

MINUTES

of the

Forty-sixth Annual Session of the

Caddo River Baptist Association

Held with

MT. PISGAH CHURCH,

Montgomery County, Arkansas, September 11, 1903.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY:

Minister, T. J. Wright, Welch.

Clerk, W. H. Anderson, Rock Creek.

Treasurer, John Welch, Caddo Gap.

Messengers to Buckville Association—A. R. Chitwood,
J. A. Shackelford, L. Nelson.

Messengers to Red River Association—W. P. Taylor,
J. M. White, J. R. Motley.

Messengers to Ouachita Association—H. P. Loftis,
J. F. Strickland, J. M. Hilton.

Next session to be held with Boone Camp Church, Polk
County, Arkansas, beginning on Friday before the Second
Sunday in September, 1904, at 11 o'clock A. M., Brothers
J. M. White and J. R. Motley to preach the introductory
session. ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀

A CORRECTION.

In every instance where Boone Camp is mentioned in these minutes it should read Board Camp.

The next meeting of this Association will be held at Board Camp.

PUBLISHER.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Mt. Pisgah Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, at 11 a. m., Friday, September 11, 1903, in harmony with its adjournment with Salem Church, Pike County, Arkansas.

The introductory sermon was preached by the appointed Elders A. Nelson and J. M. White, who used as a text St. John XVI:28, "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again, I leave the world, and go to the Father." After which the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The former Moderator, Elder J. A. Shackelford, being present called the Association to order. After reading the 1st Psalm and prayer the Moderator appointed Bros. John Welch, and W. H. Guthery, with the messengers of Mount Pisgah Church as a committee on Divine Service. Letters were then called for. Bros. J. H. Burchfield, W. M. Tackett and D. T. Brunson were selected to read, and names of churches and messengers were enrolled:

Archie—John Welch, W. N. Coffman.

Black Springs—W. H. Guthery.

Bethel—J. C. Proctor, T. A. Blackmon, W. H. Anderson.

Big Fork—H. P. Loftis.

Boone Camp—J. F. Strickland, J. M. Hilton.

Brush Creek—I. F. Fryar, J. C. Singleton, R. J. Rupp.

Caney Valley—R. D. Bishop, W. T. Thornton, S. Moran.

Corinth—L. Melson.

Forest Hill—Z. M. Nicholson, J. H. Adcock, E. Burns.
Liberty—E. S. Diffie, S. A. Waldrop.
Mt. Pleasant—J. T. Miller, J. M. White, D. B. White.
Mt. Home—W. M. Tackett, F. Nelson, D. B. Millsapp.
Mt. Pisgah—T. M. Featherston, P. M. Whisenhaut, J. T. Wright.
Midway—J. H. Burchfield, W. H. Harvey, A. W. Burchfield.
Mt. Zion—John Driggen.
Providence—G. L. Tanner, L. S. Laudermilk.
Pleasant Valley—J. J. Crofford, W. T. West.
Salem—W. C. Taylor, J. A. Shackelford.
Sulphur Spring—Not represented.
Valley Grove—J. J. Hughes, Sr.; D. T. Brunson, A. Nelson.
Union—A. R. Chitwood, G. W. Carpenter.

Petitionary letters called for. Two were presented. Midway, a new constituted church in Clarke County, and Brush Creek in Montgomery County. Moved and seconded that the churches and messengers be received into the Association. The organization being complete and the election of officers for the next year being in order, W. F. Willis, E. P. Chitwood and G. W. Whisenhaut were appointed as tellers and the Association went into the election for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Results: T. J. Wright, Moderator; W. H. Anderson, Clerk; John Welch, Treasurer.

Call for correspondence. Elder E. P. Chitwood of Buckville Association, was presented; by motion and second, Bro. Chitwood was received and seated in the body.

Inviting visiting ministers to seats with us. Elder M. P. Thomas of Saline Association and Elder G. W. Whisenhaut of Ellis County, Texas, were presented and by motion and second were seated in the body.

Appointment of committees.

Call for report of Preaching Committee.

We, your Preaching Committee, make the following report; Friday night at the church, B. D. Millsap and J. A. Sheckelford; text, 1 Cor. II : 2. At Beaula School House, J. R. Motley and J. W. White. Saturday at 11 a. m. at the church, W. P. Taylor and J. J. Hughes; text, Luke 1 : 17. Saturday

at church. G. W. Whisenhaut and W. T. West. At Beaula School
by J. G. Pate and D. B. White. Sunday at 9 a. m., E. P. Chitwood;
see Luke XXIV : 28. T. M. FEATHERSTON, Chm'n.

