

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Ouachita * Baptist * Association,

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HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Corinth, Polk County, Arkansas,

September 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1890.

Twenty-third Annual Session.

OFFICERS.

E. L. COMPERE, MODERATOR, Dallas, Ark.

THOS. WRIGHT, CLERK, Cove, Ark.

MINOR PIPKIN, TREASURER, Dallas, Ark.

*Next Session to be held with Center Ridge Church, four miles west
of Cove and near the Choctaw Nation. To convene
Saturday Before the Fourth Sabbath in
September, 1891*

MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Ouachita Association met with the Corinth Baptist Church, Polk County, Arkansas, September 27, 1890. Eld. E. A. Mayo preached the Introductory, Bro. White of Red River Association concluded.

INTERMISSION FOR DINNER.

After one hour and a half, the Moderator, Eld. E. L. Compere, called the Association together. He read and commented on the 17th chap. of John, and called on Eld. H. C. Ridling to lead in prayer. Eld. E. M. Stephens, the former clerk being absent, Thos. Wright was appointed clerk pro. tem.

Letters from the churches were called for and read by E. R. Box and J. A. Bennett.

A petitionary letter from Hickory Creek Church was presented by Bro. McKnight. The church was received, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the messenger.

On motion it was agreed to elect a treasurer.

Proceeded to election of permanent officers. Eld. J. W. Black, of Oklahoma Association, Eld. Thos. Welch, of Caddo Association, and Eld. White, of Red River Association acted as tellers. They reported.

E. L. Compere, Moderator.

Thos. Wright, Clerk.

Minor Pipkin, Treasurer.

The Moderator thanked the brethren for his re-election. He hoped that all would remember that we are here to work, that all would specially remember the prayer of Jesus that he had read, that his people might be one, and that it may be applied to this meeting,

so that we may have no divided votes, and that no member will think of going home till the Association adjourns.

The chair appointed as a Committee on Preaching: The deacons of this church with W. A. Brumley and Minor Pipkin.

Received correspondence from:

Caddo River Association. Elders T J Welch and W H Caldwell.

Red River Association. Elder White.

Oklahoma Association. Elder J W Black.

The Association ordered the appointment of committees on Foreign Missions, Associational Missions, Sabbath Schools, Documents and Obituaries. Adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. Monday. Prayer by Bro. Parham Benediction by Bro. Green.

SABBATH SERVICES.

Eld. E. S. James led the Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock a. m., Eld. J. M. Green preached the Missionary Sermon, followed by Eld. H. C. Ridling. The Moderator took the collection for Foreign Missions. Cash \$13.25. Pledges \$23.95.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions. J M Green H P Coffman J J Mershon W H Taylor J A Bennett J D Parham Taos Wright.

Associational Missions. H C Ridling J C Crawford E R Box A J Robins Minor Pipkin H M Lawrence W H Vanderurg.

Sabbath Schools. E S James G W North W A Brumley D C Lloyd S R Richardson W L Sheppard.

Obituaries. E R Box M L Ridling A T Joplin S P Posey.

Documents. G M Baxter E G Embry A L Claborne.

Finance. W H Taylor A M Bruce C F White Charles McKnight.

Dismissed for dinner. The crowd was very large, but the dinner on the ground was abundant for all.

After dinner the congregation assembled to hear Eld. Black, of Oklahoma, preach; but the hour was late and preaching had been appointed in several neighborhoods for the night, and he declined to preach. Eld. I. N. Briggs, of Indian Territory, led in prayer, and Eld. Black pronounced the benediction. [There was preaching almost every night at Dallas, Salem, Corinth, and other points.]

MONDAY, 9 o'clock.

After twenty-five minutes in devotional exercises, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The record was read, corrected and approved.

The roll was called, and absentees were noted.

Correspondence was returned to:

Caddo River Association. Eld H C Ridling and E R Box.

Oklahoma Association. E L Compere H C Ridling and J A Bennett.

The delegates appointed to the General Association West Arkansas and Indian Territory, E. L. Compere, H. C. Ridling, G M. Baxter, E. A. Mayo and M. L. Ridling, with J. M. Green, H. P. Coffman and J. J. Mershon, alternates.

On motion, it was agreed that any member of this body may represent us in any of the above named associations, or in any with which we correspond.

On motion, the action of the called session of the Association at Dallas, last year, the account of which is in the last minutes, was approved.

Report on Associational Missions was read, and pending the motion to adopt, a collection was taken amounting to \$91.00 in cash and pledges. Report was then adopted. (See Appendix A.)

J. J. Mershon, W. H. Taylor, A. M. Bruce, were appointed on nominations.

Moderator announced the Association adjourned according to the Constitution, to hear preaching. Elder Thos. Welch preached.

DINNER.

After one hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Crawford.

