

FROM  
Arkansas State Baptist Convention  
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

## MINUTES

of the

## FORTIETH SESSION

of the

# Current River Baptist Association

HELD WITH DATTO BAPTIST CHURCH

September 16-20, 1920

ELDER R. L. POWELL, Moderator

G. N. JONES, Clerk

Next Session to Be Held with Union Church, Walnut Ridge,  
Ark., Thursday, September 15th, 1921

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# PROCEEDINGS

Current River Baptist Association met with Datto Baptist Church September, 16 to 20, 1920.

The meeting was called to order by Eld. R. L. Powell, the moderator, at 10 o'clock a. m. After singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood," the moderator read the 138 Psalm, Prayer by Eld. C. A. Fowler. Song, "Sweet hour of prayer."

The first order of business was the appointing of committee on committees. The committee was appointed by the moderator and consisted of the following brethren.

Albert Powers,  
E. L. Bullis,  
Frank Smith,  
J. E. Henderson,  
J. A. Gambill.

## Thursday Morning Session, 11 O'Clock

Preaching Service—As Bro. A. D. Sharp, who was appointed at the last Association to preach the Introductory Sermon had passed out of this world to his reward, Eld. W. T. Caldwell was chosen to preach in his place.

After singing, "Alas and did my Savior bleed," by the congregation and prayer by Eld. T. J. Watson, Bro. W. T. Caldwell preached, his text being taken from 1st verse of the 3rd chapter of Malachi. Text, "Behold I shall send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me." After which motion prevailed to adjourn to 2 o'clock p. m.

## Thursday Session, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Bro. R. L. Powell. After song by congregation and prayer by Bro. J. M. Stone the Association took up the regular form of business.

First. The reading of the letters from the churches belonging to the Current River Baptist Association.

Messengers from the following churches were enrolled as follows:

Shiloh—T. J. Henderson, C. C. Richardson, Charles Bean.

Datto—Albert Powers, J. E. Henderson, T. S. Winningham, W. H. Deaton, Ida Powers.

Mount Pleasant East—J. A. Gambill, P. M. Berry, Ellis Rapert.

Black River—George Nixon, Chesley Clemmons, Tom Micebomes.

Hopewell—John Park, Arthur Park, J. W. Dowdy.

Mount Pleasant West—A. L. Shark, J. F. McCutchen.

New Home—T. J. Redwine, A. S. Johnson, Hattie Johnson.

carrying out the Lord's work. We would recommend that each of our churches if they have no Ladies Aid Society or Women's Missionary Union, to organize as these are a great aid to our churches in carrying out the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We further believe that women can do a large part in conference meetings, Sunday schools and other work. To be more like Mary would mean to accomplish great good. Signed,

Ida Powers,  
Lizzie Gambill,  
Rosa Wertenberger.

Report on Sunday school work was then read and after a talk by Bro. G. N. Jones, was adopted as read.

Report—We believe the Sunday school work is the most important work of the church for the religious training of the young, except the preaching of the gospel by a regular Baptist preacher. The Sunday school is a part of the church work under the control of the church and not an independent institution. The officers and teachers should be Christians and members of the Baptist church. We feel that there is a lack of interest for the Sunday school on the part of the members of our churches as a whole, and that the work is left for a few of the willing workers. We are sure that the work is making some progress and doing good in our churches. We recommend that the pastors of our churches say more about the Sunday school work both in the home and from the pulpit. We believe that every Baptist Sunday school should use Baptist literature. Signed,

W. T. Caldwell,  
T. E. Hicks,  
Sidney Thompson.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 7:30 p. m., Thursday.

### Thursday 7:30 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator Eld. R. L. Powell and after song service the meeting was led in prayer by Eld. J. M. Stone; Eld. C. A. Fowler read the 15th chapter of Cor.; prayer by Bro. Will Mock; sermon by Eld. C. A. Fowler from the text found in the 12th verse of the 15th chapter of 1st Cor.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. Friday.

