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OF THE

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Grand Prairie Baptist Association

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DeVall's Bluff Baptist Church, Prairie County, Ark.

October 18, 19, and 20, 1912

OFFICERS:

R. H PARKER, MODERATOR, Van. Ark. H. B. DUDLEY, VICE-MODERATOR, DeWitt, Ark. GEORGE CRAIG, CLERK, DeVall's Bluff, Ark. C. W. FOX, TREASURER, DeWitt, Ark.

Next Session to be held with Center Point Church, on Friday night before the Third Sunday in October, 1913, at 7:30 P. M.

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Grand Prairie Baptist Association.

PROCEEDINGS,

Friday Evening, October 18th, 1912.

The Thirty-eighth annual session of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association met this day with the DeVall's Bluff Baptist church and was called to order at 7.30 P. M., with Moderator, II. B. Dudley, presiding.

The regular Clerk being absent, on motion, Geo. Craig was

elected Clerk, pro tem.

On motion, Rev. John T. Christian was selected to preach a Missionary sermon. Song "My Savior First of All." Prayer by Reverend Christian. Text: 28th chapter and 19th verse of Matthew. Song "Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun."

The Moderator appointed as a committee on Order of Business,

Bro. R. H. Parker, Bro. R. H. Sanders and Rev. M. Culp.

The Moderator appointed as a committee on Religious Exercises the Pastor and Deacons of DeVall's Bluff Baptist church.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by C. C. Kerr.

Saturday, Oct. 19th, 1912. (9 o'clock A. M.)

Bro. H. B. Dudley, Moderator in the chair. Song: "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Prayer by Rev. W. F. Dorris.

Moved 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 Committee.
- 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.
- 4. Foreign Mission.
- 5. Temperance.
- 6. Publications.
- 7. Finance.
- 8. State Missions.
- 9. Ophanage.
- 10. Orbituaries.

The visiting Brethren were then called for and welcomed by Moderator, H. B Dudley. Bro. W. H. Gregory and Bro. W. H. Wheeler were appointed Reading Clerks.

Letters from the churches were called for, resulting in the following responses and Messengers enrolled, as follows:

Almyra-By Woman's Mission Letter.

Big Lagrue-B. K. Adams, Sister Lizzie Woods and Miss Nora Allen.

Center Point-Bro. Jas. Parris, Bro. J. T. Cullum and Bro. Tom Rogers.

Cross Roads-Miss Katie Waters and Miss Nannie Waters.

DeWitt-Bro. H. M. Long, Sister T. C. Wilkinson and Sister Birdie Rasco.

New Bethell-Bro. and Sister J. N. Lee and Rev. B. F. House.

New Hope-By Letter

New Salem-Sister Minnie Stone and Eva Johnson.

New Home-Not represented.

Oak Grove-Bro. J. N. Benson, Sister Francis Benson, W. L. Cole.

Prairie Chapel-Marion Dodson, W. H. Wheeler and Jim Ash.

Prairie Grove-Bro. W. E. Turner and Bro. W. H. Gosa.

Pleasant Ridge-Bro J. T. Ross and J. B. Groom.

Pt. DeLuce-Not represented.

Rising Sun-J. L. Ragan, Sister Minnie Ragan and Julia Ross.

Stuttgart-Bro. and Sister H. J. Kelly and Sister B. C. Nicholson.

Hazen-Bro. H. G. Miller, Sister R. H. Hazen and Sister R. F. Routh.

DeVall's Bluff-Bros. J. D. Robinson, Geo. Westrope and Geo. Cooper.

Harmony-Bro. R. L. Buffalo, J. H Cochran and Sister Kate Buffalo.

Hebron-Bro. W. J. Gresham.

Bell View-By Letter.

Sweet Home-R. A. Jackson and C. M. Willis.

Macedonia-Bro. and Sister A. J. Addison and Bro. A. J. Smith.

Cornith-Not represented.

St. Charles—Not represented.

. Motion carried that the Association allow Bro. Conger, of Central Baptist College, a few minutes in which to talk on behalf of said college. Motion carried that Center Point letter be referred to the messengers of Center Point church for an amendment.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. Joe Johnson would preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M. and that Rev. W. F. Dorris would preach to-night at 8 P. M.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee as follows, to wit: Bro. C. W. Fox, Bro. J. H. Rounsavall and Bro. B. K. Adams.

RECESS.

Song. Motion carried that the Ladies meet Sister Espy at 3 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of taking up the Woman's Missionary work.

