

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GRAND PRAIRIE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
STUTT GART, ARK.

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October 15, 16, 17, 1915.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator.....DeWitt, Ark.
W. J. JOHNSON, Vice-Moderator.....Hazen, Ark.
O. A. GREENLEAF, Clerk.....Stuttgart, Ark.
H. G. MILLER, Treasurer.....Stuttgart, Ark.

Note: For Executive Board see Appendix A.

The next session of the Association will be held with the New Hope Church, beginning Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock before the third Sunday in October, 1916.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

Introductory Sermon, Thursday 7:30 p. m., Rev. Joe Johnson, with Rev. L. H. Dodson, alternate.

Missionary Sermon Sunday 11:00 a. m., Rev. Mathis, with Rev. Chas. Pearson, alternate.

FRIDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M.

After a short session of prayer and praise led by Rev. O. A. Greenleaf, the Grand Prairie Baptist Association in its forty-first annual session, met with the Stuttgart Baptist Church, Stuttgart, Arkansas, and was called to order by Moderator, H. B. Dudley.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. O. A. Greenleaf on the subject of "Seeking the Old Paths." At the close of the preaching service, by motion and second the Association adjourned until Saturday, 8:30 a. m.

SATURDAY FORENOON

8:30 A. M.

Brother Carter lead the devotional service. Song, "Down at the Cross" and "Jesus Lover of Soul," prayer by Bro. House. Song.

The Moderator called for all new pastors to come to the platform and in a very tender and impressive manner introduced them to and welcomed them into the Association.

Reading of church letters and seating of messengers. Fornames of messengers, see appendix B. The following Brethren were appointed as reading clerks: Geo. Bruce and G. W. Gardiner.

By a motion and second Bethel Church was reinstated.

11:00 a. m. Devotional services were led by Bro. Greenleaf. Songs, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "How Firm a Foundation," prayer by Bro. Carter. Sermon by Bro. J. S. Rogers on the subject of "A New Testament Program for Arkansas Baptists." After the preaching hour the association adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P. M.

Devotional services lead by Bro. Joe Johnson. Songs, "Washed in the Blood" and "Saved to Serve." A very helpful meeting was held, the congregation giving scrip-

tural quotations, which were ably commented upon by Bro. Johnson. The reading of letters was finished and the following petitionary churches were received into the fellowship of the Association:

MAGBY
UNION CHAPEL.

By motion and second the Association went into the election of officers for the present session. The following were elected:

Moderator, H. B. Dudley
Vice-Moderator, Joe Johnson
Clerk, O. A. Greenleaf
Treasurer, H. G. Miller.

By motion and second the Association dispensed with preaching at 7:30 to go on with the business of the Association. Bro. Thomas of Gillett spoke a short time on the needs of that field and the fact that there is no Baptist Church in the town of Gillett and still a great many Baptist people were members of churches elsewhere live in the town. Pledges for \$100.00 for the expense of a meeting to be held soon after the Association adjourned were taken at this time. These pledges are to be collected by the Clerk, turned over to the Treasurer and and paid to the missionary for holding the meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M.

The Association enjoyed a very inspiring devotional service led by Bro. Joe Johnson. Songs, "Every Day and Every Hour" and "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Bro. James. Report on Womans' Work read by sister H. B. Dudley adopted. For report see appendix "C".

Mrs. Curry made a short talk on Woman's Work, setting forth the aim and object of the work. The Association was greatly moved by her heartfelt message and gave her a rising vote of thanks. By motion and second the Woman's Work, with names of officers, were given a place in the Associational Minutes.

Motion and second was made that the Association go into the location of the next session of the Association. New Hope Church was chosen.

* Selection of preachers for the annual sermons was made at this time. For names of same see page No. 1. Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour," after which motion and second was made that the Association adjourn to meet Sunday, Oct. 17, 8:30 a. m.

