

# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**Forty-Fourth Annual Session**

OF THE

# **Clear Creek Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

**DYER BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Crawford County, Arkansas,**

**OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, 1916.**

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The next session will be held with Mulberry Baptist Church, Mulberry, Ark., Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.

## MINUTES.

The Clear Creek Baptist Association met with Dyer Baptist Church, Crawford County, Arkansas, October 5, 6, 7, 1916.

The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

Elder J. F. Crawford was elected temporary Moderator.

The appointee to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent, Elder D. B. Moore, of Russellville, was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Text: Matthew 22: 41.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:00 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. R. Barnett.

Bro. Ed. Chastain and Eld. J. R. Barnett were appointed Reading Clerks.

A call was made for letters. Several letters were read from the churches.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. A petitionary letter was presented from Lenville Church. Received, and Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messenger.

The Association went into the election of officers.

Motion made to suspend the rules and elect by acclamation.

Elder J. F. Crawford was elected Moderator, Elder J. A. Riddle re-elected Clerk, and Bro. Walter Morris re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator called for correspondent messengers. W. A. Moffet, from Fayetteville Association; Bro. Frank Spillers, from Concord Association; D. B. Moore,

from Russellville Association. J. S. Rogers as a visitor.

Association adjourned until 7:00 o'clock.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Association met at the church at 7:00 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by G. W. Bray.

Report on State Missions read and adopted as follows:

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions submits the following report:

The ultimate origin of missions is to be found in the heart of God; the historical origin of missions is found in the life and death of Christ, and the practical origin and application of missions is intrusted to Baptist or New Testament churches.

State Missions is in many respects the very heart of all our denominational work. State Missions is the constant friend of Associational Missions; the conservator of Home Missions, and the base of supplies for Foreign Missions.

State Missions include revival meetings, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, helping to build church houses, aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday Schools and Baptist Young People's Work, and Woman's Work.

There are 56 workers engaged in State Mission work in our State, and reported 2511 conversions up to the first of September, with 1802 baptisms.

It will take \$27,000 to put the State Board out of debt, which amount should be raised Nov. 31st.

Your committee would recommend three things:

1. That our people all up and down the Association pray devotedly for our State Mission cause.

2. That every pastor, by sermons, gifts and visits, do his utmost in every church for the State Mission debt.

3. That our pastors and active laymen organize themselves, and go out to try to get every church in the Association to make an offering to State Missions.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock, Ark.

J. R. Barnett,  
J. L. Cunningham,  
Walter Morris.



Elder J. S. Rogers preached on State Missions.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

Foreign Missions—Ed. Chastain, C. H. Bennett, Sam Rye, Fred Patton.

Home Missions—Ed. Linn, J. Hamilton, J. McCurley, W. A. White.

State Missions—J. R. Barnett, Walter Morris, J. L. Cunningham.

Associational Missions—G. W. Bray, J. N. Baxter, Tom Wood.

Obituaries—Misses Judith Jones, Hallie Jackman, Linnie Harger, Bernice Fox.

Womans Work—Miss Nannie Wofford, Mrs. C. H. Bennett, Miss Ollie Cook, Ethel Williams.

Nominations — J. M. Wilson, A. Alverson, G. Stamps.

Finance—Walter Morris, W. J. Rogers, J. L. Cunningham.

Sunday Schools—J. F. Gossett, H. A. Whinery, Dan Smart.

Temperance—G. W. Wagner, Eugene Anderson, W. A. White.

Religious Literature—J. J. Brooks, T. N. Flanagan, F. J. West, W. N. Mason.

Orphans Home—W. M. Jones, C. H. Bennett, Idabell Church.

On motion adjourned.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services led by Frank Spillers.

The Moderator appointed correspondent messengers as follows :

Concord—J. A. Riddle.

Russellville—Walter Morris, J. F. Crawford.

Fayetteville—Nannie Wofford, Judith Jones.

Motion that any of our members present at any of our Associations with which we correspond be seated as messengers.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read and adopted :

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. This Board is the agency through which Southern Baptist work in trying to save the lost of our great Southern territory and training the saved is done. The work is carried on in nineteen States, in Cuba, the Panama canal zone, and Porto Rico.

In the South there are eighteen million people who make no profession of religion.

Last year we had 1,409 missionaries. There were 43,792 baptisms, 71,386 additions, and 167 churches organized.

