

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST*ANNUAL*SESSION,

OF THE

Red River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Hollywood Church, Clark Co., Ark.

September 21, 22 and 23, 1889.

OFFICERS: { G. W. REEVES, Moderator, Arkadelphia.
T. A. HEARD, Clerk, Arkadelphia, Ark.

The next Session to be held with the Okolona Church on Saturday before
the Fourth Sabbath in September, 1890.

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—Articles of Faith.—



1. We believe in true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising 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 into 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 incapacity 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 baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

THE*MINUTES.

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH,
CLARK COUNTY, ARK., SEPT., 21, 1889.

The congregation was called together at 10 o'clock a. m., and a prayer meeting conducted by Bro. Copeland, pastor of the church, until the hour for preaching the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock. The stand was then occupied by Bro. G. W. Burns, of Arkadelphia, who preached the Introductory Sermon by previous appointment. Text, Eph. 4th chapter 5th verse: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism." His sermon was endorsed by the hearers, and a good impression was made on the congregation, and dismissed to meet at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., for refreshments.

At 1:30 o'clock, p. m., the delegates assembled in the meeting house. The Red River Baptist Association met with the Hollywood Church at 1:30, p. m., The Association was called to order by Bro. Reeves, of Arkadelphia, moderator. After reading the 12th chapter of Romans prayer was offered by Bro. Welch, of Alpine.

Church Letters was called for. Bros. Copeland, Welch and Ross were appointed to read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

Proceeded to the election of of moderator and clerk and Bros. Ross and Kenedy were named to take the vote which resulted in the re-election of G. W. Reeves moderator, and T. A. Heard clerk. Bro. Reeves thanked the delegates for the hon or conferred upon him by electing him the second time to to preside over the Association.

Petitionary letters for membership in the body were called for and letters from Prescott and Salem churches were read and received and the hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the delegates and pastor of this church as a committee on divine services.

Sweet Home church asked for letter of dismissal to unite with the Southwestern Association, and the request was granted and the clerk was ordered to write it.

The committee on divine service made the following report:

"To-night Bro. Kenedy, of Amity, preach at Mount Zion, and Bro. Adams accompany him. Bro. Browning, of Dalark, preach at this church and Bro. Price to accompany him. To-morrow at 11 o'clock, a. m., Bro. Box, of Prescott, preach at this church and Bro. Hamlin, of Alpine, to accompany him. Dr. Searcy, of Hope, preach at the Methodist church and Bro. Hitt, of Piney Grove, to accompany him. At 3 o'clock, p. m., Bro. Price preach in this church and Bro. Horn, of Arkadelphia, accompany him; and at the same hour Bro. Hitt preach in the Methodist church accompanied by Bro. Clingan. At night Bro. Reeves preach in this church; Dr. Searcy preach at Mount Zion; Bro. Welch, Caddo River Association, preach at Mount Olive; Bro. Haynes, of Arkadelphia, to preach on Monday at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock, a. m."

Ministering brethren were invited to seats in this body.

Dr. Searcy, Financial Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, presented himself; also Dr. Howard, of Jackson, Tennessee, and they were received and took their seats.

Called for correspondence from sister associations, and J. B. Searcy, J. J. Mays, J. J. Haynes were received as messengers from Union Association, and Bros. T. J. Welch, W. H. Caldwell, G. B. Willis and D. S. P. Black from Caddo River Association.

The following were appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations:

Caddo River—J. E. Kenedy, I. F. Welch, G. L. Hamlin.

Southwestern—J. P. Copeland, T. Bennett, J. R. Hardy.

Union—L. H. Hitt, J. J. Haynes.

Saline—H. J. Horn, G. W. Burns.

State Convention—W. T. Box, I. F. Welch, J. O. Browning, L. H. Hitt, G. W. Reeves, T. Benneit and G. W. Burns.

To the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet at Fort Worth, Texas, in May next. G. W. Reeves with J. P. Copeland as alternates.

