

Minutes

OF THE

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OFFICERS

C. W. FOX, MODERATOR
DeWitt, Ark.

H. W. JEAN, VICE-MODERATOR
Stuttgart, Ark.

C. P. McGRAW, CLERK
DeWitt, Ark.

J. H. ROUNSVALL, TREASURER
Hazen, Ark.



Annual Sermons for the Next Session

Introductory Sermon, Friday, 11:00 a. m.

J. T. Fowlkes; Alternate, L. H. Dodson

Missionary Sermon Sunday, 11:00 a. m.,

C. P. McGraw; Alternate, H. W. Jean.

Grand Prairie Baptist Association

Forty-Fifth Session

Grand Prairie Baptist Association convened with Stuttgart Baptist Church, Thursday, October 16th, 1919, 8 P. M. After singing "Just When I Need Him Most," W. A. Rochell led in an earnest prayer.

After which a song "Higher Ground" was sung.

Talk by W. H. Gregory. Song, "Jesus Saves."

The time having arrived for the Introductory Sermon, B. F. House, the appointee, read a scripture lesson, and H. W. Jean led in prayer.

Song, —"Nearer My God to Thee."

B. F. House took as his theme, "The Church," preaching a helpful sermon. Song—"Glory to His Name."

Moved and carried that Association adjourn until 9 a. m. Friday. J. T. Fowlkes was appointed to conduct devotional exercises.

Benediction by W. H. Gregory.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 9:00 A. M.

The Association was reconvened by singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by E. G. Stout. Song—"Revive Us Again." J. T. Fowlkes then read the 24th, Psalm, and Miss Elsie Harrison led in prayer. Song—"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

The Moderator called for the letters from the churches, and H. W. Jean and C. C. Lumpkin, were appointed to read.

The following churches were enrolled and their messengers seated:

Almyra, G. W. Bray; Big Lagrue, G. W. Gardner, B. K. Adams, Mertice Miller; Belview, Miss Sibyl Davidson, Miss Bernetta McSwain, J. M. McSwain; Center Point, Chester Caley, Nathan Dawson M. G. Rounsavall; Corinth, S. M. Henderson, M. V. Henderson, J. W. Stewart; Cross Roads, Arthur Mark, Lonnie Berry, Sadie Carter; DeValls Bluff, W. H. Gregory, J. T. Fowlkes; DeWitt, C. W. Fox, Mrs. Guy Lawhead, Miss Bird Rascoe, C. P. McGraw; Gillett, Carl Sager; Hazen, Blanch Hendricks, T. G. Porter, R. E. Greenwalt; Herbron W. J. Gresham A. J. Simpson; New Bethel, L. W. Hutson, D. B. Scott; New Hope, W. M. Freeman, Ella Freeman; New Salem, W. H. Blankenship, F. G. Shelton; Oak Grove W. L. Cole, W. L. Gayden; Pleasant Grove, David Yielding; Rising Sun, W. B. Word, J. L. Ragan, Mamie Ragan; Roe, J. H. Crutchfield, Julia Preston; Rochell Chapel, B. M. House, J O Hudson; Stuttgart, J. C. Cato, H. W. Jean, J. E. Neighbors, Bro. Brandom, Mrs. J. E. Neighbors, Mrs. Brandom,

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters and the following churches responded:

Pin Oak; Messengers, Arthur Danner, Winnie Danner; Morris Chapel; Messengers W. W. Livesay, Hattie Livesay, Jas. Parris; Cedar Grove; Messengers, W. A. Vick.

These churches having adopted the "Articles of Faith" and "Rules of Church Government" as laid down in "Pendletons Church Manuel," the Moderator extended to their messengers the right hand of fellowship, and they were admitted into the body.

Moved and carried that the Association go into permanent organization.

C. W. Fox and H. W. Jean were placed in nomination for Moderator. A vote by ballot resulted in the election of C. W. Fox. In a few well chosen remarks the newly elected Moderator expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred on him, and took the chair.

H. W. Jean was placed in nomination for Vice-Moderator. There being no other nominations the clerk cast the vote of the body for H. W. Jean. C. P. McGraw was elected Clerk, and J. H. Rounsavall, Treasurer, in the same manner.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Finance: G. W. Gardner, Carl Sager A. R. Danner.

At this point W. F. Dorris, Superintendent of the Orphans Home at Monticello, made a few remarks concerning the Home at L. E. Barton made a short address concerning the 75 Million Campaign.

