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## Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
PARAGOULD, GREENE COUNTY, ARKANSAS,  
NOVEMBER 14 and 15, 1918.

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### GAINESVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Forty-ninth Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association was held with the Second Baptist Church of Paragould, Green County, Arkansas, November 14th, and 15th, 1918. Influenza prevented it meeting at Beech Grove. The Association met promptly at 10 A. M. and opened by singing which was followed by prayer led by Dr. J. S. Rogers.

The Moderator and Clerk both being absent T. B. Rouse, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rector, Arkansas, was chosen temporary Moderator and Prof. C. D. Morrice was chosen temporary Clerk. Rev. Edward L. Stovall, pastor of First Baptist Church of Piggott, Arkansas conducted the devotional exercises by reading the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

L. D. Summers and W. R. McEwen were selected as reading clerks, who read the letters presented by the following churches and the following messengers were enrolled.

Beech Grove—I. S. Horne, W. F. Robinson.

Bethlehem—J. A. Smith.

Big Creek—G. E. Bishop, J. F. Bishop, Sallie Bishop.

Black River—Report by letter.

Blooming Grove—Report by letter.

Brown's Chapel—H. J. McDaniel, J. F. Sain.

Center Hill—Edrice Cammon.

Epsaby—No report

Fairview—J. W. Thomason, W. M. Russell, Luther Sammons.

Friendship—Luther Johnson, Morris Walden, Ray McHaney.

Gainesville—M. F. Cotton, C. C. Brantley.

Greenway—Mrs. Sadie Thomas.

Hopewell—L. M. Clarida, J. B. Cooper.

Mainshore—No report.

Marmaduke—J. B. Walden, J. H. Cook, J. R. Hall.

Mt. Tabor—No report.

New Haven—Sallie Benner, Eula Jones.

New Hope—By letter.

New Light—By letter.

Paragould (Second)—G. L. Light, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weatherford, Sallie Bone.

Piggott—E. G. Ward, E. L. Stovall, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lewis.

Pleasant Hill—Ervin Ellington, C. B. Gibson.

Post Oak—No report.

Providence—J. P. Tucker.

Rector—Mrs. Teague, T. B. Rouse, W. K. Neeley.

Rock Hill—J. T. Rogers, W. K. Kelley, C. D. Morrice.

Salem—No report.

Spring Grove—No report.

St. Francis—No report.

Union Grove—R. H. Farley.

Wanders Home—By letter.

Bomer—No report.

Mounds—No report.

Mt. Pleasant—Ennis Johnson, E. A. Hinnaman, Mrs. Johnson.

On motion it was decided to have the Annual Sermon preached by Dr. J. S. Rogers at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M. Benediction by G. D. Faulkner.

### AFTERNOON FIRST DAY

At 2 o'clock the association reassembled and after singing and prayer resumed its work. Some more churches having sent letters they were read and their messengers enrolled. The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the next year. The following were elected: T. B. Rouse, Moderator; E. G. Ward, Clerk; J. B. Walden, Treasurer. After organization Bro. Rouse spoke for a short time on the importance of the work of the Association in a very impressive way.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Finance Committee:—R. H. Farley and J. F. Bishop.

On Order of Business:—J. T. Rogers, J. F. Sain, W. K. Neeley this committee reported at once with the same order of business as used in the year of 1916, which was adopted. It read as follows:

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon; 2. Reading of Letters and Enrolling

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Messengers; 3. Electing Officers; 4. Recognition of Corresponding Messengers and Visitors; 5. Report of Executive Board; 6. Report of Associational Missionary; 7. Report of Associational Missions; 8. Report of State Missions; 9. Home Missions; 10. Foreign Missions; 11. Temperance; 12. Orphan's Home; 13. Sunday School; 14. Hospital Work; 15. Prayer Meeting; 16. Ministerial and Christian Education; 17. Publication; 18. Obituaries; 19. Bible Schools; 20. Woman's Work; 21. Finance; 22. Ministers and Post-Offices; 23. Infirm Ministers; 24. Unfinished Business; 25. Miscellaneous; 27. Queries and Resolutions.

