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Minutes of Second Annual Session of Black River Association

Held With
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS

AUGUST 29, 30, 31, 1916

Officers:
CHAS. G. ELLIOTT, Moderator
E. H. THARP, Clerk and Treasurer

The Next Session Will be Held With the
Tuckerman Church

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON
J. C. Cates, A. D. Gray, Alternate
DOCTRINAL SERMON
E. P. Minton, S. C. Vick, Alternate

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Black River Association met in its Second Annual Session with the First Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge, on Tuesday, August 29th, 1916, at 3 o'clock. In the absence of the former officers, Bro. J. P. Dunn was chosen as temporary moderator, R. P. Sharp, as clerk. Bro. Cates conducted the devotional exercises, after which came the enrollment of delegates. W. A. Henry and B. C. Pease were appointed a committee on finance, while J. M. Appleget and A. D. Gray were appointed reading clerks.

The following delegates representing their churches were enrolled, some coming in later:

Altice, not represented.

Bethel, C. B. Pope, Isaac Smith, C. L. Thorn.

Black Rock, Mrs. I. A. B. Minner, Mrs. W. A. Skillern, Miss Eddie Matthews.

Bonte, J. P. Dunn, W. G. Davidson.

Imboden, G. B. Borah, W. C. Stokes.

Porthunta, J. J. Cates, B. C. Pease.

Portia, J. M. Appleget, W. E. McCleod.

Swifton, R. P. Sharp, A. D. Gray, Mrs. Beesie Johnson.

Tuckerman, Mrs. Lena Shaver, Mrs. John Majors.

Walnut Ridge, C. G. Elliott, E. H. Tharp. W. A. Henry, M. T. Swindle and Mrs. H. L. Muse.

Permanent organization was effected by electing C. G. Elliott, moderator, and E. H. Tharp, clerk and treasurer. A call for petitionary letters was made and four churches asked for membership were received and delegates enrolled, namely:

Mammoth Spring, Mrs. D. Mauldin, Miss Esther Harris.

Minuturn, Mrs. Lizzie Light, Miss Pearl Duncan.

Strangers Home, Willie Huff.

Walnut Grove, J. M. Buster, J. R. Pope, Mrs. N. C. Austin.

Visiting brethren present and participating in the discussions of the body, were:

W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro, general missionary; G. R. Tyler, Portageville, Mo., former moderator; J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, General Secretary State Convention; J. W. Conger, Conway President Central College, W. F. Davis, Monticello, Superintendent Orphan's Home; Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Little Rock, Corresponding Secretary Woman's Work; Miss Eula Roberts, Conway, State Sunbeam Leader.

Upon motion the moderator was authorized to appoint all necessary committees. A committee on the order of business, J J Cates, R P Sharp and J P Dunn, committee on time of meeting and adjourning, the delegates from Walnut Ridge Church and G B Borah.

Adjourned to 8 p. m.

FIRST DAY-EVENING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 8 o'clock by the moderator. The special order of business was the associational sermon, which was preached by Bro. Tyler, by previous appointment. Subject: "The Great Salvation." Heb. 2,1 to 3. The moderator announced the following committees:

Missions, J. J. Cates, W. A. Henry.

Publications, A. D. Gray, W. C. Stokes.

Orphans' Home, R. P. Sharp, B. C. Pease.

Woman's Work, J. M. Appleget, M. T. Swindle.

Christian Education, G. B. Borah, C. B. Pope.

Sunday Schools, J. P. Dunn, Isaac Smith, W. E. McCleod.

Temperance, W. A. Henry, J. J. Cates, W. G. Davidson.

Obituaries, G. B. Borah, B. C. Pease, C. B. Pope.

Nominations, J. M. Appleget, J. P. Dunn, W. A. Henry.

The committee on hours of meeting and adjournment reported as follows:

Meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12:00.

Meet at 2:00 p. m., adjourn at 5:00.

Meet at 8:00 p. m., adjourn at pleasure.

