

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OUACHITA UNITED

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH,

IN POLK COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

COMMENCING SATURDAY, SEPT. 20, 1884.

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MINUTES.

The messengers from the churches comprising the Ouachita United Baptist Association met with Concord Baptist Church, Polk county, Ark., Saturday, Sept. 20th, A. D., 1884.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Eld. William Lawrence.

The Association was called to order by Eld. H. Ellison, former Moderator, and prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. Green.

The letters from the churches composing the association were read and the messenger's names enrolled.

The Association was organized by electing Eld. Wm. Lawrence, Moderator; Thomas Wright, Clerk, and John J. Egger, assistant Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator was authorized to appoint all the committees from time to time.

Whereupon he announced the appointment of the following committee on Divine Services: Brethren J. Standrige, W. J. Nelghors, B. P. Strickland and E. G. Embrey.

Prayer was offered and the association adjourned until Monday morning at 8 1-2 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING.

8:30 O'CLOCK, SEPT. 22.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator called the Association to order and offered prayer.

The Roll of Messengers called and absentees noted, and the Rules of Decorum read by the Clerk.

On motion, Eld. Isaac McGlamery and D. E. McGlamery were received as messengers from Antioch Church, Scott county, and Jordan Simmons from Sulphur Springs Church, Montgomery county.

Bro. W. R. Moore, messenger from the newly constituted

"Buffalo Baptist Church," presented a petitionary letter from said church, which was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to him by the Moderator.

On motion, Eld. T. B. Phelps was allowed to present a statistical letter from New Hope Baptist Church No. 2.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

ON FINANCE—Eld. Isaac McGlamery and Bros. J. Scott and A. J. Aushern.

ON DESTITUTION—Eld. John Dilbeck and Bros. James Jeffry and A. J. Robins.

ON TEMPERANCE—Eld. Levi Johnson and Bros. Jordan Simmons and John P. Faith.

ON PUBLICATION—Eld. J. M. Green, John S. Robinson and H. P. Coffman.

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS—Eld. T. B. Phelps, J. W. Smith, T. W. Pierce and W. R. Moore.

ON OBITUARIES—Elds. J. M. Green, N. C. Ridling, H. Ellison and Bro. E. R. Box.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to draft and report an order of business: Elds. T. B. Phelps, H. Ellison, John Dilbeck and Bro. James Standrige.

The following committees presented their reports which were received and adopted:

On Finance, see appendix A.

On Sabbath-schools, see appendix B.

On Order of Business, see appendix C.

On Publications, see appendix D.

On Obituaries, see appendix E.

The Committee on Destitution made their report and on motion it was referred back to said committee with instructions to amend said report.

Bro. E. R. Box offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS our constitution requires each church to select its own messengers to meet with this body.

Resolved that we will receive none hereafter chosen in any other way.

The following offered by T. B. Phelps was adopted.

Resolved that this body recommend to the churches comprising this Association to represent their Sabbath-schools in their statistical letters.

Prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. Green. Adjourned until tomorrow morning, 8 1-2 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING.

8:30 O'CLOCK,

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator called the Association to order, and prayer was offered by Eld. T. B. Phelps.

The Committee on Destitution presented their annual report, which was received. Bro. Box offered to amend the report so as to authorize the Executive Committee to select the missionary or missionaries which was not agreed to, and the report was then on motion adopted, see appendix "I."

On motion, Elder E. L. Compere was invited to preach at 11 o'clock on the subject of ministerial support.

A collection was taken up for Home Missions, and the sum of \$5.50 was contributed in cash and \$55.55 in pledges.

Elds. H. C. Ridling and T. B. Phelps, as missionaries appointed by this body at its last annual session, presented their reports, which were received, see appendices L and M.

Eld. Levi Johnson was chosen to labor as missionary in the bounds of this Association for the ensuing associational year.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to report on the boundary of the Association: Elds. H. C. Ridling, J. M. Green, Isaac McGlamery and Bros. J. W. Smith and E. R. Box who submitted their report, which was adopted, see appendix "G."

Eld. J. M. Green was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body and Eld. H. Ellison alternate, and Eld. Levi Johnson to preach the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder Isaac McGlamery alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have 600 Minutes printed by the St. Louis Baptist Publishing Company.

The Association took recess to attend Divine service, and after listening to an able sermon delivered by Eld. E. L. Compere,

setting forth the Scriptural authority for ministerial support from the text "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel," came together and were called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Committee to conduct the missionary work of this Association, as per plan reported by the Committee on Destitution: Thomas Wright, J. M. Green, W. J. Neighbors, T. B. Phelps and A. J. Robins.

The next session of the Association was appointed to be held with the Union Grove Church, Sevier county, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in September, A. D., 1885.