Moved by H. W. Jean that L. E. Barton occupy the 11 o'clock hour in the interest of the "Baptist 75 Million Dollar Campaign." Carried.

Moved by W. H. Gregory that 2.30 P. M. be set to hear the report of H. Y. Morris, Associational Missionary. Motion carried.

Moved and carried that the body take 15 minutes recess.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M.

The Association was reconvened by singing "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by J. T. Fowlkes. L. E. Barton was invited to the platform. He announced as his subject, "Distinctive Baptist Principles and their worth to the World." It was a great address, and fairly thrilled the audience. Song—"Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Moved and carried that body recess to 1:30 P. M. Benediction by Carl Sager.

FRIDAY 1:30 P. M.

Song—"Work for the Night is Coming." Prayer by G. W. Bray.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on "Order of Business": H. W. Jean, G. W. Bray, J. T. Fowlkes.

The Committee announced the following order of business:

2:30 P. M. —Associational Missions.

3:30 P. M.—Publications.

4:P. M.—Orphans Home.

5: P. M.—Adjourn to 8 P. M.

8: P. M.—Sermon by E. G. Stout, followed by L. E. Barton; the evening session to close with report on womans work.

Saturday 9 a. m.—Home Missions.

10 to 11 a. m.—State Missions.

11 to 12 a. m.—Foreign Missions.

1.30 to 2 P. M.—Temperance.

2 to 3 P. M. —Christian Education.

3 to 3:30 P. M.—Obituaries.

3.30 to 4 P. M.—Nominations.

4 to 5 P. M.—Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

Motion by J. T. Fowlkes that the Associational Missionary's report be read at 2.10 P. M. instead of 2.30 P. M. Carried.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The report of the Cimmittee on Finance was read by A. R. Danner and adopted as read. Report follows.

We your Cimmittee on finance desire to make the following report: We have received for

Associated Missions	-----	\$76.75
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Orphan's Home	-----	\$17.15
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Minutes and Clerk	-----	\$47.58
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Total Amount Collected	-----	\$141.48
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Respectfully submitted, G. W. Gardner, Carl Sager, A. R. Danner.
Committee.

Motion that L. E. Barton be requested to put his speech, "The Distinctive Principles of Baptists and their worth to the World," delivered at the 11 o'clock hour, into pamphlet form for distribution. Carried.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Report read by Missionary H. Y. Morris. Report follows:

Dear Brethren:

I now make my second and last report as Missionary of Grand Prairie Association.

These awful days of reconstruction; the spirit of unrest; unusually wet spring, and a lack of cooperation, this report is not what it would have been. All things considered I have done my best

I have traveled, miles	4,123
Sermons Preached	160
Public Addresses	14
Homes Visited	225
Mission Rallies	2
Bible Schools	1
B. Y. P. U's organized	1
Prayer Meetings	2
Sunday Schools Organized	3
Advance Subscriptions	8
Tracts given away	710
Churches assisted in getting pastor,	5
Meetings Held	8
Baptisms	25
By Letter	21
Statement	11
Total	57
Churches organized (Morris Chapel.)	1

(MONEY COLLECTED ON THE FIELD)

New Hope	\$52.00
Harrison Chapel	2.85
Pleasant Ridge	2.65
Mrs. Minnie Allen,	1.00
Hurricane	7.20
Prairie Chapel	7.00
Roe	35.00
Treasurer	86.25
W. A. Roachell	2.00
B. S. McMullin	5.00
Oak Grove	11.00
W. H. Gregory	25.00
Rochell Chapel	20.30
Rising Sun	66.75
Bro. Keatoss	5.00
Belview	4.50

Brummit	9.50
Cross Roads	18.71
DeValls Bluff	48.50
McRae	18.50
Antioch	2.75
Beebe	9.50
Center Point	26.00
W. W. Livesay	5.00
Griffithville	10.00
Morris Chapel	66.00
Hazen	15.25
Fairmount	9.00
Total	\$580.94
Treas. Through Bank,	300.00
Total Amount received	\$1255.94
State Board,	375.00
Association due Missionary	244.06
Due Brother Sanders	100.00
Total	344.06
State Board due Association	125.00
Leaving Associations debt	\$219.06

MONEY COLLECTED FOR OTHER THINGS 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

Hazen	\$210.00
Brother Cole	25.00
Center Point,	30.00
H. Y. