

# Minutes

OF THE

## LITTLE RED RIVER

### Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH

#### Liberty Hill Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19, 1915.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SEESION

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Next session to be held with Baptist Church at Heber Springs, Cleburne County, Ark., convening on Thursday night, before the Third Sunday in Sept. 1916; Rev. L. C. Langley to preach the introductory sermon.

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## MINUTES.

**T**HE Fifty-Second Annual Meeting of the Missionary Baptist of Little Red River Association, convened with Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Rose Bud, White county Arkansas, September 17, 18, and 19, 1915.

J. W. SELLARS, Moderator,  
Sidon, Ark.

J. I. BALDRIDGE, Clerk; Quitman, Ark

### THURSDAY NIGHT

Moderator being absent Bro. G. H. W. Wright opened the services by song and prayer, after which he preached the introductory sermon. Subject: "What Missionary Baptist' Believe."

### FRIDAY MORNING

The house was called to order by the former Moderator, J. W. Sellers; devotional services led by G. H. W. Wright. Clerk being absent Moderator appointed J. I. Baldridge and Bud Clay reading clerks.

Letters from the various churches were received, read and the following named messengers enrolled:

Liberty Hill—J. W. Holleman, W. W. McFarling, E. W. Patterson and Hollie Adcock.

Quitman—B. E. Hill, J. I. Baldridge, J. L. Boyd, A. Webb and J. E. Wright.

Shiloh—Edgar Morton, Walter Blankenship, Van Blakenship and Sister Lee Morton.

Mt. Hebron—H. Gidinghagen, C. C. Clay, G. F. Newton, J. B. Garrison, W. L. Clay, P. M. Quartlebumb and H. C. Garrison.

Pearson—R. M. Sloan, Jim Gay, I. L. Burlison, J. H. Bittle and Oscar Rudell.

Pleasant Ridge No. 2—Peter Harmon, C. N. Nared and J. A. Bittle.

Mt. View—E. A. Sterling, E. W. Johnston, F. M. Chandler and B. L. Ward

Pleasant Valley No. 1.—Rev. L. C. Langley, J. P. Wood, E. B. Graham, J. W. Sellers, R. A. Price, J. T. Martindill, E. Boylen and W. T. Smith.

Heber Springs—E. D. Wright, C. E. Lessard, M. Hairness and Sisters H. C. Dowley and J. H. Slaten.

Mt. Olive—S. O. Varner, Robert Dail, and Sisters Una Dial and Edieth Jackson.

A letter from Lone Pine but no messengers

After which the body completed the organization

by electing J. W. Sellers moderator and J. I. Baldrige clerk and treasurer

Then Bro. E. J. A. McKinney, editor of the Baptist Advance, gave us a timely talk which was appreciated by all. Then Miss Pearl Harris gave as a timely talk on Womans' work which was greatly enjoyed. She has been a Missionary in China for several years and we pray Gods richest blessings upon her, and that He may give her physical strength to continue her work.

### FRIDAY EVENING.

Called to order by moderator. Devotional services led by L. C. Langley, after which the Moderator called for report of the Advisory committee appointed at Pleasant Ridge 2, to advise with Mt. Hebron church, committee submitted favorable and was discharged by the body.

Appointment of various committes were announced  
Foreign Missions—H. Gidinghagen, Oscar Rudell and J. L. Boyd.

State Missions—B. E. Hill, C. E. Lessard and J. W. Holleman.

On Womans Work—J. P. Wood, J. L. Hays and J. L. Boyd.

Publication—G. H. W. Wright and H. Gidinghagen.

Orphan' Home—J. L. Boyd and J. W. Holleman.

Associational Missions—Peter Harmon, C. E. Lessard and Walter Blankenship.

Temperance—L C Langley and B E Hill.

Prayer Meeting—J L Hays, R A Price and J W Holleman.

Home Missions—G H W Wright and C N Nored.

Obituary—C C Clay and G F Newton.

Finance—C N Nord and H C Garrison.

Sunday School—G H W Wright, S O Varner and W T Smith

Resolutions—B E Hill, C N Nord and G F Newton.