Divine Service Committee: Minister, J. D. J. Faulkner and the Deacons of Paragould Second Baptist Church.

Associational Missions—L. D. Summers, G. E. Bishop, Ervin Ellington.

State Missions—J. S. Rogers, E. L. Stovall, J. A. Smith.

Home Missions—G. D. Faulkner, Luther Johnson, Morris Walden, C. B. Gibson.

Foreign Missions—Ben L. Bridges, J. R. Hall, H. J. Mc Daniel

Temperance—J. M. Huddleston, J. J. Weaver, W. M. Russell.

Ministers and Post-offices—J. F. Sain, C. C. Brantley, W. L. Weatherford.

Infirm Ministers—E. L. Stovall, L. M. Claridy, J. W. Thomson

Orphan's Home—R. C. Rogers, Ray McHaney, J. R. Cooper.

Sunday School—B. L. Bishop, W. K. Neeley, E. A. Hinhaman, Mrs. W. Johnson.

Hospital Work—L. D. Summers, W. K. Kelly, W. F. Robinson.

Prayer Meeting—J. P. Rogers, I. S. Horne, J. P. Tucker, M. F. Cotton.

Ministerial Education—G. R. Tyler, J. R. Stanfield, W. H. Meredith.

Publication—G. D. Faulkner, M. L. Sammons, Edna Cammon, Mrs. Bishop.

Obituaries—W. H. Meredith, Ennis Johnson, Eula Jones.

Bible Schools—W. R. McEwen, G. A. Crocker, E. L. Stovall.

Woman's Work—Mrs. W. L. Weatherford, Mrs. E. J. Tgeaue, Louise Adams.

Stewardship—W. R. McEwen, W. F. Walden

Corresponding Messengers were on motion invited to seats in Association. The Following were present:

Dr. J. S. Rogers—Secretary State Missions.

W. R. McEwen—General Missionary.



G. D. Faulkner—Special Representative Baptist Advance.

A. E. Aldrice—Franklin Association, Missouri.

G. R. Tyler—Missionary Black River Association, Missouri.

Ben L. Bridges—Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paragould, Mt. Zion Association.

L. D. Summers— Mt. Zion Association, Pastor Blytheville, Arkansas.

R. F. Liddell—Black River Association, Missouri.

While the various committees were arranging their reports motion prevailed that L. D. Summers come to the front and discuss "Baptist's Outlook" which he ably did to the great pleasure of the entire Association.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Executive Board presented the following report by W. K. Neeley: We, the Executive Committee of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association, beg leave to make the following report:

No one who is familiar with the conditions of the country will be surprised to find that our report for this years' work does not show as well as the one made last year, and I am sure that no one regrets this worse than our Missionary and your Executive Committee. Several meetings have been held at various places and times during the year and we have done our best to keep familiar with the work and the needs of the Association, and by doing so try to be of much assistance to Brother Covington as possible.

We are extremely glad to report 25 conversions, 15 baptisms, by letter 4, four Sunday Schools have been organized, and a great deal more work will be shown in Brother Covington's report. When we take into consideration the unrest of the people during the past twelve months and the outbreak of the influenza during the latter part of the year, we feel that the year's work has not been in vain by any means and that Christ has been glorified and the Association has been strengthened.

Your Executive Committee has not been without trouble as we started the year again without any money and the results were that we had to borrow \$174.00 several months ago which is yet unpaid and drawing interest for several months, this and \$36 due Brother Covington put the Association without debt when paid. We pray that the churches will respond to the call and will not have the work crippled another year by starting in debt.

