

MINUTES OF THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE

BENTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
LOGAN BAPTIST CHURCH
LOGAN, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 2, 3, 4, 1913

INTRODUCTORY SERMON 1914
REV. I. M. PHILLIPS

NEXT MEETING
SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

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TREASURER

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CLERK

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Rev. T. D. Penn, Moderator.....	Rogers, Ark.
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Rev. W. A. Moffitt, Ass't. Clerk.....	Bentonville, Ark.
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Executive Board

T. D. Penn, President.....	Rogers, Ark.
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Rev. C. P. Walters.....	Springdale, Ark.
Rev. W. A. Moffitt.....	Bentonville, Ark.
E. W. Homan.....	Rogers, Ark.
Ben Hatler.....	Rogers, Ark.
Rev. J. A. Scoggins.....	Decatur, Ark.

Ordained Ministers

Barnett, S. B., Bentonville	Myrick, C. M., Siloam Springs
Brown, E. B., Gentry	Phillips, I. M., Springdale
Callahan, E. E., Siloam Springs	Penn, T. D., Rogers
Downing, T. F., Sulphur Springs	Pittman, W. H., Centerton
Hardy, C. E., Sulphur Springs	Pritchard, W. R., S. W. City, Mo.
Harris, G. C., Rogers	Rice F. J., Siloam Springs
Herod, J. S., Garfield	Scoggins, J. A., Decatur
Little, J. F., Rogers	Thomas, U. S., Rogers
Little, Lloyd T., Rogers	Voyles, M. L., Bentonville
Moffitt, W. A., Bentonville	Walters, C. P., Springdale

Names of Churches and Messengers

Bentonville—Rev. W. A. Moffitt, Dr. W. C. Moody, Rev. S. B. Barnett, A. F. Keith, H. L. Currie.

Butler Creek—No messengers.

Cherokee Creek—No messengers.

Decatur—Rev. J. A. Scoggins, J. F. Barnes, W. McCrannie.

Dug Hill—No messengers.

Garfield—Geo. Posey.

Gentry—Rev. E. B. Brown.

Logan—A. L. Gailey, E. V. Howard, Mrs. M. A. Jones.

Mount Zion—W. R. Pritchard.

Pleasant Hill—No messengers.

Pleasant Site—Rev. G. C. Harris.

Rogers—Rev. U. S. Thomas, Rev. T. D. Penn, E. W. Homan, Ben Hatler, Mrs. E. W. Homan, Mrs. Ben Hatler, W. W. Wood.

Siloam Springs—Rev. E. E. Callahan.

Southern Grove—No messengers.

Springdale (second church)—Rev. C. P. Walters, Rev. I. M. Phillips.

Sulphur Springs—C. E. Hardy.

Temperance Hill—I. A. Hankins.

Twelve Corners—G. S. Buttry, W. L. Cardin.

Walnut Hill—No messengers.

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 1913

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Benton County Baptist Association convened in its twenty-seventh annual session with the Logan Baptist church at Logan, Ark., Thursday, October 2, 1913, at 3 p. m.

In the absence of the regular Clerk, Moderator Penn appointed H. L. Currie Clerk *pro tempore*.

The Moderator called for the letters from the churches, and Rev. C. P. Walters and Rev. J. A. Scoggins were asked to read them. The following churches presented letters which were read: Pleasant Site, Springdale (2nd church), Siloam Springs, Sulphur Springs, Bentonville, Garfield, Logan, Decatur, Mount Zion, Pleasant Hill, Twelve Corners, Temperance Hill, Dug Hill and Rogers.

The Moderator read an Order of Business and it was adopted. The next item was the election of officers, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. T. D. Penn; Clerk, H. L. Currie; Treasurer, A. F. Keith. Each of the officers then made a few remarks on the work.

On motion, the introductory sermon was postponed until seven-thirty, and the next order of business was taken up. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Religious Exercises: Rev. J. A. Scoggins, A. F. Keith, E. W. Homan.

Nominations and Resolutions: Rev. G. C. Harris, Rev. I. M. Phillips, Rev. T. D. Penn.

On motion, the Association adjourned until seven p. m.

EVENING SESSION

After the introductory sermon by Rev. W. A. Moffitt, the committee on Religious Exercises announced that Rev. C. P. Walters would preach the morning sermon on the following day.

The committee on Nominations and Resolutions then announced the following committees:

Woman's Work: Mrs. Homan, Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Moffitt.

Religious Literature: Rev. G. C. Harris, Rev. U. S. Thomas.

Obituaries: A. F. Keith, W. R. Pritchard.

State Missions: Rev. E. E. Callahan, Rev. S. B. Barnett, Rev. G S Harris.

The body adjourned until 9 a. m. Oct. 3, 1913.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1913

MORNING SESSION

Rev. U. S. Thomas conducted the devotional service, and then business was resumed.

