

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Reddo River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

SALEM CHURCH

Pike County, Ark.

September 13, 1902

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Proceedings.

The forty-fifth annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Salem church, Pike county, Ark., at 11 a. m., Saturday, September 13, 1902, in harmony with its adjournment with Big Fork church, Polk county, Arkansas. The introductory sermon was preached by the appointed Eld. J. A. Shackelford and T. J. Wright, who used as a text Luke 10: 21, "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit". After which the association adjourned to 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The former moderator, Eld. H. T. Howell, being present called the association to order. After reading the sixth chapter of Galatians and prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes, the moderator appointed Bros. S. Y. Moran and R. M. Reece with the messengers of Salem church as Committee on Divine Service. Letters were then called for. Bros. J. N. Wasson and J. J. Holland were selected to read, and names of churches and messengers were enrolled.

Antioch—A. Coffman, R. C. Fields and C. C. Hardy.

Black Springs—Y. S. Edwards, R. M. Reece and D. J. Pepper.

Bethel—W. H. Anderson and J. E. Proctor.

Bethlehem—W. P. Taylor and W. J. Taylor.

Big Fork—H. T. Howell and J. D. Holmes.

Board Camp—J. F. Strickland and Oddie Boggs.

Cane Valley—W. W. Smith, S. Y. Moran and C. C. Workman.

Carinth—Represented by letter.

Forest Hill—J. A. Shackelford and E. Burns.

Liberty—S. A. Waldrop and Alfred Diffie.

Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Miller, J. M. White and W. T. Wynn.

Mountain Home—L. C. Tackett.

Mt. Plugah—T. J. Wright, W. A. Whisenhunt, J. G. Pate.

Mt. Zion—D. T. Drigger.

Providence—G. L. Tanner.

Pleasant Valley—J. N. Wasson.

Salem—J. L. Ray, W. S. Ward and W. S. Ligeon.

Sulphur Springs—J. J. Abree.

Valley Grove—A. Nelson, J. J. Hughes and D. T. Brunson.

Petitionary letters called for were presented. The organization being complete, and the election of officers for the next year being in order, J. J. Holland, S. Y. Moran and D. L. Brunson were appointed as tellers, and the association went into the election for moderator, clerk and treasurer. Results: J. A. Shackelford, moderator; W. H. Anderson, clerk; D. T. Brunson, treasurer.

Call for correspondence.

Eld. J. R. Hardy, of Red River Association, was presented.

By motion and second Bro. Hardy was received and seated in the body.

Eld. J. J. Holland presented a minute of the Ouachita Association with a resolution within: "The Ouachita Association will re-open correspondence with the Caddo River Association."

Motioned and seconded that we receive the resolution adopted by the Ouachita Association, and that the Caddo River Association open up correspondence with the same.

Appointment of committees.

Call for report of Preaching Committee:

We your Preaching Committee make the following report:

Saturday night at the church, T. J. Wright and J. W. White. Text, Mat. 11: 28-30.

At Powen Chapel, H. T. Howell and C. C. Hardy. Text, 1 Cor. 9: 24.

At Bro. J. N. Taylor's Home, J. J. Holland. Text, John 6: 44.

Sunday at 9 a. m. J. R. Hardy and C. C. Hardy. Text, Act 1: 8.

At 11 a. m., J. J. Holland and J. J. Hughes. Text, 1 Cor. 11: 15. At 3 p. m., H. T. Howell and T. J. Wright. Text, Phil. 1: 29. At night, W. P. Taylor and J. W. Smith.

At Bro. G. C. Smith's home, T. J. Wright and R. C. Fields. Exodus 10: 27.

S. Y. MORAN, Chairman.

A motion was then made and carried that this body now adjourn until Monday morning at 8 a. m. Prayer by Eld. J. J. Holland.

MONDAY MORNING.

After reading the 23 Psalm of David and prayer by Eld. H. T. Drigger the body was called to order.

Call for the reading of Saturday minutes. Read and adopted.

Call for the reading of the roll, which was read and absentees marked.

Call for the reading of the rules of decorum.

By motion and second speeches to be limited to five minutes.

Call for the report of committees.

(a.) Duties of churches to pastors—R. C. Field, chairman. Read and adopted.

(b.) Duties of pastors to churches—A. Nelson, chairman. Read and adopted.

(c.) State of Religion—W. W. Smith, chairman. Read and adopted.

(d.) Destitution—H. T. Howell, chairman. Read and adopted.

(e.) Report on Temperance—D. T. Brunson, chairman. Read and adopted.

(f.) Report on Documents—C. C. Hardy, chairman. Read and adopted.

