

MINUTES
of the
Grand Prairie Baptist
Association



FORTY-FOURTH SESSION



HELD WITH THE
Cross Roads Baptist Church
November 14 and 15 1918

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Forty Fourth Session

OF THE

**Grand Prairie Baptist
Association**

**HELD WITH THE CROSS ROADS
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Hickory Plains, Arkansas

NOVEMBER 14, 15, 1918

: Officers :

— **W. H. GREGORY, MODERATOR**
DeVall's Bluff, Ark.

W. A. ROCHELL, VICE-MODERATOR
DeValls Bluff, Ark

C. C. LUMPKIN, CLERK
DeValls Bluff, Ark

J. H. ROUNSVALL, TREASURER
Hazen, Ark

Next Session to be Held With the Stuttgart Baptist Church, Stuttgart, Ark., beginning on Thursday night, before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1919 at 7:30 O'clock.



Annual Sermons for the Next Session

Introductory Sermon on Thursday at 7:30 o'clock
Rev. B. F. House; Alternate, Rev. W. J. Johnson

Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev.
L. H. Dodson; Alternate, Rev. H. Y. Morris.

Grand Prairie Baptist Association

OPENING SESSION THURSDAY 7:30 P. M.

Grand Prairie Baptist Association assembled at Cross Roads Baptist Church November 14th, 1918. At 7:30 P. M. after singing "Take the Name of Jesus" prayer was led by Brother Giles C. Taylor. The Forty-fourth Session of the Grand Prairie Association was convened by Moderator Brother W. H. Gregory. A short and splendid speech was made by Brother Gregory in which he spoke of the great opportunity now before us to try and make Germany a Christian nation.

After which a song was selected and sung.

Brother T. J. Fowlkes, of DeVal's Bluff, Ark., having been selected to preach the introductory sermon called for a song. He then read, beginning with the 6th verse of the 32nd chapter of Gen. to the 5th verse of the 33rd chapter. After a short and helpful sermon by Brother Fowlkes, Brother J. E. Bogard was called to lead in prayer, after which Hymn 139 "Rally Endeavors" was sung. Brother W. H. Gregory appointed Brother L. H. Dodson to conduct a short devotional service Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

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It was then moved and caried that the Association adjourn till 9 A. M. Friday morning. Benediction by Brother Gregory.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 9:00 A. M.

The Association was reconvened at 9:00 A. M. by singing. Brother L. H. Dodson having been selected to conduct Devotional services, read the 116th Psalm. Prayer was led by Brother J. S. Compere after which several songs were sung, and Brother Finas Martin and Brother J. T. Fowlkes were called to lead in prayer.

A motion was made to go into permanent organization, after which a discussion followed on account there being so few messengers present. There was a second to the motion and a vote was cast. The motion lost.

The following churches were enrolled and their messengers seated:

Cross Roads, W. H. Highfill, Maggie Patton, M. Miles; Stuttgart, H. N. Jean, Mrs. S. Rhodes, Mrs. T. F. Anderson; Gillett, by letter; Harmony by letter; Almyra, by letter; DeVall's Bluff, W. H. Gregory; C. C. Lumpkin; J. T. Fowlkes; New Bethel, B. F. House; Pleasant Ridge, J. H. Pharr, J. A. Addison, J. R. Ricks; Big Lagrue, by letter; DeWitt, C. P. McGraw; Center Point, J. H. Rounsual; Oak Grove, W. L. Cole, Mrs. J. S. Cole, Troy Webb; Rochell Chapel, W. A. Rochell; Corinth, B. L. McMullen, S. M. Henderson; Rising Sun, L. H. Dodson; New Salem, by letter.

A motion was made and carried that all letters coming in later, from the different Churches in the Association be filed with the clerk and recorded in the minutes.

Brothers W. H. Gregory, L. H. Dodson and B. F. House, discussed the amending some of the articles of the constitution, but no action was taken.

A motion was made by Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, to go into permanent organization. The motion was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MODERATOR. Rev. J. T. Fowlkes moved to suspend the rules and that the clerk cast the vote of the body for Brother W. H. Gregory of DeVall's Bluff. The motion was lost, and the vote was taken by ballot. Brother Gregory was elected.

VICE-MODERATOR. Brother W. A. Rochell was nominated and elected unanimously.