### FRIDAY NIGHT.

Devotional services led by our Bro Nord, after which Rev. Hill preached from Matt. 5:16 which was very interesting.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order by moderator. Devotional services



led by H. Gidinghagen

Report of various committies as follows:

Publication--We, your committee on publication, beg to submit the following: Tbhings we wish to impress upon the Baptists of thIs association are to read the Word of God daily, and also some religious paper, especially the Baptist Advance; the Foreign Mission Journal, and such literature as is calculated in its nature to keep us informed along all lines of sound doctrine, that we may be better informed in our Masters will and better equipped for the work HE has assigned us to do

H. GIDINGHEGAN, Chairman

State Missions--Your committee would report as follows: "State Missions by the Church Cooperating in Baptist State Convention including revival meetings in destitute places and in weak churches, and baptising converts, reviving and enlisting larger churches; colportage projecting and helping to build church houses and aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday school and Baptist Young Peoples work, incouraging Woman's work and what ever else will send far and wide a pure gospel of Christ and build the Baptist cause in this great state. In 1914 the churches cooperating through the convention served the kingdon as follows:

Coversons	-	1,458	
Baptisms	-	1,270	
Additions	-	804.	Total 2,074

And for state missions \$12,362.75. The amount of mon ey needed to put the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention out of debt for missions at the state convention at Conway, Nov. 18, 1915, is approximately \$30,000.

So your committee makes the following recommendations: First, That earnest prayers be made daily by all people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second: That every pastor get all possible information about state missions and give it to his people.

Third: That to try to give his people a large vision of state missions and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members, and from organization in the church

Fourth: That the pastors and active laymen dur-

ing the meeting of this body get together, make plans to reach every church in the association for an offering to state missions by the middle of Nov. This is the time for a strong self sacrificing, heroic pull all over our state.

B. E. HILL, Chairman.

Woman's Work—We, your committee, beg to submit the following report: In view of the fact that this line of work has been neglected within the bounds of this association, and we strongly recommend and insist that each and every pastor in the association use his best efforts to have the lady membership of his church organize and band themselves into Aid Societies.

We believe that the organization of the ladies auxiliaries to the various churches will fill a long felt want and do much and lasting good in the development of the work of the church.

J. E. WOOD, Char.

Foreign Missions—The Board at Richmond, Va., composed of 18 local members and 18 state members representing each state in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina China, Japan and Africa. In the field the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-station; 33,584 church members; 442 Sunday schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the field; 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native works; notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year. We therefore recommend: That as an association undertake to raise for Foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum.

Second: That each pastor, in the association, appoint a committee, in each church, of which he is pastor to canvas the membership with a view of securing a subscription to Foreign Missions Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world wide work

H. GIDINGHEGAN, Chairman.

Sunday School—We, your committee, beg to sub-

mit the following: Believing that Sunday school is one of the strongest ties of church fellowship, we earnestly pray that every church, in this association, that has no Sunday school will organize one at once and we pray that fathers and mothers will take their children and go to Sunday school, for we believe when Isaac said to "train the children in the way they should go and they will not depart from it" because we believe that a church without a Sunday school or prayer meeting is neither dead or a live, but simply asleep.

G. H. W. WRIGHT, Chairman

Home Missions—We, your committee, beg to submit the following: The home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention is doing a grand work in the Southland in taking the gospel to all the destitute places, as far as means will allow; the Lord has been and is now doing mission work to those who came to our shore from almost every nation and thousands are brought to Christ by the work of the missions sent out by the home board. The board is also doing a grand work among the mountain people in helping to build churches and school. Our own state is receiving \$11,000 a year for this work—may the Lord help each church in extending this work, and may God help us to do our part.

G. H. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Orphan Home—Our home is located at Monticello, and has in it 190 children who are dependent on the Arkansas Baptist for support and proper training so as to be useful men and women. At present the home is in great need of money, as the past year has been a hard one financially; we would urge that each Sunday school take a collection at least one Sunday in each month and send it to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, to whom all funds should be sent. Then each church should take at least one collection annually for the home. We must not let the orphans cry go unheeded.

