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OF THE

United

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Mountain View Church,

Conway County, Ark., Sept. 16, 17 and 18, 1897.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

OFFICERS.

J. A. Myers, Moderator.

E. A. Woolverton, Clerk.

J. C. L. Presson, Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Cedar Crook Church, four miles
north of Springfield, commencing on Thursday before the
Second Sunday in September, 1898.

Proceedings.

The United Association met with Mountain View church on Thursday, September 16, 1897. The moderator and clerk not being present, Eld. J. A. Myers was chosen moderator *pro tem*, and E. A. Woolverton, clerk *pro tem*. The introductory sermon was preached by W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist. Adjourned for dinner to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Met at 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. M. S. Kirkland. The moderator appointed J. C. L. Presson and Eld. T. Nutt reading clerks. The following churches presented their annual letters, which were read and messengers' names enrolled: Antioch, Bee Branch, Cedar Creek, Cleveland, Eglantine, Lone Oak, Mountain View, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Plummerville, Lone Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Sardis, Springfield, Union Hill, Solgohachie, Pleasant Springs and Usebia.

The association then went into permanent organization by electing J. A. Myers moderator; E. A. Woolverton, clerk, and J. C. L. Presson, treasurer.

On call for petitionary letters, New Hope church came forward by her messengers and was received as a member of the body.

R. L. Moore, J. M. Dillon, R. K. Thomson and A. Bradley were appointed a Committee on Devotional Service.

The following corresponding messengers were enrolled: W. A. Clark, State Convention; H. F. Watkins, Pee Dee Association.

Eld. J. Mayall and Asa Robertson were appointed corresponding messengers to the Pee Dee Association; W. W. Duncan and J. P. Cole to the Red River Association; T. Nutt, A. A. Biggs and J. W. McDonald to Trace Ridge Association; J. A. Myers, J. T. Coats, Fourche Valley Association; E. A. Woolverton, J. A. Myers, J. G. Dickson, J. W. McDonald, to the State Convention.

The following order of business was adopted: 1. Introduc-

tory sermon. 2. Permanent organization. 3. Call for petitionary letters. 4. Arrange correspondence. 5. Appoint committees. 6. Time and place of next meeting. 7. Reports of committees. 8. New business. 9. Adjourn.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. for preaching by Eld. J. Mayall, followed by J. A. Myers. Text: Rom. 10: 13, 14. After preaching, adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Met at 8:30. Moderator read the 122d Psalm.

On motion, E. A. Woolverton was chosen to represent this association on the State Board. W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist, was chosen to represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention, and a subscription was taken up to pay his expenses, amounting to \$10.

Motion to change the time of meeting from Thursday to Saturday was lost.

On motion, the next meeting of this association is to be with Cedar Creek church, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1898. Eld. J. A. Myers to preach the introductory sermon; J. M. Magee as alternate.

The following resolution was read and adopted unanimously:

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has appealed to the young ministers of our State to attend it, and to the Baptists of the State to give it their sympathy and prayers; and

Whereas, There are reports of the advocacy of doctrines and points of history contrary to our views of history and church polity, being advocated by members of the seminary faculty; therefore,

Resolved, That we can not support or sympathize with the seminary until its faculty make a declaration of principles.

Resolved, That we will use all our efforts through all legitimate ways to secure the resignation or removal of W. H. Whitlitt from the faculty, he having forfeited our confidence by the theories he has taught and the dishonorable methods he has used to announce his strange notions.

Committee on State Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Since 1847, the State Convention has been striving to "take Arkansas for Christ." During these fifty years it has aided in the planting of over two hundred churches and supplementing the salaries of four associational missionaries. Being in organic relation to all the associations, State Missions is a part of our work. There are thirteen county seats without Baptist churches.

As long as there is territory unoccupied, there is work for the State Board. Let us pray for, defend and contribute to this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. KIRKLAND,
R. L. MOORE,
J. O. STANTON, } Committee.