There is only \$4.00 in the treasury at this time, Praying that you may see the great need of this work as we do and that you will give it your support, not only in dollars but your prayers as well, that His great Commission may be carried out, we are,

Your Humble Committee,

W. K. NEELEY,

G. C. JERNIGAN,

W. F. WALDEN,

J. F. SAIN,

J. W. BISHOP.

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Associational Missionary—Report of J. L. Covington, Missionary Gainesville Association: Number miles traveled, 5000; Number sermons preached, 204; Other addresses, 27; Mission points preached to, 10; Churches visited, 22; Religious visits, 250; Sunday Schools organized, 4; Assisted Churches in getting pastor, 8; Bibles sold, 20; Bibles given away, 5; New Testaments sold, 25; Tracts given away, 2,000; New Testaments given away, 10; Other books given away for State Board, 75; Meetings held, 8; Converts, 25; Baptisms by myself and others, 15; Received by Letters, 4; Collections were as follows: Pastors' Salary, \$175.00; Associational Missions, \$400.00; Home and Foreign Missions \$166.30; Charity, 175.00; Subscriptions to Advance, 5.

J. L. COVINGTON, Associational Missionary.

In connection with the above report a collection was taken by Dr. Rogers for Associational Missions and the sum of \$100.00 was raised. The report was then adopted.

Treasurer's Report—Received from financial committee: For Minutes and clerk \$71.70; Associational Missions \$64.75; State Missions \$8.60; Home Missions \$7.80; Foreign Missions \$33.55; Orphans' Home \$96.06; Total from all \$282.46. Paid out as follows: State Missions \$8.60; Home Missions \$7.80; Foreign Missions \$33.55; Orphans' Home \$96.06 paid to J. S. Rogers; W. O. Heath, clerk \$71.70; Associational Missions paid to G. C. Jernigan \$64.75; Total paid out \$282.46.

J. B. WALDEN, Treasurer

On motion the above report was received and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until seven o'clock p. m. Benediction by G. R. Tyler.

EVENING SESSION (First Day)

At 7 o'clock the Association reassembled and after singing

two songs the Association was favored by two numbers from a special quartette. The first was "When the Mists Have Rolled Away" the other "Sing to Me." Both were splendid songs and well rendered and were greatly appreciated by the entire Association.

**State Missions Report**—State Missions are carried on by the churches in the state through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4384 conversions, 2243 baptisms, 3470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized and \$44,800.00 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have had four men working full time at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been nearly 8,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000.00 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all of this and more.

1st. Your Committee urges that every church in the Association do its very best to raise the amount asked of it by the Executive Board and that each church add special gifts for the work among the soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than Dec. 10, 1918.

2nd. That all churches open their doors to a committee in every church campaign for State Missions and that General Missionary, W. R. McEwen be asked to assist in said campaign.

**COMMITTEE:**

J. S. ROGERS,  
ED. L. STOVALL  
J. A. SMITH

On motion the report was received and discussed by Dr. Rogers, W. R. McEwen, L. D. Summers and G. D. Faulkner. The Annual Sermon was then delivered by Dr. J. S. Rogers. The above report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until nine o'clock Friday morning. Benediction by G. D. Faulkner.

**FRIDAY MORNING (Second Day)**

The Association reconvened at nine a. m., by singing "There



Is Power in The Blood". Devotional conducted by A. E. Aldrice, Franklin Association of Missouri. He read the Second Chapter of Hebrew for the lesson. Prayer by W. M. Russell. The Association then resumed its work.

Some additional church letters were presented, read and the messengers were enroll'd. Minutes of previous day read and approved. Roll was call and revised.

Associational Missions Report—We, your Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to make the following report: We are glad in our hearts that in this Association there is a great Missionary Spirit and that the Baptists of our Association are becoming more and more alive, not only to the needs of our Association, but to the fact that, need must be supplied. We note with pleasure the disposition of our people to rally to the calls and requirements of the hour and that in a greater way than formerly, but we desire to impress the fact that now that the goal has not been reached and exhort our people to live much more prayerfully to the end that the Kingdom of God may be ushered in a way that will be pleasing to our God. Our Association has some destitution and our Executive Board, which is the servant of the churches of the Association can not accomplish the great task of the hour unless the Baptists of our Association loyally stand behind this Board and supply it in a great way with their means and prayers.

