

Minutes
OF THE
FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Caddo River
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT
1st and Pleasant Valley Churches,
Camp Ground, Montgomery
County, Arkansas,

SEPTEMBER 8, 1900.

Next session to be held at Big Fork Church, Polk County, Ark., beginning at 9:30 a. m. on Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 1901. Bro. T. J. Wright to preach the Introductory Sermon; H. T. Howell, afterward.

Associational Directory.

J. J. HUGHES, Moderator, Rock Creek, Ark.

W. H. ANDERSON, Clerk, Rock Creek, Ark.

D. T. BRUNSON, Treasurer, Rock Creek, Ark.

Delegate to South-West Baptist Convention,

D. T. BRUNSON.

COMMITTEE ON CAMP GROUND.

R. C. FIELDS, R. M. REECE, A. J. NEWCOMB,

J. N. MASON, Z. G. EDWARDS, J. J. COLLIER.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

D. T. BRUNSON, President, Rock Creek, Ark.

W. J. HUGHES, Secretary, Rock Creek, Ark.

Proceedings.

The Caddo River Baptist Association assembled at the camp ground with Liberty and Pleasant Valley churches, Montgomery County, Arkansas, at 9:30 a. m. Saturday, September 8, 1900. W. P. Taylor and R. C. Fields, the appointees, who used as a text Luke 1: 17. An able and instructive discourse.

After dinner at 2 o'clock the association re-assembled. The former moderator, J. A. Shackelford, called the association to order. After reading the 40th Psalm and prayer the moderator appointed Bros. Warren, W. S. Ward, O. T. Smith, with the messengers of Liberty and Pleasant Valley churches, on divine services. Letters were then called for. I. F. Welch, W. H. Anderson and A. J. Newcomb were selected to read, and names of churches and messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—R. C. Fields, H. C. Coffman, John Welch, W. A. Coffman.

Big Fork—J. S. Loftis, J. D. Holmes, J. W. Dilbeck.

Mt. Moriah—W. F. Rucker.

Mt. Home—W. M. Tackett, F. Nelson.

Bethlehem—W. P. Taylor, M. A. Tollison.

Mt. Pleasant—J. M. White, W. T. White, T. F. Lawrence.

Corinth—James Pate, L. Wilson, J. B. Hitchcock.

Caney Valley—O. T. Smith, W. Thornton, A. M. Henthorn.

Liberty No. 1—A. J. Newcomb, J. J. Collier.

Liberty No. 2—J. K. Wilcox.

Union—J. D. Cunningham, J. B. Duckett.

Zion Hill—W. J. Chitwood.

Boone Camp—J. F. Strickland, R. L. Thompson.

Valley Grove—J. J. Hughes, W. H. Kendrick, D. L. Brunson.

Black Springs—R. M. Reece, W. J. Harbour.

Mt. Zion—W. T. Pettitt, M. M. Hays.

Forrest Hill—J. A. Shackelford, T. F. Smith.

Salem—W. S. Ward, A. F. Wilson, W. S. Ligon, O. G. Realing.

Bethel—W. H. Anderson, T. L. Mathews.

Sulphur Springs—T. P. Edwards, J. H. Bowen, John Sims.

Mt. Pisgah—T. J. Wright, T. M. Featherston, H. W. Whisenhunt.

Petitionary letters were then called for. None presented. The organization being complete and the elections of officers for the next year being in order, Isaac F. Welch, A. F. Wilson and R. C. Fields, were appointed tellers, and the association went into an election for moderator, clerk and treasurer. J. J. Hughes was declared elected for moderator, W. H. Anderson, clerk and D. T. Brunson as treasurer.

Called for correspondence. Bro. Isaac F. Welch, of Red River Association, responded and allowed a seat in the association.

Invitation to visiting ministers. W. A. Clark, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, was allowed a seat in the association.

Appointment of committees. Motion and seconded that the moderator and clerk have tomorrow to make out the committees.

Called for report of preaching committee:

We, your preaching committee, make the following report: Saturday night, H. L. Howell and M. A. Tollison; Sunday morning at 9, J. J. Hughes and H. L. Wasson; Sunday at 11 a. m., W. A. Clark, of Little Rock; Sunday at 4 p. m., Isaac F. Welch, of Boughton; Sunday night at 7, W. J. Chitwood and J. A. Shackelford.

