

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Dardanelle Baptist Association

HELD WITH

✿ New Bethel Church, ✿

GILKEY, ARK.,

September 20, 21 and 22, 1902.



OFFICERS

M. P. BLAIR, Moderator, - Paris, Ark.

J. I. COWGER, Clerk, Ola, Ark.



NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH NEW HOPE CHURCH, FIVE MILES
THWEST OF DARDANELLE, YELL COUNTY, ARK., BEGIN-
NING ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN SEPTEMBER, 1903, AT 10 A. M.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Bethel Church, Gilkey, Ark., Sept. 20, 1902.

The Dardanelle Baptist Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m. and engaged in devotional exercises, led by Elder J. W. Richardson.

The Moderator and Clerk both being absent, the body elected Elder J. W. Richardson Moderator, and Elder M. E. Blair temporary Clerk.

At 11 a. m. Elder K. A. Robertson preached the introductory sermon.—1 Tim., 3, 13-15.

After intermission for dinner the body was called to order and Elder C. R. Cruikshanks led in prayer. The letters from the churches were read and the messengers enrolled.

The body then elected permanent officers. Elder E. M. Blair was chosen Moderator, and J. I. Cowger, Clerk and Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Havanna, Little Cedar Creek and Pine Grove Churches were received and the hand of fellowship extended to their messengers.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were then enrolled. Elder J. H. Milburn, representing Arkansas Baptist and Flag; M. F. Gathright, representing Ouachita College, and ministerial education; H. H. Street, secretary of S. S. and Colportage Board; Eld. C. S. Cruikshanks, Singers Glen, Va.; Buckville Association, J. W. Shepherd; Mt. Tabor Church, L. A. Robertson; Danville Church, R. B. Sawyers; Centerville Church, W. A. Walker; Orphan's Home, W. W. Gardner.

The deacons, messengers and pastor of New Bethel Church were appointed a committee on divine service.

Corresponding messengers to other bodies were appointed as follows:

Russellville Association—W. E. Kimbrough.

Buckner Association—J. W. Richardson, A. L. Watkins, E. H. Gray.

Concord Association—A. H. Autry, W. N. Womack, M. P. Blair

Clear Creek Association—J. R. Cason and R. B. Sawyers.

Southern Baptist Convention—A. H. Autry, W. E. Kimbrough, J. W. Richardson.

Buckville Association—R. B. Sawyers.

On motion the report on Orphan's Home will be read 10:30 a. m. Monday.

E. H. Gray read the report of committee appointed to investigate the work of State Mission Board.

Discussed by Autry, Cason, Milburn, Dodd, Gray, Lucas and Blair.

Adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. Saturday, at which time Elder J. H. Autry preached from John 5, 39 and Matt. 22, 29.

Adjourned until 10 a. m. Sunday. In the interim the following committees were appointed:

Publication—Brice, Fraser, Kirkpatrick.

Finance—Lucas, Elmore, Moss.

Documents—Dodd, Smith, Weems.

Nominations—Hunnicut, Murdock, Surguine.
 State Missions—Wommock, Kimbrough, Sawyer.
 Orphan's Home—Robertson, Blair, Gantt.
 Sunday Schools—Street, Gray, Moffit.
 Foreign Missions—Autry, Dodson, Cason.
 Associational Missions—Gray, Foney, Cooper.
 Deceased Members—Richards, Hunnicutt, Martin.
 Education—Richardson, Bass, Valentine.
 Temperance—Cason, Brooks, Ford.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

At 9:30 a. m., a Sunday School mass meeting was addressed by Eld. H. H. Street, from International Sunday School Lesson.

At 12 the missionary sermon was delivered by Elder C. R. Cruikshanks, and a cash collection of \$17.22 was taken for Associational missions.

At 3 p. m. Elder W. W. Gardner preached on the subject of prayer.

