

The Minutes
Of the
Twenty-Fourth
Annual Session
Of the
Howard County Baptist
Association
Held With
Mineral Springs Baptist Church
October 21, 22 and 23, 1916

Officers

J. T. M. Holt, Moderator, Bingen, Ark.
Edd Compton, Clerk, Nashville, Ark.

Next Session will be held with Grace Baptist
Church, Bingen, Ark., Oct. 27, 28 and 29, 1917

MINUTES

The Howard County Baptist Association Convened its Twenty-fourth session with Mineral Springs Baptist Church Oct. 21, 1916.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, J. T. M. Holt. After reading the Fifth Chapter of Thessalonians and prayer by the Moderator, he declared the body ready for business.

Bros. J. C. Crowell, B. J. Smith and P. C. Holt were named as reading clerks.

The hour having arrived for the 11 o'clock sermon, the body suspended business and the appointee, Eld. T. F. Westbrooks proceeded to preach. Scriptural lesson, Psalms 11 and 12 Chapters

Theme, "The Christian Foundation."

On motion the body adjourned to 1:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The body was called together by singing at the appointed time, after which Bro. W. M. Ferguson led the devotional service. The Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The reading clerks proceeded to read the Associational letters, which are as follows:

MINERAL SPRINGS—W. D. James, John A. Johnson and E. Hodge.

PLEASANT HILL—G. R. Thomas, F. M. Thacker and S. E. Thomas.

BETHANY—Joe Beane, J. T. Wynn and Otis Westbrooks.

NEW MT. CARMEL—S. A. Shark, George Icenhower and J. R. Burt.

PLEASANT VALLEY—J. M. Copeland, W. M. Ferguson and P. C. Holt.

NEW HOME—J. J. Chandler, L. C. Ayers and F. L. Pretty.

ZION—T. R. Murphy, H. H. Hardy and D. Webb.

MIDWAY—W. J. Bradford, James Bailey and J. F. Dennis.

MAPLE SPRINGS—F. A. Frasher, Pink White and J. D. Duncan.

HOLLY CREEK—Jasper Cook, H. L. McWhorter and J. R. Hagler.

ROSEDALE—John McWhorter, John Melton and G. R. Feemster.

ANTIOCH—J. M. Simpson, J. L. Hooker and H. L. Hooker.

EDEN—J. A. Collins, Callie Turner and Etta Collins.

CEDAR HILL—W. M. Burgess, W. T. Ravan and Lela Ravan.

HARMONY—J. M. Parish, W. H. Canaday and H. A. Jones.

GRACE—T. L. Epton, J. T. M. Holt and E. M. Ramage.

COUNTY LINE—J. T. Corbell, A. H. Cagle and J. T. Gary.

MARBLE HILL—Dan Nations, J. G. Webster and T. L. Nations.

OAK HILL—T. D. Wynn, Ben Allen and O. O. Gilpin.

BRUSHY CREEK—C. C. Atkins, Ryley Young and George Sanders.

HICKORY GROVE—T. F. Richardson, L. L. Hughes and G. N. Cunningham.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. F. Box, O. E. Harper and W. C. Garrow.

PLEASANT VIEW—G. R. Gammill, V. E. Anderson and O. T. Foster.

AMITY—M. F. Dennis.

UNITY—R. S. Glark, H. Dyer and Columbus Jones.

CENTRE POINT—Joe A. Cannon, L. S. Payne and L. J. Bedwell.

The Clerk's roll of Messengers was made the basis of organization, and the Association proceeded to organize.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the Moderator and Clerk were elected by acclamation, which resulted in Bro. J. T. M. Holt as Moderator and Edd Compton as Clerk.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters, but none were presented.

The following brothers were corresponding Messengers from sister Associations:

FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION—Eld. D. W. Hill.

SOUTHWESTERN—J. H. Turner and J. T. Yates.

Visiting brothers and sisters were as follows: Eld. J. A. Smith, Eld. Fremont and Sister M. P. Mathenay.

The following named persons are Corresponding Messengers to the adjacent Associations:

SOUTHWESTERN—C. M. Searles, Edd Compton, A. J. Cabaniss.

UNION—L. M. Byers, J. F. Box, J. T. Corbell.

PIKE—W. M. Burgess, H. H. Jones, T. L. Epton.

The Moderator named the following committees:

On Divine Service—J. M. Simpson, W. M. Ferguson, together with the deacons and pastor of this church.