We commend to our membership that passage of God's Word that is so dear to every Baptist heart, which is "Go Ye Into All the World and preach the Gospel to Every Creature" and then that great follow-up passage by Paul when he said, "How Can They Go Except that they be Sent?" We beg of our people, all who love God to stand loyally by the cause in this very crucial hour.

COMMITTEE:

L. D. SUMMERS,

G. E. BISHOP,

ERVIN ELLINGTON.

On motion the report was received and discussed by L. D. Summers, E. L. Stovall, G. R. Tyler. Report was adopted.

Home Mission Report—The most urgent Mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it



for spiritual ends. And only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done through this Board. Number of workers, 1,499; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190; of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved, 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized, 634; churches organized 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions 51,949; For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly, \$589,987.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to instruct its work for this year on a basis of a million-dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged efforts to our soldier boys. This calls for greatly enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For our country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. Every loyal Baptist will do his best to care for the spiritual needs of these boys. Your committee recommends: 1st. That the Association gladly accepts its increase apportionment for the Home Missions. 2nd. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued by the board, and that a large use be made of the free tracts on Home Missions. Order for these tracts and books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee

G. Dallas Faulkner  
Luther Johnson  
Maurice Walden  
Calvin B. Gibson

On motion the above report was received and discussed by G. D. Faulkner, G. R. Tyler, E. L. Stovall. Report was adopted.

Motion that the order of business be suspended and that a sermon be heard at this hour. An amended motion that the house proceed with the regular business was lost by vote. The original motion to suspend prevailed. Time for sermon set at 11:30 A. M.

Foreign Mission Report—Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history in Foreign Mission achievement. During the fiscal year of 1917-18 there was contributed \$852,923.72. Including the Judson Continental Fund there was over a million dollars contributed by Southern Baptists for the support of the

work. It was a great year despite the uncertainties and anxieties of the great war and difficulties for missionaries resulting from the war. There were 6,290 baptisms, 6 churches constituted, \$152, 874.16 contributed by the native Christians, 26 churches arriving at self-support, 102, 271 treatment by medical missionaries.

Now that the war is over there is no cause for faint-heartedness. The Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in May decided that Southern Baptists should be requested to give one and one-half million dollars to Foreign Missions before the next meeting of the convention. This is small compared with our numbers and wealth.

We have now 464 churches in all the fields of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership of 53,000, in the foreign fields with 715 Sunday Schools enrolling more than 34,000 and other schools enrolling more than 34,000 and other schools enrolling more than 9,000. Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and others are greatly needed.

We recommend that Baptists subscribe for the "Home and Foreign Fields." Which can be had of the foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. for fifty cents per year. We further recommend that our ministers preach "red hot" sermons on Foreign Missions and that every church in the Association make a liberal offering to this great work. Arkansas Baptists should give at least \$40,000 to Foreign Missions this year. B. L. Bridges and H. J. McDaniel

On motion the above was received and discussed by B. L. Bridges, W. R. McEwen. B. L. Bridges having been selected by the committee on Divine Services, to preach at this hour, began by reading a part of the Third chapter of the Phillippians. Prayed by T. B. Rouse. His text was taken from the 10th verse and his principal theme was "That I May Know Him." The subject was ably delivered and it was greatly appreciated by all. The Report on the Foreign Missions was adopted.

Hospital Report—We, your committee beg to submit the following report: The Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. is as much an Arkansas Hospital as it is for Tennessee and we are just as responsible for its up keep and maintainance as are others for it belongs to us. This hospital accomplished great work in blessing the sick. At the State Convention last year in Jonesboro, the Convention voted to give \$10,000 to this hospital, this conventional year. Therefore we pray that each at this Associa-

tion take a collection for the hospital at once, and we reccommend that if any of our people are in need of a hospital that they can go to Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn. This hospital is free to all the poor of any denomination.

Committee.

