### PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# FOURTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

### MULBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

CRAWFORD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, 1917.



The next session will be held with Sweet Home Baptist Church, Kibler, Ark., Wednesday, before the second Sunday in October, 1918. Introductory Sermon by

J. J. FORREST

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## MINUTES

The Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptist churches convened

with Mulberry Church October 11, 12, 13, 1917.

After devotional services led by Rev. O. L. Rice, the Association was called to order by Rev. J. F. Crawford, Moderator. Rev. J. A. Riddle preached the introductory sermon from the text, 8th chapte of second Co., 9th verse, at 11 o'clock,

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m., the association was called to order and Bro. Crawford conducted devotional exercises.

Rev. W. A. Moffitt and Rev. D. A. Sutton were appointed to read the

Announcement was made by the Moderator that church letters would be received, whereupon 17 were presented and one petition for member-

The following named officers were elected, to-wit: Moderator, Rev. J. F. Crawford, Clerk; E. D. Chastain, Treasurer; G. W. Barham. Rev. D. B. Moore, Rev. W. A. Moffitt, state missionaries, Rev. C. M. Partin of Altus and Rev. L. W. White of Oklahoma, but at this writing pastor at Ozark, were seated as visitors.

The following named committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions-D. A. Sutton, J. A. Riddle.

Home Missions—Rev. Chester Rhodes, W. A. White. State Missions—Rev. Jos. Connell, Rev. J. M. Willson.

Associational Missions—Rev. E. Rawlings, Rev. A. N. Jean. Obituary—W. E. Parks, Mrs. S. D. Fox, Mrs. M. Barnes. Woemn's Work—Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. O. L. Rice.

Nominations—G. W. Jones, James Sullivent. Finance—G. W. Barham, W. J. Rogers, Chester Rhodes.

Sunday School-A. N. Jean, W. M. Mason.

Religious Literature—O. L. Rice, Mrs. J. J. Izard. Orphans' Home—Mrs. J. J. Lzard, Miss May Cook.

Temperance-J. A. Riddle, Jos. Connell, C. M. Wofford. Adjourned to 7 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Devotional service led by Bro. Moffitt.

The following named brothers were elected as Associational Committees, to-wit: E. Rawlings, W. D. Patton, Dr. J. A. Wigley, D. A. Sutton. Chester Rhodes.

Motion adopted that any member of this association visiting any association with which we correspond be authorized to represent us as

a messenger in such body.

Motion to amend the constitution to fix the date of the annual meeting was adopted as follows: At 2 p. m. Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, and that the introductory sermon be preached at the evening meeting.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report was read by Bro. Sutton, discussed by Sutton, Moore, Rawlings, Moffitt and Miss Harrison, Adopted.

We your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as fol-

lows:

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievement, A total of \$961,9170.48 was raised, which included \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the South in contributions to Foreign Missions in a single of Southern Baptists had raised \$38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million dollar mark.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly \$10,000. Ninety per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

Six thousand, three hundred and forty-seven were baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67, 556 patients. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of mission aries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its Annual Meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obeying the wish of the Convention, which met in New Orleans in May, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than \$200,000 in urgent needs un-Respectfully submitted, provided for.

D. A. SUTTON, J. A. RIDDLE,

Committee At 11 a. m. Rev. Chester Rhodes preached. Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock

AFTERNOON SESSION. REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. We the committee on finance report the following: Associational Missions \_\_\_\_\_\_ 3.00 Home Mission Orphan's Home Minutes and Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ 37.25 G. W. BARHAM, W. J. ROGERS, CHESTER BHOD

CHESTER RHODES,

The report was read by Bro. Barham and adopted. Rev. P. C. Walters and Rev. Ringsmuth were seated as visitors.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE. The report was read by Bro. Rice and discussed by Bros. Moore. Ringsmuth and Moffitt, and adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee on iteligious Literature, report. One of the great needs of religious life is proper mental training and entertainment. The secular press of the country turns out a constant stream of fallacious and entieing literature, which is steadily leading the people, particularly the young, astray. This pernicious influence must be met and overcome, or the day is not far distant when the church and Sunday school will be unable to reach our young men and women, and they will drift away into permanent skepticism and atheism. The best way to combat this threatening evil is to provide and place within reach

At the head of all printed and written works stands the Bible. We urge upon Christian parents the importance of reading and teaching God's Words in the home; this is the greatest of all influences for purity and holiness and righteous living. No home should be without religious papers and magazines, and we recommend to all Baptists the "Baptist Advance", the State Baptist publication; "Home and Foreign Fields", our de-

nominational missionary magazine.

For other religious publications we suggest that the Baptist Book House, in Little Rock be consulted and purchases made of that concern.

