

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FORTY-SECOND SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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**OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

H. B. DUDLEY, Moderator.....	DeWitt, Ark.
R. H. PARKER, Vice Moderator.....	DeWitt, Ark.
W. G. MATHIS, Clerk.....	DeWitt, Ark.
J. H. ROUNSAVAL, Treasurer.....	Hazen, Ark.

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The next session of the Association will be held with the First Baptist Church, DeValls Bluff, Ark., beginning on Thursday night before the Third Sunday in October, 1917, at 7:30 o'clock.

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**ANNUAL SERMONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION**

Introductory Sermon on Thursday night, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. L. H. Dodson; alternate, Rev. J. E. Bogard.

Missionary Sermon, Sunday, 11 a. m., Rev. W. J. Johnson, with Rev W. A. Rochell, alternate.

After a session of songs and prayers, the Moderator, Bro. H. B. Dudley, called the Grand Prairie Baptist Association to convene in her Forty-second Session with the New Hope Baptist Church, Hagler, Ark., Oct. 12, 1916.

After convening the Association, the Moderator asked that the Association go on record against Act No. 2 Said Act proposing to repeal State-wide Prohibition. No vote was taken at this time, but the Moderator appointed all the preachers of the Association to arrange plans in their respective fields to fight the bill.

Rev. W. J. Johnson having been selected at last meeting of the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon was then introduced. He read the first chapter of I John and preached, using for his text I John 1:3, preaching an able and inspiring sermon.

After the sermon, the Moderator appointed a committee on Divine Services, consisting of the deacons of New Hope Church, Revs. W. G. Mathis and S. F. Cook.

New ministers and visitors were then introduced, being Rev. W. T. King, Little Rock; Rev. D. M. Carter, Stuttgart; Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, DeValls Bluff, and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Little Rock, of the State W. M. U.

Motion by Rev. W. G. Mathis, and seconded by Rev. J. P. Burroughs to adjourn till 9:00 a. m., Friday. Benediction by Rev J. T. Fowlkes.

## FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M.

The Association convened by singing "Sweet Bye and Bye." Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Rochell, who read Deut. 12th Chapter. After an extended but very spiritual feast of good things, the devotional service closed by singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Rev. B. E. Allen, of Neponsett, Ill., and a former member and pastor in the Association, was then introduced by the Moderator, and after brief, and appropriate addresses of welcome was extended to Bro. and Sister Allen, and Bro. and Sister Fuller, Sister Allen's father and mother, who came with them. Brother Allen was then recognized as a member of the Association, and was added to the Get-To-Gether Committee to fight Act No. 2.

Brethren B. E. Allen and W. M. Freeman were appointed reading clerks, and the reading of the letters from the various churches then was begun. The following

churches were represented in manners named and messengers seated:

Almyra, Letter. Bellview, Letter. Big LaGrue, Docia Parker, Mildred Tableman, Rev. J. P. Burroughs. Bethel, Bro. Cagle, Bro. J. F. Moncrief and Bro. Elgin Carter. Corinth, T. L. McCullars, Lucy Frazier and B. L. McMullen. DeValls Bluff, Sister G. H. Westrope and George Craig. DeWitt, C. W. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Allen. Center Point, N. B. Dawson, Sisters J. H. Rounsaval and Sallie Saunders. Lone Hickory, Sister McGahey and Bro. Nelson. New Bethel, Bros. B. F. Harrison, G. W. Gerren and Rev. B. F. House. New Hope, Sisters Mary Hampton, Willie Cummins and Geo. Evans. New Salem, Bro. W. P. Jones and Sister Mary Taylor. Hebron, Bro. S. E. Thigpen. Prairie Chapel, Miss Jessie Dodson. Pleasant Ridge, Bro. W. D. Holden. Oak Grove, Bro. and Sister Cole and Rufus Carter. Rising Sun, Arthur Danner, Marion Winkler and W. C. Luckett. Stuttgart, Bro. R. A. Henderson and Bro. and Sister Bandom. Sweet Home, Bro. R. A. Jackson and Rev. L. H. Dodson. Union Chapel, J. M. Snell and J. M. Henry.

Petitionery Letters, Messengers seated: David's Chapel, M. M. Martin. Gillett, Bro. and Sister Thomas. and Sister Howlet.

After enrolling, the Association took a short recess, and was called together by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Bro. J. T. Fowlkes, who had been appointed to preach at the eleven o'clock hour was then introduced, and after reading a part of the 5th Chapter of John, took for a text John 5:39, and delivered a strong and inspiring sermon. After the sermon, Bro. Dorris, of the Monticello Orphans' Home, was introduced and made a short talk on "Sacrifice," in connection with the orphans work. Motion by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, and seconded by Rev. F. M. Carter to adjourn till 2 p. m., was unanimously carried, and the Association was dismissed by Rev. B. F. House.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 P. M.

