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OF THE

BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

OAK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
GARLAND COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 20-23
1918

The next session of the Association will be held with
Marble Church, 22 miles north of Hot Springs, Arkansas,
Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919,
at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

PROCEEDINGS

The Buckville Baptist Association met with Oak Hill Baptist Church in its twenty-ninth annual session, September 20, 1918.

Called to order at 10:00 o'clock.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder D. B. Moore.

Elder W. A. Neighbors, at his request, was relieved of preaching the introductory sermon, and the body selected Elder T. J. Jordan, of Hot Springs, who preached the introductory sermon; Text, Rom. 8-1.

Recess till 2:30 o'clock.

Called to order by Moderator.

Prayer led by Brother D. B. Moore.

The Moderator appointed, as reading clerks, Brothers J. P. Emery, D. B. Moore, and J. W. Shepard.

Letters from the following churches were read, and messengers' names enrolled, towit:

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, W. N. Houser, and A. R. Chitwood.

Washita—Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane.

Bethlehem—

Union—I. M. Burrow, J. A. Coleman.

Cedar Glades—Elder V. Chandler, J. D. Hurst.

Marble—J. W. Pullen, R. M. Johnson, E. L. Johnson.

Oak Hill—J. C. Norman, John Braughton, and Sister Ruby Allman.

Harvey's Chapel—Elder S. B. Redwine, W. J. Huddleston.

Refuge—Elder J. P. Emery, J. T. Blakely.

Brady Grove—John Wilson, J. D. Shipman.

Mt. Pleasant—C. Muse, Joe Muse, Virgil Speer.

Concord—J. M. Reed, C. B. Robertson, Gernie Swaim.

Glazier Poe—W. J. Holland, W. A. Grisham.

Valley Home—Jasper Sims, Sister Sallie Sims, and Sister Bedie Tillery.

Jessieville—Z. T. Young, John Neel.

Shady Grove, No. 2—I. K. Moon, W. J. Campbell.

Buckville—Elder J. A. Young.

White Plains—

Rock Springs—J. D. Parker.

Mt. Tabor—Elder J. C. Ratcliff, Frank Merrideth.

New Prospect—J. H. O'Donnell, John Snodgrass.

Valley Grove—Joe Guest.

Pleasant Ridge—Elder B. H. Sinden, H. W. Metcalf.

The body then went into election of officers for ensuing year. Brother C. F. J. Tate and Brother T. H. Jordan, acted as tellers.

Brother J. G. McLane was elected Moderator, and J. T. Blakely, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed, as a Committee on Divine Service: I. K. Moon, W. J. Campbell, and the messengers of Oak Hill Church.

The committee announced that Elder D. B. Moore would preach Saturday night, and Elder E. J. A. McKinney Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.

The following Visitors were received:

Brother Whitley, of Grand Prairie Association; Elder C. F. J. Tate, Elder T. H. Jordan, and Elder J. W. McDonald, of Hot Springs; Elder D. B. Moore, State Missionary, and Elder E. J. A. McKinney, of Little Rock.

The following were appointed Corresponding Messengers to Saline Association: Elder W. A. Neighbors, Elder S. B. Redwine, and A. R. Chitwood.

The following amendments to the constitution, were adopted:

That Article two be amended to read as follows: That each church with less than 50 members, be entitled to three messengers, and each church with over 50 members, be allowed one additional messenger for each 50 members or fraction thereof. The following amendment was adopted, also: That when any church has not its quota of messengers, any member in good standing may be seated as a messenger.

On motion, a recess of business hours was taken till 8:00 o'clock Monday.

Saturday night, Elder D. B. Moore preached an able sermon, on the "World's Great War."

SUNDAY.

The body met at 10:00 o'clock.

After a song service by the Marble Class, Elder E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Advance, preached a

forceful sermon to a large congregation, after which a collection of \$13.85 was raised, and pledges amounting to \$87.00 were made for Associational Missions.

Recess till 2:30 o'clock.

Called to order at 2:30 o'clock. Sunday School addresses were made by Brother McKinney, Brother J. W. McDonald, and Brother Shepard.

