

Twenty-Ninth
Annual
Session



Gainesville

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Association.



Convened with
New Light Church
October 22th, 1898.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association.

NEW LIGHT CHURCH, }
SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 1898. }

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened in its twenty-ninth annual session, with New Light Church, Clay county, Arkansas, October 22, 1898. The introductory was preached by Eld. J. S. Haden at 11 o'clock a. m. His text was John 4:39.

The former moderator being absent, the clerk called the body to order. Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner was chosen moderator pro tem. The body was led in prayer by Eld. Giles C. Taylor.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 p. m. for refreshments. Benediction by Eld. J. H. Peay, editor of the Baptist Gleaner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the association was called to order and business resumed. Letters from the churches were called for and read. Twenty-two churches were present by letters and messengers.

On motion, the body went into election of its

permanent officers. Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner was elected moderator; H. Halcomb, clerk; Eld. T. L. B. Thorn, treasurer.

Petitionery letters were called for.

Corresponding messengers were called for: Eld. J. H. Peay was enrolled as such from Mt. Zion Association.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats in the body and to participate in the deliberations. Elds. Giles C. Taylor, financial agent for Central Baptist College, Conway, Ark., and C. D. Owens, of Mt. Zion Association, accepted the invitation.

On motion, the association adopted the following

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call the roll and read the minutes.
2. Call for petitionery letters.
3. Call for letters of correspondence.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
5. Report of committee on ministerial education.
6. Report of committee on Home Missions.
7. Report of committee on Foreign Missions.
8. Report of committee on State and Associational Missions.
9. Report of committee on Sunday Schools.
10. Report committee on Finance.
11. Report of committee on Obituaries.
12. Report of committee on Temperance.
13. Report of committee on Publications.
14. Report of committee on Orphans' Home.
15. Report of committee on Ministers and Post-offices.

16. Report of Executive Board.
17. Report of General Agent of Ministerial Education.
18. Report of Missionary.
19. Report of Treasurer.
20. Miscellaneous Business.
21. Call for Queries and Resolutions.

On motion, the moderator appointed the following committees:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. R. Halcomb, V. A. Phillips, J. N. Minetree.

HOME MISSIONS—T. L. B. Thorn, Luther Rogers, W. T. Williams.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. H. Faulkner, E. J. Teague, J. H. Sammons.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—J. A. Smith J. J. Burton, Z. T. Crockett.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—E. D. Cooper, J. S. Haden, V. A. Phillips.

FINANCE—J. A. Smith, W. J. Johnson, Daniel Dillow.

OBITUARIES—J. J. Brown, J. M. Rasberry, J. F. Sain.

TEMPERANCE—J. R. Halcomb, G. H. Faulkner, E. D. Cooper.

PUBLICATIONS—J. K. Pate, S. C. Lovelace, A. B. Winchester.

ORPHAN'S HOME—J. C. Halcomb, C. D. Owens, Tom Carpenter.

LIST OF MINISTERS—E. D. Cooper, J. S. Haden, J. R. Halcomb.

The moderator appointed the pastor and messengers of New Light church as a committee on divine service. They reported as follows:

Eld. J. R. Halcomb to preach on Saturday night; Eld. Giles C. Taylor, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; Eld. E. D. Cooper, Sunday night; Eld. J. H. Peay, Monday at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, adjourned to 7 p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Halcomb.

The body convened at 7 o'clock p. m., and after preaching by Eld. J. R. Halcomb, on the subject of the "Security of the Believer," the association resumed business. The moderator then read out the committees mentioned above.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. in Sunday school mass meeting, conducted by Bro. V. A. Phillips. At this time the committee on Sunday schools was to make their report. Prayer by Eld. E. D. Cooper.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The association met at 9 o'clock a. m., and after singing and prayer by Eld. E. J. Teague, the committee made their report on

Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit our report as follows: After having heard the church letters read, and observing that not exceeding one-fourth of the churches in the Gainesville Association report Sunday schools, we are impressed with the importance of urging each church to organize a

school at once, and to use sound Baptist literature as well as to select Godly Baptist teachers and officers. Because if we do not teach the rising generation the truth of the Bible, they will be taught wrong and led into error. We further recommend each Sunday school to purchase black-boards, maps and Bible picture lessons, which may be obtained of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. We further hope that each church will realize that it is impossible to carry out the command of the Savior, in the fullest sense, who said, "Go preach the gospel to every creature," without a Sunday school.

Com. { E. D. COOPER,
J. S. HADEN,
V. A. PHILLIPS.

On motion, it was received for discussion. Speeches to this report were made by Elds. J. R. Halcomb, C. D. Owens, E. D. Cooper, E. J. Teague, G. H. Faulkner, J. D. J. Faulkner and Bro. V. A. Phillips. On motion, further discussion was deferred until Monday.

