

SouthwesternBaptist Association.... of Arkansas.



Heid With Valley Church, Sevier County, Ark. October 9=10=11, 1909.

OFFICERS =

D. W. HILL, Moderator _____ Provo, Ark. J. B. LUCK, Clerk ____ De Queen, Ark. B. F. RAY, Treasurer ____ De Queen, Ark.

Next session will be held with Ashdown church, Little River county, Ark.. commencing at 10 a. m. Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1910. Introductory sermon preached by Bld. J. T. Benson.

PROCEEDINGS

The Southwestern Association convened with Valley Baptist church, Sevier county, Arkansas, at 10 a. m., Saturday, October 9.

Brother W. L. Smith of Ashdown conducted a short devotional exercise before the body was called to order.

Brother G. S. Provence, the former moderator, and Eld. J. W. Sims, the former clerk, being absent, Bro. J. T. Cowling was elected moderator protem and J. B. Luck clerk protem.

The Moderator called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Elds. J. T. Benson, I. N. Borum and Brother J. E. Millwee to read them. The letters were read until 11 a. m., when the body adjourned to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Eld. J. W. Hubbard from Jer. 6:16.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After feasting on the repast served on the ground by the good people of Valley neighborhood, and mingling with friends that we had not seen for a year and some for years, the Association met again at 1:30. A short devotional exercise was held, and then Bro. G. S. Provence, the former moderator, was asked to take the chair. The letter reading was continued until all letters present were read. The clerk then called the roll. The Association went into permanent organization, resulting as follows:

Eld. D. W. Hill, moderator; Eld. J. B. Luck, clerk and B. F. Ray, treasurer. After some words of thanks by the moderator, petitionary letters were called for and responded to by State Line church. The church was accepted and messengers were enrolled. Pine Ridge church also asked for membership in the body, but since the church was represented by a letter only, she could not be received according to the Constitution of this Association. The body requested the clerk to write the church why she had not been received, and to send the church a minute of the Association.

The moderator appointed the deacons of Valley church as a committee on Divine service.

Corresponding messengers were called for, and Rev. B. F.

Cannon of Ouachita Association, responded and gave good news from his Association.

He was invited by the moderator to take part in all of the discussions.

Committee on Divine service reported that Elds. Ed Dumas would preach at Valley and J. B. Luck at Gillham at 7:30 p. m.

Motion prevailed that the next meeting of the Association be held with Ashdown church, and that Eld. J. T. Benson preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. J. B. Luck as alternate. The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT

The Association met at 7:30 and after a few minutes of song and praise service Eld. Ed Dumas preached from Ez. 34:2.

At the same hour Eld. J. B. Luck preached at Gillham from Jas. 4:14.

The Association adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING

After spending a few moments in devotional exercise, Bro. J. T. Cowling read the following report on Sunday schools:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

"We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to submit the following report: We are commanded to "Search the Scriptures," Jno. 5:39, also "Let him that is taught in the Word communicates unto Him that teacheth in all good things," Gal. 6:16. In Heb. 5:12 it is said: "Ye ought to be teachers." In ancient days the brethren assembled on the Sabbath in the synagogues, and even in the streets and read the Scriptures and taught them to the people and caused them to understand, Neh. 8.

We therefore recommend and urge that all the members of each church assemble themselves together every Sunday in their respective churches and read, study and teach God's Word, in other words, to worship God in a Sunday school capacity.

Signed,

J. T. COWLING.

The subject was well discussed by the chairman of the com-

mittee and others. The report was adopted and read. A short recess was taken, then the body came together and listened to a sermon by Eld. W. L. Smith. Text: Acts 3:19. After the sermon a collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$10.34. The moderator announced the various committees at this time. The Association adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met at 2:30 and heard some very sweet music before taking up the report on temperance. This report was read by Bro. Geo. Holman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committe on temperance, beg to submit the following report: We recommend that we take renewed energy in our fight for the temperance cause and stand firm until all saloons are forced to go from our country, also other evils that may come before us or be cast in our pathway that our rising generation may not have the trouble of intemperance to confront them. We rejoice in the fact that there is no place in our Association where intoxicating liquors can be legally sold, and we should make this territory dry in fact, as well as in name, by using our every effort to assist the officers and the courts to suppress the illegal sale of liquor. We recommend to the Baptists of this Association that they require all candidates for the Legislature to publicly declare themselves on the subject of state wide prohibition. That we vote for no man for senator or representative who will not support a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the State of Arkansas.