At 3:00 o'clock, Elder J. P. Emery preached a splendid sermon, Text: Judges 5:3.

Sunday night Elder W. L. Cockrell preached to a large congregation, Text: Acts. 16:30.

MONDAY

Called to order by the Moderator at 8:00 o'clock. The Moderator read Second Chapter of Psalms. Brother Sinden led in prayer.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Stewardship made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Chitwood, Brother Shepard, Brother Huddleston and Brother McLane, was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and after being discussed by Brother J. A. Young, Brother Shepard, Brother J. C. Ratcliff and Brother R. M. Johnson, was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Emery, Brother Pullen and Sister Newkirk, was adopted.

Committee on Associational Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Emery and Brother J. A. Young, was adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, read and adopted.

On motion the clerk was instructed to insert in the minutes, the names of Sunday School Superintendents and Secretaries.

The Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, and after an amendment, was adopted.

At 11:00 o'clock, Rev. J. P. Emery preached the Annual Missionary sermon.

Recess till 2:00 o'clock.

Called to order at 2:00 o'clock by the Moderator, who read fourteenth chapter of John. Prayer was led by Brother Emery.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Chandler, Brother Emery and Brother McLane, was adopted.

Committee on State Missions made their report, which was adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Missionary W. L. Cockrell made his report, which was adopted.

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

Resolution No. 1, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee read and adopted.

On motion, Brother Frank Merrideth, J. G. McLane, and J. T. Blakely were elected Missionary Board for ensuing year.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes printed, and distribute them in proportion to the minute fund of each church, the clerk to retain the balance of minute fund for his services.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother J. C. Ratcliff, and Brother O'Donnell, was adopted.

Marble Church was selected as the meeting place of the next Association.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet with Marble Church, 22 miles north of Hot Springs, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1919, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

A song was sung, the parting hand extended, and Brother Neighbors led the closing prayer.

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

REPORTS

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

Southern Baptists are asking for one and a half million dollars this year, in order to meet the enlarged needs in the foreign field.

That amount is large, but not too large when we consider the South's wealth. The Lord has greatly blessed Foreign Mission work the past year.

There were 6,290 baptisms last year.

We have 464 churches in foreign lands, with a membership of 53,000. Each church in this Association should do its best for this cause this year. Arkansas should raise \$40,000 for this cause this year, and may each church contribute a worthy amount to this cause.

VESTAL CHANDLER,
J. H. HURST,

Committee.

Your Committee on State Missions report as follows:

We are glad to report that we are doing a great work along the lines of State Missions, and it will not do to retrench in this crisis of the world's great war. Last year's report of the State Convention Board, showed 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,243 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches, and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. organized, and \$44,800 given to State Missions.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged. The number of workers is 189; we have four men working full time at Camp Pike. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ; 6,000 were converted at Camp Pike. We must raise \$50,000, in order to "go over the top" when the Convention meets in December. We believe it is the duty of every Baptist of the Buckville Association, to help to the very limit of our ability in this great work.

Many of our boys have gone to the camps, and many more will have to go, and, besides, there are many outside the camps and within the state, that are lost, and need the gospel.

Therefore, we would recommend that our pastors preach on the work of State Missions, and that we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that we work together in a very earnest effort to make the cause of State Missions a glorious success.

J. W. SHEPARD,
J. M. REED,
C. B. ROBERTSON,

Committee.

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

Our home land offers us one of our greatest mission fields.

To save and train this Southland of ours in the service of the Master, is a great task, but none too great for our Baptist host if we will put ourselves and our means in the Master's cause. Last year there were more than 30,000 additions to our churches through the Home Mission work.

Our work is in need of \$1,000,000 to carry out our enlarged plans.

Our Home Missions forces are to see after our soldier boys in the training camps, and also over-sea expeditions.

Therefore, we urge every pastor to preach on Home Missions, and urge each church to contribute to Home Missions.

