MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 22-24 1917

The next session of the Association will be held with Oak Hill Church, nine miles northeast of Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

PROCEEDINGS

The Buckville Baptist Association met with Rock Springs Church in its twenty-eighth annual session. September 22, 1917.

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 J. C. Ratliff. Text: Psalms 39:7.

Becess till 2:00 o'clock.

Called to order by the Moderator, Elder M. C. Melton, who read Romans 8, and Elder John M. Crawford led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Brothers J. P. Emery, I. G.

Neal, J. G. McLane, and J. W. Shepard reading clerks. Letters from the following churches were read and messengers' names enrolled:

Union—J. D. Cunningham, I. M. Burrows.

Pleasant Valley—I. G. Neal.

Cedar Glades-J. A. Hurst, Elder H. A. Belote, S. O. Ratliff.

Concord—J. Curl.

Buckville—Elder J. A. Young, Charley Johnson. Rock Springs-J. S. Murders, L. W. Murders, Elder J. B. Adams.

Harvey's Chapel-W. J. Huddleston, J. P. Harris. Washita—Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane.

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

Jessieville-Z. T. Young, A.-F. Newkirk, John Neel. Oak Hill-Elder W. A. Neighbors, J. I. Allman, Ed Glass.

Mount Tabor-Elder M. C. Melton, Elder John M. Crawford, Elder J. C. Ratliff, J. A. Chitwood.

Mount Pleasant—P. G. Muse, S. J. Speer, Julia A.

Lay.

Glazier Poe-C. W. Holland, Sister Holland. Shady Grove No. 2-I. K. Moon, W. H. Smith.

Sweet Home-D. A. Pitts.

Bethlehem—M. S. Jackson, R. A. Spoon, C. M. Ritter. New Prospect—L. D. Johnson, J. H. O'Donnell, Johnny Snodgrass.

New Hope-E. J. Fuller, T. B. McKelroy.

Pleasant Ridge-B. H. Sendon, J. H. Kelly, Dr. J. A. Phillips.

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, Elder George F. Rowe, A. R. Chitwood.

Mount Zion-C. W. Chitwood, J. L. Graves, J. R.

Harper.

Marble—John Newkirk, E. H. Newkirk, T. H. Parker.

Prairie Grove—J. I. Wilson, J. R. Bond.

Valley Home — Jasper Sims, Willis Nooner, Guy Wells.

Valley Grove—Ed Muse.

The body then went into the election of officers for ensuing year:

Elder D. B. Moore and Elder Chandler acted as

tellers.

Brother J. G. McLane was elected Moderator and

J. T. Blakely, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Service, the messengers of Rock Springs Church, with Brother John Newkirk and Brother M. S. Jackson.

Elder D. B. Moore was received as corresponding

messenger from Russellville Association.

Elder J. W. Shepard was appointed corresponding

messenger to the Dardanelle Association.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that Elder J. S. Ragsdale would preach at Rock Springs Saturday night.

On motion the body adjourned business hours till

8:30 o'clock Monday.

SUNDAY.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Divine Service, Elder J. W. Shepard delivered a Sunday School address at 10:00 o'clock.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder George F. Rowe preached an able sermon to a large congregation, after which a collection amounting to \$14.75 was taken for Associational Missions, and pledges amounting to \$94.00 were made.

At 2:00 o'clock Elder D. B. Moore preached a splendid sermon on "Stewardship."

Elder W. A. Neighbors preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation Sunday night.

Elder D. B. Moore preached at the residence of Brother J. M. Crawford Saturday night, and Elder J. P. Emery preached at Brother Crawford's residence Sunday night.

MONDAY.

Called to order by Moderator at 8:30 o'clock.
The Moderator read a chapter and Elder J. A. Young led in prayer.

A letter from New Hope Church was read.

A petitionary letter was received from Valley Grove Church. The letter was read, the church received, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to its messenger, Brother Ed Muse.

Elder Chandler was seated as corresponding messen-

ger from Dardanelle Association.

The Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother Moore, Brother Cockrell, Brother John Newkirk, Brother Shepard, and after a collection of \$25.20 was taken, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Stewardship made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother McLane, Brother

I. G. Neal, and Brother Moore, was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Rowe, Brother Shepard, and Brother Glass, was adopted.

At 11:00 o'clock Monday, Elder J. W. Shepard

preached the annual memorial sermon.

Afternoon Session.

Called to order by the Moderator at 2:00 o'clock, who read John 15, and Brother Moore led in prayer.

Report of the Committee on Temperance was read

and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read and

adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Emery, and after a collection of \$3.80, the report was adopted.

Committee on Education made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother O'Donnell, Brother McLane, and Brother Moore, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries and Condolence

was read and adopted.

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

The Committee on State Missions made their report, and, after being discussed by Brother Moore, was adopted.

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

Report of Committee on Home Missions was read

and adopted.

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

Resolutions Nos; 1, 2, 3, were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted. Elder J. W. Shepard was selected as messenger from Buckville Association to the Southern Baptist Conven-

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

adopted.