On Finance—W. M. Burgess, Cleve Crowell and L. A. Fraser.

On motion the next session of this body will convene with Grace Baptist Church, at Bingen.

On motion Eden Church was selected as a place for the next Fifth Sunday meeting.

Being nothing before the house, Eld. J. E. Smith, of Little Rock, spoke in behalf of "The Baptist," also of the State Mission work and Sister M. P. Mathenay, from Texarkana, spoke of "The Commoner," also the Orphans' Home.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report:

Saturday night, at this place, Eld. D. W. Hill.

Saturday night, at the Methodist church.

Saturday night, at Midway church, Eld. L. M. Byers.

Sunday morning—Mass meeting led by J. A. Turner.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Eld. J. A. Smith, at the Baptist church.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Eld. B. J. Smith, at the Methodist church.

Sunday night at 7 o'clock, Eld. L. M. Byers at the Baptist church.

Sunday night at 7 o'clock, Eld. J. A. Turner, at the Methodist church.

On motion the Association adjourned to 7 p. m.

Benediction by J. A. Turner.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Eld. D. W. Hill preached to a large and attentive audience at the Baptist church, at 7:30 p. m. Theme: "Plan of Salvation;" also, Eld. L. M. Byers preached at Midway Baptist Church.

By motion the body adjourned to 9 o'clock Sunday morning

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called together by singing, after which Eld. James A. Turner proceeded to read the 20th chapter of John. Eld. J. M. Copeland led the devotional services. The hour was spent in praise service. The following brothers responded: Elds. J. A. Turner, F. M. Thacker, C. M. Searles, D. Webb, J. F. Box and J. T. M. Holt.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Young People's Work—Eld. B. J. Smith, T. D. Wynn and Etta Collins.

On General Missions—Eld. J. M. Copeland, Daniel Nations and C. C. Atkins.

On Sunday School—P. C. Holt, J. F. Dennis and J. R. Burt.

On Orphans' Home—J. L. Hooker, W. M. Ferguson and W. J. Bradford.

On Nominations—E. M. Ramage, J. A. Collins and A. J. Cabaniss.

On Woman's Work—J. A. Turner, J. M. Parish and Etta Collins.

On Prayer Meeting—Daniel Nations, O. E. Harper and G. R. Gammill.

On Roman Aggression—T. F. Westbrooks, E. M. Ramage and T. F. Richardson.

On Ministerial Education—L. A. Frasher, P. C. Holt and H. L. McWhorter.

On Foreign Missions—L. M. Byers, John McWhorter and J. R. Hagler.

On Destitution—F. M. Thacker, S. A. Sharp and H. H. Hardy.

On Literature—B. J. Smith, J. T. Corbell and Otis Westbrooks.

On State Missions—A. J. Cabaniss, W. M. Burgess and Loy Ferguson.

On Ministerial Support—James Bailey, W. H. Canaday and W. D. Jones.

On Obituaries—H. A. Jones, L. C. Ayers and M. F. Dennis.

Eld J. A. Smith proceeded to preach to a large and attentive audience at the church. Theme: "The Commission." Also Eld. B. J. Smith preached at the Methodits church at the same hour. Theme: "The Man of God."

On motion the body adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order by singing, after which A. J. Robins led devotional service.

The committee on the Evils of Intemperance made the following report:

We, your Committee on the Evils of Intemperance, beg leave to make the following report:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and who-so-ever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20:1) "Cursed is the man who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips." (Heb. 2:15.) These and many other scriptural texts setting forth the evils of, and giving warnings against, the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and thus setting forth the attitude of the Divine Mind on the question of strong drink. We, therefore, reiterate our opposition to the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage on moral grounds, regarding it as an unmitigated evil, and contrary to the righteousness of Christ, and, in view of the obligations resting upon us as citizens, we most earnestly recommend to the Baptists and people generally to beware of the wiles of the wicked one regarding Act No. 2, the so-called "Local Option Bill," to be submitted to the voters at the forthcoming election, Nov. 7, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to defeat the said act.

E. HODGE,
H. L. HOOKER,
J. M. PARISH,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Discussed by Bros. E. Hodge and J. T. M. Holt and Eld. A. J. Cabaniss. Carried.

On motion the body adjourned to 7 p. m.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

Eld. L. M. Byers preached to a large, attentive audience. Theme: "John's Baptism." James A. Turner preached at the Methodist church.