Adjourned prayer by Bro. Cates

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Met promptly at 8:30 The devotional exercises were led by Bro. Cates. The committee on publications made its report, which was discussed by brethren Cates, Dunn, Gray, McEwen and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee on Religious Literature, report as follows:

An unenlightened people can never make progress in the kingdom of God. Those who know God's will must be able to read God's Book, and those who read God's Book are obligated to teach all things whatsoever Christ commands. Through the printed page is a very effective way to teach all things whatsoever Christ commands.

Let any man name the literature that our people shall read and that man can control the thinking and shape the conduct of our people. To make our people more efficient in the service of Christ we need to place the best literature in their hands. In this day when the enemies of the Church of Christ are using with such telling effect the printed page we need to get our literature on a less expensive basis so that we might be able to sow the land down with the truth, and win the masses to Christ. This is the most effective way to check the evil influences of the damnable heresies that are sowing the land down with literature. When such aggregates as the millennial dawn leaders, the Swedenborg teaching, the Christian Scientist, the Latter Day Saints, the Seventh Day Adventist, or

the Socialist want to accomplish a thing to be realized only through the aid of public sentiment they do not start a college, or put out orators but they flood the country with reading matter. Therefore they have grown from a mere nothing to world-wide movement, having their thousands to follow them with an undying devotion. When we see trashy literature in so many homes such as cheap novels, story papers, the Appeal to Reason and the Rip Saw, and the Bible read so little, we are not astonished at the indifference of the church members and the wickedness of the world. The most brazen assumption of the Roman Catholics that will reach farther into the future and tell most of American Institutions than any other heretofore attempted by them in their recent act in that they took in hand the control of the press report used by most of our daily newspapers of the country. What this means few can realize. The literature of the nation controls the public mind of the people, therefore we warn the people to beware of literature that they know nothing about, and that we support our own denominational publishing houses. That parents and teachers forbid the reading of trashy or worthless literature, and see that they get something worthy and worth while.

We recommend first of all the reading of the Holy Scriptures. Also that every Baptist family in our association take and read the Home Field, published by the Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal by Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. The price can be had at thirty-five cents each or in clubs of five or more at twenty-five cents. Also our State paper, the Baptist Advance, published at Little Rock. This weekly paper which keeps us directly in touch with the work of Arkansas Baptists and is only \$1.50 per year.

Respectfully Submitted

A. D. Gray,

W. C. Stokes.

The report on Woman's Work not being ready, Miss Euna Roberts was asked to give some account of her work with the children, which she did, showing the great importance and results attending it. The report of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Association was then read by Mrs. Fisk and spoken on by Mrs. Jackson. This report will be found in connection with the report on Woman's Work which was submitted later.

Bro. Rogers, our general secretary having come in was given the hour from 11 to 12, and discussed Missionary Fundamentals, basing his subject on different texts of scripture.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met at 2 o'clock and after devotional exercises, Bro. McEwen presented the claims of the Baptist Advance. Bro. Gray, our associational missionary read the report of his summer's work which was received and ordered printed in the minutes, after discussion by brethren Gray, McEwen, Cates, Rogers and Mrs. Jackson, who said it was the best report she had heard. Bro. Louis Lemay spoke very favorably of the work of our associational missionary at Stranger's Home. There

appearing a debt of \$16.21 on the salary of the missionary, Bro. Cates paid \$12.50 for Pocahontas, and Bro. Rogers took a collection for the balance, obtaining \$6.51.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Dear Brett ren:--

The work has been very gratifying in its results, beginning May 21st, 1916, and ending August 31st, 1916. Through the courtesy of the Swifton church which let me off in July for this work I have been able to put in full time for which employed.

God has been on the giving hand to whom belongs all the glory. As suggested by the committee I have worked in the southern part of the association. We have been able to reach Alicia, Minturn and Stranger's Home. If the churches and pastors could see their way clear to use a missionary at proper times, we could possibly do as much good for our cause as by using an outside or general evangelist, and the income from the meetings would help wonderfully in meeting the obligations of the association.

THE FUTURE OUTLOOK.

Brethren, the forward march of our rapidly developing country brings with it large opportunities and greater demands. For instance the swamp land now being drained in North-East Arkansas will increase our population, hence the need of a full-time missionary. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send more laborers into His vineyard.

ALICIA

I supplied them in May and June. They have three or four members. Cash collected for missions \$5.91.