Prayer by Bro. H. M. Long. Song: "My Faith looks up to Thee." Rev. Joe Johnson read as a lesson six verses of the 5th Chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Parker. Song: "Sweet byand By. Text: 5th Chapter and 5th verse of Romans, Song: "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Report Of Executive Board

DeVall's Bluff, Ark., Oct. 19th, 1912.

We your Executive Board in our report would say that we made 5 efforts to have a meeting this past year and have failed to have a quorum present at any time, so have done no business. So would recommend that 5 members be made to constitute a quorum for the next ensuing year.

Respectfully Submitted: H. J. KELLY, Chairman,

W. L. COLE, Clerk.

Adopted as read.

Motion to adjourn till 2 o'clock P. M., and dismissed by Rev. W. H. Gregory.

2 o'clock P. M. Moderator in chair. Song: "Blessed be the name of the Lord." Prayer by Rev. J. O. Hill pastor of Carlisle Baptist Church.

Election Of Officers.

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

Moderator, Bro. R. H. Parker. Vice Moderator, Bro. H. B. Dudley. Clerk, Geo. Craig. Treasurer, C. W. Fox. Songs, "Blessed Assurance," and "Work for the Night is Coming."

Corresponding Messengers called for and Rev. J. O. Hill of Carolina Association was present.

Time and Place for holding next Meeting

After a lively contest between DeWitt and Center Point, the latter place was then selected as the place for holding the next meeting of this Association. Motion carried that the next Association convene Friday night before the third Sunday in October, 1913 at 7:30 P. M.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

- 1. Education, -M. Culp and B. F. House.
- 2. Sunday Schools-H. J. Kelly and Sister H. B. Dudley.
- 3. Foreign Missions-H. M. Long and H. G. Miller.
- 4. Temperance-L. H. Dodson and C. C. Kerr.
- 5. Publications- W. J. Johnson and M. Culp.
- 6. Finance-C. W. Fox, J. H. Rounsavall and B. K. Adams.
- 7, State Mission-H. M. Long and C. W. Fox.
- 8. Orphanage-Sister Nicholson and Geo. Westrope.
- 9. Obituary-Will Turner and W. L. Cole.

On motion it is ordered by the Moderator that the Association adjourn until 7 o'clock P. M.

Saturday Evening 7 P. M.

The Association convened persuant to adjournment and was called to order by R. H. Parker, Moderator. Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Rev. M. Culp.

Report of the Committee on Orphans' Home,

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

Our God is a "Father to the fatherless," and has given us specific command to care for the Orphan whose helplessness appeals to us for the protection of a home. The God who changes not, required the Jews to "tithe all their increase and give it to the Levite, the Stranger, the fatherless, and the widow," and they were required to say when they came before God: "I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them." So long as the Jews obeyed these Commands they were prosperous but when they neglected the Levite, and the fatherless, God's curse of "drouth, the Canker worm and the destroyer" come upon them and reduced them to proverty.

We have two Orphans' Home—one at Monticello, the other at Texarkana. Monticello Home has 152 children, 1 Brick building and Wooden Annex and 320 acres of land, well stocked with 100 head of poland China hogs, 4 teams, 3 colts, 75 head of cattle and is valued at \$43,000.00.

The Texarkana Home has one brick building and 10 acres of land, and is saring for 36 homeless children. This property is valued at \$10,000.

Both of these homes are in sore need of money to meet past-due debts and pay current expenses. James tells us: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this,—to vtsit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

We recommend:

- 1. That our Ladies' Aids continue to provide these children with comfortable clothing.
- 2. That every Sunday school in our bounds give one Sunday collection each month to this work.
- 3. And that our church as such make liberal offerings to this work which lies close to the heart of all.

We also recommend that a free-will offering be now made by this Association to help in this work, each doner to designate the Home to which he makes him gift, Respectfully submitted.

MRS. B. C. NICHOLSON, GEO. WESTROPE.

Report on Orphans' Home discussed by W. F. Dorris, Financial Secretary for Monticello Home. Adopted.

Motion carried that a collection be taken for Monticello and Texarkana Orphans' Home and the amount pro rated between said homes according to the number of children. Amount collected, #8.86.

W. F. Dorris read a selection of Scripture and preached an inpiring sermon. Text: 1st Cor 6:20.

On motion Rev. H. M. Long, Pastor of DeWitt Baptist Church, will preach the introductory sermon at the next Association and W. J. Johnson was selected as his alternate.

Motion carried that Rev. L. H. Dodson preach the Missionary aurmon at the next Association and Rev. M. Culp was selected as his alternate.

Report on Education.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Without Christian Education all of our Baptist work would come to a stand still and soon die. We look to our Baptist schools for trained workers in milpit and pew as well as on mission fields. He complains that His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6) and declares that ignorance alienton God (Eph. 4:18).