By motion the body adjourned to meet Monday a. m.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The body was called to order by singing, after which D. W. Hill led the devotional service.

The Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The Committee on State Missions made their report:

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

In obedience to the commission of our Lord and Master (Math. 28:19-20) and following the example of the Church at Jerusalem where persecuted "went everywhere preaching the word," and having missionaries in the field, let us, as Messengers and pastors, rally the churches to their support, to take a collection regularly during the coming year, to the end that our State Missionaries may be promptly paid.

A. J. CABANISS,
W. M. BURGESS,
LOY J. FERGUSON,
Committee.

Motion to adopt. Discussed by Elds. A. J. Cabaniss and B. J. Smith. Carried.

The Committee on Ministerial Support made the following report:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to make the following report:

As much as God's word teaches that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, we urge our churches to support the ministers so they will not have to entangle themselves with the affairs of this life.

J. W. BAILEY,
W. H. CANADAY,
W. D. JAMES,
Committee.

Motion to adopt; carried.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to make the following report:

In order to rightly divide the word of truth and impart it to the brethren, we believe our ministers should secure the best education possible by completing the literary schools of the country and we further recommend Jacksonville College as a good school for indoctrinating them in Landmark Baptist Doctrines. We recommend the churches to support any worthy young preacher endeavoring to attend this school; also for parents to send their children there.

L. A. FRASHER,
P. C. HOLT,
H. L. McWHORTER,
Committee.

Motion to adopt; carried.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

Christ commands his churches to preach to every nation, therefore, it is our duty to send the gospel to all parts of the world. The general Association has four missionaries in the field and the Lord would call more if his churches would support them. We recommend the churches to send regular contributions to the treasurer, Eld. C. C. Winters, McNeil, Ark.

L. M. BYERS,
JNO. McWHORTER,
J. R. HAGLER,
Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Eld. A. J. Cabaniss; carried.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend Bro. L. M. Byers to preach the introductory sermon of the Howard County Association which convenes with Grace Baptist Church, Bingen, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1917.

J. M. COPELAND,
J. A. COLLINS,
A. J. CABANISS,
Committee.

Motion to adopt; carried.

The Committee on Destitution made the following report:

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the destitution in the bounds of the Howard County Association is great, and we, your committee, recommend that the Association have one missionary in the field the ensuing year for as much time as possible.

F. M. THACKER,

S. A. SHARP,

H. H. HARDY,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Elds. F. M. Thacker, J. A. Turner, L. M. Byers and E. Hodge; carried.

The Committee on Woman's Work, made the following report:

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to make the following report:

Inasmuch as the commission was given to the church, which is composed of men and women, therefore, each should be equally interested in the salvation of the lost. Therefore, we believe it to be the duty of the sisters to help advance the cause of Christ.

J. A. TURNER,

J. M. PARISH,

ETTA COLLINS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Bros. J. T. M. Holt and E. Hodge and Sister Mathenay; carried.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report:

We find since our last meeting it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst:

Bro. F. R. Littlefield.....Oak Hill Church

Bro. R. D. McClure.....Maple Springs Church

Sister Sallie Bradford.....	Midway Church
Bro. W. A. Tommey.....	Antioch Church
Bro. Kinbrough.....	Pleasant Grove Church
Sister J. A. Stephens.....	Pleasant Grove Church
Bro. L. B. Ramage.....	Grace Church
Sister Nancy Ramage.....	Grace Church
Sister Sallie Hipp.....	Grace Church
Sister L. H. Hughes.....	Hickory Grove Church
Sister Lillie Evans.....	Mineral Springs Church
Sister Leila Arnold.....	New Mt. Carmel Church
Bro. Sam Gibson.....	New Mt. Carmel Church

We have lost their help, yet we bow to our Father's will.

H. A. JONES,

L. C. AYERS,

M. F. DENNIS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; carried.

The Committee on Roman Aggression made the following report:

We, your Committee on Roman Aggression, beg leave to make the following report:

As we find that Romanism is an enemy to our freedom and liberty given by God, we recommend:

I. That our people adhere to the right of liberty of conscience in religious and political affairs.

II. That we earnestly support every anti-Catholic movement in harmony with our principles.

III. That we use our influence against office seekers and school teachers tinctured with Romanism.

We feel that some good has been done and only say, let us press forward to victory for our Lord.

T. F. WESTBROOK,

T. F. RICHARDSON,

J. C. CROWELL,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Elds. T. F. Westbrook, J. M. Copeland, Mills, (Meth.), and Bros. E. Hodge and J. T. M. Holt; carried.