We recommend: 1. That our churches order and use the free tracts furnished by this Board.

2. That earnest prayer be made in all our churches for this work.

3. And that every church in this Association be asked to make a contribution to this work.

W. A. White,  
J. N. Hamilton,  
Ed. Linn,  
J. S. McCurley.

The following report on Nominations was read and adopted:

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, have selected that the next Association be held at Mulberry, Ark., to begin on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1917, Bro. Bray to preach the Introductory Sermon; Bro. Riddle, alternate.

J. M. Wilson,  
G. L. Stamps,  
A. Anderson.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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

Our Foreign Mission work is an effort on our part to carry out the command of our Savior to send the gospel into all the world.

The non-Christian nations are wonderfully awakening. The doors are wide open, and the harvest fields are ripe for foreign mission work.

Your committee recommends two things :

1st. That our Association undertake to raise for foreign missions our part in this great work.

2nd. That each pastor in our Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to canvass the membership with a view to securing a contribution from each family for foreign missions when its regular schedule time comes.

Fred Patton,  
C. H. Bennett,  
Sam Rye.

The report of the Committee on Publications was read and adopted, as follows :

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature and Publications, would recommend, first of all, that the Bible be read and studied more as the foundation of all our faith and practice.

We also recommend the Baptist Advance, the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal, and the publications of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

J. J. Brooks,  
T. N. Flanagan,  
F. J. West.

At 11 o'clock Elder Barnett preached. Text : Mal. 3: 10-11.

On motion adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services led by Elder J. M. Wilson.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was read and adopted. [See Memorial Page.]

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted :

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report :

Believing that the great commission was given to the



Church, and that the Sunday School is the teaching service of the Church, we urge the observance of the following:

1. An evergreen Sunday School in each church.
2. That we use the Bible as our text book and Baptist literature as our helps in teaching.
3. That we encourage our teachers and officers to study courses in training.
4. That every school be under direct control of the Church; that the officers and teachers be elected therefrom.

H. A. Whinery.  
D. H. Smart,  
\* J. F. Gossett.

The following report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

#### REPORT ON WOMANS WORK.

We are just beginning to realize the importance of our W. M. U. and Aid work in this Association. It is in these societies we have our most loyal co-workers and spiritual leaders.

We find that through the five (5) societies reporting, over \$700.00 to all purposes has been given.

We recommend that each pastor and missionary co-operate more with the Superintendent in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. T. Greer,  
Mrs. T. B. Harris,  
(Miss) Nannie Wofford.

Report on Finance read and adopted :

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following :

Minutes and Clerk.....	\$32.95
State Missions.....	50
Foreign Missions.....	50
Monticello Orphans.....	8.65
Texarkana Orphans.....	2.56
Associational Missions.....	11.60

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Morris,  
W. J. Rogers,  
J. L. Cunningham.

The Committee on Orphans Home made the following report, which was adopted :

### REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans Home, would submit the following :

In the great book of salvation we are commanded to care for the orphans, and in obedience to His command we thank our Heavenly Father who put it in our hearts to establish a home for our fatherless children.

At our last convention there was a resolution passed requiring the Board to place the children in good homes. In obedience to this resolution we have placed between 75 and 80 children in good homes.

We have received 14 into the home since January 1st, 1916. We have now between 125 and 130 in the home, and as this work is grounded not on human sympathy alone, but on supreme authority of the word of God, we plead that every church in the Association do its part in this great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. M. Jones,  
Mrs. C. M. Bennett,  
Ida Belle Church.

On motion adjourned to 7:00 o'clock.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 7:00 o'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Elder Barnett.

The report of the Committee on Prohibition was read and adopted :

### REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, submit the following report :

First. The history of the liquor traffic in all ages of the world shows that it does not correspond with the teaching of God's Word, but is a great separator from righteousness. It is directly opposed to every precept in the decalogue. It is dangerous, injurious to the public, a public nuisance under all conditions, and a public wrong. It produces idleness, disorder, disease, pauperism, and causes from three-fourths to nine-tenths of all crimes. It is the great enemy of the churches of Jesus Christ.



Second. Being against the legal or illegal sale of liquor in any form in any part of our great State, we are in hearty sympathy with our present prohibition law, and pledge ourselves to do all we can against the repeal of same by going to the polls and voting against Act No. 2, and in using our influence with others to secure their vote against the same.

prohibition rally.  
on motion adjourned.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 7:30 o'clock. Devotional services led by the Moderator.

