

**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**Tenth Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Buckville**  
**Baptist Association,**

**HELD WITH**  
**White Plains Church,**  
**Montgomery County, Ark., Sep. 7, 1899,**



**OFFICERS:**

**J. W. SHEPARD, Moderator.**  
**J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.**



Next session to be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, beginning at 10 a. m, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

# Proceedings.

The Buckville Baptist Association met with the White Plains Baptist church, Montgomery county, Arkansas, in its tenth annual session, September 7, 1899.

Called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises were led by Eld. J. G. Roy. Prayer by Eld. J. A. McCrary. Eld. D. H. Smith preached the introductory sermon. Text, 1 Cor. 15: 58.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the moderator at 3 o'clock. Reading of the 51st Psalm, and prayer by the moderator. The moderator appointed Bro. I. G. Neal and Bro. C. C. Barrows as a committee on credentials, and letters from the following churches were read and delegates' names enrolled, towit:

Harvey's Chapel—Joseph Ross.

Bethlehem—F. L. Ward and L. D. Ritter.

Cedar Glades—I. G. Neal and Bart Neal.

Sweet Home—A. D. Cumbie.

Pleasant Hill—Eld. J. G. Roy and N. L. Tedford.

Refuge—Eld. S. W. Shepard, J. T. Blakely and E. B. Lassetter.

White Plains—W. H. Bradley, L. F. Bradley and W. D. Gillespie.

Prairie Grove—J. T. Ryan, J. I. Wilson and Wm. Irons.

Marble—I. W. Merriott, J. T. Geurin and F. D. Cotman.

Mt. Taber—Eld. E. P. Chitwood, Eld. M. C. Melton and Eld. J. M. Crawford.

Concord—C. C. Barrows and J. M. Rook.

Crystal Hill—D. W. Wallace.

Buckville—H. L. Shaw, S. Hatmaker and G. L. Williamson.

Mt. Pleasant—Jesse A. Muse, Samuel Ritter and M. S. Jackson.

The rules were suspended and petitionary letters called for. Pleasant Home presented a petitionary letter which was read and the church received, and the following delegates' names enrolled: T. B. McKelroy, A. C. Roper and Oscar Thompson.

The body went into the election of officers. Bro. McCrary and Bro. Palmer acted as tellers. Eld. J. W. Shepard was elected moderator; J. T. Blakely, clerk, and G. W. Thompson, treasurer. The moderator appointed the deacons of White Plains church, J. A. Muse, I. W. Merriott and S. Hatmaker, as a committee on divine service. They made the following report:

Eld. J. W. Shepard to preach at White Plains Thursday

night; Eld. J. A. McCrary to preach at Buckville Thursday night, and Eld. Palmer at White Plains Friday, 11 a. m.

Visiting brethren invited and Eld. J. A. McCrary from the Washita Association, and Eld. Palmer from the Saline Association, were received.

The body adjourned until 8 o'clock, Friday. Bro. Shepard preached to a large congregation Thursday night. Subject, "Regeneration."

### FRIDAY MORNING—SEPTEMBER 8.

Called to order by the moderator. Twelfth chapter of Romans read, and Eld. J. M. Crawford led in prayer. Letter from Glazier Poe church received with W. A. Grisham and W. P. Anthony as delegates. The moderator appointed the following correspondents to other associations:

Eld. W. A. Neighbors and Eld. D. H. Smith, correspondents to the Saline Association; Eld. E. P. Chitwood and Bro. D. W. Wallace, correspondents to the Caddo River Association; Eld. J. W. Shepard and Bro. C. C. Barrows, correspondents to the Dardanelle Association.

J. T. Blakely was elected a member of the State Board. A collection was taken and \$2.55 contributed to the State Mission Board. The delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention were elected by ballot. Bro. W. H. Osborn acted as teller. Eld. M. C. Melton was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. J. W. Shepard was elected alternate.

Report of Committee on Sunday-schools read and after being discussed by Bro. E. P. Chitwood, Bro. M. C. Melton and Bro. J. M. Crawford, was adopted. Eld. W. C. Palmer preached to a large congregation Friday at 11 o'clock.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. J. G. McLane. Letter from Washita church received with J. G. McLane as delegate. Report of the Committee on Ministerial Support failed of adoption. Report re-committed and Bro. J. G. McLane added to the committee. Visiting brethren invited and W. A. Clark, D. D., of Little Rock, and Eld. J. W. McDonald, of Hot Springs, accepted the invitation. Letter from Rock Springs received, with Eld. J. L. Lanier as delegate.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions read, and pending its adoption \$2.70 was contributed.

