

MINUTES

OF THE
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OUACHITA ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCHES OF
CHRIST



HELD WITH TWO MILE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT TWO MILE, MENA, R. F. D. NO. 1,
POLK COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 21-22-23, 1917.

OFFICERS

Moderator W. E. Holt, Mena, Ark.
Clerk W. I. Green, Mena, Ark.
Treasurer W. I. Green, Mena, Ark.

THE next session of the body will be held with
the Mount Olive church at ^{POTTER,} ~~De Queen,~~ Arkansas,
commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday
in September, 1918, at 11 a. m. Bro. N. O. Hornsby
of Hatfield to preach the opening sermon.

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OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mena, Arkansas, R. F. D. No. 1.—September 21st, 1917.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

On Friday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917.

The Ouachita Baptist Association of Christ, met with the Two Mile Baptist Church, and was called to order by the Moderator Brother W. E. Holt, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., after the Introductory Sermon, preached by Elder Chas. Burnett, a motion prevailed that we go into organization tonight.

The Moderator appointed W. I. Green, temporary Clerk; Miss Annie Embry Committee on Ordained Ministers and Miss Zula Taylor on Obituaries.

The letters from the Churches was called for, and the following letters were presented, and the Messengers recognized to represent their Churches in this Association.

Brother W. L. Smith and Chas. Burnett were appointed to read the letters.

Two Mile Church—T. J. Hicks, Arthur Bell and Zula Taylor.

Cove church—Fred Gray, I. Ross Silvey and Mrs. Fred Gray.

Board Camp Church—H. W. Stewman, Mrs. Jennie Peters and Annie Embry.

Wickes Church—Wm. Daniels and Mrs. Maggie Sampson.

Vandervoort Church—J. W. McDonald, Mrs. Fannie McDonald and W. S. Mayo.

Mena Church—Elder W. L. Smith, W. E. Holt and W. I. Green.

Yocana Church—Gip Southern, Eld. Chas. Burnett and L. L. Brown.

Smithville Church—J. B. Dobbins.

New Hope Church—W. C. Lawrence, N. A. Harrison.

Liberty Church—John Chapman and John Moore.

Buffalo Church—H. H. Fortner.

Hatfield Church—Horace Rigsby, Eld. N. O. Hornsby and G. W. Elliott.

Mount Olive Church—Eld. S. A. Neighbors, W. A. Butler and J. T. Williamson.

Mount Herman Church—W. C. Sparks and C. M. Crawford.

On motion Sister Jennie Peters, was seated as Messenger from Board Camp Church.

A Motion was made by Eld. W. L. Smith that we complete the organization at this hour. Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion was carried that we elect the various officers by Acclamation.

The following were elected—W. E. Holt, Moderator; W. I. Green, Clerk and Treasurer.

After a short talk by the Moderator he appointed the following Committees:

On Devotional Services, pastor and deacons of Two Mile Church.

On Arrangements—Eld. W. L. Smith, T. J. Hicks and J. L. Nelson.

On Finance—W. I. Green, Gip Southern and I. Ross Silvey.

On Family Worship—J. E. Taylor, Sister Maggie Sampson and L. L. Brown.

On Temperance—H. W. Stewman, Wm. Daniel and W. S. Mayo.

On Stewardship—Eld. Jno. D. Freeman and G. W. Elliott.

On Sunday Schools—I. Ross Silvey, Olen Ward and J. W. McDonald.

Foreign Missions—Eld. Jno. D. Freeman and J. T. Ward.

Home Missions—Eld. N. O. Hornsby, W. A. Butler and G. W. Elliott.

State Missions—Eld. J. S. Rogers, Frank Hill and Olin Ward.

Associational Missions—Eld. W. L. Smith, S. A. Neighbors and Miss Annie Embry.

Publications—Eld. Chas. Burnett, C. M. Crawford and Miss Zula Taylor.

Nominations—W. A. Butler, J. W. McDonald and C. M. Crawford.

Resolutions—J. B. Dobbins, L. L. Brown and Mrs. Jennie Peters.

Orphans Home—Eld. W. L. Smith, Miss Lela Brown and Miss Vila Abbott.

Christian Education—Miss Vila Abbott, Miss Amy Butler and Miss LaRue.

Eld. J. M. Green, from Salem Association, Okla., and Eld. Jno. D. Freeman, State Missionary, were seated as visitors.

