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MINUTES

— OF THE —

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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**Howard County
Baptist Association**

Held With Pleasant Grove Church, McCaskill, Ark.

November 23, 24, 25, 1918



OFFICERS.

Moderator—J. T. M. Holt..... Bingen, Ark.

Clerk—Loy J. Ferguson..... Nashville, Ark.



**Next meeting will be held at Pleasant Valley Church,
beginning fourth Saturday in October, 1919.**

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-sixth session of the Howard County Association was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by the Moderator, J. T. M. Holt. The session was held at the Pleasant Grove Church. After singing, the Moderator read the second chapter of Ephesians and led the devotional exercises.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business. The following brethren were appointed as reading clerks: L. M. Byers, J. H. Reaves and Loy J. Ferguson.

The Clerk then proceeded to enroll the messengers from the different churches, as follows:

Center Point—J. T. Yates, Louis H. Payne and Julius Middleton.

Pleasant Valley—S. B. Ponder, W. M. Ferguson and G. W. Power.

Pleasant Hill—Sister S. E. Thomas.

Baker Springs—By letter.

Pleasant Grove—Claud Box, J. H. Reaves and W. M. Cooley.

The hour having arrived for preaching, the body voted to suspend the order of business and hear the introductory sermon by Eld. Loy J. Ferguson. Text, Isa. 28:20. Theme, "The Short Bed and Narrow Cover."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional service led by Bro. J. T. Yates, after which J. T. M. Holt was elected Moderator. L. M. Byers and Loy J. Ferguson were nominated for Clerk. By rising vote Loy J. Ferguson was elected.

Brethren C. C. Winters and J. W. Scott were welcomed as visiting brethren.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Finance—Louis H. Payne, Claud Box and G. W. Hampton.

Divine Service—J. T. Yates, pastor, and messengers of church.

Orphans' Home—L. M. Byers, chairman.

Destitution—C. R. Hatch, chairman.

Sunday Schools—Claud Box, chairman.

Nominations—W. M. Ferguson, chairman.

Ministerial Education—Louis H. Payne, chairman.

Ministerial Support—J. T. Yates, chairman.

General Missions—J. H. Reaves, chairman.

Literature—W. M. Cooley, chairman.

Foreign Missions—L. M. Byers, chairman.

Woman's Work—Sister S. E. Thomas, chairman.

State Missions—W. M. Ferguson, chairman.

Roman Aggressions—J. H. Reaves, chairman.

Prayer Meeting—J. W. Hampton, chairman.

Obituaries—C. R. Hatch, chairman.

Young People's Work—Claud Box, chairman.

Note.—The regular rules were dispensed with and only the chairman was appointed, and he was allowed to select his help.

On motion, the next fifth Sunday meeting is to meet with County Line Church, J. T. Yates being elected chairman of Program Committee.

It was voted that this body meet with the Pleasant Valley Church in October, 1919.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report: Saturday night at 7:30, Eld. J. W. Scott; Sunday, 11 a. m., C. C. Winters.

Committee on Ministerial Support made the following report:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, submit the following report: Jesus, the great Head of the Church, ordained that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. He also commissioned the church to carry the gospel. Therefore, it is obligatory upon the churches to defray the expenses of the message. This being the case, the churches should rise up and keep

their preachers employed in the work, as Paul told Timothy to give himself wholly to these things.

J. T. YATES,

L. M. BYERS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt, after discussion by J. T. Yates, C. C. Winters, J. T. M. Holt. Carried.

Committee on State Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg to make the following report: We mean by State Missions, mission work inside of the State. During the past year there have been several men on the field for all or part time, who have done a fine work, as their report at the State Association showed. The State work is in a fine shape, and has been laid out on a larger scale for another year. To carry on this work as laid out, it will take liberal giving by our churches for this work. Therefore, we recommend that all the churches of this Association give this work special attention and take regular collections for it. Second, that this body now take a cash collection for this work and send it to J. A. Smith, at Little Rock, the Treasurer of the State Association, to whom all money for State Missions should be sent.

W. M. FERGUSON.

Motion to adopt, after discussion by J. W. Scott, C. C. Winters and Sister S. E. Thomas. Carried.

A cash collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$7.81. By common consent the Finance Committee was instructed to turn the money over to Bro. J. W. Scott.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Preaching at 8 by J. W. Scott. Text, I Cor. 15:58. Theme, "Steadfastness."