Report of the Committee on Associational Missions read and after being discussed by Bro. Clark, Bro. McDonald and Bro. Shepard, was adopted.

Other committees reported. (See reports.)

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Eld.



J. A. McCrary to preach at White Plains Friday night; Eld. J. W. McDonald to preach at Buckville Friday night, and Bro. W. A. Clark to preach at White Plains Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. J. A. McCrary preached to a large congregation Friday night. Text, John 1: 7.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Called to order at 8 o'clock a. m. by the moderator. Devotional exercises led by Eld. E. P. Chitwood. On motion the clerk was authorized to enter into contract with Bro. W. A. Clark, to have 300 copies of the minutes printed for \$13, and have the minutes distributed in proportion to the minute fund sent by the churches. Adjourned until 2:30 o'clock. Bro. W. A. Clark preached to an attentive audience at 11 o'clock. Text, Acts of the Apostles, 1: 1.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. William Chitwood. Visiting brethren invited, and Eld. William Chitwood, of the Caddo River Association, was received.

The association voted to hold its next session with the Pleasant Hill church, five miles west of Sulphur Springs, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

The following amendments to the constitution were adopted: To change the time of meeting from Thursday before the second Sunday in September, to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September.

The body also voted to have the annual missionary sermon preached Sunday at 11 o'clock at each session.

A collection was taken and enough money was raised to relieve the indebtedness of the Mission Board. The missionaries were paid in full for their services.

Bro. S. Hatmaker, Bro. G. W. Thompson and Bro. T. B. McKelroy were elected members of the Missionary Board for the ensuing year. Bro. M. C. Melton was appointed delegate to the State Convention, and Bro. W. S. Lawrance was appointed alternate.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Eld. Wm. Chitwood to preach at White Plains Saturday night; Eld. D. H. Smith at Cedar Glades Saturday night, and Eld. J. A. McCrary at White Plains Sunday at 11 o'clock.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$3 for his services.

On motion by Bro. E. P. Chitwood the body decided to hold its next district meeting at Pleasant Home, the fifth Sunday in October. The moderator and clerk were selected to arrange the program.

Eld. McCrary and Eld. Palmer thanked the body for courtesies extended. "We are Passing Away," was sung, the parting hand extended, and the association closed with prayer

by Bro. J. W. Shepard, to meet with Pleasant Hill church Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900. Brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire session.

Eld. Wm. Chitwood preached Saturday night, followed by Bro. Melton. Eld. J. A. McCrary preached Sunday to a large audience. Text, II. Samuel 12: 7.

J. W. SHEPARD, Mod.  
J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.

## Report of Committees.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: Christ's commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The commission was to the church. "Go," means action, reaching out from the home, "into all the world." Going and preaching have no stopping place until the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of God's Son. Our obligations to Christ and the lost world will not be fully discharged as long as any part of the world is ignorant of Christ's righteousness.

E. P. CHITWOOD,  
I. W. MERRIOTT,  
M. S. JACKSON,  
Committee.

### DOCUMENTS.

We find that Pleasant Hill is the only church that asked for the next session of this association. We therefore recommend that the next session convene with Pleasant Hill church.

L. D. RITTER.  
W. H. BRADLEY,  
L. F. BRADLEY,  
Committee.

### STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report great neglect in mission work of the State, especially in the mountainous part. We recommend a more earnest effort in this work to help the State Board in its work, that there may be a great ingathering to the fold of God, and that the gospel be preached in destitute parts.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,  
W. J. ROSS,  
SAMUEL RITTER,  
Committee.

### TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe intemperance is the greatest evil of the age. We are commanded to shun the appearance of evil. The money that is spent for whiskey would cloth, feed and educate America. It causes 100,000 deaths annually. We beg our people to use all reasonable means, both in our homes and elsewhere to banish this evil. It corrupts morals and makes thousands of widows and orphans annually.

J. W. CRAWFORD,  
D. W. WALLACE,  
Committee.

### MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Bible teaches us that the "Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," and "That God has chosen by the fool-



ishness of preaching to save them that believe," and that the preacher is commanded to "study to show himself a workman approved unto God," and inasmuch as it is ordained of God that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel, therefore the churches in this association should so support the preacher that they could give their whole time to the study and administration of the word.

J. A. MUSE,  
A. C. ROPER,  
W. D. GILLESPIE,  
J. G. McLANE,  
Committee.

### RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Bible is our rule of faith and practice, and it should settle all controversy. We recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* and the literature of our convention.