The committee on Nominations and Resolutions announced the following committees:

Temperance: E. W. Homan, Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Ben Hatler.

Orphans Home: Rev. E. B. Brown, G. N. Posey, P. B. Pruitt.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

The committee on Divine Service submit the following:

Friday, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. C. P. Walters.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. I. M. Phillips.

Saturday, 11:00 a. m.—Rev. S. B. Barnett.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. U. S. Thomas.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Rev. T. D. Penn.

(Signed)

J. A. Scoggins,

A. F. Keith,

E. W. Homan.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Reading sustains the same relation to our mental constitution that food does to our physical existence; hence, the great need for our people to read good literature.

We recommend the reading of the Bible, The Advocate (our state paper), the Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field, and any other sound Baptist literature.

G. C Harris,

U. S Thomas.

Rev. Harris spoke to the report. He urged that such literature as that named in the report be read instead of such trash as Appeal to Reason, Pastor Russel's Sermons, Christian Science, and "ten cent" novels. He said that much could not be accomplished for Christ while Christian people wasted their time on such heterodox literature. He was followed by Missionary Barnett and Rev. Walters. The report was adopted unanimously.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

It is the belief of your committee on Woman's Work that the women can do a much needed work along missionary and other lines, which will not be done if they do not do it. For this reason we believe that the women should take it upon themselves to organize a band of pastors' helpers, where a Woman's Society does not already exist, calling the organization the Woman's Missionary Union, carrying on the local missionary and church aid work in the community in which they live, and contributing what they can to the work that is being done abroad. In this way, they can foster and support the church work while the pastor may have to be employed on neighboring fields, and, at the same time, enlarge their own joy in the Lord and in His work.

Our Associational Superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt, of Bentonville, has either visited or written every church in this association in the interest of this work, and she has organized one Young Woman's Auxiliary and one Junior Auxiliary in the last year. Besides these, we have eight active societies.

We would recommend that all such societies take and read The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field, and Our Mission Fields; all contain a department in the interest of Woman's Work.

We also recommend that the pastors of all our churches encourage Woman's Work.

Mrs. E. W. Homan,

Mrs. A. R. Keith.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. Homan, Rev. Scoggins, Rev. Harris, Rev. Moffitt, Rev. Walters, Mrs. Moffitt, and Mrs. Keith, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find that some of our churches do not have Sunday Schools. We recommend that each church see to it that a Sunday School be held each Sunday of the year. This can be done at small expense, and it is of great importance.

Your committee on Sunday School Work entertain the decided conviction that our churches are lacking in obedience to that part of the commission which provides for the teaching of the Word of God. It must be taught as well as preached. No untaught Christian can be in any high degree consecrated and efficient. The Sunday School seeks to bring about this condition. The pastors, missionaries, and our denominational leaders should lend their best efforts to the organization of Sunday Schools, and to improve the ones we have.

We believe that every church ought to have a Sunday School, and that every member of the church should be a member of the Sunday School, and that a campaign should be made to this end.

We most heartily commend our State Board for employing C. S. Leavell as our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Field Secretary. He has been doing most satisfactory and efficient work during the months he has been in the field. We do not at all find it necessary to urge our people to avail themselves of his services, for the demands upon him are now more than he can fill. But we urge all of our people to lend their support, as they may be able, to the promotion of the State Sunday School work in which he leads.

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Mrs. E. W. Homan,
Mrs. A. R. Keith.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. Homan, Rev. Scoggins, Rev. Harris, Rev. Moffitt, Rev. Walters, Mrs. Moffitt, and Mrs. Keith, and adopted.

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We repeat what has been said over and over again; our great need in this field is that of trained workers. We urge pastors to put themselves into the courses of training for Sunday School leadership, and that they in turn train others.

Yours respectfully,

Ben Hatler,

E. V. Howard,

W. McCrannie.

As the calendar called for the morning sermon, discussion of the report was postponed until 2 o'clock, and the body adjourned after the sermon by Rev. Walters, his subject being "Why I am a Baptist."

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Hatler spoke to the Sunday School report at length. He was followed by Rev. Moffitt, Rev. Harris and Rev. Walters. The report was adopted as read.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT

The Baptist Young People's Union is an institution of the church for the Christian development of our young people. We have all been babes both in body and in mind, and are developed largely by our environments. The Baptist Young People's Union is an environment which brings development by experience and practice, and is no doubt a strong factor, making efficient Christian workers.

One of the problems confronting the Baptists of Benton County at the present time is how to utilize and strengthen the working force of our young people. Too long have we waited and neglected the boys and girls. Let every pastor and every Christian worker help organize our young people for greater service.