Bro. Browning moved that this body adjourn to 8.30 o'clock Monday morning. Motion carried. Prayer was offered by Bro. Box.

SABBATH.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. All the brethren filled their appointments at the different places, and the Sabbath was a day of much rejoicing among Christians, to hear the truths of the Gospel proclaimed to large and attentive congregations.

Collections at the Baptist meeting house for the funds, \$19 05; at the Methodist meeting house for F sions, \$12.50.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met according to adjournment. After reading 11th chapter Luke, prayer was offered by Dr. Searcy, of Hope.

The call for church letters was renewed. A letter was read from De Gray church, and the delegates enrolled.

Bro. Browning, Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries, read his report, which was adopted:

It becomes the duty of this body to register the death of our worthy and esteemed deacon, L. W. Marberry. Bro. Marberry was a native of Tennessee, born Dec. 4, 1815. At an early day he came to Hempstead county, Arkansas, where he professed religion, joining the Mine Creek Baptist church, about the year, 1842, and was baptised by Elder Isaac C. Perkins. Soon after he was married to Mrs. Cordelia Saunders. He then moved to Clark county, Arkansas, and was one of the constituent members of the Arkadelphia church, by which he was chosen deacon, which office he filled till his death, which occurred May 20, 1809. We do not claim perfection for our brother, but he was a good man, lived an exemplary life, died a triumphant death, and we believe has gone to be with the Savior. A few weeks after his faithful wife followed him to his glorious home.

J. O. BROWNING,
BOYD,
J. O. BROWN.

Bro. Box, as Chairman of the Committee on Ouachita College, read his report. The report was discussed by Prof. Conger, President of the College, setting forth its progress and the future prospects of the College, and urging the support it should receive from this Association, which was followed by Dr. Searcy, of Hope, and Bro. Box, of Prescott, endorsing the remarks of Prof. Conger. The Moderator called Bro. Copeland to his seat and addressed the body, by asking the prayers of the Association in behalf of the conversion of the pupils of the College. A subscription was then taken and the cash and subscription were handed to Bro. Conger. The report was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Ouachita College, beg leave to report that in our opinion no interest fostered by our denomination in the State is paramount to that of our State Baptist College located at Arkadelphia.

This institution is now just entering upon the fourth year of its work, and is to all intents and purposes a triumphant success, so much so that the most skeptical of its friends have dismissed every doubt as to its future permanency. It now has its new and commodious building completed for use, including entirely new furniture. It has a complete boarding department for young ladies. Here our young ministers have special advantages which they cannot enjoy at any other college in the State. Its faculty is composed of fifteen worthy and competent teachers, including our dear brother, J. W. Conger, its distinguished President, who has so well and faithfully presided over its interests the past three years.

In this institution all departments of college work are efficiently done. During the past year 254 pupils were enrolled. Its enrollment for the present year to date is 200; and it is confidently believed that this will be increased to 350 before the year closes, representing all portions of our dear State.

In view of this wonderful and unprecedented success that has attended us in this enterprise, our people should lose no time nor spare no means that may be necessary to make it all that is demanded by the Baptists of Kansas.

“Your committee would not, however, forget to emphasize the fact that the institution is still in its infancy, with its laboratory unfinished, hence it needs the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of our people throughout the entire State. We would, therefore, recommend that a fund be raised by this Association for the purpose of meeting said demand.

We would also recommend that a standing committee be appointed by this body, whose duty it shall be to ascertain from time to time the status of this institution, and report the same to this Association at its next annual meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. Box,
J. J. HAYNES, } Com.”
L. H. HITT.

Report on State Missions was read by Bro. Box, who moved its adoption. After being discussed by him, Dr. Searcy and J. O. Browning, the report was adopted:

“Your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report that they have been able to obtain but very little information concerning our State Mission work, and cannot, therefore, make as full a report as we would desire.