At night Elder J. H. Wilburn delivered a discourse on the immortality of the soul.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

8 a. m.—The Moderator read Psal. 19. Prayer by Elder Brice.

The report of committee appointed to investigate the work of State Mission Board was read again.

Discussed by Autry and others. On motion the report was amended and adopted and the committee discharged.

Your Committee appointed to investigate the State Mission work, find that the Treasurer of State Convention received from all sources last year the sum of \$8,793.80

Paid R. G. Medaris, salary and expenses.....	\$982 53
Paid F. White salary and expenses.....	1095 80
Paid A. J. Barton, salary from Board.....	900 00
Paid him Foreign Mission Board.....	300 00
Paid him by Home Mission Board.....	300 00
Office and Traveling expenses.....	753 19
Paid 39 Missionaries and Pastors.....	4091 78

Total amount expended..... \$8423 30

E. H. Gray then offered the following resolution:

Resolved that this Association decline to send any messengers to the Baptist State Convention, as provided for in the constitution of that body, until the Secretary question is settled.

Adopted.

A. H. Autry read the report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

The spirit of missions began in Heaven. It was dimly outlined in the promise to Abraham that in his seed should "all the families of the earth be blest;" fully developed in the coming and sacrifice of Jesus into the world; and has become the disciples' marching orders in the great commission. Jesus made us missionaries when he said "Go," and made it impossible for us to work in the wrong place when he said, "Go into all the world."

Hence, upon the churches rests the responsibility of preaching the "gospel to every creature."

For statistical information, we refer the brethren to minutes of the State Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is with pain we must record the fact, that not more than one in twelve of churches this year gave anything to foreign missions, so far as the letters show. This is a sad state of things indeed.

We may be a kind of Baptists, but surely not many of our children would suspect that we are Missionary Baptists. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Therefore, we recommend that our churches give of their substance to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond," or else cease their loud claims to be Missionary Baptists.

To this end, we recommend that the churches read and re-read Matt. 28:18-20 until they can imbibe the Savior's spirit and obey his injunction, "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say."

A. H. AUTRY,
W. J. DEASON,
J. D. STRINGFELLOW,
Committee.

Discussed by Bros. Autry and Cason and adopted, after which a collection of \$13 was taken for foreign missions.

L. A. Robinson read the report on Orphan's Home.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, The Baptists of Arkansas owe it to their people and to our God to care for the orphans of our state. God laid it on the heart of a pioneer Baptist preacher's daughter to give her earthly heritage and life to the founding and maintenance of a Baptist orphanage at Monticello.

We have now 55 children in the home. In May, 1900, we began the erection of a building of twelve rooms and a chapel. This building is now completed, and nearly all furnished and paid for.

The home is a combination of the family, school, Bible class, domestic nursery and industrial school. We lay this great work on the heart of our people, and pledge our prayers, our gifts, and our influence for its support. Respectfully submitted.

L. A. ROBERTSON,
W. R. BLAIR,
J. W. GANTT.

Discussed by W. W. Gardner, after which a collection of \$13.40 was taken and report adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the reading of reports continued. J. R. Cason read the report of the Committee on Temperance:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following:

We regard temperance in its general sense to mean the right use of proper things. In recent times this applies more directly to intoxicants.

(1) We recommend that our churches use all legitimate means to have a strictly sober membership.

(2) We commend to the earnest consideration of Christian men the effort now being made throughout the country to make effective our laws touching the sale of intoxicants.

J. R. CASON,
W. W. BROOKS,
J. A. FORD.

Adopted. The report on Education was then read by W. R. Bass:

We, your Committee on Education, ask leave to report the following:

The surest foundation for success in life is an education. The best capital with which to begin the problem of life is an education, and the more thorough the education the better the equipment.

Increase, brethren, your interest in educational affairs.

We now have educational advantages of which any state should feel proud. We have progress, great progress in educational lines, but we have not reached the supreme height in educational affairs. The rank and file of the rising generation will never receive a college education. Then give the most intense interest to those within your reach. Be as ready to help and encourage as you are to criticize.