The following resolution was read:

Whereas, our Bro. W. D. Davis, of Nashville, Ark., has openly endoised and is working with the modern Holiness, and,

Whereas, Bro. Davis claims to see visions and hear audible words from the Lord, which is contrary to the teachings of God's word, and,

Whereas, Bro. Davis, as a regular ordained minister of the Gospel, did influence the Central Baptist Church, of Nashville, Ark., of which he was a member, to acknowledge guilt of error and disorderly conduct to the First Baptist Church in coming out of Mine Creek Baptist Church, after the Apostolic type, and,

Whereas, after the acknowledgements were rejected, the said Bro. Davis influenced Central Baptist Church to pass an act of dissolution, and,

Whereas, Bro. Davis, possessing credentials to preach and perform the ordinances, is not under the jurisdiction of any Baptist Church, be it resolved,

I. That we, as his brethren and the Messengers of this, the twenty-fourth annual session of Howard County Association, to protect our cause, kindly ask Bro. Davis to turn his credentials over to the Clerk of the Central Baptist Church at its dissolution, and,

II. Be it resolved, that, if after ample time, he fails to comply with this kind request, we order a copy of this resolution be printed in "The Baptist," that our cause may be guarded against heresies that he advocates.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Elds. B. J. Smith and A. J. Cabaniss; carried.

The Committee on General Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on General Missions, beg leave to make

the following report:

We urge the support and co-operation of all the churches in this work.

We have C. C. Winters as treasurer, connected with four others in the work.

J. M. COPELAND,
J. A. COLLINS,
DANIEL NATIONS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Elds. J. M. Copeland and B. A. Smith; carried.

The Committee on Orphans' Home made the following report:

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, beg leave to make the following report:

Our Orphan's Home at Texarkana now has forty children, who are being cared for by Bro. T. H. Carter, in a new building, well adapted to the purpose and convenient to a good public school, which is being attended by all within school age. It is also convenient to the County Avenue Baptist Church, and the children attend the Sunday School and Church services, and several of them are members of that church. Upon the whole, they are a reasonably bright, healthy and happy band of children. The home is badly in need of funds, as there is still a balance due on the building, and owing to the hard times for the past two years, the contributions have not been sufficient to cover current expenses, and we are behind some on Bro. Carter's salary, and the grocery bills.

Now, since God in his word enjoins on us the duty of caring for the widows and orphans, and since these children are our wards, dependent upon us for a temporal support, it especially behooves us to come to the support of this home.

We urge that the churches contribute liberally and systematically to the support of the home and that a collection be taken at this time for the home. Send all contributions to the treasurer, Eld. J. W. Sims, Marvel, Ark.

J. L. HOOKER,
W. M. FERGUSON,
W. J. BRADFORD,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Sis. M. P. Mathenay, Bro. J. T. M. Holt and Eld. T. F. Westbrook; carried.

On motion the body adjourned to 1 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, after prayer by Daniel Nations, regular business was taken up.

W. D. Davis asked the body that he might hear the resolution read that had been adopted against him. His request was granted.

The Committee on Young People's Work made the following report.

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, beg leave to make the following report:

Realizing that the young people should be taught the doctrine of Christ, especially in regard to his church, we recommend that they assist in the business as well as the devotional part of the church. Also for our young brethren to be sent to Fifth Sunday Meetings and Associations as often as possible. Teach them to contribute to all purposes, and also the doctrine of the Bible.

ETTA COLLINS,

B. J. SMITH,

F. D. WYNN,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Eld. A. J. Cabaniss and Sister M. P. Mathenay; carried.

The Committee on Sunday School Work made the following report:

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, beg leave to make the following report:

Believing that Christ gave the church the commission to teach the gospel everywhere, we recommend each church to maintain a Sunday School in order to teach the scriptures to our people.

We recommend the officers and teachers to be members of the

church and bearing evidence of Christian living, and we recommend Landmark Literature as a great aid in the study of the Bible.

P. C. HOLT,
J. R. BURT,
J. F. DENNIS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt carried.

The Committee on Literature made the following report:

We, your committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

As literature is the greatest source of knowledge, great stress should be placed on the kind read. One of the greatest agencies for the defeat of truth is the printed page. First of all, we recommend the Bible as an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice in all walks of life. We also recommend "The Baptist Commoner" and "The Baptist" as sound denominational papers, worthy of support. We further recommend the literature published by our Sunday School Company for our Sunday School work.