MINTURN

I went to them June 3rd, preaching Saturday and Sunday, returned for a meeting July 3rd, assisted by Bro J. L. Raybourn. We continued the meeting through Sunday night, receiving 5 for baptism and 2 by letter. I preached for them the 5th Sunday receiving 1 by letter. The present membership is 10.

STRANGER'S HOME

I began a meeting here July 11th, continuing through the 23rd, receiving by baptism 15. Here we organized a church on the 22nd, having the assistance of brethren Elliott of Walnut Ridge and Ray Palmer who was assisting him in a meeting at that time. Preached for them again the 4th Sunday in August, received 7 more. They have paid \$20.50 on the missionary's salary.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Miles traveled	234
Sermons preached	36
Professions of faith	20
Received by baptism	25
Received by letter	13
Prayer in homes	15
Homes visited	40

Sunday School organized	1
Collected	\$29.83
Traveling expenses	6.09

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. GRAY, Missionary.

Bro. Cates submitted the report on missions, which was adopted after discussion by brethren Cates, Gray and Dorris:

MISSIONS

The spirit of Missions is a willingness to drink from the cup which our Lord drained to its bitter dregs and to be partakers with Him in His baptism of blood. Mark 10:38, a call for men and women.

It is also manifested in our faithfulness as stewards, a call for our money.

Jesus counted it a worthy action when Mary used three hundred shillings worth of ointment to anoint the broken body of her Lord for burial. Missions is the money used to promote the efficacy of that broken body and shed blood in reaching out after the lost.

Missions is what the Lord meant when He said, "Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."—Luke 16-9.

Missions is a term as universal as the gospel, we only use the terms Home, State, Etc., to locate field of action.

In union there is strength. In developing the spirit of mission in our churches, we create a greater strength in our association, going on to state, home, foreign, and the conquering of the whole world in the name of, and under the blood-stained banner of our crucified and risen Savior.

Missions in action is the salvation of the lost. Jesus says: "He that is not for me is against me." Love is the test of our union and fellowship with Him. "If you love me you will do as I have commanded you."

He did not "command" the "Boards," but as the ones who are really doing things are working through "boards," so those who oppose the boards, or fail to help in the work they are doing are that Slothful Servant.

Luke, in his 1st. to Acts, speaks of the commandment of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, to His disciples. The "go" in Matthew 28:19, and the "witness" in Acts 1:8 are the epitome of this commandment. The "go" has with it the promise of the presence of Jesus, and the "witness" has behind it the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit.

"The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation." Missions is the process by which we make that salvation available.

The Gospel is the life-giving water. Missions is the pipe that conducts that water to the parching throats of the perishing people in the depths of sin.

The Gospel is the message of pardon. Missions is the swift messenger carrying the good tidings to the condemned criminal.

"Lift up your eyes and behold the fields are white for harvest." "He

that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit to life eternal."--Jno. 4:25-6.

We, your committee, recommend to the churches that we adopt in conference a schedule of proportionate responsibility equal to 50c per member, to guarantee the salary of a missionary. The collection on the field to be deducted, after which the balance of Missionary's salary be prorated, each church bearing its just part.

W. A. Henry,

J. J. Cates.

Bro. Sharp read the report on Orphans' Home, as follows:

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT

Orphans' Home work is grounded, not on human sympathy alone, but on the supreme authority of the word of God. "Jesus said: 'The poor ye have with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good.'" The apostle James expresses our duty to the fatherless: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, etc., etc." God commanded the Jews to provide for the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless and the widow in a systematic way, so that these should come and eat and be satisfied. Deut, 14:28-29.

At our last convention there was a resolution passed requiring the Board to place the children in good homes. In obedience to this resolution we have placed between 75 and 80 children in good homes. We have received 14 into the Home since January 1, 1916. We have now between 125 and 130 in the Home.

We have done our best to reduce current expenses by placing children in good homes; by declining to take at least 21 children who have applied for admittance, arranging either with the communities or County Judges to care for them; and by doing on as little as we could so as to keep the children healthy and growing. We are glad to report that the pellagra children are doing well, and under the wise and skillful treatment by our physician, Dr. B. P. Kimbro, they seem to be making good progress toward permanent recovery.