The Committee on Prohibition made the following report, which was ably discussed by J. Mayall, M. S. Kirkland and others. On vote the report was unanimously adopted:

We, your Committee on Prohibition, believe, as a band of Christians, it is our indispensable duty to use every reasonable effort to stop the making, selling and using intoxicant spirits. We think in doing this we are doing the will of our Master.

J. C. L. PRESSON, Chm'n.

The report on Publications was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Publications report that we desire to call the attention of our people to the necessity of keeping themselves and families supplied with good and wholesome religious literature thus keeping informed in regard to denominational work. In this way only, can we hope to become a unit in pushing on to victory of the cross, always recognizing the Bible as first to be needed and studied. We would urge every Baptist family in this association to subscribe for and read the Arkansas Baptist, our State paper. There are others, such as the Foreign Mission Journal. For Sunday-schools we recommend Kind Words and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully,

T. NUTT, Chm'n.

Pending the report of Committee on Prohibition the messengers from Harmony, Usebia, and Lone Grove churches presented their annual letters and the messengers names were enrolled.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report the following: God has made us the custodians of His word and has said preach the gospel to all nations. It therefore becomes our duty to Him that we carry His message to all the nations of the earth. This we must do or the nations will not be discipled. If we love the Lord we love those whom Christ loves. Therefore we recommend that we prove our love by giving a portion of the means God has given us for the spread of the gospel in foreign lands. And we further recommend that pastors of churches urge that contributions be taken during the fall and winter for mission purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MAYALL, Chm'n.

The following report was adopted on destitution:

Your Committee on Destitution beg leave to report: We find there are many places within the bounds of this association destitute of Baptist preaching. We would recommend that some plan be adopted whereby this destitution can be supplied as early as possible. And that a missionary be at once placed in the field for the coming year or act as in the wisdom of this body as seems fit. Respectfully submitted,

D. B. NORWOOD, Chm'n.

MINUTES OF THE

Committee on Obituaries reported that there had been no deaths among the preaching brethren during the year.

On motion the body adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m., for preaching by Benjamin Cox, of Lonoke, Ark. Closed by prayer offered by Eld. T. Nutt.

At 7:30 p. m. services opened by reading Peter 1: 2; and prayer by Bro. J. W. Yancey. Bro. Benjamin Cox then preached from Peter, 1: 4. Theme "The Promises." After preaching a collection was taken up amounting to \$3.25 which was turned over to J. Mayall to forward to the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. The body then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8:30 a. m. for business.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order at 8:30 a. m and read John 14. Prayer by the moderator. Minutes of the two previous days read and approved. Report of Committee on Sunday-schools read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would report that only a few churches have reported their Sunday-school work. Past experience is that churches which have active Sunday-schools are the churches that are doing the most good in the Master's cause. We would recommend that churches educate the rising generation in the principles of the Christian religion by organizing good live, Sunday-schools. We would recommend the use of the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. Respectfully submitted,

J. MAYALL, Chm'n.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$1.75. The body then adjourned for preaching at 11 a. m., by Eld. J. A. Myers. Services opened by reading the first chapter of Titus. Text, "Speak the truth as becomes sound doctrine."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The treasurer made his report for the business of the past year, which was as follows:

I beg leave to report that there has been no money paid in since the last association met. I have on hand \$1.75 paid in two years ago as a fund to build a church house at Clinton.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Treasurer.

On motion the above amount was appropriated to the funds for printing.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted to Plummer-ville church. The body then went into election of missionary for the next associational year which resulted in the choice of Eld. J. Mayall. On motion the election was made unanimous. E. A. Woolverton, R. L. Moore, B. F. Jones and Michael Suggs were elected as Executive Board for the next year.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Your Committee beg leave to report the following:

Funds sent in by churches for printing.....	\$15.65
Amount from building fund.....	1.75

Total for printing.....	\$17.40
For Foreign Missions.....	1.65
For Home Missions.....	1.65

J. G. DICKSON, Chm'n.

Motion carried that the clerk superintend the printing of these minntes and have \$5 for his services. It was also voted that the preference of the printing be given to the Arkansas Baptist. A collection was taken in pledges to pay missionary, which amounted to \$28.50. A request was made that the different churches take collection and pledges for associational mission work and send to the treasurer as early as possible.

