

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

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Madison County Association

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Missionary Baptists

HELD WITH

Pinnacle Church, Madison County, Ark.

SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1910

D. N. KECK	Moderator
W. O. DAVIS	Clerk

Next year the Association will meet with Peace Valley Church, 4 miles Northeast of Hindsville on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1911.

MINUTES

Twenty-Third Annual Session of Madison County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Thompson, Ark., Sept. 23, 1910.

The Madison County Association convened with Pinnacle church Friday, September 23, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. Opened services by singing, devotional services were led by Eld. H. P. Church.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. M. A. Youngman, theme "That beloved City whose maker and builder is God."

Bro. S. M. Puryear, Clerk of the Association, being absent, Eld. W. O. Davis was appointed Clerk Pro Tem. Elders D. W. Hurst and H. P. Church were appointed reading clerks.

The Moderator then called for letters to the association from the churches, to which call the following churches responded, viz: Peace Valley, Independence, Combs, New Hope, and Pinnacle. The Moderator then called for petitionary letters. No response.

The Association then proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year. A motion was made to suspend the rules of the association for the present, and elect a moderator and clerk by

acclamation, which resulted in the election of Elder D. N. Keck as Moderator, and Elder W. O. Davis as clerk. A motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. carried.

Afternoon Session.

The messengers were called together by singing "There's Power in the Blood."

The Moderator then called for corresponding messengers, to which Elder J. G. Bowers responded by presenting a letter from Kings River Association, naming Elder J. G. Bowers and brethren Alonzo Ledford and Ben Coffee, as messengers. Brethren Ledford and Coffee being absent, a motion to receive the letter and seat the messengers was tabled.

Elder F. P. Turner, of Orphans Home, Elder H. P. Church, District Missionary, and Elder M. A. Youngman were seated as visiting brethren.

The appointing of committees was the next order of business, and the following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Committee on Divine Service.—G. A. Turner, C. B. Franklin, M. C. Whitmire and D. Ridley.

Committee on Obituaries.—J. R. Bowers and D. Ridley.

Committee on State Missions.—M. C. Whitmire and W. O. Davis.

Committee on Temperance.—J. R. Bowers and D. Ridley.

Committee on Associational Missions.—D. W. Hurst and G. A. Turner.

Committee on Foreign Missions.—G. A. Turner and W. O. Davis.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—M. C. Whitmire, C. B. Franklin and J. G. Bowers.

Committee on Orphans Home.—D. W. Hurst and J. R. Bowers.

Committee on Finance.—D. Ridley and G. A. Turner.

Committee on Home Missions.—D. W. Hurst and G. A. Turner.

After the appointment of committees a motion was made that the question of seating the messengers from Kings River Association, (which was previously tabled,) be taken up. Motion carried and after considerable discussion the vote was taken and the Association voted to receive the letter and seat the brethren as corresponding messengers. A motion to adjourn until Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. carried.

Elder W. O. Davis preached at Pinnacle Friday night, on the "Immortality of the Soul," using as a text Prov. 12-28. Elder J. G. Bowers concluded the service, had a good service.

Elder H. P. Church preached at Asher, and reported two professions of faith.

Saturday Morning Session.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m. by singing "Try to be a Blessing To-day." Prayer by Eld. W. O. Davis.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The reports of committees was the next order of business. Committee on Divine Service reported that Elder F. P. Turner, would preach Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., followed by Elder H. P. Church, and that Eld. H. P. Church preach at night, followed by H. R. Lane, and that Elders M. A. Youngman, and W. O. Davis preach at Bro. E. Vaughan's Saturday night, by request of Bro. Vaughan, sister Vaughan not being able to attend the Association. (Had a glorious service at Bro. Vaughan's with two professions of faith.)

Committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

Knowing that the destitution is great throughout the bounds of Madison County Association we recommend that a board of five members be appointed, and this board be as near the center of the Association as possible. We further recommend that the churches take such steps as they think best to advance the cause of Christ. We also recommend, brethren, that you recognize the fact, that there is great destitution throughout our beloved Association, and we need to awaken to our responsibility along this line. And that the churches throughout the bounds of the Association have as much as two discourses delivered in the churches by their pastor, or some good missionary.

