 was raised to supplement this amount.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Marble Church, 16 miles north of Hot Springs, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

"God Be With You" was sung, the parting hand was taken, and Brother J. P. Emery led the closing prayer.

ELDER M. C. MELTON, Moderator.
J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows:

The need of means to send the gospel to the foreign fields is still very great. We learn the Lord has abundantly blessed the work this year. We feel that the Buckville Association should be glad to do all in its power to help in this great work.

We recommend that each church take up a collection for Foreign Missions.

J. W. SHEPARD,
J. G. YOUNG,
J. J. BRADLEY,
Committee.

We, your Committee on State Missions, find there is great destitution in our State. We urge this Association to use every means to send the gospel to every part of the State.

We recommend that at the regular meeting of each church in October of each year a collection be taken for State Missions.

J. A. YOUNG,
T. S. SORRELS,
J. D. CUNNINGHAM,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report as follows:

We believe in Missions and we think there is great destitution in the bounds of this Association, which has been neglected on account of our financial condition. We believe the churches are responsible for this work.

We recommend that the pastors take up this matter with their churches and take up collections quarterly for Associational Missions.

We recommend that the Board look out destitute places and send missionaries to supply the same.

W. L. COCKRELL,
A. D. CUMBIE,
Committee.

Your Committee on Temperance report as follows:

Knowing the word of truth tells us to "Touch not, taste not, handle not" the intoxicating cup, and knowing the great evils that come from alcohol and strong drink, and knowing also that what is termed moderate use leads to excessive use, therefore, we urge our people to refrain from dram-drinking. We pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means, powers, and influences we have to rid our entire land of the liquor traffic.

J. G. McLANE,
J. T. NEWKIRK,
W. H. SMITH,
Committee.

Your Committee on Education report as follows:

Realizing the great importance of education, we deem it our duty to give our people the very best religious and moral training possible.

We believe this can best be done through our denominational

schools and colleges, therefore we urge our people to patronize our school, and urge our churches to do all in their power to advance the cause of education.

J. W. PULLEN,
J. F. PITTS,
M. C. BURROW,
Committee.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows:

We are encouraged with the growing interest in the Sunday School work. We believe it is the duty of this Association to aid each church all it can in maintaining a Sunday School. We urge each Sunday School to organize each class and bring the school to the highest degree of efficiency.

We further recommend that hereafter this Association devote Sunday of the Association, except the 11:00 o'clock service, to Sunday School work.

J. P. EMERY,
J. H. MCKINZIE,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, report as follows:

We find that the needs in our Orphans' Home are great. We urge our churches and Sunday Schools and this Association to take up collections for Orphans' Home. We sincerely ask that the funds be divided in proportion to the number of children in each of our Orphans' Homes at Monticello and Texarkana.

W. H. BROWN,
W. J. BLACKBURN,
W. M. NOONER,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that death has taken twenty of our brothers and sisters: Brother John Jackson, George Ford, and Sister Buress, of Harvey's Chapel; Sister Emma Ritter, of Bethlehem; Brother W. B. Robertson, of Concord; Brother Eddie Chitwood and Sister Ellen Burgh, of Shady Grove No. 2; Sister Catherine Kirby, of Union; Sister Dillion, of Corinth; Sister Vera Pool, Sister Mary P. Howell, and Sister Janie Beard, of Buckville Church; Sisters M. J. Speer and Florence Parson, of Cedar Glades; Sister Lucy Ayers, of Mount Zion; Sisters Margaret Ratcliff and Laura Tubbs, of Glazier Poe; Sister Bessie Storms and Sister Sarah Sims, of Valley Home; Sister Grant, of Washita.

In their deaths we have sustained a great loss, but our loss is their eternal gain.

We extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathies and pray that God's grace may sustain them in their deep sorrow.

S. H. NOLES,
J. B. CASH,
J. A. COLEMAN,
Committee.

Your Committee on Home Missions report as follows:-

We believe it is our duty to co-operate with the churches in having the gospel preached in the destitute places in our home field.

We recommend that collections be taken up and sent through the channel the contributing church may direct.

S. H. JENNINGS,

I. K. MOON,

J. W. NEWKIRK,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Nominations, have selected Elder J. W. Shepard to preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder J. A. Young as alternate.

A. R. CHITWOOD,

J. CURL,

C. W. HOLLAND,

Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Labored 12 days with Mount Valley and Crystal Hill churches. Confessions one; collected \$1.00.

W. L. COCKRELL, Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Labored with Brother Robbins at Rock Springs Church nine days. Professions, 9; baptisms, 5.