On motion, Bro. J. M. Green was appointed to preach

tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned to meet Saturday Morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Bro. W. S. Mayo.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9 o'clock and Bro. N. O. Hornsby read 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. S. A. Neighbors after which the Association proceeded to business.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld. Jno. D. Freeman, after being discussed by Jno. D. Freeman, W. L. Smith and J. L. Nelson, was adopted.

Report on Committee on Foreign Missions.

We have great need for thanksgiving when we study the Foreign field and the work we Southern Baptists have done in it during the past year. We report with pride and joy the following results from the efforts made by our forces in behalf of the lost of foreign lands.

Students in our Mission Schools -----	12,930
Patients treated in our hospitals -----	67,556
Number of Converts Baptized -----	6,347
Amount raised for all purposes -----	\$961,970.48
Amount spent at home -----	9.3c on each dollar
Amount in actual mission work	90.7c of each dollar collected

We now have on foreign fields 458 churches, 115 of which are self supporting. The members of these churches contributed \$132,371.05.

The war is now creating a tremendous demand upon our resources. So many needs have arisen because of the poverty of many of our English brethren and the opening up of Russia to our forces that we cannot hope to do all we ought to do. The Messengers at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention voted to begin new work that will place a new obligation of \$165,000 upon our Board. This means that we must raise more than \$1,000,000 this year for foreign Missions. May we rally promptly and joyfully to help raise this money that Baptists may be able to enter every new field that is opened and carry our message there. God is with us; we have the truth as it is in Christ. Are we willing to deny the blessing to others? If we are not, then we must be willing to work and watch, to give and pray, that the poor, miserable, benighted hosts of heathendom may see the Light.

We heartily recommend that every church in the Asso-

ciation set aside a month during which time the work of the foreign fields may be studied and where offerings may be taken for the work of those fields. The disciples of Jesus cannot go into all the world to preach the Gospel unless some one pays their passage. Let our churches be liberal in their giving.

JOHN D. FREEMAN.

HOME MISSION REPORT

Report on Home Missions was read and discussed by Brethren Neighbors, Burnett, Smith and Freeman, and some change was adopted.

REPORT: Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

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-operative agencies.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

N. O. Hornsby.
G. W. Elliott.
W. A. Butler.

Brother J. M. Green preached the Eleven O'clock Sermon

SAUTRDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

REPORT ON PUBLICATION:

The report on Publication was read and after being discussed by J. L. Nelson, W. L. Smith and Chas. Burnett, was adopted.

REPORT: We, your committee on Publication, beg to report as follows: Jesus said, "The Field is the World". "The Seed is the Word." We recommend a thorough reading of the Bible. We recommend that each Sunday School in the Association encourage a more systematic study of the Bible. We recommend that good religious books be kept in our homes, and the children encouraged to read them. We further recommend that all our people take the denominational paper and the Mission Journal.

Chas. Burnett.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT

Report on Associational Missions, was read and after being discussed by S. A. Neighbors, Chas. Burnett and W. L. Smith, was adopted. Report follows:

Associational Missions means the spiritual, financial and numerical welfare of the twenty-three churches in Ouachita Association. There are more than 3,600 square miles of land in this association, or one church to every 159 square miles. We recommend to our associational Board to elect and put into this field as soon as you can, a good missionary for full time. We further recommend that all our churches take collection quarterly for this work.

W. L. Smith, Chairman.

The matter of placing a Missionary in the field for the incoming year was taken up and after some discussion it was suggested that the Moderator appoint a committee composed of one Messenger from each church represented here, and that the Committee be asked to report at the next meeting of the Associational Board.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Report on State Missions, was read and after being discussed by J. S. Rogers, was adopted.

REPORT: Your Committee on State Missions would report as follows: The way for a Baptist Church to become

a "glorious church, not having sport 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 efforts 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 a great destitute in all the sections of the State. There are a million lost souls in Arkansas. It is perfectly safe to say that sixteen thousand soul go from Arkansas to Hell every year. We can save them if we will. What an opportunity this presents to Arkansas Baptists! They will listen to our preaching. Whenever we send the messengers they will listen. And the obligation rests upon the Christian people of Arkansas to give them the gospel. No others either can or will do this work. (See catechism for other facts.)

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	3,010
Amuont Raised for State Missions	\$25,598.00

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

So 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 pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and organize themselves and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering to State Missions before December 1.

- 3 That the churches of this Association do their very best to raise at least the amounts asked of them by the Executive Board.

Committee:

Olan Ward, Chairman.