Our \$17,006.00 debt is a heavy burden, and our beloved brethren of Monticello who have been under this load for so many years are begging us to give them relief. This is our debt as much as theirs, for Drew county has, perhaps, fewer inmates in the Home than most of the counties represented in it. The Baptists of Arkansas can pay this debt any day if they can come to realize that it is their debt. We are planning and working to get all this debt provided for by the meeting of the Convention in November. We have now, in cash and good pledges, about \$4,000.00 of this amount. So far our churches and W. M. S. and individuals have pledged the full amount asked of them. This is good, but your field man cannot visit every church in the State. Our task from now to the Convention is to provide for the other \$13,000.00, and at the same time provide for the current expenses, for our orphans must eat three times a day just like your children.

Your committee therefore recommends:

1. That every pastor in this Association lay the matter of this great work on the hearts of his people, and take the lead in caring for our orphan's as good as God commands

2. That our Sunday Schools be requested to continue their regular monthly offerings for current expenses, and that we urge Sunday Schools not making monthly offerings to adopt the plan and join with the other Sunday Schools that have done such noble work for our dear orphans.

3. That our Ladies' Societies be requested to join in with this debt paying campaign, pledging each a definite amount, taking care of all they possibly can NOW, and the balance not later than Dec. 25, 1916.

4. That we do now take a collection in cash and pledges to relieve the present heavy demands; pledges to be paid at the earliest date possible, certainly not later than December 25, 1916.

R. P. Sharp,

B. C. Pease, Committee.

Bro. Morris took up the discussion of the report on the Orphan's Home and spoke of the present effort to raise \$17,000.00 to pay off the indebtedness of the Home and asked for pledges from the different churches to be paid as early as possible, and not later than December 25, 1916.

The following amounts were pledged:

Walnut Ridge	\$50.00
Bethel	10.00
Black Rock	10.00
Huxie	5.00
Pocahontas	10.00
C. J. Cates, Cash	5.00
Belfton	15.00
Tuckerman	15.00
Mammoth Spring	25.60
Strangers Home	5.00
Cash Collection	5.00
Total	\$155.00

Adjourned until 8 p. m.

SECOND DAY, EVENING SESSION

The body met at 8:00 o'clock. The Moderator conducted the devotional exercises, after which Bro. Borah read the report on Christian Education, which was discussed by brethren Borah, Conger and Cates and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Christian Education submits the following:

The Bible is definitely in favor of Christian Education. Matthew 23:23; Ephesians 4:18; Hosea 4:6. Indeed, every word in God's Book that speaks against ignorance is for Christian Education. Jesus was a great teacher as well as a great preacher. Christ and His apostles everywhere

emphasized the importance of knowledge touching religious work. We as followers of Christ and His apostles must believe in and practice Christian Education as thoroughly as we do Missions.

The education of preachers is especially important. We will be woefully undone in time if we neglect this fundamental matter. We urge with all possible emphasis that every young preacher in this Association do his utmost to get a good education. Preachers are given free tuition in all our schools in the State. At Ouachita College other financial help is given when needed.

Arkansas Baptists have two great colleges, Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, for boys and girls, C. E. Dicken, D. D., president; and Central College at Conway, for girls, J. W. Conger, LL. D., president. The attendance at Ouachita last year was about 300, and at Central about 200. We also have Mountain Home College (a mountain school academy) at Mountain Home, Rev. H. F. Vermillion, president; and Maynard Academy, at Maynard, Rev. W. A. Cummings, president. Both of these schools are mountain schools of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., for boys and girls, and are doing well.

It is hoped that our people will patronize our own schools. They are as good as the best. The atmosphere in all these schools is deeply spiritual. The study of the Bible is given a large place in each of them.

Your Committee earnestly recommends that all our preachers preach often each year on the needs and benefits of our schools, and that they urge our folks to send their children to them. We further emphasize the great importance of every church in this Association making a worthy offering to our schools each year.

The churches co-operating through the State Convention are giving about \$20 000.00 this year to Christian Education. Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock.

George B. Borah,
Chas. B. Pope, Committee.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION

Association was called to order at 8:30, and Bro. Gray conducted the devotional exercises.