Report was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M. Benediction by G. A. Crocker.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION (Second day)

1:30 P. M. After song service prayer was offered by R. L. Lewis and the Association resumed its work.

Report on Infirm Ministers—Your committee on Infirm Ministers made an investigation and failed to find any old or infirm ministers in our association who are needing financial assistance. However we prize very highly the work that our old ministers have done, and we respect and love the aged brethren for their works sake.

Further more we think it would be a shame for any of our old brethren to suffer from our neglect, therefore, we make the following recommendations: 1st. That our moderator appoint a committee of one to look out for the infirm ministers and report to the association next year.

2nd. We urge that our churches contribute to the state or Southern Baptist Convention (Home Board) fund for the relief of such ministers.

Committee

Ed. L. Stovall

L. M. Clarida.

Report adopted. R. L. Lewis of Piggott, Arkansas, was appointed to look after the matter and report next year.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

	General Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Sunday School Board	Ministerial Aid	Minutes and Clerk	TOTAL
Center Hill								1.10	1.10
Fairview			1.00					2.00	3.00
Big Creek	19.50				6.50			2.00	28.00
Marmaduke				.50	6.00			2.50	11.50
Mt. Pleasant		5.00			7.80			3.00	15.80
Union Grove								1.41	1.41
Rock Hill	7.75							4.30	12.05
Browns Chapel								2.50	2.50
New Haven	5.00	.50	1.00		1.00	.50		2.05	10.05
Hopewell								3.00	3.00
Pleasant Hill	2.50	2.10						.50	5.10
Providence					5.00			1.50	6.50
Piggott								5.00	5.00
Bethlehem								2.00	2.00
Gainsville		4.00	1.00		2.10		1.00	1.40	9.50
Beech Grove	4.00	22.00						2.00	28.00
Rector								5.00	5.00
Friendship					2.60			4.25	6.85
New Hope					6.14			3.00	9.14
Paragould (2nd)								5.50	5.50
Spring Grove	5.36				7.96			2.00	15.32
Black River	4.00							1.18	5.18
Special Col.	70.00								70.00
Greenway	5.00							1.25	6.25
Committee									

R. H. Farley  
J. F. Bishop

Report was adopted.

On motion by R. L. Lewis the clerk was instructed to take \$15.00 out of the minute and the clerk fund for his services and use the balance for printing the minutes of the Association.

Report on Stewardship—Much interest is being taken on the subject of Stewardship. Our people are seeing as never before that all life must be put on a stewardship basis. Common honesty demands this. Each one of us belongs to God; All our possessions

are God's property rather than our own; The very strength skill and ability that we use belongs to God. We are to use an administer all these "As good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

It is gratifying to note that this great subject is being emphasized and agitated all over the land. The secretaries of the Executive Board of the State Convention have sent out thousands of copies of free books on stewardship and have circulated quantities of free literature on this subject; many classes have been organized to study Stewardship; many sermons have been preached on it by our pastors; and it has often been discussed in institutes, Bible School and assemblies.

We recommend: 1st. That every pastor preach to all his people several times a year on phase of Stewardship. 2nd. That books and tracts be circulated and read by our people as widely as possible. 3rd. That classes for study of Stewardship be organized in churches and Sunday Schools in W. M. U. and R. Y. P. U. Societies and in protracted meetings. Free books for such classes as well as other free literature on Stewardship and Tithing can be had by writing J. S. Compere, 505 Donaghey Bldg, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee

W. R. McEwen

W. F. Walden

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Report on Orphans Home—The Orphans Home at Monticello has been in operation 22 years, and has been a blessing to perhaps, 1000 orphans. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of our people. Its mission based on God's word, it is to relieve distressed orphans, and save them to the State and bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children in good private homes, while it has its problem, never-the-less it is proving a great blessing to the children, and at the same time enabling the home to care for a larger number of children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a serious case of illness. All symptoms of pellagra have disappeared, and it is hoped that permanent cure has been effected.

