

## MINUTES

Of the Third Annual Session of Wolf Bayou Association of General Baptists, held with Camp Church, Newport, Jackson County, Arkansas, September 19, 21 and 22, 1903:

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The Third Annual Session of Wolf Bayou Association commenced with Camp Church, Newport, Ark., at 11 o'clock A. M., on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1903.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. C. Willeford. Singing by congregation, and prayer by Elder J. C. Lassiter.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. Goff: subject, Faith. Text, Heb. 11:1, followed by Elder J. C. Willeford.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Credentials.—J. C. Lassiter, L. Noble and W. R. Robins.

Committee on Divine Service.—Z. N. Dill, J. B. Scoggin and John Grizzle.

A motion and second to adjourn to meet at 3 P. M. Motion carried. Singing by congregation, and prayer by W. F. Thomas.

### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 3 o'clock with singing by congregation and prayer, led by W. R. Robins. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Call for the letters from the different churches composing Wolf Bayou Association, in which Concord, Camp, Corinth, Antioch and Liberty were presented.

Call for petitionary letters, in which Evening Shade Church of Stark, Ark., and New Hope Church of Newport, Ark., were presented.

Moved and seconded that Evening Shade Church be received into christian fellowship, and that Brother J. C. Lassiter represent it. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that New Hope Church be received into christian fellowship in the Wolf Bayou Association, and that Brother J. W. Lackey represent it. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Brother J. C. Brightwell represent Corinth Church. Motion carried.

Proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, in which Elder J. C. Willeford was elected Moderator, and J. C. Alexander, Jr., of Denmark, Ark., Clerk; Elder J. F. Goff was elected Assistant Moderator, and John Grizzle of Newport, Ark., Assistant Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

Sunday School.—W. F. Thomas, J. W. Lackey and A. H. Hall.

Prayer Meeting.—J. W. James, Ben Vaulner and J. C. Brightwell.

Correspondence.—Lloyd Noble, J. L. Alexander and L. M. Seymore.

Finance.—L. A. Alexander, James McAfee and R. B. Rose

Requests, Queries, and Resolutions.—J. C. Lassiter, J. W. Lackey and J. W. James.

Moved and seconded to adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning, September 21, 1903. Motion carried. After singing by congregation, and prayer by John Isbell, the Association adjourned.

## MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened Monday at 8 A. M., September 21, 1903. Singing by congregation, and prayer by J. C. G. Knight

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Call for reading of minutes of Saturday's proceedings. The minutes were read, amended and adopted.

Call for reports of committees:

Report of committee on Credentials. Received.

Moved and seconded that the report be received and the proper amendment made, and the committee be discharged. Motion carried.

Brother R. B. Rose, having stepped aside, made a public confession. Moved and seconded that the Association forgive him, and give him the right hand of fellowship, telling him to press forward.

Moved and seconded that the Association instruct the Clerk of the Association what the amendment must be to the credentials of Brothers Lloyd Noble, R. B. Rose and W. M. Woodell. Motion carried

Moved and seconded that the Association order the

Clerk of Camp Church, to add the names of the members of the Presbytery that ordained them to the credentials of the above names. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 3 P. M. Motion carried. Singing by congregation, and prayer by J. W. James. Adjourned.

### MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 3 P. M. Singing by congregation, and prayer by L. Noble.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Call for reading of the minutes of the morning session. The minutes were read and approved.

Moved and seconded that the Association take up a matter of Brother Knight's in transferring him from the Wolf Bayou Association to the Post Oak Grove Association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Wolf Bayou Association give Brother Knight a letter of recommendation to Post Oak Grove Association. Motion carried.

Call for report of committees:

Report of committee on Sunday-schools received and committee discharged. Moved and seconded that the report on Sunday-schools be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of on Finance be received, adopted and committee be discharged. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the report of committee on Prayer Meeting be received, adopted, and committee discharged. Motion carried.

Report of committee on Correspondence received and committee discharged. Report discussed and amended. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted as amended. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 22, 1903. Motion carried. Singing by congregation, and prayer by J. F. Goff and adjourned.

### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Singing by congregation, and prayer by W. M. Woodell.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Call for reading of the minutes of Monday evening's session. Minutes were read and approved.

Moved and seconded that the Constitution of the Association be dispensed with to-day, so that no person speak not more than twice on any one subject, and not longer than five minutes at any one time without permission from the Association. Motion carried.

Report of committee on Requests, Queries and Resolutions, received by sections:

Section one Received.—Moved and seconded that section one of the report be tabled for the present, and taken up with section two. Motion carried.

Section two Read.—Moved and seconded that section two of the report be received for discussion. Motion carried.

Section three Read.—Moved and seconded that section three be received for discussion. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that section three be amended so as to state the charges and specifications, why they wish to withdraw from Brother A. B. Hall. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 3 P. M. Motion carried. Singing by congregation, and prayer by Ben Vaulner. Adjourned.

## TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 3 o'clock with singing by congregation, and prayer by R. B. Rose.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Call for reading of the minutes of the morning session. Minutes were read and approved.

Call for balance of report on Requests, Queries and Resolutions.

Section four Read.—Moved and seconded that section four be received for discussion. Motion carried.

Section five Read.—Moved and seconded that section five be received for discussion. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that section five be withdrawn from the report. Motion carried.

Section six Read.—Moved and seconded that section six be received and the committee be discharged. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we take up section one of the report. Motion lost.

Moved and seconded that we take up the report and adopt it by sections. Motion carried

Section two taken up and adopted, by saying Christ died for all on conditions.

Section three taken up Moved and seconded that we give Brother A. B. Hall until the next Association to come forward and make the necessary acknowledgement, and the Clerk notify him of the charges. Motion carried.

Section four taken up and adopted.

Section six taken up. Moved and seconded that the report be amended so as to extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Camp church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality towards the Association. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we hold our next Association with Evening Shade church, Stark, Cleburne county, Ark., commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1904, at 11 A. M. Motion carried

Elder J. C. Willeford was elected to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. W. Lackey was elected alternate.

Moved and seconded that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes; and that he be allowed \$2.00 for his services; and that he use the best steps possible in having the minutes printed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until night service. Singing by congregation, and prayer by J. C. Brightwell, Adjourned,

## TUESDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

After preaching by Elder J. F. Goff, followed by Elder W. F. Thomas. the communion service and the washing of the saints' feet were attended to. After which Brother McAfee was ordained as a deacon.

Singing by congregation, and extended the parting hand, until we meet with Evening Shade church, of Stark, Cleburne county, Ark., on Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1904, at 11 A. M.

Thus ended the happiest and best of our Associations.

ELD. J. C. WILLEFORD, Moderator.

ELD. J. F. GOFF, Assistant Moderator.

J. C. ALEXANDER, Jr., Clerk.

LLOYD NOBLE, Asst. Clerk.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Day of Meeting	No. Members Rec.	Dismissed by Letter	Withdrawn From	Died	Restored	Number of Members	Ordained Ministers	Minute Fund.	Prayer Meeting	Sunday Schools	Value of Church Property
Antioch	J. L. Lassiter	10	2	1	1	1	37	2	\$1 52	1	1	1	1
Camp	L. Noble	3	4	9	1	1	67	5	1 38	1	1	1	1
Corinth	J. W. Foust	4	4	2	1	1	9	3	60	1	1	1	1
Concord	J. W. Foust	4	4	2	1	1	36	3	1 45	1	1	1	1
Evening Shade	J. C. Lassiter	4	3	1	1	1	10	1	1 00	1	1	1	1
Liberty	J. C. Lassiter	3	1	2	1	1	16	1	1 45	1	1	1	1
New Hope	J. W. Lackey	2	15	3	2	1	175	12	8 10	4	1	1	1

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

**Divine Services**—Saturday morning, J. F. Goff and J. C. Willeford. Saturday night, W. F. Thomas and L. Noble. Sunday morning, J. C. Willeford and J. W. James. Sunday night, J. C. Lassiter and J. F. Goff. Monday morning, J. W. Lackey and W. M. Woodell. Monday night, John Isbell and J. E. G. Knight. Tuesday morning, J. C. Lassiter and Ben Vaulner. Tuesday night, J. F. Goff and W. F. Thomas.

**Sunday-School**—We, your committee on Sunday-schools, do recommend that each church keep up a Sunday-school, for we believe that it will do us as much good as anything we can do; and we recommend General Baptist literature, as we have a General Baptist Publishing house.—W. F. Thomas, Chairman.

**Prayer Meeting**—We, your committee on Prayer Meeting, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend prayer meeting once a week in each church.—J. W. James, Chairman.

