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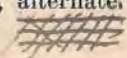
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### **OFFICERS:**

Eld. J. White, Moderator.....Black Springs, Ark.  
R. L. Thompson, Clerk.....Waters, Ark.  
W. H. Guthrey, Treasurer.....Black Springs, Ark.

The next session of this body will be held with Mt. Olive Church, beginning Saturday at 11 o'clock before the third Sunday in September, 1912; Rev. J. B. Liles to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. T. Covington, alternate.



## PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Mt. Gilead Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, Friday night, September 15, 1911, in harmony with its adjournment with Little Hope Church.

The appointee, Rev. A. A. Bates, being present, preached the introductory from "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me," from which he preached an able sermon, at the conclusion of which an invitation was given and several came forward for prayer.

Dismissed to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Elder J. M. White, Moderator in the chair; Elder J. O. Butler, Clerk. The moderator read the 24th Psalm and led in prayer. The body was called in regular order of business.

First. Called for the letters from the churches.

Second. Brethren Lee Sherman, Lee Thompson and Samuel Sherman were appointed to read the letters, and the letters from the following churches were read and the messengers' names enrolled.

Womble—I. D. Jones, H. L. King and J. D. Bremes.

Brushy Creek—J. C. Singleton, J. N. Fidler and Zack Hill,

Big Fork—A. A. Bates, James Gorman and J. D. Holmes.

Missouri River—Sam Sherman, Lee Sherman and Joe Shaw.

Black Springs—J. O. Butler, H. H. Thomas and W. H. Guthrey.

Little Hope—W. M. Rizley, J. R. Doyel and R. L. Thompson.

Sulphur Springs—W. M. Edwards, J. J. Abee and J. H. Edwards.

Pleasant Hill—J. B. Liles, Phil Abernathy and E. A. Lewis.

Macedonia—A. T. Hill, J. W. Hill and S. P. Posey.

Board Camp—Charles Burnett and A. J. Strickland.

Mt. Zion—A. F. Maner.

Mt. Gilead—J. M. White, J. F. Jeffrey and I. D. White.

Mr. Olive—Ed Mahurin, Sol Singleton and Elbert Singleton.

Third—Called for petitionary letter. A letter from the church at Sims and the messengers, H. L. Dun, J. C. Byers and R. M. Evans, received and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

Fourth—Election of officers. Brethren Lee Thompson, W. M.



Edwards and W. H. Guthrey were appointed as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

- Moderator—J. M. White.
- Clerk—R. L. Thompson.
- Treasurer—W. H. Guthrey.

Fifth—The Moderator called for visiting ministers and J. E. Mullens from Banner Association, Okla., was seated.

Sixth—Called for Corresponding Messengers. Received and seated Brother Wasson from South Caddo River Association.

Seventh—The Moderator appointed the following committee-men:

Divine Service—J. D. Holmes, W. H. Guthrey, with the Messengers and deacons of Mt. Gilead church.

Eighth—By motion adjourned until 1:30 p. m. for preaching at 11 o'clock.

Ninth—Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. B. Liles. Text, Matthew, 28 Chap., 19-20 verses.

Tenth—The following committees were appointed:

State Missions—A. A. Bates, H. H. Thomas and Phil Abernathy.

Denominational Schools—W. H. Guthrey, J. J. Abee and A. T. Hill.

Associational Missions—H. L. King, A. F. Maner and Sam Sherman.

Orphans' Home—W. M. Edwards, W. M. Rizley and J. D. Holmes.

### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 1:30 the body was called together by singing and prayer by J. B. Liles.

First—Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Second—By motion and second the time of speaking was limited to ten minutes.

Third—By motion and second granted letters of dismission to Board Camp, Mt. Zion, Forest Hill and Antioch churches.

Fourth—Read the report on Associational Missions and by motion and second tabled the report for more information.

The report on Denominational Schools was read and adopted as follows:

We recommend that we patronize our Baptist schools throughout the State. Ouachita College at Arkadelphia; Cen-

tral Female College at Conway, Manard Academy at Manard, Bentonville Academy at Bentonville, Mountain Home Academy at Mountain Home, Magazine Academy at Magazine, and see to it as individual members and churches, both in our prayers and money, that our young preachers attend these schools and endeavor to establish more schools at different places for convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Guthrey, Chairman.