OTTO L. RICE, MRS. J. J. IZARD

Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee reported on nominations and announced that the next session of the association would be held with Sweet Home Church at Kihler, five miles south of Alma.

G. W. JONES, JAMES SULLIVENT,

Committee.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP.

Your Committee on Stewardship reports as follows:
God says: "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." In those words He proclaims His ownership of all created things, but man has ever denied and disputed that ownership. The time has now come in the work of the Baptist churches of Arkansas when men must be brought to a knowledge of God's claims upon them, and His ownership of all things they claim as their own. This change can only be brought about through education, training in stewardship. This is necessarily a slow process, but the end will be attained if earnest effort is made by our preachers and Sunday school workers, and the leader in the women's work.

Believing this work to be of the greatest importance, we, your committee, urge upon the ministers and teachers and members of the Women's Missionary Union that no opportunity be allowed to pass to stress the responsibility resting upon men and women to render a strict account of their Stewardship to Him who has endowed them with intelligence,

and ability to acquire property and position.

Where it is possible, we recommend that classes in the study of this subject be organized in either the church or Sunday school, and careful

instruction be given by some one properly equipped for the work. OTTO L. RICE.

G. W. BANGER OF THE COMMITTEE. G. W. BARHAM.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee on Woman's Work, submit the following:
We have in our association eleven W. M. S., and two Sunbeam Bands.
Three of these societies have reported \$545.77, paid out for all purposes.

Our aim for next year should be a Woman's Missionary Society in

every church in our association.

Let every church co-operate with the Superintendent of Woman's Work in this association to carry out our aim for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. O. L. RICE
MRS. E. RAWLINGS, Supt.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

There has been very little mission work of any kind done in the association this associational year. The lack of funds has hampered the committee to such an extent that they did not feel that they should be under the obligations of putting a missionary in the field. We need a missionary of ability, a man who can do the work of a missionary, such as holding revival meetings, help the churches select pastors and conducting institutes of all kinds. We recommend that the Association instruct the executive board to use discretion in this matter. Also that every church be asked to make a monthly pledge now for the needs of the Associational mission for the ensuing year.

E. RAWLINGS. A. N. JEAN.

Committee.

Discussed by Rawlings, Chastain, Barham, Crawford, Rogers, Willson, Connell, Moses, Riddle and the following sum was subscribed and paid to the balance mission debt, due Rev. G. W. Bray, associational missionary, to-wit: Van Buren Church \$25.00; Mulberry Church \$25.00; J. M. Willson \$25.00; Crawford \$5.00; Moses \$5.00, Connell \$5.00; Rogers \$1.00; Barham \$1.00, Riddle \$1.00, making a total of \$93.00. The same has been paid to Rev. Bray. The report was adopted. Following these collections the following sum was subscribed to pay the missionary for Clear Creek Association, for the ensuing year, to-wit: W. J. Rogers \$5.00, J. M. Willson \$15.00, Jos. Connell \$25.00, Rudy Church \$25.00, E. D. Chastain \$25.00, Myrs. Brannon \$5.00, Fine Springs Church \$5.00, Mulberry Church \$50.00, W. E. Parks \$10.00, C. M. Partin \$10.00, Van Buren Church \$50.00, total \$280.00. total \$280.00.

The motion to request all pastors of this association to ask their churches to make pledges for associational missions was offered and adopted. Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises Rev. C. P. Walters preached from the text "Present your bodies a living sacrifice," etc. Adjourned to Saturday, at 8:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY-Morning Session.

After prayer and song the following committees reported, to-wit:

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

In accord with God's plan we have been caring for the orphans at the Monticello Home for 22 years. More than 600 of these unfortunate children have shared a place in our Home. Since Jan. 1, 1916, we have secured homes in good families for more than 160 of these children. We now have 65 children in the Home.

The debt on the Home July 1, 1917, was \$12,000. Our campaign to pay the debt by the convention gives good promise of success. All the current

expenses of the Home amount to about \$750 a month.

We recommend:

Regular monthly offerings in every Sunday school and the amount forwarded promptly to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, 410 Donaghey building, Little Rock.

2. That every church take as large an offering as possible and for-

ward it to Brother Rogers.

3. That every Woman's Missionary Society join in this debt paying campaign and send their offering in promptly to the general office.

4. That a cash and pledge offering for this purpose be taken during this session of the association. We must not fail to pay this debt. Every

Baptist is expected to do his bit for the orphans.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Rawnings, E. Rawlings, Dr. Wigley, Walters, and a cash offering was taken and paid by the persons present

to the amount of \$6.86. The report wa adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on SundaySchools, desire to make the following report: Since over 90 per cent of church membership comes through the Sunday school we want to urge that observance be given the following:

1. That we make an earnest effort to have an A-1 Sunday school in

each church in our Association.

