

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

OF THE

OUACHITA

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

YOCCANA CHURCH,

Polk County, Arkansas, September 25th, 1897.

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We find by experience and observation that family worship is conducive to piety. Piety is indispensable to efficient work for the Master. There can be no real deep piety in a home where there is no family altar, and none truly pious can come from such a home; therefore, we can have no efficient workers where there are no family altars, as the success of our work depends on our family piety.

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## DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

On Duties of Churches to Pastors your committee desires to report as follows:

We believe it is the duty of the churches to be prayerful in selecting a man ordained of God to fill the position of pastor. Then it is the duty of the church to honor and sustain such a man as sent from God to be a teacher of His people.

It is the duty of church members to be punctual in attending their church meetings, that they may hear, and earnestly heed, the instructions of their pastors. The churches should love and esteem their pastors for their works' sake, and they should obey all the instructions given them in the Lord, as the under-shepherd over the flock of the Great Shepherd of souls.

The churches should provide for the temporal wants of their pastors, so that they can give their time to the ministry of the Word, for this is one of the means ordained of God whereby His churches might become wise in a knowledge of the Truth, and thereby become faithful in doing the will of God, and carrying on the work he has let for them to do; to-wit: "The teaching of all nations."

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. MERRISON, Chairman.

## ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, the committee on Religious Literature, desire to report as follows:

We recommend, as a sound Baptist paper, the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Arkansas. Also, we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist convention, for use in our Sabbath Schools, published at Nashville, Tennessee, and urge upon our churches to provide the same for use in their Sabbath Schools. We feel that it is high time that the Baptists should be awake to their interests, from the fact that we see the great need of this being observed among our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. RIDLING, Chairman.

## ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe in missions from the following considerations: First, because the Savior commands it; second, because of its expediency; because we know of no other way whereby the Gospel can reach even individuals. And we believe in missions because of its utility in saving the believer in the Gospel. We believe in missions because God has made it the duty of the Church to preach the Gospel in all the world, and among all nations, for a witness unto them and then cometh the end of time here.—Matt. 24:14. And we see that the apostolic church, and all of her membership, was engaged in missionary work; for when the church was scattered abroad over the stoning of Stephen to death, except the apostles, they went everywhere preaching the Word. Therefore we know that no church can be loyal to Christ without being a missionary body.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. JAMES, Chairman.

## ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find a great need of the proper kind of literature; we suggest holy Baptist literature, and believe it should be taught in every church. We believe that is the proper place to frame and cultivate the minds of our youths, that they may be more ready to receive the true Gospel. We would urge upon our brethren and pastors to hold up for Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL F. SHANDS, Chairman.

## ON TEMPERANCE.

We regard this as a subject of great importance, and rejoice to know that the vice of intemperance is being guarded against by a majority of Baptists throughout the country; and we advise abstinence from all intoxicants, and that our people encourage temperance and discountenance intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. F. HURLEY, Chairman.

## ON OBITUARIES.

We find that during the past year that nine of our brethren and sisters have passed away. Dallas church lost two brothers; C. H. Eddlemon died August 1st, 1897. Brother Eddlemon was a model christian, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was clerk and deacon of his church at the time of his death. Sister Cross, wife of Milton Cross, died in April, 1897.

Yuccana has lost four: Brother J. P. Wilcox died February 15th, 1897; he was also a model christian, true and faithful, and loved by all. He was clerk and deacon of his church, and also clerk of his association at the time of his death.

Sister Martha Southern died November 1st, 1896; Sister Helen Philpot died December 5th, 1896, and Sister Mary Wilcox, January 16, 1897. Mt. Pleasant has lost one sister; Nancy Sargent died November 5th, 1896. Corinth lost two; Brother W. J. Neighbors died January 16th, 1897; Sister Mary A. North died July 15th, 1897. Buffalo lost one, Elder E. A. Mayo. He was one of our most faithful and devoted ministers.

All these were true and faithful, and are gone to their reward. May God's richest blessings rest on the bereaved ones. Respectfully submitted,

S. A. NEIGHBORS, Chairman.

## ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend Salem church as a suitable place to hold the Association, and Brother S. A. Neighbors to preach the introductory sermon, Brother J. J. Holland, alternate; Brother E. S. James to preach the missionary sermon Sunday, at 11 o'clock, and Brother H. C. Ridling, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. C. LEWIS, Chairman.

According to previous announcement by the Preaching committee the body took recess for preaching Monday, at 11 o'clock, and came together at half past one o'clock.

The report on Finance read and adopted as shown in the statistical table.

A subscription of 65 cents was raised for blank letters for the churches to send up their reports on.

