

MINUTES
OF THE
Third Annual Session
OF THE
PIKE COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Salem Church
PIKE COUNTY, ARK.,
AUGUST 30, 1907.

MODERATOR. - J. H. VANN, AMITY, ARK.
CLERK.—W. H. ANDERSON, AMITY, ARK.
TREASURER—W. J. TOLLESON, KIRBY, ARK.,

The next Session to be held at Bethelhem Church Kirby, Pike county, Ark , beginning on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October 1908. Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. B. Thomas and Rev J. H. Vann.

Proceedings.

The Third Annual Session of the Pike County Missionary Baptist Association Assembled with Salem Baptist Church, Pike County, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday August 30th, 1907, in harmony with its adjournment with Caney Valley Baptist Church, Pike Co. Ark.

The Appointee Eld. J. H. Vann preached the Introductory Sermon at 11 a. m. from Mathew 16:18: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." After which the body was dismissed to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Friday Evening Service.—At 2 o'clock p m the body met, and after prayer by Eld. J. F. Gardner the Moderator declared ready for business. 1st. Appointment of Preaching Committee. The Moderator Appointed, Bros., W S Ward, S J Oneal and E F Taylor of Salem Church. 2nd. Call for letters from the various churches After letters being presented, Bros., W H Harvey and W W McLean were appointed to read. 3rd. Call for Petitionary letters. One presented and received. Bethel Church from Caddo River Baptist Association. 4th, Enrollment of Messengers. Amity Church, Rev. J H Vann and A J Rush; Bethlehem church, Rev W P Taylor, J R Motley and M A Tolleson; Bethel church, R H Roberson; Caney Valley church, W W McLean, Midway church, J H Burchfield, W H Harvey and J L Harvey; Murfreesboro church, Rev J B Thomas and H A Thomas. Mt. Pleasant church, D B White and J T Miller; Pike City, Rev. J R Hardy; Salem church, Rev J A Shackelford, S J Oneal and E F Taylor; Spring Hill, R N Bell and P M Funderburk; Valley Grove, J J Hughes, sr, and W H Anderson; Wall Creek, Not represented; 5th Election of Officers: Eld. J F Gardner, W J Taylor and J N Williams were appointed as tellers, and the election resulted as follows: Eld. J H Vann, Moderator; W H Anderson, clerk and W J Tolleson, Treas. 6th. Invitation for Visiting Ministers. Rev. J F Gardner from Ped River Association and Eld. J W White, Caddo River Association were

as visiting ministers. 7th. Call for report of preaching committee by 11 a. m.—Eld J H Vann, Mathew, 16:18; Friday night, Eld Thomas; Saturday 11 a m—Eld J H Vann, Mathew, 16:18. Friday night, Eld J R Hardy; Sunday 9 a m Eld. J F Gardner, Day 11 a m Eld J A Shackelford. Sunday 2 p m Eld J H Vann, News 16.18.

[N. B. The Clerk has this report to the best of his recollection, as committee on Divine Service failed to hand in their report.]

8th. Appointment of Committee.—Orphan Home, W W McLean, Taylor and R W Bell; Sunday School, J B Thomas, W H Harvey I Roberson; Temperance, J B Thomas and W W McLean; Missions, Shackelford, J R Motley and J T Miller; State of Churches, W P Flor, S J Oneal and J T Miller; Destitution, J L Harvey, D B White J B Thomas; Education, J H Vann and W H Anderson; Finance, H Burchfield and H A Thomas; Obituaries, P W Funderburk, J R Hardy and W W McLean.

Motion for adjournment until Saturday morning at 8:30 a m carried.