Motion was made and carried that the Minutes of this Meeting of the Association explain why we had no Minutes of the meeting of the Association held at Smithville, Okla., last year.

In answer to the above motion will say that we are informed that at that meeting Bro. Edgar Peters, was elected Clerk, and when the meeting closed, he got his notes misplaced in some way, and did not have any data from which to write Minutes.
Clerk.

A motion was made and carried that the Churches be asked to report a condensed history of the Church, in their letters to the next Association showing when the Church was organized, number of Ministers and Deacons Ordained and number baptized during the life of the Church.

Bros. J. S. Rogers, Secretary of the State Convention, was present and seated as a visitor.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME

Report on Orphans' Home was read and discussed by Eld. J. S. Rogers, and adopted.

REPORT: God, who is a "Father to the fatherless," has provided for the care of the orphans. Visiting the widows and orphans in their affliction is declared to be "pure and undefiled religion." 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 January 1, 1916, we have secured homes in good families for more than 160 of these children. We now have 65 children in the Home. We are hoping to reduce the number to 50 by the meeting of the Convention in December.

The debt on the Home July 1, 1917, was \$12,500.00. Our campaign to pay the debt by the Convention gives good promise of success. All of the current expenses of the Home amount to about \$750 a month.

The present management of the Home is entirely satisfactory; the farm has been well worked and a fine crop has been produced; the premises are clean and sanitary; and the children are, with probably the fewest exceptions in the history of the Home, well and happy. A strong religious sentiment prevails. Most of the children are Christians, a

number of them having been received into the church the past year.

We recommend:

1. Regular monthly offerings in every Sunday School, and the amount forwarded promptly to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

2. That every church take as large an offering as possible and forward it to Brother Rogers.

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

We also recommend the Texarkana Orphan's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Dellie Brown, Chairman.

Committee on Arrangements reported that Bro. N. O. Hornsby preach Saturday night and Bro. J. S. Rogers, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

REPORT ON ORDAINED and LICENSED MINISTERS.

Met at 7:30, Preaching by Bro. N. O. Hornsby, after which Report on Ordained and Licensed Ministers was read and approved.

Ordained Ministers.

W. L. Smith, Mena, Ark.
J. H. Patterson, Mena, Ark.
Edgar Peters, Board Camp, Ark.
Chas. Burnett, Board Camp, Ark.
F. Y. Hensley, Smithville, Okla.
J. H. Vaughn, Smithville, Okla.
N. O. Hornsby, Hatfield, Ark.
S. A. Neighbors, Potter, Ark.
R. F. Hampton, Shady, Ark.
J. W. McDonald, Vandervoort, Ark.
Ed. Posey, Mena, Ark., R. F. D. No. 3.
R. R. Pace, Grannis, Ark.

Licensed Ministers:

Sam Curton, Wickes, Ark.
W. H. Stewman, Board Camp, Ark.
W. E. Tibbs, Smithville, Okla.

Annie Embry, Committee.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

Report on Stewardship was read and after being discussed by J. S. Rogers, Chas. Burnett and Jno. D. Freeman, was adopted.

REPORT: 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 disappointment 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.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and to everything that we do." "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man receive nothing, except it has been given him from heaven."—1 Cor. 4:7 and John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—1 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 our 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.

3. That literature on stewardship and tithing be circulated and read everywhere.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN D. FREEMAN

G. W. ELLIOTT

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST-OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Yocana -----	Chas. Burnett--	Board Camp	W. L. Lunsford	Yocana
Mena -----	W. L. Smith --	Mena -----	J. P. Bullion --	Mena
Smithville -----			Mrs. Minnie Smith	Smithville
Cove -----	Edgar Peters --	Board Camp	I. Ross Silvey	Cove
Board Camp -----			J. B. Hilton --	Board Camp
Wickes -----			J. H. Neal -----	Wickes
Mt. Olive -----	J. T. Benson --	De Queen	H. F. Gann -----	Mt. Olive
			Frannie	
Vandervoort -----			Mc Donald --	Vandervoort
Buffalo -----	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	Robt. Fortner --	Buffalo
Hatfield -----	N. O. Hornsby --	Hatfield	Paulyne Dodd --	Hatfield
Liberty -----	N. O. Hornsby --	Hatfield	J. T. Whitehead	Liberty
New Hope -----	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	J. S. Lawrence --	New Hope
Mt. Herman -----	W. L. Smith --	Mena	Mildred Wallin --	Mt. Herman
Two Mile -----	Chas. Burnett--	Board Camp	G. E. Beavers --	Two Mile

