

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Grand Prairie Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Big LaGrue Baptist Church, Arkansas County, Arkansas

October 13, 14 and 15, 1911.

OFFICERS.

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator, DeWitt, Ark.

A. H. SOEKLAND, Vice-Moderator, Stuttgart, Ark.

J. B. WOFFORD, Clerk, DeWitt, Ark.

C. W. FOX, Treasurer,, DeWitt, Ark.

Next Session to be held with DeVall's Bluff Church, on
Friday night before the Third Sunday in October,
1912, at 7.30 P. M.

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Grand Prairie Baptist Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday Evening, October 13th, 1911.

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association met this day with the Big LaGrue Baptist church and was called to order at 7:30 p. m., with Moderator, H. B. Dudley, presiding. Then Rev. C. C. Kerr, pastor of Big LaGrue church, in a few appropriate words, welcomed the messengers and visiting Brethren, which was responded to on behalf of the Association by Bro. A. H. Soekland. Song, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Prayer by Rev. J. H. Bracewell.

As the regular Clerk was absent, on motion and second, J. B. Wofford was elected Clerk, pro tem.

On motion and second, Rev. W. E. Sherill was selected to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. W. E. Sherill read as a lesson the 1st Psalms. Song: "Holy Manna." Text: 13th chapter and 26th verse. After preaching, song: "The Joy of Full Salvation." Prayer by Rev. W. J. Johnson.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the same rules of business that governed this body last year be observed at this sitting, to-wit:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Visiting Brethren Introduced.
3. Reading Church Letters.
4. Report of Executive Board,
5. Election of Officers.
6. Corresponding Messengers.
7. Time and Place of next Meeting.
8. Electing Preachers next year.
9. Appointing Committees on:
 1. Resolutions.
 2. Education.
 3. Sunday Schools.

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4. Foreign Mission.
5. Temperance.
6. Publications,
7. Finance.
8. State Missions.
9. Orphanage,
10. Obituaries.

Visiting Brethren were then called for and Bro. J. I. Kerr of Caroline Association, Rev. L. S. Ballard of the 1st Baptist Church of Argenta, and Rev. W. E. Sherill, State Evangelist, responded.

The Moderator appointed as a committee on Religious Exercises the Pastor and Deacons of Big LaGrue church and Bro. W. L. Cole. On motion and second, adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. L. H. Dodson.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

Bro. H. B. Dudley, Moderator in the chair. Song: "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Rev. L. S. Ballard. Song: "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Prayer by Rev. M. Culp. Minutes read and approved. The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported that Rev. L. H. Dodson would preach at 11 o'clock; Rev. L. S. Ballard at night, and Rev. W. J. Johnson would preach the Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11:00 A. M. Bro. A. H. Soekland and Rev. L. H. Dodson were appointed reading clerks. Letters from the churches were called for, resulting in the following responses and Messengers enrolled, to-wit:

Almyra—Rev. J. H. Bracewell, Sister J. H. Bracewell and Ray Jackson.

Big LaGrue—A. Wood, B. K. Adams and R. L. Miller.

Center Point—W. J. Johnson, C. C. Kerr and N. D. Dawson.

Cross Roads—By letter.

DeWitt—J. B. Wofford. Sisters H. B. Dudley and T. C. Wilkerson.

New Bethel—M. L. and Sister Ferguson.

New Hope—Shannon Cook, Thomas Walters and wife.

New Salem—W. F. Stubblefield and Sister Eva Johnson.

New Home—Not Represented.

Oak Grove—Bro. and Sister W. L. Cole.

Prairie Chapel—By Letter.

Prairie Grove—Bro. and Sister L. E. Thomas.

Pleasant Ridge—Not Represented.

Pt. DeLuce—R. L. Fletcher, E. L. McGahhey and W. H. Gosa.

Rising Sun—C. J. Henderson, Sisters Ruth Stephens and T. B. Fish.

Stuttgart—A. H. Soekland, Sisters T. V. Nicholson and C. F. Brandon.

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Hazen—Bro. and Sister M. Culp, and Sister H. G. Miller.

DeVall's Bluff—Sister Edith Cook.

Harmony—S. W. Carson and Paul Buffalo.

Hebron—H. B. Matthews and E. H. Shadle.

Bell View—H. J. Turner, W. E. Noble and Sister Haughton.

Sweet Home—L. H. Dodson.

Macedonia—By Letter.

Corinth—P. W. Allcorn.

St. Charles—A. Dunn and Sister Emma Sparks.