At 8:30 a. m. the body met. After devotional exercises by Eld. B Thomas, the Moderator declared ready for business. Call for the reading of the roll. Read and Messengers answered to their names. Moved. By motion and second that speeches be limited to 5 minutes. Call for Committee Report. 1st. On motion. Carried, report on Orphan Home, read and adopted. By motion and second that the report on Orphan Home just read be tabled. Carried. 2nd. Call for report on Sunday School. Read and adopted. Prevail discussion by the Brethern. Moved. Call for report on Temperance. Read and adopted with able discussion by the Brethern. By motion that the body take recess until 2:30 p. m. At 11 a. m. Eld J H Vann preached from the same Text: Mathew 16:18. Bro Vann is a strong logical preacher. Eloquent in speech. After which the body was dismissed to meet at 2 p. m. Magnificent dinner was spread by the good sisters and friends of Salem Church. (The clerk has often wondered if all the good cooks lived in and around Salem church.)

Saturday Evening Service.—At 3 o'clock p. m. the body met, and after singing, and prayer by Bro. Bagget, the Moderator declared read for business. 3rd, Report call for. Read and adopted, 'A motion to amend the report just read, the motion to amend voted down, and a motion to accept the original.—Carried. 4th Report of state of Churches.—Adopted. 5th Report on Destitutions.—Adopted, 6th Report on Finance.—Adopted. 7th Report of Missionary Board.—Received. 8th Report on Education.—Received. By motion and seconded that this Association still retain the same members of this Missionary Board.—Carried. 9th Report on Obituaries.—Adopted, Moved and Seconded that we reconsider the report tabled on Orphan home.—Carried. By motion and seconded that the resolution past at the last setting of this body, and now embraced in the minutes endorsing the general Association be withdrawn, and we now be free to support any of our Baptist intitution, that we deem adviserable, unanimously Carried. By motion and Seconded the time of holding their Association be changed so as to met on Friday at 11 O'clock A. M. before the 1st Sunday in October following. The next session of this body will met with Bethlehem church. Kirby, Pike Co., and, on Friday at 11 A. M. before the 1st Sunday in October 1908. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. B. Thomas, Eld. J. H. Vann, alternate. On motion carried that the clerk have 350 minutes of these proceeding printed also that the clerk have \$10.00 for service rendered.

Call for Resolutions.—Resolve, that this Association extend its vote of thanks to this church and community for the generous manner in which they have entertained us during this session of the Association. W. P. Taylor.

By motion and seconded that this Association correspond with sisters' Association, Rev. J. R. Hardy and J. R. Motley, volunteer their service to visit Red River Associaton, Rev. M. A. Tollerson to Howard county Association. Moved for adjournment came an appropriate song now sung the Messenger, Brotheren and Sisters had a hearty hand shake hoping to meet again. So close a joyfull meeting.

Eld. J. H. Vann, Mod.

W. H. Anderson, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES IN FULL.

Orphan Home.—We, your committee on Orphan Home submit the following report: We learned that there have been considerable improvements during this Associational year in the homes of the orphan, and we think it our duty to support these institutions.

Respectfully Submitted.

K. F. Taylor. Chairman.

Sunday School.—We your committee beg leave to report the following. We find our churches are short on Sunday School work. Only six Sunday Schools. We recommend that our Pastors and Deacons urge upon their churches the importance of Sunday Schools. And that they maintain an evergreen prayer meeting, as we believe prayer is essential to an evergreen Sunday School.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. B. Thomas, Chairman.

Temperance.—We, your committee on Temperance submit the following report. Temperance is a Bible proposition, and means a moderate use of all things the Father has created for the benefit of his children. Rom. 14:21; Says, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or made weak." Pro. 23:31; Says, "Look not upon wine when it giveth its color." We think it is our duty to use our influence against all intoxicant beverage.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. W. McLian. Chairman.

Mission.—We, your committee on Mission submit the following report: We, your committee on Mission believe it the duty of each member of the church to give for Mission purpose. As the Lord prosperous them. We believe by so doing it would be to the advancement of cause of Christ is the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. A. Shackleford.