A. J. NEWCOMB, Chm'n.

Motion and seconded that this body elect a marshal during the session of the association, resulting in the election of Bro. Zack Edwards.

A motion was then made and carried that this body now adjourn until Monday morning at 8:30.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The hour having arrived for preaching, Eld. J. J. Hughes, moderator of the association, preached a good sermon from Matt. 7: 21, 22, and announced the committees appointed on the various subjects.

At 11 a. m. the large congregation filled every part of the tabernacle, with many on the outside, and listened to a wonderful sermon by Dr. W. A. Clark, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, delivered in simplicity and power. Text, Matt. 1: 21: "And thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." At the close forty-two came for-

ward for prayer, an evidence of the Spirit's work. By request Dr. Clark took up a collection to finish paying for the tabernacle. The deficit was raised in a few minutes.

In the afternoon Bro. I. F. Welch preached a good, straight-out, landmark sermon from Jude, verse 3. Bro. Welch is one of our best preachers, and is much loved throughout Caddo River Association.

Bro. W. J. Chitwood and Bro. J. A. Shackelford filled the stand at night. At the close Eld. J. A. Shackelford offered an opportunity to those who wished to be prayed for, and many came forward.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body was without a moderator, the moderator-elect, J. J. Hughes, being called home on account of the sickness of his wife. Bro. D. L. Brunson made the statement to the body. A motion was made and carried that Bro. John Welch act as moderator *pro tem.*, until a moderator could be elected.

The association was opened with prayer by Bro. H. L. Wasson. The moderator *pro tem.* appointed Bro. I. F. Welch to take the ballot for moderator *pro tem.* Bro. John Welch was declared moderator *pro tem.*

Called for reading of Saturday's minutes, which were read and adopted.

Called for letters. A letter from Providence church was handed in, read and messengers enrolled: J. G. Mobly and W. R. Rowton.

The rules of the association were ordered read.

Moved and ordered that speeches be limited to five minutes.

Reports of committees were called for.

A. Duty of Pastors to Churches was read and ably discussed by the brethren. A. J. Newcomb, L. Wilson, J. K. Wilcox, committee.

B. Duties of Churches to Pastors was read and adopted. Was briefly discussed by the brethren. R. W. Reece, T. L. Mathews, committee.

MINUTES OF THE

C. Report on state of religion was read and adopted. W. M. Tucker, O. T. Smith, J. M. White, committee.

D. Report on destitution was read and adopted. W. P. Taylor, W. J. Chitwood, J. D. Cunningham, committee.

E. Report on temperance was read and adopted. Was discussed with great vim and power by the brethren. R. C. Fields, W. F. Rucker, J. D. Holmes, committee.

F. Report on documents was read and adopted. J. K. Wilcox, D. T. Brunson, W. S. Ward, committee.

G. Report on finance was read and adopted. J. T. Strickland, chairman.

H. Report on obituaries was read and adopted. H. L. Wasson, chairman.

I. The treasurer's report was then read and adopted. D. T. Brunson, treasurer.

J. Report of Missionary Board was read and adopted. Motion that the board be discontinued was carried.

K. Called for the report of the missionary. Read by H. T. Howell, and adopted.

L. Report on home missions read and adopted. T. P. Edwards, J. A. Strickland, A. F. Wilson, committee.

A motion was made and carried that the association appoint Bro. D. T. Brunson to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention. which meets at New Orleans in May, 1901.

By motion and second the body adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 1:30. A motion was made and carried that the minutes of our Sunday-school convention be printed in our minutes.

Called for resolutions. Bro. A. F. Wilson offered the following:

RESOLVED, That this association respectfully requests all the churches to report, in their letters to the association, the amount each church pays its pastor each year.

Adopted.

Bro. R. C. Fields offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the ministers of this association be requested to preach as much as possible in the destitute parts of this association during the next year, and make a report of their work. Where done, number of days engaged, make collection to the association, and that the churches be requested to make collections for the work and send the same by their messengers to our next association. R. C. Fields, J. N. Wasson.

Adopted.

RESOLVED, That this camp ground shall be known as the Caddo Gap Missionary Baptist Camp Ground.