The report on Associational Missions was read and adopted :

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report:

First. The length of it is from Manton to Fort Smith, the breadth is from the river to the top of Mulberry and Boston Mountains.

The needs of our Association are, first, to have the gospel preached in every community, and a Baptist church and a good Sunday School in every community. Second, to get the people to see their need of Christ. Third, to get the churches to see their duties to their own destitution, and to cultivate the same. Fourth, at least one missionary in this Association for full time.

G. W. Bray,  
F. A. Wood,  
J. N. Baxter.

Report of the missionary was read.

Moved and carried to have the Financial Report published in the minutes.

Motion made and carried to amend Section 11 of the Constitution to read as follows :

SEC. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of the officers of the Association and five others to be appointed by the Moderator, or elected by the body, as the body may direct. This committee shall have authority to elect workers, and shall have direction of the mission-

ary operations of the Association, and shall have authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session, and shall be required to make an annual report to the Association. Three members constitute a quorum.

On motion, G. W. Bray was elected Associational Missionary.

Moved that the Moderator appoint the Executive Committee. Committee appointed as follows:

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Elder J. F. Crawford	S. D. Fox
Elder J. A. Riddle	W. S. Savage
J. W. Fry	J. P. Blakeley
E. D. Chastain	Walter Morris

The report on Resolutions was read and adopted:

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Clear Creek Association, hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the Church and town of Dyer for the kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

*Resolved, further*, That we extend to our Moderator and Clerk our profound thanks and gratitude for their faithful work during this session. Also that the Clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

Motion to adjourn, to meet with Mulberry Church, Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.

This closed one of the best Associations.

ELDER J. F. CRAWFORD, Moderator.

ELDER J. F. RIDDLE, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists.

SEC. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Association shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the body, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session and deliver the same to his successor in office.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the body, or her Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to each sitting of the body.

SEC. 7. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to secure unanimity of faith and concert of action in mission work, and also to cultivate the purity of the churches.

SEC. 8. This Association shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will be requested to act as an advisory council when necessary. It, however, claims authority over its members, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

SEC. 9. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers, at any regular meeting, by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.



SEC. 10. Churches may be dismissed from this Association by application at any regular meeting, for the purpose of joining any body that we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

SEC. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of the officers of the Association and five others to be appointed by the Moderator, or elected by the body, as the body may direct. This committee shall have authority to elect workers, and shall have direction of the missionary operations of the Association, and shall have authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session, and shall be required to make an annual report to the Association. Three members constitute a quorum.

SEC. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except Section 8, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear the reading of letters from the Churches and enroll the names of their Messengers.
2. Give an opportunity for other Churches to become members of the body, and extend the hand of fellowship to their Messengers.
3. Elect Officers.
4. Receive Corresponding Messengers and other visiting brethren.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. Hear report of Executive Committee.
7. Elect Executive Committee.
8. Appoint Corresponding Messengers.
9. Hear Reports of Committees.
10. Determine time and place of holding next session and who will preach the Introductory sermon.
11. Provide for Publishing Minutes of Proceedings.
12. Resolutions, and other Miscellaneous matters.

## OBITUARY.

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We, your Committee on Obituary, find our dead  
to be as follows :

Brothers—

Clyde Chastain,

Steward Peters,

Willie Bailey.

Sisters—

Mrs. Sam P. Jett,

Mrs. W. H. Dobbs,

Miss Gertrude Roberts,

Miss Emma Poole,

Lily Cole,

Della Long.

May we be submissive to God's will and say,  
"Thy will be done, not ours."

Judith Jones,

Hallie Jackman,

Linnie Harger.