CLERK. It was moved by Brother Fowlkes to suspend the rules and the Moderator cast the the vote for C. C. Lumpkin for clerk. Motion carried and the vote was cast.

TREASURER. It was moved by Brother J. T. Fowlkes, and the motion carried, to suspend the rules and the clerk cast the vote of the body for Brother J. H. Rounsvall for treasurer.

The Moderator then announced the following committees, each Chairman's name appearing first.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.—J. G. Lile, J. T. Fowlkes and Finas Martin.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—J. T. Fowlkes, Finas Martin, W. A. Rochell, J. H. Rounsvall and M. Miles.

HOME MISSIONS.—J. T. Fowlkes, H. Y. Morris and W. A. Rochell.

STATE MISSIONS.—J. S. Compere, J. G. Lile and C. C. Lumpkin.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.—H. W. Jean, J. T. Fowlkes and J. G. Lile.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—J. H. Rounsvall, W. L. Cole and C. C. Lumpkin.

TEMPERANCE.—L. H. Dodson and H. Y. Morris.

ORPHAN'S HOME.—L. H. Dodson, W. H. Highfield and Finas Martin.

PUBLICATION—J. S. Compere and J. G. Lile.

OBITUARY.—J. T. Fowles and C. C. Lumpkin.

The Association then adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

Brother J. S. Compere having been selected by a committee to preach, called for a song, after which he read the 9th chapter of Romans, taking for his text the 1st and 2nd verses, from which he preached a very instructive sermon. Song "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Prayer by Brother Morris. Song "Alas, And Did My Savior Die." Dismissed by Brother Gregory.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was reconvened by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by Brother Gregory.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Committee on Christian Education asked to report and their report was read and spoken to by Brother J. G. Lile who made a very stroggn speech. Motion prevailed to adopt the report as read. Report follows:

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita at Arkadelphia, and Central at

Conway. Both 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 Mountview 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 to pay annual deficits at Ouachita College. We now have about \$95,000 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 Arkansas 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 Christian education. We are glad that an Education secretary has been employed, whose whole time is given to raising funds for Christian education, 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

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make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian education.

J. G. LILE,
J. T. FOWLKES,
FINAS MARTIN,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS

The report on State Missions was read by J. S. Compere and spoken to by himself, Brother H. W. Gean and Brother H. Y. Morris. The report was adopted as follows:

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their faith and zeal, is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the terrible war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ.

This work is carried on by the churches of 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; 4,384 conversions; 2,243 baptisms; 3,470 additions; 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized, and \$448.00 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 soldiers to Christ. There have been more than 7,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not

less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all of this sum and more. Your Committee urges:—

1. That a careful study of the Boards Catechism be made by all the pastors and churches.

2. That pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and make plans to reach every church in the Association for a worthy offering to State Missions before December 1.

3. That every Church in this Association do its very best to raise at least 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 December 1.

J. S. COMPERE,

C. C. LUMPKIN,

J. G. LILE,

Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

This report was read by Brother J. S. Compere and dismissed by him. The report was adopted as read, as follows:

It is impossible to estimate the power of the printed page. He who can direct the reading of the people can determine their thinking; and their thinking determines their living. If we are to build the kingdom in a solid and enduring fashion we must circulate and read the right sort of literature. Without this we shall never fulfill our Mission.

This is a reading age; the young people are read-

ing; if they are provided with good literature they will read that and if they are not furnished with good literature they will read the kind that corrupts and blights their lives. The fauotical issues of the day know the value of literature and send their publications all over the land. We shall not be able to counteract such movements unless we send out good literature and unless our people read it.

We wish to commend the efforts of the State Board along this line. Thousands upon thousands of the best tracts and other publications have been sent over the State, and hundreds of books have been given away, while while the Baptist Book House furnishes at as low a price as possible all such books as our people want.

We recommend that all our people read the "Baptist Advance" and the "Home and Foreign Field." We also recommend that the pastors and other church workers push the circulation of these publications and encourage the people to read them.

J. S. COMPERE,

J. G. LILE

Committee.

TEMPERANCE

The report on Temperance was read by Brother L. H. Dodson, and spoken to by himself. Report adopted as follows:

We, your Committee beg to report as follows. Realizing that strong drink has made more sad hearts, made more desolate homes, blackened more lives and made more beggar children than any other evil known to mankind, therefore we feel that we could not use too strong language in condemning its use.