RESOLVED, That we appoint a committee to see after the camp ground, consisting of R. C. Fields, R. M. Reece, A. J. Newcomb, J. N. Wasson, Z. G. Edwards, J. J. Collier.

Moved and carried that we appoint a camp-meeting to be held at Caddo Gap Missionary Baptist Camp Ground, commencing Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1901.

Moved that the clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed, and that he be paid \$12.50 for his services.

Resolution of thanks:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered the members of Liberty and Pleasant Valley churches, and the community, for the kindness and liberal hospitality shown us during our stay among them. Also, to our moderator and clerk for their faithful services rendered.

A. F. WILSON.

A motion was made and carried that we take a vote on where the forty-fourth session of this body will meet, resulting in the selection of Big Fork church by a unanimous vote.

Moved and seconded that Bros. T. J. Wright and H. T. Howell preach the next introductory sermon.

Moved and seconded that the minutes just read be adopted as a correct proceeding of this body. Adopted.

A motion was then made and carried that this body now adjourn. Closing prayer by H. T. Howell. A song was then sung while the messengers, brethren and sisters gave each other the parting hand amid tears of joy, hoping to meet again. Prayer by T. B. Edwards.

JOHN WELCH, Moderator.

W. H. ANDERSON, Clerk.

Appendix.

Reports of Committees in Full.

A. DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

The pastor should preach the Word in its purity, reprove and rebuke with long suffering and doctrine and should strive to influence every member to fill his station in the church and to do his whole duty in the work pertaining to matters of the church, and by so doing lead them to Christ whom we are taught is to take away the sins of the world. He should use all the efforts possible to convert sinners to Christ and to edify the church.

A. J. NEWCOMB, Chm'n.

B. DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

It is the duty of the churches to administer to their pastors wants financially, according to the ability of the members composing the churches. Brethren let each of us consider ourselves under obligations to help in this work. If each member would help in this work the burden would be light, and our pastors would not be neglected. We understand from the Word of God that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. It is also the duty of the church members to meet their pastor punctually on their meeting days and prove by their presence that they welcome his attendance, and assist him in trying to advance the cause of the Master in singing and prayer, and in all the means of grace.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. REECE,

T. D. MATHEWS, Com.

C. STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on Religion, submit the following report: We find from reading the letters from the churches that the cause of Christ is languishing in most all the churches in our association. Brethren this should not be, so let us pray that God may revive the work in this association that sons and daughters may be born to God.

O. T. SMITH;

J. M. WHITE,

W. M. WHITE, Committee.

D. REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, make the following report: We find destitution to be very great on the southwest and northeast boundary, also on the north boundary. We pray this body to devise some plan where by this destitution may be filled.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. CHITWOOD,

W. P. TAYLOR,

J. D. CUNNINGHAM, Com

E. REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: We believe the use of intoxicating liquors are injurious and offensive, and we as the true followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, should do all in our power to remove it from among us, because we see men and boys will perjure themselves before they will punish the guilty parties. May God help us to do our duty as Christians to keep it from among us.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. FIELDS,
W. F. RUCKER,
J. D. HOLMES, Com.

F. REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee, find a small amount sent in by the churches. For home missions, \$4.30; foreign missions, 50 cents. Also find four churches calling for the next session of this body.

J. K. WILCOX,
D. T. BRUNSON,
W. S. WARD, Com.

G. REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, find on hand,

For minutes.....	\$22 35
For home missions.....	4 30
For foreign missions.....	50
Total.....	\$27 85

Respectfully submitted, J. F. STRICKLAND, Chm'n.

H. OBITUARIES.

God in his Allwise Providence has removed from us our beloved and much esteemed brother and minister, T. J. Cunningham, who died May 5, 1900. Bro. Cunningham was highly esteemed for his Christian purity.

J. D. Huggins was born January 1, 1826. Was a consistent member of the Missionary Baptist church for forty years. Died January 13, 1900.

Bro. J. T. Millsapp lived a devoted member of the Baptist church for twenty-eight years. Aged 50 years.

Sister Mary Crockett, of Mt. Zion church has been called home.

I. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of funds at close of last association.....	\$56 52
Paid out during the past year:	
To J. N. Wasson as clerk.....	\$12 50
For printing minutes.....	16 00
For home missions.....	20 00
Balance on hand.....	8 02

\$56 52

MINUTES OF THE

Amount paid into the treasury for this year:

For minutes.....	\$22 05
For home missions.....	4 30
For foreign missions.....	50
Balance on hand from last year.....	8 02

Cash on hand.....	\$34 87
-------------------	---------

D. T. BRUNSON, Treasurer.

J. MISSIONARY BOARD REPORT.

We, your Committee, employed Bro. H. T. Howell to travel and preach in the destitute parts of the Caddo River Association three months. We paid him \$20 that was in the treasury, and he was to collect as he went from the brethren and friends for the balance of his services. We desire to be released from further responsibilities as a board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. FIELDS,
J. N. WASSON,
J. H. PUE,
A. J. NEWCOMB, Committee.

K. MISSIONARY REPORT.

My work as missionary, employed by the Missionary Board, is as follows: I worked two months and fifteen days; services held, sixty days; conversions, seven; organized two Sunday-schools; amount collected from the work, \$16.05; received from the board, \$20.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. HOWELL.

L. HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, find on hand the amount of \$4.30, and we recommend that this body hold these funds until there is sufficient amount collected to place a missionary in the field in the Caddo River Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. EDWARDS,
J. H. SHACKELFORD,
A. F. WILSON, Committee

INSERTED BY THE CLERK.

We feel the necessity for a more thorough understanding of God's word. Therefore we recommend, first, as Baptists, a prayerful study of the Bible, taking the same as our guide in all matters of doctrine and practice, obeying its precepts and commandments. Second, we further recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* as a sound Baptist paper that is worthy of a place in every home, and we urge our people to sub-

article for and read the paper, it being the only medium of communication through which we can hear from and reach the brotherhood of the state. Dr. Clark, who has served us so long and so well, is a sound landmark Baptist. We trust and believe the brethren will stand by the paper and its editors, and give them substantial support.

W. H. ANDERSON, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers.

D. Bright, Ussery
W. J. Chitwood, Chandler
D. T. Driggers, Hickory Station
T. P. Edwards, Sulphur Springs
H. C. Fields, Rock Creek
H. T. Howell, Opir
J. J. Hughes, Rock Creek
H. D. Millsapp, Hickory Station
C. C. Smith, Lodi

J. A. Shackelford, Hickory Sta
W. P. Taylor, Kirby
M. A. Tollison, Kirby
T. J. Wright, Lucky
H. L. Wasson, Black Springs
W. F. Willis, Amity
W. S. Modlin, Lucky
A. Nelson, Hickory Station

Licentiates.