The Association was reconvened by singing "Don't You Want to Go?" Mrs. J. G. Jackson had been appointed to speak on Woman's Work, but by motion, her time was deferred till after the reading of the remainder of the letters and letters that had arrived since the morning session. It was moved and carried that Miss Jessie Dodson be seated as messenger from Prairie Chapel Church in the

absence of the regularly elected messenger. It was also moved and carried that Mrs. McGahey in the same manner represent Lone Hickory Church, and be seated as a messenger. It was then moved by Rev. D. M. Carter, and seconded by Rev. L. H. Dodson, to re-instate Roe church on her letter, but no messengers accompanied the letter.

The petitionary letter from David Chapel Church was then read and discussed as to her soundness in the faith, and upon finding that she was properly organized, it was regularly moved and seconded to receive the church into the body and after the motion had carried, the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, gave the usual welcome into the Association to the messengers.

A short recess was then had, and the Association came together by singing "Amazing Grace," to hear Mrs. J. G. Jackson of Little Rock speak on Woman's Work. We feel that it is due Mrs. Jackson, and an unappreciable act upon our part, yea, rather, disloyal act, if we should fail to say that it was one of the very best talks upon that subject we ever heard. Certainly such talks in our Association cannot fail to ultimate in good for us.

### ORGANIZATION

At this time the Moderator declared the Association now ready for complete organization, and appointed Revs. F. M. Carter and L. H. Dodson to act as tellers, who were to distribute and prepare the ballots for those entitled to vote. It was moved, however, by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes of DeValls Bluff, and seconded by Rev. W. J. Johnson to suspend the rules and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the body for the present Incumbent, Bro. H. B. Dudley, of DeWitt. The motion unanimously carried and the Clerk, with pleasure, declared Bro. Dudley duly elected Moderator for one more term. In his humble and yet very spiritual way the Moderator spoke out of his heart his gratitude for the confidence of the Association in him, and renewed his pledge to make, if possible, a better servant of the people whom he serves.

It was then moved by W. G. Mathis to suspend the rules and elect the present Vice Moderator to the same office again. It was seconded by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, but both motion and second were withdrawn in favor of a motion by Rev. W. J. Johnson to elect Bro. R. H. Parker Vice Moderator, and to have his and Bro. Dudley's pictures put into the Minutes of the Association. After some discussion, both the motion and second were withdrawn owing to Bro. Parker's physical condition preventing his

doing the work of the office. Owing to Bro. Parker's greatest difficulty being his inability to get to the Board meetings, and to the other fact of a precedent previously set that the Vice Moderator had refused to set as Chairman of the Board in absence of the Moderator, saying that his opinion was that the Vice Moderator was not Chairman of the Board by reason of his office, and that it had been so determined previously by other proceedings, it was moved by W. G. Mathis to elect Bro. Parker Vice Moderator, and to have his and the Moderator's pictures put in the Minutes and that the Moderator cast the vote of the body for same. It was unanimously carried and the Moderator gladly cast said vote.

It was then moved and seconded that rules be suspended, and that the Moderator cast the vote of the body for W. G. Mathis for Clerk. Motion was unanimous and the Moderator declared him the clerk of the body.

It was then moved and carried that the rules be suspended and the Moderator cast the vote of the body for Bro. J. H. Rounsaval for Treasurer. It was so done and Bro. Rounsaval took charge of the office.

### NOMINATIONS

The place for the next meeting of the Association was then taken up and the following churches were nominated, which had requested the Association to meet with them in 1917: DeValls Bluff, Center Point, Rising Sun, and Bellview through her pastor, Rev. L. H. Dodson. After a lively but brotherly discussion and contest for claims it unanimously voted to DeValls Bluff for 1917.

### TIME OF MEETING

It was moved by Rev. W. J. Johnson and seconded by Bro. Cole that the Association meet on Friday night before the third Sunday in October, 1917. It was moved by W. G. Mathis, and seconded by Bro. C. W. Fox to amend the motion of time of meeting by striking out Friday night, and substituting Thursday night instead. The Amendment carried and the Moderator declared that the Association would meet at DeValls Bluff on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1917. It was then moved by Bro. Burroughs and seconded by Bro. Cole that the Association adjourn till 7:30. Motion carried.

### EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P. M.

We were brought together again by singing "I Will



## H. B. DUDLEY

Who served the Association as Clerk for several years; has been Moderator for five consecutive years. Present Moderator, failing in health, but vigorous for his Master's work.

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Answer When They Call My Name." It was moved by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, and seconded by Rev. F. M. Carter to defer the reading of Act No. 2, which had been agreed to be read at this time. Motion carried. Rev. W. T. King of Little Rock was introduced. After a very instructive sermon on "Church Building," the Association went into the selection of a preacher to preach the Introductory Sermon for the next meeting which is to be at DeValls Bluff. Brethren J. T. Fowlkes, J. E. Bogard, L. H. Dodson and D. M. Carter were nominated. Bro. L. H. Dodson was elected, with Bro. J. E. Bogard alternate. Brethren F. M. Carter, W. J. Johnson and D. M. Carter were nominated for the Missionary Sermon. Bro. W. J. Johnson was elected with Bro. W. A. Rochell alternate.