J. P. EMERY, Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Days labored, 10; sermons preached, 18; conversions witnessed, 8; collected on the field \$5.75.

E. S. ROBBINS, Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Met with the pastor of New Hope Church and labored four days. Met with Valley Home Church September 13 and labored six days. Conversions, 5; baptisms, 3.

M. C. MELTON, Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Commenced at Bethlehem September 16 and labored eight days. Baptized 1; collected 75 cents.

J. C. RATLIFF, Missionary.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received—

For Printing Minutes.....	\$21.05
For Associational Missions.....	6.00
For Foreign Missions.....	.75
For Monticello Orphans' Home.....	1.75
For Texarkana Orphans' Home.....	1.15
Total.....	\$30.70

W. H. CUMBIE,

W. J. HUDDLESTON,

W. S. HUDDLESTON,

Committee.

Your Treasurer submits the following report:

Balance on hand \$23.84

Received.

From W. L. Cockrell	3.00
From J. Curl	2.00
From J. P. Emery	3.00
From W. L. Campbell	1.00
From Ellen Newkirk	.50
From J. T. Blakely	2.00
From M. C. Melton	2.00
From J. H. McKinzie	1.00
From I. K. Moon	1.00
From A. F. Newkirk	1.00
From Sister M. E. Pool	1.00
From Sister S. M. Noles	1.00
From Sister C. V. Melton	1.00
From W. J. Anderson	2.00
From W. H. Cumble	1.00
From C. W. Holland	1.00
From J. H. Hurst	1.50
From J. G. McLane	.50
From J. M. Neel	1.00
From D. A. Pitts	1.00
From J. M. Crawford	1.00
From M. V. Pool	1.00
From J. A. Hurst	1.00
From Roebuck Muse	.50
From J. A. Young	1.00
From Valley Home Church	15.00
From H. A. Belote	.50
From Eva Pool	.25
From A. Muse	.25
Collection on Sunday at Association	12.72
Collection for Foreign Missions	1.80
From Finance Committee	30.70

Total \$117.06

Disbursements.

To W. L. Cockrell	\$17.00
To J. P. Emery	13.50
To M. C. Melton	18.00
To J. C. Ratliff	11.25
To E. S. Robbins	9.25
To Orphans' Home	3.40
To Foreign Missions	2.55
For Printing Minutes	21.05

Total \$96.00

Balance on hand \$21.06

J. T. BLAKELY, Treasurer.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

C. E. Adamson	\$2.50
J. D. Cunningham	3.00
J. P. Emery	3.00
M. C. Melton	2.00

J. W. Shepard	1.00
J. T. Blakely	1.00
W. H. Cumbie	1.00
N. L. Tedford	1.00
J. W. Halsell	2.00
J. M. Bradley	5.00
Attie Emery	1.00
J. D. Parker	1.00
J. Curl	1.00
J. B. Cash	.50
Columbus Parker	.50
W. L. Cockrell	2.00
N. E. Hurst	.50
Fannie Brown	1.00
J. C. Graves	1.00
E. F. Sharp (paid)	.50
W. J. Anderson	2.00
W. H. Brown	1.00
W. H. Smith	.50
W. J. Blackburn	1.00
T. B. McKelroy	.50
J. G. McLane	1.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. M. McClelland, Cedar Glades.
 H. A. Belote, Cedar Glades.
 J. M. Crawford, Cedar Glades.
 James Sharp, Cedar Glades.
 James Adams, Cedar Glades.
 J. L. Lanier, Jessieville.
 J. S. Ragsdale, Jessieville.
 D. T. Green, Jessieville.
 J. E. Ritter, Jessieville.
 W. L. Cockrell, Bear.
 M. C. Melton, Gladstone.
 J. C. Ratliff, Gladstone.
 W. T. Seymore, Haws.
 J. P. Emery, Story.
 W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs.
 J. W. Shepard, Washita.
 B. H. Jennings, Mount Valley.
 J. A. Young, Buckville.
 E. H. Robbins, Buckville.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

G. W. Hulsey, Hot Springs.
 J. M. L. Westerman, Maddox.
 J. B. Cash, Lena.
 H. J. Mahaffey, Buckville.

Resolved, That this Association tender its thanks and appreciation to New Hope Church and community for the splendid manner in which they have cared for this Association.

J. P. EMERY.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This union of churches of God shall be known as the Buckville Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. II. The Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches in this union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall have been chosen by the respective church to which they belong.

Art. III. Messengers, when convened, may organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed.

It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is implied by the very nature of the compact.