The proceedings of the State Board have not been published in such a way as to be accessible, or if so such publication has escaped our observation. From what we can learn, however, the Board has done but little in supplying the destitution of our State, which is extensive and in great need of help. From the information we have a few churches are being supplied with missionary pastors, including Van Buren, with Bro. S. C. Hardin, whose salary is supplemented by \$500, and the second church at Little Rock, with Bro. A. B. Miller, whose salary is supplemented with \$400.

In so far as we can learn, there is a decided and growing dissatisfaction with the present management of the State Mission work. This, we think, is due to the present size of the State Board, and its manner of conducting the work committed to it. In order, therefore, to remove these objections, and restore harmony to the work, and secure the hearty co-operation of our people throughout the State, we recommend that this Association favor the increase of the State Board, so as to include a representative from each Association in the State. We would also recommend and urge that our brethren pray and work for the success of our State Mission cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. Box,
T. J. BENNETT, } Com.”
N. B. NEAL,

Bro. Welch read a church letter from Eanon church, which was received, and the delegates enrolled.

Bro. Copeland moved that speeches be limited to five minutes. Motion carried.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted:

“We, your Committee on Nominations, make the following report: We recommend that J. A. Ross, J. H. Holt, Dr. J. C. Wallis, J. R. Chapman and J. C. Barrows, the present Executive Board, be continued; that Bro. J. O. Browning preach the next introductory sermon, and Bro. N. J. Price, alternate; that the next session of this body be held with Okolona church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. MALCOM, } Com.”
T. J. ALLISON,
J. A. HARDAGE,

Bro. Copeland read a letter from the Ladies' Aid Society at Hollywood church. Said report was adopted and ordered to be printed in these Minutes :

"Paid Home Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Church repairs.....	37 50
Furniture.....	12 00
No. members.....	43

MISS KATE PERRY, Pres.

MISS LENA JORDAN, Sec."

Post-office, Hollywood.

Report on Ministerial Education was made by Bro. Ross. The Moderator called Bro. Copeland to his seat, and spoke in the interest of said report. Bro. Hitt moved to amend said report by taking cash and pledges, and the amendment was carried. The following was pledged for Ministerial Education in this Association :

G. W. Reeves.....	\$10 00	Gum Spring church.....	\$2 00
L. H. Hitt (Piney Grove Ch.)	7 50	H. W. L. Say.....	5 00
J. A. Ross.....	2 50	Shiloh church.....	2 00
J. P. Copeland.....	2 50	N. J. Price.....	2 50
W. N. Johnson.....	2 50	J. E. Kenedy (paid).....	2 00
J. C. Brown.....	2 50	Providence church.....	2 50
W. J. Rowe (paid).....	2 50	Bethlehem church.....	2 50
Mt. Olive church.....	2 50	Clear Spring church.....	2 50
G. W. Burns.....	3 50	I. F. Welch (paid).....	1 00
F. J. Bennett.....	5 00	De Gray church.....	2 50
Caney Fork church.....	2 50		

The sum of \$9.05 cash was paid to Bro. Reeves.

[The amount on the list marked paid only shows \$5.50; perhaps some paid that were not marked paid. CLERK]

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education:

"Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report :

To successfully combat error and meet skepticism in all its forms, an educated, consecrated ministry is one of the greatest needs of the times. We urge, therefore, upon your body and the churches composing this Association the great, the vital importance of doing all within their power to properly qualify and equip for their great life work those whom the Lord has called to the work of the Gospel ministry.

Bro. J. H. White, of Ozan church, has already attended Ouachita College some, and desires to continue to do so. He is a consecrated young man, promising to make a useful minister. To enable him to continue his studies, your committee recommend a continuance of the plan adopted at your last session, that is, that a live, energetic brother or sister be appointed in each church, who shall raise means for this purpose and send the same to Bro. G. W. Reeves, at Arkadelphia, as soon as possible.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. J. PRICE, Chairman."