A motion was carried to request three associations to-wit: Buckville, Howard County and Southwestern, to send three able messengers to meet Brothers J. A. Norris, H. C. Ridling and I. C. Lewis, at Salem church, four miles east of Dallas, at 10 o'clock a. m., Saturday before the second Sabbath in November, 1897, to council with us in regard to the division in our Association.

Brother J. J. Holland was the appointee to Buckville, M. L. Ridling to How-

ard county, and a letter to be written by the clerk to the Southwestern Association. Brother H. C. Ridling appointed a messenger to Buckner Association. On motion the Moderator appointed five messengers to the General Association, which will meet with Earl church, near Ardmore, in the Indian Territory, the following brethren were appointed: I. C. Lewis, E. S. James, S. A. Neighbors, B. Duke and T. M. Hollingsworth, or any other of our brethren who might be there. The following resolution of thanks was voted:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Yoccana church, and the community surrounding for the kind, hospitable manner in which they have entertained the body.  
J. J. HAWKINS.

On motion the old board was discontinued and a new one appointed by the Moderator as follows: Brothers B. Duke, T. M. Hollingsworth, W. H. Weaks, T. B. Spears and A. T. Joplin.

A motion was carried to authorize the Board to make any arrangements for putting out a missionary that they might deem proper.

A motion to take collections in cash and pledges resulted as follows: Cash: B. Duke, 50 cents; T. B. Spears, 25 cents; A. T. Joplin, \$1.00; J. H. Beach, 10 cents. Pledge. T. M. Hollingsworth, five bushels corn; J. J. Hawkins, \$5.00; M. L. Ridling, \$1.00; Charley White, \$1.00; L. C. Lewis, \$1.00.

A motion carried that the Association appoint the places for the fifth Sabbath meeting time to be 10 o'clock, Saturday before each fifth Sabbath. 1st. Pine Grove; 2d, Hopewell; 3d, Hickory Creek; 4th, Buffalo.

A motion carried to authorize the clerk to make the best arrangements possible for printing the minutes, and the remainder to go towards compensating him for his services.

A motion prevailed requesting the Board of the Louisville Seminary to remove W. H. Whitset from the presidency of the Seminary.

A motion carried to furnish the Arkansas Baptist with a copy of the above resolution with a request to publish the same.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Salem church, Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1898. The song, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung at the close, while the parting hand was taken amidst a glorious scene of rejoicing.

J. J. HOLLAND, Moderator.

J. J. MERRISON, Clerk.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptised	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total membership	Home Mission	Restored	For minutes	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Foreign Mission
Concord	H C Ridling, E G Embry and J Bogle		E G Embry, Ink Postoffice	2	1	2	1		21			\$ 40			
Blue Springs	T M Hollingsworth	T M Hollingsworth	J M Mandy, Smithville, I. T						11			50	2		
Corinth	Will North	S A Neighbors	John Mount, Ransom, Ark	3		3	2	2				95			
Mena	J J Mershon, J F Shandes	W L Compere	S L Dickover, Mena, "	2	21				21	\$8		1 30	2		\$7 25
Hickory Creek	W H Weeks, W J Kelley	J C Crawford	W H Weeks, Roff, "	4			4		43			1 00	1		
Hopewell	S E Shote	B F Cannon	D Nations, Janssen		1	3	2		18	5		50			50
Pine Grove	E S James, A L Joplin, S A Neighbors	J C Crawford	A J Roberts, Rocky	1	1	3			29			1 00			
Salem	I C Lewis, W A Brumley, J F Brumblow	S A Neighbors	J R Edwards, Dallas		2				22			75			5
Yoccana	C F White, T P Spears, J J Holland	H C Ridling	T P Spears, Egger	20	6	1		4	60		2	2 05			
County Line	M L Ridling	E B Williams	T L Morrow, Hartley				1		19			30	1		
New Hope No. 2	J B Lawrence		D N Lawrence, Shady						48			75		1	
Mt. Olive	R M Anderson, J A Beavers	J F McLeod	R M Anderson, Gann		1				31			50	1	1	
Mt. Pleasant	J F Hurley, J C Sargeant	J Hall	J W Hurley, Baker	4	1	3	4	1	41		1	1 60			
Buffalo	B Duke.	E B Williams	Robt Fortner, Cove			2	3	1	25			30			50

Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Olive, New Hope No. 2, Yoccana and Hickory Creek meet 1st Sunday. County Line, 2nd Sunday. Pine Grove  
Corinth, Blue Springs and Concord, 3rd Sunday. Hopewell, 4th Sunday. Mena, every Sunday.