The serious drouth has blighted the crop prospects, but the Home Superintendent thinks there will be a sufficient amount of feedstuffs raised to care for live stock until another crop is grown. The Home will need \$7,500. to meet all obligations, and

go to the Convention clear of debt.

We recommend. First, That every church and Sunday School make regular monthly offerings to this work of mercy. Second, That a cash and pledge collection be now taken for the Home.

#### Committee

R. C. Rogers

Ray McHaney

C. P. Cooper

On motion the above report was received and the following pledges were taken:

Paragould (Second	\$25.00
Rector	\$10.00
New Haven	\$2.00
Rock Hill	\$12.70
Hopewell	\$5.00
Brown's Chapel	\$5.00
Spring Grove	\$5.00
Beech Grove	\$5.00
Big Creek	\$5.00
Piggott	\$20.00
Fair View	\$2.00
Friendship (Paid)	\$5.00
J. A. Smith(Paid)	\$1.00
Collection (Paid)	\$6.71

Report was adopted.

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#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. Both of these institutions have for many years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. We also have three mountain schools, Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, Maynard Academy, at Maynard, and Montview Institute, in Carroll County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total education debt as reported at the last meeting of our Convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board, and consists of the debts of Central College assumed by the Convention, and of obligations made to secure money and to pay annual deficits at Ouachita College. We now have above \$70,000. in the Endowment Fund for



Ouachita, and it is hoped and believed that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to keep us from having any more deficits there.

The Baptists of Araknsas must pay our little education debt, endow Ouachita liberally, and provide new buildings and equipment for our colleges and our mountain schools. We heartily endorse the plan of a five-year campaign for a Christian Education. We are glad that an Education Secretary has been employed, whose whole time is given to raising funds for Christain Educations and to stimulating interest in education and to general enlistment work in this cause.

Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of very special importance in the matter of training men for the ministry. We are sadly in need of more preachers, and preachers need training in order to be prepared to do the best service. We ought to encourage and help our young preachers to attend our own Baptist institutions of learning. Let no church fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

Report was adopted.

Committee

G. R. Tyler

J. R. Stanfield

W. H. Meredith

Prayer Meeting—We, your committee on Prayer Meeting make the following report: We urge each pastor in the association to have prayer meeting each week, either at church or in some home in the community and that each pastor or church will appoint some one as leader of these meetings. Further, that these services be devoted to prayer for all the interest of the churches, the Cause and Kingdom of our Lord, and in a special way that prayer be made for the Gospel Truths doctrines and principles our churches be adhered to properly. Also that our soldier boys be prayed for with much earnestness.

Committee

I. S. Horne

J. T. Rogers

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Sunday Schools—We recognize the great importance of the Sunday Schools in the Evangelical life of our churches and cannot place too much stress on the necessity of working up the great body of our Baptist people to the prime importance of Sunday School in our church life.

When we realize that there is such a great per cent of the conversions in our revivals come from the Sunday Schools. The greatest hindrance to the growth of our Sunday Schools usefulness is the indifference of so many of our elder people and church-members. We earnestly hope that some influence may be brought to bear upon the membership of our churches, who are now indifferent, to the importance of our Sunday Schools. That they are as much responsible for the success of their church through the Sunday School as any member and in order to achieve the greatest efficiency as christian workers, we recommend that every pastor in our Association insist on the elder members to attend the Sunday School. The Great Commission is to teach and we earnestly recommend to every church that they support, in a heroic passion, their Sunday School, and make it truly a teaching force in the church.

We also find that there is a great need of more ever-green Sunday Schools and a dire need of trained workers with which these schools may be properly manned. The day has come when the preacher is ashamed to accept the call of a church which has no Sunday School, and a church that will not try to maintain a Sunday School is scarcely worth a pastor.

We recommend: First, That any church that has no Sunday School will immediately organize one. Second, That each pastor and Superintendent be asked to take a step at once to organize a Teachers Training Class in their respective Sunday Schools. Third, That our Missionary co-operate with us in giving us ever-green Sunday School in all our churches.