At 11 o'clock Eld. Giles C. Taylor preached to a large and attentive congregation at the Baptist church, and Eld. G. H. Faulkner at the residence of Bro. Wimberly. At night Eld. E. D. Cooper preached from the subject, "Pure Religion."

Adjourned to Monday morning. Benediction by moderator.

MONDAY MORNING.

October 24, 1898.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. J. Burton. The roll was called

and the messengers answered to their names. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read, amended and adopted.

The committee made their report on

Ministerial Education.

We, your committee on Ministerial Education, submit our report as follows: Whereas, the Bible admonishes us to study to show ourselves workmen that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each his portion in due season; and whereas, we have several young men who have entered the ministry and are striving to educate and prepare themselves so that they might better do the work enjoined upon them. We recommend that the entire Gainesville Association give all possible aid to the support of this great undertaking.

Com. { ELD. J. R. HALCOMB,
V. A. PHILLIPS,
J. N. MINETREE.

The above report was amended by adding the following paragraph:

“And in as much as our beloved brethren, J. S. Rogers and Neely Meredith, have already entered Ouachita College, be it resolved, that we urge the churches of this association to help them to complete their education in this school.”

During the discussion of this report, a collection of \$7.50 was taken for this object. The report was then adopted.

Home Missions.

The following is the report: We, your committee on Home Missions, would report that we find

the field covered by the Home Board is a vast one, including the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahomá, Cuba and Porto Rico. We have many men on those fields in the destitutions, among them Dr. Diaz in Cuba. Those men are looking to the Home Board for support while filling the destitutions. The Home Board pays 50c for every dollar we raise in Arkansas, which funds are spent in our state. Therefore, we recommend our people to co-operate with the Home Board, as every dollar we raise is worth one dollar and fifty cents to Arkansas. W. T. WILLIAMS, Ch'm.

Emphasis was given to this report, urging the churches to enlarge along the line of Home Mission work.

The committee then made its report on

Foreign Missions.

Your committee would report as follows: The great work of the church of Christ is to give the pure gospel to the entire world. The field of our operation is exceeding broad. We must work in Jerusalem, in Judia, in Samaria and unto and in the uttermost parts of the earth. Go into all the world; teach all nations; preach the gospel to every creature. District, State and Home Missions are important, but Foreign Missions must not be neglected. Let the perishing nations have our sympathies, let our brethren on foreign fields have our prayers and material support. Let our contributions be so generous that more laborers may be sent into the harvest. The Board is worthy our utmost confidence. Let all our churches give it their most hearty support. Let the organ of the Board, the Foreign Mis-

sion Journal, be put into the homes of all our beloved people.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. FAULKNER,

E. J. TEAGUE,

J. H. SAMMONS.

The committee on State and Associational Missions made the following report:

State and Associational Missions.

As to State Missions, we would recommend that we, as the Gainesville Association, co-operate with the State Board and that the churches in our bounds earnestly solicit regular contributions to this work and send the same to the secretary of the State Board. We should co-operate both in theory and practice. Viewing the destitution in the bounds of the Gainesville Association, and being taught of God that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, and in obedience to the command of our Lord and Master to preach the gospel to every creature, we urge that we place a strong man in the fields of destitution for as much of the time as possible. We would recommend that the moderator appoint five brethren to constitute an associational board of missions, whose duty it will be to look out the destitution in our bounds and point out the field to be cultivated by the missionary; also fix the salary of the missionary, and keep an itemized account of all contributions received and moneys paid out by them, and make a report of same to the body at its next annual session. We further urge the messengers representing the churches to urge upon their respective churches the necessity of contributing to associational work; to take collections from time to time and forward same to the board.

J. A. SMITH, Ch'm.

Consideration of this report deferred until afternoon

On motion, the executive board was empowered to employ as well as fix the salary of the missionary.

The Sunday school report was then taken up, discussed and adopted.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m. Eld. J. H. Peay then preached a sermon on "The Angel and the Gospel." Benediction by Eld. T. L. B. Thorn.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The association convened at 2 o'clock, and was led in prayer by Eld. G. H. Faulkner. After some discussion, the State and Associational Mission report was adopted.

NEXT ASSOCIATION.

On motion, Piggott was chosen as the place for the next session of the association. Eld. J. R. Halcomb was elected to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner, as alternate.

TIME.

On motion, the time for the next meeting was changed to Thursday at 10 o'clock before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1899.

On motion, dispensed with preaching tonight. Adjourned to 7 o'clock. Benediction by Eld. J. H. Peay.

MONDAY NIGHT.