SUNDAY FORENOON

8:30 A. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Song, "At the Cross" and "Rock of Ages." Prayer by Bro. Martin. Song, "Amazing Grace." Short talk by Bro. Whitley on Sunday Schools. Prayer by Bro. Fox. Bro. Whitley then opened the meeting for testimonies. A number of the brethren and sisters took part and made this one of the most inspiring services of the association. Sunday School Report read and adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Joe Johnson, Bro. Dodson, Bro. Mathis, Bro. House, Sister Nicholson and O. A. Greenleaf. For report see Appendix "D".

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Bro. House, subject, "Love to Christ and How to Show It," I Cor. 16:22. By motion and second the Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P. M. Devotional service was led by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Barton. Committee Reports called for. Prayer by W. H. Andrews. Report of Executive Board read and adopted. For report see Appendix "E". Report of Missionary read and adopted. For report see Appendix "F".

Note:—Missionary preached to the colored brethren and they gave him an offering of \$3.00 for associational mission work. He also preached to the colored brethren at DeValls Bluff and they gave him an offering of \$5.00 for associational missions.

State Mission Report read and adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Mathis. Appendix "O." Foreign Mission report read and adopted. Spoken to by Mrs. Bell Nicholson and O. A. Greenleaf. For report see Appendix "G." Publication Report read and adopted. Spoken to by Bro. Greenleaf. For report see appendix "H." Finance Report read and adopted. Spoken to by Brs. J. W. McSwain. For report see Appendix I. Orphans' Home Report read by Mrs. Bell Nicholson. For report see Appendix "J." Motion and second that 300 copies of the Associational Minutes be printed. Motion and second that the Association pay

the Clerk \$10.00 and that he draw on the Executive Board for the deficit (if there be any) for printing of minutes. Report on Obituaries read and adopted. For report see Appendix "K."

Committee on "Resolution of Thanks" read their report. For report see Appendix "L." Motion and second that we repeal the time set for the next meeting and meet Thursday 7:30 p. m. instead of Friday. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Board appointed. For names of members of the Board see Appendix "A."

Educational Report read and adopted. For report see appendix "N." Report on Temperance read and adopted. See Appendix "P."

The reading of the Minutes for correction of the proceedings of this Association was left until 7:30 services and Brethren Cole and Brandon were appointed as the committee to make any correction.

By a motion and second the Association adjourned to meet with New Hope Church on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1916.

APPENDIX

EXECUTIVE BOARD—Appendix A.

The Moderator appointed the following Brethren (one from each church) to act on the Executive Board for the coming year:

Almyra.....	Bert Jackson
Abbingdon.....	W. H. Wyatt
Big LaGrue.....	B. K. Adams
Center Point.....	Geo. Martin
DeWitt.....	C. W. Fox
DeValls Bluff.....	Geo. Westrope
Hazen.....	H. G. Miller
Harmony.....	L. W. Carson
Hebren.....	S. E. Thigpen
Corinth.....	T. W. Alcorn
Pleasant Ridge.....	Jim Ricks
New Bethel.....	Ben Richmond
New Salem.....	W. P. Jones
New Hope.....	W. M. Freeman
Lone Hickory.....	R. L. Fletcher
Prairie Chapel.....	J. S. Owens
Stuttgart.....	R. A. Henderson
Bellview.....	W. E. Noble
Sweet Home.....	G. W. Wittis
Macedonia.....	J. A. Addison
Pleasant Grove.....	Gus Hutchison
Oak Grove.....	W. L. Cole
Bethel.....	Frank Moncrief

LIST OF MESSENGERS—Appendix B.