(g.) Finance Report—T. J. Wright, chairman. Read and adopted.

(h.) Treasurer's Report—D. T. Brunson, chairman. Read and adopted.

(i.) Missionary's Report—S. Y. Moran, chairman. Read and adopted.

(j.) Report on Obituaries—J. N. Wasson, chairman. Read and adopted.

Motioned and carried that the 'minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed in the minutes.

By motion and second the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. A. Nelson.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The moderator opened the body by reading the first lesson of the Psalm of David and prayer by Eld. J. R. Hardy.

Call for resolution.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the moderator be in power to appoint one member of each church in this association as a Home Missionary Board. One member of this board to act as chairman. All amounts collected from churches to be sent to the treasurer and receipts passed to the chairman. All amounts to be collected and turned in by May 1, 1903, so that a missionary may be employed for the latter part of the year, and three of this board to be selected to serve as an Executive Board. Said Executive Board to be designated by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. WASSON.

Read and adopted.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Antioch—R. C. Fields	Bethel—W. H. Anderson
Bethlehem—W. J. Taylor	Big Fork—J. D. Holmes
Board Camp—J. F. Strickland	Caney Valley—S. Y. Moran
Corinth—James Pettit	Forest Hill—Y. M. Nicholson
Liberty—A. J. Newcomb	Mt. Pleasant—D. B. White
Mt. Home—J. C. Thomas	Mt. Pisgah—W. A. Whisenhunt
Mt. Zion—G. W. Pettit	Providence—G. L. Tanner
Salem—W. S. Ward	Sulphur Springs—J. J. Abee
Valley Grove—R. L. Hughes	Black Spring—Z. G. Edwards

Executive Committee—Y. M. Nicholson, J. D. Holmes and J. N. Wasson.

Call for the report of Committee on Camp Ground:

We, your committee, submit the following:

We had a fine ten days' meeting at the camp ground with large attendance and glorious results. We had the preaching and co-operation with our beloved brother, Dr. W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkan

and Baptist. Our time of meeting is on the third Saturday in August in each year. We have ten camp houses. Our spring is in fine order. Ground cleared off in moderately fair shape. An excellent shed with a great building and improving interest. Bro. Y. M. Edwards has acted as marshal and sustained and maintained the best of order. In short our camp ground is a grand success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. WASSON.

Resolved, That this body meet on Friday at 11 a. m., before the second Sunday in September, 1903.

C. C. MARKHAM.

Read and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered the members of Salem church and the community for the gladness and liberal hospitality shown us during our stay among them; also to our moderator and clerk for their faithful services rendered.

W. W. SMITH.

Call for correspondence to sister associations.

The moderator appointed H. T. Howell and J. D. Holmes to the Quachita Association and W. W. Smith and D. L. Branson to Red River Association.

Moved and seconded that this body grant the appointed messengers the privilege of writing an associational letter in case they fail to attend, and sign the moderator's and clerk's name to the same.

The four churches calling for the next session of this body put in nomination. Caney Valley church withdrew her call. By a majority vote Mount Pisgah church was chosen.

Moved that the clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed, and that he be paid \$10 for his services.

Moved and seconded that Bro. A. Nelson and J. M. White preach the next introductory sermon.

Moved and seconded that the minutes just read be adopted.

A motion was then made and carried that this body now adjourn.

Closing prayer by T. J. Wright, after which an appropriate song was sung while the brethren and sisters gave each

other the parting hand amid tears of joy, hoping to meet again

J. A. SHACKELFORD Moderator.

W. H. ANDERSON. Clerk.

Appendix.

Report of Committees in Full.

A—DUTY OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

We, beg that the members attend their church meetings. The Word of God says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some," Hebrews 10: 25, and pray for them, hold them up before God and man both spiritual and temporal. In order that churches do their duty they must be instructed from the Word of God. Our desire and prayer is, that the churches discharge their duties to their pastors.

R. C. FIELDS, Chairman.

B—DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

We find it is the duty of the pastors to visit the membership and become acquainted with their wants and temperment and walk circum-spectfully before them, Be instant in season and out of season and preach the Word.

A. NELSON, Chairman.

C—STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on Religion, submit the following report:

We find from the reading of the letters and information obtained from the messengers of this association that God by His omnipotent power has seen fit to bless us and there has been a good work done, and that religion is in a prosperous condition in the bounds of this association, and we pray God to continue His blessings upon us.

J. J. HUGHES, Chairman.

D—DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, make the following report:

We find in the bounds of the Caddo River Association great destitution. We find a great cry for the Bread of Life in the destitute parts of our association. Dear brethren, let us awake to a sense of our duty and respond to the cry of those destitute brethren and friends.

