

MINUTES

OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Dardanelle Baptist Association

HELD WITH

SHILOH CHURCH,

Sarber County, Arkansas,

September 18th, 19th and 20th, 1873.

OFFICERS:

W. W. CRAWFORD, Moderator.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk and Treas.



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MINUTES.

The Messengers and Ministers, composing the Dardanelle Baptist Association, met with Shiloh Church, Sarber county, Arkansas, September 18th, 1875.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John Myers, from Rom. 1:16, following which was an interval of thirty minutes.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Crawford.

Letters Read—Read letters from the churches of this body, and enrolled the names of their messengers.

Received petitionary letters from Scottville, Paris and Beulah churches, and extended the hand of christian fellowship to their messengers.

Officers Elected—Elected Elders W. W. Crawford, Moderator; and J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the Association joined in prayer, with the Clerk, for the recovery of Elder John Young.

Appointed Epperson, Wooton and the Deacons of Shiloh church, a committee on preaching.

Correspondence—Received the following, viz: Elder S. J. Fuller, from Concord, and Elder P. A. D. Smith from Clear Creek Associations.

On motion, agreed to correspond with Concord, Clear Creek, Mountain and United Associations, and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Correspondents Appointed,—To Concord Association—Hogan, Hudspeth and Keith; to Clear Creek—Allen, Hudspeth and Gray; to Mountain—Adams, Pendergrass and Myers; to United—Wells and Faucett; to Arkansas Baptist State Convention—Crawford, Myers and Hudspeth.

REPORT ON PREACHING.

7 o'clock, P. M., Crawford; Sabbath, 9½ o'clock, A. M., Prayer Meeting, conducted by Burns; 2 o'clock, P. M., Lecture on Temperance by Fuller.

Invited Baptist ministers to seats.

Appointed Committees.

Deceased Ministers—Adams, Ludwick, and Wooton.

Domestic Missions—Myers, Hudspeth, and Epperson.

Temperance—Keith, Faucett, and Miles.

Sabbath Schools—Burns, Hogan, and Pursley.

Documents—Howard, Pendergrass, and VanMeter.

Finance—O'Kelley, Jeff, and Raper.

Nominations—Myers, Jones, and Howell.

Publications—Hudspeth, Fuller, and Wells.

Adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder Fuller.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

9½ o'clock, A. M., Prayer Meeting, conducted by Elder Burns.
11 o'clock, A. M., Missionary Sermon by Elder Adams from Matt. 28:19,20—Mark 16:15,16; Collection, \$7 53. 2 o'clock P. M., Lecture on Temperance by Elder Fuller.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Curry.

Called the roll, read and approved the minutes.

Read the letter from Oakbend church.

Read and adopted the following reports, viz :

Deceased Ministers, see report A.....	Documents, see report E.....
Domestic Missions, see report B.....	Finance, see report F.....
Temperance, see report C.....	Nominations, see report G.....
Sabbath-Schools, see report D.....	Publications, see report H.....

Letter of Dismission—On motion, granted Oakbend church a letter of dismission.

Place of Meeting—Agreed to hold the next session of this Body, with New Hope church, Yell county, four miles South West of Dardanelle, on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1876, commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, adopted an amendment to the Report on Domestic Missions.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Prof. F. J. Allen is engaged in teaching at Magazine, Sarber county, Ark., and in the great and glorious work of our blessed Master, in training the children in the way of life in the Sabbath-school. Therefore, be it

Resolved, by this Association, that we bid Bro. Allen and his associates "God speed" in the good work, and hereby recommend the school at Magazine, Ark., conducted by Bro. F. J. Allen, to the favorable consideration of our brethren throughout this land, as one that should be sustained, and one in which our sons and daughters can be highly educated.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association, procure a suitable book and endeavor to collect a file of the minutes of this body from its organization, and record them in the same, that they may be preserved for future generations.

Resolved, That this Association annex to the minutes of this Session, its Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and friends of Shiloh church for their hospitality during the session of this body.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have six hundred copies of these minutes printed, and that he be allowed \$20 00 for his services.

Read and approved the minutes. Adjourned to the time and place above named.

Sung a hymn and extended the parting hand. Prayer by Elder S. J. Fuller.

W. W. CRAWFORD, Moderator.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORTS.

(A)

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Again we can say, that God has spared the lives of all our ministers, permitting them to labor in His vineyard. J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Char.

(B.)

