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**MINUTES**

OF THE

**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**BUCKVILLE**

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**MARBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**GARLAND COUNTY**  
**ARKANSAS**

**SEPTEMBER 23-25**  
**1916**

The next session of the Association will be held with Rock Springs Church, six miles northeast of Cedar Glades, Montgomery County, Arkansas, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

# PROCEEDINGS

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The Buckville Baptist Association met with Marble Church in its twenty-seventh annual session, September 23, 1916.

Called to order by Moderator at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder E. S. Robbins.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Shepard. Text, Romans 1:13, 14.

Recess till 2:00 o'clock.

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

The Moderator appointed Brother J. P. Emery, Brother J. G. McLane, and Brother J. W. Pullen reading clerks.

Letters from the following churches were read and messengers' names enrolled:

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

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

Marble—J. W. Pullen, J. W. Ragsdale, J. T. Newkirk.

Shady Grove No. 2—I. K. Moon, W. H. Smith, W. L. Campbell.

Oak Hill—Elder W. A. Neighbors.

Concord—W. H. Cumbie.

Valley Home—Jasper Sims, Tommy Jones, Willis Nooner.

Jessieville—Z. T. Young, A. F. Newkirk, J. T. Ward.

New Prospect—J. H. O'Donnell.

Bethlehem—C. B. McKee, M. S. Jackson.

Sweet Home—Herbert Pitts.

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

Rock Springs—G. M. Fisher, J. D. Parker, J. A. Parker.

Glazier Poe—W. J. Holland.

Cedar Glades—J. T. Richardson.

Mount Tabor—Elder M. C. Melton, Elder J. C. Rattliff, Elder John M. Crawford, Joe Melton.

Union—J. D. Cunningham, Mrs. Della Cunningham.

Pleasant Ridge—J. B. Cash, A. M. Graves, Sister Graves.

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, T. B. Reeves, Sister Reeves.

Buckville—Elder E. S. Robbins.

New Hope—

Mount Zion—

Went into the election of officers for ensuing year.

Brother McLane and Brother J. T. Newkirk acted as tellers.

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

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Service, the messengers of Marble Church, with Brother W. L. Campbell and Brother McLane.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Divine Service, Elder E. S. Robbins preached at Marble Saturday night.

On motion the body adjourned business hours till 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

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## SUNDAY.

Met Sunday at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Elder Shepard made a splendid Sunday School address.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder J. P. Emery preached a forceful sermon to a large congregation. Text, Eph. 6:14. After which pledge and cash amounting to \$128.50 were made for Associational Missions; also a cash collection of \$6.14 was made.

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At 3:00 o'clock Brother J. G. McLane and Elder W. L. Cockrell and others made Sunday School addresses.

Sunday night Elder M. C. Melton preached to a large congregation. Text, Eph. 2:8.

Elder J. C. Ratliff preached at Jessieville.

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### MONDAY.

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

On motion by Brother Shepard the Clerk was instructed to revise the roll and drop all messengers' names who are not members of a church represented at this Association.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother Neighbors, Brother J. C. Ratliff, Brother Cockrell, Brother Robbins, Brother McLane, Brother M. S. Jackson, and Brother Shepard, was adopted.

Missionary W. L. Cockrell made his report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother Cockrell, and after a collection amounting to \$3.20 was taken, was adopted.

The Committee on State Missions made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother Emery, Brother Crawford, Brother Neighbors, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions was read, and, after being discussed by Brother Cockrell, was adopted.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder J. C. Ratliff preached. Text, Gen. 11:31.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator at 1:30 o'clock.

Missionary J. W. Shepard made his report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries and Condolence made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother Melton, Brother Cockrell, and after a collection of \$5.25, was adopted.

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

The Missionary work of Elder W. A. Neighbors was read and adopted.

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

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

The Committee on Home Missions made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother Emery, Brother Cockrell, Brother J. T. Newkirk, and others, was adopted.

The Committee on Education made their report, which, after being discussed by Brother O'Donnell and Brother Emery, was adopted.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted.

Resolution No. 1 was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

On motion the present Missionary Board consisting of J. G. McLane, J. H. McKenzie, and J. T. Blakely, was re-elected.

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

On motion of Brother Shepard the Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

Union Church, Glazier Poe, Oak Hill, and Rock Springs, were placed in nomination as the place for holding the next session.

Rock Springs was selected.

Elder W. A. Neighbors and Brother J. B. Cash were appointed Corresponding Messengers to the Saline Association; Brother Shepard, Brother Emery, and Brother Melton, to the Caddo River Association; Brother Tommy Jones, Brother Sims, and Brother Nooner, to the Dardanelle Association, and Brother Reeves and Brother Cunningham to the Caddo Valley Association.