2. That since the Sunday school is a very important auxiliary to the church, it should be controlled by the same and that the officers and teachers thereof should be elected by its members in conference.

That we should study the Bible more and urge the membership to bring them to Sunday school. In teaching, we recommend only Bap-

tist literature.

4. That we assist and encourage regular and stated meetings of the teachers in order that they may be better fitted to teach.

JOS. CONNELL, J. A. WIGLEY,

Committee.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

Our Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its . missionales than have even been repoted by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-opeative agencies.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will expeience a new soul-hunge, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy.

With these facts in view, we recommend:

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the

year upon Home Missions.

2. That this Association approve of the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which increases the apportionment for Home Missions by approximately 25 per cent, and put our apportionment at \$400 for the present fiscal year.

3. That we apportion this amount among our churches and publish

the apportionment in our minutes, Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER RHODES, WILL A. WHITE,

Committee.

#### REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

To Clear Creek Association:
The constant and faithful effort will finally tell, Prohibition will pro-The accursed stuff is now, according to rumor, flying in the air, it has been driven from the earth, and thanks be to our God and the splendid women and men of Arkansas for the present condition of sobriety.

The last stand made by the liquor forces was to adopt Act. No 2, at the last election but they were Igoriously defeated more than two to one. We can proudly say of Old Clear Creek Association that it has stood faithfully for temperance, honor and uprightness and too, at a time when the

popular cry was a well regulated saloon,

Now that many, yea thousands of good husbands, fathers and sons who had been decoyed into this awful sin and had wrecked lives and sad mothers and wifes on that account, are on the road to happiness, and in fact many have given their hearts to God and joined the church and have indicated that they are thankful for the efforts made by you.

Therefore, let us take courage and continue the fight so long as there

is a man in the state who advocates the desiructive traffic.

J. A. RIDDLE, C. M. WOFFORD, JOSEPH CONNELL.

Committee

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions would report as follows:

The way for a Baptist Church to become "a glorious church not hav-ing spot or wrinkle or any such thing," is for it to be intensely missionary

in doctrine and practice.

State Missions may be defined as the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to get everybody in Arkansas saved and into Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

There is great destitution in all the sections of the state. There are a million lost souls in Arkansas. It is perfectly safe to say that sixteen thousand souls go from Arkansas to Hell every year. What an opportunity this presents to Arkansas Baptists. Whenever we send the messengers they listen. And the obligation rest upon the Chritian people of Arkansas to give them the gospel. No other can or will do this work.

Last year the churches co-operating through the State Convention
put forward State Missions thus:

Missionaries and other workers \_\_\_\_\_65 Conversions 3,134
Baptisms 2,281 Additions

Amount raised for State Missions \$28,598

The present year gives promise of being far better than last year.

The amount of money we need to raise for State Missions to put us out of debt at the Convention at Jonesboro December 5, is at least \$30,000.

Therefre your committee urges the following:

1. That every pastor get all possible information about State Missions to his people and endeavor to secure an offering from every church member and every organization in every church.

2. That the chuches of this Association do their very best to raise

the amounts asked of them by the Executive Board.

JOSEPH CONNELL

J. M. WILLSON,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS. Resolved; That we, the members of Clear Creek Association, hereby extend our heartfelt Thanks to the church and town of Mulberry for the

kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Resolved, further; That we extend to our moderator and clerk our thanks for faithful work done during this session; also the clerk be allow-

ed \$10.00 for his services. Respectfully.

At 11 a. m. Saturday the 13th day of October, 1917, the association adjourned after the usual greeting and prayer by Bro. Partin. E. D. CHASTAIN, Clerk. J. F. CRAWFORD, Moderator.

Respectfully submitted.
MRS. J. J. IZARD,
MISS MAYE COOK, MISS MAYE COOK,
Committee.

#### CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek As-

sociation 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 hody 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 he 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 b the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of he 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 fellow. ship 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 n-ternal 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 the principles of this compact by becoming hetherdox 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 agree-

ing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

SEC. 10. Chuchs 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 associatin, but any church depating frm us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as

disodely.

SEC. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at cach 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.

This Consitution may be altered or amended, except Section 8, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the

members present.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Hear the reading of the letters from the Churches and enroll the

names of their Messengers.

Give an opportunity for other Churches to become members of the body, and extend the hand of fellowship to their Messengers.

3. Elect Officers.

Receive Corresponding Messengers and other visiting brethren. 4.

Appoint Committees. 5.

6. Hear Report of Executive Committee.

Elect Executive Committee.

Appoint Corresponding Messengers. 8.