Almyra—Sister Bracewell and Hindmiller.
 Big LaGrue—A. A. Wood, Lizzie Wood and G. W. Gardiner.
 Center Point—J. R. Saunders, Geo. F. Martin.
 Bellview—J. M. McSwain.
 DeWitt—Mrs. H. B. Dudley, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Hudson.
 Hazen—Bro. Bob Greenwalt, Sisters Sanders and Milton.
 Lone Hickory—R. L. Fletcher and Bro. Nelson.
 New Bethel—Bro. Gerrin.
 New Salem—W. P. Jones.
 Rising Sun—Bro. Luckett and Winkler.
 Stuttgart—G. C. Bruce, T. R. Story, C. F. Brandon.
 Sweet Home—W. A. Jame.
 Pleasant Ridge—J. T. Roe, Elmer Groom.
 New Hope—T. H. Jackson.
 Bethel—Bro. Cagle, J. F. Moncrief.
 Harmony—Sister Kate Buffalo.
 Oak Grove—W. L. Cole, Rufus Carter, A. M. Cole.
 Union Chapel—Jim Huey, R. W. Fissard.
 DeValls Bluff—Mrs. Geo. Westrope, W. A. Rochell, Edith Cook.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S WORK—Appendix C.

The women of the Association met at the call of the State President of the W. M. U., Mrs. W. T. Curry, to consider the matter of organizing the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Association, at which time the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. H. B. Dudley, DeWitt, Ark.
 Vice-President, Mrs. Belle Nicholson, Stuttgart, Ark.
 Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. O. A. Greenleaf, Stuttgart, Ark.

COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. C. F. Brandon, Stuttgart, Ark.
 Mrs. J. R. Sanders, Hazen, Ark.
 Mrs. Edith Coleman, Stuttgart, Ark.

PURPOSE OF THE W. M. U.

The purpose of the W. M. U. is threefold:

1. To stimulate a broader religious development on the part of Baptist women and young people in Christian work and to enlist all in the service for the Master.
2. To cultivate missionary spirit and the grace of systematic giving.
3. To aid in collecting funds for all objects fostered by the Baptists of the state; also to collect and disburse funds for any other object which the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas may from time to time adopt.

The President, Mrs. H. B. Dudley, will be glad to visit any Church in the Association and assist the women of the church to organize a W. M. U. in their church. Call upon her at any time that she can serve the women of your church.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Appendix D.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

First, we find that only a few churches report a Sunday School. This seems to your committee to be a sad condition to be existing in our midst. When we remember the Lord says in Proverbs 22:6 "Bring up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart therefrom." Again he said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Matthew 28:18. Therefore, we believe the Sunday School to be the teaching service of the church and we, therefore, recommend that the pastors and messengers, when they go home, do all in their power to organize and maintain a Sunday School in every church in this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. BRUCE.

R. H. PARKER.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD—Appendix E.

Saturday, April 24, 1915.

The Board met at the call of the Moderator at DeWitt to consider the matter of employing a missionary for the Association. A motion and second was passed that the Moderator appoint a committee to get in touch with and employ a missionary to work in the bounds of the Association. And that this said committee is to have the oversight of the work to help to plan the work and to receive the reports from said missionary. The following Brethren were put on this committee: O. A. Greenleaf, R. A. Henderson, Stuttgart, Ark.; Bert Jackson, Almyra, Ark.; C. W. Fox, DeWitt, Ark.

By motion and second the Board adjourned to meet at Stuttgart, Ark., the second Saturday in June.

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator.

O. A. GREENLEAF, Clerk.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD COMMITTEE

May 8, 1915.

The committee appointed by the Moderator at the previous meeting to employ a missionary, met at Stuttgart with Bro. Carter and made him the following offer: "That we as an Association would pay him at the rate of \$66.66 per month to do missionary work in our Association, and allow him two Sundays per month, and such time as it might take to go to and from DeValls Bluff, Ark., to preach on those Sundays, the missionary to make a monthly report of his work to the Chairman of this committee." At this time Bro. Carter could not answer the committee and said he would write the Chairman as soon as he heard from the church of DeValls Bluff. Accordingly he wrote the Chairman May 15, 1915, that he would accept the work.

O. A. GREENLEAF, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Board met October 15th during session of the Association. Missionary, Bro. Carter, read report of his work for the past four months. A motion and second was made to adopt the report as read and recommended its adoption to the Association. Motion and second to recommend the Association to employ a Missionary for full time during the coming year.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY—Appendix F.