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, R. G. Bowers, D.D., President: Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, L.L.D., President. Last year Ouachita had 362 students and Central had 193. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas the value of which can never be estimated. The atmosphere of the schools is religious and reverent, and many students who have gone to them strangers to God have gone forth from them consecrated to God.

The property of these schools is valued at \$300,000. During the past four years debts amounting to about \$125,000 have been paid. Ouachita has \$20,000 of interest bearing endowment and a campaign is now on to increase this to \$250,000. An effort is also being made to raise \$12,000 to pay deficit from last year for running expenses and necessary improvements, and it is hoped that every church that has not already done so will take collection at once for this and send to Rev. J. S. Rogers, Endowment Secretary, Arkadelphia. These schools give much more than tuition fees will pay for. Last year they gave something like \$6,000 to the Baptists of the State in free tuition to the children of preachers and to preacher students and their wives

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will suffer as a denomination. Last year there were 51 young preachers in Ouchita College. The Baptists of the State gave something over \$4,800 for their support. They receive free tuition and some help on other expenses when it is necessary; \$75 will keep a preacher in Ouachita a year. The Bible Department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Old Testament is required of all who graduate. The New Testament class numbered 72 last year.

- 1. That each pastor in the Association preach at least once a year on Christian Education and our duty to support Baptist schools.
- 2. That regular collections be taken in every church every year for Christian Education and for Ministerial Education.
 - 3. That we patronize these schools for the education of our young people.
 - 4. That earnest, unceasing prayer be made for this work.

All money for Christian Education, enquiries about the work, or requests for literature should be sent to J. S. Rogers, Arkadelphia. Money for Ministerial Education and information about young preachers who ought to go to college should be sent to J. S. Compere, Arkadelphia. Information about the colleges can be had by addressing either President.

M. CULP, B. F. HOUSE.

Discussed by J. S. Rogers. Adopted.

Report of Foreign Mission.

The Foreign Mission question is one that will not down, instead it is growng more and more in magnitude and power as the years come and go At home
more of our people are becoming interested in the salvation of the heathen
hence the contributions of money are constantly increasing to the end of sending
more missionaries to the foreign fields and sustaining them in their self-sacrificing work for our Lord, in winning a lost world for His kingdom. This state of
things is due measurably to the fact that pastors are emphasizing the importmore of foreign missions more and more and pressing the work upon the hearts
of their people.

Such is surely gratifying of every devout, loyal servant of our God. Succount is crowning the labors of our missionaries, in the foreign field beyond our most sanguine expectations, so it would seem that God is rapidly hastening that glorious epoch of prophecy when the kingdom of this world shall become

the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

Multiplied thousands of the heathen are, however, yet in darkness, having no knowledge of Christ, and, having no hope and without God in the world, hence much yet remains to be done before the fulfillment of God's promise to Illa Son: "Ask for me and I will give the heathen for their inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for their possession."

Your committee would earnestly recommend that the pastors of the burches within this body lay the matter of foreign mission upon the hearts of their people, again and again, and seek to supply them with foreign mission tracts and persuade them to take and read our Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va. Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Long, H. G MILLER,

Committee.

Adopted as reau.

On motion carried it is ordered that the Association stand adjourned until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Song: "Praise God." Dismissed by Rev. B. F. House.

Sunday, 9:00 A. M.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment with Bro. R. H. Parker, Moderator, presiding.

Song: "Come Thou Fount."

Harmony letter was called for and the following messengers were present: R. L. Buffalow, Miss Kate Buffalow and J. H. Cochran.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

We believe the Temperance question should be one of the greatest questions of the day for we are told in the Holy Writ that wine is a mocker—strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise; and God hath said, woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink that continue until night till wine enflame them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. DODSON, C. C. KERR, Committee.

Discussed by H. M. Long, B. F. House, and J. S. Rogers. Adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee, would report as follows:

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures is essential to good Christian living. It then becomes a necessity as well as a duty that we study the Bible in order to obtain such knowledge.

It also becomes our duty as Christians to impart such knowledge to others as much as in us lies.

We believe that every church should maintain a systematic method of studying and teaching God's Holy Word.

Therefore we believe that every church should maintain and sustain a regular, organized Bible school or Sunday school, if you choose to call it that, in order that we may the better inform ourselves, and teach our children the way of eternal life, and also to all others who we may be able to bring under our influence. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. KELLY,
MRS. H. B. DUDLEY,
Committee.

Discussed by J. S. Rogers and H. M. Long, and adopted.

Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus." Prayer by L. H. Dodson. Song: "Zion."