Minutes were read and on motion adopted.

Motion that this body do now adjourn to meet with Cedar Creek church, on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in September, 1898.

(\$5.10 reported in letter from Antioch church for Foreign Missions was not paid over to the finance committee nor to the treasurer, hence not reported. Clerk.)

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE
ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. K. Broadaway, Centre Ridge.

R. C. Bonds.

J. M. Coats, Morrilton.

James Cole, Springfield.

W. B. Driskill, Damascus.

G. W. Ford, Plummerville.

T. C. Ford, Bee Branch.

J. F. Ford, Plummerville.

J. C. Griswood, Plummerville.

W. P. Holly, Quitman.

M. S. Kirkland, Morrilton.

J. M. Magee, Damascus.

J. Mayall, Centre Ridge.

T. Moody, Springfield.

J. A. Myers, Morrilton.

T. Nutt, Scotland.

W. F. Sims, Quitman.

J. F. Sims, Damascus.

W. H. Vest, Eglantine.

J. W. Yancy, Scotland.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Haptized.		Received by Letter.		Excluded.		Dismissed by Letter.		Present Membership.	Minute Fund.	Value of Church Property
				Received by Letter.	Recommendation.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.						
1 Antioch.....	J. K. Broadway..	J. C. Jones.....	Scotland											9888
2 Cleveland	— Morgan ..	B. B. Brock.....	Cleveland.											8888
3 Cedar Creek	J. F. Ford.....	J. J. Webb.....	Springfield	10	11	2								8888
4 Bee Branch	J. M. Magee..	J. J. Martin ..	Bee Branch.	12	11	1								8888
5 Eglantine	W. H. Vest.....	D. F. Blackburn	Eglantine ..	1	1	1								8888
6 Harmony	J. M. Magee..	H. F. McKnight	Bee Branch.	4	3	1								8888
7 Lone Oak.....	T. Moody.....	E. E. Rainwater	Morrilton ..	4	1	1								8888
8 Lone Grove		J. H. Riddling.	Solgobachie.											8888
9 Mt. Pleasant.	J. F. Ford.....	W. H. Cobb.....	Plummerville											8888
10 Mountain View.....	J. W. Yancey	E. A. Woolverton.	Woolverton.	2	2	2								8888
11 Pleasant Hill	J. F. Ford.....	Asa Robertson.	Center Ridge	2	2	4								8888
12 Pleasant Springs.....	G. W. Ford.....	D. D. Brewer.....	Springfield	8	4	7								8888
13 Pleasant Valley.....	J. M. Magee..	E. V. Johnson ..	Damascus ..	12	10	4								8888
14 Plummerville.....	A. H. Wilson ..	Riley Parker.....	Plummerville	2	0	1								8888
15 Sardis	A. H. Wilson ..	J. M. W. Massengale.	Old Hickory	1	1									8888
16 Springfield	T. Moody.....	W. J. Lloyd.....	Springfield											8888
17 Solgobachie.....	T. Moody.....	C. L. Cook.....	Solgobachie.											8888
18 Union Hill	J. M. Magee..	G. W. Wright ..	Formosa ..	8	2	1								8888
19 Usebia	R. C. Bonds.....	M. A. Sims.....	Quitman ..	1	1	1								8888
20 New Hope.....	J. W. Yancey..	A. J. Patterson ..	Culpepper ..	8	1	4								8888
			Totals.....	66	49	19	54	49	19	82	515	00	8888	

Union Hill Church reports \$3.30 for missions.

Just a Minute:

The Arkansas Baptist is the Baptist newspaper and family paper of Arkansas. Price is \$1.50; ministers, \$1. Let us send you a sample copy. We are headquarters for Bibles, Baptist books and pamphlets, and Sunday-school literature. We are printing minutes this year, too.

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