State Churches.—We, your committee on the State of Churches submit the following report: We find the majority of the churches in this Association in a state of indifference. We pray that the members of this Association awake from that state of lethargy.

and come to the help of the Lord that he may give us light in the way.

Respectfully Submitted

W. P. Taylor, Chairman.

Destitutions.—We your committee on Destitutions Submit the following report: After a careful consideration, we find that there is considerable destitution of Gospel churches, true Bible doctrine, in the bounds of the Pike county Association. And we deem it necessary that this Association advise some plan whereby this destitution can be supplied.

Respectfully Submitted.

D. B. White, Chairman.

Education.—We, your committee on Education Submit the following report: Education is of vital importance to us as individuals, And also, as a denomination. The importance thereof, may be better understood when we accept the Proverb that knowledge is power. We recommended that we give more attention to the education of our people. And to other who will learn. We recommended, as places, the Pulpit; The Sunday school, and Young People's Union, and training schools for christians workers. We also recommended the Ouachita and Central colleges,

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. Vann, Chairman.

Finance.—We your committee on Finance Submitted the following report; We find the following amount paid in by the churches for printing minutes, \$18.05.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. Burchfield, Chairman.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD

Beloved Brethren we make the following report; as the results of our work for this Associational year. We have had the faithful services of Bros. J. H. Vann, W. P. Taylor and M. A. Tollerson.

Sermons preached.—Twenty three, no valuable results.

Finance received.—Amity Church, \$26.40; Pike City Church, \$3.20; Bethlehem Church, \$7.50; Spring Hill, \$2.50; Rev. J. B. Thomas, 0.75; Total \$40.35; Amount paid out, \$18.20; On hand, \$22.15; Paid Rev. J. H. Vann, \$13.20; W. P. Taylor, \$3.00, M. A.

6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the 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 any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptised, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session, the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by a ballot a Moderator and Clerk the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motion or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter be-

fore the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Pike County Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justness and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Order of Business.

FIRST DAY

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| 1. Introductory Sermon. | 5. Invitation to visiting ministers to seats. |
| 2. Call for letter from the churches. | 6. Call for correspondence. |
| 3. Call for Petitionary letters. | 7. Appointment of committees. |
| 4. Election of Officers. | 8. Report of preaching committee |

SECOND DAY.

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| 1. Reading Minutes. | 4. Call for Resolutions. |
| 2. Roll Call | 5. Appointments of next Session. |
| 3. Call for report of committees. | 6. Treasurer's Report. |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.											PASTOR'S.		CLERK'S.	POST OFFICES.	
	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Membership.	Days Meeting.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Minutes Funds.	Orphan Home.			
Amity	2	13	9	1			106		\$26.40	\$ 7.00	\$ 2.60	J. H. Vann	A. J. Rush	Amity,	Ark.
Bethlehem	6	5	2		1	1	47		7.50	9.70	1.50	D. W. Cornish	W. J. Taylor	Kirby,	"
Bethel	3	3	3	1			38				2.00	J. A. Shackelford	S. T. Robertson	Welch,	"
Midway			2	1			23				1.30	T. J. Wright	J. H. Burchfield	Amity,	"
Mt. Pleasant	3	5	2	1	2		35				1.10	J. R. Edwards	J. T. Miller	Langley,	"
Caney Valley		1	2			4	29				1.50		W. W. McLean	Amity,	"
Murfreesboro			2				32				.50		W. E. Walston	Murfreesboro	"
Taleam					2		41				3.00	J. A. Shackelford	Ben Thrash	Rock Creek	"
Valley Grove			1				23				1.75	J. A. Shackelford	Lee Hearing	Amity,	"
Pike City	2	2					55		3.20		1.00	W. M. Patterson	R. T. Childs	Pike City	"
Spring Hill		2	2	2			21		2.50		1.00	W. M. Patterson	C. T. Erwin	Lissie,	"
Total.	16	30	25	6	5	5	450		\$39.60	\$16.70	\$17.25.				