

**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**BENTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Benton Co. Baptist Association

*Temperance Hill, Ark. }*  
*October 7-8-9, 1904 }*

Benton County Baptist Association met with Temperance Hill Baptist Church Oct. 7, 1904. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. E. Denham, Fayetteville, Ark. Rev. I. R. Hall was elected moderator pro tempore and B. S. Beach was elected clerk pro tem.

Rev. J. E. Denham preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah 28: 16.

This sermon was deeply spiritual and intensely interesting. We pray God to bless Bro. Denham in his service for our Master.

Recess until 2 p m.

Following is the roll of messengers:

Bentonville—I. R. Hall, S. L. Holloway, W. D. Joyner, J. T. Greer.

Rogers—A. L. Jordan, H. Y. King, Mrs. C. D. Rearick, Mrs. A. M. Buekley.

Garfield—J. W. Hammack, John Summers.

Pilgrim Home—L. J. Whitefield, Marion Seamster.

Temperance Hill—J. K. Campbell, J. A. Murray, B. S. Beach.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional services, permanent organization of the Association was effected by

electing Rev. I. R. Hall for Moderator and O. S. Beach, Clerk.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit in counsel with this body

The moderator appointed Rev. C. P. Dean with the messengers of Temperance Hill church as a committee on Divine Service.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

*Temperance*:—F. A. Whitely, J. W. Hammack, A. L. Jordan.

*Books and Periodicals*:—W. D. Joyner, J. A. Murray, L. J. Whitefield.

*Sunday School Work*:—C. P. Dean, L. J. Whitefield, J. A. Murray.

*Resolutions*:—A. L. Jordan, S. L. Holloway, B. E. Gambill.

*Home Missions*:—S. L. Holloway, L. J. Whitefield, John Summers.

*Foreign Missions*:—S. L. Holloway, J. W. Hammack, C. P. Dean.

*State Missions*:—J. W. Hammack, J. A. Murray, B. E. Gambill.

*Finance*:—W. D. Joyner, J. A. Murray.

*Schools and Colleges*:—S. L. Holloway, Marion Seamster.

Committee on Divine Service announced that Rev. J. W. Hammack would preach at 7:30 p. m. and Rev. A. L. Jordan would preach at 11 a. m. Saturday

On motion, adjournment was taken until Saturday 9:30 a. m.

SATURDAY, October 8, 1904 9:30 A. M.

The Association was called to order by singing

Moderator in the chair Scripture Reading  
by Rev. W. D. Joyner

Prayer.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

Standing committees reported as follows:

Report of Committee on State Missions:

We regard State Missions as carried out by our Baptist State Convention, and backed by the home board of our Southern Baptist Conventions of such great importance in the evangelization of our state, that we feel that we would be derelict in our duty to God and the unsaved, not to aid the same by our influence, prayers and means to the utmost of our ability. That we recall with grateful hearts the grand work already done in different parts of the state in planting churches which have subsequently become strong and self-sustaining, as well as aiding weak churches to hold up the banner of Christ, that the "Poor may have the gospel preached to them."

That we urge all the churches of this Association to take this work to their hearts as one of the greatest involved in the commission "to preach the gospel to every creature" and that they aid the same by their prayers, means and best influence

We hereby renew our allegiance to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the wise manner in which it has conducted our state mission work through its executive board, and pledge it our hearty support in taking Arkansas for Christ.

J. W. HAMMACK

J. A. MURRAY,

B. E. GAMBILL.

After an able and instructive discussion by J. W. Hammack and others this report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read as follows:

We your Committee on Temperance report;

electing Rev. I. R. Hall for Moderator and S. Beach, Clerk.

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that we rejoice in the stand taken by the voters of our County at the last election whereby over a thousand majority said "no license" for intoxicants.

We realize that the use of intoxicating beverages is a great evil in our land, condemned by the word of God and detrimental to the progress of our Country and our holy religion; we recommend that our churches use their influence to the full extent of their ability against the sale and use of all intoxicants as a beverage and we pray that the Brotherhood may use their influence for its suppression.

We are unalterably opposed to the manufacture and sale of "native wine" and we pledge ourselves to work and vote for the suppression of the traffic.