The body then adjourned to meet with Rock Springs Church, six miles northeast of Cedar Glades, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

A song was sung, the parting hand extended.

Brother J. P. Emery led the closing prayer.

ELDER M. C. MELTON, Moderator.

J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.

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#### REPORTS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

We find that the State Convention is doing a great work in the cause of Missions in the State, and for several years has been doing a lot of valuable work in this the Buckville Association, but still there remains much destitution all over the State. Therefore—

We recommend that the churches of this Association cooperate heartily with our money and our prayers in this great work.

J. W. SHEPARD,  
W. J. HOLLAND,  
J. H. PITTS,

Committee.

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We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The Lord has opened the door to the gospel in the foreign fields as never before, and our work has been progressing, but our means are not sufficient to carry the gospel to earth's remotest bounds, as our Lord would have us do. The contributions for Foreign Missions from Europe are smaller on account of the devastation caused by the war, therefore to keep the work from suffering we must increase our offerings.

Our churches in the United States are the only ones that can save the foreign work from hurtful delay, and under God we must go forward. Therefore we urge that every church in this Association do all it can in this great work.

J. P. EMERY,  
J. T. WARD,  
TOMMY JONES,

Committee.

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

We heartily believe in Missions. 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 their work.

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

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

W. L. COCKRELL,  
J. W. RAGSDALE,  
M. S. JACKSON,  
Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows:

Knowing that intemperance is a great evil and detrimental to good morals, we urge our people to refrain from dram-drinking.

We believe what is termed moderate drinking leads to excessive drinking. We pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means and influence we have to rid our land of this awful curse.

J. M. CRAWFORD,  
W. A. NEIGHBORS,  
JASPER SIMS,  
Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows:

While there is great interest manifested in the Sunday School in this Association we find that some of our churches do not have any Sunday school.

We recommend that this Association make an effort to have a Sunday School in every church.

We further recommend that we spend Sunday of this Association, except the 11:00 o'clock services, in Sunday School work.

J. G. McLANE,  
J. B. CASH,  
G. M. FISHER,  
Committee.

We, 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 destitute places in our home field.

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

T. B. REEVES,  
J. H. O'DONNELL,  
J. D. CUNNINGHAM,  
Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that death has taken 16 of our brothers and sisters:

Brother J. Y. Noles and Brother Milton Ratliff, of Mount Tabor; Brothers Harrison Ursery and Vis Coleman, and Sisters Rouse and Lina Ennis, of New Home; Sister Nancy J. Robinson,

of Concord; Sister Barbara Nooner, of Valley Home; Sister G. Glenn, of Marble; Sister Josephine Tedder, Sister Victoria S. Cotnom, and Brother Ben Kidd, of Cedar Glades; Brother S. N. Qualls, of Refuge; Brother J. W. Ward, of Bethlehem; Sister Seaton, of Rock Springs.

In their deaths we have sustained a great loss, but our loss is their gain. We extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy, and pray God's blessings on them in their sorrow.

I. K. MOON,  
C. W. HOLLAND,  
W. S. HUDDLESTON,  
Committee.

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Your Committee on Education report as follows:

We feel very keenly the need of education, and trained workers in the Master's work. This lack can best be supplied through our denominational schools.

We recommend that our churches donate liberally to the support of our schools.

We urge our young men who feel a call to the ministry to attend our schools, and also urge our churches to support these young men while in school.

J. T. BLAKELY,  
J. C. RATLIFF,  
JOE MELTON,  
Committee.

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

We find that the needs in Orphans' Home are great. We urge our churches, Sunday Schools, and this Association to take up collections for Orphans' Home. We sincerely request that the funds be divided in proportion to the children in our homes in Monticello and Texarkana.

E. S. ROBBINS,  
J. M. NEEL,  
W. L. CAMPBELL,  
Committee.

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Your Committee on Nominations have selected Elder E. S. Robins to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, with Elder J. C. Ratliff as alternate.

J. W. PULLEN,  
J. G. McLANE,  
W. H. SMITH,  
Committee.

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Your Missionary submits the following report:

Miles traveled, 40; sermons preached, 33; days labored, 18; professions witnessed, 5; baptized, 2; collected, \$1.50.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,  
Missionary.

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Your Missionary submits the following report:



Labored 6 days with Pleasant Hill Church; sermons preached, 8; professions witnessed, 2; paid in full.

J. P. EMERY,  
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:  
Days labored with Jessieville and Marble Churches, 10; paid in full.