Bro. Cates submitted the report on Temperance, which was discussed by brethren Cates, Borah, Dunn and Tharp, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE

When we realize the drain on our resources caused by the curse of intoxicating beverages we feel it our duty to speak out in exhortation of the ones who are responsible for the traffic in the body, mind and souls of the flowers of our land. We set the seal of our approval on the law on our statute books as it now stands, and call on all good citizens to do their duty at the polls and bury the agitators of a change of the law at the election in November so deep that they will never emerge.

We deplore the fact that a great number of our citizenship refuse to

are the violations of the law, making it hard to enforce our laws. We call on all good citizens to encourage our officers and stand behind them in the discharge of their duties. We would warn our people against the habit-making beverage called "Coke." We pledge ourselves to assist in any way we can to promote the fight now going on against the repeal of our present State law on prohibition.

J. J. Cates,
W. A. Henry.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by Bro. Dunn, which was amended by the following resolution offered by Bro. Cates, and adopted after discussion by brethren Dunn, Cates, Appleget, Gray, Mrs R L Muse

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report;

We find within the bounds of Black River Association nine regularly organized Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 763. In a general way the Sunday Schools are doing a great work, and we look forward to the great work with much anticipation. Being such a great factor of the church with such opportunities extended to every member, we urge a hearty support by each member as God has made it our duty.

We recommend a careful selection of officers and teachers. We further recommend that the officers be elected by the church and also the teachers as far as is practicable. We recognize the Sunday School as an important branch of the church worthy of careful attention. We also recommend that the Sunday Schools in this Association give one Sunday's collection in each month to the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

We recommend that our churches do not affiliate with the International Sunday School movement. We believe that the pastor should attend the Sunday School with its various phases of work as far as possible.

J. P. Dunn,
Isaac Smith,
W. E. McLeod.

AMENDMENT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

That the pastors and superintendents promote the study of the Sunday School Normal Manual among officers and teachers.

The committee on Nominations submitted its report which was adopted

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

We nominate for the executive committee: J. J. Cates, J. A. Hill, H. T. Kirkpatrick, J. H. Townsend, R. P. Sharp.

To preach the Associational Sermon, J. J. Cates, A. D. Gray, Alternate

To preach the Doctrinal Sermon, E. P. Minton, S. C. Vick, Alternate.

Delegate to the Southern Convention, C. G. Elliott.

We recommend that the pastors and missionaries formulate 5th Sunday Meetings in our churches and the churches be asked to release

their pastors for this purpose. Respectfully submitted,
 J. M. Appleget,
 J. P. Dunn,
 W. A. Henry.

The next place of meeting; Tuckerman, Arkansas.

A resolution was adopted asking that the B. Y. P. U. organizations of our churches deliver a joint missionary program at our next meeting to be given on the second evening. The time for the doctrinal sermon having arrived Bro. Borah preached on "Security of the Believer," text Nos. 17:1-3.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

The body came together at 2 p. m., devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted. Upon motion a request was made that in the future a brief history be given in the church letters with reference to the dead.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee make the following report: Mrs. I. H. Witt,
 Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Sarah A. Wright.

G. B. Borah,
 C. B. Pope,
 B. C. Pease.

The Treasurer submitted his report as follows:

E. H. Tharp, treasurer, to Black River Association, Dr.

August 31, 1915: To amount received from finance committee, \$16.60

August 29, 1916: To amount received from W. M. U. 3.00

Total \$19.60

Credits: August 31, 1915, paid to clerk, \$10.00

May, 1916, Printing Minutes, 15.00

Express on covers .63

Postage .97

Total \$26.60

Balance Due Treasurer \$7.00

Bro. Cates proceeded to take up a collection to meet the deficit, which amounted to \$4.01 and turned over to the Treasurer, leaving a balance of \$2 99.

Bro. Henry reported for the finance committee as follows:

Received for Associational purposes \$16.40

For Associational Missions 21.01

Orphans' Home 5.00

Total \$42.41

The report on Woman's Work was submitted by Bro. Appleget, discussed by brethren Appleget, Cates and Mrs. Elliott and adopted.

Woman's Home Mission Report

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Black River Association met August 29, 1916, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. L. Muse.

