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Current River Baptist Association

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Current River Baptist Association convened with the Reyno Baptist church Thursday before the third Lord's day in September, 1899, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by singing, led by Bro. S. K. Dungan. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. F. Br dges, his text being taken from the Book of St. Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

Moved with second to adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M. Adjourned with prayer led by Elder A. Conner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer led by Elder O. H. L. Cunningham.

Upon call for letters from the various churches several were presented and received.

It was moved that the Association proceed with the election of officers. Bro. S. K. Dungan was re-elected Moderator and Robert Black was also re-elected Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed R. A. Hawthorne, O. H. L. Cunningham, R. F. Carroll, D. Blackburn and W. F. Bridges as the committee on committees.

Upon call for all visiting brethren to come forward and enroll their names, Bros. E. J. A. McKinney and O. P. Miles gave in their names.

Call for correspondents from sister Associations, whereupon Bro. E. T. Lincoln came forward and gave his name as correspondent from the State Line Association.

Call for the report of committee on committees. Report presented, read and received, and the committee discharged.

Moved that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by O. P. Miles.

Divine service Thursday night by Elder O. P. Miles. Text taken from Matthew, 8th chapter and 28th verse.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1899.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order with singing led by the Moderator, at 9 o'clock A. M. Opened with prayer by W. F. Bridges.

Call for roll of messengers.

Rules of dec rum read.

Call for delinquent churches.

Call for petitionary letters None presented.

Call for correspondents from sister associations. None present.

Call for reports of committees.

Call for report of committee on district missions. Report presented, read and received and committee discharged.

A collection was then taken for district missions which resulted as follows:

New Hope \$10 (00 O. H. L. Cunningham 5 00
	00 R. F Carroll 3 00
Hopewell 1	00 W. F. Bridges 5 00
Union No. 2	O Corning Church 10 00
Mt. Pleasant (East) paid 1 (00 George Lafferty 1 00
	00 Casteel 1 00
	00 G. L. Berton 2 00
Landmark 5	00 J. N. Scaggs
Liberty 2 (
Reyno 6 (00 Total
Mt. Pleasant (West) 2. (00

Moved to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Divine service by Elder S. W. Abernathy. Text: Luke xvi:16.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator at

2:30 o'clock, with singing and prayer by R. F. Carroll.

Upon call for correspondents from sister Associations, one was presented from State Line Association, to-wit: L. F. Mainard.

Call for report of committee on schools and colleges. Report presented, read and adopted.

Cail for report on state missions. Report presented, read and received.

Call for report on foreign missions. Report presented, read and received

Call for report on home missions. Report presented, read and received.

The Moderator appointed Bros. D. Blackburn and R. A. Hawthorn as the committee on finance.

Call for report on temperance. Report presented, read and received.

It was then moved that the Association adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder O P. Miles.

Divine services were held Friday night conducted by Elder E. J. A. McKinney. Text taken from the Book of Books.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 16, 1899.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator with singing and prayer led by Elder E. T. Lincoln.

Call for report on woman's work. Report presented, read and received.

Call for report on orphan's home. Report presented, read and adopted.

Call for the report of the committee on obituaries. The report was presented, read and received.

Call for report of committee on resolutions. Report presented, read and adopted.

Call for the report of the committee on Sabbath schools. The report was presented, read and received.

Call for all visitors to come forward and enroll their names. S. Pr Campbell, of Ouachita College, gave in his name.

Moved that we adjourn until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Divine services, conducted by Elder R. F. Carroll, at 11 o'clock. Text: St. John, xvii:21.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met at 2:30 o'clock and was called to order with singing, led by the Moderator, and prayer by S. W. Abernathy.

Call for the report of the committee on publication, which report was presented, read and received.

Resolution No 1, presented by R. V. Parker, was read and received.

Moved that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to see after our aged ministers. T. J. Gambill, R. A. Hawthorn and R. V. Parker were selected as such committed.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Association be held with Corning church.

O. H. L. Cunningham was chosen to preach the next annual sermon.

Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes. Call for volunteers to represent us in the state convention. O. H. L. Cunningham, R. A. Hawthorn, D. Blackburn, S. K. Dungan and S. W. Abernathy all volunteered.

Call for volunteer correspondents to sister associations. Frank Cheek and J. M. Hurst, to State Line Association; O. H. L. Cunningham, S. W. Abernathy and R. R. Black, to Cane Creek; S. K. Dungan to Gainsville; S. W. Abernathy and W. F. Bridges, Spring River.

Moved that we be represented in the Southern Baptist convention. Bro. O. H. L. Cunningham was chosen as delegate.

Moved that the Moderator appoint someone to act as member on the state board. Elder O. H. L. Cunningham was named.

Call for the report of the missionary board. Report presented, read and received.

It was ordered that a collection be taken up for our missionary. The minutes were presented, read and approved.

It was then moved and carried that the Association come to an adjournment, to meet with the First Baptist Church of Corning, Clay county, Ark, on I hursday, before the third Lord's day in September, A. D. 1900, at 11 o'clock A. M.

S. K. DUNGAN, Moderator.

ROBERT BLACK, Clerk.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved, That this Association take steps to care for our

aged ministers.

Be it resolved, 2d, That a board of three brethren be appointed by the Moderator to take this work in charge and to receive and disburse funds for this work.

R. V. PARKER.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We, your committee on district missions, report as follows: We find some destitution yet within the bounds of our Association, and would speak of some of the more important points, to-wit: Peach Orchard, Shannon Grove, Bunkum and White School House, east of Corning; and we would recommend that this Association see after these places. This could be easily done if the churches would be more liberal with their gifts. Respectfully submitted,

E. T. LINCOLN AND MISSION BOARD.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

In Arkansas we have three Baptist colleges—Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Mountain Home, at Mountain Home, are co-educational, while Central college, at Conway, is our school for girls. All are doing good work and have courses of study equal to those of colleges in other states. We believe our people should urge our young people to attend colleges and to attend our own; also, that we encourage our young preachers to prepare themselves for their work and that we assist them as far as possible. We would also call attention to the fact that Baptist High schools are becoming a necessity in Northeast Arkansas, and would suggest that this Association begin to consider the advisability of establishing such a school.

O. P. MILES.

S. W. ABERNATHY.

STATE MISSIONS.

State missions should claim the attention of all our churches. Our state board at Little Rock, with W E. Atkinson as secretary, is using every means at its command to supply the destitution of our state. It is supplementing the salaries of pastors of a number of weak churches over the state, and several evangelists are at work. Great success has attended its labors, but great destitution yet prevails. We recommend that the messengers here on their return to their churches seek to enlist them in this great work.

COMMITTEE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on foreign missions, make the following report: Believing, as we do, that we, as a Baptist people, having the

only true gospel, and Christ having commanded that this gospel be preached to all the world and that the heathen is lost without the gospel, we feel it our duty to send it to them. Then, brethren, let us see to it that we do our duty in this Association along this line of mission work, urging the churches to freely co-operate. We claim to be Missionary Baptists. Let us show our faith by our works, contending earnestly for that feature of our doctrine.

R. F. CARROLL.

R. V. PARKER.

HOME MISSIONS.

Home missions, as embraced in our system of mission work, comprises the giving of the gospel to the people on our frontiers, in our great cities, in the mountains, and in Cuba. As civilization moves westward, the gospel must go with it and houses of worship must be built, or else we will be losers as Baptists. Our large cities are seats of great destitution. In New Orleans not more than one white person in 200 is a Baptist. Cuba is a broad and inviting field. Shal we help give the gospel to these fields? They are a part of the world. Send contributions to Dr. W. H. Kerrfoot, Atlanta, Ga.

TEMPERANCE.

We. your committee; we, as Christians, believe it is our duty, as Paul says, to live tem erate in all things pertaining to this life, and do all in our power toward the putting down of all intoxicating drinks, for liquor is the worst evil that infests our country. We believe that no Christian will patronize a saloon. Let us walk up for Christ in our daily walk, and when we go to the polls to vote do all we can in the expelling from our land of liberty this agent of the devil that is daily causing so much distress and sending souls to torment. We, as Christians, brothers, ought to awake and go to work, for the night cometh when no man can work.

R. W. SNODGRASS.

G. L. BURTON.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on woman's work respectfully submit the following report: Believing in the maxim "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," we consider the destiny of our country largely in the hands of our women; therefore, it is of the utmost importance that they be educated and fully prepared for the great responsibilities resting upon them, thus enabling them to intelligently and religiously form the minds and characters of our youth in schools, Sabbath schools, prayer and praise service, temperance work, home work, in the sick room, and all places where the gentle touch of woman's hand can cheer the down-trodden and lift the banner of Christ in view of all the people. May God bless the women.

S. BISHOP.

J. N. SKAGGS.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

Your committee would submit the following: We think the Orphan's Home is one of the best institutions of the state, and we deem it the duty of the Baptists of Arkansas to see that the home is well provided for. It being a charitable institution—and charity reaches beyond the grave - we should support it by the means which God has entrusted to our care. D. BLACKBURN. REV. S. W. ABERNATHY.

Collected for Orphan's Home.

Robert Black	00	Black River church 1 49
Mary Hathaway 1	00	Landmark church (subscriped) 5 00
Bro. Greer 1		
Landmark church 2	00	Total \$11 40

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: Death, with its attending sorrows, has invaded many of our homes and taken from among us twenty-two brethren and sisters to join (we trust) the heavenly ranks beyond, all of whom we hope to meet again. We find the statistics as follows:

Mount Pleasant (West) 3	Union No. 2 5
New Home 1	Shiloh 3
New Hope 7	
Hopewell 3	Total22

G. W. CHEEK. J. P. AVERY.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions, report as follows: (1) We would recommend that each church pay their pastor for his labor and report the same to the Association. (2) That we continue the board to superintend the mission work of our Association. (3) Resolved. That we tender our thanks to Reyno church and people of Reyno for their kind he spitality shown us while with them.

> OSCAR BROWN. ALLEN BLAND.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, submit the following report: Our duty is to open our churches every Sunday for the study of God's word; therefore, the thing is a Sunday-school fiftytwo times a year in each church in our Association, with the members all present as teachers and pupils; a testament in the hands of each student, and, for additional helps, the literature of the Southern Baptist Sunday School board or the American Baptist Publication society. Respectfully submitted. J. R. GIBBS. C. W. GRIER.

PUBLICATIONS.

First of all, we would recommend the reading and prayerful

study of the Scriptures. Second, We would urge the buying and reading of good Baptist books. Third, We would urge our people to take and read our state paper, The Arkansas Baptist; also The Baptist Gleaner, of Paragould, Ark.

O. H. L. CUNNINGHAM.

REPORT OF E. T. LINCOLN, MISSIONARY OF CURRENT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

Days labor, 94; sermons preached, 68; families visited, 208; families found without Bibles, 70; miles traveled, 818; tracts given away, about 1,000 pages; religious books sold, 138; Bibles and New Testaments sold and given away, 169.

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Land Mark Church—S. W. Abernathy, T. J. Howell and Wesley Snodgrass.

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New Home-J. P. Avery.

Mt. Pleasant, West-T. J. Gambill and Kerby Foster.

Liberty-C. W. Greer and J. H. Ferguson.

Union No. 2-W. F. Bridges and J. E. Henderson.

Hopewell-G. W. S. Watson.

Reyno-Joseph Herron, R. V. Parker and D. Blackburn.

New Hope—Thomas Winningham, P. B. Harbison, Oscar Brown. Corning - S. Bishop.

Hazeldell-J. N. Scagg.

Union, Clay County—R. A. Hawthorn, J. B. Gibbs. Shiloh—W. R. McConnel and Dr. C. A. Newkirk.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Association called to order.
- 2. Introductory sermon.
- 3. Call of the roll of churches.
- 4. Permanent organization.
- 5. Call for letters from new churches.
- 6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 7. Committee on divine service.
- 8. Call for report of executive board.
- 9. Committee on nominating executive board.
- 10. Committee on district missions.
- 11. Committee on state missions.
- 12. Committee on home missions.
- 13. Committee on foreign missions.
- 14. Committee on religious literature.
- 15. Committee on Sunday schools.
- 16. Committee on temperance.
- 17. Committee on ministerial education.
- 18. Committee on ministerial address.
- 19. Committee on finance.
- 20. Committee on obituaries.
- 21. Committee on resolutions.
- 22. Miscellaneous business, queries, etc.
- 23. Place of next meeting of Association.
- 24. Who will preach the sermon.

S. K. DUNGAN. KIRBY FOSTER.

Churches.	Time of Meeting.	Clerks.	Postoffices.	Pastors.	Minute Fund.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Recom'on.	Lec'd by Letter.		Dismsssed by Letter	Excluded.	Dесеавы.	Membership.
Mt. Pleasant, West,, New Home, Hazeldell, Reyno, Corning, New Hope, Hopewell, Union No 2, Llberty, Landmark, Mt. Pleasant, East, Union, Clay county, Black River, Shiloah, O'Kane, New Prospect,	4	Kirby Foster, Price Ba4s, G. A. McKinney, Rachael Norris, S. Bichop W. A. Bland, J. A. Irwin, M. L. Houston, R. F. Riley, H. H. Williams, R. R. Black, R. A. Hawthorne, D. A. Lemons, W. B. McConnell, J. H. Story, No report,	Pitman, Pocahontas, Neelyville, Reyno, Corning, Reyno, Corning, Holmes, Peru, Moark, Palatka, Palatka, Palatka, Co'Kane,	J. A. Alison, A. Conner, O H L Cunningham O H L Cunningham O H L Cunningham J. A. Wheatley, J. A. Allson, E. T. Lincolu, A. W. Abernathy, S. Couner, O H L Cunningham Matthew Gibson, J. A. Whetley, J. N. Shook,	000 500 500 500 1 500 1 500 755 1 000 1 1 100 755 1 0000	1 2 17 34 6 1 4 2	2 2 1	4 4 1 10 14 2 8 3 1 1 -48	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 3 2 14 1 4 2 4 6	4 4 11 8 2 4 8 3 1 1 2 4 8	3	97 17 21 86 88 168 26 86 82 42 81 24 21 39 45 15 0

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