We rejoice that National Prohibition is in sight, and soon men who have here-to-fore been accustomed to spending their hard-earned wages for strong drink will in the future spend it for the necessaries of life.

L. H. DODSON,

H. Y. MORRIS,

Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother H. N. Jean, and spoken to by himself. Report adopted as read. Report follows:

The Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in May decided that Southern Baptists should be requested to give One and a Half Million Dollars to Foreign Missions before the next meeting of the convention. Compared with Southern Baptists numbers and wealth this amount is small.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the War is helping this great enterprise. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday Schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed.

Every church in the Association is admonished to lay large plans, and press the greatest campaign next

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March and April that we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. This Association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the Million and a Half Dollars. Arkansas should raise \$40,000 this year for this great cause.

"The Home and Foreign Fields," price fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes free of charge tracts for distribution.

H. N. JEAN,
J. T. FOWLKES,
J. G. LILE,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS

The report was read by Brother J. T. Fowlkes, and spoken to by himself. Report was adopted as read. Report follows:

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, 1,498; 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 num-

ber 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 outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged efforts for our soldier boys. This calls for greatly enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For 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:

1. That this Association gladly accept its increased apportionment for Home Missions.

2. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued on home Missions. Orders for tract and books should be addressed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

J. T. FOWLKES,

H. Y. MORRIS,

W. A. ROCHELL,

Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

This report was read by Brother J. T. Fowlkes and spoken to by himself. Report follows:

1. The Master's plan to evangelize the Nations of Earth is to begin in the local field, which to us is the District Association. Grand Prairie Association presents many difficult problems, and needs the co-operation of every church and pastor, and this must be if we are to reach the destitution, which is appalling.

We commend the earnest faithful work of Brother H. Y. Morris, our present Missionary, who has been tireless in his work on destitute fields, which appeals to your Committee as the only real Missionary work.

2. We recommend that a Missionary be elected and equipped if possible, with a car, that he may more easily reach all the destitution in our bounds.

3. That he give his entire time until the meeting of the State Convention to the State Mission Campaign, especially to raise funds to assist in the work among the soldier boys, as a small appreciation of what the State Mission Board has done for us.

J. T. FOWLKES,
FINAS MARTIN,
W. A. ROCHELL,
J. H. ROUNSVALL,
M. MILES,
Committee.

Moderator W. H. Gregory, appointed a Committee to nominate a place for the next Association. The report follows:

We, your Committee on Nomination, report as follows: That the Association meet Thursday night before the Third Sunday in October, 1919, with the Baptist Church at Stuttgart, Arkansas.

H. N. JEAN,
J. H. ROUNSVALL,
J. H. PHARR.
Committee.

The Moderator announced that the nomination was open for any other church in the Association.

There being no other nominations, Stuttgart was unanimously elected.

**REPORT OF LADIES AID, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
STUTTGART, ARKANSAS**

Pledge to Orphan's Home -----	\$ 17.48
Home Missions -----	40.00
State Missions -----	
Paid on Liberty Bond -----	29.50
Church Debt -----	100.00
For flowers -----	3.75
Ladies Training School, Conway ---	2.00
Printing Minutes -----	1.00
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Total paid out -----	\$193.00
Received for year's work and pledges	\$161.78
On hand April 1st, 1918 -----	30.16
Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1918 ----	1.79

KATE B. GILLISPIE, Secretary.

**REPORT OF W. M. U. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
DeVALL'S BLUFF, ARKANSAS, FOR YEAR
ENDING OCTOBER 1ST, 1918**

OFFICERS.—President, Mrs. George Cooper;
Vice President, Mrs. Eugene Lankford; Vice President,
Mrs. Thomas O. Sparks; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs.
Joe Skarda; Members enrolled, 14.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Janitor Service -----	\$10.50
Home and Foreign Missions -----	6.00
Camp Pike Missions -----	5.00

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Pastor's salary -----	5.00
Orphan's Home Debt -----	5.00
Educational Fund -----	5.00
On Piano -----	60.00
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Total -----	\$96.50
Balance -----	9.50
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	\$106.00

MRS. JOE SKARADA, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER

For Associational Missions -----	\$97.25
Minutes and Clerk -----	27.83
State Missions -----	3.00
Texarkana Orphan's Home -----	8.10
Monticello Orphan's Home -----	3.00
Received on pledges for Associational Missions -----	
By H. B. Dudley -----	25.00
Received on pledges for Associational Missions -----	
By W. J. Johnson -----	5.00
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Total amount received -----	\$169.18

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, find that there were thirteen deaths in the bounds of Grand Prairie Association. We mourn their loss, but God in His infinite wisdom knows best. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we remember their loved ones and pray God to bless them.