W. C. PALMER,  
M. C. MELTON,  
C. C. BARROWS,  
Committee.

### PRAYER-MEETINGS.

We find that this association has twenty churches, and only seven report prayer-meetings part of the year. Not even one church maintained a prayer-meeting all the year. We recommend and pray that the delegates from the several churches take upon themselves, as a duty, to start a prayer-meeting in each church. Prayer is the channel through which we communicate with God. We are commanded to meet often together and pray with and for each other. To that end let us pray.

S. HATMAKER,  
J. M. ROOK,  
N. L. TEDFORD,  
Committee.

### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

As there is not a Sunday-school in each church, we recommend that all the members of each church use their best efforts to maintain a Sunday-school in their respective churches, for the purpose of bringing up the children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

I. G. NEAL,  
F. L. WARD,  
S. HATMAKER  
Committee.

### HOME MISSIONS.

In consequence of the new and greater obligations in giving the gospel to our newly-added territory, and as the Home Mission Board is giving aid to this territory—which includes the State of Arkansas—it should receive the support of every Baptist in the south to help this board to give the gospel of the Son of God to the lost.

J. G. ROY,  
I. G. NEAL,  
F. D. COTMAN,  
Committee.

### CONDOLENCE.

We, your Committee on Condolence, submit the following report: Whereas, It has pleased the Allwise Providence to call home quite a number of our brethren and sisters. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. We commend them to Him that doeth all things well for comfort and consolation, believing that our loss is their eternal gain.

S. HATMAKER,  
E. P. CHITWOOD,  
J. G. McLANE,  
Committee.

## OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find that there has been fifteen deaths during the past year. Bro. Wm. Jackson and Bro. C. A. Phillips, of Harvey's Chapel; Eld. J. L. Shields, Bro. T. R. Wilson and Sister Fannie Murray, of Prairie Grove; Bro. C. Cain and Sister Margaret Bledsoe, of Mt. Pleasant; Sister Ellen Geurin and Sister Mary Cambers, of Glazier Poe; Bro. J. H. Ratliff, W. S. Ratliff and Sister Nellie Watkins, of Mt. Tabor; Bro. J. A. Bonner, of Refuge; Sister Tiny Webb, of White Plains; Sister Mary Jane Boone, of Cedar Glades.

T. B. MCKELROY,

A. D. CUMBIE,

OSCAR THOMPSON,

Committee.

## ORPHANS' HOME.

We find that the Orphans' Home at Monticello is a Baptist institution. It is the duty of all Baptists to help sustain it. We recommend that all funds be sent direct from the churches and this association to the Orphans' Home treasurer.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,

J. T. RYAN,

D. H. SMITH,

Committee.

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee, report great destitution in the western and northern part of the association. We recommend that this body take some step in regard to this destitution. We also see from past experience that a small board accomplishes more and better work than a large one, we, therefore, recommend a board of three members.

J. M. CRAWFORD,

W. H. OSBORN,

C. C. BARROWS,

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received in all .....	\$57 05
Paid out.....	57 00
Balance on hand.....	05
Received for Foreign Missions.....	2 70

G. W. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD.

We, the Missionary Board, beg leave to report as follows: We employed Eld. J. W. Shepard as missionary at \$1 per day. He commenced July 15, 1899, and served forty-seven days. Eld. W. A. Neighbors labored twenty days, donating ten days to the association; Eld. H. W. Williamson donated ten days; Eld. E. P. Chitwood donated ten days, and Eld. D. H. Smith donated six days.

J. W. SHEPARD, Chairman,

J. T. BLAKELY, Secretary.

## MISSIONARIES' REPORT.

Days labored, 47. Miles traveled, 208. Sermons preached, 56. Number baptized, 9. Professions witnessed, 8. Membres received, 17. Churches organized, 1. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SHEPARD, Missionary.

I submit this, my report: I went as directed, and preached Christ in whom there is salvation, as best I could. The Lord blessed my efforts. The churches recompensed me for my labor. Witnessed about fifteen professions.

H. H. WILLIAMSON, Missionary.

Sermons preached, 24. Exhortations, 2. Miles traveled, 30. Churches organized, 1. Baptized, 3. Professions witnessed, 10. Days labored, 20. Brethren revived.

W. A. NEIGHBORS, Missionary.

Miles traveled, 70. Sermons preached, 8. Days labored, 6.

D. H. SMITH, Missionary.

I labored ten days. The Lord blessed my efforts.

E. P. CHITWOOD, Missionary.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for printing minutes, \$16. Received for associational missions, \$1.35.

C. C. BARROWS, Chairman.

#### NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Eld. M. C. Melton preach the introductory sermon, alternate, Eld. E. P. Chitwood; and Eld. J. W. Shepard preach the missionary sermon, alternate, Eld. H. H. Williamson.