The present Mission Board, consisting of J. G. Mc-Lane, J. H. McKinzie, and J. T. Blakely, was reëlected.

Oak Hill Church was selected as the meeting place of

the next Association.

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

The Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Oak Hill Church, nine miles northeast of Hot Springs, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

A song was sung, the parting hand extended, and Brother J. P. Emery led the closing prayer.

J. G. McLANE, Moderator. J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.

REPORTS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: The Lord has opened the door to the gospel in the foreign

fields as never before.

Our work has been progressing, but our means are not sufficient to carry the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Contributions for Foreign Missions are smaller on account of the war, therefore, we must increase our offerings to keep the work from suffering.

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 every church in this Association to do all it can in this great work.

J. W. SHEPARD, J. B. ADAMS, J. L. GRAVES,

Committee.

Your Committee on State Missions reports as follows:

We believe the commission to evangelize the world was given to Baptist Churches. We recognize the fact that the work of saving the lost of Arkansas rests heavily on us. A great work was done in Arkansas last year in bringing the lost to Christ. The churches coöperating through the State Convention last year had some 65 workers and reported 3,134 conversions, 2,281 baptisms, and raised more than \$25,000.00 for State Missions.

And yet we have hardly commenced to reach the tens of thousands of lost souls in Arkansas. Therefore we earnestly thousands of lost souls in Arkansas. Therefore we earnestly thousands of lost souls in Arkansas.

urge that each pastor preach often on State Missions, and each

church do their best.

J. P. EMERY, C. W. CHITWOOD, D. A. PITTS,

Committee.

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

We find there has been great good accomplished the past year in the bounds of this Association, through our missionary

efforts.

We recommend that a greater effort be made both by our preachers and members to accomplish more during the coming year.

I. G. NEAL, J. I. WILSON JASPER SIMS,

Committee.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows: Since we recognize the Bible as the only book that reveals Since we recognize the Bible as the only book that reveals God's will to men, we believe it should be taught to every man, woman, and child. Therefore, it becomes the duty of every church to endeavor to keep an evergreen Sunday School.

GEORGE F. ROWE,
C. W. HOLLAND,

J. D. CUNNINGHAM. Committee.

We, your Committee on Education, report as follows: lsters. We have some Christian schools and we urge our churches to contribute liberally to the support of them. We also urge our pastors to preach on the subject of "Christian Education." We see the need of education and trained workers and min-

J. A. YOUNG, J. H. O'DONNELL, J. A. PHILLIPS.

Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows: Knowing that intemperance is a great evil and detriment to good morals, we urge our people to refrain from dram-drinking. We believe what is termed as 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.

W. H. SMITH, J. H. McKINZIE, JOHN NEWKIRK, Committee.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, believe it is our duty to cooperate with the churches in having the gospel preached in the destitute places in our home field.

We recommend that collections be taken and sent through

the channel the contributing church may direct.

J. C. RATLIFF,

W. A. NEIGHBORS, J. I. ALLMAN, Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that

death has taken ten of our sisters and brothers.

Brother Jobe Emery and Brother J. M. Morgan, of Refuge Church; Sister Rosa Outler, of Bethlehem; Brother Albert Hawks, of Valley Home; Sister Martha Barton, of Jessieville; Sister Lula Tisdale, of Oak Hill; Sister Elizabeth Baldwin, of Marble; Brother S. Hatmaker, of Buckville; Sister Glanes, of Harvey's Chapel; Sister Parlie Boone, of Cedar Glades; Sister Mary Gillham, of

In their deaths we have sustained a great loss, but our loss

is their gain.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved, and pray God's blessing on them.

M. S. JACKSON, I. M. BURROW, b. R. BOND,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Nominations, have selected Elder W. A. Neighbors to preach the introductory sermon at the next sesesion, with Elder E. S. Robbins alternate.

J. A. CHITWOOD, J. M. NEAL, E. H. NEWKIRK,

Committee.

Your Committee on Stewardship report as follows:

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God; they are to be used according to God's will, and for His glory; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointments, depends on whether or not we have been good stewards. We are born into the world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing we possess and to everything we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?"

"A man can receive nothing except it has been given him from heaven?" I Cor. 4:7; John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have as the good stewards of the manifold grace of God. I Peter 4:10.

We recommend and urge:

1. That pastors preach often on stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on this subject.

2. That classes be organized in all churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes free of cost from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

That literature on stewardship and tithing be circulated

everywhere.

4. That every member of every church in this Association strive to be a good steward of the manifold blessings of God.

J. W. SHEPARD, A. R. CHITWOOD, M. S. JACKSON,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, report as follows: God our Father has made it obligatory on His people to care for the unfortunate orphans, declaring in His Word to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions is pure and undefiled religion.

We urge the churches of our Association to take greater in-

terest in supporting our orphanage work in Arkansas.

We also urge each pastor to preach on orphanage work. That each Sunday School take up collections for this work at

least every quarter, and oftener if practicable.

That this Association take up a collection and divide with the Homes as per child in each home, because we find our orphans in great need.