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Many portions of our bounds are destitute of Baptist preaching, and we would earnestly request our churches to send up funds to this body to enable us to send a Missionary into these destitute portions. Therefore,

Resolved, That the churches be requested to ask their members to send up one dollar for each member, for Domestic Missions, to the next meeting of this body.

B. F. ELLIS, Char'n.

(C.)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We regard dram-drinking as dangerous to the character of our brethren and citizens, and calculated to bring reproach on the cause of our blessed Master. We, therefore, urge our brethren to abstain entirely from the use of intoxicating liquors, and would earnestly recommend the churches to enforce strict discipline over all their members who violate the rules of the Gospel. See Prov. 20:1, and 23; 21-31. Isa. 5:11. Deut. 21:20, 21. 1st Cor.

5:11 and 6:10. Gal. 5:21. Eph. 5:18. Col. 2:21.

J. A. KEITH, Char'n.

(D.)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We regret to have to say, from the information obtained from the different churches of this body, that so little is being done in this important work which is adapted to afford great benefit to the community and churches. We earnestly urge our brethren to press the work of Sabbath-schools until all our churches have an efficient school.

We recommend the churches to procure libraries from "The Southern Baptist Publication Society," located at Memphis, Tenn.

G. W. BURNS, Char'n.

(E.)

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find that New Hope requests the next Session of this body, and that Lewisburg and Oakbend ask for letters of dismission.

J. W. PENDERGRASS, Char'n.

(F.)

REPORT ON FINANCE.

For Minutes.....	\$ 39 20
In the hands of the Clerk.....	19 00
Collection on Sabbath.....	7 53

Total..... \$ 65 73

J. W. O'KELLY, Char'n.

(G.)

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

John Young to preach the Introductory Sermon, and B. F. Ellis, alternate; Jacob Hudspeth the Missionary Sermon, and J. S. Gray, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MYERS, Char'n.

(H.)

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We would recommend our brethren to subscribe for "The Baptist," published by J. R. Graves, at Memphis, Tennessee, and "The Western Baptist," published by Espy & Boone, at Searcy, Arkansas.

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J. WELLS, Char'n.

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN of the Bodies with which we correspond: We have just closed a session of great peace and harmony. We were happy to meet some of you as Correspondents. Brethren, endeavor to meet us at our next session.

Brethren, pray for us, that we may have a mind to work.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk.