The report on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, find that the Monticello Orphans' Home has now 131 poor, helpless orphans. Until recently Brother Turner was in the field as agent, but the brethren of the Board felt that it was using too much money to pay his salary and expenses. For this reason they discontinued his position and abolished the office so that now the children must depend upon the pastors taking up collections for their existence. But now all the money collected goes direct to the children. There is now a debt of several hundred dollars incurred for groceries and clothing. We recommend that our churches take up liberal offerings as soon as possible and send to the Baptist Orphans' Home, Monticello, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Edwards,

W. M. Rizley,

J. D. Holmes,

Committee.

A lively discussion followed this report and a free will offering of \$6.59 was taken.

Report on Divine Service was read.

By motion adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

The following committees were appointed:

Sabbath Schools—A. J. Strickland, Ed Mahurin and Lee Sherman.

Foreign Missions—A. A. Bates, A. F. Maner and H. L. King.

Nominations—Elbert Singleton, J. C. Byers and W. M. Rizley.

Home Missions—J. B. Liles, J. H. Edwards and H. L. Dun.

State of Religion—James Gorman, Joe Shaw and J. J. Abree.

Ministers' Names and Postoffices—W. M. Edwards, E. A. Lewis and H. M. Jenkins.

Finance—W. H. Guthrey, R. M. Evans and J. C. Singleton.

Obituaries—Phil Abernathy, Zack Hill and I. D. White.



Religious Literature—J. F. Jeffrey, J. R. Doyel and J. D. Holmes.  
Duty of Churches to Pastor and Pastor to Churches—A. A. Bates, Sam Sherman and Sol Singleton.

Temperance—J. M. Fidler, J. F. Jeffrey and H. H. Thomas

At 7:30 Saturday night preaching by A. T. Hill. Text, John 1-8-9.

At 10 oclock a. m. Sunday Divine service led by Brother Phil Abernathy.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday, preaching by A. A. Bates. Text, "All Is Yours."

At 3:30 p. m. Sunday, preaching by B. D. Millsaps. Text, Genesis, 3d Chap, 9th Verse.

At 7:30 p. m. Sunday night, preaching by Brother Mullens, "Though he be dead yet shall he live."

#### MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The body met promptly at 8 o'clock by singing "And Must I Be to Judgment Brought."

The Moderator read the 146th Psalm and prayer was offered by Brother A. A. Bates.

First—The clerk being absent, Brother Lee Sherman was elected clerk pro tem.

Second—Minutes of Saturday evening session read and adopted and the messengers' names were called and the absentees marked.

Third—A motion prevailed to put the report on Foreign Missions before the body for discussion before the vote was taken, and a lively discussion followed.

Fourth—The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg to report as follows: The great commission is: "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," making it a positive command, and it is manifest to us that each year opens greater opportunity for preaching the Gospel as commissioned. Necessity lays it on us to make more self-denial and greater sacrifice to meet this pressing demand, and in view of the foregoing we strongly insist that at each 5th Sunday meeting this matter be brought before our people and

as liberal contributions be made as possible so we may be able to make an offering of at least \$25.00 during the forthcoming year.

Respectfully submitted.

A. A. Bates,  
Chairman.

Fifth—The report on State Missions was read and adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren:—State Missions have become the great helper and friend of every department of our work. Under the splendid leadership of the Rev. J. S. Rogers our work grew to marvelous proportions. During the year Brother Rogers resigned to take the Chair of Bible and Philosophy in Ouachita College and to especially get where he could help our young preachers. To the place left vacant by his resignation the State Board elected that old war horse of many years, Dr. John T. Christian. Dr. Christian has already put on the harness and has demonstrated his power as a wise Missionary Secretary.

The work of the Board is along three distinct lines:

First, to employ missionaries and send them out over the state. This year nearly one hundred men have gone into nearly every nook and corner of the state. For some time the entire force was turned loose and did large service in helping lift the debt on our denominational schools. Then during the revival season they have been blessed of God in winning the lost to Christ and making Baptists out of them. They have organized thirty churches and about fifty Sunday schools.

Second: The State Board aids weak churches in paying pastors. They have done large work along this line this year.