D. W. Hurst,
G. A. Turner,
Committee.

Elder D. W. Hurst read the report and moved its adoption. After being discussed by Elders D. W. Hurst, F. P. Turner, H. P. Church, D. N. Keck, and Bro. G. A. Turner, an amendment as offered by Elder W. O. Davis, as follows: And that our mission board is hereby instructed to solicit and receive help from any source where they can get it. Bro. Davis made a motion to adopt the amendment, which carried, and the amendment was adopted. The vote was then taken on the report with the amendment which resulted in its adoption by a unanimous vote.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Elder F. P. Turner preached at 11 o'clock a. m., using as a text Gal. 5-1. It was a good service. One young lady gave her hand for prayer, and seemed deeply interested. (she was afterward converted.)

Afternoon Session.

The Association convened by singing "No Not One." Prayer by Bro. W. A. Davis.

The report of committees being yet in order, the committee on

Sunday Schools reported as follows: It appears from the reading of the letters from several churches that there is not much interest being taken in Sunday Schools. We recommend that each church sustain a Sunday School, and use the Bible and sound Baptist literature.

M. C. Whitmire,
J. G. Bowers,
C. B. Franklin,
Committee.

Report was read by Eld. J. G. Bowers, who moved its adoption. Report was then adopted without comment. While waiting for reports, Elders F. P. Turner and H. P. Church made good talks on the subject of Sunday Schools.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows: Realizing that that intemperance in all of its phases, is a gigantic evil of the greatest magnitude, and that much trouble, heartaches, and distress is brought about by intemperance, and that money spent in this way is worse than wasted, we recommend a total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks, and from all forms of intemperance. We further denounce dram drinking amongst our members as a great evil, which should be carefully avoided.

J. R. Bowers,
D. Ridley,
Committee.

Report read by Bro. J. R. Bowers, who moved its adoption. After a profitable talk by Elder F. P. Turner, the report was adopted as read.

Committee on Orphans Home reported as follows: We find that there are two homes in Arkansas, one at Texarkana and one at Monticello. We are heartily in sympathy with the Orphans Homes, may they not only meet with the approval of the Association, but with God's approval. We therefore recommend that pastors of churches, in the bounds of the Association, make a strong effort to support the homes with their means and prayers.

D. W. Hurst,
J. R. Bowers,
Committee.

Elder D. W. Hurst read the report and moved its adoption. After being discussed by Elders D. W. Hurst, H. P. Church, F. P. Turner, and Bro. G. A. Turner, the report was adopted.

A collection of \$5.00 was taken, and turned over to Elder F. P. Turner, for the home at Monticello.

The committee on Home Missions reported as follows: Brethren, we recognize the fact that there is great destitution throughout our beloved state. We need to be awakened to our great responsibility along this line, and get to work in earnest. We feel grateful for the help we have received from the State Convention. We pray and so-

licit a continuation of their aid in this glorious work in destitute portions of our beloved state, that is destitute of hearing the glad tidings of salvation.

D. W. Hurst,
G. A. Turner,
Committee.

The report was read by Elder D. W. Hurst who moved its adoption. Report was adopted without comment.

The committee on obituaries reported as follows: Bro. J. H. Boatright was born February 21, 1821. Professed faith in Christ at the age of 20 years, and joined the Missionary Baptist Church. Immigrated from Tennessee to Madison County, Arkansas, in the year 1853, and became a member of Smyrna Church the same year. Bro. Boatright departed this life Sept. 7, 1910. The influence of his life was that of a consistent christian, and he had ever endeavored to live a faithful and consecrated church member, until God said it is enough, come up higher.