A motion was then made and carried that this
body now adjourn until Saturday morning at 8 a. m.

Prayer by the moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING.

After reading the II Chapter of Hebrews and
prayer by Elder J. G. Pate, the body was called to or-
der.

Call for the reading of Friday 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 report of committees.

A. Duties of Churches to Pastors. John Welch,
chairman. Read and adopted.

B. Duties of Pastors to Churches. W. P. Tay-
lor, chairman. Read and adopted.

C. State of Religion. J. A. Shackelford, chair-
man. Read and adopted.

D. Destitution. A. Nelson, chairman. Read and
adopted.

E. Report on Temperance. D. T. Brunson, chair-
man. Was well discussed by the brethren present
and showed a prohibitive spirit. Read and adopted.

F. Reports on Documents. W. T. West, chair-
man. Read and adopted.

G. Finance Report. J. T. Miller, chairman. Read
and adopted.

H. Treasurer's Report. John Welch, Treasurer. Read and adopted.

I. Missionary Report. Z. M. Nicholson, chairman. Read and adopted.

J. Report on Obituaries. A. R. Chitwood, chairman. Read and adopted with the necessary corrections.

By motion and second that this Association withdraw fellowship from Mt. Moriah Church, for receiving, re-instating and re-ordaining Elder J. J. Dwiggins into her fellowship, who was excluded from the Alpine Baptist Church, Red River Association, for unscriptural conduct. The motion was carried. After which the body took a recess till 2 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Moderator called the body together.

Call for resolutions.

"RESOLVED, That we the Caddo River Baptist Association adopt the plans and principles as set forth by the General Association and that we denounce the Board System as unscriptural. A. R. CHITWOOD.

By a motion and second that the resolution just read be not received. Carried.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered the members of the Mt. Pisgah Church and the community for the kindness and liberal hospitality shown us during our stay among them; also to our Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services rendered.

W. M. TACKETT.

Call for correspondence to sister Associations. Moved and seconded that this Association correspond with all of our sister Associations. The Moderator appointed A. R. Chitwood, J. A. Shackelford and L. Melson to Buckville Association. J. M. White J. R. Motley and W. P. Taylor, to Red River Association, and

E. P. Loftis, J. M. Hilton and J. F. Strickland, to
Oachita Association.

Three churches calling for the next session of this
body put in nomination. By a majority vote Boone
Camp Church was chosen.

Moved and seconded that the next session of this
body meet with Boone Camp Church, Polk County,
Arkansas, on Friday at 11 a. m., before the second
Sunday in September, 1904.

Moved and seconded that Elders J. M. White and
J. E. Motley preach the next introductory sermon.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have 500 copies
of these minutes printed, and Clerk have \$10.00 for his
services.

Moved and seconded that the minutes just read be
adopted.

Moved and seconded that this body now close to
finally adjourn after the 11 o'clock service on Sunday.

Closing prayer by Elder J. A. Shackelford.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

At 11 a. m. the large congregation filled every part
of the house with many on the outside and listened to a
wonderful sermon by Elders J. A. Shackelford and T.
J. Wright, delivered in simplicity and power. Text,
Acts XXVII:25, "Be of good cheer; for I believe
God." After which a song was sang, while the mes-
sengers, brothers, sisters and friends gave each other
the parting hand amid tears of joy and shouts of
praise hoping to meet again.

The Association was then declared adjourned.

W. H. ANDERSON,
Clerk.

J. T. WRIGHT,
Moderator.

APPENDIX.

Reports of Committees in Full.

A.—Duty of Churches to Pastors.—We believe that it is the duty of all church members to attend all of her stated meetings, and assist the pastors in the service, and look after the temporal necessities of their pastors and families.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELCH, Chairman.

B.—Duty of Pastors to Churches.—We find it is the duty of the pastors to visit the membership and become acquainted with their wants and temperaments, and to fill their appointments punctually and preach the Word.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. TAYLOR, Chairman.

C.—State of Religion.—We rejoice to learn that in various parts of the Association there have been many precious revivals and the cause of our Redeemer's kingdom greatly built up, and the people of God edified; while in other parts the cause seems to languish. For this we do not rejoice. Brethren, let us all arise in the power and spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and remove everything that would hinder our advancement in holy life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SHACKELFORD, Chairman.