10:50 Recess for preaching. 11:00 Prayer by Rev. J. R. Davenport. Rev. L. H. Dodson read as a lesson a portion of the 11th chapter of Luke. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Bracewell. Song: "I feel like Traveling on." Text: Luke 11th chapter 24, 25 and 26th verses.

Saturday, 1:30 o'clock Service.

1:30 p. m. Moderator in the chair. Song: "What a Friend." Prayer by S. F. Cook. Report of Executive Board was read and discussed by Bro. A. H. Soekland, and on motion and second was adopted.

Election of Officers.

On motion and second that we now go into the election of officers. Motion carried and the following were elected as officers for the coming year:

Moderator—H. B. Dudley,

Vice-Moderator—A. H. Soekland,

Clerk—J. B. Wofford,

Treasurer—C. W. Fox.

Time and Place for Holding Next Meeting.

After a lively contest between DeVall's Bluff, Pt. DeLuce, DeWitt, Rising Sun and New Salem, DeVall's Bluff was selected as the next place and Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1912, at 7:30 as the time for holding the next Association.

On motion and second Rev. W. J. Johnson was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. H. Bracewell as his Alternate.

On motion and second Rev. M. Culp was elected to preach the Missionary sermon and Rev. C. C. Kerr as Alternate.

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The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. Resolutions—L. H. Dodson and Ray Jackson.
2. Education—M. Culp, B. K. Adams and C. J. Henderson.
3. Sunday Schools—Sisters T. V. Nicholson, C. F. Brandon, H. B. Dudley and Edith Cook.
4. Foreign Missions—A. H. Soekland and C. S. Crockett.
5. Temperance—Sister T. V. Nicholson, R. H. Parker and W. J. Johnson.
6. Publications—R. H. Parker, L. H. Dodson and S. W. Carson.
7. Finance—W. L. Cole, B. K. Adams, S. Cook, Paul Buffalo and H. B. Matthews.
8. State Missions—M. Culp, and J. N. Bracewell.
9. Womens Work—Sisters H. B. Dudley, H. G. Miller, M. Culp, W. L. Cole and Edith Cook.
10. Obituary—M. L. Ferguson and S. F. Cook.
11. Orphanage—Sister C. F. Brandon, A. H. Soekland and C. C. Kerr.

Executive Board.

Almyra—Ray Jackson.
Big Lagrue—B. K. Adams
Center Point—J. H. Rounsaville.
Cross Roads---Arthur Mask.
DeWitt---J. M. Henderson.
DeVall's Bluff---George Westrope.
Hazen---H. G. Miller.
Harmony---S. W. Carson.
Hebron---W. J. Gresham.
Fairmount---J. B. Robinson
Corrinth---P. W. Allcorn.
Gum Pond---No one appointed.
Ulm---F. E. Linstaed.
Pleasant Ridge---No one appointed.
New Bethel---No one appointed.
New Salem---W. L. Stubblefield.
New Home---No one appointed.
New Hope---J. E. Cook.
Oak Grove---W. L. Cole
Pt. DeLuce---R. L. Fletcher.
Prairie Chapel---J. S. Owens.
Roe---J. H. Crutchfield
Stuttgart---A. H. Soekland.
Bell View---John Fred.

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New Zion---No one appointed
Rising Sun---W. B. Word,
Forks of LaGrue- -No one appointed.
Sweet Home---R. A. Jackson.
Macedonia---J. M. Barton,
Prairie Grove---No one appointed.
St. Charles---Alex Dunn.

On motion and second the hour 1:30 p. m. Sunday was given the ladies on Woman's work. Report of old Executive Board was read and discussed by A. H. Soekland; on motion and second was adopted. Recess for supper.

Saturday Evening.

6:00, Moderator in the chair. Song "I Will Arise." Prayer by C. C. Kerr. Report on Orphans Home on motion and second was adopted. Preaching by Rev. L. S. Ballard who read as a lesson the 3rd Chapter 2nd Timothy. Prayer by Rev. L. S. Ballard. Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Text Phillipians 4th Chapter, and 9th verse. Committee on religious exercises reported that Rev. M. Culp would preach Sunday night. Song, "The Joy of Full Salvation."

On motion and second, adjourned till 9:00 A. M., Sunday. Dismissed by Bro. R. H. Parker.

Sunday 9:00 A. M.