Motion to adjourn till 9 o'clock Saturday morning was taken. Motion carried. Benediction by Bro. W. J. Johnson.

### SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 A. M.

The Association reconvened by singing "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. Holden of Pleasant Ridge. Devotional service were conducted by Brethren L. H. Dodson and D. R. Whitley.



## R. H. PARKER

Who has served in the capacity of Moderator for many years, now Vice-Moderator. Bro. Parker is failing in health, but yet loves his Lord and the Association.

The Moderator then called for letters from churches whose messengers had arrived since last session. The letter from Lone Hickory was then read, and a petitionary letter from Gillett. By motion and second the letter from Gillett was received, and after the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, had extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers, they were seated into the body as part of same.

The Moderator then read the Committees on the following works: State Missions, Orphans' Home, Obituaries, Christian Education, Publication, Sunday School Work, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Ministerial Education and Woman's Work.

Harmony Church, having no messenger present, it was moved and carried to enroll her and allow her to send her letter to the clerk and her money to the treasurer and her report be incorporated into the Minutes.

Recess was taken for a few minutes for recreation, after which the Association came together by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Bro. J. E. Bogard was introduced and, according to announcement by the Committee on Divine Service, preached for us, his text being Rev. 22:9, preaching for us a very helpful sermon. After the sermon an extended service was held, ascertaining

what preachers might be had for pastors, and urging the messengers of the churches present to go home and strive to get their church to call some one for pastor. The following were open for part-time work: Rev. J. E. Bogard, J. P. Burroughs, B. F. House, D. R. Whitley, S. F. Cook and W. A. Rochell. Elsewhere in the Minutes will be seen pastorless churches. Adjournment was taken till 2 p. m.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P. M.

Afternoon session convened by singing "We Praise Thee, O God." The new Executive Board was then read, and appears elsewhere in the Minutes.

The report on Publication was then read by Rev. B. E. Allen. Report adopted. Report follows:

### REPORT OF PUBLICATION

Realizing that the power exerted by the press of to-day is one of the most powerful factors in reaching the people and formulating opinions in their minds, we cannot too strongly urge the necessity of Baptist periodicals finding their regular advent into every Baptist home, that all may know of the work which our denomination is doing, and get the spiritual benefit which is always derived from them. We would also recommend a revival of a daily home study of God's word, and especially that the old-time family worship, which was so common generations ago, but which has fallen into disuse at the present time, be again revived.

Respectfully submitted: B. E. Alien, W. M. Freeman, W. L. Cole, Com.

Report Spoken to by Rev. B. E. Allen.

### OBITUARY

The Committee on Obituary asked to report, and through Bro. D. R. Whitley read the following:

We, your Committee, find that there were twelve deaths in the bounds of Grand Prairie Association, whom God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call home to be with Jesus. We mourn their loss, but God's will be done. We especially mourn the loss of our brother, H. G. Miller of Hazen, who has served this Association for several years as Treasurer, who was always faithful to his church and to the services of our Lord. Be it resolved, That this Association keep in remembrance his loved ones and pray God's blessings upon them.

Our dead are: Center Point, Sister Mary Taylor, Amanda Willis, Ida Swain, Rosa Holms, Bros. Ben Hendrix and J. R. Sanders, DeWitt, Sister Jones and Wilson Nobles. Hazen, H. G. Miller. Hebron, Sister Clara Long. New Salem, Sister Elizabeth Gundey, Sister Ada Ooten. Stuttgart, Sister Effie Kelley.

We, your Committee, ask that this Association remember all the families of the deceased brethren and sisters in their prayers.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee:

J. H. Rounsaval,  
J. F. Moncrief,  
D. R. Whitley.

Spoken to by D. R. Whitley.

Committee on Woman's Work made its report by Mrs. C. F. Brandom. Report was spoken to by Rev. W. F. Dorris, Mrs. C. F. Brandom, Mrs. Westrope, Bro. H. B. Dudley, Sister Howlet and Rev. W. G. Mathis. Report was adopted, and follows:

Your committee on Woman's Work in Grand Prairie Association can only make an indefinite report. (Had expected our Superintendent, Mrs. H. B. Dudley, to be present to give report.) Some work has been done, however. A few Ladies' Organizations have done good work.

We urge the Sisters to engage more in Bible Study, and information along the lines of Missionary Work. We recommend that others organize and engage in the Womans' Work. Especially do we urge work for the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. F. Brandom, Chair.  
Mrs. G. Rounsaval,  
Mrs. Geo. Westrope, Com.

## TEMPERANCE

Bro. L. H. Dodson, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, read the report which was as follows:

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

We believe that intemperance is the foe of mankind, as it goes wherever man goes, and erects its throne where ever men live. We feel that this year is the hardest struggle of our lives. The temperance question is understood to be the question of our attitude toward the liquor traffic. The saloon is evil, only evil and that continuously. Therefore, we cannot show any spirit of friendliness or compromise, or even indifference toward it and be blameless. We recognize the liquor traffic as one of God's great-

est enemies, and man's most deadly foe. We hereby pledge ourselves to an uncompromising effort against it in all of its forms. To this end we recommend that it is our duty to educate public sentiment as a necessary means to this end. Second, that we advocate and support all legislation that looks to the complete suppression of the liquor traffic in our State and Nation. We further recommend that proposed amendment No. 2 be read to the Association in accordance to the request of the State Anti-Saloon League, and that same be discussed in connection with this report.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,  
L. H. Dodson Chair.  
Marion Winkler,  
J. H. Huey.