Green Diggs, Hickory Station
E. Burnes, Hickory Station
H. L. Huggins, Welch

Ollio Martin, Hickory Station
J. R. Motley, Kirby
John M. White, Lodi

Churches and Messengers.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.
Antioch	R. C. Fields, H. C. Coffman, John Welch.
Bona Camp	J. T. Strickland, R. L. Thompson.
Big Fork	J. S. Loftis, J. D. Holmes, J. W. Oilbeck.
Black Springs	R. M. Reece, W. J. Harboar.
Bethel	W. H. Anderson, T. L. Mathews.
Bethlehem	W. P. Taylor, M. A. Tollison.
Cane Valley	O. L. Smith, A. M. Henthorn, W. T. Thorton.
Corinth	James Pate, L. Melson, J. B. Hitchcock.
Forest Hill	J. A. Shackelford, T. F. Smith, Z. M. Nicholson.
Liberty No. 1	A. J. Newcomb, J. J. Collier.
Liberty No. 2	J. K. Wilcox.
Mount Pleasant	J. M. White, T. F. Lawrence, W. T. White.
Mount Home	W. M. Tackett, F. Nelson.
Mount Moriah	W. F. Rucker.
Mount Pisgah	T. J. Wright, T. M. Featherstone, H. W. Whisenhunt.
Mount Zion	W. J. Pettitt, M. M. Hays.
Pleasant Valley	W. T. West, J. N. Wasson, M. A. Robins.
Providence	J. G. Mobly, W. R. Rowton.
Salom	W. S. Ware, A. F. Wilson, W. S. Ligon.
Sulphur Springs	T. P. Edwards, J. H. Rowton, John Sims.
Union	J. D. Cunningham, B. B. Enis, J. B. Duckett.
Valley Grove	J. J. Hughes, W. H. Kendrick, D. T. Brown.
Zion Hill	W. J. Chitwood.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	COUNTY.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Days of Meeting.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.
Antioch.....	R. C. Fields.....	John Welch.....	Caddo Gap.....	Montgomery..	..	2	..	..	..	17	1st.	50	..
*Board Camp.....	H. T. Howell.....	R. L. Thompson..	Board Camp.....	Polk.....	20	7	1	..	..	61	2nd	100	..
Big Fork.....	H. T. Howell.....	D. P. Mays.....	Eggar.....	Polk.....	4	1	3	..	..	83	4th	100	..
Black Springs.....	H. T. Howell.....	A. Heming.....	Black Springs..	Montgomery..	1	1	1	..	..	38	3rd.	100	..
Bethel.....	J. A. Shackelford	S. L. Robberson..	Rock Creek.....	Pike.....	..	4	3	..	..	38	2nd	100	..
Bethlehem.....	M. A. Tollison....	W. J. Taylor.....	Kirby.....	Pike.....	1	..	..	..	..	22	4th.	100	..
Caney Valley.....	M. A. Tollison....	C. M. Motley.....	Amity.....	Clarke.....	..	12	2	..	..	55	1st.	100	..
Corinth.....	H. T. Howell.....	J. B. Hitchcock..	Alamo.....	Montgomery..	5	2	..	..	..	30	4th.	100	..
Forest Hill.....	W. F. Willis.....	Z. M. Nicholson..	Hickory Station	Montgomery..	..	..	2	..	..	30	1st.	100	..
Liberty No. 1.....	J. A. Shackelford	T. M. Collier....	Opher.....	Montgomery..	..	..	2	..	..	48	3rd	100	..
Liberty No. 2.....	..	J. K. Wilcox.....	Board Camp.....	Polk.....	2	..	..	..	..	26	..	100	..
Mount Pleasant.....	J. J. Hughes.....	D. B. White.....	Langley.....	Pike.....	3	..	1	..	..	39	2nd	100	..
Mount Home.....	T. J. Wright.....	W. M. Tackett....	Hickory Station	Montgomery..	..	1	..	1	..	60	3rd.	100	..
Mount Moriah.....	T. J. Wright.....	P. H. Bright.....	Ussery.....	Garland.....	..	1	8	1	..	57	3rd.	100	..
Mount Pisgah.....	B. D. Millsapp....	H. W. Whisenhunt	Luckey.....	Montgomery..	1	..	..	..	..	23	4th.	100	100
Mount Zion.....	D. T. Drlggers....	J. A. Wilson.....	Platta.....	Montgomery..	..	..	1	..	..	20	4th.	100	..
Pleasant Valley.....	J. A. Shackelford	J. H. Peel.....	Manfred.....	Montgomery..	..	2	..	..	..	36	4th.	100	..
Providence.....	H. L. Wasson.....	L. F. Loudermilk	Black Springs..	Montgomery..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1st.	100	..
Salem.....	J. A. Shackelford	A. F. Wilson.....	Wilson.....	Pike.....	2	1	2	..	..	48	1st.	100	..
Sulphur Springs.....	H. T. Howell.....	P. P. Edwards.....	Waters.....	Montgomery..	..	..	1	..	..	33	..	100	..
Union.....	H. L. Wasson.....	G. R. Duckett....	Bear.....	Montgomery..	..	3	1	..	..	24	1st.	100	..
Valley Grove.....	A. Nelson.....	D. T. Brunson....	Rock Creek.....	Pike.....	..	..	..	..	..	25	4th.	100	100
*Zion Hill.....	W. J. Chitwood...	H. L. Shackelford	Chandler.....	Garland.....	..	..	1	..	..	23	3rd.	80	..
Total.....					38	10	20	10	5	880	..	822 85	84 20

*To Foreign Missions, 50 cents.

Sunday-school Convention.

ROCK CREEK, ARK., August 28, 1900.