### Friday Session, 9 A. M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Eld. R. L. Powell; song by the congregation and reading of Scripture lesson by Eld. R. L. Powell. First order of business was calling roll of messengers. Visiting members enrolled were Eld. J. M. Stone of Columbia, who is State missionary.

Report on education was read and after talk by Eld. J. M. Stone was adopted as read; after which the question of

educating our young Brethren in the ministry was taken up and discussed at some length; after which Bro. Hubert Johnson of Datto, Arkansas, was appointed as Treasurer to receive funds for the further education of Bro. Will Mock who accepted the invitation to go to college if the funds are sufficient to do so. Brethren send any money you may wish to contribute to this fund, to Bro. Hubert Johnson and help to educate these young preachers.

Report of Committee on Education.—The teaching of our Baptist schools is not the only thing to be recommended in itself for our consideration. The boys and girls of our land and country who know God in the free pardon of their sins have a duty to do and should be educated in their effort to prepare for their great work. However little they may do for Christ is a great work. Baptists now have colleges in various places in Arkansas and others under way of construction and we feel it the duty of every church in this Association to try and get every young preacher in this Association to attend a Baptist college. We have now in our Association three young men who we believe are called to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior and have been licensed by their churches to preach. We need the support of every church in our Association to assist financially. Signed,

W. T. Caldwell,  
T. J. Redwine,  
Wiley Collins.

### Friday, 11 A. M.

Song by congregation; reading of 6th chapter of Galatians by Eld. J. M. Stone; prayer by Eld. T. J. Watson; song by congregation; sermon by Eld. J. M. Stone; text Gal. 6-14. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Jesus Christ." Adjourned until 2 p. m.

### Friday, 2 P. M.

Meeting called to order by singing, after which Eld. R. L. Powell the moderator, read the 34th Psalm; song by congregation; prayer by Bro. Thomas Wilson. First order of business report of committee on district missions read and after talks by several of the Brethren was adopted as read.

Report—There is much destitution in the borders of our Association. There are many places where the people have no preaching of the gospel, and in-as-much as the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, we recommend the Association select some one as missionary for at least one-half time. Signed,

C. A. Fowler,  
T. J. Henderson,  
Bennie Thompson.

After considerable discussion the following brethren were appointed to compose a district missionary board with instructions to put some one or more in the field to labor for

the cause of Him who said: "Go and preach," and to call upon the churches for funds to pay for the work.

Eld. R. L. Powell,  
Albert Fowers,  
Frank Smith,  
J. A. Gambill,  
G. N. Jones, Com.

The report of the committee on publication was then read and after a lengthy talk by Eld. J. M. Stone, was adopted as read.

Report on Publications—We recommend first of all the careful and prayerful study of God's word, for God's word is a lamp to our feet and light to our pathway. We also would recommend and heartily endorse the Landmark Sunday school literature, published at Texarkana for use in our Sunday schools. We also recommend that our people read such other other good books and papers that will help us to properly understand the sublime teachings of God's word. Among other good books we recommend Grace Truman, Theodocia Ernest, The Little Baptist and Stone's Bibleology. For religious and demonstrational papers we recommend the Baptist and Commoner, The Baptist Flag and other good Baptist papers. Signed,

Eld. R. L. Powell,  
Geo. Nixon,  
T. E. Hicks.

The report of the committee on Orphans Home was read and adopted.

Report—We the committee adopt the report of last year with the addition of doing more work if possible. The clerk has not a copy of last year's report at hand but will say that there are 34 children in the home at Texarkana. Signed,

C. C. Richardson,  
Dewey Holland,  
Eld. T. J. Watson.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read and adopted.