W. L. COCKRELL, J. P. EMERY, J. M. CRAWFORD,

Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored, 10, with Prairie Grove Church; sermons preached, 13; professions witnessed, 6; paid in full. J. P. EMERY.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Labored at Mount Zion Church 7 days, and with the assistance of Brother Shepard 5 days; professions, 16; baptisms, 7; paid in full.

M. C. MELTON.

Your Missionary submits the following report:
Days labored, 30; sermons preached, 36; addresses, 5; prolessions witnessed, 30; additions by baptism, 19; additions by
statement, 5; miles traveled, 215; paid in full.

J. W. SHEPARD.

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:	\$	32.95
Received for printing Minutes		19.10 6.75
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Your Treasurer submits the following report: Balance on hand from last year	Ф	2.39
	-Ф	4.00
Receipts.		
From T. B. Reeves	.\$	2.00
From J. W. Shepard. From C. D. Parker	-	5.00
From C. D. Parker	-	1.00
From J. G. McLane	- 1	1.00
From J. D. Parker From J. T. Ward	-	1.00
From Sister R. E. Ward	-	1.00
From A. F. Newkirk		1.00
From A. F. Newkirk		1.00
From E. H. Newkirk	-	2.00
From Sister M. A. Barton		1.00
From Herbert Pitts		1.00
From I, K. Moon	-	1.00
From Sister Sims	-	1.00
From Sister Reeves. From W. L. Campbell.	-	1.00
From E. S. Robbins	-	1.00
From M. S. Jackson	-	5.00
From W. L. Cockrell	_	3.00
From M. C. Melton		5.00
From M. C. Melton		5.00
From Jasper Sims	-	5.00
From W. H. Smith	-	$1.00 \\ 1.00$
From Ashley Ritter Grom C. B. McKee	-	1.00
From Sister McKee	-	1.00
From J. D. Parker		5.00
From G M Fisher		5.00
From J. D. Cunningham From J. M. Neel From Sister Emma Neel From C. W. Holland From W. J. Holland		3.00
From J. M. Neel	_	.50
From Sister Emma Neel	-	.50
From C. W. Holland		2.50
From Joe Melton	-	$\frac{2.50}{5.00}$
From J. S. Ragsdale	- 1	2.50
From Sister Ragsdale.		1.00
From J. P. Emery		5.00
From J. C. Ratliff From J. T. Blakely From J. M. Crawford		5.00
From J. T. Blakely		5.00
From J. M. Crawford		5.00
From John Newkirk		5.00
From T. H. Parker	-	2.50

From Collection on Sunday at Association	14 75
From Collection on Sunday at Association\$ From Collection for Orphans' Home From Collection for Foreign Missions	25 20
From Collection for Popular Missions	20.20
From Collection for Foreign Missions	3.00
Total \$	209.89
Disbursements.	
T- I D F	15 00
To J. P. Emery \$ To J. W. Shepard \$	15.00
To J. W. Shepard	40.00
To M. C. Melton	10.50
To J. C. Ratliff	10.50
To J. S. Ragsdale	3.50
To J. S. Ragsdale To Orphans' Home	36.75
To Foreign Missions	3.80
To Foreign Missions. For Printing Minutes.	32.95
Total \$1 Balance on hand \$	
Total \$1	158.00
Balance on hand\$	51.89
J. T. BLAKELY, Treasure	r.,
PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.	
TEEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.	
J. C. Ratliff New Home Church (paid \$1.00)	5.00
New Home Church (paid \$1.00)	5.00
D. A. Pitts	1.00
I, K. Moon	1.00
I. L. Graves	1.00
J. W. Halsell	5.00
W. H. Smith	1.00
M. Reynolds	1.00
J. T. Blakely	5.00
M S Jackson	5.00
J. W. Shepard	5.00
J. P. Emery	5.00
J. D. Cunningham	3.00
J. M. Bradley	10.00
J. W. Shepard J. P. Emery J. D. Cunningham J. M. Bradley Elder V. Chandler	5.00
J. M. Crawford	5.00
I. M. Burrows	5.00
Sister S. E. Houser	1.00
O. S. McClelland	1.00
Jasper Sims	2.50
	5.00
C. W. Holland	
Sister N E Hurst (paid)	.75
Sister N. E. Hurst (paid)	.50
J. A. Young	5.00
J. H. McKinzie	2.50
J. W. Neighbors	2.00
J. D. Parker	5.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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.
W. L. Cockrell, Bear.
George F. Rowe, 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.
S. H. Jennings, Mount Valley.
J. E. Ritter, Jessieville.

Daniel Green, Jessieville. J. A. Young, Buckville. E. S. Robbins, Buckville. J. M. L. Westerman, Maddox.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

G. W. Hulsey, Story. J. B. Cash, Lena. H. J. Mehaffey, Buckville. B. H. Sindon, Jessieville.

Resolved, That this Association hereafter elect its officers by nominations and majority vote.

I. G. NEAL.

Resolved, That this Association tender its heartfelt thanks to Rock Springs Church and community for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this body.

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, 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.

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