Days' labor.....	110
Churches visited and preached to.....	12
Revival meetings held.....	6
Sermons preached.....	106
Conversions.....	98
New members received.....	61
Sunday schools organized.....	2
Prayer-meetings organized.....	2
Pastors called.....	2
Collected on field, and applied on salary.....	\$243.61
Received of Bro. Miller, our Treasurer.....	58.46
Received on sale of song books.....	4.00
Amount cash on hand above salary to date.....	6.07
Miles traveled on field.....	1,644
Paid out as actual traveling expenses.....	35.35

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CARTER, Missionary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Appendix G.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

Believing that the great commission was given to Baptists and that we alone have the authority, under the commission, to teach or discipline all nations, that we as Baptists should come to our task and acquit ourselves like men under the great responsibility of preaching the gospel to every creature.

We recommend, therefore, that every church in this Association contribute regularly to Foreign Missions and then remember that Jesus said "Ye shall be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

C. C. PEARSON.

C. W. FOX.

T. R. STORY.

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK—Appendix G.

Statistical report of the work of our Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1914-15, in China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina:

Number of Missionaries.....	298
Ordained Native Workers.....	148
Houses of Worship.....	594
Membership.....	33,584
Baptisms.....	5,190
Arkansas, with her 110,000 Baptists, gave.....	\$8,665.67
less than 8c per capita.	

Members, O, will not we, as Baptists, hear the cries of the dying thousands in foregn fields.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION—Appendix H.

We recommend that our people take at least one of the state Baptist papers. Also the "Home Field" and the Foreign Mission Journal and thereby keep themselves posted on what Baptists are doing in the state and in the home land and on the foreign fields.

We further recommend that the Executive Board furnish the Missionary with Testaments and Bible and other sound Baptist Literature to be sold and distributed in connection with his missionary work, as the funds will justify. To be paid out of the Association Mission fund or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

O. A. GREENLEAF.

A. W. COLE.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—Appendix I.

We, your committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report of money received by us during this session of the Association:

Balance on hand (with Treasurer).....	\$57.96
For Minutes (Clerk fees).....	27.07
Associational (sent in).....	24.59
Associational Public Collection.....	24.40
Received from W. M. U.....	.75

\$134.77

(Signed)

W. L. COLE.

J. M. McSWAIN.

FINIS MARTIN.

ORPHANS' HOME—Appendix J.

We, your committee on Orphans' Home, beg to submit the following report:

One of the duties which should appeal to every Christian is caring for those who are fatherless and motherless. Especially should the Baptists of Arkansas take a delight in this great work being done by those who have charge of our Orphans' Homes, one at Texarkana and one at Monticello.

The Lord hath said "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me." Caring for our orphans s the truest mission work that can be done. The Sunday Schools over the state are giving one Sunday's collection each month to support the orphans and we, the committee, would earnestly urge each Sunday School in this Association to adopt this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE C. NICHOLSON.

H. J. KELLY.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES—Appendix K.

We, your committee, find that the following number of our members have gone from this world of sin and sorrow, to glory, since our last Association:

New Hope—Bro. E. C. White.

DeWitt—Bro. T. C. Wilkerson.

Hazen—Sister Martha Blankenship, Sister John Hooks, Bro. Geo. O. Vernon.

Center Point—Bro. John Anderson, Sister Mattie Hendrix. Total deaths, seven.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

W. A. ROCHELLE.

JIM DEWEY.

J. T. ROE.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—Appendix L.

We, your committee on Resolution of Thanks, submit the following:

Resolved, first, that this Association express our heartfelt thanks to the Stuttgar church for the many comforts given us while here, and hat we appreciate to the fullest measure their pleasant associations and Christian fellowship.

Second, that we appreciate more than we can express the fair and impartial rulings of our Moderator, Bro. H. B. Dudley, and the faithful services of our Clerk, Rev. O. A. Greenleaf.

Third, it is the feeling of your committee to make mention of the harmonious work of each member of the Association in this meeting.