Report—Home missionary work means mission work in the lands that are closest to us; wherever under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the missionaries may feel called to go. We have some six or eight active faithful men on the field and they are doing a great work. They are making great sacrifices to advance our cause in our beloved Southland, and we should give them all the help in our prayers and means that will enable them to accomplish great things in this glorious cause. All money raised for this purpose should be sent to Eld. C. C. Winters, Treasurer of the General Association, McNeil, Arkansas. Signed,

T. J. Watson,  
W. M. Penrose,  
J. W. McElmurry.

On motion Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

**Friday, 7:30 P. M.**

Association was called to order by Eld. R. L. Powell, Moderator; after song, Eld. R. L. Powell read the 4th chapter 2nd Timothy; prayer by Bro. Hubert Johnson; song by



choir; sermon by Bro. Mock; text 1st Peter 5 and 12; "Casting all your cares upon Him for He careth for you;" a collection of \$32.75 was then taken for the Orphans' Home at Texarkana. Adjourned.

### Saturday, 18th, 9 A. M.

Association was called to order by singing, "Jesus lover of my soul," after which the Moderator R. L. Powell, read the 16th Psalm; prayer by Eld. J. M. Stone. First order of business was report of committee on Foreign Missions which was read and adopted as read.

Report—We your committee on Foreign Missions report that we have fifteen missionaries in China and other foreign fields. Most of these missionaries look to the General Association for support. While we have not reports from all of them some of them are doing a great work, and we believe the rest of them are doing the same. We recommend that the churches support this work. All contributions will be sent to Eld. C. C. Winters McNeil, Arkansas. Signed,

W. T. Caldwell,

W. J. Mock,

C. A. Fowler.

The committee on State Missions read their report which was adopted as read.

Report—We are glad to say that there is a marked advance in our State Missionaries and they are doing very important work in going to the destitute places and helping weak pastorless churches. But the Macedonia cry comes from all over the State for help to defend our principles against the encroachments of the heresies and isms that are spreading over our land, and these faithful men of God are always ready to go and defend the principles that we stand for against all the false doctrines and corrupt practices that these false teachers would thrust upon us. There are also several of our young preachers who have done some good work as missionaries for part time. Brethren we should rally to our mission work and keep the missionaries busy and support the work with our means as the State Mission work is the foundation work and if we neglect it all the other interests for which we stand will suffer with it. Signed,

Eld. W. T. Caldwell,

Eld. J. M. Stone,

Wiley Collins.

A collection for State Missions was then taken which amounted to \$6 60.

The committee on Obituaries made the following report, which was adopted as read.

Report—We find the following members of Current River Baptist Association deceased:

Datto Church, 5

Mt. Pleasant West, 5

Black Rock, 2

New Home, 1

Reyno, 1

Independence, 1

Mt. Pleasant East, 1

Shiloh, 3

Hopewell, 1

Union, 2

Landmark, 1

Moark 2

Total ..... 25

We regret this separation here, but we are glad to know there will be a happy reunion in that Home which God has prepared for the redeemed. Signed,

Edna Holland,  
John Park.

The committee on Resolutions made the following report which was adopted as read.

Report—First that we offer our heartfelt thanks to Datto church, especially to the sisters for their kind hospitality during our stay with them and second, we also extend our gratitude to our moderator and clerk for their services, and we recommed that the supervision of printing and distributing of Minutes and that he receive \$10.00 for his services. Fourth, that we instruct the messengers to take to their churches the greetings of the Association, and resolve that we make the next Associational year the best possible for the gathering of lost souls to our Lord. Signed,

Arthur Park,  
W. J. Mock,  
Etta Simmons.

The committee on Finance made the following report. Adopted as read. Report for Minutes—

Hopewell Church .....	\$4 00
Pleasant Grove .....	2 50
Moark .....	3 10
Reyno .....	3 20
Black River .....	1 00
Datto .....	5 00
Union .....	3 00
New Home .....	3 25
New Liberty .....	2 00
Mt. Pleasant West .....	3 00
Mt. Pleasant East .....	3 00
Independence .....	3 00
Shiloh .....	3 00
Landmark .....	2 00

Total ..... \$41 05

For Orphans' Home—

Union .....	\$10 00
Hopewell .....	5 50
Contributed .....	1 00
Association Collection .....	16 25

Total ..... \$32 75

For State Missions.....\$6 60

Associational Expense—

Black River Church .....	\$2 15
Deficiency Minutes last year, 8 75	

Total ..... \$91 30

Signed, Frank Smith,  
Geo. Nixon,  
Wiley Collins.