# FINANCIAL TABLE OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Associational Missions	Orphans Home	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidental Expenses	Other Objects	Minutes and Clerk	Schools and Colleges	Value of Church Property	Visiting Ministers	Total Contributions	Officers & Teach'rs Number Pupils	Sunday School Superintendents
Alma.....	9.25	18.50	2.00	13.50	15.60	315.00	105.60	90.05		2.50	5.00	3000.00	167.45	837.83	11 116	W S Savage
Altus.....				5.00						2.50						
Alix.....						37.50	2.50		5.00	1.25		1200.00		50.00		
Cedarville.....				6.00	1.00					1.25						
Concord.....						25.00				.75						
Coal Hill.....										1.25						
Center Grove.....										1.50		300.00				
Chester.....										.50						
Denning.....					6.85	37.00				4.00		1000.00			8 50	W A Dane
Dyer.....					12.50	100.00	100.00	15.00		1.50			45.00	284.50	4 45	M F Rhodes
Fine Springs.....				50						1.00						
Hartman.....			20.00	15.20	15.00	40.00		3.00		1.50		1000.00			4 60	E W Williams
Bethel.....			3.62	3.63						1.00						
Macedonia.....	50		50	1.32	2.91					1.25		2.50		6.38		
Mulberry.....	3.25	3.25	2.50	30.00	50.60	450.50	765.45	68.20	38.50	2.25	12.85	1500.00	122.75	1613.30	9 110	Dr J A Wigley
Mt. Zion.....			9.50	8.50	5.00				53.00	1.00				77.00	3 45	H W Mackey
Ozark.....	10.60	10.65	4.00	23.50	18.65	138.00		33.50		1.00		3500.00	100.00	330.05	10 70	J W Boozman
Pleasant Grove.....			2.00	16.90	12.50	112.00		20.00	29.00	1.00			25.00		4 34	J J Cook
Rudy.....			44.10	5.00						1.00			30.00		4 40	J H Fine
Sweet Home.....				22.60	2.75	60.00	300.00	15.00	12.00	1.00			20.00			
Union Chapel.....				6.00						1.67					4 40	R P Young
Van Buren.....		43.80		15.50	5.00		394.73	167.23		1.50		12000.0	25.00	1627.98		J J Izard
Zoar.....				2.88	4.00	83.50				.78		600.00	18.00			



# MESSENGERS, PASTORS AND CLERKS, AND MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AND DECREASE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Incr'se		Decr'se		Membership	Pastors	Clerks	Post Office
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restorat'n	By Letter	By Death			
Alma	W M Jones	17	4		4	1	116 J W Gardner	W S Savage	Alma
Altus	E T Carter, J M Bickem	3	2					J S Mosley	Altus
Alix	Hallie Jackman				4		40	J P Blakeley	Alix
Cedarville	H A Whinery, Selma Whinery						18 J A Riddle	H A Whinery	Cedarville
Concord	W J Rogers				5	2	68	W J Rogers	Van Buren R 1
Coal Hill	G W Bray								
Chester	By Letter						19	E S Smith	Chester
Denning	Nettie Greenwood, Linnie Harger, F J West						54 W B Hardin	W Harger	Denning
Dyer	Fred Patton, W M Mason, Terrel Rhodes		2		1		52 J F Crawford	Fred Patton	Dyer
Fine Springs	J L Cunningham, Sam Rye, B Fox				14		33 J F Crawford	J L Cunningham	Alma
Hartman	Walter Myers, J McCurley, Ethel Williams	2	1		2		44	E W Williams	Hartman
Macedonia	T Wood, A Alverson, J Hamilton	3	2		2	1	O W White	G W Jones	Uniontown
Mulberry	J R Barnett, G W Wagner, Ed Chastain	2	4	1	7	1	91 J R Barnett	C R Counts	Mulberry
Ozark	Mrs L O Fisher, Mrs J F Greer, Idabell Church						48	L O Fisher	Ozark
Pleasant Grove	C H Bennett, Mrs C H Bennett, Ollie Cook	2				3	88 J F Crawford	J J Cook	Alma, R 2
Rudy	Mrs W K Wofford, Nannie Wofford	5			1		44	J H Fine	Rudy
Sweet Home	J F Crawford, J N Baxter, Judith Jones	8	2		5	1	J F Crawford	C J Haley	Van Buren
Union Chapel	T N Flanagan	7	1			1	132 J A Riddle	Cora Parker	Lindsey
Van Buren	C M Wofford	19	4			1	137	Mrs J J Izard	Van Buren
Zoar	D Smart, G Stamps, E Lynn	13	1		9	1	114 J Connell	J S Wadkins	Van Buren
Bethel	J F Gossett, Bertha Gossett	8					11	A W Sloat	Lenville
Center Grove	J M Wilson, W A White, Mrs Scales	4			3		49 J M Wilson	J L Cook	Mulberry
Mt. Zion	M H Gassman	19	4	1			40	J W Clark	Ozark

# **D. H. MILLER**

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International Harvester Co.'s Hay Presses,  
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American Woven Wire, Ellwood Woven Wire.**

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