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PROCEEDINGS

The Buckville Baptist Association met with Old Marble Church in its Thirtieth annual session, September 27, 1919.

Called to order by Moderator J. G. McLane at 10 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. F. Pitts.

Elder V. Chandler preached at 11 o'clock. Text Gen. 1:1.

The secretary-treasurer being absent, J. F. Pitts was appointed secretary-treasurer pro tempore.

Recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

House called to order by Moderator J. G. McLane, who read Rom. 12:1-16.

Prayer by Bro. Barton.

The Moderator appointed D. B. Moore, J. W. Pullen and Johnnie Ferguson as reading clerks.

Letters from the following churches were read and their messenger's names enrolled, to-wit:

Marble—D. H. Smith, R. M. Johnson; J. W. Ragsdale, I. W. Merriott, T. L. Johnson, E. H. Newkirk, J. W. Putten and M. J. Baldwin.

Mt. Zion—C. W. Chitwood, J. G. Ferguson.

Harvey's Chapel—Jesse Melson and Rev. Ralph Hudson.

Pleasant Ridge—H. W. Metcalf.

Jessieville.—Z. T. Young, E. P. Murders, L. M. Lanier.

Concord—J. Curl.

Sweet Home—Other McClelland.

Shady Grove No. 2—W. L. Campbell.

Oak Hill—A. M. Neighbors, Sister M. E. Howard, Etta Neighbors, W. A. Neighbors and Chas. Washington.

Refuge—

New Home—Sister M. J. Chitwood, W. L. Cockrell, A. R. Chitwood.

New Prospect—Jno. A. Snodgrass, J. W. Hadlin.

Valley Home—Jasper Sims, Sister Sims.

Rock Springs—Rev. J. B. Adams, G. M. Fisher.

Washita—J. G. McLane.

Bethlehem—M. T. Mosner, C. M. Ritter.

Cedar Glades—O. G. Robbins, S. O. Ratliff, Willie Rogers, John Kidd and Vistal Chandler.

Mt. Tabor—Eld. M. C. Melton, Eld. J. C. Ratliff, J. A. Hurst, J. F. Pitts, Frank Merideth and Joe Melton.

Glazier Poe—C. W. Holland, W. P. Anthony.

Mt. Pleasant—

Union Church—J. D. Cunningham, I. M. Burrow and Vera Cunningham.

Valley Grove—A. B. Howard, Ansil Muse, John Curtis, Joe Guest.

Onyx—C. C. Barrows.

Buckville—

The petitionary letter from Onyx was read, and by motion and second was received and messengers seated.

The Moderator appointed the messengers and deacons of Old Marble church, with J. W. Campbell, as a committee on arrangements.

The body then went into election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: J. G. McLane re-elected Moderator, and J. F. Pitts secretary-treasurer.

A call for corresponding messengers and visitors and the following reported: Bro. Geo. Young from Dardanelle Association, Bro. McDonald of Hot Springs, Bro. D. B. Moore from Pottsville, Miss Una Roberts from Little Rock, Bro. Crockett from Hot Springs.

An interesting talk was made by Bro. D. B. Moore upon the good of the Association.

Bro. Barton made an able talk on the History of the Baptist Church.

The committee on arrangements reported that Bro. McDonald would preach on Saturday night, followed by Bro. J. C. Ratliff, and that Bro. Barton would preach on Sunday following.

The body then suspended business until Monday, September 29, 1919, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

The body was dismissed by Bro. D. B. Moore.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The body met at the church about 6:45 o'clock p. m. and after several songs by the Marble singing class, Bro. McDonald preached from the subject of "The Pre-emption of Jesus," followed by J. C. Ratliff.

D. B. Moore led in prayer.

Body dismissed by M. C. Melton.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Joe Melton, who read John 14:1-23.

An interesting talk was made by Miss Una Roberts of Little Rock on the "Work of the Sunday School" and in the interest of the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

At 11 o'clock, Bro. Barton preached a forceful sermon on Missions, Christian Education and in behalf of the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

An invitation to the unsaved was extended; one came forward.

Recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

Bro. D. B. Moore preached an able sermon on missions, after which a collection of \$22.10 was taken for the benefit of Marble Church, who unfortunately had her house burned.

Body dismissed by V. Chandler.

Bro. M. C. Melton preached upon the theme of the Second Coming of Christ. Text, Phil. 2:5. An invitation was extended to the unsaved; none came.

Prayer by Eld. V. Chandler.

Body dismissed by Eld. W. L. Cockrell.