Report spoken to by Rev. L. H. Dodson, Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, but it was moved and carried to postpone reading of Act No. 2 till later.

### ORPHANS' HOME

The report on Orphans' Home was handed to the Clerk owing to the absence of the committee, and was read by him. Upon request of the Clerk, the Moderator called for Bro. W. F. Dorris, field man for the Monticello Home, to speak, who spoke in behalf of the Monticello and the Texarkana Homes, and took a collection in pledges for both homes, which resulted as follows:

Mrs. Westrope, for Ladies' Aid of DuValls Bluff church	\$ 7.00
Bethel church	7.50
Stuttgart church	100.00
Total	\$114.50

All to the Monticello Home.

Adjournment was taken till 7:50 after this report was discussed. The report follows:

The matter of caring for the fatherless and motherless children of our State is one of the highest duties of our Christian work. In our State we have two Orphans' Homes, one at Monticello, and one at Texarkana. The Monticello Home has about 130 children in it. At last State Convention there were nearly 200. The Convention passed a resolution at Conway to put the children out into good homes. This has been done and it accounts for there being only 130 now. The Texarkana Home was burned down not long ago, and they are in need there for means to go upon. At the Monticello Home we owe \$17,000, a heavy burden, and our beloved brethren of Monticello who have been under this burden for so many years are begging us to give them relief. This is your debt as much as theirs, for Drew county has as few inmates in the Home as most of the counties represented in it. The Baptists can pay this debt any day, if they can only come to realize that it is theirs. We are planning and working to get all this debt provided for by the meeting of the Convention in December.

We have now in cash and pledges about \$7,500 of this amount. So far our churches and W. M. S., and individuals have pledged the full amounts asked for. This is good, but your field man cannot visit every church in the State. Our task from now till the convention is to provide for the other \$9,500, and at the same time provide for current expenses, for our orphans must eat three times a day just like your children.

Your Committee therefore recommends:

1.—That every pastor in this Association lay the matter of this great work on the hearts of his people, and take the lead in caring for our orphans as God commands.

2.—That our Sunday Schools be requested to continue their regular monthly offerings for the current expenses, and that we urge Sunday Schools not making monthly offerings to adopt the plan and join in with the other Sunday Schools that have done such a noble work for our dear orphans.

## EVENING SESSION

7:30 P. M.

The Association came together by singing and prayer for the evening session. Rev. B. E. Allen, of Neponset, Ill., who had been appointed by the Divine Service Committee, was then introduced to preach to the Association. Bro. Allen took for his text Esther 2:13-14. His sermon was uplifting. It inspired us all to greater things.

## ASSOCIATION MISSION REPORT

Association Mission Report was made at this time by the Executive Board and was read by Bro. W. M. Freeman. Report follows, and was unanimously adopted as read:

### REPORT OF OLD BOARD:

Meeting of the Executive Board of Grand Prairie Baptist Association at New Hope church, Hagler, Ark., Oct. 14, 1916. Board called to order by acting chairman, Rev. F. M. Carter. Bro. C. W. Fox was elected Chairman, and W. M. Freeman, Clerk. The Board heard the reading of Rev. F. M. Carter's report as Missionary for the year, and same was adopted. Report of recommendation of out-going Board, to in-coming Board was read and adopted. Board adjourned.

Signed,

C. W. Fox, Chairman.

W. M. Freeman, Clerk

## RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

The Executive Board to the Grand Prairie Association:

This is to certify that we have heard the report of our Missionary, and heartily endorse his work, and recommend that there be a missionary selected and employed for full time, to look after the destitute places wherever there is any chance to do any good. As an amendment to the above, we recommend Bro. F. M. Carter as our Missionary. Adopted by the Executive Board in session this 14th day of October, 1916.

Signed,

C. W. Fox, Chairman.

W. L. Cole, Clerk.

## REPORT OF NEW BOARD

October 14, 1916, New Board was called to order by C. W. Fox, Chairman, and George Craig, Clerk. Moved and seconded that Bro. F. M. Carter be and he is hereby employed as Missionary at a salary of \$1200 for this Associational year. Stuttgart was selected as the next meeting place for the Executive Board. Bro. F. M. Carter was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of \$15.19, being balance due him as Missionary as shown by last year's report. On roll call the following members of the New Board were present: C. W. Fox, W. M. Freeman, R. A. Henderson, L. E. Thomas, S. E. Thigpen, J. F. Moncrief, J. H. Rounsaville, W. L. Cole, W. D. Holden, A. R. Danner, W. P. Jones and Geo. Craig.

Motion carried to adjourn until Saturday before the first fifth Sunday in 1917.