Report on Foreign Missions was presented, and pending the motion to adopt, the following brethren gave their hands in covenant that they would pray for Foreign Missions on the first Sabbath in each month during the year: L. N. Briggs, G. M. Baxter, J. M. Green, E. L. Compere, J. J. Mershon, J. C. Nelson, W. H. Taylor, J. W. Black, and then followed all the brethren and sisters, giving their hands in the same covenant. The report was then adopted. (Appendix B.)

Adjourned till Tuesday, 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Briggs. Benediction by Bro. Black.

TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK.

After devotional exercises, the Association proceeded to business. Minutes of Sunday and Monday were read and approved.

Report on Sabbath Schools was presented, discussed and adopted. (Appendix C.)

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted. (Appendix D.)

At 11 o'clock the Moderator declared the body adjourned to hear preaching. Elder E. S. James preached.

DINNER.

After dinner, and after singing and prayer, the Association proceeded to business.

The report on Documents was read, and recommended: 1st, that the constitution be amended so as to omit the word "United" from the name of the Association, and insert the word "Missionary." 2nd: That the next session of this body be held with Center Ridge Church.

The recommendations were considered separately, and the body agreed that the words "United" and "Missionary," were improper, and that the Association should be "Ouachita Baptist Association." With this change the whole report was adopted.

Clerk was instructed to prepare a form for church letters to the Association and have it printed in the minutes.

Committee on Nominations recommended Eld. J. D. Parham to preach the Introductory next session, and Eld. J. P. Faith as alternate. Eld. E. S. James to preach the Missionary sermon, with Eld. J. C.

We send for Minutes, \$.....; for Missions of the Association, \$.....; for Foreign Missions, \$.....

[If next meeting of Association is desired, or advice on any matter, put it in here.]

Approved by the Church, Saturday before..... Sabbath in.....
189..... Moderator.

..... Clerk.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find great destitution in our bounds, and think it necessary for this body to devise some plan to supply this destitution. We suggest that the Association find out as nearly as possible, what amount of money the churches will give for this purpose. And if a sufficient sum can be raised, we further suggest that the Moderator appoint a Board to take charge of the funds, employ a missionary, keep him at work, and do what may be usually done by such a Board.

H. C. RIDLING, Chairman.

The following sums were pledged for the above purpose, to be paid quarterly.

Two Mile Church, \$20; Dallas Church, \$10; Mt Gilead, \$10; Yockany, \$9; Mt. Olive, \$5; Concord Church, \$5; A. L. Claborn, \$2.50; E. R. Box, E. A. Mayo, J. D. Parham, W. L. Sheppard, M. L. Ridling Sam Robinson and E. R. Woodard each \$2, \$14; S. P. Posey, R. A. Gately, B. F. Neighbors, G. W. North, G. M. Baxter, W. G. North Capt. Cross, M. H. Vanderberg, Charles McKnight, Mrs. D. C. Lloyd, Mrs. J. J. Mershon, Mrs. S. V. Branson and Bro. McAfee, each \$1, \$13, and Thos. Wright, \$3 paid. Also E. L. Compere pledged \$50 from the Board of the General Association.

The following were appointed as the Board of Missions: J. M. Green, E. S. James, J. J. Mershon, J. A. Norris, J. A. Bennett, W. H. Taylor, A. M. Bruce.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The calls from foreign fields are urgent, and there are men and women ready to go; but the means are not at hand to send them. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has called on our General Association to raise \$500 this year. We feel that it is proper for this Association to assist in raising that fund. Therefore we would recommend: That special prayer be made in the churches and at our family altars for Foreign Missions; That our members be requested to read all they can get on this subject, such as Foreign Mission Journal, Heathen Helper, tracts, leaflets, and what is said in our weekly Baptist papers; That each Baptist in this Association be requested to lay by him in store, as the Lord prospers him, for Foreign Missions: That each pastor be requested, to preach on the

subject, to each of his congregations, during the month of December next, and take collections for this purpose.

J. M. GREEN, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We believe our Sabbath Schools could be run with profit, if they were always under the control of the churches. And we recommend that each church organize its own School, having it subject to, and making regular reports to, the church.

E. S. JAMES, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find only three deaths among our members, as reported in the letters. Brother W. F. Barlow had been a Baptist about thirty years, and died about November 1st, 1890. Sister S. C. Box, wife of Bro. E. R. Box, had been a Baptist twenty-five years, and died April 22nd, 1890. Also Sister Neighbors, wife of Bro. Joseph Neighbors, died last spring. Each of these three were orderly members in our churches, and died in the triumphs of a living faith.

Let us remember that Death is abroad in the land, and may be instant, in season and out of season, as we know neither the day nor hour when we too must contend with this the king of terrors and terror to kings.