Committee

B. L. Bridges

W. K. Neeley

E. A. Hinnaman

Mrs. Willie Johnson

On Motion the report was received and adopted.

Bible Schools Report—Last year the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention promoted fifteen Bible Schools at various places in the state, one of them being at Rector in this Association. While hindered by the extreme weather conditions great good was done by teaching in these schools.

The plan is a little different this year. Only one School is proposed and it is to be state wide.

Every Baptist preacher in the state is invited and urged to

attend this school which will be held in Little Rock, for two full weeks beginning January 11th, 1919. All preachers will be given free board and text books for the term of school. The good of such schools is incalculable.

In view of these facts the Committee recommends:

1. That such a school be promoted for Gainsville Association time, place and faculty to be selected by the Executive Board of the Association, and conditioned upon the invitation of some church for the schools.

2. That all preachers of the Association be urged to attend both the schools, especially the one at Little Rock.

3. That all churches be asked to pay rail-road fare for their pastors to the school at Little Rock.

Committee

W. R. McEwen

E. L. Stovall

Report was adopted.

Publication Report—The power of the press is incalculable. The importance of the good literature in the hands of our young people can not be estimated. The reading of clean literature will promote clean thinking. Therefore your committee recommends:

1. That all of our people actively support our denominational publications, especially the Baptist Advance and doctrinal books and tracts.

2. That in buying Bibles, Testaments and other religious books, preference to be given our own Baptist Book House, 405 Dbnaghey Bldg, Little Rock, Ark.

3. That free circulating libraries be established in churches and Sunday Schools where possible for the express purpose of creating a taste for good literature among our young people.

Committee

W. R. McEwen

J. D. J. Faulkner

Report was adopted.

Temperance Report—The clerk failed to receive this report.

Woman's Work—Through the darkest days ever seen on this earth the women of our nation have been faithful and loyal. In our church work they have not been "slackers" by no means. In looking over the letters sent by the various churches, we find that six of them report Woman's Work. These six also report the following: Given to State Missions 50 cents, Associational Miss-



ions \$12.50, Home Missions \$27.20, Sunday School expenses 50 cents, for pastor's salary, building and repairing \$944.05. Your committee urged the pastors and deacons in every church in this Association to encourage the Woman's Work. We also call upon all of our women to see to it that the work is carried out in all the churches.

Committee—

The report was adopted.

Obituaries Report—Our dead for the past year are as follows: Paragould (Second)—Joe H. Brewster, Bewell Wright, Dixie Frields. Rector—Maggie Johnson. Piggott Church—W. M. Anderson, W. O. Heath. Union Grove—Maggie Yarbrough. Pleasant Hill—Birtie Gibson. Brown's Chapel—C. E. Waddell, Willie Idell Krantz, Johnnie Tedder. Rock Hill—Wilma McDaniel, Emma bateman. Marmaduke—J. T. Rice, Lila Rice, Belle Williams, Mollie F. Clark. Spring Grove—Savannah Robertson. Hopewell Six, not named. Gainsville—one not named. Beech Grove—One, not named.

Committee

W. H. Meredith  
Ennis Johnson  
Eula Jones

Report was adopted.

Pastors and Post-Offices—We, your committee on Pastors and Post-Offices make the following report:

F. B. Emmons, Paragould, Ark.  
J. R. Stanfield  
W. H. Meredith  
T. R. Allen  
A. Remley, in France.  
G. H. Faulkner, Paragould, Ark.  
J. D. J. Faulkner  
R. C. Rogers  
B. W. Hooker  
E. D. Cooper  
J. T. Newell, Marmaduke, Ark.  
W. H. Gossett  
J. R. Hall  
T. L. B. Thorn  
J. A. Stairs, Pollard, Ark.  
T. B. Rouse, Rector, Ark.