The committee on Ordained and Licensed Ministers made the following report.

Ordained Ministers—W. T. Caldwell, Neelyville, Mo.

George Lafferty, Moark, Ark.

C. A. Fowler, Supply, Ark.

T. J. Watson, Datto, Ark.

W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

R. L. Powell, Corning, Ark.

W. M. Shively, Palatka, Ark.

Thos. Wilson, Datto, Ark.

J. C. Grider, Harviell, Mo.

S. N. Dickison, Corning, Ark.

H. Rodgers, O'Kean, Ark.

J. M. Stevens, Biggers, Ark.

D. A. Lemmons, McDougal, Ark.

W. A. Cummings, Reyno, Ark.

W. T. Mock, Datto, Ark.

Jeff. Shemwell, Pitman, Ark.

W. M. Pickings, Doniphan, Mo.

J. F. Spriggs, Jonesboro, Ark.

Licensed Ministers—Hubert Johnson, Datto, Ark., and Andrew Jack, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Signed,

W. T. Caldwell,

C. H. Clemmons.

This being all the business to be brought before the Association, a motion prevailed to adjourn to meet with Union Church, Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1921.

After shaking each others hands as a token of brotherly love while singing, "God be with you till we meet again," and Benediction by Eld. T. J. Waton, the 40th Session of the Current River Baptist Association was adjourned.

ELD. R. L. POWELL, MODERATOR.

G. N. JONES, CLERK.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS	Membership				Paid Pastor	Sunday Schools	Orphans' Home	Missions	Incidentals	Membership	Val. Ch. Prop'ry	Meeting Day
				Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Dead								
Landmark	W. M. Mock	Rosa Wertenberger	Corning, Ark.	1	6	1	3	\$80.50					61	\$700	2d
Shiloh	Knox Belew	Nora Richardson	Datto, Ark.	25	2	2	16	225.00	\$8.00	19.07	10.00	\$25.00	170		1st
Datto	R. L. Powell	Bettie Cheek	Datto, Ark.	14		1	1	214.68	19.00	48.00	1.33	85.00	105	1000	4th
Mt. Pleasant E.	W. M. Mock	P. M. Berry	Palatka, Ark.	4	1		2	125.75	6.00	10.50	6.75		30		3d
Black River	W. F. Alexander	Geo. Nixon	McDougal, Ark.	6	4		1	18.56			2.15		60		3d
Hopewell	Knox Belew	Jno. Park	Datto, Ark.	15	3		1	114.29				45.50	74	1350	1st
New Home	C. A. Fowler	C. E. Ennis	Supply, Ark.	2		10	1	100.00	22.56	26.44			128		
Reyno	Knox Belew	L. F. Pickett	Reyno, Ark.	18	1	1	2	230.00	55.45			\$91.67	255	2000	
Union	G. M. Smith	Dewey Holland	Walnut Ridge, Ark.	2				300.00	45.00	10.00			49		2d
New Liberty	E. T. Lincoln	Mrs. R. O. Helm	Biggers, Ark.	8	7	3	8	150.00					600		4th
Moark	Knox Belew	Wm. Merideth	Moark, Ark.	7	5		1	178.95	82.00	82.00		24.00	120	1500	4th
Independence	W. T. Caldwell	Roy Hines	Neelyville, Mo.	25	5	1		112.60	12.43	16.00		308.00	87		2d
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Powell	Addie Smith	Naylor, Mo.	27	6	2	5	82.75		17.50	3.60	60.00	115		
Mt. Pleasant W.	J. D. Shemwell	Florence Shemwell	Pitman, Ark.									\$90.00			

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