The devotional exercises were opened by singing No. 273.

The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. J. H. Hitchcock of Tuckerman, from the second chapter of James, who gave some beautiful comments on same.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Muse, after which the following visitors were introduced: Mrs. J. G. Jackson, State Cor. Secty. of the W. M. U., Little Rock, Ark; Miss Una Roberts, State Sunbeam Leader, Conway, Arkansas; Mrs. J. L. Burns North, East Dist. Pres., Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, Supt. Mt. Zion Association, Sedgwick, Arkansas.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee was then appointed by the chair, consisting of the following members: Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Walnut Ridge; Mrs. I. C. Haynes Pocahontas; Miss Ida James, Imboden.

The reports of the standing committees were then heard.

Report of Literature committee was read by Mrs. C. G. Elliott and was adopted. The report was discussed by Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

The next was the report on Obituaries, giving the names of Mrs. Sarah Wright of Black Rock; Mrs. I. H. Witt of Pocahontas; and Mrs. M. R. Lawrence of Hoxie, members of our W. M. U., whom our Father in Heaven has seen fit to call to their reward.

The Reports from the following societies were then read: Pocahontas, by Mrs. H. A. Lewis; Black Rock, by Mrs. I. A. B. Minner; Hoxie, by Mrs. J. L. Fiske; Tuckerman, by Mrs. P. P. Roberson; Walnut Ridge, by Mrs. Walter Smith.

The Nominating committee then made its report as follows: President, Mrs. R. L. Muse, Walnut Ridge; Vice President, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Imboden; Sec.-Treas. Mrs. J. L. Fiske, Hoxie. The report was adopted and officers elected by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the business session the following splendid program was rendered: Paper, "What is our duty toward our young people," Miss Della Hall.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. Grace Driver.

Talk on the young people's work, Mrs. Una Roberts.

Quiz conducted by Mrs. C. G. Elliott.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. Ray Sanders.

Talk on the relation of our associational work to the State work, by Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

Talk on district work of our W. M. Us., by Mrs. J. L. Burns.

Union adjourned to meet at the next annual meeting of Association, after which an informal reception was given complimentary to the visitors.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Program: Mrs. J. H. Hitchcock, Tuckerman, Mrs. P. E. Edwards, Hoxie, Mrs. L. C. Haynes, Pocahontas.

Committee on Woman's work: Mrs. J. L. Fiske, Hoxie, Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, Imboden, Mrs. Johnson, Swifton.

Committee on Literature: Mrs. R. H. Hunter, Tuckerman, Mrs. H. R. McCarroll, Walnut Ridge, Mrs. I. A. B. Minner, Black Rock.

Committee on Obituaries: Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Walnut Ridge, Mrs. Lizzie Light, Minturn, Mrs. W. M. Shaver, Tuckerman.

No. of W. M. Us. in Association, 8

" of Y. W. A. " " 1

" of G. A. " " 1

Sunbeam Bands 2

FINANCIAL TABLE

Home Mission	\$16.60	Foreign Missions	\$20.20
Minute Fund	4.50	Christian and Minst. Ed.	17.50
Orphans' Home Boxes and Ca.	104.10	Pastors' Salary	112.06
Church Expense Fund	830.73	Miscellaneous	40.77
Total			\$1,246.30

Mrs. R. L. Muse, Asso. Supt.

Mrs. J. L. Fiske, Secretary.

The Clerk was instructed to have the necessary minutes printed and allowed \$10.00 for his services. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Borah.

C. G. Elliott, Moderator

E. H. Tharp, Clerk

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Black River Association of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Article 2. Each church within the bounds of this Association shall be entitled to three delegates, and to one additional delegate for each fifty members or fractional part thereof above the first fifty.

Article 3. The officers of this body shall consist of a Moderator, and a Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer, elected annually, and who shall discharge the duties generally incumbent upon such officers.

Article 4. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—State, Home and Foreign; Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Orphans' Home, Temperance and such other interests as will promote the Lord's cause among men.

Article 5. The Association shall appoint annually an Executive Committee consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to look after the general interest of our work during the interim of the annual meetings of this body.