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises by W. M. Ferguson, the Committee on Young People's Work made the following report:

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, wish to make the following report: Realizing that the young people of today will constitute the church in the near future, we recommend that the churches take all pride in teaching the young Christians the principles of Baptist church work, that they may be able to do the work to the glory and honor of our Master. We recommend the use of the B. Y. P. T. C. as a help in the study of the Scriptures. We further recommend that the churches send more young members to the district meetings and Associations. We recommend the study of the Bible and active work in Sunday schools to better acquaint ourselves with the divine work of Christ.

CLAUD BOX, Committee.

Motion to adopt. After discussion by B. J. Smith, J. T. M. Holt, C. C. Winters, L. M. Byers, carried.

Motion that Loy Ferguson be elected Vice President of the B. Y. P. T. C. for the Association. Carried.

Motion that Eld. A. J. Cabinis be elected Secretary. Carried.

The Committee on Sunday School Work made the following report:

As the Scriptures teach that our Master, Jesus, gave the church the great commission to teach all nations and the Sunday School being a scriptural institution as an auxiliary to the church, we recommend that every church maintain a Sunday School to teach the Scriptures to the people; and we urge that the officers and teachers be members of the church. We recommend Landmark literature.

CLAUD BOX, Committee.

After discussion by J. A. Smith, carried.

Prayer by Eld. L. M. Byers, after which C. C. Winters preached. Text; Matt. 28:19, 20.

Collections for General Missions to the amount of \$42.45 were received by C. C. Winters.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 3 p. m. After songs and prayer, Eld. J. A. Smith proceeded to preach. Text, Ephesians 6:11.

A collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$11.55.

Preaching at 8 p. m. by B. J. Smith. Text, Mark 4:29. Subject, "Three Stages of Christ's Kingdom."

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a. m. The reading clerks proceeded to read the remaining letters, and the following messengers were enrolled:

Grace—T. L. Epton, J. T. M. Holt and W. S. Leslie.
Mineral Springs, J. C. Bratton, A. J. Cabiniss and E. Hodge.

Maple Springs—I. C. Cooley, Jessie Stewart and W. I. McLaughlin.

Antioch—J. M. Simpson, L. M. Byers and J. W. Strong.

The petitionary letter of Shiloh Church was received and the following named persons were seated as delegates from that church: S. L. Nutt, C. C. Cowling and Bud Tullis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Committee on Destitution made the following report:

We find a great field of destitution on the north, east and west boundaries of this Association. We recommend a missionary for full time for the ensuing year. C. P. HATCH, Committee.

After discussion, carried.

The committee for arranging program for the fifth Sunday meeting in December, at County Line, made the following report:

Program.

1. Sermon for Criticism—A. J. Cabaniss.
2. One Hour for Discussing Young People's Work—Loy J. Ferguson.
3. One Hour for Discussing Sunday School Work—E. Hodge.
4. One Hour for Discussing Mission Work—L. M. Byers.
5. One Hour for Discussing Woman's Work—J. T. M. Holt.
6. One Hour to Discuss Ministerial Support—T. F. Westbrook.
7. One Hour to Discuss Church Discipline—C. R. Hatch.

J. T. YATES, Chairman;
C. C. WINTERS,

Committee.

The Committee on Woman's Work made the following report:

We endorse the plan of work as published in the Baptist and Commoner each week, and earnestly beg the sisters of Howard County Association to prayerfully enter into this work this coming year, and we also recommend the silent preacher in your church. Purchase tracts and place them in a convenient place for our boys

and girls to read, or any individual, also, who desires to read them, and we earnestly request the co-operation of our brethren in this work. Without your co-operation our hands are tied.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. THOMAS,
BELLE REAVES.

Committee.

Motion to adopt, after discussion by C. C. Winters and J. W. Scott. Carried.

The Committee on Literature made the following report:

We, your Committee on Literature, beg to submit the following report: We recommend that Baptists read good and wholesome literature. We have books, papers and tracts upon every subject today in all our book stores and news stands all over our country. Some of these books, tracts and papers are filled with matter of unwholesome character. Men should not read them, neither should we give place to them in our homes, for we, your committee, believe that there is just about as much danger to the good morals of men and women in reading unwholesome literature as there is in constant association with bad company. No tongue can tell the harm that is befalling our young people by reading unwholesome literature. It is blighting their lives and destroying their influence for good and keeping them from under the influence that leads to higher planes in life and from accepting the true spirit that saves the soul from death and gives us a home in the glory world.