Signed,

J. E. MILLWEE

Chairman.

The following amendment was offered by J. B. Luck: That we do not vote for any officer that will not declare himself for prohibition.

Several good speeches were made on the report and both were adopted without a negative vote.

The report on Orphan's Home was read by Bro. Geo. Burnes.

ORPHAN'S HOME

We, your committee on Orphan's Home, beg to make the following report. We have in Monticello Home 126 children and in the Texarkana Home 12 children. We find that the Texarkana Orphan's Home is in debt \$5000.00 and is to be paid by paying \$1000.00 each year. Brethren it is our duty to make sacrifices in order to support these children and to meet these notes as they come due. We recommend that all churches that do not support the Texarkana Home contribute liberally to the Monticello Home. There are very few hearts that do not go out to the orphan children and that cannot be touched by their appeals. Therefore, we recommend that the pastors of the churches of this Association urge the churches to contribute to these needy children during the next year. Signed,

> GEO. BURNS, S. A. SMITHER, J. S. SPENCE.

Some talks were made about these Homes and a collection amounting to \$21.42 was taken and equally divided between the two Homes

The committee on Divine service reported that Bro. W. L. Smith would preach at Gillham and Bro. T. F. Richardson at Valley Sunday night. The Association adjourned to meet Monday at 8:30 a. m.

Bro. Richardson used as his text Sunday night Heb. 11:6 and Bro. Smith Jno. 3:14.

MONDAY MORNING

At 8:30 the moderator read a Scripture lesson and conducted a short devotional service and declared the Association ready for any business.

The report on ministerial education was as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

God has been calling men to preach His Word from the beginning of time and has promised to aid them with His Spirit, yet He has said for them to study His Word. We believe that it is the duty of all ministers to make all preparations that opportunity will permit. We also believe that it is our duty as churches to aid young ministers in getting this education. We now have in Ouachita College 53 young men struggling with poverty and doing all they can to get ready for the work given them by the Great Shepherd. Among them is Bro. Earl Du Laney who is working very hard to save lost souls. Therefore we recommend that the churches take collections for these men and do it as soon as possible. Signed,

> C. W. WRIGHT, R. W. HUBBARD, C. W. BURKHEAD.

Some interesting talks were made on ministerial education and the report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

The committee on ministerial support brought in the following report: We, your committee on ministerial support, beg leave to make the following report: We find by reading the instructions of Paul to the church at Antioch that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. We therefore recommend to the churches that they hold up the hands of the pastors by paying them liberally for their service, and that each church pay their pastor a stipulated salary and that be paid once each month if possible, and if not, at least each quarter, so that they may be relieved in mind as to temporal things and be able to give their time to the ministry of the Word. We further recommend that all our pastors preach at least one sermon a year to their churches on this very important subject.

J. T. BENSON,

R. J. HALL,

W. M. STINSON,

The brethren that spoke on this report felt that our people needed to be developed on this subject. It was adopted as read.

Next came the report on State Missions:

STATE MISSIONS

We, your committee on State Missions submit the following: Inasmuch as the Lord gave to His churches the commission to preach the Gospel to the earth's remotest bounds. We recommend that each church in our Association take public collections during the year for State Missions, and that the preachers explain the diference between the General Association and the Convention Committees. We also advise the pastors of the churches to encourage the churches to secure the names of the missionaries that are on the field and send contributions to them, or to the treasurer of the General Association, or the convention. Signed,

Ed DUMAS.

Some valuable speeches were made on the subject, bringing out what our state missionaries are doing. The Association voted to accept the report.

The Association adjourned at 11 a.m. to meet again at 1:30 p.m. Eld. J. B. Luck preached at 11 a.m. from Rom. 8:9 as a text.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator Hill called the body to order at 1:30 and conducted appropriate devotional services.