Signed, C. W. Fox, Chairman.  
Geo. Craig, Clerk.

It was unanimously voted to defer the reading of the Missionary's report till Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The report on Christian Education was then read and spoken to by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes. Report follows:

Christian Education is next to salvation. A trained mind is the important factor for a useful life, therefore we should see to it that our young men and women are educated in OUR OWN SCHOOLS where they receive Christly training.

We earnestly urge our people to send their girls and boys to some of our schools and colleges. We recommend Ouachita and Central colleges for the college course, and any of our Academies for secondary training.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Fowlkes, Chair.

B. F. House,

Sidney Cooper, Com.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The Committee on Ministerial Education being absent, the Clerk read the following report from them which was unanimously adopted without discussion:

We, the Committee on Ministerial Education, beg to report as follows: Ministerial Education is one of the most important obligations of our churches, and is one of the most neglected. The ministers of the Gospel should be well prepared not only for their work as ministers, but as men among men in every phase of life. A great many of our ministers need a better education, and would gladly go to college if they were provided with the means to go upon. Many of our ministers' talents are still hid in a napkin. Some have small churches which do not support their pastors, and thus they are forced to labor for a livelihood. God cannot prosper churches which force this obligation on their pastors, for the Bible says "Those that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." A pastor, to do his best work, must be free.

The reason why this cause is not more adequately provided for is because it is not placed in the right light before the churches. Many churches and individuals would give to this cause if they understood the necessity for it.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

Signed,

S. F. Cook, Chair.

C. F. Brandom, Com.

## APPOINTMENTS

The Moderator then took up the matter of appointing a member from this Association to the State Board. Rev. W. G. Mathis was appointed for that place to succeed himself in said Board.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Cagle, and unanimously adopted. Report follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions begs to make the following report: The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Va., in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the debt and on the Judson Centennial Fund, were \$806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to \$518,323, left a deficit, which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of \$180,000. During the meeting of the Convention at Ashville a great movement was started for the paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and joyful responses to this appeal, and this debt has been paid.

During the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315, of whom 133 are men and 182 are women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self-supporting. The native Christians contributed \$129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday Schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,866 patients last year.

Like everything that grows our Foreign Mission work has increasing necessities. Our success has carried us into a situation which there is no turning back and which lays new claims upon us. We have tasks which we can neither turn loose nor turn over to others. To turn loose means to ignore opportunities, forsake converts and churches or turn them over to other denominations. We ought not to do either. Perhaps there is nothing connected with Foreign Missions so imperfectly understood by the masses of the people as this of the unescapable necessity of the work. Conditions at home may be pieced out by other means, and in emergency matters may be deferred for the time being, but such is not the case on the foreign fields where foreign missionary salaries and other matters must be met.

We urge that our churches make use of the many free tracts which can be secured from the Foreign Mission Board.

In order to save the large amount of interest paid out on borrowed money, we earnestly suggest that our churches send their contributions regularly each month through the regular channel. We recommend that Every Member Canvass, and Systematic Giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

R. A. Henderson, Chair.  
George Craig,  
L. T. Cagle,  
C. W. Fox.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Sunday School Work:

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work beg leave to report as follows: That the Sunday School work is still progressing. About nine Sunday Schools were organized last year, and about thirteen this year. We would recommend that every church in this Association have a Sunday school. Our Master said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." Teach them to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," Matt. 28:19-20. We believe that this commission was to the church and to no other.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

R. A. Henderson, Chair.  
W. M. Freeman,  
L. P. McCullars.

Report of the Finance Committee was called for, and read by Bro. W. L. Cole, as follows, and adopted:

October 14, 1915. Grand Prairie Baptist Association in session. We, your Committee on Finances beg to submit the following report:

Received for Minutes and Clerk .....	\$40 92
Received for Associational Missions .....	23.13
Received for Texarkana Orphanage .....	6.50
Received for Monticello Orphanage .....	3 08
Total .....	\$73.63

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

W. L. Cole, Chair.  
C. W. Fox.

## STATE MISSIONS

Report on State Missions was then read by the Clerk, and unanimously adopted as read. Report follows:

All New Testament churches find their origin and end in missions. The ultimate origin of missions is to be found in the heart of God; the historical origin of missions is found in the life and death of Christ, and the practical origin and application of missions is entrusted to Baptist or New Testament churches. Missions believed in and practiced is just as much a mark of true Baptists as the restricted Supper of Our Lord, or the preservation of the Saints.

State Missions is in many respects the very heart of all our denominational work. State Missions is the constant friend of Association Missions, the conservator of Home Missions, and the base of supplies for Foreign Missions. No church in this Association can afford not to make an offering to State Missions this year.

State Missions include revival meetings, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, helping to build church houses, aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday School and Baptist Young People's Work, and Woman's Work.

In 1915 the churches co-operating through the Baptist State Convention did the following State Mission work:

Missionaries and other workers .....	60
Conversions .....	2,301
Baptisms .....	2,053
Additions .....	3,085
Amount raised in Arkansas for State Missions .....	\$18,762.00

Bible Schools held.....	11
Bible Institutes held.....	132

This year our number of employees in State Mission work is 56; the number of conversions up to September 1st was 2,511; the number of baptisms 1,802, and number of additions 2,518.