Fourth, that we thank each member of the Executive Board for the efficient management of the affairs of the Association during the past year.

A. W. COLE.

W. G. MATHIS.

Committee.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Appendix N.

Your committee on Christian Education would report as below:

Without well-equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as in mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our

foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. The Bible is definitely in favor of Christian education. See Hosea 4:6, Matthew 28:20, Ephesians 4:18: So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with Missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, S. Y. Jameson, D. D., President Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL. D., President. Last year Ouachita had about 325 students, and Central had about 200. 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 stranger to God have gone forth from them consecrated to God.

We are planning to have three mountain schools soon. One of these, the Ouachita-Maynard Academy at Maynard, W. A. Cummings, A. B., President, is running this year. We must help save North Arkansas by establishing good mountain schools.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 39 young preachers in Ouachita College. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

Ouachita has been freed from debt. Central has considerable indebtedness yet. We need annually at least \$10,000.00 to help take care of running expenses at Ouachita, and to pay on the indebtedness of Central. So every Baptist church in this association is asked to make an offering this year for Christian Education.

This committee hopes that all our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, and that our people will send their children to these Baptist schools. Especially do we emphasize the importance of educating our young preachers.

F. M. CARTER,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS—Appendix O.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg to report as follows:

Arkansas is a mission field, and State Missions is Baptists' effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the State.

We find that Baptists of this Association co-operate with two organizations known as the General Association of Arkansas, and the Baptist State Convention. We also find that to both of these organizations the churches of this Association gave last year the sum of \$232.59, or an average of a little more than 14 cents per member of the Baptists of the Association. We find also that four of the churches contributed this amount. According to the number of churches reported at the session at DeWitt, there were 29 so we find that 25 of that number gave nothing to the great cause of State Missions.

We do not recommend in this report that anybody give in a channel which we are dissatisfied with, but we do recommend that we awake to our duty and give to State Missions.

We further recommend that the pastors of the Association study missions more, talk missions more and preach it to all their churches, and pray for ourselves and churches to get a wide vision of missions, and then take a collection for State Missions.

We recommend that earnest prayer be offered in our Association at this time for the Lord to show us the way, and give us grace to do our duty in this respect.

W. G. MATHIS.

W. M. FREEMAN.

MARION WINKLER.

Committee.

TEMPERANCE REPORT—Appendix P.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report:

Realizing that strong drink has caused more sad hearts, made desolate more home, blackened more lives and beggared more children than any other one evil, we feel that we could not use too strong language in condemning its use.

We rejoice that the prohibition and the sentiment is still growing, as we have only recently added one state, making nineteen having the prohibition law in our own beloved land, and other countries are fast becoming prohibition countries, therefore, let us continue to stamp our disapproval of its use and use all efforts possible to suppress the manufacture or sale of same.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. COOK.

MRS. B. C. NICHOLSON.

B. F. HOUSE.

Committee.

RESOLUTION

Be it known that the messengers of Grand Prairie Association in session at Stuttgart, Ark., this the seventeenth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifteen, do openly and positively declare themselves opposed to the election to any county or state office, any man who is in any way friendly to the liquor traffic or in any way looks lightly on insobriety.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR 1916.

ORPHANAGE.

Bro. Dodson
Bro. H. J. Kelly
Sister Nicholson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Bro. W. J. Johnson
Bro. G. C. Bruce
Bro. R. F. Parker.

TEMPERANCE.

Bro. B. F. House
Bro. Shannon Cook
Sister T. V. Nicholson.

STATE MISSIONS.

Bro. W. G. Mathis
Bro. W. M. Freeman
Bro. Winkler.

OBITUARIES.

Bro. W. A. Rochell
Bro. Jim Huey
Bro. Roe.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bro. W. K. Gregory
Bro. C. W. Fox
Bro. Chas. Pearson
Bro. T. R. Story.

EDUCATION.

Bro. Carter
Bro. W. A. Rochell.
Bro. Geo. H. Westrope.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Bro. Greenleaf
Bro. Luckett
Bro. Gregory.