Our dead are: Brother William C. Lockett, Rising Sun; Sister Claudie Evans, Rochells Chapel; Sister Mable Warre, Oak Grove; Sister Bernice Kessel, DeVall's Bluff; Sister Bertha Parris, Brother W. M. Webb, and Rev. Braswell, Almyra; Brother E. L. Thomas, Gillett; Sister H. H. Spiller and Sister C. R. Meyers, Stuttgart; Brother J. C. Barnett, Sister E. G. Bowers, and Sister Elvins Johnson, DeWitt.

We, your committee, ask that each member of this Association remember the bereft of the deceased saints in prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. FOWLKES,

C. C. LUMPKIN,

Committee.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Brother H. Y. Morris came forward and read his report, as follows:

Dear Brethren: As your Missionary elected at our last Association, I beg to make the following report:

This report is not what I hoped to have been able to make. First of all, we had the hardest winter for years, followed by an unusual drouth and it looked as though nothing would be made.

We have been engaged in the greatest war the world ever knew. Sadness and gloom overshadowed the earth. Trials and disappointments paralyzed that spirit of activity and co-operation that have always characterized Grand Prairie Association.

The Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross, War Stamps and

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Liberty Bonds, not only made the work discouraging but Mission money scarce and hard to get. All together this has been the hardest year's work I ever did.

I have worked eleven months and a half. I worked up to the state-wide quarantine which shut out all public services.

I have traveled, in miles, -----	3750
Sermons preached -----	165
Homes visited -----	302
-- Religious services in Homes -----	90
Public Addresses -----	12
Churches assisted in getting pastors---	3
Prayer meetings organized -----	5
Sunday schools organized -----	3
Meetings held -----	6
Baptisms by myself and in meetings held	32
By Statement -----	12
By letter -----	22
Total Additions -----	66

MONEY COLLECTED

Treasurer through the Bank -----	\$400.00
Treasurer -----	19.00
Treasurer by personal check -----	5.00
W. H. Gregory -----	10.00
W. J. Johnson -----	5.00
State Board -----	250.00
DeVall's Bluff -----	10.00
Hazen Church -----	10.00
Rochell Chapel -----	50.00
Cross Roads -----	52.00
Pleasant Ridge (Pastored) -----	65.00
Haynes Church -----	30.00

New Hope Church -----	30.00
-- Hagler Church -----	113.00
Beebe Church, (Missions) -----	30.00
Piney Woods -----	16.00
New Bethel -----	5.00
Devore School House -----	12.00
Fair Mount -----	8.00
Brummitt -----	3.00
Tollville -----	3.00
Prairie Chapel -----	10.00
Johnson's Chapel -----	4.00
Harrison Chapel -----	2.00
Antioch -----	11.00
Total -----	\$1,164.00
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Leaving me due the Board -----	4.00

MONEY RAISED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

First, the Board instructed me to spend the entire month of April in visiting every church in the Association to raise money to preach the gospel to the boys in the army. The Campaign resulted in the following amount.

Center Point -----	\$10.00
Rochells Chapel -----	10.00
Prairie Chapel -----	6.00
New Salem -----	2.60
Macedonia -----	3.00
Piney Woods -----	10.00
Hamilton -----	7.50
Rising Sun -----	26.00
Big Lagrue -----	11.00
Cross Roads -----	14.50
Pleasant Ridge -----	14.65

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Davids Chapel -----	5.00
Beebe Church -----	26.00
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Total -----	\$163.00

I raised for building, repairs, missions and Orphan's Home, \$1, 164.00.

Total amount raised during the year, \$2,522.00 as follows:

Salary -----	\$1,164.00
Building and Repairs -----	1,195.00
For the Boys in War -----	163.00
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Total -----	\$2,522.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. Y. MORRIS,

Missionary.

Moderator W. H. Gregory, called Vice Moderator W. A. Rochell to temporarily take the chair. He then made a short speech on Associational Missions, referring to the splendid work that Brother H. Y. Morris had done. Brother J. T. Fowlkes also made a short speech along the same line.