MONDAY MORNING.

House called to order by Moderator J. G. McLane, who read John 17.

Prayer by A. R. Chitwood.

The committee on nominations made its report, which was adopted.

Bro. M. C. Melton made his missionary report, which was adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools made its report, and after being discussed by Brs. W. L. Cockrell, Z. T. Young, was adopted.

The committee on Foreign Missions made its report, and after being discussed by Bros. M. C. Melton and J. G. McLane, was adopted.

The committee on Temperance made its report, and after being discussed by Bros. M. C. Melton, Johnson, Merriott, and others, was adopted.

Bro. Vestal Chandler preached at 11 o'clock a. m., instead of Bro. J. C. Ratliff, who was called away to preach the funeral of Bro. Aaron Graves, of Pleasant Ridge Church.

Recess till 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Bro. McLane read 2 Cor. 5.

Prayer by Bro. Cockrell.

Bro. J. C. Ratliff's report was read and adopted.

The committee on Home Missions made its report, and after being discussed by Bros. M. C. Melton, Cockrell, and others, was adopted.

The committee on obituaries and condolance made its report, which was adopted.

The committee of Associational Missions made its report, and after being discussed by Bros. Cockrell and McLane, was adopted.

The committee on State Missions made its report and was adopted. After which cash for Associational Missions was collected amounting to \$27.50; pledges, \$35.00. Total, \$62.50.

The committee on Stewardship made its report, which was adopted.

The committee on Education made its report, which was adopted.

The Association elected J. G. McLane, Frank Merideth and J. F. Pitts as members of the Associational Board.

There was a motion and second that the salary of our missionaries be raised from \$1.50 per day to \$2.00 per day. Motion carried.

Bro. V. Chandler made his missionary report, which was adopted.

The financial report submitted by Bro. J. T. Blakely was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to Marble Church and surrounding community for their kind hospitality was read and adopted.

There was a motion and second that the clerk be instructed to have 300 copies of Associational Minutes printed; that he also be instructed to retain \$10.00 for his service. Motion carried.

A call was made for the next session. Mt. Tabor and Buckville each called. Mt. Tabor was chosen.

There being no further business, the body took the parting hand, and was dismissed by Bro. M. C. Melton, to meet with Mt. Tabor Church Saturday before fourth Sunday in September, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. G. McLANE, Moderator.

J. F. PITTS, Clerk.

REPORTS

Your Committee on Stewardship reports as follows: Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things we possess are not our own; they belong to God. They are to be used according to His will and for His glory. To God each one of us must give an account of our stewardship, whether the accounting shall be filled with joy or sorrow depends on whether or not we have been faithful stewards or not. The doctrine is as old as the Bible; it applies to everything we possess and everything we do. Reference, I Cor. 4:7, John 3:27, I Peter 4:10. Therefore, we recommend, first, that our pastors preach often on stewardship; second, that every member of every church in this Association, strive to be a good steward of the manifold grace of God.

V. CHANDLER,
A. R. CHITWOOD,
O. G. ROBBINS,
Committee.

Your committee on Nominations have selected Bro. J. C. Ratliff to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Association, with Bro. W. L. Cockrell alternate.

W. L. CAMPBELL,
JOHN W. NEWKIRK,
C. M. RITTER,
Committee.

Your missionary submits the following report: Labored five days with New Hope church in a meeting. Left the church revived; \$1.75 collected for Associational Missions. Paid in full.

VESTAL CHANDLER,
Missionary.

We, your committee on Sunday School, 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 ever-green Sunday School in every church, and we are putting forth every effort to teach the Bible in the most efficient way. We would recommend a more thorough co-operation among our churches and Sunday Schools in the way of Sunday School interest, which we believe would greatly help us to develop the Sunday School interest.

W. L. COCKRELL,
I. M. BURROW,
Committee.

Your committee on Christian Education submits the following: Without well-equipped Baptist schools our Baptist work would suffer. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist Schools. Arkansas Baptists have two colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls at Arkadelphia, and Central for girls at Conway. We now have two mountain schools, one at Maynard, the other at Mountain Home.

This committee hopes that all our preachers will preach often on the needs of Baptist schools, that every church will make an offering for the maintenance of our schools and that all our people will send their children to Baptist schools.

