

M I N U T E S

OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

CADDO RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Mountain Home Church, Montgomery
County, Arkansas, September 9, 10, 11, 1905. ~~xxx~~

MODERATOR—L. J. Hughes, Rock Creek, Ark,

CLERK—W. M. Tackett, Hickory Station, Ark.

TREASURER—W. T. West, Manfred, Ark.

Next Session to be held at Providence Baptist Church, about
five miles northwest of Black Springs, Montgomery county,
Ark. beginning on Friday before the Second Sunday in
September, 1906, at 11 o'clock A. M. Introductory sermon
by Revs. T. J. Wright and J. R. Edwards.

Articles of Faith.



1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
5. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.

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

PROCEEDINGS.



The 45th Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Mountain Home Church, Montgomery county, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, September 9th, 1905, in harmony with its adjournment with Board Camp Church, Polk county.

The appointees, D. L. Shirley and H. T. Howell, to preach the introductory sermons not being present, Bros. J. A. Shackelford and R. C. Fields preached at 11 a. m. from Acts 10, 5. The Moderator being absent Bro. J. J. Hughes was elected as Moderator protem, after which the body adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 8 p. m. the body met and after prayer by the moderator protem, was declared ready for business

1st. Appointment of preaching committee. The Moderator appointed Bros. W. H. Guthrey and W. S. Ward with the messengers of Mountain Home church.

2nd. Call for letters from the various churches. After letters being presented J. N. Wasson, Y. M. Nicholson and J. R. Edwards were appointed Reading committee.

3rd. Call for petitionary letters. Three were presented as follows: Pleasant Home, Garland county; Mount Gilead; Missouri River; the latter two being newly organized churches in Montgomery county.

4th. Election of officers. J. O. Butler, R. C. Fields and A. Nelson were appointed tellers, and the election resulted as follows: Moderator, J. J. Hughes; Clerk, M. W. Tackett; Treasurer, W. T. West.

5th. Invitation for visiting ministers. Rev. Butler, and R. C. Fields were seated as visiting ministers.

On motion, carried the moderator and clerk were given until Saturday morning to announce the appointees on the various committees.

6th. Call for report of preaching committee. It reported: W. P. Taylor and J. M. White to preach Friday night.

Adjournment, till Saturday morning at 8:30 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 the body met in harmony with its adjournment.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation," after which the body was declared ready for business, and on motion, carried, Rules of Decorum were read. Also, that speeches be limited to five minutes, after which five minutes recess was taken.

After recess Roll was called and Absentees noted.

Pleasant Valley	W T West, J N Wasson, E P Wasson.
Big Fork.....	Jas Holmes,
Pleasant Home	L Melson,
Corinth	H M Jenkins M M Dutton,
Bethel	W H Anderson,
Little Hope.....	W M Wrigley, G H Dorrrough,
Black Springs...	W H Guthrie, D J Peppers,
Bethlehem	J Williams, W J Taylor, J L Smalling
Caney Valley....	W W McLean,
Mountain Home	A C Farmer, W C Tackett, J C Thomas
Valley Grove....	J J Hughes, J J Hughes, jr.
Forest Hill	Y M Nicholson, E Burns,
Sulphur Sprgs.	J J Abee,
Providence	C C Rowton, L F Laudermilk.
Midway	J L Harvey, Hamton Harvey,
Brushy Creek....	Henry Fryar, J P Fryar
Antioch.....	John Welch, W N Coffman.
Mt. Pleasant	J M White,
Mt. Gilead	J F Jeffery,
Salem	J A Shackelford, W S Ward.
Missouri River	J R Edwards, J M Smith, Lee Sherman
Mt. Zion.....	D T Driggars, Atlas Wilson,
Mt. Pisgah	T J Wright, F M Featherston.
Liberty No 1	A Diffie, E S Diffie, S L Moran.

On motion, carried, W. P. Taylor and A. Nelson were seated as visiting ministers.

Call for reports. On motion, carried, report on camp ground was received, and Y. Nicholson, S. Ward and C. McDaniel were added to the camp ground committee.

On motion, carried, report on temperance was received.

Adjournment until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the body met and was declared ready for business by moderator.

1st. On motion, carried, report on Sunday Schools adopted.

2nd. On motion, carried, report on duty of pastor to church received and adopted.

3rd. Report on duty of church to pastor received.

4th. Report on state of religion adopted.

5th. Report on finance received.

6th. Report on obituaries received.

7th. Report on documents read and received.

8th. Report on destitution adopted.

9th. On motion, carried, the amount of \$8.99 was appropriated to the Orphans home, at Monticello, Arkansas,

10th. On motion, carried, the following churches were granted letters of dismissal: Salem, Caney Valley, Mt. Pleasant, and Bethlehem.

11th. On motion, carried, the time of churches changing pastor was changed to last Sunday in November.

12th. On motion, carried, the Association will meet with Providence Baptist Church, 5 miles north-west of Black Sp'gs, on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by Revs. T. J. Wright and J. R. Edwards.