To put our State Mission work out of debt, the Baptists of the State need to raise between this and December 6th approximately \$27,997.12.

Your committee would recommend three things:

1. That our people all up and down the Association pray devoutly for our State Mission cause.

2. That every pastor by sermons, gift and visits do his utmost in every church for the State Mission debt.

3. That our pastors and active laymen and women organize themselves into committees of two or more and go out to try to get every church in the Association to make an offering to State Missions.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock.

F. M. Carter, Chair.

W. A. Rochell,

B. L. McMullen.

## SUNDAY MORNING'S SESSION

10:00 A. M.

The Association convened by singing, "We Shall Meet Each Other There," being an hour late of the time adjourned for the night before.

Brethren R. A. Henderson and W. M. Freeman were appointed on the Committee for Sunday School work owing to the absence of the other two members of the Committee, report of which has already been made.

## HOME MISSIONS

Report of Home Missions was read by W. G. Mathis, also spoken to by him. Following is the report which was unanimously adopted:

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, is the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of saving the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Mission is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons. 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our Board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptisms and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist Churches and 321 Sunday Schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the Light of the World, the Saviour of mankind. No Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidences of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and the countryside, among white and black, natives and foreigner, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, messengers of Christ have brought light for darkness, and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned \$438,750 for Home Missions, to be raised by Baptist Churches in seventeen States. This is less than \$18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and weaker churches are able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

We recommend—

1. That our churches be encouraged to order and use the instructive free tracts of the Board, which tell of each phase of its work, and that classes be formed to study its admirable book "Baptist Missions in the South," and its other Mission Study books.

2. That earnest prayer be made in all the churches for the Board and for its work, and that at least one sermon yearly be preached in every church on Home Missions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. G. Mathis, Chair.  
W. D. Holden.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is report of the Treasurer, which was unanimously adopted:

Amounts turned over by Finance Committee:	
For Minutes and Clerk Fund.....	\$40.92
" Associational Missions.....	23 13
" Texarkana Orphanage.....	6 50
" Monticello Orphanage.....	3.08
Amounts Received Previous to Association	
From Bro. H. B. Dudley, for Associational Missions.....	5.00
" Sister H. B. Dudley " " ".....	5.00
" " H. G. Miller " " ".....	1.00
Total amounts received.....	\$84.65

Respectfully submitted. Signed, J. H. Rounsavill, Treasurer.

### MINUTES AND CLERK

The Moderator at this time called up the matter of Minutes and Clerk. The Clerk explained that for several years it has been complained that the Minutes and Clerk fund had been insufficient to meet the printing price and pay the Clerk for his services. It was reported by the Clerk, also, that he had bids already on the printing of the Minutes, and according to the best bids there was not money enough in the Fund to have them printed and to pay the the usual \$10.00 for Clerk hire. The Moderator also explained that the Clerk had already served nearly a year without any remuneration for his service. A collection for this Fund was then taken which amounted \$7.80, making the entire Minutes and Clerk Fund amount to \$48.72. The increased cost of printing and material caused the lowest bid to be on the basis of last year's Minutes, \$28.50. It will require \$1.50 to mail them out. It was ordered to have Bro. Dudley's and Bro. Parker's pictures put into the Minutes. This will be an additional cost. With these facts before the Association it was moved and

carried to have 500 Minutes printed, and the Clerk have for his services all over the amount of having that number printed.

At this time the Association gave way for the Missionary Sermon to be preached, it being then 11 o'clock. The Moderator then announced that Rev. W. G. Mathis, having been elected at the last meeting of the body when she convened at Stuttgart, to preach the Missionary Sermon, would now have the hour for said purpose. He read the first 11 verses of the 34th chapter of Ezek., and took for a text Proverbs 11:24-25. Subject: Scattering and Gathering—Withholding and Moulding.

### REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

The Missionary made the following report which was unanimously adopted by the body, and spoken to by the Missionary, Rev. F. M. Carter. Report follows:

#### MISSIONARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

I submit, herewith, my annual report for services as missionary for this (Grand Prairie) Association for the entire associational year, ending with the present session of this body:

Revival meetings held .....	12	
Churches visited and preached to .....	16	
Sermons preached .....	172	
Other religious services .....	34	
Professions .....	83	
Baptisms .....	40	
Additions .....	96	
Services in homes .....	101	
Total services, sermons addresses .....		307
Churches organized .....	1	
Churches re-organized .....	2	
Sunday schools organized .....	1	
Prayer meetings organized .....	1	
B. Y. P. U's organized .....	1	
Church houses built and dedicated .....	1	
Church houses under course of construction .....	2	
Churches supplied with pastors .....	7	
Religious tracts distributed .....	693	
Miles traveled .....	2010	
Total collections for all purposes .....		\$1141.17
Amount collected on Associational Missions and applied on salary .....		672.77
Amount received from our treasury .....		216.40
Amount received from State Board .....		246 71
Total amount received on salary to date .....		1184.31
Balance due Missionary on salary for the year .....		15.19
Respectfully submitted,	F. M. Carter, Missionary.	