V. CHANDLER,
M. S. JACKSON,
Mrs. M. E. HOWARD,
Committee.

We, your committee on Obituaries and Condolence, find that death has taken the following from our Baptist ranks, to-wit: Bro. S. M. Adams, Sister Mintee Richardson, Sister Oma Moncriet, J. W. Houser, Sister Cella Bradley, W. J. Owen, Ola Sheffield, Lyda Housley, Rosa Young, Zona Blair, Lillie Weaver, Sallie Ballew, Ira Crawford, Willie Grisham, Cora Neighbors, Frank Tubbs, Rev. H. A. Belote, Rev. J. M. Sharp, Cora Baldwin, Etta Laster, Emily Laster, Mary Daniels, D. A. Pitts, Lonnie Metcalf, Rev. A. B. Sinden, Sister Elrod. In their deaths we have sustained a great loss, but our loss is their gain. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families, and pray God's blessings upon them.

A. R. CHITWOOD,
G. M. FISHER,
Z. T. YOUNG,
Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored, 14. Paid in full.

M. C. MELTON,
Missionary.

Your committee on State Missions reports as follows: Every Baptist church should be intensely missionary. Reference, Matt. 28:19-20. That means not only the lost are to be led to Christ, but the saved trained for service for Christ. In Arkansas there is great destitution; there being about one million lost souls.

Your committee would urge that every pastor give information to his church as to State Missions, and that every church contribute to this source.

V. CHANDLER,
J. A. HURST,
J. C. MELTON,
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; we sincerely suggest that our pastors preach at least one sermon each year on Associational Missions.

CHARLES WASHINGTON,
W. L. COCKRELL,
J. D. CUNNINGHAM,
Committee.

We, your committee on Home Missions, report as follows: Our homeland 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.

We find the Buckville Association contributed only \$38.63 to the Home Mission cause; we urge we do more for the cause.

J. CURL,
C. W. CHITWOOD,
C. W. HOLLAND,
Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report: Days labored, 6; conversions, 3. Paid in full.

J. C. RATLIFF,

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We know the evil of intemperance and urge our people to use their untiring influence against the evil, and for the great cause of our Master and His Kingdom.

M. C. MELTON,
JNO. W. NEWKIRK,
SISTER WILLIE ROGERS,
Committee.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, heartily urge and beg our brethren to liberally donate to and support the Foreign Mission cause.

We also recommend the 75 Million Campaign; we object to the erection of a monument to the memory of Roger Williams.

W. L. CAMPBELL,
R. M. JOHNSON,
I. M. BURROWS,
Committee.

Be it Resolved, That this body extend to the people of this church and community our heartfelt thanks for the royal manner in which they have cared for this Association, and for the kind hospitality they have shown us.

J. F. PITTS.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

Associated Missions	\$ 7.50
State Missions	4.00
Orphans' Home	11.60
Foreign Missions	1.50
Minute Funds	36.05
Total.....	\$60.65

J. G. FERGUSON,
RALPH HUDDLESTON,
FRANK MERIDETH,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Amount received from old treasurer	\$109.34
Collected in Pledges	50.00
From Financial Committee	60.65
Total.....	\$219.99

Disbursements

Paid to J. C. Ratliff.....	\$ 5.00	
Paid to M. C. Melton.....	28.00	
Paid to V. Chandler.....	10.00	
Paid to J. F. Pitts, Clerk.....	10.00	
Printing of Minutes.....	30.00	\$136.99
Balance on hand.....		\$136.99

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

V. Chandler	\$ 5.00
J. G. Ferguson	5.00
I. M. Burrow, paid	5.00
S. O. Ratliff, paid	2.00
C. W. Chitwood, paid.....	1.00
M. C. Melton, paid	1.00
N. J. Rogers, paid	1.25
C. W. Holland	1.00
Vera Cunningham, paid50
Della Cunningham, paid50
Joe Melton	2.50
Doro Melton	2.50
A. R. Chitwood, paid.....	1.00
O. G. Robbins, paid50
A. M. Neighbors, paid	1.00
G. M. Fisher, paid	2.50
J. M. Curl	1.00
R. M. Johnson	2.50
Mrs. R. Johnson	2.50
H. W. Metcalf, paid	1.00
J. A. Hurst, paid	1.00
H. N. Hicks, paid	2.00
Frank Merideth	5.00
J. F. Pitts	2.50
Parthena Pitts	2.50
W. L. Cockrell	2.50
Ella Newkirk, paid	1.00
Mollie Howard, paid	1.00
Margaret Club, paid25
Mrs. M. C. Howard, paid	1.00
Emma Johnson, paid	1.00
Bulah Howard, paid	1.00
W. L. Campbell, paid	1.00
Z. T. Young, paid50
J. G. McLane, paid	1.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. Crawford, J. B. Adams, M. C. Melton, J. C. Ratliff, Vestal Chandler, Cedar Glades; J. L. Lanier, J. S. Ragsdale, J. E. Ritter, Jessieville; W. L. Cockrell, Geo. F. Rowe, S. B. Redwine, Bear; W. T. Seymore, Hawes; J. P. Emery, Story; J. W. Shepherd, Washita; W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs; S. H. Jennings, Mt. Valley; J. A. Young, Buckville; J. M. L. Westerman, Maddox.