PUBLICATION.

Bro. Greenleaf
Bro. A. W. Cole
Bro. R. L. Fletcher.

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE
Almyra	Mrs. Bessie Gere, Almyra.
Bethel	D. R. Whitley, Tomblin.....	Mrs. N. Moncrief, Brummitt
Bellview	L. H. Dodson, DeValls Bluff..	W. C. McSwain, Ethel.
Big Lagrue.....	L. H. Dodson, DeValls Bluff..	Miss Dosia Parker, Van.
Center Point..	C. C. Kerr, Carlisle.....	Fannie Martin, Hazen.
DeValls Bluff	F. M. Carter, DeWitt.....	Miss E. Cook, DeValls Bluff.
DeWitt	W. G. Mathis, DeWitt.....	J. W. Burnett, DeWitt.
Harmony	W. S. Lancaster, Carlisle.
Hazen	C. C. Pierson, Austin.....	R. H. Hazen, Hazen.
Lone Hickory	S. F. Cook, Hagler.....	E. L. McGahhey, Gillett.
Macedonia	L. H. Dodson, DeValls Bluff..	Maggie Ross, Hazen.
Magby	C. C. Kerr, Carlisle.....	C. R. Bunch, Des Arc.
New Bethel.....	B. F. House, Hazen.....	Geo. Gerren, Carlisle.
New Hope.....	W. M. Freeman, Hagler.
New Salem.....	F. G. Shelton, Cascoe.
Oak Grove.....	Joe Johnson, Hazen.....	W. L. Cole, Stuttgart.
Prairie Chapel	W. A. James, Hazen.....	Carrie Ownes, DeValls Bluff.
Pleasant Grove	W. A. James, Hazen.....	Sister Hunt.....
Pleasant Ridge	L. H. Dodson, DeValls Bluff..	W. A. Mason, Carlisle.
Stuttgart	O. A. Greenleaf, Stuttgart.....	Miss Effie Kelly, Stuttgart.
Sweet Home.....	W. A. James, Hazen.....	J. H. Roach, Hazen.
Union Chapel	R. W. Cazort.....	Maggie Beauchamp, Hump'y

DECLARATION OF FAITH

1. The Old and New Testament Scriptures were written by men divinely inspired, and are the only sufficient and perfect rule of faith and practice.

2. There is one God, and only one, who is self-existent, eternal, and infinite in every excellence, and who has revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, though distinct in personality.

3. Man was created innocent. By disobedience of the command of God he fell, thereby losing his innocence, becoming subject to death and to the eternal displeasure of God.

4. Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man, came into the world to save men from the guilt and condemnation of sin, offering his blood as an atonement, and making it available to all who exercise faith in him.

5. The result of the heart acceptance of Jesus Christ is justification, whereby pardon is secured and we are brought into a state of peace and favor with God.

6. The human means by which this result is secured is repentance and faith whereby we turn unto God in sincere contrition and accept Jesus Christ as an all-sufficient Savior.

7. God has His purposes of grace in the salvation of men. These purposes are made effectual by the giving of His Son, and in the constraining and regenerating influence of the Holy Ghost upon all who sincerely believe on Christ. But these purposes do not contravene the freedom of man's will, nor render inoperative the proclamation of the gospel to all.

8. Nothing can separate true believers from the love of God; but they are "kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation," the sure proof of this being their patient continuance and progress in righteousness and true holiness.

9. The ordinances of the gospel are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in Christ, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," and symbolizes the fact of regeneration. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of his dying love, and symbolizes the fact that the believer is continuously fed and nourished by Christ; in its observance it is to be placed after Baptism, according to its symbolic and historic order and as required by the teaching of the New Testament.

10. The Church Spiritual includes the whole company of believers of whatever name, age or country, and is known only to the eye of God. The Church Formal is a company of believers baptized in the name of the Triune God, and observing the forms, ordinances and principles laid down in the New Testament.