E. R. BOX, Chairman.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Union of Churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "Ouachita Baptist Association."

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before taking their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by appointment of a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This 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 only act as an advisory council assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have the power to withdraw from, and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; it should therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the Kingdom of Grace on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with that Gospel: to union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union through representation by three delegates at the annual sessions of this association, with a petition for admission, and upon their agreeing to the abstract of principles herein published.

Art. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, written statistics, giving names of delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, expelled, restored, or died since the last session; and all information the churches deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 7. This association may have a fund supplied by contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches, and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This association shall take no cognizance of any query sent from the

churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions in the 17th chapter of Matthew and failed to settle it; then this Association shall take such matters into consideration and act on them at its discretion.

Art. 10. The Clerk of this Association shall keep a file of the minutes of this body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing this Association.

Art. 12. At each annual meeting there shall be an Introductory and a Missionary sermon; and the body shall adjourn each day at 11 o'clock a. m. for preaching.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the God-Head; Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three in one.

2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and that the depravity of his fallen nature was entailed upon his posterity; and in the impotency of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe in election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that they will never finally fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that it pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believed.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of our own gracious state.

8. We believe there will be a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful baptized persons who are in christian fellowship and are agreed to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the only law-giver, and the discipline is with the body and should be faithfully kept up for the glory of God and the prosperity of his people.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the gospel and none but true believers have a right thereto; and should be administered by regularly ordained ministers; and that immersion is the only gospel mode of baptism.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by suffrage of the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the power to call to order at any time.

4. Any member, dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and, obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or is guilty of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by this Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and the members in the affirmative shall signify their position by rising from their seats, and those in the negative shall retain theirs. The Moderator shall announce the decision before the affirmative resume their seats.

10. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken, nor shall any proposition be made to close a debate until the subject has been fairly discussed.

12. Members of the Association shall address each other under the appellation of "Brother."

13. The roll may be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any person violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach be made,

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE OUACHITA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held with Corinth Baptist Church, Polk county, Arkansas, September 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1890.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF CLERKS	NAMES OF POST OFFICES	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis'm's'd by Let'r.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Days of Meeting.	Amount for Foreign Missions.	Amount for Home Missions.
Big Fork	J W Barron, I A Fisher, R A Gateley	H P Coffman	J W Barron	Egger	2		6			44	4		\$1.00
Buffalo	E A Mayo, H P Coffman, Thos Wright	J P Coffman	G B Mayo	Cove				1		39	4	\$1.70	.95
Center Ridge	J D Parham	P H Faith	J W McDonald	"	6	1	3			51	1		
Concord	D D McDonald, E G Embry, James Lewis	E S James	T H Embry	Ink			1	4		31	3		.80
Corinth	G M Baxter, J J Mershon, G W North	E L Compere	J J Mershon	Dallas	3	3		1		41	4		1.00
County Line	M L Ridling, W F Ridling	M Ridling	B R Carter	Hartley						13			.75
Dallas	E L Compere, J A Bennett, M Pipkin	E L Compere	J A Bennett	Dallas	1	8	3			24	3		1.75
Hickory Creek	Charles McKnight	J P Faith	R J Daniels	Cove	2	2	6			15	3		.50
Hopewell	S Richardson, J McAfee	E S James	D Nations	"	2	6				23	4		1.00
Lone Valley	A M Bruce, Wm Snitker	E A Mayo	H Fortner	"	2	9	8		2	24	3		.75
Mt. Gillead	E R Box, G T Gore	A C Thompson	E R Box	Black Springs		2		2	1	54	2		2.00
Mt. Hope	M H Vanderburg, R S Woodard	J C Crawford	J J Johnson	Baker	20	10	3			37	3		2.50
Mt. Olive	E S James, J D Woods, W H Taylor	J F McLeod	T L Randolph	Potter		3	1			19	4		1.10
Mt. Pleasant	J C Crawford, A L Laborne, J Biann	J C Crawford	E J Crawford	Silver Hill	2	2	1	2		14	2		1.00
New Hope No. 2	Henry Lawrence	M L Ridling	J S Lawrence	Rhodes					1	28	2		.60
Pilgrims' Rest	J P Jones, W L Sheppard	E S James	J T Jones	Mountain Fork	3	5				19	1		.75
Rock Springs	S P Posey, S W Bass, B H Risenhoover	L C Burnham	J S Risenhoover	Quito			4			21	3		1.00
Salem	A J Robins, J Edwards, W A Brumley,	E S James	W A Brumley	Dallas		2	2	1	38	2			1.00
Two Mile	J M Green, A T Joplin, J C Nelson		H Gann	Eagle Hill		2	1			56	2		.75
Yockany	H C Ridling, C F White, J P Wilcox		J P Wilcox	Egger	3		2			45	1		1.00

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