

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Gainesville
Association of Missionary Baptists
HELD WITH THE
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
BOYDSVILLE, ARK.

October 21, 22 and 23

1905

ELD. G. LIVELY, MODERATOR, MARMADURE, ARK.
H. HOLCOMB, CLERK, POLLARD, ARK.
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MINUTES

Of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association, held with Salem church, Clay county, Arkansas, October 21, 22, 23, 1905.

The next Session will be held with New Hope church, Polard, Clay county, Arkansas, commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October 1906.

PROCEEDINGS

Salem Missionary Baptist Church, October 21, 1905. Saturday, 1st day. Body called to order by former moderator Eld. G. Lively. Prayer by Elder J. N. Robertson.

R. D. McKinnies, who had been elected by the body of 1904 to preach the introductory sermon, failed to appear. Whereupon on motion Eld. J. F. Love, editor of the Advance, was elected to fill the vacancy, which he did with a very inspiring sermon, Text, 2nd Timothy, 4th Chapter, 6, 7, 8, verses. "For I am now ready to be offered; and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

On motion the body adjourned until 2 p.m. for dinner, already prepared on the ground. Upon re-convening the Moderator appointed H. Holcomb temporary clerk. The clerk called the roll of churches having representation in the Association and the following responded: (See tabular statements.) R. H. Dudley and E. D. Cooper were appointed reading clerks. The letters of the churches represented having been read the association, upon motion went into permanent organization. Upon motion of R. H. Dudley the temporary organization was made permanent, and E. D. Cooper was instructed to cast the vote of

the body accordingly, which was done. Petitionary letters were called for and one responded, Pleasant Grove, No 2, and on motion was received and messengers seated.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were invited to seats and responded as follows: Eld. J. F. Love, of Caroline Association, representing the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Baptist Advance; Eld. Ben. M. Bogard, representing the Baptist Publishing Co., Little Rock; Eld. H. R. Parks, of Little Rock, representing the Baptist Flag; Eld. O. T. Finch, agent for the Orphans' Home, at Monticello; Elders J. N. Robertson, E. P. Minton and Bro. P. C. Barton, of Mt. Zion Association; and Eld. J. M. Rains of Jonesboro Association.

On motion the Moderator appointed the usual committees. On Divine Service Eld. I. K. Joiner and the Deacons of Salem Church and they made the following report:

Eld. J. M. Rains would preach tonight 7:30 p. m.

Eld. O. C. Willockson would conduct Sunday School mass meeting at 10 a. m., on Sunday.

Eld. Ben M. Bogard would preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

Eld. O. T. Finch would preach at the Methodist church at Boydsville, 3 p. m.

Eld. E. P. Minton would preach at Salem church, 7:30 p. m.

Eld. H. R. Parks would preach Monday, 10 a. m.

After the messengers were assigned homes, upon motion the body adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Eld. J. M. Rains preached a very interesting sermon.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report:

- 1 Call the roll and read the minutes
- 2 Call for petitionary letters
- 3 Call for correspondence
- 4 Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seats in the body
- 5 Report of committee on State and Associational Missions.
- 6 Report of Executive Board
- 7 Report of committee on Ministerial Education
- 8 " " " " Home Missions
- 9 " " " " Foreign "

10	"	"	"	"	Sunday Schools
11	"	"	"	"	Orphans' Home
12	"	"	"	"	Temperance
13	"	"	"	"	Publication
14	"	"	"	"	Obituaries
15	"	"	"	"	Finance
16	"	"	"	"	Prayer Meetings
17	"	"	"	"	Pastors and Churches
18	"	"	"	"	Ministers and Post Offices
19	Report of Missionaries				
20	Report of Treasurer				
21	Call for Miscellaneous Business				
22	Queries and Resolutions				

I. K. JOINER, Chairman.

Report adopted

Eld. O. T. Finch, agent for the Orphans' Home gave us a short address after which a collection was taken for the Home amounting with the other collections to \$52.85.

On motion the body adjourned until 10 a.m. Sunday. Benediction by J. N. Robertson.

SUNDAY 10 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises, Sunday School mass meeting was conducted by O. C. Willecockson; and many very valuable points were brought out by the different speakers who discussed the subject.

