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MINUTES

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

BUCKVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. S. Gamble, from the 14th chapter of Revelations; 7th verse, at 11 o'clock Friday, the 9th day of October, 1891.

M. C. Melton concluded.

The Association then took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m. At 2 o'clock p. m. the association was called to order by the Moderator, E. P. Chitwood, prayer by J. M. Crawford. The Moderator announced the body ready for business. The letters from the Churches composing the Association were called for and read by W. S. Gamble and J. Ryne.

CHURCHES AND NAMES OF DELEGATES,

1. Bethel—E. Vaughn, J. Young, J. M. Crawford;
2. Buckville—Elder E. P. Chitwood, H. H. Williamson, W. M. Howel; alternate J. H. Chen.
3. New Prospect—J. Hurst, J. Murders, R. Irons; alternate S. L. Jenning.
4. White Plains—J. B. McKelroy, W. D. Gillispie, Z. T. McGuffee.
5. Concord—A. H. Armstrong, D. F. Cumby, C. A. Collum.
6. Mt. Taber—W. S. Gamble, J. H. Ratliff, J. M. Hicks; alternate J. M. Ratliff.

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7. McClendon Springs—J. B. Adams, W. C. Henry, N. A. Marford.

8. Rock Springs—J. J. Adams, J. Sharp, M. M. Blocker; alternate L. Murder.

9. Cedar Glades—A. Roper, G. H. Speers, H. A. Baloti; alternate P. Thompson.

By motion, the clerk read the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, which were generally adopted by unanimous voice of the Association. The rules were suspended and a call made for petitionary letters. Prairie Grove Church presented a petitionary letter together with a letter of dismission from the Caddo River Association which was read and the church was received and her members enrolled as members of this Association. An election for Moderator, clerk and Treasurer was held, the Moderator appointing A. R. Chitwood, E. C. Fenguary and J. C. Freeman as tellers. A ballot was had and a tie was announced for Moderator; H. H. Williamson was elected Clerk and Treasurer. The Moderator cast his ballot without any election. A second ballot was had and Rev. E. P. Chitwood was elected Moderator.

Corresponding delegates or letters from other Associations were called for. A. R. Chitwood and J. H. West of Caddo River were received, and W. W. Ritter of Saline Association was also received and gladly welcomed by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Parent or Elder Associations.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

On Preaching—C. A. Collum, J. B. Adams, W. M. Howel.

Home Mission—J. J. Adams, J. Ryne, E. Vaughn.

Sabbath School—D. F. Cumby, J. M. Crawford, M. C. Melton.

Finance—J. M. Hicks, R. Irons, W. D. Gillispie.

Documents—Z. T. McGuffee, W. C. Henry, W. G. J. Young.

Foreign Mission—W. S. Gamble, M. Ratliff, John Crawford.

Ministerial Education—J. Ryne, W. A. Manerd, W. S. Gamble.

Obituary—M. C. Melton, J. J. Adams, W. C. Henry.

Publication—W. S. Gamble, F. M. Ratliff, W. G. J. Young.

Ministerial Support—J. Ryne, C. A. Collum, J. M. Hicks.

Prayer Meeting—M. C. Melton, J. B. Adams, E. Vaughn.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by F. M. Ratliff.

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OCTOBER 10, 1891.

At 8 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. H. West. The call for petitionary letters was had. Bethlehem, Mt. Pleasant and Clear Creek Churches presented their petitions, asking to become members of this body. Said churches were received into union and fellowship of the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to said delegates and inviting them to seats, and enrolling the names of churches and delegates.

Business was suspended for 30 minutes, and several prayers offered. Business was resumed and a call for reports of committees. The committee on Home Mission read their report. It was amended and adopted and marked A.

The committee on Ministerial Education reported. It was read and adopted and marked B.

The committee on Foreign Mission reported. It was read and adopted and marked C.

Here business was suspended until 2 o'clock p. m.

2 o'clock p. m.—The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked. The reports of committees continued.

The committee on Religious Literature presented their report. Read and adopted and marked D.

The committee on Prayer Meeting reported. It was read and adopted and marked E.

The committee on Documents reported. It was read and adopted and marked F.

The committee on Ministerial Support reported. It was read and adopted and marked G.

The committee on Sabbath School reported. It was read and adopted and marked H.

The committee on Finance reported. It was read and adopted and marked I.

The committee on Obituary made their report. It was read and adopted and marked J.

The missionaries of the Buckville Association for the past year presented their report. It was read and adopted and marked K.

The Treasurer presented a finance report. It was read and adopted and marked L.