The Caddo River Baptist Sunday-school Convention met with Valley Grove church No. 1, on August 24, at 11 o'clock.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Smith; text, "Prayer." The convention then adjourned to 3 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was opened by president reading a short Psalm. The constitution was read.

Called for letters from churches and schools. Letters read and messengers names enrolled.

Went into election of officers for another year. Result: D. T. Brunson, president; J. J. Hughes, vice-president; W. G. Hughes, secretary; T. J. Carpenter, treasurer.

Prenching committee was appointed as follows: J. F. Kendrick, W. P. Ward, W. S. Ward.

Appointed committee to arrange a program for the next session as follows: L. C. Tackett, J. M. Smith, Will Anderson, Eld. Burk.

There being no further business, the time was fixed to which to adjourn at 9 a. m.; Saturday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention was opened by reading a selection of scripture by J. M. Smith, president *pro tem*.

Called for report of Sunday-school superintendents. Several responded with good reports.

Called for essays by Sunday-school appointments.

Mr. Will Anderson read a very interesting one written by Miss Leona Florence. Subject, "Mother." This being endorsed, the convention adjourned until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened by reading I. Cor. 15th chapter. Took up annual program on subjects and essays which were well discussed.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Sunday.

On account of rain, the convention did not meet Sunday.

A resolution was passed Saturday by the convention as follows:

We ask the Caddo River Association, at its next session, to request every ordained Baptist minister within its bounds to become a Sunday-school organizer, and that they report to the secretary of this convention every school organized.

Mountain Home church asking for the convention, it was assigned to her by the president to meet on Friday before the third Sunday in August, at 11 a. m.

Following is the program to be rendered at Mountain Home church, commencing on Friday, August —, 1901.

Introductory sermon. D. F. Brunson; A. Nelson, alternate.

Should the principles of missions be taught in Sunday-schools? W. H. Anderson.

What is the duty of parents, especially church members, to the Sunday-school? W. F. Willis.

Resolved, that the Sunday-school comes nearer laying a foundation of a true education than any other kind of school. D. D. Brunson.

What is the effect and result of moral training? D. T. Brunson.

How was Jesus baptized, and what was he baptized for? T. B. Buck.

Why did Jesus weep at the grave of Lazarus? J. M. Smith.

Why should we pray? A. Nelson.

Essay of her own choice. Sister Nora Smith.

Essay of her own choice. Sister Julia Martain.

Essay of her own choice. Sister S. F. Brunson.

Progress of the Sunday-school. Sister Sallie Burk.

Essay of her own choice. Sister Dora Fulmer.

Essay of her own choice. Sister Ella Wilson.

L. C. TACKETT, Chairman.

D. T. BRUNSON, President.

W. G. HUGHES, Secretary.

CHURCH MESSENGERS.

Valley Grove—J. F. Kendrick, L. C. Herring, D. D. Brunson.

Salem—W. P. Ward, B. P. Thrash, W. C. Taylor.

Mountain Home—L. C. Tackett, H. J. C. Thomas, Otis Martin.

Caney Valley—A. Herring, M. E. Smith, M. S. Smith.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MESSENGERS.

Valley Grove—E. C. Hughes, W. W. Sellars, Mattie Fuller.

Caney Valley—W. W. Smith, H. Finney, Geo. Spears.

Salem—W. S. Ward, Allie Taylor, Katie Thrash.

Mountain Home—Emma Driggers, Rusia Thomas.

We send 85 cents for printing minutes.

D. T. BRUNSON, President.

W. G. HUGHES, Secretary.

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the association, the moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former moderator or clerk be absent, the association shall appoint one *pro tem*.

2. Immediately after opening the session, the church letters shall be read by persons the moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall then elect by ballot a moderator and clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be the first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order the moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the association, the moderator shall take the voice of the association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him brother.

9. The moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This associataion shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to

to be the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It ~~therefore~~ claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, returned and decessed since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and ~~acted~~.

ART. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall receive and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 7. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 8. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the association.

Order of Business.

FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Appointment of preaching committee.
3. Call for letters from the churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invitation to visiting ministers to seats.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Call for a report of the committee on preaching.

SECOND DAY.

1. Call for the reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call and marking of the names of absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments for next session.
6. Call for treasurer's report.