G. W. THOMPSON,

BART NEAL,

G. L. WILLIAMSON,

Committee.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

1. Resolved, That this association express its heartfelt thanks and Christian salutations to the brothers and sisters composing the White Plains church, the citizens of this community, regardless of membership with us. May the Lord bless them in all their charitable and Christian efforts, and all other efforts pertaining to the uplifting of the cause of Christ.

2. We recommend an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the time of our association from Thursday before the second Sunday in September, to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September.

We also recommend that the annual missionary sermon be preached Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

S. HATMAKER,

M. J. ROSS,

J. A. MUSE.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. B. Adams, Cedar Glades.

W. T. Ceymore, Hawes.

S. H. Jennings, Durant.

M. C. Melton, Gladstone.

J. S. Ragsdale, Jessieville.

J. W. Shepard, Story.

H. H. Williamson, Buckville.

H. A. Belote, Cedar Glades.

J. M. Crawford, Cedar Glades.

J. L. Lanier, Cedar Glades.

W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs.

J. G. Roy, Sims.

D. H. Smith, Akin Farm.

W. J. G. Young, Ava.

E. P. Chitwood, Joplin.

Received of J. T. Blakely, Story, Ark., clerk of the Buckville Association \$13 for which the Arkansas Baptist Co., agrees to print and mail to the church clerk, 300 copies of the minutes of its tenth annual session, provided they are no larger than were the minutes last year. Additional pages to be charged at 80 cents per page. Copy and full instructions to be furnished by the clerk.

W. A. CLARK,  
Arkansas Baptist Co.



# Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Disms'd by Letter	excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Minute Fund.	Value of Church Property.	Pastor's Salary.	Sunday-Schools.	Day of Meeting.
Buckville .....	H. H. Williamson..	H. L. Shaw .....	Buckville .....	..	2	1	3	12	..	36	\$ 1 00	..	..	1	2nd.
Bethlehem .....	H. H. Williamson ..	L. D. Ritter.....	Chance .....	..	..	..	12	..	..	36	40	..	..	1	3rd.
Cedar Glades.....	M. C. Melton .....	I. G. Neal .....	Cedar Glades.....	..	..	..	3	1	..	60	95	..	..	..	..
Concord .....	J. W. Shephard .....	W. B. Robertson.....	Aiy .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	80	..	..	..	3rd.
Crystal Hill.....	E. P. Chitwood .....	R. A. Trammel.....	Hawes .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	40	..	..	..	..
Glazier Poe.....	W. A. Neighbors.....	William Williams ..	Mountain Valley ..	2	..	..	1	1	3	39	1 00	..	..	1	..
Harvey's Chapel ..	L. Wareek .....	W. J. Huddleston.....	Hawes .....	..	..	..	1	..	1	44	1 00	..	..	..	1st.
Mt. Tabor.....	E. P. Chitwood .....	F. M. Ratliff .....	Gladstone.....	23	3	1	2	3	..	85	2 00	..	..	..	2nd.
Marble .....	H. H. Williamson.....	J. T. Guerin.....	Akin Farm .....	12	..	..	5	1	..	46	75	\$ 2 00	..	..	1st.
Prairie Grove .....	E. P. Chitwood.....	J. T. Ryan .....	Mabel .....	..	..	..	1	7	3	38	80	..	..	..	2nd.
Pleasant Hill.....	W. A. Neighbors .....	H. C. Lackey.....	Sims .....	..	..	..	1	..	..	36	1 00	..	..	..	4th.
Pleasant Home.....	M. C. Melton .....	H. G. McKeloy.....	Buckville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	50	..	..	..	4th.
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. L. Lanier .....	J. A. Muse .....	Muse .....	3	..	..	..	2	..	33	1 25	..	..	..	4th.
Refuge.....	J. W. Shephard.....	J. T. Blakely.....	Story .....	6	4	1	..	1	1	54	1 00	\$ 2 50	..	1	1st.
Rock Springs.....	J. L. Lanier .....	S. M. Adams .....	Cedar Glades .....	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	40	..	..	..	..
Sweet Home.....	M. C. Melton .....	D. A. Pitts .....	Stillwater.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	13	75	..	..	..	..
Washita .....	W. A. Neighbors .....	J. G. McLane.....	Washita .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	24	1 00	..	..	1	..
White Plains.....	M. C. Melton .....	J. M. Bradley.....	Buckville .....	..	..	..	12	1	1	47	1 00	..	\$13 35	..	4th.
Totals .....				50	11	3	30	15	15	654	\$16 00	\$ 4 50	\$13 35	5	....