At 7 o'clock p. m. the association convened, led in prayer by Eld. J. K. Pate. The moderator appointed the following

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. D. Evans J. A. Smith
J. J. Burton W. J. Johnson
C. W. Bradshaw.

The committee on Publications then made the following report:

On Publication.

We, your committee on publications, respectfully submit the following: The Bible should ever be the book of our study, the rule and guide to our faith and practice. We believe, however, that every Baptist in our association should read some Baptist paper. We recommend the Baptist Gleaner, published by Eld. J. H. Peay; the Arkansas Baptist, and also the literature for Sunday schools published by the American Baptist Publication Society and the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. K. PATE, Ch'm.

The report was amended by adding to the list of papers the American Baptist Flag.

The above report was discussed by J. H. Peay, J. R. Halcomb, J. K. Pate, J. S. Haden and J. D. J. Faulkner, and adopted as amended.

The committee on

Orphan's Home

then made their report: The management of brother and sister Gardiner has been very economical and in all respects satisfactory. Several homeless and

helpless children have found good christian homes through this institution. There are at present eighteen orphans in the Home. More room is badly needed and our people are urged to give liberally that the contemplated addition may be erected at once.

J. C. HALCOMB,

C. D. OWEN,

J. T. CARPENTER.

After some discussion, a collection of \$5.00 cash was taken.

The Executive Board

Made the following report which was adopted: Soon after our last association we met and organized by electing Bro. W. H. Weatherly, chairman, and Bro. J. J. Burton, secretary. We employed Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner as missionary, at a salary of \$40 per month. We sent him to the following mission points: Rector, for one-fourth time; Bark Camp Island, Delaplaine, one-fourth time, and Jones' Ridge for one-fourth time. The other fourth time to do general mission work. He commenced work the first of February, 1898, and worked for five and one-fourth months, for which we have paid him one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and twenty-six cents, leaving a balance on hand of twenty-two dollars and fifty eight cents. The amounts collected during the past year are as follows:

Rock Hill	\$12.23
Center Hill	3.75
Fairview	7.00
Fifth Sunday—Walcott	5.12
Gainesville	8.95
T. L. B. Thorn, Treas.....	12.50
Unity	7.50
Mainshore	5.90
Piggott	2.81
Rector	33.65
Pleasant Grove	2.30
Hopewell	5.95
Fifth Sunday—Center Hill.....	6.15
Marmaduke	1.25
New Light.....	1.00

Providence.....	4.00
New Hope.....	10.00
Mt. Taber.....	.75
Delaplaine.....	9.00
Salem.....	5.60
Brown's Chapel.....	6.90
Friendship.....	20.70
Blooming Grove.....	2.95
Epraby.....	4.55
Bark Camp.....	1.00
Union Grove.....	5.00
Am't from last association.....	35.33
Total.....	221.84
Paid out.....	199.26

Balance on hand..... 22.58

* Respectfully submitted,
H. W. WEATHERLY, Ch'm.
J. J. BURTON, Sec'y.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—AGENT'S REPORT.

Your agent reports as follows: Received and paid to Bro. C. A. Meredith to assist him in school as follows:

From Friendship church.....	\$3.45
" Morning Star.....	2.55
" Unity.....	1.75
" Fairview.....	1.10
" J. A. Smith.....	1.35
" Providence.....	1.41
" Salem.....	1.25
Total.....	\$12.86

Receipts herswith filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

was as follows, and was adopted:

Balance on hand at last report.....	\$61.31
Received on minute fund.....	26.50
Foreign missions.....	2.05
Home missions.....	2.50
Associational Missions.....	2.55
State missions.....	1.75
Ministerial Education.....	8.50
Orphan's Home.....	5.00

Total received..... \$110.16

PAID OUT

Printing minutes, 1897.....	36.20
Foreign missions.....	9.11
Home missions.....	3.50
Associational Mts. Board.....	12.50

Total expenditures..... 61.31

Balance on hand..... 48.85

T. L. B. THORN, Treas.

S. B. C.

Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner was elected associational delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, when convened at Louisville, Ky., in May, 1899.

STATE CONVENTION.

Bro. J. J. Burton, Elds. G. H. Faulkner, E. D. Cooper, were elected delegates to the State Convention; Elds. J. R. Halcomb and J. S. Haden were chosen alternates.

SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

On motion, the following brethren were sent as corresponding messengers:

To Mt. Zion—Elds. E. D. Cooper and J. S. Haden.

To Black River—Elds. J. K. Pate and J. R. Halcomb.

Committee on Obituaries.