11. The first day of the week is to be observed as the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath.

12. Civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

13. Jesus Christ is to come again, judge the nations and fill the earth with his glory and power.

14. There will be a resurrection of the just and the unjust; the just for blessedness and reward, the unjust for judgment and eternal doom.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

Thirteen churches with 1,144 members gave last year to Associational Missions, \$283.57, an average of 24 cents per member in the churches contributing.

Eleven churches with 487 members did not heed the tender plea of the Master as He stood on the Mt. of Assension, the last place where His nail-torn feet ever touched this old sin-cursed earth, and with His pierced hands, raised in blessing, He said to His disciples, "Witness for Me in Judea."—Acts 1:8. Judea in this command is equivalent to our home Association.

State Missions.

Four churches with 499 members gave \$372.35, 74 cents per member in these four churches.

Twenty churches with 1,132 members did not give anything to missions in our own grand state which is receiving a great influx of people into her boundaries, and a great many of them are foreign and opposed to the evangelical religion and we must Christianize them or they will paganize our rising generations. Oh, Brethren, shall we not heed the command to witness in Arkansas, which is equivalent to Samaria in Acts 1:8.

Four churches with 591 members gave to Home Missions \$104.85 or an average of 17 cents per member in the churches contributing.

Twenty churches that reported to the Association with 1040 members did not heed the command of the Christ to carry the Gospel to those in the home field, which embraces our own fair Southland. We have 22,000,000 lost souls in our Southern population. Can we be at ease in Zion in the face of this fact and not give to this work. But that is not all the home board gave Arkansas Baptists last year \$10,000.00 to save Ouachita College. Are we going to go on showing our ingratitude to them? They sacrificed for us, why not we in turn sacrifice for them? The two noblest passions of the human soul are love of God and love of country, and these two unite in home missions.

Four churches with 591 members gave last year \$154.00 to foreign missions. An average of 20 cents per member for the churches contributing.

Twenty of the churches with 1,040 members that sent in a report of their work and did not report anything paid to this cause. Did those tender words of our blessed Christ "Go ye into all the world" reach the ears of the members of these churches? If not, who is to blame? So far as the records show only five churches in the Association ever give to foreign missions. Brethren, we will have to yell it loud and long that we are Missionary Baptists in order for the world to know it, for they would not think it when they compare the Bible and our attitude toward the great Commission. They can truly say, "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel."

Seven churches with seven hundred and sixty-one members gave \$520.54 to Orphanage, an average of 68 cents per member in

the churches contributing. This is enough to run one of the homes with about 200 children in it for about 16 days. It costs \$1,000.00 per month to run this one home.

Sixteen churches in the Association with 976 members could not hear the pitiful wail and heart-breaking cries of these homeless, helpless, fatherless and motherless little ones. As a consequence both of our orphanages are in a most pitiable condition, and they cannot operate long unless we furnish them money to run on. Oh what will become of the little ones then? Bro. Preacher, have we done our dead level best for them in putting their condition before the people? The Baptists will rally and give and sacrifice when they know the real condition and need. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Commit to memory verses 44 and 45. Repeat them five times after you lie down tonight.

Four churches gave to Ministerial Education, \$159.85. Almost all the Baptist institutions of learning were started for the education of Baptist preachers. Our Baptist forefathers were wise in providing for the education of the young preachers. They knew that the preacher touched every cause dear to the heart of the Baptist, and they knew that God did not put a premium on ignorance.

Three churches gave \$103.00 to Christian Education, a cause that touches and strengthens every department of our work. By Christian Education we mean education in a denominational or Christian school under Christian influence. Some might say why start a new form of education? We have the state and district schools, why bring in the denominational school? This question grows out of an ignorance of the real facts. The state and district schools grew out of the denominational schools. Three-fourths of the Universities and colleges were founded by denominations. Baptists own and control more colleges, universities, academies and high schools, than any other denomination, including the Catholics. They own and control three-fourths of all in existence today. When Ouachita College was started we were several thousand less in number than the leading denomination in the state (Methodist). Now we outnumber them more than twenty thousand. "Where Baptist Schools abound Baptists do much more abound."