On motion, carried the clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, also, that the clerk be allowed \$10 for his services.

On motion, carried, the clerk was ordered to make satisfactory settlement with printer of the 1904 Minutes and report at the next meeting of the Association.

On motion, carried, report of Treasurer received.

REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICES.

Friday, 11 a. m.—J. A. Shackelford, R. C. Fields, Acts 10-5.

Friday night—W. P. Taylor, J. M. White, Psalms 8-4.

Saturday, 11 a. m.—T. J. Wright, T. West, Matthew 16-18.

Saturday night—J. O. Butler, 2 Timothy 4-7.

Sunday, 9 a. m.—J. J. Hughes, D. T. Driggs, Mat. 28-19.

Sunday 11 a. m.—J. O. Butler, HEBREWS 12-14.

Resolutions.

Resolved that the thanks of this assembly be tendered to the members of Mountain Home Church and to the people of the community for their kindnesses and beloved hospitality shown us during our stay among them, and to our worthy moderator and clerk for faithful service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Shackelford.

Report of Committees in Full.

A. TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance, desire to report: That there is no question as to the clear teaching of God's word on this great question. Intoxicants have always been in league with the forces of wrong and against our Lord's work and Kingdom, and we believe it is the duty of every true Christian not only to abstain from the use of intoxicants, but to use his influence against license, and for men to office who are clean in their lives.

The liquor traffic has brought upon our people more poverty and disgrace than any other cause. Let our church take a firm stand for the right along this line. Let our preachers urge the importance of strict obedience to the Bible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Driggs, Chairman.

I. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report:

We find from the reading of letters and from the statements of messengers of the various churches to the Association, six churches report Sunday Schools. We believe it is the duty of Baptists to provide ways and means for this institution for the young. A vital part of the great commission is the commission to teach. The Lord placed teachers in the church when he organized it, (1st Cor. 12-28) and it is necessary that we obey this command at once, therefore, we recommend that every Baptist church in the bounds of the Association organize a Baptist Sunday School and further recommend that they use Baptist literature. No better literature has ever been published than that published by the leading Baptist Publishing House, yet so many Baptist homes can be found with religious papers and literature of other denominations in them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Anderson.

C. DUTY OF PASTOR TO CHURCH

Your committee find that the pastors should visit the members of their churches in charge and acquaint themselves with the needs of their church, and to fill their appointments promptly and to preach the Scriptures, not failing to declare the whole cause of God, always teaching their people their duties as to the support of the gospel, and to have a Godly conversation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Edwards.

B. CHURCH TO PASTOR.

It is the duty of the church to administer to the needs of their pastor financially according to the ability of the members composing the church. Let each of us consider ourselves under obligation to help in this great work. If each would help in this work the burden would be light and our pastors would

not be neglected. The members of the church should visit their pastor and become acquainted with his temporal needs and administer to the same.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. White, Chr.

E FINANCE

Your committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

Now on hand	\$41.20
For Minutes	26.60
For Home Mission	04.90
For Orphan's Home	02.80
Total Amount	\$75.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Rowton,
H. M. Jenkins,
E. S. Difle.

F. STATE OF RELIGION

Your committee on State of Religion find from the Minutes, Messengers and other sources that in most parts of the Association the cause of Christ has been greatly revived, and many souls have been saved and added to the church.

Brethren, let us strive to keep the work of the Lord going in the bounds of our Association.

Respectfully submitted

W. W. McLean,
E. P. Wasson,
W. H. Guthrey.

G OBITUARY.

We beg to make the following report. God has seen fit to take from among us the following persons:

BETHLEHEM CHURCH—W W GERGING.

Brother Gerging has been a member of our church for a long time, which time he lived a devoted christian life.

Apolis White—Departed this life October 7, 1904.

BRUSHY CREEK—GEORGAN SINGLETON

Sister Singleton was a consistant member of the Baptist church for 3 years.—Age 45 years.

PROVIDENCE—MRS. C. C. ROWTON.

Sister Rowton was born August 8, 1851, joined the Missionary Baptist church in 1886, died March 15, 1905.

CANEY VALLEY—J. M. SMITH.

Brother Smith was a consistent member a long time.

Mary E. Smith—Sister Smith was a devoted christian.

W. W. Smith—Brother Smith was a consecrated member.

MOUNTAIN HOME—SALLIE CALDWELL

Sister Sallie Caldwell, aged 58 years; was a member of the Baptist church 38 years.

Mrs. Nicholson—Sister Nicholson was a member of the church 35 years.—Age 78 years.

LIBERTY—J. J. COLLIER

Brother Collier was a consistent church member 26 years.

Ruth Meridith—Sister Meridith had been a member of the church for a long time.—Age about 60 years.

BIG FORK.

Sisters, Watkins, Runnels and Strandridge, all consistent christians, loved by all and greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Taylor.

CAMP GROUND.