At 11 a. m. Ben M. Bogard preached a sermon that was soul reviving to those who heard and listened to his subject, "The Origin, Perpetuity and Doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ."

At 3 p. m., O. T. Finch preached a sublime sermon, Text; Mat. 16, 26; "For what is a man profitted if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." He preached at the Methodist church at Boydsville.

At 7:30 p. m., E. P. Minton preached at Salem church a very feeling sermon after which several manifested a desire to be saved, then adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30.

Benediction by E. P. Minton.

MONDAY 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The body was called to order by Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner, Bro. Lively being sick, and after prayer by J. J. Mathis. proceeded to business. The clerk called the roll and read the minutes of Saturday's proceedings which were approved.

Bro. Lively able to take his seat as moderator.

The committee on State and Associational Missions made the following report:

While we have a great field of destitution in our State and in many places in the bounds of our Association. We rejoice to see the work that is being done in our State and Association in supplying these destitute places with the gospel. While we recognize the right of each church to contribute through whatever channel they may choose, we think it but fair to recognize the work being done in our Association by the State Convention, by the State Board donating \$150 to the salary of our missionary the past year. And, also, giving Bro. O. C. Wilcockson work in our Association for three months. We hope to see the time when all destitution in our State will be supplied with the gospel. Let us all work and pray and give, that the Lord may abundantly continue His blessings upon us. A great number has been converted in our Association and throughout our State through the faithful labors of our missionaries the past year, for which we are thankful to our heavenly Father. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BRENSTER, Chairman,

The report was ably discussed by J. F. Love, Ben. M. Bogard and others and adopted, and the special collection of \$19 34 for State and Associational missions taken Sunday; paid Ben M. Bogard \$5 61 for State mission work to be used by the General Association, and \$10 paid to J. F. Love for State mission work to be used by the State convention. Pledges were taken for Associational missions as follows:

Bethel church	\$ 5 00	New Home	\$ 5 00
Bloomington Grove	10 00	Nuts Chapel	2 50
Brown's Chapel	10 00	Piggott	15 00
Center Hill	5 00	Pleasant Grove	10 00
Epasby	3 00	Providence	10 00
Friendship	30 00	Rock Hill	25 00
Fairview	5 00	Spring Grove	10 00
Jones' Ridge	5 00	Salem	5 00
Mt. Tabor	5 00	Union Grove	10 00
Marquette	10 00	Unity	5 00
New Light	5 00	Gainesville	5 00
New Hope	5 00	Total	\$200 50

We met soon after our appointment and organized by electing H. H. Cole chairman, and J. J. Burton secretary and treasurer, and proceeded to select a missionary as we were instructed to do by the body. We succeeded in securing J. J. Mathis for the year at a salary of Fifty Dollars per month. Since he began, we have received the following amounts from the different churches and individuals to his support:

Salem.....	\$ 2 35	Center Hill.....	\$ 2 81
Union Grove.....	17 90	5th Sunday meeting, Rector.....	6 04
Unity.....	5 60	" " " Blooming Grove.....	7 03
Post Oak.....	2 00	" " " Marmaduke.....	15 00
Rector.....	2 60	J. J. Mathis.....	6 00
Rock Hill.....	35 00	J. K. Hall.....	2 50
Spring Grove.....	3 10	Galnesville.....	3 33
New Home.....	7 00	Morning S M.....	3 10
Nutts Chapel.....	2 50	Payne's School H M.....	1 25
Piggott.....	10 00	Pleasant Valley.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	1 88	Brighton.....	27 00
Providence.....	6 00	Bard Church.....	3 03
Jones Ridge.....	11 00	Evening S.....	1 25
Mt Tabor.....	1 85	St. Francis M.....	6 09
Marmaduke.....	10 15	Sunday's collection.....	19 34
New Light.....	3 20	From Board last year.....	12 00
New Hope.....	2 55	Sunday's collection last year.....	20 00
Friendship.....	63 00	On pledges last year.....	10 25
Fairview.....	10 00	Received from state Board.....	150 00
Greenway.....	2 50	J. W. Dobbins.....	2 00
Hopewell.....	9 25		
Brown's Chapel.....	5 50	Total Received.....	\$519 56
Black River.....	2 00	Total Expended.....	\$519 56

Report adopted.