When you wish a higher education for your boys and girls, patronize Ouachita or Central College, or our own Magazine Ouachita Academy. Their management at present could not be better. Give all the help and encouragement you can to other academies and high schools. Provide every advantage possible for your district school.

The public school interests of our state and nation, are beset by many dangers and secret foes. As the moth to the strong beehive, so is the Roman Catholic influence to our public schools. Bishop Ireland has said: "We will control the United States the next ten years, if we can control the Indians, the negroes, and the public schools." Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. Work, watch and pray.

J. W. RICHARDSON,
W. R. CASE.

Discussed by Bros. Boss, Gathright, Gray, Autry and Casen. Adopted.

Then adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at 1:30. The Moderator read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Elder Hunnicutt. R. E. Elmore read the report of the Mission Board.

The mission Board of this association, organized March 31, 1902, by electing W. E. Logan, chairman, and R. R. Elmore, secretary. We employed the following named missionaries:

W. E. Logan; Havana, Ark.; R. W. Richards, Zion; E. H. Gray, Mt. Carmel J. S. Gray, Dublin.

E. H. Stafford's salary supplemented at Delaware.

Miles traveled, 358; sermons preached, 51; funeral services attended, 2; churches organized, 1; churches resuscitated, 1; Sunday-school talks, 8; conversions, 5; baptisms, 1; families visited, 50.

FINANCES.

Paid E. H. Gray.....	\$11 20	balance due	\$13 80
Paid J. S. Gray.....	9 90	balance due	15 10
Paid W. R. Richards.....	14 30	balance due.....	10 70
Due W. E. Logan.....			24 00
Due E. H. Stafford.....			7 50
For stationary and other expenses—			
W. R. Blair.....			1 75
R. R. Elmore.....			90
Total amount expended			35 40
			R. R. ELMORE.

Discussed by Bros. Robertson, Richardson, Richards and Frazer. Adopted.

Report on Documents read by W. U. Dodd.

Your committee finds that New Hope and Blue Mountain respectfully invite the next session of this body. We recommend New Hope.

W. N. DODD,
J. B. SMITH,
W. E. EWEMS.

The above report was adopted. J. W. Hunnicutt read the report of Committee on Nominations as follows:

We nominate Eld. W. N. Womack for introductory sermon, W. E. Logan, alternate; W. E. Kinabrough for the missionary sermon; T. P. Maaning, alternate,
G. W. HUNNICUTT,
W. E. MURDOCK,
W. K. SURGUINE.

Report adopted.

H. H. Street read thereport on Sunday Schools.

The day has passed for us to plead for Sunday Schools as a theory, but the lack of schools in the Association is sad. There are only 17 reported to this session. I can find only a few more than 300 Baptist Sunday Schools in Arkansas, while there are about 1300 churches. Surely our people need to be awakened to a sense of their duty in this great and promising field. We are pleased to report that the Sunday School and Colportage Board of the Baptist State Convention for more than five years has been carrying this work steadily forward in Arkansas. Last year they organized and supplied with literature 92 schools, and distributed many bibles, testaments, tracts and religious books. Only three churches of the Association have contributed to this work this year. We recommend to the churches that they foster this important enterprise, and to the missionaries of the Association that they do what they can to organize and set to work a Sunday School in every community where they may be able to do so.

H. H. STREET. J. S. GRAY.

Report adopted.

The report on Publications was read by T. D. Frazer.

Your Committee recommends the use of the bible in every home and Sunday School. Also the use of Sunday School literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and any other literature strictly Baptist. Further we urge the brothers in our bounds to take and read the Arkansas Baptist, the Baptist Advance, supplemented by the Baptist Flag, of Fulton, Ky.

J. C. BRICE, G. L. KIRKPATRICK, T. D. FRAZER.

Discussed by Bros. Autry, Brice, Hunnicutt, Lucas.