But in the face of all these conditions we have reason to rejoice in our year's work. Five more churches gave this to associational missions than last. An increase in offering of \$106.34. The same number of churches gave to state missions this year as last, but they gave \$139.85 more than last year. The same number of churches gave this year to home missions as last year, but they gave \$18.15 less and this in the face of the fact that the Home Board gave Arkansas about \$15,000.00 during the year. One more church made a contribution this year to Foreign Missions than last, a gain of \$61.50. This year three more churches gave to Ministerial Education than last a financial gain of \$144.85. One more church contributed to schools and colleges this year than last but they gave \$133.50 less than was given last year. Five more churches reorted as paying their pastor this year than last, a financial gain of \$220.95. This is as it should be. We had an increase of 64 in Baptisms this year over that of last year. We had a decrease of five in death this year over that of last. Let's go forward, at our Lord's command.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

CHURCHES

MEMBERSHIP

INCREASE

DECREASE

MISSIONS

Present
Membership

Associational

State

Home

Foreign

Ministerial
EducationSchools and
CollegesSunday School
WorkPastor's
SalaryBuilding and
RepairingOrphans'
HomePrinting
MinutesValue of Church
Property

Incidentals

Other
ObjectsTotal to All
Purposes

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163	69	2	10	61	48	1631	283.67	372.35	104.85	154.50	159.85	103.00	271.58	2954.57	214.53	520.54	29.49	19250.00	408.90	303.39	5870.55

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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known by the name of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, and composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union, who, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seats; also the ordained ministers in good standing, retiring Moderator and all committees appointed at one session to report the next.

Art. 2. The motto of this Association shall be: "The truth in its purity, preached in every section of our bounds."

Art. 3. The letters from the churches must state the number of members baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, the name and postoffice of pastor and clerk.

Art. 4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches, but may act as an advisory counsel for the common good of all the churches and advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and have power to exclude any church from her fellowship which may depart from the gospel of Christ, either in faith or practice.

Art. 5. Every church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates.

Art. 6. Should any church fail to represent herself for two consecutive years, she may be dropped from the list of churches, should a satisfactory reason be not given.

Art. 7. New churches may be admitted into this body who petition by letter and delegates, if found to be sound in faith and in good order, the reception to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Art. 8. This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it; also, a Vice-Moderator, and a Clerk, who duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the business of the Association; also a Treasurer, to receive and disburse the funds sent up to the Association, as directed by the body, or churches sending the same.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to retain on the minutes the names of all churches admitted to membership, until such are dropped by action of the Association; and in cases of non-representation, it shall be his duty to write: "Not represented," in the proper place opposite their names in the statistical table.

Art. 10. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismission of a church, which shall be unanimous.

Art. 11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions as may be agreed upon while in session.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate; also one with an alternate to preach a missionary sermon at each succeeding session; and to fix the time and place for the next meeting of the body.

Art. 13. The Moderator shall appoint, at each annual session, an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church, whose duty it shall be to elect and employ a mis-

sinary or missionaries in our bounds; to solicit and collect money, or issue orders on the Treasurer of the Association to pay the same, which orders the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay out of any money that he may have for this purpose; also to change, during vacation, the time or place, or both, for the next meeting of the Association, whenever in the providence of God, it may be necessary. The officers of the Association shall be considered members of the board.

Art. 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, except that clause in the fourth article which prohibits interference with the internal rights of the churches, which shall forever remain intact.

Art. 15. The minutes shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the members present.

Art. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the body.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless it is a tie.

Art. 5. All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been discussed a reasonable time, the Moderator shall, when the question is called for, proceed to take it by calling for the yeas and nays, and if a for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

Art. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one shall speak at the same time, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

Art. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

Art. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

Art. 9. The names of messengers shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

Art. 10. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

Art. 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator.

Art. 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Art. 14. Any case coming before the Association not provided for in the rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.