H. T. HOWELL, Chairman.

E—TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

We believe that the sentiment of our Baptist denomination and the people generally are more opposed now than ever before to the

avile of strong drinks. We urge that all Baptist come to the rescue by their votes and influence against the monster evil, intemperance.

D. T. BRUNSON,
J. E. PROCTOR,
R. M. REECE.

F—DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following report:

We find sent up by the churches for home missions \$7.25, for foreign missions \$2.05, and four churches calling for the next session of this body.

C. C. HARDY, Chairman.

G—FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, find on hand

For printing minutes.....	\$26 42
" Home missions.	8 30
" Orphans' Home	4 25
Total.....	\$38 97

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. WRIGHT.

H—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of funds at close of last association.....	\$41 19
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$16 00
" W. H. Andrews as clerk	12 00
Amount on hand	13 19
Total.....	\$41 19
Received this year for Orphans' Home	4 25
" From Sunday School Convention.....	1 70
" For printing minutes.....	24 72
" For home missions.....	9 80
Balance on hand from last year.....	13 19
Cash on hand	53 66

D. T. BRUNSON, Treasurer.

I—MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

We submit the following report:

We find that Bro. H. T. Howell has given two weeks' work as a missionary in the destitute parts of the Caddo River Association and reports twelve conversions during his work. We highly commend Bro. Howell for his great missionary zeal.

S. Y. MORAN, Chairman.

J—OBITUARIES.

God, in His all-wise providence, has removed from us our be-

loved brethren and sisters:

Big Fork Church—Bro. Mark Wimberly, Sisters Chambers and Margeret Dilbeck.

Providence Church—Sister Lavica Rowton.

Mt. Pisgah Church—Sister C. A. Pate.

Bethel Church—Bro. Norman Wesener and Sister Georgia McKnight.

Bethlehem Church—Sister Smallig.

Boone Camp Church—Bro. John Walle Helton.

Pleasant Valley Church—Sisters Mary Gladden and Alice Reeves.

Mt. Pleasant Church—Sada Miller.

Salem Church—Estel Thrash.

“Blessed are they that die in the Lord.”

D. T. DRIGGER.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Bap'ism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismiss'd by Let'r	Excluded	Restored	Died	Present Membership	Days of Meeting	Minute Fund	Home Missions	Value of Church Property	Orphans' Home	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	COUNTIES
Antioch.....	1	2	2	2			22	First	\$ 1 00	\$ 65	\$ 200 00		W F Willis.....	John Welch.....	Caddo Gap.....	Montgomery.....
Board Camp.....	14	6	2	2		1	85		2 05	1 35	300 00		H T Howell.....	RL Thompson...	Board Camp...	Polk.....
Black Springs.....	5	1					50	First	1 50	1 00	300 00		H T Howell.....	L P Guthery.....	Black Springs...	Montgomery.....
Bethel.....	5	5				2	50	Second	1 25	1 00	300 00		T J Wright.....	S T Robberson...	Rock Creek.....	Pike.....
Big Fork.....	11	6	1				129	Fourth	2 72	2 50	350 00		H T Howell.....	J D Holmes.....	Eggar.....	Polk.....
Bethlehem.....	1	1					26	Fourth	1 00	45			W F Willis.....	W J Taylor.....	Kirby.....	Pike.....
Christa.....							9	Fourth					DT Drigger.....	Monroe Dutton..	Platta.....	Montgomery.....
Cane Valley.....	3	4	4	5			60	Second	1 45		200 00		T J Wright.....	Y M Nicholson...	Hickory Station	Montgomery.....
Forest Hill.....	2	1			1		31	First	90	45	200 00		J A Shackelford..	C H Motley.....	Amity.....	Clarke.....
Liberty.....	4						48	Third	50				R C Fields.....	T J Collier.....	Ophir.....	Montgomery.....
Mount Pleasant	2	2	2			1	47	Third	1 35				J A Shackelford..	D B White.....	Langley.....	Pike.....
Mount Home.....	2	2	2				72	Third	1 50		30 00		T J Wright.....	W M Tackett.....	Hickory Station	Montgomery.....
Mount Pisgah.....	13	13				1	71	Fourth	1 90	30	200 00		D B Millsap.....	M L Huggan.....	Welch.....	Montgomery.....
Mount Zion.....							26	Third	1 25				W T West.....	J F Mullins.....	Platta.....	Montgomery.....
Pleasant Valley.....	1	2					14		1 00				W T West.....	W T West.....	Manfred.....	Montgomery.....
Springdale.....	1	1					14		1 10				T J Wright.....	J E Edwards.....	Black Springs...	Montgomery.....
Salem.....	1	1					14		1 00		20 00		J A Shackelford..	S P Thrash.....	Wheat.....	Pike.....
Salem Springs.....	1	1					14		1 00				David Hickey.....	W M Edwards.....	Red Bird.....	Montgomery.....
Talbot Grove.....	1	1					14		1 00		20 00		R C Fields.....	J F Mullins.....	Rock Creek.....	Pike.....