Your committee on obituaries submit the following report: God in his providence has seen fit to remove from our midst twenty-three of our beloved brothers and sisters. Words fail us to express the esteem with which we held these excellent brothers and sisters. We especially mention as one of our departed brothers the name of Eld. N. F. Carpenter. We feel that in his death we have lost a faithful christian and an earnest worker in the ministry of Christ, and in as much as he is so greatly missed by this body, we recommend that the body in her present session offer a memorial prayer in token of our love and respect for him; and we further recommend that we tender our sympathies to the berieved family and that we shall pray God's blessings to ever rest upon them.

Com. { J. J. BROWN,
J. M. RASBERRY,
J. F. SAIN.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your committee on Temperance report the following: In view of the fact that the use of intoxicants is the cause of nine-tenths of the crimes by which the land is cursed and is, directly or indirectly, the cause of most the poverty and distress; also it brings on most of the taxation which the people have to pay; also the use of intoxicants transmits criminal tendencies to the offspring of the users; therefore be it resolved, that all our churches do all in their power to discourage the use and traffic in alcoholic drinks, and all churches that encourage the traffic be considered unsound in christian practice, and in thus doing declare non-fellowship with this body.

J. R. HALCOMB,
G. H. FAULKNER,
E. D. COOPER.

The report was discussed and adopted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Your committee on Ordained Ministers report the following named brethren within our bounds:

E. D. Cooper, Paragould.	G. Lively, Rector.
G. D. Crow, Piggott.	C.A. Meridith, Marmaduke
A. G. Cayle, “	W. H. Meridith, “
W. R. Cartre, “	J. K. Pate, Piggott.
J. F. Edwards, Mack.	J. S. Rogers, Paragould.
G. H. Faulkner, Crowley.	J. N. Settlemaier, Pollard.
J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould.	J. T. Tyler, Rector.
J. R. Halcomb, Pollard.	T. L. B. Thorn, Ganesville
J. S. Hayden, Boydville.	E. J. Teague, “
N. W. Hampton, Ganesville	S. Walls, “
A. M. Harris, Marmaduke.	

E. D. COOPER,
J. S. HAYDEN,
J. R. HALCOMB.

The report was adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your committee on Finance reported as follows, which was adopted:

Receipts for Printing Minutes:			
Epsaby	\$1 00	Brown's Chapel	1 00
Rock Hill	2.15	Providence	1.35
Mainshore .....	.50	New Light	1.50
Mt. Taber .....	.75	New Hope	2.00
Fairview	1.50	Union Grove	1.00
Marmaduke	1.50	Hopewell	1.50
Piggott	1.25	Blooming Grove	1.00
Post Oak	1.25	Salem	1.25
Unity	1.50	Greenway .....	.50
Friendship	2.00	Pilot Grove .....	.50
Gainesville	1 50	Total	\$26 50

Receipts for Missions:—		Asso.	State	Home	Foreign.
Rock Hill .....			.75	1.00	.55
Gainesville	1 55	1 00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Union Grove	1.00			.50	.50
Total for Missions \$8.85; for Minutes \$26.50; Gainesville for Min. Ed. \$1 00					
Grand Total					

J. A. SMITH,
W. J. JOHNSON,
DANIEL DILLOW.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Sermons preached, 102; Sunday school addresses 7; Visits, 115; Miles traveled, 922; Sunday schools organized, 3; Churches organized, 1; Collections on field, \$108.45; Began work Feb. 1, 1898, and continued 5 1-4 months. J. D. J. FAULKNER, Mis'ry.

Carried that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

RESOLUTION.

J. H. Peay introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

In order to give the Executive Board a basis of operation for mission work,

Resolved, That each church in Gainesville association be, and is hereby requested to state how much

it will give during the year for the support of associational missions.

During the pendency of this resolution the following pledges were taken for associational work:

Gleaner \$5.00; Salem, 5.00; Union Grove, 5.00; Rock Hill, 30.00; Fairview, 10.00; Hopewell, 5.00; Friendship, 30.00; New Hope, 5.00; Providence, 5.00; Pleasant Grove, 5.00; Brown's Chapel, 5.00; Blooming Grove, 3.00; Mainshore, 5.00; Center, 5.00; Piggott, 5.00; Greenway, 2.50; Unity, 10.00; Gainesville, 10.00; Epsaby, 5.00—Total \$155.50.

2nd, Whereas, we have been so royally entertained by this church and community,

Resolved, That this body tender its heartfelt thanks and pray God's best blessings upon them and their homes, materially and spiritually.

J. H. PEAY.

This was unanimously carried.

Thus closed the twenty-ninth annual session of Gainesville Association, to meet with Piggott Baptist church, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, during which the parting hand was extended to the brethren and sisters.

ELD. J. D. J. FAULKNER, Mod.

HENRY HALCOMB, Clerk.