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP			MISSIONS			CONTRIBUTIONS										TOTAL	Value of Church Property..	PASTORS
	Increase	Decrease		State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial	Sunday School	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Incidental	Orphan's Home	Minutes and Clerk	Building Repair	Poor				
	Baptisms	Restored	Death	Association	Membership	Excluded	Letter												
Beech Grove	0 0	0 1	0 0	60 35	00 22	00 00						18 00	1 00	1200 00					A. A. Ryan
Bethlehem	0 0	0 2	0 0	46 6	50 15	45 00	5 00	5 00		6 00	84 65		2 00						R. C. Rogers
Big Creek	3 4	0 3	0 0	38 19	50 45	00 00				6 40	125 00	38 00	2 00						J. D. J. Faulkner
New Light	4 3	4 4	1 85	10 00						12 00	150 00	5 00	2 00						G. A. Crocker
Brown's Chapel	0 0	0 3	0 49	22 35			11 90	11 90	11 00	17 19	112 00	95 00	2 00						
Center Hill	1 0	0 3	0 0	64 2	40 7	30 2	50 2	50 2		8 00	50 00	23 40	1 19						F. B. Emmons
Fairview	0 0	0 4	4 48			11 30				2 11	60 00	3 00	2 00						F. B. Emmons
Friendship	3 7		170 72	25 72	30 35	50 35	50 35			10 00	116 64	52 00	4 25						
Gainesville	0 0	0 1	3 20			7 25			1 00		75 00		1 40						J. R. Stanfield
Greenway	0 2	0 2	1 49	5 00		8 50					75 00	3 50	1 25	96 00					R. L. Lewis
Hopewell	7 2	0 6	0 147			37 50	4 50				112 75	11 00	2 50		11 50				R. L. Lewis
Blooming Grove	0 2	0 3	0 122			14 00					125 00	20 00							R. L. Lewis
Marmaduke	4 4	0 4	0 221	46 90	13 27	24 50	27 03	750	100 89	525 00		70 00	80 30	5 00	280 00				J. Windbiggler
New Haven	0 0	0 2	0 72	5 00		50 3	00 0		5 00	70 50		12 72	2 05						R. C. Rogers
New Hope	20 9	0 0	1 268	25 00					20 00	225 00		21 00	5 14	3 00	200 00				J. A. Stairs
Paragould (2nd)	24 16	1 73	0 212	51 00	50 00	25 50	25 75	24 00		831 80	125 00	52 33	50 00	5 50	6 00				J. D. J. Faulkner
Piggott	6 4	1 5	2 10	197 22	00 26	00 18	77 12	52	26 00	190 00	257 00	173 00	32 80	5 00	2094 69				E. L. Stovall
Pleasant Hill	6 2	2 11	59 5	10 10	85 17	30 17			6 90	125 00									A. A. Ryan
Providence	14 12	2 20	0 130							100 00		5 00	1 50	254 00					J. R. Stanfield
Rector	6 9	5 1	0 220	11350	85 00	65 00	65 00	10 00	71 80	1100	200 00	142 68	19 00	5 00	65 48	50 00			T. B. Rouse
Rock Hill	1 3	0 1	0 142	58 75	10500	29 00	43 50	11 50	14 59	177 17	104 00	46 68	64 63	4 30					F. P. Turner
Spring Grove	0 0	0 2	1 49	6 30	7 30				8 00	50 00		6 00	15 83	2 00					F. B. Emmons
Union Grove	2 3	0 2	1 0	59 20	00 3	00 9	75 12	00	5 00	77 05		9 00	6 50	1 41	5 00	8 50			J. W. Seay
Mt. Pleasant	4 2	0 0	0 49	2 00	3 00	9 75	9 75		7 24	100 00	33 45		7 80	3 00					F. B. Emmons
Wanders Home	6 0	0 0	0 62	5 00						125 00	25 30	5 65	5 75	2 90					J. L. Pinkston
Black River	5 2	1 2	42 4	00 1	00 3	00 10	00 3	00 30	00 159	50 28	00 2	50 20	00 0		59 68	25 00			R. L. Lewis