Your committee would call special attention to the annual Monte Ne Summer Assembly, Monte Ne, Ark., as a place of unsurpassed efficiency for inspiring and training our young people. We also respectfully suggest that more attention be given to our Junior B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully Submitted,

U. S. THOMAS, CHAIRMAN.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is the key to all other missions. Associational Missions must not be neglected, but our Associations are in our state, and State Missions mean the co-operation of the associations and churches in their work. State Missions also bear an important relation to Home and Foreign Missions.

Arkansas Baptists are facing a crisis. For several years we have been carrying an embarrassing debt. We have come to the time when we must pay this debt or suffer great loss for our failure. The campaign to liquidate this debt and meet the obligations of the current year is now being carried on, and we urge the Baptists of this Association to make special prayer for this work and to give as we have never given before for the honoring of our Christ in our beloved Arkansas.

E. E. CALLAHAN.

S. B. BARNETT,

G. C. HARRIS.

By motion, the discussion and final adoption of the report on State Missions was waived until after the report on Associational Missions.

After the reading of a letter from Walnut Hill church, the committee on nominations and resolutions reported as follows:

Associational Missions—C. P. Walters, U. S. Thomas, E. B. Brown.

Christian Education—W. A. Moffitt, J. A. Scoggins, G. S. Buttry.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Missions is the work of the churches of Jesus Christ. For convenience in operation, we divide the work into State, Home and Foreign Missions. It is all one work—giving the gospel to the lost. We cannot afford, as Missionary Baptists, to neglect the work in any of its phases.

Southern Baptists have missions in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina—all in a prosperous condition and all calling loudly for help. It is our duty to furnish the means and the men for the fields.

Arkansas Baptists are asked to raise this year \$11,500.00, and, of this amount, our association is asked to raise \$600.00. This is simply an apportionment, and it is in no way an assessment.

Let us, as an association and as individuals, hear the call of our board and of lost millions to this great and glorious task.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That every pastor read some book on Foreign Missions each year.
2. That pastors and churches make greater use of the tracts published by the Foreign Mission Board. Send your name and address to Dr. R. G. Willingham, Richmond, Va., for these.
3. That we accept an apportionment for this association, and that a committee be appointed to co-operate with Rev. W. A. Moffitt, who is the representative of the Foreign Mission Board in this association, in distributing this apportionment among the churches.

4. That pastors and people take and read the Foreign Mission Journal published by our Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MOFFITT,

I. A. HANKINS,

W. R. PRITCHARD.

The report was unanimously adopted after it had been discussed by Brethren Moffitt, Harris, Pritchard, Phillips and Posey.

The committee on nominations and resolutions reported as follows;

Nominations—Dr. Moody, W. W. Wood, Bro. Howard.

Finance—Bro. Homan, W. W. Wood, Bro. Howard.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg to report the following recommendations;

1. That we employ an Associational Missionary Colporteur to be elected by our Executive Board to serve in co-operation with our State Mission Board.

2. That we ask the State Board to supplement the salary of our Missionary Colporteur, and that all money for Associational Missions be paid to our Associational Treasurer.

3. That this work in no wise be so conducted as to conflict with our State Mission work or collections for same.

4. Further that we give work to as many as may be willing to accept and do colportage work relying upon this work and remuneration from meetings as a means of support.

C. P. WALTERS,

E. B. BROWN.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

I began work as your missionary on January 1, 1913. I have held revival meetings for the following churches: Mount Zion, Mount Enterprise, Butler Creek, Decatur, Sulphur Springs, Hickory Creek, Pleasant Site and Garfield. I have also visited other churches, remaining with some of them as long as four days. I have sold some books, but have not tried to cover the field as a regular colporteur. I find that many of our people need a more thorough knowledge of Baptist doctrine, and that practically all of them need more evangelistic zeal. I have done what I could to help them on these things. I submit the following tabulated report:

Days of Labor.....	229
Miles Traveled.....	967
Sermons Preached.....	259
Services in Homes.....	49
Conversions.....	38
Baptisms.....	23
Sunday Schools Organized.....	1
Net collections on Field.....	\$101.75

S. B. BARNETT, Missionary.

The reports were spoken to by Brethren Harris, Barnett and Callahan, and were adopted. On motion, the body adjourned until seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

After the devotional exercises by Bro. Wood and the evening sermon by Rev. I. M. Phillips, the body adjourned until nine o'clock of the following morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1913.

MORNING SESSION.

After the devotional exercises led by Bro. Collins, the body was called to order by Moderator Penn.

As business must be hurried, all speeches were limited to five minutes.

It was ordered that the Clerk, assisted by Rev. W. A. Moffitt, attend to the printing of the minutes.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME WORK.

There are, at present, about 160 orphans at our Home at Monticello. God is holding the Baptists of Arkansas responsible for these children. They must be fed, clothed, educated and instructed in the teachings of God's Word.