9. Hear Reports of Committees.

10. Determine place and time 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.

We, your committee on Obituaries report as follows: We find from the records sent up that there have been called from among us the following brothers and

sisters: G W. Wagner, Mulberry.

Mrs. Mollie Wagner, Mulberry.

Miss Thelma Alexander, Mulberry.

Mrs. A. J. Jones, Alma. Mrs. Dora Campbell, Alex.

J. M. Meeker, Concord. Miss Lurah Bennett, Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. G. W. Barham, Ozark. Tom Wood, Macedonia. Sarah Turman, Macedonia.

P. C. Mosely, Altus. Buck Morgan, Altus. Nannie Rodman, Altus. Malissie Moore, Altus.

Mrs. Ida Tindill, Sweet Home. May we all be submissive to God's will.

Respectfully submitted. W. E. PARKS, MRS. S. D. FOX, MRS. M. BARNES.

Committee.

#### MESSENGERS, PASTORS, CLERKS AND MEMBERSHIP RECORD.

Churches	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	By Baptism	By Letter		By Letter	By Death	By Exclusion	Pastors	Post Office	Clerks	Postoffice.
Alma Altus Cedarville Concord Coal Hill Center Grove Denning Dyer- Fine Springs Haroldion Hartman Macedonia Mt. Zion Mulberry New Hope Ozark Pleasant G. Sweet Home Rudy Union C.	Dr. J. P. Blakely, Miss Blakely Rev. D. A. Sutton Not Rep.—Bro. Parton present U. J. Rogers, Jas. Sullivent Did Not Represent J. M. Willson, W. A. White Mrs. W. B Hardin, Mrs. W. A. Dane Rev. Chester Rhodes, W. M. Mason Mrs. S. D. Fox J. L. Moses By Letter G. W. Jones Ella Sassaman E. D. Chastain, Dr. J. A. Wigley A. N. Jean, New Church G. W. Barham, Mrs. L. O. Fisher E. W. Parks J. F. Crawford, Miss J. Jones Rev. O. L. Rice and wife By Letter Rev. E. Rawlings, wf., and Mrs. J. J. Iz	8 1 19 2 1 2 33 1	15112111211211	1 2 5 6	12221	1 2 3	74 48 62 59 35 23 44 126 47 73 147 44 142	C. Rhodes C. Rhodes S. A. Sutton O. L. Rice		J. P. Blakeley C. H. Fisher  B. Bolling W. A. White E. Hardin F. Patton J. L. Cunninghan J. L. Moses E. W. Williams  Jno Clarke C. R. Counts H. Bennett L. O. Fisher J. J. Cook W. C. Irwin J. H. Fine H. Allen Mrs. J.J.Izard	Alix Alma Mulberry Denning Dyer Alma Van Buren Hartman Ozark Mulberry Alma Ozark Alma Van Buren Alma Lindsey Van Buren

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FINANCIAL TABLE OF THURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Association Missions	Missions	Home Missions	Foreign	Orphans' Home	37 hools and and Colleges	Cash for Minutes	The Poor and Ministerial Rel	Ministerial Education	Incidentals	Value of C Property	Visiting Ministers	Total Contributed	Officers and Teachers	Number of Pupils	Average Attendance	Annual Expenses	Sndayu School Superintendent
Alex Alma Altus Cedarville Concord Center Grove Denning Dyer Fine Springs Haroldton Hartman Macedonia Mt, Zion Mulberry Ozark Pleasant Grove Rudy Sweet Home Union Chapel Van Buren New Hope	\$150,00 246,50 7.15 77,90 82,25 116,00 20,00 100,00 500,00 125,00 103,40 135,00 982,00	\$ 10.00 10.05 86.96 57.90 100.00 -5.00 661.69	\$100.00 31.75 5.00 5.00 1.00 41.85 1.00 7.00 5.00 25.00	\$ 17.50 13.84 4.83 23.64 48.20 1.00 2.00 155.00 120.40 18.0 12.50 57.00 25.00 65.00	\$ 16.50				2.00 2.50 2.50 2.60 2.60 2.00 1.50 2.00 1.50 2.00 1.75 50 1.00 2.50 2.50 2.50 2.50	37.00 66.50 15.00	3.68	7.82 25.00 67.80 8.80 20.00 12.50 25.00	\$1,000.00	55.00 17.00 18.00 64.50 48.06 35.00 16.00	\$192.00 656.00 32.97 53.25 6.50	7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 11.00 7.00 7.00	45.00 80.00 30.00 60.00 40.00 100.00 51.00 45.00		16.37 20,00	W. S. Savage Earl Hardin T. Rhodes J. L. Moses E. W. William H. W. Mackey Dr. Wigley L. O. Fisher J. J. Cook H. L. Winfrey H. W. Young J J, Izard T, Blevins



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