To the Caddo River Baptist Association, convened with the Mountain Home church, September 8, 1905. Our Camp meeting commenced on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1905, and continued nine days, was attended by large congregations. Preachers in attendance—T. J. Wright, J. O. Butler, J. A. Shackelford, J. M. White and R. C. Fields.

A glorious revival was witnessed, with 41 conversions. The church and christians were greatly revived.

The deed to the camp ground has been duly recorded and we desire for the Moderator of the Association to take possession of it as required by the provisions of said deed. It is recommended that the next meeting of the Association be held at

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the camp ground as the camp ground is in good shape with a growing sentiment to build more camps.

It is desired by your committee that the present Association appoint three additional camp ground committeemen, and herein recommend Willie Ward, Y. M. Nicholson and C. W. McDaniel, who we think would greatly aid in encouraging the building and general welfare of the camp ground.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. Wasson,

A. Diffie.

I. ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents submit the following report:

We find five churches calling for the next session of the Association, to-wit: Liberty, Antioch and Pleasant Valley request that the next session be held at the camp ground, and Mt. Gilead and Black Springs each request that the body meet at their church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Thomas, J. H. Fryar,

L. Melson.

J. DESTITUTION

Your committee on Destitution make the following report:

We find in the bounds of the Association great destitution, and we find a great cry for the Bread of Life. Therefore we recommend that the Association take some steps toward supplying the destitute settlements with the preaching of the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. If ye love me ye will keep my Commandments, John 14-5.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. Hughes, Jr.,

John Welch,

G. H. Dorrough.

Order of Business.

FIRST DAY

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| 1. Introductory sermon. | 5. Election of Officers. |
| 2. Treasurer's report. | 6. Invitation to visiting ministers to seats. |
| 3. Call for letters from the churches. | 7. Call for Correspondence. |
| 4. Call for Petitionary letters. | 8. Appoint. of committees. |
| | 9. Report of preach'g com. |

SECOND DAY.

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| 1. Reading Minutes. | 4. Call for Resolutions. |
| 2. Roll Call. | 5. Appointments of next Session. |
| 3. Call for report of committees. | 6. Treasurer's report. |
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Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and continue in office until their successor is chosen.

ART. 4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them

as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and Minuted.

ART. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and distinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 7. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session

ART. 8. The association shall take cognizance of no query

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ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the association.

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session, the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall elect by ballot a moderator and clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the association shall rise to his feet and respect-

as independent in matters of internal government, and shall moderate as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently unless he by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims nor shall by over its members, the delegates from churches, and subject withness and propriety must have power to withdraw former remark.

From the association the moderator shall take the voice of the association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Bapt.	Dism. by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Membership.	Days of Meet.	Minute Fund.	Home Mission.	Val. of Ch Prop	Orphans Home	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Post Office
Pleasant Valley	110						52	21 00					W T West,	J N Wasson,	Manfred.
Big Fork	3 4	2 3	2 3				127	41 50	2 00	350			H T Howell,	P D Mays,	†Eggar,
Pleasant Home							4	1 50					W L Cockrell	L Melson,	†Mazam.
Corinth	3						12	3 50					J O Butler	M M Dutton,	Alamo,
Bethel	3	7	3				50	2		300			T J Wright,	W H Anderson,	\$Rock Creek.
Little Hope	9 33		5				61	41 30					D L Shirley,	W E Dorrrough,	Waters.
Black Springs	3 4	3					57	3					J J Prowse,	D J Peppers,	Black Springs.
Bethlehem	1 3					1	36	41 35					D W Cornish,	W J Taylor,	\$Kirby.
Caney Valley						3	31	21 50					J A Shackelford	W W McLean,	\$Amity.
Mountain Home	6					2	79	31 50					T J Wright,	L C Tackett,	†Hickory Station.
Valley Grove							24	41 50					J A Shackelford	Lee Herring,	\$Rock Creek.
Forest Hill	2				1		28	21 00					R C Fields	J B Adcock,	†Hickory Station.
Sulphur Sprgs.	2						24	3 95					A A Bates,	W M Edwards,	Red Bird.
Providence		3					53	11 35					J J Prowse,	Y C Edwards,	Black Springs.
Midway							27	11 35					T J Wright,	J H Birchfield,	†Elm.
Brushy Creek	1 1	1 1	1			1	31	11 45					D L Shirley,	G W Hill,	Oden.
Antioch	1 1						24	11 00						A L Hankins,	†Caddo Gap.
Mt. Pleasant		1 1	1 1			1	31	20					J M White,	D B White,	\$Langly.
Mt. Gilead	1 9	1					33	21 00					J J Prowse,	J F Jeffery,	Black Springs.
Salem	2 2						42	11 50				2 30	J A Shackelford	R P Thrash,	\$Rock Creek.
Missouri River	6						13	75 2 50					J R Edwards	A C Smith,	\$Fancy Hill.
Mt. Zion	1 3	3					36	1 50					D T Driggars	Atlas Wilson,	†Plata.
Mt. Pleasant	1 14						50	41 35					T J Wright,	H W Whisenhunt	Welch.
Liberty Hill							30	30 00							Opale