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Hitt. Dr. Searcy spoke in favor of the report, urging this Association to contribute liberally. Time being out - but the body gave him unlimited time. After which the report was adopted :

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions:

"Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

The work of the Southern Baptist Convention is being done in Enrope, Asia, Africa, and North and South America. Italy is its field in Europe. Commencing at Rome, in 1871, under the supervisa of Bro. Cate, under God this work goes on. Bros. Eager and Tabor, now leading this work, have twelve native preachers and several colporteurs holding out the bread of life to their dying countrymen, and like stars bursting through the darkness of a storm-cloud, fourteen churches stretch from the Alps to the peninsula.

The work in Asia has been mainly confined to China. In North China we have two self-sustaining churches and twenty-four missions. This has been our hardest field, but now it is very promising. A worker who has been there for years says: "I verily believe a day of rejoicing is at hand." In Central China we have four churches, 109 members, four ordained native preachers and twelve missionaries. In Southern China we have two American missionaries, twenty-eight workers, 507 members, of whom 70 were baptized last year. These natives last year contributed nearly \$600.

JAPAN.

Two young men and their wives have been approved by the Board and will soon open a mission here, and gather these sheaves from this vast "field of sin."

SOUTH AMERICA.

This field was opened in 1881 by Bro. Bagby, in Brazil. We have five churches and a number of important stations.

NORTH AMERICA IN MEXICO.

Here the lamented Westrup was murdered. He was our first worker in this field. W. D. Power followed. He has established a school that has already commenced, and will soon pour forth a torrent of Christian teachers. Here we have seventeen missionaries, twenty-one churches and stations, 350 pupils in the female school, and 100 approved for baptism.

The cry, "Come over and help us," comes from all these fields. Men and women, immortal as ourselves, are dying for the bread of life. The Board needs \$150,000 with which to prosecute this work. They call upon Arkansas for \$3,000, and we earnestly recommend that the churches of this Association do all in their power to raise their part of the means.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. HITT,
G. M. SHAW, } Com."
D. R. HAZZARD,

Bro. Welch read his report on Destitution. Motion to adjourn to 1 o'clock. Benediction by Bro. Box.

1 P. M.—Body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Bro. Copeland.

The report on Destitution was called up, which was discussed by Bros. Copeland and Welch and adopted, and the following was paid and pledged for the support of a missionary, as recommended within the report:

J. P. Copeland.....	\$ 1 00	L. B. Ramage (paid).....	\$ 2 00
J. O. Browning.....	5 00	Polk Burk.....	2 00
H. J. P. Horn.....	5 00	J. M. Rudisill.....	5 00
G. W. Reeves.....	5 00	W. J. Hudgins (paid).....	1 00
W. C. Lesley.....	5 00	Ouachita College.....	5 00
Arkadelphia church.....	15 00	James Tweedle (paid).....	1 00
I. W. Smith.....	5 00	R. K. Hall (paid).....	1 00
T. J. Allerson.....	5 00	J. C. Young (paid).....	1 00
J. A. Ross.....	2 50	W. A. Measles (paid).....	1 00
W. N. Johnson.....	2 50	F. J. Edwards (paid).....	1 00
D. D. Toby.....	2 50	Dr. Rutherford (paid).....	1 00
John Wingfield.....	2 50	I. F. Welch.....	2 50
Unity church.....	5 00		
J. J. Haynes.....	2 50	Total.....	\$94 00
H. M. L. Conine.....	1 00		

Bro. Copeland, Chairman Committee on Literature, read his report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Literature, make this our report: 1st. We recommend the Bible as the book of books, and the only one upon which we can rely for the plan of man's redemption, and the rule of faith and practice of our churches.

2d. We recommend that every Baptist family subscribe and read the "Arkansas Baptist," a paper that is ably edited and pre-eminently sound in the Faith.

3d. We recommend the reading of the "Baptist and Reflector."

4th. For use in our Sunday schools, we recommend "Kind Words," published at Atlanta, Georgia, and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

J. P. COPELAND, Chairman.

Bro. Kenedy read his report on Temperance and moved its adoption, which was carried:

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following report: It is our belief that the sin of intemperance is slowly but surely giving way. While it may be a fact that there are illicit distilleries within the bounds of this Association, and consequently some who sell and drink the whisky thus made; yet we feel sure that it is confined mostly to those who learned to love, and formed the habit of drinking it in the past, when whisky could be bought almost anywhere. Many of our boys are growing up around us without having tasted whisky.