It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and in justice and propriety must retain the right to withdraw from all churches which may depart from the faith of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this Constitution with vigilant eye, as its principal object shall be to promote the truth of the Gospel and advance the kingdom of God in our bounds and to all the ends of the earth.

Art. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches having letters of dismission from other Associations of like faith and order, may be admitted to membership in this Association at any regular annual session of the body, provided they send messengers with a petitionary letter.

Art. VI. The churches of this Association shall transmit to each annual session a written or printed communication, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the church, specifying the names of their messengers and the statistics of the church, showing the progress of the church since the last session of this body, which shall be read and filed with the Clerk of this body accordingly.

Art. VII. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, which shall be paid over through a finance committee to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall present annually to the Association for inspection in the Minutes, a clear statement of all receipts.

Art. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with printed copies of the Minutes of each session.

Art. IX. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless it appears that the churches sending them have used due diligence to solve them first; and shall not undertake to settle individual differences between the

members of the churches, unless it appears that the individuals, or the churches to which they belong, have taken, or caused to have taken, Gospel steps for the adjustment of the trouble.

Art. X. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided, further, that Article IV of this Constitution shall not be altered or amended.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article I. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Art. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through the sanctification of the soul unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Art. IV. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.

Art. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is in by nature.

Art. VI. We believe the saints are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. VII. We believe the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

Art. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

Art. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the reward of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. X. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the hands of a scriptural presbytery.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Post Offices	Rec'd for Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church House	Sunday Schools	Days of Meeting
Brady Grove	E. S. Robbins	James Shipman	Cedar Glades	1						35	.40							1st
Bethlehem	J. C. Ratliff	C. M. Ritter	Jessieville	1				2	1	55	1.00							2d
Buckville	M. C. Melton	G. L. Williamson	Buckville			7			3	112	.60					500.00	1	2d, 4th
Cedar Glades	M. C. Melton	Mrs. N. E. Hurst	Cedar Glades	1	7	3		1	2	54	.90				10.25			1st
Concord	J. A. Young	W. H. Cumbie	Aly						1	30	.75	1.00		.50			1	4th
Corinth	W. L. Cockrell	John Parker	Fir			1		7	1	34	.50							3d
Glazier Poe	William Cain	C. W. Holland	Mount Valley		6				2	58	1.00	.25		1.00	12.50			4th
Harvey's Chapel	S. B. Redwine	W. J. Huddleston	Haws	6		4	2	2	3	38	1.00	1.00	.50				1	1st
Jessieville	J. L. Lanier	J. S. Murders	Jessieville		2	2		1		44	.65	.25			7.25			3d
Marble	J. L. Lanier	J. W. Pullen	Beaudry	7	1	2	4	5		76	.60				20.15			4th
Mount Tabor	J. P. Emery	H. M. Ratliff	Gladstone			6		4		130	2.50	.50	.25	.25	10.00		1	3d
Mount Zion	J. P. Emery	C. W. Chitwood	Oakwood					2	1	56	.15							
New Prospect	J. L. Lanier	James Tubbs	Mount Valley		2		1			26	.60							3d
New Home	Henry Smith	R. A. Dodd	Bear	1		1				97	1.50			.50			1	2d
New Hope	J. C. Ratliff	E. J. Fuller	Buckville	6	1					27	.65				7.10		1	1st
Pleasant Ridge	S. Ragsdale	A. M. Graves	Cedar Glades	1		2		5		58	1.15							2d
Prairie Grove	E. S. Robbins	W. E. Bailey	Liberty	1	5	5				40	.50							
Refuge	M. C. Melton	J. L. Blakely	Story					2		91	1.00	6.00	1.85	2.17		500.00	1	3d
Rock Springs	J. C. Ratliff	J. W. Halsell	Cedar Glades	6	1					85	1.00	6.00						
Shady Grove No. 2	W. L. Cockrell	I. K. Moon	Fir	1		2		2	2	33	1.00	.50		.50	10.00	300.00	1	1st
Sweet Home	J. P. Emery	S. H. Noles	Stillwater							42	.75						1	2d
Union	Jim Smith	Julia Burrow	Maddox		6				1	39	.75	.75						4th
Valley Home	J. A. Young	J. R. Tillery	Ava	5	1			1	2	43	1.00	15.00			16.35		1	2d
Washita	J. P. Emery	J. G. McLane	Washita			2			1	69	.70		2.15			600.00	1	2d
White Plains	E. S. Robbins	C. C. Bradley	Buckville	1					1	43	.50							3d
				38	32	37	7	33	20	1,455	\$21.05						11	