H. B. Dudley, Moderator in the chair. Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by S. F. Crockett. Report on Sunday Schools read and discussed by Bro. H. B. Dudley, Sister T. V. Nicholson, Bro. M. Culp, Bro. M. L. Ferguson, Sister C. F. Brandon, Sister H. B. Dudley, Bro. W. J. Johnson and Rev. C. C. Kerr. On motion and second was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee read. It was moved and seconded that the Clerk and Minute fund be counted as one fund and after the Minutes are paid for the rest go to the Clerk. Motion carried and report adopted.

11:00 Preaching by Rev. W. J. Johnson who read as a lesson 16 verses of the last Chapter of Luke. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Kerr. Song, "Trusting." Text: Luke 16th chapter, 15th verse;

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to our likeness in many temporal respects but they need Christ instead of idolatry. Africa is rapidly being over run by Mohammedanism, South America, Mexico and Italy are turning from the Pope of Rome and his Vice gerents. All these people are ready to receive the message we have to give them. Not only have the nations opened their doors to us but their walls are down, we may enter when we will. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the agency of Southern Baptist in carrying on our work with these nations under its direction. We have sent out 273 Missionaries, 30 new ones having been sent last year, these are aided by 531 Native helpers and are training hundreds of other Natives for service. Last year 3618 were Baptised and the work is growing rapidly. There are 7 women's training schools with 140 students and 9 Theological training schools with 212 students, 15 Medical Missionaries are treating many thousand patients and opening the way to their hearts and homes. During last year 40,716 patients were treated at the hospitals and dispensaries, vast stores of Bibles and other religious literature are being scattered among the heathen. Yet with all these forces and all these results there are hundreds and millions of people who have never so much as heard of Christ and his religion. We are responsible to God for these people in a very large measure, it is a glorious opportunity to glorify God. Let each one present return to his church with a determination to get and to give out all the information that is possible on this great work and let each one feel himself responsible to see that an offering is made by his church to the work as soon as possible. For any tracts on the monthly Foreign Mission Journal, address, Rev. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va. The undersigned will be glad to aid in any way possible.

Very Respectfully,

A. T. COLEMAN,
A. H. SOEKLAND,
C. F. CROCRETT.

Read and discussed by Bros. A. H. Soekland, W. J. Johnson
and C. C. Kerr; on motion and second was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

To balance on hand	\$ 3.38
To Amount from Finance Committee	89.26
To Collection	6.36

Total	\$ 99.00
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Paid out Orphans Home	\$ 2.50
Paid out State Missions	7.85
Paid out Bro. Morris	15.50
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Report on Obituaries

We your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following: We find there has been 24 deaths within the bounds of this Association since we last convened. Be it resolved, that we extend to the bereaved ones our heart felt sympathy and pray heaven's benedictions rest and abide with them forever.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. L. FERGUSON,
S. F. COOK.

On motion and second was adopted.

Report on State Missions.

We your Committee on State Missions submit the following report: In as much as all true Baptist are interested in having a pure gospel preached to all people. We feel that the subject of State Missions with the vast destitute territory within this state should appeal strongly to the churches within the bounds of this Association. We therefore earnestly recommend that the pastors of this Association be urged to make a special effort to arouse the churches to whom they preach to a greater activity and sacrifice on the subject of Missions and that at least one collection for State Missions be taken during the year.

M. CULP,
J. H. BRACEWELL.

On motion and second was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee

We your Finance Committee beg leave to report as follows:

For Minutes and Clerk	\$34.11
DeWitt—For Associational Missions	27.50
“ “ State Missions	2.40
“ “ Home Missions	2.50
Center Point—For Associational Missions	2.00
New Bethel “ “ “	3.40
Rising Sun “ “ “	5.00
Prairie Chapel “ “ “	1.00
“ “ “ Orphans Home60
Macedonia—For Associational Missions	1.60
Total	\$80.21

Respectfully submitted

W. L. COLE,
B. K. ADAMS,
PAUL BUFFALO,
H. B. MATTHEWS,
S. F. COOK.

Read and adopted.

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Report on Publication.

We your Committee on Publication beg leave to report as follows: First of all we recommend to all the reading and studying of the Word of God for we are taught in Holy Writ to search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life. To our Baptist host we would recommend Baptist literature such as the Arkansas Baptist Advance, and to our Sunday Schools we would recommend Baptist literature as we believe they teach the truth in its purity. We also recommend devotional exercise in our Baptist homes.