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Caddo River Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Hickory Station, Ark., August 2, 1902.

The Caddo River Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Forest Hill church on Friday, August 2, 1902, at 11 a. m. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Shackelford. The convention then adjourned to 3 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was opened by reading and prayer.

The president and secretary being absent, by motion and second that Y. M. Nicholson act as clerk pro tem.

Call for the reading of the constitution.

Call for the letters from the churches and schools.

Letters read and churches and messengers' names enrolled.

Went into the election of officers for another year. Results: Eld. A. Nelson, president; J. A. Shackelford, vice-president; Y. M. Nicholson, clerk, and J. J. Hughes, treasurer.

Appointment of Preaching Committee: Bro. J. H. Adcock, W. A. Whisenhunt and Y. M. Nicholson.

By motion and second the convention adjourned until 8 a. m. Saturday morning.

Closing prayer by Bro. J. R. Nash.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention was opened by the president reading a part of the 19th chapter of St. Luke and prayer by Bro. J. A. Shackelford.

Motioned and seconded that Bro. T. J. Wright and B. D. Millsap be enrolled as members of this body, and Eld. M. P. Thomas, of Bismark, Salem Association, be seated with us.

Appointment of Committee on Program: W. W. Smith, H. E. Benson and C. C. Markham.

Call for the reports of Sunday School superintendents.

Clancy Valley, Mt. Pisgah and Valley Grove superintendents came forward with good reports.

Call for subjects and essays. Subject No. 1: "Give the Scriptural Authority for the Sabbath School," A. Nelson. Was ably discussed by the brother and endorsed, after which the convention adjourned until 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention was opened by the president reading a part of the 15th chapter of John. Prayer by T. J. Wright.

Subject No. 2 was taken up. "Should we have Sabbath School teachers who do not belong to the church?" D. T. Brunson. Was ably discussed by the brethren and endorsed.

By motion and second the convention adjourned until 8 a. m.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The president opened the convention by reading a part of the 23rd chapter of Matthew and prayer by Bro. M. P. Thomas.

By motion and second Eld. T. B. Burke was enrolled as a member of this body.

Subject No. 3. "Should the Principles of Mission work be taught in the Sabbath School," W. H. Anderson. Was ably discussed and agreed that the principles of missions should be taught in our Sabbath School.

No. 4. "Why should we use Literature in our Sabbath School," W. A. Whisenhunt. Discussed and agreed that we should use Baptist literature only, in our Sunday Schools.

By motion and second the next session of this convention will meet with Mt. Pisgah church, Montgomery county, Ark., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1903, at 11 a. m.

Report of Committee on Divine Service:

Friday night, Eld. J. A. Shackelford. Saturday night service, J. A. Shackelford and B. D. Millsap. Sunday at 11 a. m., M. P. Thomas and J. J. Hughes.

Resolved. That we tender our thanks to the members of Forest

Hill church and community for their kind hospitality shown us while with them.

W. W. SMITH.

Following is the program to be rendered at Mt. Pisgah church, commencing on Friday, August, 1903:

Introductory Sermon—T. J. Wright and W. T. Willis.

1. "Was Christ Crucified According to Law"—W. T. Willis,

2. "Why Should We Have a Sunday School Convention?"—D. T. Brunson.

3. "The Duty of [Sabbath School Superintendents]"—J. A. Shackelford.

4. "Should We Use Helps in Our Sunday School or the Bible Only"—J. J. Hughes.

5. "What Should be the Design of Sabbath School Teachers in Teaching"—T. J. Wright.

Essay of her own choice—Miss Nora Smith.

Essay of her own choice—Mrs. Julia Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. SMITH,

C. C. MARKHAM,

D. T. BRUNSON.

J. A. NELSON, President,

J. A. SHACKELFORD, Vice-Pres.

Y. M. NICHOLSON, Secretary,

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Resolution.

Whereas, Dr. W. A. Clark, Editor of the Arkansas Baptist, is sound a Landmark Baptist and is standing firm upon the practice and principals of the Baptist doctrine, therefore be it

Resolved, That we indorse the Arkansas Baptist as sound in doctrine, and scriptural in church polity, and in every way worthy of our support and patronage, and we commend the same to our Baptist people.

W. H. ANDERSON

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