Third: The Board is doing a good work in trying to educate the people and lead them up to greater giving.

At the beginning of this year there was a debt and the work was laid out on a thirty thousand dollar basis. Of this nearly \$1000.00 has been expended in the bounds of Caddo River Association. For this we are thankful.

But for the money to carry on the work the Board must look to the churches and we therefore urge pastors to take up collections at each of their churches between now and November 1st and send to the missionary secretary. In giving to State Missions we, your committee, feels that the



churches are putting their money where it will glorify God and bring back a hundred fold in the end.

Very respectfully,

A. A. Bates,  
H. H. Thomas,  
Phil Abernathy,  
Committee.

Sixth—Report on Duty of Church to Pastor and Pastor to Church was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: The word of God says to the pastor: "Feed the flock of God," and in so doing they should teach them that missions is the spirit of Christianity, then the churches will feel their duty to minister unto their pastor his temporal necessities and be willing to help hold his hands up in doing his work.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Sherman,  
Chairman.

Seventh—Report on Nominations read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, find that there is but one church asking for the next session of the Association, to-wit: Mt. Olive, and we recommend that the next session of this body be held with Mt. Olive church, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1912.

Elbert Singleton,  
W. M. Rizley,  
Committee.

Eighth—Report on Temperance read and adopted as follows:

We find that the use of intoxicating drinks is a curse to the human family. We therefore recommend that all our Baptist people abstain from its use and use their utmost influence and vote to prohibit its manufacture, sale or use, not only within the bounds of this Association, but throughout the State, believing it to be wrong for the government to be a partner with the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Jeffrey,  
Chairman.

Ninth—By motion the report on Associational Missions was restored back to the committee for amendment.

Tenth—By motion adjourned until 1 p. m.



## MONDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The body met promptly at 4 p. m. by singing "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb," after which the Moderator led in prayer.

First—By motion and second the reading of the minutes of the forenoon session was omitted until later.

Second—The report on Associational Missions was read and adopted as follows:

We find that Brethren Bates and Burnett both did some missionary work. Brother Bates worked 22 days, preached 25 sermons, had 7 conversions, 3 baptized, 1 received by statement and collected on the field \$6.35.

Brother Burnett worked 48 days beginning July 1, 1914, preached 58 sermons, made 6 lectures to public schools, held 5 family services, organized one church at Sims, received into the church by letter and statement 12, experience and baptism 16, and collected on salary \$20.16.

Thus we see that Brethren Bates and Burnett did a good work, and a work that means much to the Association. But our field yet is not covered by any means. It is far from it. We need a man in the field all the time, who can supply our destitution, and especially hold meetings during the summer months. Our churches have been greatly strengthened this year, so we feel that if the right plan is adopted by our churches we should be able to supply this demand. We therefore recommend that the Association authorize the Board to employ a man for as much time as possible with the funds placed at their disposal. We also urge our beloved pastors to take up quarterly collections at their churches and report the results immediately to the Board each quarter so that they can act intelligently. We urge that our people go forward in this matter, for the Caddo River territory is to us the Jerusely spoken of by Christ in the commission. And we should by all means occupy the field, for it is truly ripe and the laborers are few.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Maner,  
Samuel Sherman,  
H. L. King,  
Committee.

Third—Report on names and postoffices of ministers was read and adopted as follows:

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name.	Postoffice.
J. O. Butler.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
J. M. White.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
A. A. Bates.....	Waters, Arkansas
F. F. Edward.....	Clagett, Arkansas
Charles Burnett.....	Board Camp, Arkansas
Elijah Abee.....	Big Fork Arkansas
L. P. Guthrey.....	Arkadelphia, Arkansas
J. B. Liles.....	Big Fork, Arkansas
A. T. Hill.....	Oden, Arkansas
H. T. Howell.....	Stratford, Oklahoma
H. H. Thomas.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
W. W. Mahurin.....	Oden, Arkansas

### LICENSED MINISTERS.

F. Cogburn.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
Phil Abernathy.....	Big Fork, Arkansas
Charley Robert.....	Black Springs, Arkansas
M. F. Hill.....	Waters, Arkansas
J. T. Covington.....	Black Springs, Arkansas

### VISITING MINISTERS.

J. E. Mullens.....	Winnewood, Oklahoma
	W. M. Edward,
	E. A. Lewis,
	Committee.

Fourth—Report on State of Religion was read and adopted as follows:

We find from the reading of the various church letters that the cause is more prosperous than last year in the bounds of the Association. We also find that all the churches have pastors. We pray the good Lord that the work may still grow and prosper.