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary -----	Building and Repairing -----	Incidentals -----	Visiting Ministers -----	S. S. Expense -----	The Poor -----	Armed Forces -----
Yocana -----	\$ 60.00	\$ 53.20	\$ 8.06	\$31.62	\$ 7.50	\$ 18.00	\$ 8.00
Mena -----	900.00	53.20	248.16		80.00	18.00	36.00
Smithville -----							
Cove -----	60.00		5.00		20.00		
Board Camp -----	44.50		6.04				
Wickes -----	115.99	50.00				50.00	5.00
Mt. Olive -----	131.02		3.65	6.00	11.42		6.00
Vandervoort -----	28.00	10.00					
Buffalo -----	45.00						
Hatfield -----	240.00		3.40		32.00		
Liberty -----		22.50	25.00	18.06			
New Hope -----	43.50						
Mt. Herman -----	18.50				8.00		5.00
Two Mile -----	75.00			17.90			

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Cove -----	Edgar Peters --	Board Camp	I. Ross Silvey	Cove
Board Camp -----			J. B. Hilton --	Board Camp
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			Frannie	
Vandervoort -----			Mc Donald --	Vandervoort
Buffalo -----	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	Robt. Fortner --	Cove
Hatfield -----	N. O. Hornsby --	Hatfield	Paulyne Dodd --	Hatfield
Liberty -----	N. O. Hornsby --	Hatfield	J. T. Whitehead	Liberty
New Hope -----	S. A. Neighbors	Potter	J. S. Lawrence --	New Hope
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Liberty -----		22.50	25.00	18.06			
New Hope -----	43.50						
Mt. Herman -----	18.50				8.00		5.00
Two Mile -----	75.00			17.90			

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9 o'clock; devotional services conducted by Brother H. W. Stewman.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Treasurer's Report—Minute Fund.

Received from Finance Committee at Association,	
1916 -----	\$23.85
Mount Herman Church -----	.75
Balance on hand -----	\$24.60

Home and Foreign Missions

Received from Salem church -----	\$3.00
Paid to J. S. Rogers, Secretary -----	\$3.00

Orphan's Home.

Received from Finance Committee -----	\$20.50
Paid to Orphan's Home -----	\$20.50

Association Missions.

Received from Finance Committee -----	\$15.50
Mount Herman Church -----	4.25
Board Camp Church -----	2.50
Yocana Church -----	8.80
Mena Church -----	10.00
Above Amount Paid on Note -----	\$41.05

In settling with the missionary in 1916 the Board made a note to the Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Mena, on which there is a balance due of \$105.52.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. I. GREEN, Treasurer.

Report of Family Worship was read and adopted:

REPORT:

We know by experience that it is to the joy of Christain Parents to have an alter in the home and thereby we recommend that all Baptist families hold family devotional and rear their children in the Faith of our Lord.

J. E. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report on Sunday Schools was read, and after being discussed by Jno. D. Freeman, was adopted.

REPORT:

Viewing with regret the report of a few of our churches that they are in a dying condition and we see that invariably they have no Sunday Schools, hence the importance of the Sunday School in every live church. Believing as we do that the Sunday School is one of the churches' greatest auxiliaries, we earnestly urge the organization of a Sunday School in each of those waning churches at once.

We find from the reports of the churches that 45 out of about 60 conversions were from the Sunday Schools, therefore we feel encouraged and urge more zeal in the great work among our churches.

We recommend, 1st, that the Sunday School should be considered a Bible school in every sense of the word, and that the students should include every member of the church, together with their children, and all others who can be induced to attend.

Second: We recommend that all our Sunday Schools use the Southern Con. literature, and especially place in the hands of every pupil the Sunday School papers of that publication, which are pure and wholesome for the minds of our youths.

We deplore the prevalent idea that the Sunday Schools are conducted for the ladies and children only, but earnestly urge the attendance of the elderly people, fathers and big brothers.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. ROSS SILVEY, Chairman.

Brother J. S. Rogers preached the Eleven o'clock sermon.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Christian Education was read and adopted.

REPORT—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your committee on Christian Education would report as below:

Without well equipped Baptist Schools all of our Bap-

tist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls; at Arkadelphia, C. E. Dicken, D. D., President; Central, for girls; at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL. D., President. Last year Ouachita had 287 students and Central had 202. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One of these are at Maynard, with W. A. Cummings as principal; and the other at Mountain Home, with H. F. Vermillion as principal.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were forty young preachers in Ouachita College and several in the Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible department in Ouachita is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

This committee hopes that all our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make a good offering for our schools and for the education of our young preachers this year, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

Committee,

AMY A. BUTLER, Chairman.

