

Minutes
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH
Zion Church,

Near Rushing Postoffice,
Stone County, Arkansas,

August 30, 31, and September 1, 1900.

Pee Dee Association adjourned to meet with
Sardis Church on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.,
before the first Sunday in September, 1901.



OFFICERS:

ELD. T. W. HARNESS, Moderator.

ELD. J. B. FORTNER, Clerk.

MART. T. EDWARDS, Treasurer.

Proceedings.

Pee Dee Association met pursuant to adjournment with Zion Baptist church, Stone County, Ark., Thursday, August 30, 1900.

The body was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. Williams. The seventeenth annual sermon was preached by Eld. W. S. Fortner. Text, Amos 4: 12, after which a recess of two hours was taken, and the hospitalities of the good people at and near Zion were enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by singing and prayer by Eld. T. W. Harness. The moderator then called for letters from the churches composing this body. The following responded, and the messengers therefrom enrolled as follows:

Mountain View—Mart Edwards T. R. Simpkins.

Corinth—Roan Harness, M. B. Holley.

Sardis—D. E. Burnett, R. W. Newman.

Fair View—D. F. Blackburn, F. W. Hill.

Shady Grove—John Mahoney, E. M. Guffey.

Mt. Olive—H. F. Watkins, N. B. McGlathery.

Liberty—Proyx.^m

Meadow Creek—J. A. Broyles, John May.

Zion—J. W. Branscumb, R. B. Hawkins.

Reading Clerks—Eld. Williams, R. Harness.

Ordained ministers present: Elds. T. W. Harness, W. S. Fortner, W. W. Williams, J. B. Fortner.

Absent: Elds. G. G. Perkins, A. R. Giddens, W. H. Vest, T. J. Gwinn.

Licentiates absent: J. A. Lindsey, W. W. Harper, W. Goodnite.

The body then proceeded to ballot for moderator, which resulted in the choice of Eld. T. W. Harness. The body then proceeded to ballot for clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld. J. B. Fortner. Mart Edwards was elected treasurer.

The moderator proceeded to appoint the several committees:

Committee on Arrangements—Mart Edwards, W. S. Fortner, R. B. Hawkins.

Devotional Exercise—Mart Edwards, R. B. Hawkins, J. W. Branscumb.

Associational Missions—D. F. Blackburn, E. M. Guffey, John Mahoney.

Foreign Missions—Eld. W. W. Williams, Eld. W. S. Fortner, T. R. Simpkins.

Sunday-schools—E. M. Guffey, Mart Edwards, Roan Harness.

State of Churches—D. F. Blackburn, R. B. Hawkins, J. W. Branscumb.

Temperance—Eld. W. W. Williams, J. A. Broyles, T. R. Simpkins.

Finance—Eld. W. S. Fortner, M. B. Holley, Roan Harness.

Publications—Eld. W. W. Williams, Eld. W. S. Fortner, Mart Edwards.

Ministerial Education—D. F. Blackburn, E. M. Guffey, T. R. Simpkins.

Destitution—Eld. W. W. Williams, R. B. Hawkins, J. W. Branscumb.

Religious Literature—Eld. W. S. Fortner, John Mahoney, M. B. Holley.

The moderator called for the reading of the constitution, rules of decorum and articles of faith.

The body took recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 o'clock p. m., preaching by Eld. T. W. Harness.

Adjourned to 8:30 Friday morning.

The meeting opened promptly at 8:30 Friday morning, with prayer by Eld. E. M. Guffey. Roll was called and minutes of Thursday were read, after which the moderator invited visiting ministers to seats with us. Eld. Joe Starks was enrolled from Little River Association; also Bro. Wm. Deloach, agent for the *Arkansas Baptist* received the hand of welcome, together with Bro. Reed.

Called for reports of correspondence to sister associations last year. All failed to go, was the report.

Called for petitionary letters to unite with this association. None.

The moderator called for report of Devotional Committee. Report made as follows: Eld. W. W. Williams to preach Friday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Called for reports of committees, which were read and adopted as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Call the association to order by prayer.
 2. Introductory by the moderator.
 3. Call for statistical letters and enroll names of messengers.
- Appoint reading clerks.
4. Elect officers.
 5. Call for petitionary letters.
 6. Call for corresponding messengers from sister associations.
 7. Appoint committees.
 8. Read constitution, rules of decorum and articles of faith.
 9. Call roll, correct minutes and mark absentees.
 10. Call for report of messengers to corresponding associations.
 11. Appoint messengers to sister associations.
 12. Call for report of committees.
 13. Miscellaneous business.
 14. Call for resolutions.
 15. Choose place for next meeting of the association.
 16. Choose some one to preach the introductory.

MART EDWARDS, Chm'n.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following: We recommend that we co-operate with Little Red River and Blue Mountain Associations, or otherwise, in employing a man to work in the destitute places, in these associations. We recommend that each pastor encourage his members and church on the mission question, and take collections for the same.

D. F. BLACKBURN,

J. MAHONEY,

E. M. GURNEY,

W. S. FORTNER, Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find that our foreign missionaries are doing good work, which demands our help and attention by careful study and large donations for the support of the missionaries. We thank God that he is calling and sending through his church able men to these foreign fields to rescue the lost. Therefore, we recommend the brethren to assist with their prayers and their money in this great work.