F. A. WHITELY.

J. W. HAMMACK.

A. L. JORDAN.

Discussion followed in which many of the evils of intoxicants were pointed out.

Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Books and Periodicals read as follows:

We your Committee on Books and Periodicals would recommend the following: The careful reading and study of the Bible, which is the word of God "The holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." We recommend the reading of all good books that would be edifying and spiritual. We recommend the

reading of *The Baptist Advance* which is a sound Baptist paper.

Respectfully Submitted

W. D. JOYNER.

J. A. MURRAY.

L. J. WHITEFIELD.

An interesting discussion followed an amendment in which *The Foreign Mission Journal* and *Our Home Field* were added.

Report adopted.

Recess for dinner

AFTERNOON SERVICE, 1:30 P. M.,  
Devotional services.

The committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

"Whereas certain Churches formerly associated with this body have of their own accord withdrawn from us and formed a new Association or what is known as the Gospel Mission Plan, and assumed the name which belongs of right to the Original Association.

Therefore Resolved,

1. That this action on their part is clearly in violation of Article 6, of the Constitution of said Association which reads:—"We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this association, nor will the association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church"

Nevertheless, they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith. It is evident to everyone that by such action these brethren have exercised *authority* and *jurisdiction* over the Temperance Hill Church by ignoring the rights of the majority and accepting a small minority of said church, and thus denying the independence of that particular church. This same article says "nor

will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church" But this Association by accepting members excluded from Temperance Hill church for just cause, has by formal action undertaken to decide the controversy which had arisen in the Temperance Hill church, and thus stand convicted of the most deliberate violation of the constitution of the Benton County Association.

Again Article 5th reads—"Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letters and messengers and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by a unanimous vote etc." Hence the action of this new Association in receiving members excluded because not correct in practice is also clearly in violation of the Constitution of the Benton County Association, furthermore that faction which that body accepted did not receive a *unanimous* vote, J. N. Beard of Lowell church, A. J. Phillips and Luther Fagala of Bethesda church, and W. L. Cardin of Twelve Corners church voting in the negative

2 Resolved, That the formation of the new Association is in violation of all Christian courtesy Every concession has been made to them which they could rationally demand If they did not want to work through the Boards and Agents of the State Convention they were granted full and hearty liberty to give through any agency they might choose For such reasons the body now in session claim by right the original name of the Benton County Baptist Association, because she has not violated the Constitution of said Association and proposes to maintain in spirit and practice the purpose for which she was originally organized

3, Whereas this Association has in the past made every possible concession to our brethren who declined to work through boards and agents of the State Convention offering them perfect

freedom in the disposition of funds for missions, and yet, so far failed to satisfy them as to cause a division in the body:—Whereas about 95 per cent of the active members of our Denomination in the United States, after much thought, prayer and long experience, have found the present method of conducting their various missionary enterprises through boards and agents, to be the most efficient and satisfactory and whereas, this association believing that "in the multitude of Council there is safety," prefer to work with the great body of our people, yet we see not a shadow of reason for denunciation or of even unkind feeling towards our brethren who prefer some other method of conducting the same work

This last fact has been stated and emphasized in other meetings of this association. See Minutes of 1900, page 6, number, Foreign Missions

4 Resolved, that our attitude as an Association towards Intemperance, Sunday, desecration and all kindred questions has been modified, in no respect, that we are uncompromisingly opposed to everything contrary to the revealed will of God and to the highest welfare of our homes, our churches and our country, yet we do not believe that such interests are best promoted by acts of violence, denunciation, or any disputations.

5 Resolved, that this Association extend its most hearty thanks to Temperance Hill church and pastor for their kind and Christian hospitality so cordially extended to this body.

A. L. JORDAN.

S. L. HOLLOWAY.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted as follows:

"Home Missions is the co-operative work of our churches in the Southern States, Oklahoma,

Indian Territory and in Cuba The direction of this work is committed to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, consisting of twenty-one brethren at large elected by the Convention in session and one Vice President for each of the Southern States

The board is located at Atlanta, Ga. The work is done as far as practicable in co-operation with the various State Conventions.