Preaching by Rev. M. Culp, who read as a text a part of the 10th Chapter of John.

J. S. Rogers occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church.

Dismissed for dinner by Rev. H. M. Long.

Sunday, 2:00 P. M.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator. Song: "Draw Me Nearer" lrayer by H. B. Dudley.

On motion Bro. R. H. Sanders was elected messenger from this Association to the Southern Baptist Convention which will convene at St. Louis, Mo., in May, 1913.

On motion, Rev. M. Culp was elected messenger to the State Convention to be held at Hot Springs in November.

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Board for the coming year:

Almyra - Rav Jackson. Illy LaGrue-B K. Adams Center Point-Tom Rogers Cross Roads-Arthur Mask DeWitt-J. W. Burnett DoVall's Bluff-Geo Westrope Hagen-H. G. Miller . Harmony-S. W. Carson. Hobron-W. J. Gresham Permount-Corrinth-P. W. Alcorn Jun Pond- ----Ulm-F. E. Linstead Pleasant Ridge-Jim Rick, New Bethell-B F. House Now Salem-W. H., Blankinship

Report of the Committee on Publication.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows:
First of all we would recommend a careful and prayerful study of the Bible.
Then we would urge the reading of such books as are in harmony with the great principles taught in God's Word as to doctrine and morals.

We would recommend that our people read our denominational papers and would especially recommend the Baptist Advance and the Baptist, both published at Little Rock.

We would earnestly emphasize the importance of using our own denominational literature in our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. JOHNSON, M. CULP. Committee.

Adopted as read.

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	We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:	
F'or	Clerks and Minutes Associational Missions	\$32.10 11.10
For	Foreign Missions Texarkana Orphan's Home Monticello Orphan's Home	.25 8.40 3.25
	Total	
	J. H. ROUNSAVALL.	\$55.15

J. H. ROUNSAVALL, B. K. ADAMS.

C. W. Fox, Committee.

Moved that the report be amended. Amended and apopted.

Report on State Missions.

We are pleased to be able to report that our people are gradually waking up to the great importance of supplying the destitute sections of our State with Gospel preaching. That the need of State Missions in Arkansas is great, goes without saying, and the possibilities before our people in this direction are such as to arouse and quicken the energies and activities of our Christians throughout the State

The great need is money to support the missionaries' needs to open up and cultivate the destitute fields. It behooves our pastors to be in earnest in enlisting the churches more and more in the work of taking Arkansas for Christ. Hence we would urge them to keep the matter before their people and take collections once a year at least to aid in prosecuting the work. Moreover our committee would kindly but earnestly insist that the pastors encourage their people to take and read their denominational State papers; that they may become better informed touching the needs of State Missions, and other subjects likewise about which they ought to be posted. Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Long,

C. W. Fox. Committee.

Discussed by J. S. Rogers and adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

DeVall's Bluff, October 20, 1912. Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report: \$ 97.34 Balance on hand Received from Finance Committee 32.15 Minutes and Clerk's fees Associational Missions 11.10 .25 Foreign Missions .____ Monticello Orphan's Home 3.25 Texarkana Orphan's Home 8.40

Total ______\$152.45 On motion report adopted as read.

Report on Obituaries.

October 19, 1912.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find there has been 21 deaths within the bounds of this Association line 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,

W. L. COLE,

W. E. TURNER, Committee.

Adopted.

Resolution of Thanks.

Re it Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to DeVall's Bluff Raptist Church and community for their hospitality and kind attention to our comfort while in their midst; and that we pray God's richest blessings upon them in all their undertakings, and especially in the efforts of this church together with all Christian workers in this community in their efforts in driving valoons out of the city.

Adopted.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions and the sum of \$11 was collected.

Song: "Throw Out the Life Line."

The list of churches was called and the following amounts pledged for Associational Missions:

pleaged for Associational mission	15.
	New Bethel \$5.00
	Oak Grove 5.00
	Prairie Chapel 5 00
	Stuttgart-Pledged collection
Hazen 10.00	Ladies' Aid from Hazen 5.00
	Rising Sun 2.50
liebron	

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of this minute printed and distribute same among the churches of this Association according to membership.

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 Center Point church on Friday night before the 3d Sunday in October, 1913.

GEORGE CRAIG, CLERK.

R. H. PARKER, MODERATOR.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	By Baptism. By Letter	By Letter	By Expulsion	Total Member	Sunday Scho	Minutes and Clerk's Fee	Pastor's Salar	Associational Missions.	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Missi	Value of Chun	Orphan's Hom	Women's Worl	Sunday School and B. Y. P Work	NAMES OF PASTORS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS	NAMES OF CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESS
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