J. L. BOYD, Chairman.

Temperance—We, your committee, beg to submit the following: Realizing as we do that strong drink is a great injury to good health and morals, we recommend that all our members abstain from the use of same and do all in our power to put out its use; that we may save the boys of our land from its snares, and make useful men of them, as it destroys their useful-



ness in every way and endangers our girls.

L. C. LANGLEY, Chairman

Prayer Meeting—To pray is the duty of every man, secret prayer was commanded by our Lord. The prayers of companies of people were also commanded by Him. "Where two or three are gathered to gather" and pray, agreeing, He promises to answer. A church can no more be spiritual without prayer than can a man. The prayer meeting emphasizes this and cultivates the spirit of prayer. We urge therefore that every church maintain an evergreen prayermeeting.

J. L. HAYS, Chairman

Associational Missions—We, your committee, beg to submit the following: As we have had no missionary in the field this year and realizing the great need of some mission work in this association we pray that this body and board will arrange for a missionary to be placed in the field for at least four months, beginning August.

Amendment. Be it resolved: That each church in this association, that has a pastor, to pay his time to go in destitute places in this association, and work one week, and that the Board be instructed to secure a missionary as soon as possible. PETER HARMON, Chr

Obituary—We, you committee, beg to report eighteen members have been claimed by death, as reported by the churches, which is a reminder that we too shall soon be called to depart this life. We know that God does all things well we should look upon death as God's loving means as calling us from labor to our reward.

C. N. NORRED, Char

Resolution—Observing the generous spirit of hospitality and brotherly love shown this association at and during all this session by the brethren and sisters and big-hearted friends of Liberty Hill church. Be it resolved.

That we, as an association, tender them our heartfelt thanks and pray God's blessings upon them, and hope to meet them again; and be it resolved,

That we urge each member of each church to open up their heart and pocketbooks to God and do all in their power for the advancement of the cause of Christ in this association.

B. E. HILL, chr.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME	P. O	STATE
G. H. W. Wright.....	Joy .....	Ark
J. L. Hays .....	Joy .....	Ark
L. H. Langley.....	Sidon .....	"
A. C. Bartlet .....	Quitman .....	"
Ben Hooten,....	Shiloh, .....	"
J. A. Pate .....	Heber Springs.....	"
E. D. Wright .....	" .....	"
B. E. Hill .....	Quitman .....	"

Licensed    C. A. Stark,    Pearson,    Ark

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

H. Gidinghagen, chairman, Joy.; J. W. Sellers, Treasurer; Sidon; J. I. Baldridge, Quitman; Ben Allen and S. O Varner, Heber Srping, J. B. Stark, Pearson; Peter Harmon, Brownville, and C. N. Norred, Shiloh

The report of our several committies were abely discussed and adopted by the brethren.

We had a happy session through all the service

The moderator called for volunteers to corresponding association, when Bros. G. H. W. Wright and L. C. Langley responded to visit Greenbrier association.

By motion and second H. Gidinghagen was re-elected a member of the State Board.

By motion and second the same members of the associational board were retained.

By motion and second the body elected Heber Springs for the next setting of this body, which meets Thursday night, before the third Sunday, in Sept. 1916.

On motion and second the body adjourned to meet with Heber Springs, 1916.

In giving the parting hand we had a great shower of God's love upon us.

Yours, J. I. BALDRIDGE, Clerk



## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order by former Moderator
2. Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.
3. Intermission for refreshments
4. Reading letters from churches at 2 o'clock
5. Permanent organization
6. Call for churches to join association
7. Correspondence from other associations
8. Invitation to visiting ministers
9. Appointment of the various committies
10. Miscellaneous business
11. Correspondence with other associations
12. Messenger to state convention
13. Messengers to Souther Baptist Convention
14. Appointment of member of State Board
15. Place for next meeting of the association
16. Report of various committies
17. Report of Executive Mission Board
18. Report of Clerk and Treasurer
19. Report of member of State Board
20. Adjournment

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## CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Association shall be known as the Little Red River Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. II. The members composing the annual meeting of this Association shall consist of Messengers sent by the Churches

Art. III. Each Church of fifty members or less shall be allowed three Messengers and one additional for every twenty members over fifty or majority fraction thereof. Provided that no Church shall be allowed more than five Messengers.