There are thousands of foreigners coming annually into our Southern States Our Home Board is making great effort to reach them at the different ports with the gospel as soon as they are landed The work is continued with them as far as possible after they are settled and have become citizens of our country.

Our Board also recognizes the importance of assisting the negro population of the South, and co-operates with them through their general bodies in giving the blessed gospel of our Lord to all their people.

Last year the Home Board aided in the support of 51 missionaries in Arkansas who baptized 747 persons The amount of money received from the Board for this work was \$5,000.00

Resolved that we pray for, and heartily co-operate with this Board in this great work of giving the pure gospel of our Lord to all the lost of our own beloved home land.

Respectfully submitted,

S L HOLLOWAY

L. J. WHITEFIELD.

JOHN SUMMERS.

Report of committee on schools and colleges read and adopted as follows:

It is no long necessary to argue before a body of Baptists the necessity of education. Baptists stand for the highest and best citizenship. To accomplish this there must be intellectual and moral development of the citizens.

We also stand committed especially to a religious or spiritual education.

We believe that this can best be accomplished in our own schools. You who hear this report already know of Ouachita and Central Colleges; Central College for the education of young women and Ouachita for men and women.

Ouachita is doing a special work in educating the young ministers of our State who are now, and will continue, to wield an influence in shaping the life and history of the Baptist denomination. We also have a number of Baptist Academies in different parts of our State, among them is our own Academy at Bentonville.

We recommend that this Association pray for, support and patronize Ouachita, Central Colleges and our Academy at Bentonville.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. L. HOLLOWAY.

J. A. MURRAY.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following: We regard this work as one of the most important of our Association. We are pleased to know that the interest in the Sunday School or Bible School is increasing. We urge each church to maintain an evergreen Sunday School, and to avail themselves of all the helps possible. We recommend Southern Baptist Literature and co-operation with our State Sunday School Board.

We pray that those who take our places may be much more efficient workers than we have ever been.

And we further recommend that as soon as

convenient a County Convention of Baptist Sunday Schools be held

C. P. DEAN  
L. J. WHITEFIELD  
J. A. MURRAY.

This report was discussed by C. P. Dean, W. D. Joyner, and others and was adopted as read.

Adjournment was taken until 7:30 p. m.

7:30 P M SATURDAY.

Devotional services led by Rev C. P. Dean.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that we regard the Foreign Mission Work as carried on by our Southern Baptist Convention to be not only in harmony with the great commission given the churches, but very essential in carrying it fully out. The Foreign Fields are already white and the Macedonian cry is constantly coming, "come over and help us," and we will be recreant to our trust if we do not, as churches, and as individuals co-operate with our Foreign Board in sending the gospel to the millions of precious souls in heathen lands. As God has so wonderfully blessed our Missionaries in their work and as it is proving such a glorious success it should stimulate us to greater exertions to send the gospel to the ends of the earth.

We recommend to all our churches that they take this matter to their hearts and urge each member to contribute as the Lord prospers him. Years ago our brethren were impressed with the magnitude of this work and plainly saw the necessity of co operation and therefore organized our present Foreign Mission Board with which we ever have and hope ever will

heartily co-operate, with our prayers and means to prosecute the work

J. W. HAMMACK,  
S. L. HOLLOWAY,  
C. P. DEAN.

Report was adopted after an earnest and instructive address by J. W. Hammack

On motion the moderator and clerk of this Association and three others selected by them act as an Associational Mission Board, to whom the Associational Mission work is entrusted with the request that they ask the co-operation of the State Mission Board

A. L. Jordan, S. L. Holloway and J. W. Hammack were chosen.

A motion to amend Article 2 in our constitution to read "first" instead of "second" carried unanimously.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Rev. S. L. Holloway preach on Sunday at 11 a m and that Rev. I. R. Hall preach at 2 p m

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

For Printing Minutes	\$15 25
For State Missions	15 35
Gentry Church for printing Minutes	1 00
Rogers Church	2 50

W. DE JOYNER.  
J. A. MURRAY.

Bentonville and Garfield having been put in nomination as places for the next meeting of this Association, Bentonville was selected and Rev. A. L. Jordan was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. S. L. Holloway as alternate

A motion prevailed for the clerk to have as many minutes printed and distributed as the minute fund will pay for.