J. J. BURTON, Secretary.

On motion adjourned until 1:30, for preaching and dinner. At 11 a.m. Elder H. K. Parks preached a very interesting sermon.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and resumed business. The committee on Ministerial Education made the following report:

It is no longer a question whether Baptist ministers should be educated. The educational advantages of our faithful old fathers were very much limited and yet they blessed their work. But with the advantages we now have we cannot expect God's richest blessings unless we make good use of our opportunities. Morality and spirituality are the first qualifications of a gospel preacher. But to these we must add a well trained mind. It certainly requires a well trained intellect to understand and present clearly the greatest of all truths, God's word. "Aptness to Teach," says Paul, "is an essential requirement in a preacher." And

his aptness can surely be heightened by mental training. Jesus taught his preachers, the apostles, three years before he felt they were prepared for the great work. He calls the unlearned, but He expects them to learn. It ought to be a telling rebuke to us that in some parts of the country the pew is advancing more rapidly than the pulpit. To meet the demands of this day our preachers must be educated. We are proud of the young ministers we have. Those who are not in school should be encouraged to go, while those in school should be encouraged to continue. We would urge all our young preachers to attend Ouchita college, as we have no young ministers in Ouchita this year from Gainesville Association. We would recommend that our churches contribute freely to aid those from our sister associations or to any young minister who may hereafter enter college from this Association. We would urge that the contributions be made much larger than usual that may encourage as far as possible the preaching of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

Report discussed by P. C. Barton, J. F. Love and B. M. Bogard, and adopted; together with a special collection of \$10 91 for Eld. J. L. Pinkston, now in school.

The committee on Home Missions made the following report:

Our Home Mission field is a wide one indeed, and one which deserves the prayerful attention and constant cultivation of Southern Baptists. Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico and Indian Territory are within the bounds of this field, and all deserve the gospel of Christ. We, your committee, would therefore recommend that our people begin at once a campaign among the churches in behalf of home missions. May the God of all grace fire us with a greater zeal for the upbuilding of the Kingdom's interest along the lines of Home Mission work.

Report adopted

J. F. SAIN, Chairman.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

The Foreign fields are large and white unto the harvest, including millions of people that have no true knowledge of Christ as the Savior of the world. The Southern Baptist convention, through the Foreign Mission Board is supplying the fields as far as men and means can be secured. We have on Foreign fields, 158 missionaries and 226 native workers. But what are they among so many. Let us all pray the Lord to send forth more laborers and give of our means to this great work of Foreign Missions.

Report adopted.

OLLIE HOOKS, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report:

Brethren, our churches will not grow and our children will not be saved unless they are instructed in the truths of the gospel; We therefore recommend that the various churches composing the Gainesville Association, use their best means to maintain good Sunday Schools for all our young, and that we concern ourselves in procuring a sound Baptist Literature, such as published by the S. B. C., and A. B. P. S., and the doing of everything possible for the furtherance of the work.

Report adopted.

D. L. FITZGERALD, Chairman

On last year Miss Minnie Rogers brought \$6 00 to be given to six Sunday schools, the increase and proceeds to be given to Associational missions. The following schools took one dollar and returned the following amounts:

Wanderers Home	\$2 00	Piggott	\$ 5 00
Blooming Grove	3 00	Friendship	6 75
Spring Grove	7 60	Total	\$24 35

The committee on Orphans' Home made the following report:

At our last Association there were 62 children in the home at Monticello. Since then four more have been added, making 66 now in the home. 17 in the home are from our own Association, and this fact should appeal to our sympathy and cause us to contribute to their support and comfort. The managers of the home are planning to add an addition to the building to accommodate the children. We recommend that all our people increase their contributions for that purpose during the next year.

Report adopted.

W. D. FARMER, Chairman.

Total amount collected for the home and paid over to O. T. Finch, State Financial Secretary for the home, \$52 85.

The committee on Temperance made the following report:

We are living in an age when heroic efforts are being made to suppress the great evils of the world by all Christians. An intemperance is one of the most gigantic and wide-spread evils of the day. With this in view, we recommend that all suitable efforts be made to bring our best energies to bear in overcoming this monster sin in our midst. And we further recommend that our churches strictly discipline all members who may indulge in the use of intoxicants or aid in any way the cause of intemperance.