D.—Destitution.—We, your committee on destitution make the following report: We find within the

boundaries of the Caddo River Association great destitution. We find great need for Baptist preaching in the northern and western boundaries of the Caddo River Association. We recommend that this body take such steps as it may deem proper to fill such destitution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HUGHES, Chairman.

E.—Temperance.—We, your committee on temperance make the following report: We believe that the monster evils of king alcohol and the demoralizing and debasing influence of the same is repugnant to our people, and should be met by our denomination by its best efforts, prayers and suffrage at the polls in all elections, for the protection of our families and the good of our beloved country, and invite all people to assist us in our efforts to subdue the evils arising from its unlawful use.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. BRUNSON, Chairman.

F.—Documents.—We, your committee on documents, submit the following report: We find two churches calling for the next session of this body, to-wit: Boone Camp and Pleasant Valley church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. WEST, Chairman.

G.—Finance.—We, your committee on finance, find on hand:

For printing Minutes	\$26.45
For Home Missions	23.35
Total	<u>\$48.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. TACKETT, Chairman.

H.—Treasurer's Report.

Amount paid over by former treasurer.....	\$15.86
Received this year for printing Minutes.....	25.45
Received this year for Home Missions	23.35
Total	<u>\$64.66</u>
Paid for printing Minutes	\$18.00
Paid W. H. Anderson, as clerk	10.00
Total	<u>\$28.00</u>

JOHN WELCH, Treasurer.

I.—Missionary Report.—We, your Missionary Committee, submit the following report: We find that there is not a sufficient amount of funds on hand to employ a missionary at present, and we recommend that this body request each church in the Association to appoint one member of their church as a member of the finance committee of this Association, to collect funds to support a missionary in the bounds of this Association. And we also recommend that the pastors of all churches be requested to admonish their churches to contribute liberally to the cause of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. M. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

J.—Obituaries.—God in his all wise providence has removed from us our beloved brethren and sisters, to-wit:

Black Springs Church—G. E. Bell, Tennessee Brunt, Sarah Pepper and Z. G. Edwards.

Pleasant Valley Church—M. A. Robbins and Sister S. E. West.

Big Fork Church—Phillip Abernathy.

Valley Grove Church—T. O. Black.

Brushy Creek Church—J. C. Pullings, who was a deacon of Brushy Creek Church, and a devoted member. Died May 15, 1903.

Mt. Pisgah Church—Sister Marthia A. Kizir, aged 35 years. Joined the Alpine Baptist Church in 1884. Died Jan. 5, 1903. Sister Kizir was a devoted christian, and much loved by all.

Mt. Pleasant—Sister N. Miller. Died January 9, 1903.

Union Church—Mary Webb.

Boone Camp Church—Sister Cora Corley.

Mt. Home Church—Sister D. A. Hawthorn. Was born in 1853, joined the Baptist Church of Christ in 1883, and died January 25, 1903.

TO THE MEMORY OF BROTHER Z. G. EDWARDS, DECEASED.

Dear Brethren of the Caddo River Baptist Association—Only seeing the name of Brother Z. G. Edwards mentioned in the list of obituaries, I have taken this responsibility, without your consent, to write a few lines in respect to his good name, who was a brother of ours in Christ.

Brother Edwards, as we all know, was a citizen of Montgomery county, Ark., and was officially associated with the courts of Montgomery county for years. He was a faithful officer and law-abiding man. He never sacrificed a right for a wrong. Brother Edwards was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was faithful to his church and to the cause of Christ. The Almighty placed him at the post of right and justice, and he had rather die than disobey.

Brother Edwards' life was taken by wicked hands while in defense of his country and Blessed Redeemer. While death is at all times sorrowful to contemplate by losing kindred and family, yet when a beloved person

has performed his duty with an eye single to his duty to man, to country and to God, then to such persons, as well as to their friends and kindred, death is robbed of its fears, and when it comes all can join in the language of inspiration and exclaim :

“O, death, where is thy sting ?
O, grave, where is thy victory ?”

While it grieves us to know that our beloved brother was murdered by wicked hands; yet he was willing to give his life that his brethren, friends and citizens might see the evils of the damnable curse, whisky and government stills, and save the lives of their sons and best citizens and the happiness of their daughters and families. Let us not, therefore, lament that our dear brother was so suddenly torn away from us. He died with his armour on, and we have the consolation of knowing that he left behind him a rare example of patriotic devotion to duty which it would be well for the country if all persons charged with a public trust would imitate and practice. And now, as we leave the contemplation of our departed friend and brother, those who loved him can carry with them the consolatory reflection “That while green grass will cover his grave, blue skies bend over it, sweet birds sing near it, and the place will be hallowed ground; yet, greener than the grass, fairer than the skies, sweeter than the birds, more hallowed than the grave itself, will be his fragrant memory, enshrined with supreme sacredness in hearts of hearts.”