## LIST OF PLEDGES TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS FOR 1917

After reading of Missionary's report, the following pledges were made for Associational Missions for the following year:

Bethel, by Bro. Moncrief	\$ 15.00
Big LaGrue, by messenger	5.00
Center Point, by messenger	10.00
Corinth, by messenger	10.00
DeValls Bluff, by messenger	10.00
Lone Hickory, by pastor and messenger	10.00
New Hope, by Bro. Hampton	25 00
Oak Grove, by messenger	5.00
Gillett, by pastor	25.00
H. B. Dudley	25 00
C. W. Fox	25.00
Sister L. A. Black	25.00
Rev. S. F. Cook	25.00
Rev. F. M. Carter	25 00
Bro. George Craig	10.00
Rev. W. G. Mathis	5.00
Mr. John Boone	paid 5.00
Bro. Jimmie Henderson	5.00
Bro. L. T. Cagle	2.50
Rev. D. R. Whitley	paid 2.00
Sister Nettie Young	1.00

Total Pledges	\$270.50
A cash collection was taken amounting to	14.02

Total Cash and Pledges	\$284 52
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Association then adjourned till 2:30 p. m., for dinner, which was served on the grounds. Benediction.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-convened at 2:30 p. m., after partaking of a sumptuous repast prepared by the people of the community, out in the grove by the church house. The Association convened in the grove to finish the remaining part of her program, by song and prayer. A motion was made by Rev. F. M. Carter that the Association extend her heart-felt thanks to the people of New Hope Baptist church for their hospitality in caring for the messengers and visitors. Motion carried.

A motion was unanimously carried to ask the churches to, hereafter, in making up their letters and electing messengers to the Association, to instruct the messengers how much money to pledge the church for the Associational missions, and to insert it into the letters also.

The Moderator then declared for the reading of Act No. 2 which the Clerk did. After the reading of the Act, the messengers, and people at large, were asked to go on

record against Act No. 2 by the raising of the hand vote, thus signifying their purpose to vote and work against the measure and a great majority of those present raised their hands in the vote.

Motion was then made to adjourn the Association, which the Moderator did as follows: "I declare this Forty-Second session of Grand Prairie Baptist Association adjourned to come together on Thursday night at 7:30 before the third Sunday in October, 1917, in the First Baptist Church at DeValls Bluff, Arkansas." After a hearty handshaking while singing "God be with You till We Meet Again," thus ended one of the pleasantest and most harmonious meetings of the Grand Prairie Association for years.

H. B. Dudley, Moderator.

W. G. Mathis, Clerk.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1916 17

NAME OF CHURCH	BOARD MEMBER	P. O. OF MEMBER
Almyra .....	Leonard Fuller .....	Almyra .....
Bellview .....	Morgan Butler .....	Ethel .....
Bethel .....	J. F. Moncrief .....	Brummit .....
Big LaGrue .....	B. K. Adams .....	DeWitt .....
Center Point .....	Bedford Holms .....	Hazen, R. F. D. No 2 .....
Corinth .....	J. W. Stewart .....	Humphrey, R. F. D. No 1 .....
DeValls Bluff .....	George Craig .....	DeValls Bluff .....
DeWitt .....	C. W. Fox .....	DeWitt .....
David's Chapel .....	J. C. Pearson .....	Hickory Plains .....
Gillett .....	L. E. Thomas .....	Gillett .....
Hazen .....	R. H. McGeorge .....	Hazen .....
Hebron .....	S. E. Thigpen .....	DeLuce .....
Lone Hickory .....	R. L. Fletcher .....	.....
New Hope .....	W. M. Freeman .....	Hagler .....
Oak Grove .....	W. L. Cole .....	Stuttgart, R. F. D. No. 1 .....
Pleasant Ridge .....	W. D. Holden .....	Carlisle, R. F. D. No. 4 .....
Salem .....	W. B. Blankenship .....	Casscoe .....
Rising Sun .....	A. R. Danner .....	Almyra .....
Stuttgart .....	R. A. Henderson .....	Stuttgart .....
Union Chapel .....	Mack Henry .....	Humphrey .....