The Missionary Board of the Association, read a report of its proceedings. It was read and adopted and marked M.

A collection was taken up to pay the missionaries for their services. It was satisfactorily settled.

The time and place agreed to for the next session of this Association was Bethel Church, South Fouch, Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1892. Corresponding delegates were appointed to the following associations:

Saline—W. W. Ritter, W. C. Henry and J. A. Mouse.

Caddo River—H. H. Williamson, M. C. Melton and E. P. Chitwood.

Elder W. W. Ritter was chosen by the Association to preach the introductory sermon at our next annual session and John M. Crawford alternate.

On motion of W. S. Gamble, the act of adopting the report of the committee on Home Mission was reconsidered and the report rejected.

On motion, the Association appointed H. H. Williamson, G. A. Collum, J. M. Hicks, John M. Crawford and G. W. Sharp, a Missionary Board for the ensuing year, together with at least one Deacon of each church constituting the Board.

Recess until 8 p. m.

At 8 o'clock p. m., C. W. Harvey presented a resolution, expressing the thanks of this Association to Buckville church and community for the manner in which they entertained this body; marked 1.

The missionaries tendered their thanks to the Association for their prompt and decisive action in paying them for their services rendered; marked 2.

A resolution presented by W. S. Gamble, expressing the thanks of this Association to the Moderator and clerk for the manner in which they had conducted the business of this Association; marked 3.

Resolved that the clerk have 250 copies of our minutes printed and distributed pro rata to the several churches composing this Association.

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association was now finished. A suitable hymn was sang and the delegates took a parting hand with grateful expressions of brotherly love that had prevailed throughout the entire communication, and closed by a fervent prayer by the oldest minister of the Association, John Adams.

REV. E. P. CHITWOOD, Moderator.

Attest: H. H. WILLIAMSON, Clerk.

P. S.—The next meeting of the Association is to be held at

Bethel church, South Fourch, near the corner of Perry, Montgomery and Yell counties, Ark., Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1892. The Missionary Board will meet the first Saturday in May, 1892. with Cedar Glades church.

Appendix A.—We, your committee on Home Missions, respectfully submit the following, in view of the destitution throughout the Association, on account of a want of more laborers in the vineyard. We advise this body to employ a missionary to preach in the destitute parts and a Missionary Board negotiate with said missionary and to supply vacancies if any should occur.

J. J. ADAMS, Chairman,
E. VAUGHN,
J. T. RYAN.

Appendix B.—We, your committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following report: We find that the Bible makes it the duty of the minister to preach Christ as a Saviour to the last. A reconciler in reference to the enmity existing between God and man; a redeemer to the slave; a refiner of our filthiness; a prophet in ignorance; a priest to the guilty; a physician to the sick. In fact, and in word, "all in all." In order to a better execution of these duties it is necessary to procure an education. It is the duty of every minister to study to show himself a workman approved unto God that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. We believe it the duty of the church and Association to assist a young minister in obtaining an education. We pray to God to stir up a goodly zeal for such things.

W. S. GAMBLE, Chairman,
J. T. RYAN,
W. A. MAYNOED.

Appendix C.—Your committee on Foreign Mission, submit the following: Christ taught the principles of foreign mission; the Apostles preached and practiced the same; the Bible teaches that the gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth. In foreign lands millions are grooping in darkness for want of light. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is the imperative command of our Saviour. In order to obey this command it is our duty to send the gospel to those that have it not.

W. S. GAMBLE, Chairman,
J. M. CRAWFORD,
F. M. RATLIFF.

Appendix D.—We, your committee on Religious Literature, submit the following: We recommend a careful study of the Bible in every family. We further recommend that or churches buy their literature of Baptist houses, giving our own State the preference, to-wit: The Arkansas Baptist book house at Little Rock, also our State paper should be read by all.

W. G. J. YOUNG; Chairman,
F. M. RATLIFF,
W. S. GAMBLE.

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Appendix E.—Your committee on prayer meeting submit the following: Dear Brethren—We think of all subjects this is one of the most important. We find that when Christ desired anything of his father, he would go to him in prayer and his father would hear. Also he taught his disciples to pray, and the promise was this, "If you ask anything in my name I will grant it." Now brethren prayer is the desire of the heart, made known to God and to be lively christians, we must pray at the same time, laying hold of the promise of Christ by faith, therefore believing as we do in the virtue of prayer, we recommend that each church in Buckville Association keep up a weekly prayer meeting, and that each brother keep up regular family prayer daily. We believe that if this was done we would see a glorious result from the fact that we find that the churches which are keeping up weekly prayer meeting are those that enjoy the most of God's blessing.