R. H. PARKER,
L. H. DODSON,
S. W. CARSON.

Read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools

We your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: Of the 33 churches in this Association, 14 report Sunday schools, six send letters with no Sunday Schools. The Sunday Schools report 649 members and 59 teachers. This is an increase over last year's report. We recommend that those churches having no Sunday Schools organize one at once and that every member of the church not only attend the Sunday School but do what they can to advance its interests. We recommend the use of Baptist literature in preference to Union services.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. B. C. NICHOLSON,
Mrs. H. B. DUDLEY,
EDITH COOK.

Read and adopted.

Report on Orphans' Home

We your committee on Orphans' Home work have learned that only three churches report anything done. Your committee would recommend this as one of the greatest needs of our work in this State; in fact we consider the blessed Bible is not plainer on any thing than helping the Orphans. We recommend that this body pray God to guide us to help these children that they may be reared in these homes of our State where good Christian people teach them to love God and fit them for life.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. C. F. BRANDON,
A. H. SOEKLAND,
C. C. KERR.

Read and adopted.

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Report of Executive Board

We your Executive Committee beg to submit the following report: Last year by unanimous vote this Association instructed this committee to employ an Associational Missionary for all his time; put him at work at once and secure funds for same from what ever source obtainable in order to carry out the wishes of said resolution. This Board met on Saturday, Oct. 19th, and organized the Board with Bro. A. H. Soekland as permanent Moderator. After a full and free discussion by a goodly number of the Board, a motion was then made and carried, that we ask the Baptist State Convention for \$500 and the churches of this Association for a like amount. Your Executive Committee then instructed the Moderator to communicate with the Convention which he did and secured the expected aid. This committee at its second meeting rescinded its former actions and declined the offered help from Convention Board and accepted the voluntary service of Bro. Willis as Associational Missionary for nothing. Bro. Willis went to work and at the third meeting of the Board reported about \$2.00 collected on the field and gave up the work. The committee then voted to pay Bro. Willis \$15.00; the Moderator not being present refused to indorse the order for payment until next meeting of the Board when same was ordered paid and so done. In addition to this a motion was made and carried that we try and secure an Associational Missionary for all the time for next year and report same to the Association at this time. Therefore we are ashamed to say that as an Executive Committee we have accomplished absolutely nothing and earnestly believe that it was all due to the lack of support from the churches. Therefore we humbly recommend that our Churches send the best workers they have to the first Board meeting with instructions and money as to what they wish done during the coming year. We believe that it would be wise to put a competent man in the field at once.

Respectfully submitted

A. H. SOEKLAND, Moderator.

Read and adopted.

A Motion.

It is moved and seconded that the Executive Board of this Association be and are hereby directed to appeal to the Churches and to the State Convention Board for funds to employ a Missionary for full time or as much time as said funds and conditions will justify to preach within the bounds of this Association. Discussed by R. H. Parker, C. J. Henderson, A. H. Soekland, W. J. Johnson, M. Culp and C. C. Kerr. Motion carried.

After supper the Association was called to order. Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Rev. C. C. Kerr, Bro. M. Culp read as a lesson the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Song

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"What a Friend." Rev. M. Culp preached from the text, 1st verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Song, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." On motion and second H. B. Dudley was elected messenger to the State Convention. On motion and second A. H. Soekland was elected a member of the State Executive Board. On motion and second C. S. Crockett was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. On motion and second the Clerk was instructed to have 500 minutes printed and distribute to the churches according to membership.

Report on Resolutions

We your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows: Resolved that Messengers and Visitors of this Association extend their heartfelt thanks to the Big Lagrue and community for your kindness and courtesy extended to us on our visit to you. Your kindness has surpassed all our expectations and it is impossible for us to find words to express our thanks to you but may God's richest blessings rest upon you and bless every effort you put forth here upon earth.

L. H. DODSON,
R. M. JACKSON.

Minutes read and approved.

The congregation engaged in the usual hand shake, while singing, "God be With You till We Meet again," and the Association adjourned to meet with the DeVall's Bluff church on Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1912.

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator.

J. B. WOFFORD, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers

J. H. Bracewell, Almyra,	C. C. Kerr, Van,
M. Culp, DeVall's Bluff,	A. T. Coleman, Stuttgart,
James H. Routh, Palestine,	J. P. Burroughs, Stuttgart,
W. J. Johnson, Hazen,	J. R. Davenport, Almyra,
D. D. Willis, Hazen,	B. F. House, Hazen,
L. H. Dodson, DeVall's Bluff, Rfd No. 1,	

Licensed Ministers

H. W. Birdsong, Carlisle,	Shannon Cook, Hagler.
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STATISTICAL TABLE

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