A. H. Autry made a motion to strike out the Arkansas Baptist. Said motion was lost. Motion made by W. N. Dodd to strike out the Advance was withdrawn. Report adopted as read.

Report on Associational Missions was read by E. H. Gray.

The Committee finds that the Mission Board of the Association outlined the work for the past year upon the basis of \$175.00. It employed four missionaries to preach regularly and hold protracted meetings at four destitute places, and also supplemented the salary of one pastor. As to the results of the work, we refer to the report of the Executive Board. Also we find that there are other destitute points, and recommend that our churches contribute more liberally than these may be supplied.

E. H. GRAY, W. M. FONEY, J. T. COOPER.

Discussed by Bros. Lucas, Casen and Robertson, and adopted.

J. A. Martin read the report on deceased members:

Your Committee finds that Dr. B. Priddy, J. A. Hendon, and W. H. Goad and Lucinda McCarson, of Magazine; G. T. Hunter, of Centerville Church, and L. S. Wether, of Mt. Vernon Church, have died since your last session. Twenty-three have died whose names we failed to learn. Let us cherish their virtues and cast the mantle of love over their imperfections.

R. W. RICHARDS, JOHN HUNNICUTT
J. A. MARTIN.

Report adopted. The report on State Missions was read by W. E. Kimbrough:

Notwithstanding the fact that for over half a century the Baptists of Arkansas have conducted mission work through associations and conventions, destitution largely exists in every part of the state. Thousands among us are perishing without the gospel. Arkansas is a great mission field, and our people have the moans and opportunity to occupy it. Much has been accomplished, and thousands of souls have been led to Christ through the instrumentality of our missionaries, but the demands are greater now than ever before. In view of the needs of the field, Baptists of the State have upon them a great responsibility. If the people of the State receive the gospel in its entirety, it must be given them through the Baptists. Therefore we recommend, without reference to plans or methods, that our pastors take regular collections, and that our people contribute more liberally toward State wide mission work.

W. N. WOMACK, W. E. KIMBROUGH, R. B. SAWYER.

Discussed by H. H. Street and adopted.

Ed L. Lucas read the report on Finance:

Total contributions for the past year—

Foreign missions	\$52 60
Home missions	21 00
State missions	85 76
Associational missions	154 49
Orphans home	76 00
Minutes	32 50
Sunday School work	2 10

We have received here at Association the following—

State missions	\$ 2 40
Associational missions	105 76
Orphan's home	7 00
Minutes	32 50

Total amount received..... \$147 66

TREASURER'S REPORT

On hand Sept. 14, 1901.....	\$ 4 68
Received for missions	15 80
Sunday collection	10 17
Collection for Orphan's home	5 83
Received of Finance Committee.....	112 70

Total amount..... \$149 18

Paid W. W. Gardner	\$ 5 83
J. W. Richardson Asso Miss	97 83
R. J. Willingham, For. Mis.	2 00
J. H. Kitchens, State Mis	2 00
Printing minutes	22 50
Postage and stationery	2 12
Clerk's Salary	15 00
Balance paid W. E. Logan 8-9-02..	1 90

Total \$149 18

I. A. HUCKABY, Treas.

Report adopted.

On motion the Moderator was authorized to appoint the Missions Board. He appointed J. W. Richardson, E. H. Gray, W. J. Dodson, W. R. Blair, and G. W. Hunnicutt.