Joe Shaw,  
J. W. Gorman,  
J. J. Abee,  
Committee.

Fifth—Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as follows:

We find that in the bounds of the Caddo River Association there are several Sunday schools but very few reported. We urge that pastors, deacons and fathers take more interest in this work, for we believe that children brought up in Sunday



school are more easily reached and brought to Christ than otherwise. We farther suggest that each church of this Association organize a Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Sherman,  
Chairman.

Sixth—Report on Religious Literature was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, do recommend that the Bible be read in preference to all other books, and that all kinds of good Baptist literature be kept by the parents for their children.

J. D. Holmes,  
J. R. Doyel,  
J. F. Jeffrey,  
Committee.

Seventh—Report on Finance read and adopted as follows:

Received for Minutes.....	\$23.60
Associational Mission .....	4.00
Orphans' Home, by collection.....	6.59
Total . . . . .	\$34.19

Eighth—Report on Obituaries was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Obituaries, make the following report:

Mt. Zion—Two, L. W. Pettit and Dena Jane Driggers.  
Little Hope—Sister Sarah Reed.  
Mt. Olive—Alex Gentry.  
Womble—Sister Caves.

Zack Hill,  
Phil Abernathy,  
I. D. White,  
Committee.

Ninth—A motion prevailed to release Brother J. F. Jeffrey from the Associational Board and empower the Moderator to appoint four to serve on the Associational Mission Board. Brethren Sam Bell, W. M. Edward, J. D. Holmes and Eugene Abernathy.

Tenth—Report of the Associational Board was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Board, beg leave to report that we have not been able to do what ought to have been done and we employed the



brethren set forth in the Associational Mission Committee's report, and we ask that you increase the number of the board to at least five in number.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Jeffrey,

Chairman.

Eleventh—The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, as follows:

Received for Minutes and Clerk .....	\$23.60
Associational Missions .....	4.00
Orphans' Home, by collection .....	6.59
Received from former Treasurer for Associational Missions. . . ..	50.76
Total . . . ..	\$84.95

Twelfth—The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Mt. Gilead Church and community for their kindness and generous hospitality during our stay with them.

Thirteenth—Resolved, That Rev. J. B. Liles preach the introductory sermon at Mt. Olive church, 1912. Rev. J. T. Covington, Alternate.

Fourteenth—A motion prevailed that the Clerk of the Association be paid \$10.00 for his services.

Fifteenth—A motion prevailed that the Clerk have 300 copies of the Minutes of this meeting printed.

Sixteenth—Rev. J. M. White and J. B. Liles volunteered to go as Corresponding Messengers to Pike County Association to convene at Amity, Ark.

Seventeenth—Appointed A. A. Bates as Corresponding Messenger to the Ouachita Association which convenes at Big Cedar, Okla.

Eighteenth—Rev. J. M. White volunteered as Corresponding Messenger to the South Caddo River Association.

Nineteenth—A motion prevailed for the Board to settle the balance due Brother Charles Burnett, \$18.41.

Twentieth—By motion and second the body received the re-

port of Brother A. A. Bates and ordered the balance due, \$11.00, to be settled by the Board.

Twenty-first—By motion the Minutes were read and adopted.

Twenty-second—A motion prevailed for the body to adjourn to meet at Mt. Olive church on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1912.

Prayer by the Rev. Charles Burnett, after which the congregation sang "Just Over in the Glory Land" and all took the parting hand.

Thus ended a harmonious session of the Caddo River Association.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

#### FIRST DAY

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Invitation to visiting ministers and messengers to seats.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointment of committees.
8. Report of Preaching Committee.

#### SECOND DAY.

1. Reading minutes.
2. Roll call.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments of next session.
6. Treasurer's report.

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## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 6. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

Art. 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.



Art. 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

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### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

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1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates' names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the

Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling some one else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting members in good order to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The Minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

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### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

2. We believe that the Scripture, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God, and the only rules of our Faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the fore-knowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.