W. H. ANDERSON,

Clerk of the Caddo River Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

AND POST OFFICES.

D. T. Driggen, Platta.
H. T. Howell, Boone Camp.
J. G. Pate, Welch.
T. J. Wright, Welch.
T. P. Edwards, Black Springs.
J. J. Hughes, Rock Creek.
A. Nelson, Hickory Station.
W. T. Willis, Amity.

James Embry, Eggar.
J. R. Motley, Kirby.
W. P. Taylor, Kirby.
J. M. White, Lodi.
R. C. Fields, Rock Creek.
B. D. Millsapp, Hickory Station.
J. A. Shackelford, Rock Creek.

LICENTIATES.

E. Burns, Hickory Station.
S. M. Gilbert, Hickory Station.
W. D. White, Lodi.

W. M. Tackett, Hickory Station.
G. C. Hardy, Hopper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Present Membership.	Days of Meeting.	Minute Fund.	Home Mission.	Value of Church Property.	Orphan Home.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Office.	County.
Antioch	3	1					22		\$1 25		\$250 00		W. F. Willis	John Welch	Caddo Gap	Montgomery
Boone Camp	3	1					74		2 00				H. T. Howell	W. H. Hilton	Boone Camp	Polk
Black Springs	3	3	2	2		4	46	4th			300 00		J. A. Shackelford	T. P. Edwards	Black Springs	Montgomery
Bethel	11	8					63	2nd	1 70	\$6 00	250 00		T. J. Wright	J. C. Proctor	Rock Creek	Pike
Big Fork	7	4		7		1	128	4th	2 30		300 00		H. T. Howell	T. J. Loftis	Eggar	Polk
Bethlehem	1	2					26	4th	1 00				W. F. Willis	W. J. Taylor	Kirby	Pike
Brush Creek	9		1	5	6	1	28	1st	1 50				D. L. Shirley	G. W. Hill	Oden	Montgomery
Caney Valley			3				45	4th	1 00	1 50	200 00		J. A. Shackelford	C. H. Motley	Rock Creek	Pike
Corinth		2					11		50				D. T. Driggen	M. M. Dutton	Alamo	Montgomery
Forest Hill		2	3				29		1 10		100 00		T. J. Wright	Z. M. Nichols-on	Hickory Station	Montgomery
Liberty	7					1	53	3rd					W. T. West	J. J. Collier	Ophir	Montgomery
Mt. Pleasant	8		3	4		1	47	3rd	1 50				J. A. Shackelford	D. B. White	Langley	Montgomery
Mt. Home		1					71	3rd	1 50				T. J. Wright	W. M. Tackett	Hickory Station	Montgomery
Mt. Pisgah			1	1		1	23	4th	1 65				T. J. Wright	W. A. Whisenhaut	Welch	Montgomery
Mt. Zion							33		50				B. D. Millsapp	J. F. Mullings	Platta	Montgomery
Midway	2	4				1	15	2nd	1 10				T. J. Wright	J. H. Burchfield	Amity	Clarke
Pleasant Valley	2	1				2	34	2nd	1 58				R. C. Fields	J. N. Wasson	Manfred	Montgomery
Providence	4	1				1	54		1 85				T. J. Wright	J. R. Edwards	Black Springs	Montgomery
Malem	1	3	1				40		1 00				J. A. Shackelford	H. P. Thrash	Rock Creek	Pike
Union	18	9	9				44	4th	1 85	1 00			W. L. Cockrell	A. H. Whitwood	Crystal Springs	Montgomery
Valley Grove							37	4th	1 80				W. F. Willis	J. J. Hughes	Rock Creek	Pike

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the association, the Moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session, the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall then elect by ballot a moderator and clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be the first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order the moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the association, the moderator shall take the voice of the association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him brother.

9. The moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly bapitized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the 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 they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, 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 in matters of internal

government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit 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 the gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized; received by letter, dismissed; excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the 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. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 7. This - association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 8. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the association.

Order of Business.

FIRST DAY:

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Appointment of preaching committee
3. Call for letters from the churches.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invitation to visiting ministers to seats.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Call for a report of the committee on preaching.

SECOND DAY:

1. Call for the reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call and marking of the names of absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments for next session.
6. Call for treasurer's report.