Motion was made and carried to empower the ary. Brother J. T. Fowlkes made a motion to suspend the rules, and the Clerk cast the vote of the body for Brother H. Y. Morris for Missionary. Motion was carried and the vote was cast.

Motion was made and carried to empower the Board to set the Missionary's salary.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

The report was read by Brother L. H. Dodson, and spoken to by himself. Report adopted as follows:

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

One of the dutiet which should appeal to every Christian is caring for those who are fatherless and motherless. Especially should the Baptists of Arkansas help in this great work being done by theose who have charge of our Orphans Homes, both at Monticello and Texarkana.

The Lord hath said inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me. Caring for the Orphans is one of the best mission works that can be done. Every church and every Community ought to help support the Orphans Homes.

J. H. DODSON,
W. H. HIGHFIELD,
FINAS MARTIN,
Committee.

Moderator W. H. Gregory, appointed the following:

Brother J. T. Fowlkes, Member State Mission Board.

Brother B. F. House, Corresponding Messenger to Carolina Association.

Brother L. H. Dodson to preach the Missionary Sermon.

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Brother B. F. House to preach the Introductory sermon.

Brothers J. H. Rounsvall, W. L. Cole, and C. C. Lumpkin, Finance Committee.

Brothers H. N. Jean, Cox and C. P. McGraw Executive Committee.

Motion was made and carried to allow the clerk \$20.00 for his services.

Motion was made and carried to allow \$60.00 for the minutes.

The Moderator then called a meeting of the Executive Board to convene at DeValls Bluff, Saturday, November 23, at 9 a. m.

Motion was made then to adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1919, at Stuttgart Baptist church. Motion carried and the Association was adjourned by prayer and handshake.

W. H. GREGORY, Moderator.

C. C. LUMPKIN, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known by the name of 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 to report at the next.

ARTICLE 2. The motto of this Association shall be: "The truth 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, and 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 council for the common good of all the churches, and for the 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. Each church composing the 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 not be 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 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 voice of the association on all questions properly brought before it; also, a Vice-Moderator, and a Clerk and it shall be the Clerk's duty to keep a correct record of all the business of the Association; also a Treasurer, to receive and disburse funds sent up to the Association, as directed by the body of churches sending 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 case 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 admission 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 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 messengers assembled shall elect the Missiosary; and the Moderator shall appoint, at each session, an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church, whose duty it shall be in case a vacancy occurs between the sittings of the Association, to elect and employ a missionary or missionaries.

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.



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 opened for discussions, unless withdrawn by the mover or the second. When a subject has been discussed a reasonable length of 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 departs from the subject or make personal reflections.

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

ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced shall be decided before another is offered, unless it is 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 these 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.

: Executive Board :

Churches	Name	Address as far as could be gotten
Almyra	Mr. Cox	Almyra
Big Lagrue	B. K. Adams	DeWitt
Bellview	Mr. Nobles	Ethel
Center Point	W. J. Johnson	Hazen
Corinth	Lewis McMullen	Humphrey
Cross Roads	Arthur Mask	P. O. not given
David's Chapel	J. P. Pearson	Hickory Plains
DeValls Bluff	R. H. Sanders	
	and J. T. Fowlkes	DeValls Bluff
DeWitt	C. P. McGraw	DeWitt
Gillett	L. F. Maynard	Gillett
Hazen	Prof. H. F. Dial	Hazen
Harmony	W. W. Lancaster	P. O. not given
Hebron	S. E. Thigpen	LeLuce
New Bethel	B. F. House	Hazen
New Bethany	W. H. Rolland	Tichnor
New Hope	W. M. Freeman	Hagler
New Salem	Mr. Jones	Casscoe
Oak Grove	W. L. Cole	Stuttgart, R 1
Pleasant Ridge	W. D. Holden	Carlisle
Prairie Chapel	W. H. Wheeler	DeValls Bluff
Rising Sun	W. B. Word	Almyra
Roe	W. E. Tillman	Roe
Rochell Chapel	J. F. Lumpkin	DeValls Bluff
	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff
Sweet Home	J. H. Roach	DeValls Bluff
St. Charles	R. A. Whiteside	St. Charles
Stuttgart	H. W. Jean	Stuttgart
Union Chapel	Mr. Huie	Humphrey