**Correspondence**—We, your committee on Correspondence, recommend that we correspond with Post Oak Grove Association, and with Freewill Sister Associations by delegates or letters.—Lloyd Noble, Chairman.

**Finance**—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: We have received for minute funds from the following churches the following amounts, to-wit: Liberty \$1.45, Concord \$1.45, Corinth 60c, Antioch \$1.52, Camp \$1 38, Evening Shade \$1 00, New Hope 70c. Total amount, \$8 10 —R. B. Rose, Chairman.

**Credentials**—We, your committee on Credentials, find them all O. K., except an amendment to be made to Bros.



Lloyd Noble, R. B. Rose and W. M. Woodell's.—W. R. Robins, Chairman.

Section 1. Requests, Queries and Resolutions.—We, your committee on Queries, believe that General Baptists should be in unity. Is it right for a church to withdraw from a member without a charge?

Sec. 2. We, your committee, ask a question: Why did not Christ die for the sins of the whole world?

Sec. 3. We, your committee on Resolutions, resolved that we withdraw from Brother A. B. Hall (for lying and other reasons), until he gives satisfaction to this Association.

Sec. 4. We, your committee on Resolutions, resolved that the deacons of each church should look after their pastor

Sec. 5. We, your committee on Resolutions, resolve that we place a missionary in the field.

Sec. 6. We, your committee on Requests, beg leave to say that Camp church requests the ordination of Brother James McAfee as a deacon.

Amendment.—We, your committee on Resolutions, resolve that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Camp church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality towards the Association.—J. C. Lassiter, Chairman.

### Roll of Delegates.

J C Lassiter, J C Willeford, J F Goff, J W James, W F Thomas, J W Lackey, J E G Knight, Lloyd Noble, John Isbell, R B Rose, Ben Vulner, W M Woodell, J R Scoggin, Wm. Robin, Brother McBride, Sarah E Hall, A H Hall, J C Brightwell, J C Alexander, Jr, John Grizzle, L A Alexander, James McAfee, J L Alexander, Stephen Mink, J W Van Winkle, P A Alexander, L M Seymore, Z N Dill, Sister Dill.

### Address of Clerks.

Concord—J C Willeford, Tina, Ark.; Antioch—A J Ward, Wolf Bayou, Ark.; Liberty—J C Alexander Jr., Denmark, Ark.; Evening Shade—T J Bittle, Stark, Ark.; Camp—Miss Fannie Sconyers, Newport, Ark.; New Hope—Miss Mary Gathie, Newport, Ark.; Corinth—Miss Nannie May, Wilburn, Ark.

### Address of Ministers.

J C Lassiter, Tina; J C Willeford, Tina; W F Thomas, Tina; J F Goff, Gin; J W James, Desha; J W Lackey, Newport; J E G Knight, Tuckerman; J W Foust, Wolf Bayou; John Isbell, Newport; Lloyd Noble, Newport; R M Smith, Wolf Bayou; Benj. Vulner, Newport; R B Rose; W M Woodell, Newport; J H Rich, Jamestown. All of Arkansas.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be composed of such messengers as shall be chosen by the different churches composing this association, thought most fit for that purpose and sent with letters testifying to their appointment to represent them in the association, who shall be entitled to seats; ministers, deacons, licentiates and clerks included.

2. The officers of this association when properly organized shall consist of a moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the moderator shall be to keep the association in order, state questions fairly and take their minds thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled, to have no vote unless the association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the casting vote. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the association.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded and died since the sitting of the last association, and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by this association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the association shall take up the same and act on it.

5. Every church in the association shall be entitled to a representation of delegates not exceeding six.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted on unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The association shall not have the power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless we agree that the churches composing this association shall stand in the same relation to each other in this association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed they shall be dropped from our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this association by letter and delegate, if upon proper examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly; such admission shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates thereof.

10. This association shall have power to sit as an advisory council; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this association; to appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary; to invite any brethren in the ministry to a seat with the association; to adjourn the association to any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who will not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the church from which he or they were delegates.

11. Where a church has a deacon that they desire the ordination of, they are authorized to have it done at any time or place where a presbytery can be found.

12. This constitution is not to be altered without a majority of three-fourths of the members composing this body. But if any person after becoming a member shall become dissatisfied with any part of this constitution or articles of faith, he shall be entitled to a letter of dismission, if in fellowship in his own church.