PUBLICATIONS

Bro. Hale read the following report on publications: We, your committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend to all our members, above all things, the study of the Bible, in order that they may be sound in the faith once delivered to the Saints. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist, American Baptist Flag, and American Publication Society Sunday School Literature as sound literature. We further reconmend the many Tracts published by the American Publication Society as worthy of our study. Signed,

J. T. HALE, P. S. BREWER, A. P. KELLEY.

After some remarks by the different brethren the report was adopted with the following amendment: "That we also recommend the Landmark Literature and the Baptist Advance as being sound literature." Bro. J. T. Cowling offered the following resolution that was adopted by the Association: We, the Messengers to the Southwestern Association assembled with Valley church, desire to express our thanks to the Valley church and the entire neihhborhood for their hospitality in so royally entertaining us while in their midst. Signed,

J. T. COWLING.

MOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to report the following: We are taught in Matthew 28:19:20 that the church was commanded to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Therefore we believe it to be the duty of every member of the church to help carry out the command of Christ. If they can't go themselves they ought to contribute of their means to help others to go. Good reports have come from our missionaries on the field that ought to cause great praise among us for his goodness. We also recommend more liberal giving among our members. Signed,

J. W. HUBBARD, W. T. CABINESS, J. W. JONES.

The report was adopted without any discussion.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Eld. W. L. Smith read the following report on Foreign Missions: In view of the fact that we have today thousands of heathens perishing without the Gospel and that our Savior in His last and greatest commission said: "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel," we recommend that our Foreign Missionaries be supported and kept in the fields of labor in order that all may hear and come to Christ for Salvation. Signed,

> W. L. SMITH, T. W. COLLINS, J. H. PETTIGREW.

No one wishing to speak on the report, it was adopted at once.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on associational missions report;

That we find there is a great deal of destitution in this Association. The calls are many. We have been unable to respond to the calls for help, for the want of money to place men in the field. Therefore, we reccomend that our people awake to the situation and contribute of their means so we can occupy the territory and carry out the great commission given to us, for which we are responsible as no other people. As to this destitution we refer you to the missionary's report. Signed,

> I. N. BORUM, F. E. TAYLOR.

MISSION BOARD'S REPORT

As secretary of your board, I report that we have done the very best we could with the means in our hands. We refer you to the missionary's report as to work done. He labored four and onethird months at \$50.00 per month, amounting to \$216.67. We have

paid him	\$124.16
Balance due him	92.51
We have now	92.82
Balance in treasury	.31

I. N. BORUM,

Secretary Mission Board.

Brother T. F. Richardson read next his report as missionary.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Report of missionary for four and one-third months, beginning June 1 and ending October 10.

Places visited: Pullman, Oak Grove, Chapel Hill, Fairview, New Bethel, Geneva, Brownstown, Paraloma, Mill Creek, Lockesburg, Oak Hill, Ashdown, Allene, Winthrop, Mt. Carmel, New Home, Cerro Gordo and Eagletown. Meetings were held at Pullman, New Home, Cerro Gordo, Mt. Carmel and Brownstown. Closed at Cerro Gordo and Brownstown, on account of sickness. Arranged to return to Brownstown but clerk notified me that the people were too busy with crops. Cerro Gordo arranged to have me help them the fourth Sunday in this month. At Paraloma I preached from Saturday until Monday, as there was no convenient place to hold a meeting we closed with the understanding that we would return and organize and hold a meeting after the completion of the school house. Found eight members here. Paraloma is a new railroad town without any church organization and we ought to get in on the ground floor. The leading merchant and the banker are Baptists.

At Mt. Carmel and New Home Churches the additions were few, yet we feel sure that much good was done; although of a character that can not be incorporated in a written report. Seed was sown, the fruit of which we sincerely believe will be gathered in the future.

During the meeting at Mt. Carmel your Missionary was publicly attacked three times for preaching the pure Gospel of Christ; twice by "Holiness" preachers and once by a Methodist, at a baptizing at the river. The "Holiness" people and the Mormons are trying to capture Little River County.

I found but one Baptist at Eagletown but prospects are good there for some work.

We arranged to organize a church at Pullman but could not get the church letters in time to organize before the Association. It will be organized in the near future.

The field is a large one and a difficult one in some respects. If possible, a man should be placed in the field for full time. This would enable him to plan his work to a good advantage. We received on the field \$9.16; received by Baptism 9 and letter 10.

T. F. RICHARDSON,

Missionary.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from time to eternity, eighteen members from the churches of this Association. The letters only disclose the names of Bro. A. H. Sapauh, Sisters Mary Goodman, Jane Richardson and Boone Gore. To the bereaved families we extend the sympathy of this Association. May the all sufficient Grace of God be with them.

Signed;

J. T. COWLING.

A motion was passed to allow the clerk \$12.50 for his services.

Motion passed to have as many minutes printed as money would permit, and to send them to churches in proportion to money sent by each church, and that the churches that sent no money get no minutes.

A motion passed that we go into election of a Mission Board. The election resulted in the following: J. E. Millwee, chairman; Jesse Goodman, I. N. Borum, Geo. Holman and J. T. Cowling as the other members.