REPORT—TEMPERANCE

Report on Temperance was read, and after being discussed by I. R. Silvey and Mrs. Maggie Sampson, was adopted.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

As it now appears that the whisky traffic has lost some of its power since our last meeting of this body—we therefore recommend and insist that all members of this body as churches and individuals use our best efforts to suppress the use of strong drink; and cites the following scripture, Prov. 23; 20-21 and Isiah 5; 22.

W. S. MAYO, Chairman.

Report on Obituaries was read and approved.

REPORT—OBITUARIES

We, your committee, report that since our last Association, death has visited the following churches and homes:

Two Mile church, Sister M. A. Beavers.

Cove church, Dr. M. F. Gray.

Board Camp church, W. G. Rials.

Mena Church, P. M. Stephens, Miss Ara Turner, W. A. Smitherman, Mrs. W. A. Smitherman and Mrs. Josaphine Hughes.

New Hope church, G. G. Tibbs and Mrs. E. C. Hampton.

Hatfield church, T. M. Dover.

Mount Herman church, Mrs. Martha Leeper.

Mount Olive church, Elder J. J. Haynes and Sister Anna Howard.

Resolved that we tender our sympathy and assistance to the friends and relatives of the departed dead.

ZULA TAYLOR, Chairman

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Report on nominations was read and adopted after changing the time for meeting to 11 o'clock Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1918.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the Association select the next place of meeting.

Brother N. O. Hornsby to preach the introductory sermon, Saturday at 11 o'clock, before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918.

For chairman of the Mission Board, Brother Charles Burnett. We also nominate for member of State Board, W. L. Smith. We also recommend for the 5th Sunday meeting, Mount Olive church.

Signed Committee

Motion made and carried that the next Association meet with Mount Olive Church at Potter, Ark., commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1918, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Association elected the following Brethern as an Executive Committee.—Chas. Burnett, Chairman; T. J. Hicks, W. L. Smith, W. E. Holt and W. I. Green.

A Card of Thanks was read and adopted:

CARD OF THANKS

We, the members of this Association, wish to tender our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the courtesy, hospitality and kind treatment received at the hands of the Two Mile Church and citizens, during our stay here with them.

Signed Committee.

Adjourned to meet with the Mount Olive church, Potter, Ark., Saturday at 11 o'clock, before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1918.

W. E. HOLT, Moderator.
W. I. GREEN, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of the members present.
 3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of the order, and shall have power to call to order at any time.
 4. Any member dissatisfied with the decision may appeal to the Association the same day, but not thereafter.
 5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.
 6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every move made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.
 8. Every case taken up by this Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
 9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seat, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resumes their seats.
 10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
 11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Association, nor more than once 'till every member wishing to speak has spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close debate until the subject has been fully discussed.
 12. Members shall address each other under appellation of a brother.
 13. The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.
 14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
 15. The Moderator is entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member provided he appoint another to take his seat during the time. but shall not vote on any subject unless the Association be equally divided.
- Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach is done.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe only in one true and living God and that there are a trinity of persons in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are in one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity and the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

7. We believe that good works are fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our own gracious state.

8. We believe that there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who are in christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the only lawgiver, and the discipline is with the body and should be kept faithfully up for the glory of God and the prosperity of His people.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and none but baptised believers have a right thereto, and should be administered by regular ordained ministers, and that immersion is the only apostolic mode of baptism.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "The Ouachita Missionary Baptist Association of Christ."

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

3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by appointment of Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of churches of which it is composed and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members and delegates from the churches, and in its justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore guard all churches 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 union and fellowship with all churches of Christ, especially those united under this constitution.

5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted to this union throughout the representation of three delegates at the annual session of his Association, with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of the principles herein published.

6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptised, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored or dead, since the last session, and all information that the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

7. This Association may have a fund supplied by voluntary

contribution of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

8. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes of every session.

9. The Association shall take no cognizance of query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed, nor any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

10. The Clerk of this Association shall keep a file of the minutes of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meeting of the Association by concurring voices of two-thirds of its members, provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches composing this Association.

12. At each annual meeting there shall be an introductory and missionary sermon, and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 a. m. for preaching.