B. J. SMITH,
ALLAN WESTBROOK,
J. T. CORBELL,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Elds. B. J. Smith and J. A. Smith. Carried.

The committee on Prayer Meeting made the following report:

We, your Committee on Prayer Meeting, beg leave to make the following report:

From the letters of the churches there was but little said about prayer meeting. Now as prayer is the key that unlocks the storehouse of God's mercy, we urge each pastor and messenger to go to their church and organize and maintain a lively prayer meeting.

O. E. HARPER,
DANIEL NATIONS,
R. G. GAMMILL,

Committee.

Motion to adopt; discussed by Bros. B. D. Nations and E. Hodge. Carried.

The committee on Finance made the following report:

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

We find the following amounts sent up from the churches of the Howard County Association:

For Associational Missions.....	\$ 63.68
For Minutes and Clerk.....	26.15
For State Missions by Churches.....	8.28
For State Missions by Public Collection.....	37.89
For Orphan Home by Churches.....	26.95
For Orphan Home by Public Collection.....	19.90
For Home Missions.....	.50

TOTAL.....\$183.35

W. M. BURGESS,

J. C. CROWELL,

L. A. FRASHER,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

On motion of the committee on Arrangement of a program for the Fifth Sunday Meeting was granted further time. The program will be published in "The Commoner," also "The Baptist."

The chairman of the Mission committee reported that James A. Turner had been elected as missionary by the committee for the ensuing year. This act was approved by the Association.

J. M. Simpson offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved that we extend our sincere gratitude to this church and the people of Mineral Springs for their generous and hospitable entertainment during the setting of this body.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Grace Baptist Church October 27, 28 and 29, 1916.

Benediction, A. J. Cabaniss.

J. T. M. HOLT, Moderator.

EDD COMPTON, Clerk.

CHURCH CLERKS

Golden Hamilton	Vandervoort, Ark.
O. O. Gilpin	Dierks, Ark.
G. W. Mayfield	Nashville, Ark.
W. M. Burgess	Umpire, Ark.
J. F. McLaughlin	Bingen, Ark.
J. D. Allison	Nashville, Ark.
Mrs. Mattie Johnson	Dierks, Ark.
H. C. Ayers	Centre Point, Ark.
R. H. Schoolfield	Dial, Ark.
Arch L. Jones	Martha, Ark.
S. S. Thomas	Wicks, Ark.
Otis Canaday	Euclid, Ark.
Miss Etta Collins	New Hope, Ark.
J. R. Compton	Ozan, Ark.
Sam Copeland	Nashville, Ark.
Claude Box	McCaskill, Ark.
Ernest Sturgis	Allbrook, Ark.
E. Martin	Mineral Springs, Ark.
J. T. M. Holt	Bingen, Ark.
D. A. Atkins	Burg, Ark.
R. N. Owens	Centre Point, Ark.
S. Clark	Nashville, Ark.
J. A. Tollett	Centre Point, Ark.
N. R. Lewis	Bingen, Ark.
Clarence Ferguson	Nashville, Ark.
Leni Bedwell	Centre Point, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Daniel Nations.....	Vandervoort, Ark.
C. A. Westfall.....	Tokio, Ark.
G. C. Bandy.....	Nashville, Ark.
Chas. Hatch.....	Nashville, Ark.
T. F. Westbrook.....	Dierks, Ark.
T. H. Westbrook.....	Martha, Ark.
L. H. Beane.....	Dierks, Ark.
J. H. Westbrook.....	Dierks, Ark.
G. R. Thomas.....	Wicks, Ark.
F. M. Thacker.....	Duckett, Ark.
J. M. Parish.....	Euclid, Ark.
L. M. Byers.....	Bingen, Ark.
A. J. Cabaniss.....	Mineral Springs, Ark.
J. M. Copeland.....	Nashville, Ark.
Loy Ferguson.....	Nashville, Ark.
T. L. Epton.....	Bingen, Ark.
J. A. Turner.....	Burg, Ark.
John McWhorter.....	Centre Point, Ark.

LICENSED MINISTERS

F. D. Wynn.....	Dierks, Ark.
H. J. Townsend.....	Umpire, Ark.
J. H. Farley.....	Dierks, Ark.
J. H. Reaves.....	McCaskill, Ark.
L. L. Hughes.....	Buck Range, Ark.