W. L. CAMPBELL,
R. M. JOHNSON,
I. M. BURROW,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that death has taken 13 of our brothers and sisters; Brother Jeff Neighbors, and Brother Richard Helton, of Oak Hill Church;

Sister Brazilla Glenn, of Marble; Sister Susan Crawford, Mt. Tabor; Sister Kymes, of Shady Grove; Sister Artimus Muse, and Brother Jesse Muse, of Mt. Pleasant; Brother Stooksberry, and Ferguson Spoon, of Cedar Glades; Sister Sallie Hearn, of Bethlehem; Grandma Stoks, of Concord; Sister Mary Elder, of Brady Grove; Sister Isabelle Lanier, of Jessievile; Brother Vander Cockrell, of New Home.

We extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy.

W. J. HUDDLESTON,
JASPER SIMS,
JOHN NEEL,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, find there is yet destitution within our bounds. We urge that our people contribute liberally, that the gospel may reach all destitute points.

J. A. YOUNG,
J. A. BRAUGHTON,
J. C. NORMAN,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance report as follows: We can see the good results of Temperance in Arkansas.

We urge the people to use their influence to the utmost to rid our entire country of this awful curse.

J. A. YOUNG,
B. H. SINDEN,
GURNIE SWAIM,

Committee.

Your Committee on Nominations have selected Brother Vestal Chandler to preach introductory sermon at next session, with Brother B. H. Sinden, alternate.

J. D. PARKER,
W. J. HOLLAND,
Z. T. YOUNG,

Committee.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows: Sunday School interest has improved a great deal in the last few years, but we have not done our best until there is an evergreen Sunday School in every church, and we are putting forth our very best effort to teach the Bible in the most efficient way.

We would recommend a more thorough co-operation among the churches and Sunday Schools, in the way of Sunday School institutes, which we believe would greatly help us to develop the Sunday School interest.

J. W. SHEPARD,
I. M. BURROW,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Stewardship, are glad to report that there is a growing interest in the study of Stewardship.

We are beginning to realize, as never before, that the property we have in our care is not ours, but belongs to God, and we are his stewards, and as such, will have to give an account of our stewardship.

We recommend that our preachers preach on Stewardship, and that some time during the year, have a class in Stewardship.

J. P. EMERY,
R. M. JOHNSON,
FRANK MERRIDETH,
Committee.

We, your Committee on Education report as follows: One of the greatest needs of Baptists is more and better trained workers and leaders. We cannot win the lost to Christ, and train them in his service without trained leaders.

We have several schools in the state which are owned and controlled by our denomination.

We recommend that our people support these schools with their money and patronage.

We insist that our young preachers, when possible, attend one of these schools.

J. P. EMERY,
A. R. CHITWOOD,
J. W. PULLEN,
Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored, 11; paid in full.

W. L. COCKRELL,
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored, 7; sermons, 6; homes visited, 8; miles traveled, 60; paid, \$7.50. I donate the remaining \$4.00 to Associational Missions. I regret that my health failed and I had to give up the work.

J. W. SHEPARD,
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Labored six days at Rock Springs Church; paid in full.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,
Missionary.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Labored six days at Valley Grove Church; paid in full.

J. S. RAGSDALE,
Missionary.

Report of Finance Committee:

For Associational Missions.....	\$15.15
For Home Missions.....	3.10
For Orphans' Home.....	10.60
For Minute Fund.....	36.35
Total	\$65.20

I. K. MOON,
FRANK MERRIDETH,
I. M. BURROW,
Committee.

Your Treasurer submits the following:

Balance on hand from last year.....\$ 51.89

Received from

J. W. Shepard.....	\$ 5.00
New Home Church.....	5.00
Sister Ellen Newkirk.....	.75
Sister N. E. Hurst.....	.50
C. D. Parker.....	4.00
Homer Smith.....	1.00
M. S. Jackson.....	5.00
J. M. Bradley.....	10.00
J. P. Emery.....	5.00
J. Curl.....	1.00
J. T. Blakely.....	5.00
W. L. Cockrell.....	1.50
Vestal Chandler.....	5.00
D. R. Whitley.....	1.25
I. K. Moon.....	1.00
J. A. Young.....	5.00
J. C. Ratliff.....	5.00
W. J. Holland.....	5.00
J. W. Halsell.....	5.00
J. D. Parker.....	5.00
I. M. Burrow.....	5.00
J. D. Cunningham.....	3.00
Jasper Sims.....	2.50
Finance Committee.....	65.20
Collection at the Association.....	13.85