ELD. W. WILLIAMS, Chm'n.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren: We are sorry to report no active Sunday-school in our bounds. We regret such a state of things, for the Sunday-school has for its object the imparting of the Bible truths to our

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children. We therefore recommend that the churches of this association engage more earnestly in this grand work, that our children may acquire a thirst for Bible reading and become acquainted with the glorious truths and promises therein contained. We would continue to urge the organization of schools where there are none, and that we strive to make this branch of our church more efficient in winning souls to Christ. We especially urge that the churches report the condition of their respective schools to this body at its next meeting. Respectfully submitted,

E. M. GUFFEY, Chm'n.

STATE OF CHURCHES.

We find all the churches in good condition, but not as energetic as they should be in prayer-meetings, Sunday-schools and in support of the gospel. We find most of the churches have had good revivals and several additions. We urge the brethren to earnestly strive to organize Sunday-schools in all of our churches. We urge that we all live more prayerfully. Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BLACKBURN, Chm'n.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: Realizing the great importance of our speaking freely and fearlessly on the seductive and monstrous evil of intemperance, that is slaying its millions of our kind, we believe that we should use all our influence against it. We further believe that our pastors should speak out from the pulpit against it. We should vote against whisky license and use our utmost power to enforce the laws against those who violate the same by selling the dreadful poison. And furthermore, pray the Lord to bless us in our effort to suppress this arch-fiend of darkness.

Respectfully submitted,

ELD. W. WILLIAMS, Chm'n.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*, the *American Baptist Flag*, and *Foreign Mission Journal*, and recommend the Arkansas Baptist Publishing Company.

MART. EDWARDS,

ELD. WILLIAMS,

ELD. W. FORTNER, Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, submit the following: Brethren, we find great lack of ministerial education in our association. Therefore we recommend ministerial education and ask that this association look well to the important work of educating our young ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. BLACKBURN

E. M. GUFFEY,

T. R. SIMPKINS, Committee.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Eld. S. L. Everage of Blue Mountain Association will preach at 7 Friday night.

Eld. S. L. Everage came forward and received the hand of welcome as a visiting minister from Blue Mountain Association. Adjourned over to 8:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. Joe Starks.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The house was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. W. Williams.

The minutes of Friday's session were read and approved. Roll called. Bro. L. Branscumb, from Blue Mountain, was presented and Bro. Will Branscumb, from Union Association, No. 2, was seated with us.

On motion the time of the meeting of Pee Dee Association was changed from Thursday at 11 o'clock to Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m.

The following committees reported, which reports were adopted:

DESTITUTION.

We find that there are destitute places in the bounds of Pee Dee Association, where there is no missionary or Baptist preaching. Therefore, we recommend that the association take steps to supply these places, through our home board, or otherwise, as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ELD. W. W. WILLIAMS, Chm'n.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We submit the following: We look upon religious literature as being of vital importance to the old as well as to the young of our country. We therefore urge the brethren and sisters of this association to read the Bible carefully and prayerfully and to read the *Arkansas Baptist* and the *American Baptist Flag* and our Sunday-school literature, in training the young folks.

ELD. W. S. FORTNER,

JOHN MAHONEY,

M. B. HOLLEY, Committee.

On motion the body took recess till 2 p. m.

Saturday at 11 a. m., sermon by Eld. J. B. Fortner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order. Prayer by Wm. Deloach, professor of music, Floral, Ark.

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Received for minute fund from Sardis church.....	\$1 00
Fair View.....	50
Zion.....	1 00
Meadow Creek.....	1 00
Liberty.....	50
Mountain View.....	2 45
Corinth.....	1 20
Shady Grove.....	1 45
Mt. Olive.....	1 50
T. Branseumb.....	10
Wm. Deloach.....	05
Total.....	\$10 65

M. B. HOLLEY,
 ELD. W. S. FORTNER
 ROAN HARNESS, Committee.

The moderator appointed the following as corresponding messengers to the following named associations:

To United Association, Eld. W. S. Fortner, R. W. Newman, D. F. Blackburn.

Little Red River, J. B. Fortner, W. S. Fortner, T. R. Simpkins.

Trace Ridge, Eld. T. W. Harness, Roan Harness.

Blue Mountain, Eld. W. Williams, Eld. J. B. Fortner.

Greenbrier, Eld. W. Williams.

On motion the body selected the place to hold the next association, which resulted in the choice of Sardis church, and the time, Saturday at 11 o'clock before the first Sunday in September, 1901.

On motion Eld. G. G. Perkins was chosen as corresponding representative on the State Board.

Eld. W. S. Fortner was appointed to the State Convention and Eld. T. W. Harness, alternate, after which a collection was taken in cash and pledges to the amount of \$20 to defray the expenses of the brethren to the State Convention in November, 1900.

Called for report from the missionary board, whereupon the board failed to make any report.