Report adopted.

T. L. B. THORN, Chairman.

The committee on Publication made the following report:

We are better able to grow in grace and in knowledge of the truth by informing ourselves from as good literature as can be had. We are then able to know what is being done by the earnest working of the Missionary Baptist people, and to cultivate the minds of the rising generation in a way that will be a joy to our homes and an honor to God. With these responsibilities in view, we would prayerfully recommend the following literature in connection with a careful and diligent study of the Bible:—The American or Southern Baptist Publication Society literature for Sunday School work. The Baptist Flag and Baptist Advance as worthy of your reading.

Report adopted.

E. J. TEAGUE, Chairman.

The committee on Obituaries made the following report:

We, your committee on Obituaries, make the following report showing the number, and from what church, members have died since our last Association:

Post Oak.....	1	Friendship.....	2
New Hope.....	4	Marmaduke.....	3
Knobel.....	1	Salem.....	2
Rector.....	2	Bethel.....	1
Spring Grove.....	1	Hopewell.....	6
Pleasant Grove.....	3	Unity.....	1
Blooming Grove.....	2	Center Hill.....	1
New Home.....	1		
Rock Hill.....	4	Total.....	35

Dear brethren, the Lord has called from us a number of our brothers and sisters whom we loved but we hope to meet them again where parting is no more, but will rest in the sunshine of God's love forever.

R. C. ESTES.
T. R. LAMB. Committee

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR PRINTING MINUTES

Knobel.....	\$ 50	Friendship.....	2 00
Pleasant Valley.....	50	Piggott.....	2 00
Center Hill.....	1 60	Pleasant Grove [2nd].....	25
Gainesville.....	1 50	New Light.....	2 00
Black River.....	50	Hopewell.....	1 50
Bethel.....	1 10	New Hope.....	3 00
Browns church.....	1 00	Rector.....	1 00
Rock Hill.....	1 50	Wanderers Home.....	1 00
Union Grove.....	1 10	Post Oak.....	1 00
Mt Tabor.....	1 25	New Home.....	1 40
Spring Grove.....	1 25	Blooming Grove.....	1 50
Epsaby.....	1 00	Bard.....	50
Marmaduke.....	1 50	Salem.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove.....	1 50	Greenway.....	1 15
Providence.....	1 50		
Unity.....	1 00	Total.....	\$98 90
Kidview.....	\$ 1 50		

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Gainesville.....	\$ 2 25	Spring Grove.....	\$ 10 00
Bethel.....	50	Piggott SS.....	5 00
Blooming Grove.....	7 20	Wanderers Home SS.....	2 00
Epsaby.....	3 00	Rector No report.....	
Marmaduke.....	50	New Hope.....	2 45
New Light.....	2 75	Friendship.....	6 75
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00		
Providence.....	10 00	Total.....	\$ 58 40

FOR STATE MISSIONS

Blooming Grove.....	\$ 1 80	Spring Grove.....	1 00
Union Grove.....	1 00		
Marmaduke.....	10	Total.....	\$ 5 60
Jones Ridge.....	1 30		

FOR HOME MISSIONS

Black River.....	\$ 1 25	Marmaduke.....	30
Rock Hill.....	3 57	Spring Grove.....	1 00
Blooming Grove.....	1 0		
Union Grove.....	1 10	Total.....	\$ 8 92

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Black River.....	\$ 50	Marmaduke.....	30
Browns Chapel.....	2 00	Jones Ridge.....	1 00
Blooming Grove.....	90		
Union Grove.....	1 00	Total.....	\$ 5 70

FOR ORPHANS HOME

Blooming Grove.....	\$5 00	Epsaby.....	50
Center Hill.....	5 00		
		Total.....	\$10 50

W. J. JOHNSON, Chairman.

The committee on Prayer meeting made the following report which was adopted:

Inasmuch as we believe in the blessed privilege of prayer, and without which we can do nothing, we believe each of our churches composing this Association should hold a regular prayer meeting once every week. Christ commanded us to pray without ceasing, and let us observe the teachings of our blessed Savior along this line.