Total\$217.39

Disbursements—

W. A. Neighbors.....	\$ 6.50
J. S. Ragsdale.....	6.00
J. W. Shepard.....	7.50
W. L. Cockrell.....	16.50
Orphans' Home.....	10.60
For Printing Minutes.....	36.35
Home Missions.....	3.10

Total\$86.55

Balance on hand.....\$130.84

J. T. BLAKELY,
Treasurer.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

J. W. McDonald.....	\$10.00
J. C. Ratliff.....	5.00
J. P. Emery.....	5.00
Vestal Chandler.....	5.00
W. L. Cockrell.....	2.00
D. R. Whitley.....	2.00
Ida Geurin.....	2.50
I. M. Burrow.....	5.00
J. A. Braughton.....	5.00
J. T. Blakely.....	5.00
W. A. Neighbors.....	10.00

J. D. Parker.....	5.00
C. D. Parker.....	5.00
J. A. Young.....	5.00
Frank Merrideth.....	5.00
E. L. Glass.....	2.00
W. J. Holland.....	2.00
J. H. Hurst.....	5.00
Charles Washington (Paid 50 cents).....	1.50
Eva Washington (Paid).....	.50
W. L. Campbell (Paid).....	2.00
J. H. O'Donnell (Orphans' Home, Paid 25 cents).....	2.25

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

H. A. Belote, Cedar Glades.	Geo. F. Rowe, Bear.
J. M. Crawford, Cedar Glades.	S. B. Redwine, Bear.
James Sharp, Cedar Glades.	W. T. Seymore, Haws.
J. B. Adams, Cedar Glades.	J. P. Emery, Story.
M. C. Melton, Cedar Glades.	J. W. Shepard, Washita.
J. C. Ratliff, Cedar Glades.	W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs.
J. L. Lanier, Jessievile.	S. H. Jennings, Mt. Valley.
J. S. Ragsdale, Jessievile.	J. A. Young, Buckville.
B. H. Sinden, Jessievile.	E. S. Robbins, Buckville.
J. E. Ritter, Jessievile.	Vestal Chandler, Cedar Glades.
W. L. Cockrell, Bear.	J. M. L. Westerman, Maddox.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND SECRETARIES.

Marble—R. M. Johnson, Superintendent.
Mt. Tabor—H. M. Ratliff, Superintendent.
Concord—W. H. Cumbie, Superintendent.
Refuge—J. T. Blakely, Superintendent.
Washita—J. G. McLane, Superintendent.
Buckville—J. M. Bradley, Superintendent.

Oak Hill—Bro. Allman, Superintendent; Ruby Allman, Secretary.

Resolved: That this Association tender its heartfelt thanks to Oak Hill Church and community, for the splendid manner in which they have entertained us.

J. P. EMERY.

A Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Mt. Tabor Church, commencing Friday night, before the fifth Sunday in December, 1918. Plans for a Sunday School Convention will be made at this convention.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This union of churches of God shall be known as the Buckville Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. II. The Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches in this union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall have been chosen by the respective church to which they belong.

Art. III. Messengers, when convened, may organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed.

It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is implied by the very nature of the compact.

It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and in justice and propriety must retain the right to withdraw from all churches which may depart from the faith of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this Constitution with vigilant eye, as its principal object shall be to promote the truth of the Gospel and advance the kingdom of God in our bounds and to all the ends of the earth.

Art. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches having letters of dismission from other Associations of like faith and order, may be admitted to membership in this Association at any regular annual session of the body, provided they send messengers with a petitionary letter.

Art. VI. The churches of this Association shall transmit to each annual session a written or printed communication, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the church, specifying the names of their messengers and the statistics of the church, showing the progress of the church since the last session of this body, which shall be read and filed with the Clerk of this body accordingly.