J. B. ADAMS, Chairman,
E. VAUGHN,
M. C. MELTON.

Appendix F.—We, your committee on Documents, would submit the following as our report: After examining the letters of the several churches, and finding peace and harmony throughout the entire circuit. We find two churches asking that the next session of this body be held with them, to-wit: Prairie Grove and Bethel churches. Respectfully submitted.

Z. T. MCGUFFEE, Chairman,
W. G. J. YOUNG,
W. C. HENRY.

Appendix G.—We, your committee on Ministerial Support would submit the following report: After reading the letters from churches composing this Association, we fear our brethren are not doing their whole duty, by failing to support their pastors. Brethren, we should attend to the temporal wants of our ministers in order that they give their entire time to study of the word and to preaching. "Those that preach the gospel should live of the gospel," therefore, we most earnestly entreat our churches to sustain their pastor.

JOHN T. RYAN, Chairman,
C. A. COLLUM,
J. M. HICKS.

Appendix H.—Your committee on Sunday schools submit the following report: We find two schools reported within the bounds of the Association. We do not believe that there is as much interest manifested as should be. We believe that Sunday schools are beneficial as a means of instruction in the word of God. God urges us to teach his statutes to our children "at their rising up and sitting down." Let us build up our Sunday schools.

M. C. MELTON, Chairman,
D. M. CUMBY,
J. M. CRAWFORD.

Appendix I.—Has been mislaid in some way.

Appendix J.—We, your committee on Obituary, submit the following report: Brother William McClenden departed this life in 1891, age 76 years; has been a member of the Baptist church forty years. Sister Mary Keys departed this life August 3, 1891; age 38 years; joined the Baptist church in 1872. Brother G. W. Hughes was born in See county, Virginia, December 26, 1811, and was baptised in Peyton Creek church, Smith county, Tennessee, 1836; died March 7, 1891. Sister Hughes departed this life February 14, 1891, age 34; had been a member of the church twenty years. Brother George Aree departed this life August, 1891, age 21 years; was a member of the church two years. Sister Martha Taylor departed this life February, 1891; had been a member of the church ten years; age 24 years.

A. J. J. ADAMS, Chairman,
M. C. MELTON,
W. C. HENRY.

Appendix K.—Dear Brethren: Your missionaries entered upon their work August 5 and labored until October 8, and during this time we have traveled 268 miles; preached 63 sermons and delivered 62 exhortations; received by letter 7; by baptism 9; by enrollment 5; waiting baptism 2; ordained one minister. We have received from Bethel church \$6.25. We have labored for two months to the best of our ability.

E. P. CHITWOOD, } Missionaries.
M. C. MELTON, }

Appendix L.—Finance report of the Treasurer. Received of the Finance committee the sum of \$22.10; expended \$15.15; balance on hand \$6.85. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer.

Appendix M.—We, the Missionary Board, respectfully report that we employed Rev. E. P. Chitwood and M. T. Melton to preach in the destitute churches in this Association and along its borders, and said missionaries did commence the first of August and continue until the 30th of September, 1891, and that we believe they ought to receive \$80 for their service. They entered upon their mission and did good work as missionaries of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HICKS, Chairman.

Attest: H. H. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

Appendix 1.—Resolved, That we, the members of this Association, tender our heartfelt thanks to this vicinity for the hospitality in which they have entertained their body, especially the ladies.

C. W. HARVEY.

Appendix 2.—Resolved, That we, the missionaries of the Buckville Association, tender our thanks to the body for the hearty support they have given us.

E. P. CHITWOOD, } Missionaries.
M. C. MELTON, }

Appendix 3.—Resolved, That we donate to the brother clerk the balance of the minute fund after defraying the publication expenses of the minutes.

ASSOCIATION.

AMOUNT OF SUBSCRIPTION PAID FOR MISSIONARIES.

Buckville Church.....	\$10 00
Mt. Tabor Church.....	15 00
Concord Church.....	10 00
White Plains Church.....	5 00
Bethel Church.....	5 00
Bethlehem Church.....	1 00
McClendon Springs Church.....	4 00
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	1 75
Cedar Glades Church.....	1 00
Total.....	\$52 75

INDIVIDUAL DONATION.

J. W. Shaw.....	\$1 00
E. C. Fenguary.....	1 00
H. H. Williamson.....	1 00
W. W. Ritter.....	10
C. A. Collum.....	40
Mattie Freeman.....	50
Alice Williamson.....	35
J. M. Hicks.....	1 00
D. Pitnam.....	15

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