Name of Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address
Almyra	G. W. Bray	Almyra	J. L. W. Fuller	Almyra
Bellview				
Big Lagrue	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	Mrs. Lee Woods	DeWitt
Bethel				
Center Point				
Cornith	C. R. Stone	Humphrey	B. L. McMullen	Humphrey
Cross Roads	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	M. Miles	Hickory Plains
Dauids Chapel				
DeValls Bluff	J. T. Fowlkes	DeValls Bluff	Mrs W. H. Gregory	DeValls Bluff
DeWitt	C. P. McGraw	DeWitt	J. W. Burnett	DeWitt
Gillet	G. W. Bray	Almyra	Mrs. E. L. Thomas	Gillette
Harmony			W. W. Lancaster	Carlisle, Rt. 1
Hebron				
Humphrey				
Hazen				
Lone Hickory				
Macedonia				
Magby				
New Bethany				
New Bethel	B. F. House	Hazen, Rt. 4		Carlisle
New Hope	John Rhodes	Stuttgart	Geo. Gerren	Hazen
New Salem	Finas Martin	DeValls Bluff	W. M. Freeman	Casco
New Zion			Lillie Jcnes	
Oak Grove	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff		Carlisle
Pleasant Grove			W. L. Gayden	
Pleasant Ridge	H. Y. Morris sup.	Beebe		Carlisle
Prairie Chapel			L. E. Buckhanan	
Rising Sun	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	W. B. Ward	Not given
Rochell Chapel	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	Annie Evans	Hazen R. 5.
Roe				
Stuttgart	H. W. Jean	Stuttgart	Mrs. J. R. Caldwell	Stuttgart
Sweet Home				
St Charles				
Union Chapel				

STATISTICAL TABLE

	MEMBERSHIP					Present Membership	MISSIONS				Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Orphan's Home	Minutes and Clerk	Value Church Property	Incidentals	Other Objects	Total to all Purposes
	Baptisms	Letter	Restored	Death	Expulsion		Associational	State	Home	Foreign									
Almyra (x)		4		2		41	\$	\$ 91 00	\$ 0 90		\$	\$ 400 00		35 00	\$ 2 00	2 000			573
Bellview (y)						65		5 00				5 00			2 52			27 80	150 32
Big Lagrue	14	2										110 00							
Bethel (y)							23 00	3 00	10 15				6 35	3 95			55 14	101 59	
Center Point						43	7 50											7 50	
Cornith	1	1			1	76	37 75		14 50			65 00			2 50				119 75
Cross Roads	7	4																	
David's Chapel (y)				1		127	50 00	160 00	50 00	50	63 45	400	181 50	49	2 50	5 000	40 00	50	193 95
DeValls Bluff		2			2	180	79 00	200	189 00	65 50	96 50	1,200 00	297 32	85 60	3 70	4 000		238 27	2,460 69
DeWitt	1	9		3		31		43 70	75 72	12 00	25 00	400 00	36	74 00	1 50	1 000	69 70		737 62
Gillett (x)				1	1	28	26 40								1 50				27 90
Harmony (x)		1																	
Hazen (y)																			
Hebron (y)																			
Humphrey (y)																			
Lone Hickory (y)																			
Macedonia (y)																			
Magby (y)																			
New Bethany (y)																			
New Bethel	3	4		1	1	78						90 55			1 65	500	57 00	26 10	175 30
New Hope (x)		2				72	113 00									1 000			113 00
New Salem (x)						27						80 06			1 25			2 60	83 91
New Zion (y)																			
Oak Grove	4	9		1		75			12 00			100 00			2 00				114 00
Pleasant Grove (y)											11 60								
Pleasant Ridge	6	1	3		1	92	65 00								1 61	700			71 21
Prairie Chapel (y)												100 00							
Rising Sun	10			1							14 00	126 46	253 50		2 02	1 000			102 02
Rochells Chapel	12	7		1		71	43 00	10 00							200	800	59 90		255 30
Roe (y)																			
Stuttgart	4	35		2	12	253		150 00	92 00	75 00	135 00	1,800		74 78	5 00	15 000	37 22		2,608 60
Sweet Home (y)																			
St. Charles (y)																			
Union Chapel (y)																			
TOTAL	62	81	3	14	2	1209	\$449 65	657 70	\$493 37	\$202 50	393 55	4,872 07	\$768 32	319 10	35 70	\$31 000	263 82	\$399 91	7,895 66

(X) Represented by letter.

(Y) Not Represented