Art. VII. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, which shall be paid over through a finance committee to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall present annually to the Association for inspection in the Minutes, a clear statement of all receipts.

Art. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with printed copies of the Minutes of each session.

Art. IX. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless it appears that the churches sending them have used due diligence to solve them first; and shall not undertake to settle individual differences between the members of the churches, unless it appears that the individuals, or the churches to which they belong, have taken, or caused to have taken, Gospel steps for the adjustment of the trouble.

Art. X. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided, further, that Article IV of this Constitution shall not be altered or amended.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article I. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Art. II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through the sanctification of the soul unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Art. IV. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.

Art. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Art. VI. We believe the saints are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. VII. We believe the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

Art. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

Art. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the reward of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. X. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the hands of a scriptural presbytery.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Postoffice	Died	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Present Membership	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Orphans' Home	Home Missions	Value of Church Building	To Camp Pike	State Missions	Days of Meeting
Bethlehem	B. H. Sinden	C. M. Ritter	Jessieville	1			6			54	.70	5.00		18.00							2d
Buckville	V. Chandler	J. M. Bradley	Buckville		2					131	1.50	15.00		25.20	1			1,000		5.15	4th
Brady Grove	E. S. Robbins	Jennie Minton	Cedar Glades	1						22	.50				1	.60					2d
Cedar Glades	V. Chandler	Guy B. Housley	Cedar Glades	2		6	3			72	1.75	8.00		72.00	1	8.00					1st
Concord	J. C. Ratliff	W. H. Cumbie	Aly	1	13	1		1		33	1.00	3.00			1	1.50		200			3d
Glazier Poe	Wm. Cain	C. W. Holland	Mt. Valley				2			62	1.50	5.00		5.50		2.50					2d
Harvey's Chapel	Sam Allen	W. J. Huddleston	Haws					1		41	2.00			40.00	1			500			1st
Jessieville	J. B. Adams	A. F. Newkirk	Jessieville	1			2			32	1.00			6.35				1,000			2d
Marble	W. A. Neighbors	J. W. Pullen	Beandry	1	24	3		4	2	115	2.35			52.15	1	37.00		200	6.00		4th
Mt. Pleasant	B. H. Sinden	Alice Muse	Cedar Glades	2						23	1.00										4th
Mt. Tabor	V. Chandler	F. M. Ratliff	Gladstone	1	25	5	1			142	4.00		9.81	56.75	1	7.40	7.93	300		12.50	3d
New Home	Sam Allen	J. G. Young	Bear	1		1	3		1	100	1.50	4.00						300			2d
New Prospect	J. L. Lanier	J. W. Handlin	Mt. Valley						1	33	.65			6.95							
Oak Hill	T. H. Jordan	E. L. Glass	Hot Springs	2	15	4				46	2.30				1	5.00	2.10				
Pleasant Ridge	B. H. Sinden	J. C. Graves	Cedar Glades							40	1.50										4th
Refuge	J. P. Emery	J. T. Blakely	Story		20				1	106	4.00	10.00	9.50	51.50	1	11.70	9.50	600		30.00	1st
Rock Springs	B. H. Sinden	J. A. Fisher	Cedar Glades		11	4			1	101	1.85	10.00		10.40				400			2d
Shady Grove No. 2	W. L. Cockrell	I. K. Moon	Fir	1					2	26	.85	2.50				1.50	1.00	300			1st
Valley Home	J. A. Young	J. R. Tillery	Ava							56	1.50	6.50		14.00							2d
Valley Grove	J. S. Ragsdale	Joe Guest	Blocker							17	.60										
Union	Geo. F. Rowe	T. S. Sorrels	Maddox							36	1.00	12.00	2.10	50.00	1		2.10				4th
Washita	J. W. Hulsey	J. G. McLane	Washita		2			1		61	2.00	3.00	16.00	52.00	1		16.00	1,000	31.00	21.80	2d
White Plains	E. S. Robbins	T. J. Robbins	Buckville							40	1.30							200			

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