Called for report from the missionary, which was made as follows:

Commenced work in October, 1899, ending the first of September, 1900. I have traveled 900 miles; worked 75 days; preached 80 sermons; witnessed 13 conversions; baptized 9; organized 1 Sunday-school, and received for my labor, \$73.60, and in unpaid pledges, \$3. I desire now to offer the brethren and sisters of the association, my hearty thanks for the helping hand extended to me. May God bless our associational work.

ELD. T. W. HARNESS.

On motion the clerk was ordered to have 150 minutes printed, and distribute the same among the churches.

On motion the clerk was ordered to write credentials for the messengers to the State Convention.

Called for report from the treasurer which was as follows:

Received from Finance Committee, \$10.65; paid to clerk for printing minutes, \$10.65.

MART EDWARDS, Treasurer.

Devotional Committee reported:

Eld. Joe Starks to preach at 7 Saturday night; also Sunday at 11 a. m.

Called for report on Resolutions, which was as follows:

Resolved, That this body tender its heartfelt thanks to Zion church and community for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them. We also ask God's blessings to richly rest upon them.

ELD. W. S. FORTNER,

E. M. GUFFEY,

D. F. BLACKBURN, Committee.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Sardis church on Saturday at 11 o'clock before the first Sunday in September, 1901. A song was sung, and the parting hand was enjoyed by all. Prayer by Eld. Joe Starks.

ELD. T. W. HARNESS, Moderator.

ELD. J. B. FORTNER, Clerk.

Report of the clerk on Obituaries is as follows:

Whereas, It has pleased God in his providence, to remove by death from our midst, our beloved brother, Eld. John Goodnite, and others; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That while we deeply deplore our loss, we meekly submit to the will of our Father as doing all things for his glory and for the good of those who love and trust him.

RESOLVED, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the departed ones, and humbly pray to God that this dispensation of his providence may be sanctified to the good of their souls.

ELD. J. B. FORTNER, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Total Membership.	Contributions.	Days of Meeting.
Mountain View.....	J. M. Magee..	John Gufey...	Settlement.	7	2	2	11	..	82	\$2 30	2nd
Mount Olive.....	T. W. Harness	H. F. Watkins	Lexington...	..	2	..	4	3	33	1 50	4th.
Corinth.....	T. W. Harness	T. M. Holley...	Clinton.....	2	1	1	..	2	47	1 00	3rd.
Meadow Creek.....	T. W. Harness	G. Broyles....	Lexington....	..	..	..	..	..	31	1 00	3rd.
Liberty.....	T. W. Harness	W. L. Meek....	Plant.....	..	..	..	..	..	18	50	2nd
Shady Grove.....	T. W. Harness	J. L. Gufey....	Lexington....	1	11	..	2	1	33	1 30	3rd.
Sardis.....	W. H. Vest....	B. G. Newman	Clinton.....	9	2	..	..	..	22	1 00	4th.
Zion.....	S. L. Everage	T. Branscumb	Rushing.....	..	4	..	4	..	39	1 00	4th.
Fair View.....	W. S. Fortner	D. F. Blackb'rn	Eglantine....	..	..	..	..	..	1b	50	3rd.
Total.....				19	27	3	21	6	313	\$10 65	

Lawrence not represented. Total membership 24, Total number of deaths, 7.

This certifies that we have received \$10 for printing the minutes of Pee Dee Association.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST JOB DEPARTMENT.

September 20, 1900

Constitution.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION, ORGANIZED A. D. 1883.

ARTICLE 1. This association shall be known as the Pee Dee Association and shall be composed of messengers chosen annually by the churches.

ART. 2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, provided that when a church shall number more than 100 members they shall be entitled to three messengers for each additional sixty.

ART. 3. The association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may select.

ART. 4. The officers shall consist of moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 5. The association shall have no power to regulate the internal affairs of any church, but may withdraw her fellowship from any church that becomes disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 6. This association shall have an executive board consisting of the treasurer, who shall be president, and four other members who shall be chosen annually by ballot.

ART. 7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testament, is the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 2. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. 4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.

ART. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ART. 6. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God hath from the beginning, chosen us unto salvation, through justification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

ART. 7. We believe in the preservation of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water by a regularly ordained minister of the gospel.

ART. 9. We believe church membership to be a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper.

ART. 10. We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers

in Christ who has been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ.

ART. 11. We believe in the work of missions, domestic, home and foreign.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and a majority of votes cast shall elect.
3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with the ruling of the moderator, may appeal to the body on the same day, but not afterwards.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.
6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by calling the speaker by name.
7. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or unless words of personal reflection are used.
8. Every motion made and seconded, must come under the consideration of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.
9. Every case taken up by this body shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.
10. When a question has been taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the vote of the body on the subject, and those voting in the affirmative, shall signify the same by rising to their feet; the negative by like sign.
11. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.
12. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission of the moderator.
13. No member shall speak but three times on the same subject without permission of the body nor more than once before every member that wishes to speak shall have spoken.
14. The appellation of brother shall be used in the association by members in addressing one another.
15. The names of the members shall be called as often as the association may direct.
16. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
17. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another in his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.
18. Any member violating these rules, may be reproved by the moderator at his discretion, but only on the day that the breach is made.