We would therefore recommend that our people read and study God's holy Word, and we would further recommend that our people read only good and wholesome books. Third, we would also recommend that all our people take and read the Baptist and Commoner. Fourth, we recommend the B. Y. P. T. C. Fifth, we recommend, further, that all our churches and Sunday Schools use the Landmark series of Sunday School Quarterlies and all Sunday School literature furnished by our Landmark people.

W. M. COOLEY, Committee.

Motion to adopt, after discussion by L. M. Byers and J. T. M. Holt. Carried.

Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: The commission is world-wide, and nothing short of world-wide missions can satisfy the Master. Therefore, let us, as the churches of Howard County Association, enlarge our offerings and help to support the missionaries and put others in the field. We, as an Association, have been short on Foreign Missions, but as the war is over, let us renew our obligations and do better work.

L. M. BYERS,
A. J. CABANISS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt, after discussion by C. C. Winters. Carried.

Committee on Roman Aggressions made the following report:

Your Committee on Roman Aggression submits the following report:

Having studied this question from various angles, we find that in spite of our best efforts to hinder its progress, Romanism is still raging. We therefore recommend that our people adhere to the right of liberty of conscience in religious and political affairs, and

we further recommend that we use our influence against public office seekers and school teachers tainted with Romanism.

J. H. REAVES,
C. R. HATCH,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. After being discussed by J. A. Smith, C. C. Winters, Louis H. Payne and A. J. Cabaniss, carried.

Committee on Orphans' Home made the following report:

Your Committee on Orphans' Home submits the following report: As the work of teaching and instructing children is part of the work of the churches and the home, the work of feeding, clothing, as well as teaching the orphans, would necessarily demand our attention. Therefore, as we have a well organized home at Texarkana, we should rally to its support; also complete the payment of the debt on the Orphans' Home farm.

L. M. BYERS,
A. J. CABANISS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt, after being discussed by L. M. Byers, J. A. Smith, C. C. Winters and A. J. Cabaniss. Carried, after which a public collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, amounting to \$13.40.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting made the following report:

We, your Committee on Prayer Meeting, beg to make the following report: We believe that prayer is one of the greatest helps to the Christian. We believe that prayer is the key that unlocks the door of mercy to the throne of God. We believe that every church should have a good live prayer meeting at least once a week.

J. W. HAMPTON, Committee.

Motion to adopt carried.

The Committee on General Missions made the following report:

We, your Committee on General Missions, wish to make the following report: Owing to the fact that we have four home missionaries and six foreign, covering the entire country, a vast field, hence the necessity of our supporting well those on the field, as the field is indeed white unto harvest. We suggest that the churches take collections for the same and forward it to C. C. Winters, Texarkana, Ark., who is the Treasurer of the General Association.

J. H. REAVES,
C. C. WINTERS,

Committee.

Motion to adopt. After discussion by C. C. Winters, carried.

Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, make the following report: Since our last Association it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from us several of our beloved brethren and sisters—Brothers W. L. Compton, S. B. Ellis, A. J. Reaves, Elijah C. Reeder, Sister Earl Pope, Sister Harper, Sister Burke, Sister Lue Clingan, Brother Lee Majors, and perhaps others whose names were not learned. Yet in the death of these we bow in humble submission to His will.

C. R. HATCH,
LOY J. FERGUSON,

Committee.

Motion to adopt carried.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

The Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following report: Realizing that a call to the ministry is the greatest and most responsible position ever conferred on man, we therefore recommend that this body elect a committee of trustees, composed of three, whose duty it shall be to collect funds to aid the young ministers of the Howard County Association, and that we herewith take a collection in cash and pledges for same. We recommend that the churches take up a collection for the completion of the Baptist College at Sheridan, Ark. We further recommend that those wishing to attend school at once go to Jacksonville, Texas.

LOUIS H. PAYNE, Committee.

Motion to adopt. After discussion by J. A. Smith, carried. Brothers Ed Compton, W. M. Ferguson and W. M. Burgess were elected.

Resolution of the Howard County Baptist Association:

Whereas, There being slanderous reports circulated against Brother Ben M. Bogard at Texarkana, Ark., be it

Resolved, by this Association, That we express our disapproval of the methods being used against Brother Bogard, and that we state emphatically that we do not believe the reports that have been published against him; and we recommend that a copy of this be published in the Baptist and Commoner, and also recorded in the minutes of the sitting of this body.

Motion to adopt carried.

Motion that the Clerk be instructed to call on the Clerk of last year for financial statement; also churches be instructed, through the Nashville News, to send their letters and contributions to the present Clerk to be incorporated in the minutes. Carried.

Motion that pledges be turned over to the Clerk, which were pledged to Antioch, and be incorporated in the minutes. Carried.