### 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.

Article 2.—The motto of this Association shall be: "The truth

CHURCH	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE
Almyra	Leonard Fuller	Almyra		
Bellview	Caro McSwain	Ethel	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff
Bethel	Mrs. N. Moncrief	Brummit	D. R. Whitley	England, Ark.
Big LaGrue	Docia Parker	DeWitt	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff
Center Point	Finis Martin	Hazen	H. Y. Morris	Beebe
Corinth	R. L. Mullen	Humphrey	F. R. Stone	Humphrey
DeValls Bluff	Bessie Becham	DeValls Bluff	J. T. Fowlkes	DeValls Bluff
DeWitt	J. W. Burnett	DeWitt	W. G. Mathis	DeWitt
Gillett	Mrs. L. E. Thomas	Gillett	S. F. Cook	Gillett
Hebron	A. J. Simpson	DeLuce		
Hickory Plains	M. Miller	Hickory Plains	J. E. Bogard	Carlisle
Hazen	R. H. Hazen	Hazen	J. T. Fowlkes	DeValls Bluff
Lone Hickory	Ed McGahey	Gillett		
David's Chapel	O. T. Waller	Beebe	W. J. Johnson	Hazen
Macedonia	Maggie Ross	Hazen	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff
New Salem	Mollie Shelton	Casscoe	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff
New Hope	W. M. Freeman	Hagler		
New Bethel	Geo. Geren	Carlisle	E. F. House	Hazen
Oak Grove	C. L. Boytte	Carlisle	B. F. House	Hazen
Pleasant Ridge	W. A. Mason	Carlisle, Route 4	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff
Rising Sun	W. C. Henderson	Almyra	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff
Roe	Mary E. Tillman	Roe		
Stuttgart	Mrs. J. R. Caldwell	Stuttgart	D. M. Carter	Stuttgart
Sweet Home	J. H. Roach	DeValls Bluff	W. A. James	Hazen, Route 5
Union Chapel	J. M. Snell	Humphrey	C. R. Stoner	Humphrey

in its purity, preached in every section of our bounds."

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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, whose 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.

Article 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.

Article 10.—This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dis-

mission of a church, which shall be unanimous.

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

Article 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.

Article 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 missionary 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.

Article 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.

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

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### RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1.—The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

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

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

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

Article 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 call for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

Article 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.

Article 7.—No person shall speak more than once upon any sub-

ject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

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

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

Article 13.—Any case coming before the Association not provided for in these rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.

# S T A T I S T I C A L   T A B L E

	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Sunday School Work	Pastors' Salary	Building and Repairs	Orphans' Home	Minutes and Clerk	Value Church Property	Incidentals	Other Objects	Total to All Purposes
	Increase			Decrease				Associational	State	Home	Foreign											
	Baptism	Letter	Restored	Death	Expulsion	Letter																
Almyra		1				1	49	\$ 35.00	\$ 56.50					24.00	\$ 46.00	\$210.14	2.50	1.50			8.50	\$ 384.14
Abbington	x						67								139.75			2.50			15.28	157.53
Bellview		3	2	2			47	5.00								107.50		2.00				114.50
Big LaGrue			1			3	27	2.92									3.08	1.25			1.25	8.50
Bethel		4	1	1		1	27	2.92										2.40				667.55
Center Point		9	5		6	2	220	6.21						8.94	150.00	500.00		2.40				667.55
Corinth		11	22			1	27	32.45									4.50	1.50				38.45
Cross Roads	x																					
DeValls Bluff		1	4				136	56.40	16.65	35.00	35.00		38.00		400.00		36.56	2.65	4000.00	84.36	6.56	711.18
DeWitt		10	11		2		129	47.50	167.50	75.50	57.50	5.00	310.00	43.71	900.00	505.29	116.09	3.00	5000.00	143.20	461.50	2835.79
Fairmount	x																					
Gillett		4	18			2	18	81.70						10.00	48.00	400.00		1.00			8.00	548.70
Gum Wood	x																					
Harmony																						
Hazen			4				139	53.00	11.00	1.25	11.25	5.00	10.00	44.21	400.00		35.90	1.00		54.00	21.24	647.85
Hickory Plains		1					66	3.50							50.00			1.00	500.00			54.50
Hebron							74											1.00				1.00
Humphrey	x																					
Lone Hickory							14	5.00						12.29	27.50			1.00				45.79
Macedonia		5			1		20								27.03			1.00				28.03
Magby	x																					
New Bethel		9	3	1	1		36							3.00				2.05		50.00	14.00	69.05
New Hope		8				2	70	50.44										1.65	1000.00		28.50	80.59
New Salem					1		23	24.85							41.67			1.25				67.77
New Zion	x																					
Oak Grove		3				3	40											2.05				2.05
Prairie Chapel	x																					
Pleasant Grove	x																					
Pleasant Ridge		5	1			2	62								50.00			1.40	750.00		17.80	69.20
Roe		12	5			2	20	55.50							12.50	50.00		2.50				120.50
Rising Sun		2	2		2		84	42.90						8.90	84.72	250.00	2.00	1.33	1000.00			389.85
Stuttgart		30	29		1	8	244	130.25	15.00	26.50	22.50		135.00	102.81	718.30	3195.78	110.67	6.00	6500.00	98.30	422.70	4983.81
Sweet Home		4	5			1	63								40.00			1.55				41.55
Union Chapel		9	5				24								20.00	50.00		1.50				71.50
David's Chapel			11		1		10	2.00							30.00		2.00	1.00				35.00
x—Not Represent	130	130	4	15	9	51	1709	\$634.62	\$266.65	\$138.25	\$126.25	\$10.00	493.00	257.86	\$3185.47	5268.71	313.30	45.08	\$ 18750.00	429.86	1005.33	\$12174.38