Pledges were taken for associational Missions as follows:

Antioch.....	\$5 00	Pine Grove	2 50	Macedonia.....	20 00
Blue Mountain	5 00	J. F. Brice	5 00	New Bethel	5 00
G. W. Hunnicutt.....	5 00	Joe Lewis	2 00	New Prospect.....	5 00
Little Hope.....	2 00	R B Sawyer.....	paid 50	M K Williams.....	1 00
Mt. Tabor.....	10 00	J I Cowger	1 50	Unity.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	2 00	Bethlehem No. 1.....	5 00	Springdale.....	5 00
New Hope.....	15 00	W E Murdock.....	1 00	L. A. Robertson.....	1 00
Ola.....	10 00	T H Croy	2 00	H M Blalock.....	paid 2 00
Salem.....	2 00	Harmony	2 00	Mt Carmel.....	2 00

Total Amount Pledged..... \$123 50

On motion the Clerk is authorizer to have printed 800 copies of the minutes and be allowed \$15.00 for his services,

Elder W. E. Kimbrough offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this body are hereby extended to the Church and people of this community for their generous hospitality which we as messengers and visitors have shared during the time consumed by these meetings.

Resolved that thanks be also extended to the Moderator and Clerk for their performance of duty.

Adjourned to meet at New Hope Church, near Dardanelle, Yell county, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Womack.

M. P. BLAIR,
Moderator

J. I. COWGER,
Clerk.

List of Ordained Ministers.

E H Gray, Corley	J R G W N Adams, Dardanelle
C C Hogan, "	W E Kimbrough, Dardanelle
W E Logan, Havanna	W N Womack, Brown
J S Gray, Prairie View	L A Robertson, Mt Homer
T P Manning, Southern Home	M P Blair, Paris
G W Hunnicutt, Danville	J H Dilday, Stafford
J C Ogelsby, Gravelly	W N Dodd, Dardanelle
J F Brice, Chickalah	J W Richardson, Ola
R W Richards, Ola	R R Elmore, Danville
M P Henry, Southern Home	A H Astry, Magazine.
John Patterson, Harvy	R J Patterson, Harvy
J H Edwards, Rover	I Z Kimbrough, Dardanelle
T L Ingram, Magazine	L G Earles, Baloon
J L Sykes, Boonville	W D Moffitt, Havanna

Order of Business.