Art. IV. The Association shall meet annually at such times and places as shall have been previously appointed

Art. V. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, Recorder and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually at the annual meetings.

Art. VI. This Association shall have no power to control or regulate the ministerial affairs or discipline of any Church, but may adopt and recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the Churches and

advance the Redeemer's Kingdom; advise and consult upon such matters as the Churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice, and may receive Churches of the same faith and order into this Association, or dismiss Churches from the Association; inquire into the state of religion in its bounds and suggest measures for advancement, and a common bond of union among the Churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power over the Churches.

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

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. We believe the Scriptures composing the Old and New Testament are the Word of God and the only safe rules of faith and practice.

Art. II. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the death of Adam

Art. IV. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Art. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

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

Art. VII. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, governed by the laws of Christ (not men), exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by His word; that its proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Art. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that by immersion is the Apostolic mode.

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

Art. X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgement and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal on principles of righteousness.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

Article I. The Association shall commence with religious exercises and a sermon by some preacher who shall have been previously appointed unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

Art. II. The Moderator of the previous sessions shall preside and the former Clerk shall act (provided they attend) until the Letters from the Churches connected with the body shall be read and a Moderator and Clerk elected.

Art. III. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, appoint committees unless the Association shall otherwise direct; preserve order, reprove impropriety, and shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling any member to the chair; examine and correct the Minutes if necessary.

Art. IV. The Clerk shall keep a correct copy of all proceedings of the meeting, read the letters and documents and call any member to assist him and at the close of the meeting take charge of all papers and documents unless otherwise directed by the Association.

Art. V. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed at each meeting consisting of three whose duty it shall be to regulate the order or religious exercises and by whom performed, unless otherwise directed by the Association.

Art. VI. Preachers in good standing of other Churches and Associations, with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meetings shall be invited to a seat; and these meetings shall always be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. VII. Any member may speak twice on any subject in discussion before the body, but not more without leave, and when speaking shall stand and address the Moderator, use decorous, Christian language, and no member shall absent himself during the session without leave. Any member who shall violate these



rules shall be reprov'd as the Association thinks proper.

Art. VIII. The Churches shall contribute funds to meet the ordinary expenses of the body, such as printing the Minutes and paying the traveling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other bodies

Art. IX. A public collection shall be taken up at the option of the Association at each Association and given to such benevolent purposes as the Association may direct

Art. X. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	No. OFFICERS	No. CLASS	ENROL	AV. ATT	COST of LIETERTURE	KIND
Quitman	C W Martin	Quitman	8	6	79	40	12 00	Southern Bt
Pleasant Ridge No 2	Peter Harmon	Shiloh	6	4	60			"
Shiloh	Tom Murphy	Shiloh	7	5	67		6 42	"
Liberty Hill	W W McFarlin	Rose Bud	6	4			5 42	"
Person	John S Swaffar	Pearson	8	6	115		9 34	"
Heber Springs	Marion Harness	Heber Spring	12	12	185		109 26	"
Mt Olive	Ode Webb	Heber Spring	6		35		4 35	"
Pleasant Valley	Ernest Sutton	Sidon	6	4	75	40	10 41	"
TOTAL			59	41	597	85	156 20	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE,	CLERK	POST OFFICE.	Days.	Bapt	Letter	Restr.	Died.	Excl	Dis-L	Mem	Minut	Ass Mn	State M	Forg M	Home M	Salary	Or Ho
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Mt. Hebron	L C Langley	Sidon	J B Garrison	Joy	1	21	1	8	5	4	6	147	2 00			12 50	4 00		4 00
Mt. Olive	E P J Garrett	Heber Springs	W H Jackson	Heber Springs	1	3	1	1	2	1		54	50					32 00	
Mt. View	W B Driskell	Damascus	E O Sterling	Quitman					4			48	1 00						
Pleasant Valley	L C Langley	Sidon	R A Price	Sidon	2	4	6	1	3	2	4	171	2 10			12 00		160 00	5 10
Lone Pine	Ben Hooten	Stark	J W James										15						
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