LICENSED MINISTERS

H. J. Mahaffey, Buckville; J. F. Pitts, J. C. Melton, Cedar Glades; Jno. A. Snodgrass, Mt. Valley; J. A. Fisher, Cedar Glades; Joe Guest, Blocker.

Address all communications to J. F. Pitts, Cedar Glades, Ark.

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	Clerk	Post Office	Died	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Present Membership	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Home & Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Orphan's Home	Value of Church Property	State Missions	Days of Meeting
Washita.....	J. W. Hulsey.....	J. G. McLane.....	Washita.....	2			2			57	\$ 1.00		\$15.50	300.00	1	\$12.96		\$50.00	2
Shady Grove No. 2.....	W. L. Cockrell.....	Wm. H. Smith.....	Crystal Springs.....				2			24	1.00	2.00	1.00			3.00			1
Concord.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	W. H. Cumbie.....	Aly.....		2		5			28	1.00	2.50	.50	30.00	1	1.25			2
Glazier Poe.....	Wm. C. Cain.....	Ed Akin.....	Mt. Valley.....	1						61	1.25	3.00		25.00		3.00			4
Jessieville.....	W. L. Cockrell.....	J. S. Murders.....	Jessieville.....				4	1		30	1.00			16.02			1,000		3
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	Alice Muse.....	Cedar Glades.....				7			16	.50								
Buckville.....	V. Chandler.....	J. M. Bradley.....	Buckville.....	3	16	9	2			150	2.00		12.10	81.65	1	2.17	1,000	81.80	2-4
Cedar Glades.....	V. Chandler.....	I. C. Neal.....	Cedar Glades.....	1	7	6	2			82	2.00		10.00	110.00	1		800.00	51.00	1
Mt. Tabor.....	V. Chandler.....	W. F. Meredith.....	Cedar Glades.....	1	4	5	6		3	146	4.25		16.50	60.75	1	4.70		10.00	3
Pleasant Ridge.....	Joe Melton.....	J. C. Graves.....	Cedar Glades.....	2	1		1			38	1.00			17.00		2.00			
Refuge.....	O. F. Smith.....	Shade Emery.....	Story.....	2	11		2	1	1	110	2.00	10.00	29.25	12.00	1		600.00	50.33	2
New Prospect.....	J. L. Lanier.....	J. W. Handlin.....	Mt. Valley.....	2				1	2	26	.90			3.20					2
New Home.....	W. L. A. Stranberg.....	J. G. Young.....	Royal.....	2		2	5			81	2.00								
Sweet Home.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	Nelson Pitts.....	Stillwater.....	1	3	6	5			36	1.00			13.50					2
Mt. Zion.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	J. G. Ferguson.....	Oakwood.....		2	2	12			62	1.65			21.00		1.85		18.00	4
Onyx.....	Geo. Young.....	C. C. Barrows.....	Dnyx.....		7	2				15	1.00								3
Bethlehem.....	J. L. Lanier.....	M. S. Jackson.....	Jessieville.....		2					55	1.00					.50			2
Marble.....	J. L. Lanier.....	J. W. Pullen.....	Beaudry.....	1		1	5	2		114	2.30			38.20	1	14.00			4
Rock Springs.....	J. C. Ratliff.....	Walter Adams.....	Cedar Glades.....	2	5					106	1.45			23.00	1		400.00	4.00	1
Valley Grove.....		Joe Guest.....	Blocker.....								1.00								
Harvey's Chappel.....	H. A. Ball.....	W. J. Huddleston.....	Hawes.....	1	8		5		1	42	2.00			17.00					
Oak Hill.....	W. M. Cain.....	E. L. Glass.....	Hot Springs.....	1	1	2	6	2		54	2.25		19.50	101.35	1		400.00	63.00	2
Valley Home.....	Geo. Young.....	J. R. Tillery.....	Ava.....	4	10						1.50			13.50				18.75	