We recommend that each Church and Sunday school in this Association take an offering some time during the year, and forward same to Monticello.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. BROWN

G. N. POSEY.

The report was spoken to by Brethren McCrannie, Homan and Moffitt, and was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that this Association recommend to the State Board that Bro. S. B. Barnett be continued as District Missionary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is one of the three phases of denominational work, and it is scriptural. It is on a par with Missions and Christian benevolence, and all our churches should contribute to it annually just the same as to these other objects. The fact is that Christian Education conserves all of these other interests. To fail to educate our preachers and people is to lose largely in interest and in power. We must have trained leaders and should have trained followers. At Hot Springs, last November, an Education Board was created, and put on exactly the same level with the State Mission Board. The work of this Board is to foster Christian education and especially our two colleges—Ouachita at Arkadelphia and Central at Conway.

Ouachita College, S. Y. Jameson, D. D., President, is co-educational. It gives free tuition to preachers and preachers' children. It gave \$6,000.00 in free tuition in this way last year, and enrolled fifty-four preachers and three hundred and fifty-eight students in all.

Central College, J. W. Conger, D. D., President, is our girls' school. It enrolled one hundred and ninety-three students last year. It gives free tuition to children of preachers and gave \$600.00 in this way last year. For information concerning either of these schools, write the president

Your committee would recommend that each pastor in the Association preach at least once a year on Christian Education and take collections for it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MOFFITT,

G. S. BUTTRY.

The report was adopted after discussion by Revs. Moffitt and Harris.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Your committee notes with pleasure that our Congress has passed laws prohibiting the shipment of liquors into dry territory, and that same has been backed up by our State Legislature at its last session by passing laws that we hope will soon bring state-wide prohibition. We wish to go on record as heartily endorsing such laws, and we urge upon all our people that they stand with our officers in the enforcement of these laws.

We also pledge our support to men in public office that this result may obtain and will elect men pledged to do so.

E. W. HOMAN,

MRS. BEN HATLER.

MRS. M. A. JONES.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions we mean the work done by our churches through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our territory is the Southern part of the United States, Cuba and the Canal Zone. The departments of the work are: Evangelism, Work among the Negroes, Work among Indians, Work among Foreigners, Mountain Schools, and Church Building. The Home Board co-operates with the several State Boards in the evangelistic work.

The importance of Home Missions is exceedingly great. Our work among the foreigners alone would justify the outlay of all the money spent by our Board. It is a work of self-defense, for if we do not take the foreigners they will take us. The mountain schools are doing a great work. They have been maintained almost altogether in the eastern part of our territory, but through the influence of Dr. J. T. Christian, the Oklahoma City Convention decided to locate a school in the Ozarks, and this school is to be built at Huntsville, Ark.

Evangelism in the cities is an exceedingly important feature of our work. The cities are centers of influence, either for good or for bad. Except we reach the cities, our work is greatly crippled in the towns and in the country. Perhaps there is no more important field in the world than the Canal Zone, and

Baptists must occupy it at once or suffer by their neglect. Indeed, every department of this work is worthy of our consideration, prayers and support.

We urge all our churches to make regular contributions to Home Missions at least equal to their contributions to Foreign Missions. Our Baptist people should post themselves by reading the Home Field, and also by reading tracts on the work, which may be had by writing to Dr. B. D. Gray, Atlanta, Ga.

S. B. BARNETT,
A. L. GAILEY,
E. W. HOMAN.

This report was discussed by Brethren Barnett, Pritchard and McCrannie. It was adopted as read.

By a unanimous vote, the word "First" in Article II of the Constitution was struck out and "third" was substituted therefor, changing the time of meeting from the Thursday before the first Sunday in October to Thursday before the third Sunday in October.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on nominations, recommend that the next meeting of the Association be with the Second Baptist Church of Springdale.

We recommend, further, that S. B. Barnett represent the Association at the Southern Baptist Convention.

We also recommend the following brethren as Executive Board for the Associational year 1913-1914: T. D. Penn, H. L. Currie, Ben Hatler, W. A. Moffitt, E. W. Homan, C. P. Walters and J. A. Scoggins.

We recommend that Rev. I. M. Phillips preach the Introductory Sermon, E. B. Brown, Alternate. We nominate Rev. W. A. Moffitt as associational member of the State Board.

W. C. MOODY,
E. V. HOWARD,
W. W. WOOD.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, would respectfully submit the following:

There is no money on hand, and the Association is clear of debt. Bro. A. F. Keith, our treasurer, has received during the Association, on District Missions, \$8.20. Paid to S. B. Barnett, \$8.20. Received on printing minutes, \$19.95. This still remains in the treasury. Respectfully submitted,

E. W. HOMAN,
W. W. WOOD,
E. B. HOWARD.

This report was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

There is no money on hand from last year. Received for District Missions, \$8.20. Received for printing Minutes, \$19.95. Respectfully submitted,
A. F. KEITH, Treasurer.

The report was received.