Sister M. J. Franklin departed this life since our last Association, at the age of about 55 years. Deceased was born in Kentucky and emigrated to Arkansas about the year 1894. Professed faith in Christ about 6 years ago and joined Pinnacle Missionary Baptist Church. The influence of her life was attested by the numbers gathered on the day of her funeral to pay their last respects to her memory. We pray the Lord to comfort and console the bereaved and lonely ones left behind in this world, and save them in the end. Though she sleeps there will be a glorious dawn on the resurrection morning.

D. W. Hurst,
C. B. Franklin,
Committee.

The report was read by Elder D. W. Hurst who moved its adoption. After addresses in memory of the deceased by Bro. G. A. Turner and Elders H. P. Church, M. A. Youngman and D. N. Keck, the report was adopted.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows: The last commission of our beloved master before he ascended home to glory was, go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, etc. We believe that the churches co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention, are doing more, and have a better system for carrying the Gospel to heathen lands, than any other missionary institution operating in our state. We therefore recommend that our churches co-operate with them in carrying out the great commission.

G. A. Turner,
W. O. Davis,
Committee.

The report was read by Bro. G. A. Turner, who moved its adoption.

tion. After being discussed by Elders F. P. Turner and H. P. Church, the report was adopted.

The committee on Finance report as follows: For printing minutes. New Hope 55c., Pinnacle 90c., Combs \$1.25, Peace Valley \$1.25, Independence 60c, Smyrna (added afterward) \$1.00. Total for minutes \$5.55.

G. A. Turner,
D. Ridley,
Committee.

The report was read by Bro. D. Ridley, and on his motion was adopted without discussion.

The Committee on State Missions reported as follows: Brethren, we realize that there is great destitution throughout our beloved state, and that our State Convention, is making great efforts, through our missionaries to reach the destitute places throughout Madison County Association, and the state at large. We therefore recommend that we cooperate with them in carrying on this great work.

M. C. Whitmire,
W. O. Davis,
Committee.

The report was read by Elder W. O. Davis, and Bro. M. C. Whitmire moved its adoption. After being discussed by Elders F. P. Turner and H. P. Church the report was adopted.

The reports of committees being concluded a motion was made that the Association meet with Peace Valley church, in compliance with request, which motion carried.

Elder W. O. Davis was appointed to attend Benton County Association as a corresponding messenger, Elders D. N. Keck, W. A. Davis, and Bro. M. C. Whitmire to attend Kings River Association as corresponding messengers.

An Associational Mission Board was appointed consisting of the following named brethren: G. A. Turner, Thomas Alderson, John Evans, Henderson Jones and John P. Couch.

The following resolutions were then passed: Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Pinnacle church, the good brethren and sisters and community at large, for the wholehearted hospitable invitations they gave us to their homes. And also our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for their untiring efforts to record our work.

The work of the Association being closed for the present session, a motion was made to adjourn to meet with Peace Valley church on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., before the 4th Sunday in September, 1911.

Statistical Table of the Madison County Association of Missionary Baptists For the Associational Year of 1910.

CHURCHES	INCREASE				DECREASE				Total Membership	Days of Meeting	FINANCIAL TABLE				PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
	By Experience and Baptism	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion	By Death	Total Decrease			Sent for Minutes	Pastor's Salary	State Missions	Orphans Home			
New Hope.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	23	4	\$ 55			W. O. Davis	S. M. Puryear	Spring Valley	
Pinnacle.....	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	60	2	90	\$24 00		D. N. Keck	J. K. Hankings	Asher	
Combs.....	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	27	2	25	25 00		D. W. Hurst	S. M. Prater	Combs	
Peace Valley.....	3	8	0	11	0	3	0	3	64	1	25	44 45	\$11 15	T. R. Keen	S. T. Alderson	Hindsville	
Independence.....	3	0	0	3	4	1	0	5	31	2	60			D. N. Keck	Amanda Jackson	Venus	
Smyrna.....	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	4	24	4	00			M. A. Youngman	R. Johnson	Huntsville	

Only one church, Peace Valley, reported a Sunday School; average attendance 25.

Smyrna Church represented by letter. The following churches were not represented: Hindsville, Huntsville, St. Paul, New Zion, Liberty and Macedonia.