NOTE—Dear Brethren: I have been unable to procure a copy of our minutes which has our rules of Decorum. I wish files of all our old minutes from the organization of "The Dardanelle Association." Please forward to me at Dardanelle.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and that the New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded on the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue 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 imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace, and will never finally fall away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ. That believers are the only proper subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a 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 a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and comes under the hands of a Scriptural Presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be kept as a day of rest and devotional exercise.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'm'd by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.	Day of meeting.
Antioch.....			N. H. Harley.....	W. O. Reynolds.....	W. W. Cotton, S. D. Reynolds, J. W. Lackey....	8	...	6	...	...	...	24	\$ 60	3
Bethel.....	Dardanelle.....	Yell.....	J. R. G. W. N. Adams	C. M. White.....	J. R. G. W. N. Adams, A. M. Jones, E. B. Thompson	2	1	...	...	...	...	30	1 50	2
Beulah.....	Danville.....	Do.....	B. F. Ellis.....	J. M. Roach.....	J. M. Roach, J. R. Huckaby, D. C. A. Roach.....	4	2	...	1	3	...	12	50	4
Cane Creek.....	Morrison's Bluff	Sarber.....	G. W. Burns.....	J. A. Gray.....	G. W. Burns.....	2	2	...	1	...	...	1 86	1 40	2
Clarksville.....	Clarksville.....	Johnson.....	Jac. Hudspeth.....	J. W. Grantham.....	Jac. Hudspeth, J. W. Gratham, *M. C. Cunningham	8	7	8	...	...	...	34	1 50	1
Corinth.....	Black Fox.....	Do.....	J. Myers.....	J. R. Stilley.....	W. D. Epperson, J. G. Pursley, W. S. Jett.....	0	1	...	4	...	...	79	2 00	...
Dardanelle.....	Dardanelle.....	Yell.....		R. Veazey.....	W. W. Crawford, J. W. O'Kelley.....	3	...	10	...	...	...	1 64	3 00	...
Elizabeth.....	Shoal Creek.....	Sarber.....	R. P. Ferguson.....	— Sellars.....	Glass, Varnell, *L. Leach, *S. Hull.....	...	...	2	...	1	...	1 16	25	2
Galley Creek.....	Adkin's Station..	Pope.....	W. W. Crawford.....		T. S. Faucett.....	...	...	2	...	...	...	1 50	1	...
Landmark.....	Magazin.....	Sarber.....			*J. W. Young, I. Friddle, J. L. Russell.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	29	70	...
Liberty Spring, 1	Russelville.....	Pope.....		T. J. Spellars.....	Not represented. No from last year.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	...	...
Liberty Spring, 2	Shoal Creek.....	Sarber.....	N. H. Harley.....	J. T. Hodges.....	C. C. Hogan, W. V. Frazer, W. Robinson.....	4	2	...	...	...	...	84	20	2
Lewisburg.....	Lewisburg.....	Conway.....		W. F. Conlee.....	J. Wells, J. F. Batson, W. F. Conlee.....	...	5	...	4	...	2	20	2 00	2
Mountain Spring	Dardanelle.....	Yell.....	B. F. Ellis.....	John G. Ellis.....	B. F. Ellis, S. C. Copland, B. T. Carroll.....	...	...	4	...	1	...	17	70	1
Mountain Arbor	Cassville.....	Johnson.....	E. J. Hogan.....	J. E. Hughes.....	Not rep. No from last year.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...
Macedonia.....	Morrison's Bluff	Sarber.....	G. W. Burns.....	J. R. Raper.....	*E. T. Blair, J. L. Womack, J. R. Raper.....	...	...	5	...	1	...	1 85	1 25	4
New Hope.....	Dardanelle.....	Yell.....	J. Myers.....	R. J. Pendergrass.....	J. Myers, L. B. Miles, O. B. McWhorter.....	1	6	2	...	...	...	75	2 75	1
New Prospect.....	Bolesville.....	Pope.....	Jac. Hudspeth.....	S. G. Manscill.....	*D. Owens, *J. J. Martin, *J. Burton.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	75	3
Pleasant Grove.....	Shoal Creek.....	Sarber.....			Not represented. No from last year.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	...	...
Pleasant Valley.....	Omaga.....	Yell.....	W. Sloan.....		W. H. Smith, *W. C. Valentine, *W. W. Sammons	9	...	6	...	4	...	...	1 50	...
Pleasant Hill.....	Ellsworth.....	Sarber.....	A. H. Armstrong.....	S. N. Hopkins.....	J. VanMeter, J. M. Bell, S. N. Hopkins.....	...	4	1	...	...	...	20	1 00	3
Pine Hill.....	Clarksville.....	Johnson.....	Jac. Hudspeth.....	W. W. Maye.....	Not represented. No from last year.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...
Reville.....	Magazine.....	Sarber.....	J. Young.....	A. M. Bass.....	*J. Young, J. D. Corley, L. W. Wehant.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	31	1 00	...
Russelville.....	Russelville.....	Pope.....	W. W. Crawford.....	J. R. Duke.....	W. M. Peeler, *E. G. Morton, W. Ludwick.....	...	19	...	...	...	...	53	5 50	3
Shiloh.....	Magazine.....	Sarber.....	J. Young.....	J. A. Keith.....	J. S. Howard, Isaac Goodwin, J. A. Keith.....	7	6	7	...	1	...	85	2 00	2
Spring Creek.....	Danville.....	Yell.....	B. F. Ellis.....	C. Fowler.....	*F. Baker, O. Fowler.....	1	1	4	...	...	...	22	...	...
Union Grove.....	Clarksville.....	Johnson.....	T. J. Allen.....	John L. Allen.....	*T. J. Allen, John L. Allen.....	...	9	3	...	...	...	16	50	3
Unity.....		Do.....	P. A. D. Smith.....	F. J. Rossenberry.....	*F. J. Rossenberry, *J. Blaylock.....	...	4	6	...	...	...	12	70	1
Zion.....	Jenning's Falls..	Yell.....	E. C. Martin.....	A. Howell.....	W. Howell, John James, *E. M. Gladden.....	18	1	3	...	1	...	3 65	2 95	3
Zion Hill.....	Dardanelle.....	Do.....	J. Myers.....	J. Shepherd.....	J. W. Pendergrass, *J. C. Pickens, W. D. Hogan	11	4	3	...	...	...	1 79	1 75	3
Scottville.....	Scottville.....	Pope.....	Tho. Nutt.....	J. A. Hickman.....	R. Sherley, J. J. Wooton, *J. A. Hickman.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 50	4
Paris.....	Paris.....	Sarber.....	S. H. Blair.....	W. C. McKinney ..	*James B. McKinney, F. A. Bunch.....	3	5	...	1	1	17	3
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