The following offered by J. M. Green was adopted:

WHEREAS the town of Dallas is a very destitute, and very important point in our boundary, and

WHEREAS the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory has been able to aid us somewhat in our work

Therefore, Resolved, that the gratitude of this Association is expressed for any aid that has been given, and that this body will be very grateful if further help can be given us, either from the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory or the Board of Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and especially in the establishment of our cause in Dallas.

The following were the messengers appointed to the several Associations named:

To Concord, Elds. William Lawrence, Isaac McGlamery, Levi Johnson, J. M. Green and Rev. William Ridling.

To Southwestern, Eld. H. C. Ridling, J. W. Smith and J. D. Parham.

To Caddo River, Elds. H. Ellison, G. C. Smith and Bros. W. F. Ridling and A. J. Robins.

To General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, Elds. Isaac McGlamery, H. C. Ridling, J. M. Green, T. B. Phelps and Bro. W. F. Ridling. The first named person on each list of messengers to write letters of correspondence.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, see appendix "K."

The Treasurer was directed to pay over to Eld. T. B. Phelps the sum of one dollar (\$1.80) and eighty cents. the amount in his hands of last year's contribution of Home Missions.

On motion, the clerks of this body were allowed \$5.00 for their services.

Resolved that the thanks of this body are due Concord Church and the brethren and friends in this vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown this Association.

Adjourned to meet with Union Baptist Church, Sevier county, Ark., on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in September, A. D., 1885.

Prayer was offered by Eld. T. B. Phelps, and while a hymn was sung the parting hand was given.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Moderator.

THOMAS WRIGHT, Clerk.

APPENDIX A.

We your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we find sent up from the different churches for printing minutes, the sum of seven dollars and eighty-five cents, (\$7.85).

ISAAC MCGILMERY, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Your Committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to report the following: Seeing the great need of early training, religiously, among our children; in our judgment there is no better way to do this than through the medium of Sunday schools. Therefore we recommend to the churches composing this body, that, they encourage Sunday schools in their respective neighborhoods.

T. B. PHELPS, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of prescribing an order of business submit the following:

1st. Visiting brethren of our faith and order invited to seats.
2nd. The appointing of Committees. 1st. On preaching. 2nd. Finance. 3rd. Destitution. 4th. Obituaries. 5th. Publication. 6th. Temperance.

3rd. Miscellaneous business. 4th. Correspondence raised or continued. 5th. Appoint the place for holding the session of this Association. 6th. Receiving reports of Committees. 7th. Nominations for Introductory and Missionary Sermons. 8th. That the minutes be printed at some Baptist Publishing House of our faith and order. 9th. This order of business may be changed or amended when this body deems it proper. Respectfully submitted.

T. B. PHELPS, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We your Committee on publication, would beg leave to report as follows, to-wit: We consider the Bible as the book of all books, suitable for all men, in all nations, as a light to guide our feet in the path of all good. We therefore recommend a careful perusal of its pages at all times. And as we regard the perusal of our standard literature as often being of great help in understanding God's word, we therefore recom-

mend the Baptist Book House at Memphis, Tennessee, through its agent, Elder J. M. Green, as a suitable place to obtain any of our books.

We further recommend that each Baptist family take some sound paper. We recommend the *Tennessee Baptist*, by J. R. Graves; the *AMERICAN BAPTIST FLAG*, by D. B. Ray. and *Ford's Christian Repository*, as being among the very best of our papers. Respectfully submitted.

H. P. COFFMAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We your Committee on Obituaries feel a sadness in having to report that we find from reading the letters sent up to the Association, that some of our brothers and sisters have been called to quit the works of men this year.

We find that the following brothers and sisters have departed to a world unknown to us: Our beloved sister, May Wimberly, also our beloved sisters Henry Julean Wilson and Sallie Ann Smith, and our much beloved brother A. T. Campbell, who had proved to be a faithful Christian during his membership in our body. These all died in triumph of a living faith. This reminds us that our time is short and whatever we find to do, we should do with all our might. Respectfully submitted.

E. R. Box, Chairman

APPENDIX F.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that ardent spirits should be shunned, and that our brethren should not use it as a beverage, seeing the destruction it has brought upon the human family. "It stingeth like a scorpion and biteth like an adder," and no doubt has been the cause of many souls going down to destruction.

LEVI JOHNSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

We your Committee on Associational Lines, beg leave to report as follows: Beginning where Little River crosses the Choctaw line, thence east to Coaltat River, thence up said stream to the Howard County line, thence easterly so as to include McGilliod Church, thence to the mouth of Mill Creek in Scott County, thence north 8 miles, thence to the Choctaw line on Black Fork of Poteau River, thence south with said line to the place of beginning. Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC MCGLAMERY, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Saturday night Elders Levi Johnson and J. W. Pierce, appointed to preach at Elm Springs; Elders H. P. Coffman and J. D. Parham at Salem, Elders Wm. Lawrence and John P. Faith at Concord.

Sabbath at 2 o'clock Elders E. L. Compere and J. M. Green.