1. Thirty minutes devotional exercise.
2. After recess, introductory sermon.
3. After usual intermission, call body to order.
4. After singing and prayer, call for letter from churches.
5. After reading letters and enrolling messengers, go into the election of officers
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
8. Appoint a committee on divine service.
9. Call for correspondence.
10. Appoint corresponding messengers to other bodies.
11. Grant letters of dismission, if any are called for.
12. Appoint the usual committees and others at the discretion of body.
13. Report of usual committees at will.
14. Elect mission board following the report on associational missions.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Appoint time and place of holding next session.
17. Adjourned to time and place of holding next session of the body.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	CLERKS	SUNDAY- SCHOOL SUPER- INTENDENTS	MESSENGERS
Antioch	Corley	W W Womack	F W Peter	J G Kirkpatrick	E H Gray, J B Smith, J S Cowger
Bethlehem No. 1	Rover	J W Richardson	H Vaughn	D F Cumbie	T O Light, J E Burress
Blue Mountain	Blue Mountain	J N Pennington	W C Walker	J E Nunn	W E Weems, A Loyd, I G Lacy
Cane Creek	Prairie View	E H Gray	J F Gray	W R Surguine, J S Gray	W R Surguine, J S Gray
Cedar Creek	Southern Home	M P Henry	C D Owens	C D Owens	O D Owen, W M Toney
Centerville	Centerville	R W Richards	O W Ussery		Joe Howard
Chickalah Valley	Harkey	J H Dilday	W L Rice		W E Murdock, M L King
Danville	Danville	G W Hunnicutt	B E Smith		G W Hunnicutt, J A Horn
Dardanelle	Dardanelle	W E Kimbrough	I A Huckaby	J W Lancaster	W E Kimbrough
Delaware	Delaware	E H Stafford	T W Hawkins		T H Croy
Harmony	Paris	W N Womack	W J Dodson	J C Redder	W J Dodson
Havana	Havana	W E Logan	W E Moffitt		W D Moffitt, N H Grist
Lick Creek	Booneville	M P Henry	C B Tiffin	C B Tiffin	No messengers
Little Cedar Creek	Cedar Creek	R J Patterson	H A Allen		T B Wasson
Little Hope	Revillee	M P Henry	E A Bass		E A Bass, J T Cooper
Macedonia	Brown		R R Blair		M P Blair, W N Womack, W R Blair
Magazine	Magazine	A H Autry	J W L Corley	S D Espy	S O Corley, R C Espy, A H Autry, Wm Nunn, T M Nix
Mt Carmel	Rover	J H Edwards	J J Hogan	J H Edwards	J J Hogan, J S Brashears
Mt Olive	Harvey	J O Oglesby	A F Kelly	G W Cornelius	John Patterson, A L Watkins
Mt Springs	Chickalah	J H Dilday	A F Horn		I M King
Mt Tabor	Mt Homer	A Robertson	J H Hopkins		Joe Lewis, E A Price, G L Kirkpatrick
Mt Vernon	Gravelly	J R Patterson	John Hunnicutt		John Hunnicutt
Mt Zion No. 1	Briggsville	L A Robertson	W H Lowry		W H Lowry
New Bethel	Gilkey	J W Richardson	Guy Moss	P C Moss	P C Moss, Guy Moss, S D Downer
New Hope	Dardanelle	L A Robertson	W E Blevins	Chas E Adcock	W N Dodd, J F Price, T D Fraser, W E Blevins
New Prospect	Magazine	R R Elmore	J A Martin	J R Brewster	J B Brewster, J A Martin
Ola	Ola	J W Richardson	E H Walk	J W Reynolds	J W Richardson, Ed L Lucas
Paris	Paris	J R Casen	A T Fitzgerald	Isaac Sanders	J R Casen
Pine Grove	Bluffton	L A Robertson	J R Douthrit		T A Daniel, J W Sledge
Pleasant Hill	Wilkins	W N Womack	W T Stephens		No messengers
Pleasant Valley	Havana	M F Gathright	W F Valentine		R M Blaylock, Joel Robbins
Revillee	Revillee	W N Womack	J M Williams		M K Williams
Salem	Balloon	R W Richards	W T W Brooke		J A Ford, W E Sanders
Springdale	Danville	R R Elmore	W W Brook	I P Moore	W W Brook
Unity	Chickalah	L A Robertson	J W Christie		J W Gantt, A M Jones, H E McGuire
Zion	Gennings Falls	R W Richards	D Rynders		M V Carden
Zion Hill	Mt Horner	W N Dodd	R E Warren	J C Shepherd	J H Phareas

Increase			Decrease				Total	Membership	Number in Sunday-School	Expended in Sunday-School work	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Paid Pastor	Minutes	Value of Church Property	Incidental	Days of Meeting
Baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died															
	4		7	3	4	83	94	\$6.79	\$4.35	\$1.20					\$41.00	\$1.00	\$500	\$1.00	1	
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						91	40	6.00	5.00									500	2.00	284
4				1		40			3.75					1.00	40.00	.50	600		2	
5	1				1	61	25	4.00	5.00							1.00	300		1	
3	1		4	2		36			3.00						16.70	1.00	500		4	
7	17					30									20.00	.75	500		3	
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			5			28										20.00	.50	300		
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24	15	3	18	3	4	226	75	20.00	12.50	18.50	21.00	17.50			8.00	1.50	2000	67.00		
7	3		3			65		1.50							2.00	1.50	200		1	
	1			1		22			2.50							.75			4	
1	2					21			1.00							1.00	100		2	
11	3	1		3	2	63			12.55						50.00	1.00	800	10.00	2	
						45			2.50							.50	300		1	
8	3	2	21	3	2	38			5.10						50.00	.50	200		3	
3		1		3	3	67	69	2.09	3.10						6.70	.70	700		4	
16	1	1	2			23	78	7.53	12.31						50.00	2.00	500	4.05	1	
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8	6	1	3	1	3	1														