MESSENGERS THAT WERE SEATED FROM THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

Allene-Ed Dumas and C. W. Wright Cross Trail-Lee Hicks and Henry Williamson. State Line-John Scruggs, J. T Childs and W. M. Stinson. Brownstown-R. F. Herndon. Red Colony-I. N. Borum. Corinth-J. H. Pettigrew, and Edgar Parris. Oak Grove-T. W. Collins, Miss Lena Reed and Miss Berta Collins. Lockesburg-B. J. Park. Winthrop-W. F. Smith. Ben Lomond-R. W. Hubbard. Oak Hill-Charley Burkhead and A. C. Ferguson. New Hope-J. R. Walton, H. F. Shelton and G. E. Scott. Sardis-Jessie Goodman, J. C. Ridley and J. C. Goodman. New Bethel-John Grant and Geo. Holman. Mt. Pleasant-W. J. Humphrey. Bokhoma-W. S. Williams. Cerro Gordo-W. P. Cabiness, J. R. Lewis and Charley Koozier. New Prospects-J. W. Hubbard. Fairview-George Brown. Damascus-J. W. Jones and Alex Purtell. Vallev-J. T. Hale, P. L. Brewer and A. C. Roden.

New Home—S. A. Smither, Alvin Smither and A. P. Kelley. Hopewell—John Anthony, J. O. Sanders and J. L. Macher. Pleasant Hill—D. W. Hill and F. E. Taylor. Geneva—J. S. Spence and Oscar Humphry. Cossatot—Jerry Taylor and D. C. Ladd. Ashdown—W. L. Smith and J. T. Cowling. Gillham—J. A Vanzant, M. S. Almond and R. J. Hall. Bogg Springs—By letter. De Queen—J. B. Luck, J. T. Benson and J. E. Willwee.



CONSTITUTION

I This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of The Southwestern Baptist Association,

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 hy becoming hertradox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore regard 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 this Association with a petition for admis-

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sion, and upon their agreement 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, baptized, 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 a 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 Mathew, and have failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

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

II This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association, by the concuring 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are a trinity of persons in the God-head—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three 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 bis 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 into them, and that it pleases God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed.

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 there will be a general resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement, 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 baptized persons, who are in Christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the Gospel,

ro 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,

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1 When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by prayer and praise in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a Moderator protem.

2 Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

3 When the delegates named are enrolled and called by the clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot, a moderator and clerk; the majority of votes governing the election.

4 All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made the last one shall be first in order and so on, in reverse 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 the same by calling his name; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal inflection; nor shall any person speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or explain some of his former remarks.

6 Whenever sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result (a majority governing in all cases except those provided for.)

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

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

9 The moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it may be neccessary.

10 The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other

members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

11 The moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.

12 The minutes of the association may be read whenever it is deemed necessary.

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



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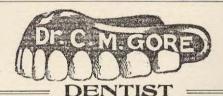
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Union Lockesburg Geneva Ben Lomond	4 2 1 2	Sevier Sevier Sevier	J T Benson W L Smith J T Benson Thos. DuLaney	De Queen Ashdown De Queen Ben Lomond	J B Shinn W H Wardlow C B Smith R W Hubbard
De Queen Cossatot Valley Cerro Gordo Gillham	2 4 4	Sevier Sevier Little River_ Sevier	J B Luck Hall J T Benson W F Smith D W Hill	Gillham De Queen Winthrop Lockesburg	Mann Wilson P L Brewer Mrs. A J Lewis Tom Claborn
Gethsemane Allene Bog Springs Mt. Carmel New Prospect	3 2 	Little River_ Sevier	D W Elkins	Allene Allene Lockesburg	R L Johnson V A Garner M B Hubbard -
Ashdown Red Colony Damascus Fairview Mt. Pleasant	3 2 3 4	Sevier Sevier Sevier Sevier	W L Smith Jno, McWhorter D W Elkins T F Richardson J T Benson	Rosedale Lockesburg De Queen De Queen	S E Borum W A Latham George Burns G W Myers
New Bethel Corinth Brownstown Hopewell State Line	4 2 3 4	Sevier Sevier Little River_	J T Benson D W Hill Thos. Du Laney S W Beavers C C Hardy	De Queen Lockesburg Ben Lomond Stamps Eden	Joe Holman Charley Nabry R F Hernden E S Pickett

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