At night at Concord, Elders H. Ellison and Wm. Lawrence; at Salem, Elders Isaac McGlamery and J. P. Faith; at Elm Springs, Elders J. M. Green and H. P. Coffman.

Monday at 11 o'clock, Elders E. L. Compere and Levi Johnson; at 2 o'clock, Johnson and Pierce; at night, McGlamery and Parham.

Tuesday at 11 o'clock, Elder E. L. Compere.

W. J. NEIGHBORS, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.

We your Committee on Destitution beg leave to report as follows, to-wit: That we find great destitution in many parts of our Association; and especially would we call your attention to the Town of Dallas in Polk County, as an important point which is destitute, we recommend that there be a collection taken up in cash and pledges for Home Missions, and that a Committee be appointed to receive the funds and to solicit contributions from time to time, and to contract with one or more ministers (selected by the Association), and pay over said funds as per contract. The said Missionary to report to said Committee from time to time as they may direct.

Said Committee and Missionary to make a report in full at the next session of this Association. Said Committee to have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in said work. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. ROBINS, Chairman.

APPENDIX K.

To the Ouachita Baptist Association.

I would respectfully submit the following report as treasurer of the Association:

To amount paid last year for printing minutes.....	\$16 80
To amount contributed for printing minutes this year.....	7 85

Total.....	\$24 65
By amount paid for stationary.....	25

To balance on hand for minutes.....	\$24 40
To amount on hand contributed for Home Missions last year....	\$ 1 80
To amount contributed Home Missions this year.....	9 85

Total for Home Missions.....	\$11 65
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

JOHN J. EGGER, Treasurer.

APPENDIX L.

Report of Missionary work performed during the Associational year of 1884, as per Resolution of Association, Sept. 1883.

Miles traveled.....	430
Sermons preached.....	25
Exhortations delivered.....	18
Conversions	28
Baptized.....	19
Money received from I. Mills.....	\$5 65
" " " J. W. Green.....	50

Total	\$6 15
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Respectfully submitted,

H. C. RIDLING.

APPENDIX M.

The following is my report as Missionary, traveled, 875 miles; delivered 9 sermons and 8 exhortations; Baptized, 2; Received, 50 cents.

T. B. PHIPPS.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MESSENGERS.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Rec'd by Relation.	Died.	Total Membership.	Contribution for Mins.	Sabbath of Meeting.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.
Center Ridge	Polk	R Blake, A McDonald	2	1	0	1				2	\$ 20	1	Cove	J M Green	L M Blake
Two Mile	Polk	J M Green, H P Coffman, J D Parham	2	1	1	1				27		2	Eagle Hill	J M Green	S M Baxter
Shiloh	Polk	G W Pierce, A J Pierce, H H Pierce			2					18		1	Mountain Fork	J M Green	H H Pierce
Cross Creek	Polk	John P Faith, Price Thornton	4	1			1			21	50	2	Hatton	Win Reeves	D W Reeves
Rock Springs	Polk	John and J P Aber, John S Risenhoover	1		2					8	50	3	Dallas	T B Phelps	J S Risenhoover
Yochana	Polk	W F & H C Ridding		1						10		1	Dallas	Win Lawrence	W F Ridding
Concord	Polk	N Wilcox, J S Robinson, E J Embrey	1	1	4					24	20	3	Dallas	H Ellison	E G Embrey
Buffalo	Polk	W R Moore	3	2						14	50	4	Cove	J M Green	M H Vanzant
Union Grove	Sevier	J W Smith, B F Wolf			2	9				24		1	Silver Hill	J W Williams	L D Lowe
Antioch	Scott	Isaac & D E McGlamery, Levi Johnson	19	3	2	2	1	7	4	70	50	1	Blancett	Levi Johnson	J R Hutcheson
Mt Gilliod	Montgomery	Jas Jeffrey, F R Box, John Scott			27	6				29	25	2	B'k Springs	H Ellison	E R Box
Lone Valley	Polk	Marion Tucker								14		3	Cove	R J Hall	W C Tucker
Big Fork	Polk	W Lawrence, J J Egger, John Dilbeck	7	11	2	2	1		1	50	40	4	Big Bend	Win Lawrence	F W Thornton
Board Camp	Polk	H Ellison, B P Strickland, Z A Hilton		1	4					23		1	Board Camp	H Ellison	S W Kemp
New Hope No 2	Polk			2	2					13			Rhodes	T B Phelps	Thos Robinson
Salem	Polk	T B Phelps, W J Neighbor, A J Robins	2	3	2					27	25	2	Dallas	T B Phelps	A J Robins
Dallas	Polk	Thos Wright, Miner Pipkins		2						15	50	13	Dallas		Thos Wright
Sulphur Springs	Montgomery	Jas Standiger, A J Ausburn, J Simms	4	7	1		3			48	63	3	Big Fork	John Dilbeck	A J Ausburn
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