There is less dram-drinking and drunkenness among our church members than formerly, and we think the time is surely coming when this dreadful evil will be a thing of the past. To this end we should labor. Let the sin of drunkenness be condemned as the Bible condemns it. Knowing that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven, we should use our influence, not as political partisans, but as servants of Christ, to drive this evil from our beloved country.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. KENNEDY, Chairman.

Bro. Haynes read his report on Documents, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Documents, make this report: We find from the reports of the several churches that God has greatly prospered His cause in our bounds the past year. We find that most of the churches have enjoyed revivals and have had accessions by baptism. Number baptized, 177; amount for Minutes, \$36.75; amount for missions, \$2,314.79; number of churches represented, 26; number of churches received, 2; number of churches dismissed, 1; pastors' salaries, —.

We find that some of the churches have failed to report any finances for Minutes, and many of them have not reported anything for missions or our denominational work. Therefore we recommend that more liberal means be devised to meet our pressing demands.

We also find many of the letters unusually lengthy, and therefore

recommend an abridgement, and that a form of letter be presented in the Minutes, and the churches be requested to adopt the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAYNES,
S. S. MCDANIEL, } Com.
EZRA CATES,

Bro. Bennett, Chairman Committee on Sabbath Schools, read his report, which was discussed by Bros. Box and Searcy, and adopted:

We, your Committee on Destitution, make this report:

DEAR BRETHREN: There is within the bounds of Red River Association neighborhoods that have no Baptist preaching, and still other settlements that have no Baptist preaching except what is done by some of our preachers voluntarily and without compensation

Your committee believe that there is sufficient destitution to justify us in recommending that we employ a missionary for his whole time, whose duty it shall be to work throughout the Association, and especially in the most destitute places within our bounds, disseminating our doctrines, preaching the whole counsel of God, distributing our literature, and looking after all the Baptist enterprises it is our duty to labor for.

Respectfully submitted.

I. F. WELCH, Chairman.

Bro. Conine, Chairman Committee on Finance, read the following report, which was adopted:

Re'd for printing Minutes.....	\$ 50 15	Re'd Associational missions..	\$ 9 15
“ Gurdon mission.....	31 60	“ build house in Cuba....	50
“ Home mission.....	11 80		
“ Foreign mission	16 55	Paid treasurer.....	\$119 75

H. M. L. CONINE, }
Z. T. STONE, } Com.
R. F. KELLEY,

J. A. Ross, Chairman of the Executive Board, read the following report, which was received:

The Executive Board beg leave to report that they met in May, and with The best light before them, decided to aid two points of destitution, to-wit: the Gurdon mission and the church at Washington. Appropriated the sum of \$100 to Gurdon mission, and to the other church \$50. Bro. W. T. Box has been preaching at Gurdon, and will submit his report. The Board is advised that Bro. Merrell has been preaching at Washington, but has no report from him.

The Board had no funds on hand when it made the appropriations, and depended on the churches of the Association to raise the money. Bro. J. C. Wallis was made Treasurer of the Board, but as he is not present, no report can be made at this time of the amount contributed by the churches, but it is not enough to meet the appropriation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. ROSS,
J. C. BARNARD,
Of the Board.

Bro. Box, who was employed by the Board to preach at Gurdon twelve months for \$100, reported that he had served three-fourths of the time at Gurdon, amounting to \$75.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Bro. Hitt, and Bro. Searcy spoke upon the same, urging this Association to contribute liberally to the support of the Foreign Missions. Time being out was extended five minutes longer. Report adopted.

Bro. Welch read his report on Destitution. On motion, adjourned to 1 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Box.

The Ouachita

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Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

J. W. CONGER, PRESIDENT.

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