J. R. HALL,

A. J. BREWER,
W. M. STARNES, Committee

We your committee on Ministers and Post Offices report as follows:

N W Hampton	Marmaduke	J N Settlemoir	Pollard
G D Crow	(Knobel	N D J Brewer	Galnesville
E D Cooper	Paragould	R D McKinnies	Pollard
J R Holcomb	Pollard	J A Merrdeth	Marmaduke
G H Faulkner	Crowley	J J Mathis	"
J D J Faulkner	Paragould	J L Pinkston	Crockett
G Lively	Marmaduke	W L Walker	Halliday
E J Tenge	"	J S Rogers	Paragould
J T Nowell	"	J K Pate	Piggott
J R Hall	"	J T Tyler	Rector
W D Farmer	Rector	R E McGowan	Paragould
O C Wilcockson	Paragould	P P Green	St Francis
T L B Thorn	Gainesville	J P French	Rector
I K Jolner	Boysville	W J Boyd	"
	W R Cantrell	Greenway	

LICENTATES

R E Sharp	Cornling	W F Dalton	Delaplaine
J M Benson	Piggott	Dallas Faulkner	Crowley
R C Rogers	Paragould	Eli Renard	Rector
D B Pinkston	Pollard	R C Estes	Rector
C C Gaskill	Halliday		

Your committee finds that there are 29 ordained ministers and 9 licenates in our Association and the number attending the sessions of the same is small in comparison to the above number. We therefore urge the regular attendance of our ministers, as we look upon them for advice and as leaders for the younger.

R. H. DUDLEY, Chairman.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

DEAR BRETHREN:—I hereby submit the following report: Miles travelled, 2952; Sermons Preached, 190; Other public addresses, 71; Visits in homes, 435; Prayers offered in homes, 103; Conversions, 50; Additions by Baptisms by me and others, 30; Letter 13; Relation 7; Organized two churches—one at Bard with 12 members, and one at Black River with 8 members.

J. J. MATHIS, Missionary.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Finance Committee

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 70
For Home Missions.....	8 92
For State Missions.....	6 60
For Associational Missions.....	55 70
For Minutes.....	85 50

Total\$111 42

F. W. RODERY, Treasurer of Association.

The Moderator appointed D. L. Fitzgirdald as one of the executive board for the ensuing year in place of H. H. Cole.

On motion Bro. R. H. Dudley was appointed as messenger to the Southern Baptist convention.

On motion the following were appointed corresponding messengers to other Associations:—Mount Zion, E. D. Cooper and T. L. B. Thorn; Black River, R. D. McKinnies and J. L. Pinkston; Current River, J. R. Holcomb and J. N. Settlemoir.

On motion the body went into an election for a place to hold the next Association, which resulted in the selection of New Hope, 6 miles Northwest of Piggott, at Pollard, Clay county.

J. D. J. Faulkner will preach the introductory sermon. T. L. B. Thorn, alternate.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 1000 copies of the Journal printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services.

RESOLVED: That we tender our thanks to the members of Salem church, and the community in general, for their kind and generous hospitality during our stay with them.

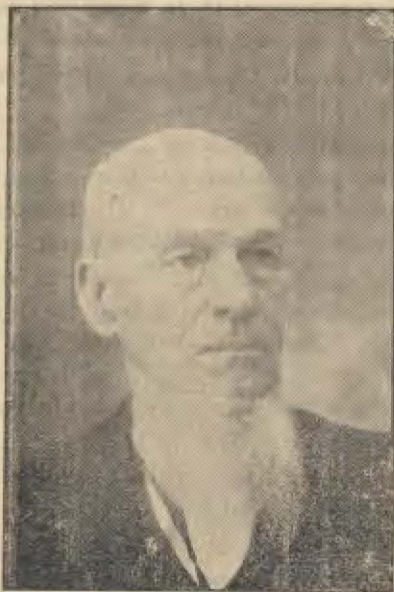
The Association adjourned to meet at New Hope church, Pollard, Clay county, Arkansas, Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m.

A song was sung and a general handshaking by all.

Benediction by J. T. Love.

G. LIVELY, Moderator.

H. HOLCOMB, Clerk.



Henry Holcomb

*Clerk of Gainesville Association
Thirty-Four Years*