W. L. COCKRELL,  
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:  
Days labored with Valley Home Church, 5; paid in full.

M. C. MELTON,  
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:  
Labored 8 days at Pleasant Ridge Church; labored 5 days at Mount Pleasant Church; left each church in good working order; paid in full.

E. S. ROBBINS,  
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report:  
Days labored, 17; sermons, 22; confession of faith, 5; miles traveled, 110; collected \$1.45; paid in full.

J. W. SHEPARD,  
Missionary.

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:

For printing minutes.....	\$ 21.21
For Associational Missions.....	14.05
For Foreign Missions.....	.75
For Monticello Orphans' Home.....	1.50
For Texarkana Orphans' Home.....	2.15
Total.....	\$ 39.81

W. J. HUDDLESTON,  
W. H. CUMBIE,  
J. T. NEWKIRK,  
Committee.

Your Treasurer submits the following report:  
Balance from last year.....\$ 21.05  
Received from—

E. F. Sharp.....	\$ .50
J. G. McLane.....	1.00
Columbus Parker.....	.50
J. M. Bradley.....	5.00
Mrs. Fannie Brown.....	1.00
Mrs. N. E. Hurst.....	.50
Mrs. Attie Emery.....	.50
W. H. Cumbie.....	1.00
J. Curl.....	1.00
J. B. Cash.....	.50

Mount Tabor Church.....	6.50
J. D. Cunningham.....	3.00
J. W. Halsell.....	2.00
A. M. Graves.....	1.00
J. W. Shepard.....	1.00
W. L. Cockrell.....	2.00
J. P. Emery.....	3.00
J. D. Parker.....	1.00
M. C. Melton.....	3.00
J. T. Blakely.....	1.00
Collection for Foreign Missions.....	3.20
Collection for Orphans' Home.....	5.25
Collection for Associational Missions.....	6.14
From Finance Committee.....	39.81
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$110 45</b>
<b>Disbursements—</b>	
J. W. Shepard.....	\$ 25.50
J. P. Emery.....	9.00
E. S. Robbins.....	15.00
W. L. Cockrell.....	15.00
M. C. Melton.....	7.50
For printing minutes.....	23.21
Orphans' Home.....	8.90
Foreign Missions.....	3.95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$108.06</b>
<b>Balance on hand.....</b>	<b>\$ 2.39</b>

J. T. BLAKELY,  
Treasurer.

#### PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

J. P. Emery.....	\$5.00
C. M. Neighbors.....	5.00
M. C. Melton.....	5.00
H. W. Cumbie.....	5.00
J. D. Parker.....	5.00
J. M. Crawford.....	5.00
M. S. Jackson.....	5.00
T. B. Reeves (Paid \$2.00).....	5.00
J. W. Newkirk.....	5.00
G. M. Fisher.....	5.00
Jasper Sims.....	5.00
J. C. Ratliff.....	5.00
J. W. Shepard (paid).....	5.00
J. T. Blakely.....	5.00
C. D. Parker (Paid \$1.00).....	5.00
J. S. Ragsdale.....	2.50
W. J. Holland.....	2.50
D. T. Green.....	2.50
C. W. Holland.....	2.50
J. G. McLane (Paid).....	1.00
J. B. Cash.....	1.00

Sister Sims	1.00
J. D. Parker (Paid)	1.00
J. T. Ward (Paid)	1.00
A. F. Newkirk (Paid)	1.00
Sister Green	1.00
Sister F. A. McKee	1.00
Sister R. E. Ward (Paid)	1.00
W. M. Nooner	1.00
Sister M. A. Barton (Paid)	1.00
W. L. Cockrell	3.00
J. T. Newkirk	2.50
H. Newkirk (Paid \$1.00)	2.50
T. H. Parker	2.50
J. H. Cunningham	3.00
Sister Ragsdale	1.00
Sister Ellen Newkirk (Paid)	1.00
Herbert Pitts (Paid)	1.00
Maggie Newkirk	1.00
Ashley Ritter	1.00
I. K. Moon (Paid)	1.00
Z. T. Young	1.00
Pearl Baldwin	1.00
Sister Della Cunningham (Paid)	1.00
Sister Reeves (Paid)	1.00
C. B. McKee	1.00
W. L. Campbell (Paid)	1.00
E. S. Robbins (Paid)	1.00
J. M. Neel	1.00
Sister Emma Neel	.50
W. H. Smith	1.00

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### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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

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### LICENSED MINISTERS.

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

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Resolved, That this Association tender its heartfelt thanks to Marble Church and community for their kindness and hospitality in caring for us.

## 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.

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### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