Article 6. The Association shall appoint at each annual meeting two preachers to prepare and preach a sermon each at the ensuing meeting. One to preach the Association sermon, the other to preach a doctrinal sermon.

Article 7. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work, and shall never usurp the authority of the churches, or infringe upon the independence and right of the individual church.

Article 8. This Constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting; provided, such amendment be offered at the first day and voted on the second day of the meeting of the body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. M. Appleget, Portia	G. B. Borah, Imboden
J. J. Cates, Pocahontas	J. P. Dunn, Hoxie
C. G. Elliott, Walnut Ridge	W. D. Ellis, Swifton
M. W. Frizzell, Black Rock	A. D. Gray, Swifton
G. W. Holmes, Minturn	W. T. Jackson, Hoxie
Carlin Vick, Tuckerman	T. L. Whittington, Portia

OUR DEAD

Mrs. M. E. Lawrence, Hoxie	Mrs. Laura Moore, Walnut Grove
Mrs. I. H. Witt, Pocahontas	Mrs. Sarah A. Wright, Black Rock
Mrs. Linnie Snedeker, Alicia	

Statistics Woman's Missionary Union

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Assn'l Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Ministerial Education	Assn'l Purposes	Other Objects	Colleges and Schools	TOTAL
Black Rock	10.00	13.75	x	x	2 00		x	x		5.00	x	30.85
Hoxie	x	183.00	x	x			5.00	2.50		1.00	5.00	196.50
Minturn	x	x	x	2.00			x	x		x	x	2.00
Pocahontas	40.00	x	5.00	x			12.75	x		112.45	x	170.20
Portia	12.00	10.00	1.05	x			x	x		x	x	23.05
Tuckerman	41.00	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	41.00
Walnut Ridge	60.00	392.84	2.00	x		3.10	43.00	10.00	4.00	21.27	x	536.21
TOTAL	163.00	599.59	8.05	2.00	2.00	3.10	60.75	12.50	4.00	139.72	5.00	999.71

B. Y. P. U. STATISTICS

CHURCH

Hoxie
Mammoth Spring
Pocahontas
Walnut Ridge

PRESIDENT

J. P. Dunn
Miss Esther Harris
Mrs. Vera Price
Chas. H. Elliott

SECRETARY

Mrs. R. Shrewsbury
Miss Mabel Robertson
Miss Jala Pressley
Miss Ura McCarroll

Statistics Sunday Schools

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDANT	SECRETARY	Incidentals	Colleges and Schools	Teachers	Pupils	Baptized	S. S. Expenses	Orphans Home	Other Objects	Building and Repairing	Missions	Total
Black Rock	I. A. B. Minner	Miss Clara Matthews			5	50	5	30 00	1 21				31 21
Hoxie	J. P. Dunn	Lucille Edwards			9	133	1						
Imboden	J. J. Estes	Margaret Henderson			6	90							
Mammoth Spring	Robert Mauldin	Gladys Estes			6	50							
Pocahontas	Frank Massey	Grace Canada			9	125	3	31 01	18 99	7 60	20 00		77 60
Portia	E. B. Ivie	Noble Ivie			4	60		11 00	10 00	4 25			25 25
Swifton	R. P. Sharp	Alice Johnson			5	40		28 75	18 30			10 00	57 05
Tuckerman	H. S. Hill	Edgar Parrott		7 50	7	100	10	2 25	2 25				32 00
Walnut Bldg	G. E. Henry	C. H. Elliott	18 65		25	100	8	2 25	2 25	13 95		14 32	52 00
Total			18 65	7 50	55	565	30	119 00	113 40	25 80	20 00	24 32	511 13