Motion that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services in getting out the minutes. Carried.

Motion that the Clerk be authorized to have published the number of minutes he thinks advisable, not exceeding 600. Carried.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors to the Howard County Association, express our appreciation to the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Community for their hospitality shown us while in their midst.

BEN J. SMITH.

Motion to adopt carried.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Amounts sent by churches—	
Minutes and Clerk fund.....	\$12.95
Associational Missions	9.75
Orphans' Home	9.46
State Missions	2.00
General Missions	2.00
Total.....	\$38.16

Amounts collected at sitting of body—

State Missions	\$19.38
General Missions	42.45
Orphans' Home	13.40
Total	\$75.23

Motion to adopt carried.

Motion to adjourn session to meet with Pleasant Valley Church in October, 1919. Carried.

After prayer by J. A. Smith, the Association was declared adjourned.

J. T. M. HOLT,
LOY J. FERGUSON.

Notice.—I have not received the report of the Clerk of last year's work.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

L. M. Byers, Bingen.	J. H. Westbrooks, Martha.
T. L. Epton, Bingen.	C. H. Tippet, Center Point.
A. J. Cabaniss, Mineral Springs.	L. H. Beane, Dierks.
J. M. Copeland, Nashville.	James Turner, Umpire.
Loy J. Ferguson, Nashville.	T. J. Richardson, Mineral Springs.
E. E. Ellis, Nathan.	John McWhortar, Center Point.
R. B. Littlefield, Lebanon.	

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. A. Farley, Martha.	F. D. Wynn, Martha.
J. H. Reaves, McCaskill.	

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

- P. H. Schoolfield, Baker Springs.
- Luther W. Cowling, Mineral Springs.
- Claud Box, McCaskill.
- G. W. Mayfield, Nashville.
- R. H. Ford, Nashville.
- J. F. McLaughlin, Bingen.
- Sister S. E. Thomas, Wicks.
- Robert Compton, Nashville.
- Sam Copeland, Nashville.
- Willie Skiles, Baker Springs.
- S. L. Nutt, Mineral Springs.
- C. M. Lewis, Bingen.
- W. S. Leslie, Bingen.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional.
2. Call for letters.
3. Appointment of committees to read letters.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Roll call of messengers.
6. Election of officers.
7. Call for corresponding messengers.
8. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Call for reports of committees.

STATISTICAL TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH AND PASTOR	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Paid Visiting Ministers	Ministerial Education	Sunday School Expenses	Building or Repairing	Incidentals	Orphans' Home	Value of Church Property
Pleasant Valley, J. A. Turner.....	3	3		3		1	119	\$118.75	\$14.12	\$1.50	\$ 2.00			\$29.55	\$ 2.50	\$ 6.06		\$ 3.50	\$10.11	
Amity, L. M. Byers.....				1		29	29	15.00		.50	6.00								4.50	\$350.00
County Line, L. M. Byers.....	2	6		5		3	286	211.25	11.08	3.50	3.90			76.56	12.00	12.00		8.00	36.40	
Midway, L. M. Byers.....	13	1		6		1	88	150.00	20.71	2.00									63.27	
New Hope, J. B. Mays.....				1	1	19	19			.75		\$.75							.50	
Mineral Springs, L. M. Byers.....	2	3		4	1	99	99	200.00		2.50	25.00	32.58	15.33			18.80		12.35		
Antioch, L. M. Byers.....	5		1			1	115	120.00	116.10			63.00		42.00				6.50	28.64	
Baker Springs, G. R. Thomas.....						1	66	16.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00							1.00	
Pleasant Hill, G. R. Thomas.....	13	4		9		26	26		17.50		2.50		5.00							
Pleasant Grove, L. M. Byers.....	3	3	1	2		2	46	130.66	26.42							5.70			12.22	600.00
Center Point, L. M. Byers.....						1	48	65.00	9.93		1.00							5.00		
Grace, E. B. Jones.....	3	3				2	128	217.00	9.15		7.50	3.00	6.40	63.00		12.85		15.00	64.53	
Maple Springs, W. M. Patterson.....	11	2				86	86	60.00		.50		1.00				8.00			1.50	
Zion, J. A. Turner.....	7	4			8	2	172	150.00		1.50		31.53		24.00			\$165.00		18.43	
Shiloh, A. J. Cabaniss.....	15	4			1	36	36	100.00	1.75						13.50		400.00			
Holly Creek, C. R. Hatch.....																				

Note - Letter misplaced by Clerk