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES	Pastor	Post Office	Clerk	Post Office	MEMBERSHIP									
					Increase		Decrease		Total Membership	Value Church Property	Pastor's Home			
					Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Death				Expulsion	Letter	
Alicia			Mrs. Eva Byrd	Alicia							14	\$		\$
Bethel	G. B. Borah	Imboden	Esther Johnson	Hoxie, R. F. D.							19			
Black Rock	E. P. Minton	Jonesboro	Miss Eva Matthews	Black Rock	6	3		1	10	92	1 500		800	
Hoxie			Mrs. J. L. Fiske	Hoxie	2	9		1	1	3	44	1 000		
Imboden	C. C. Marshall	Imboden	J. W. Ragan	Imboden		4				1	106	1 000		
Mammoth Springs			Miss Esther Harris	Mammoth Springs		2				3	24	1 000		
Minturn			Mrs. Lizzie Light	Minturn	3	3					10			
Pocahontas	J. J. Cates	Pocahontas	Frank Massey	Pocahontas	6	14		1	56	7	85	3 000		
Portia	E. P. Minton	Jonesboro	E. B. Ivie	Portia		1				5	37	2 000		
Swifton	A. D. Gray	Swifton	Mrs. Pearl Cross	Swifton	3	2		2	11		33	800		
Strangers Home			Mrs. Riddle	Alicia R. F. D.	1	4				5	141			
Tuckerman	Carlin Vick	Tuckerman	Tad Bradley	Tuckerman							37			
Walnut Grove	T. B. Allison	Walnut Ridge R.	J. R. Pope	Walnut Ridge R.F.D	6	1		1	1		28	1 000		
Walnut Ridge	C. G. Elliott	Walnut Ridge	H. T. Kirkpatrick	Walnut Ridge	10		2		1	6	169	17 000		
Total					47	43	2	6	70	40	825	\$28 300	\$800	

Financial Table

	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	Associational Purposes	Orphan's Home	Ministerial Education	Colleges and Schools	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Total
Bethel	45 36			9 50		1 00									55 86
Black Rock	60 00	90 00	30 00	100 00		1 20									351 70
Hoxie		417 00				1 00		3 50	25 00	10 00	14 00	9 00	9 00		559 12
Imboden	50 00	6 28			25 15	1 50		17 00		7 50		12 50	12 50	38 62	223 45
Mammoth Spring			50 00	142 00		1 00	25 50							91 02	218 00
Minturn						25				4 00					4 25
Pocahontas	391 50		59 15	152 51		2 00	16 00		12 90	12 50	17 50	25 00			689 56
Portia	108 00					1 50					10 00				119 50
Swifton	152 00			56 00		2 50				20 00	27 00				257 50
Tuckerman	300 00					1 50					70 00				371 50
Walnut Grove	10 00	104 50				1 25	26 00			2 00					143 75
Walnut Ridge	702 06	440 37	155 63			3 20	34 00	23 00		15 00	79 25	125 00	40 85	6 50	1624 86
Total	1818 92	1058 15	294 78	460 01	25 15	17 90	101 00	46 00	139 90	71 00	217 75	272 00	62 35	136 14	4619 05

Financial Statement

Aggregate Contributions of Churches, Woman's Missionary Union, Sunday Schools and Other Organizations.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	Asn. Purposes	Orphans Home	Ministerial Education	Colleges and Schools	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	TOTAL
Alicia				9.50		1.00									55.86
Bethel	45.36				30.00	1.20	1.21	3.50	25.00	10.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	5.00	413.66
Black Rock	70.00	103.75	30.00	100.00		1.00	5.00	5.00	105.00					39.62	755.62
Hoxie		600.00				1.50		17.00		7.50		12.50	12.50	91.02	223.46
Imboden	50.00	6.28			25.16	1.00	25.00								218.00
Mammoth Spring			50.00	142.00		.25				6.00					6.25
Minturn						2.00	44.74		12.90	12.50	17.50	25.50		120.05	934.36
Pocahontas	431.60	20.00	64.15	152.51	31.01	1.50	10.00	10.00			10.00			4.25	177.80
Portia	120.00	10.00	1.05		11.00	2.50	18.30			20.00	32.00	2.50	2.50		324.55
Swifton	152.00		10.00	56.00	28.75	1.50			7.50		70.00				445.00
Tuckerman	341.00				25.00	1.25	26.00			2.00					143.75
Walnut Grove	10.00	104.50				153.23	36.00			20.00	94.57	125.00	44.95	46.22	243279
Walnut Ridge	762.00	860.71	179.68		102.92	7.45									

Note: \$4.00 of this was given for Associational Purposes last year.

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the Tuckerman Church, beginning on Tuesday night after the 3rd Sunday in August 1917, at 8 o'clock.

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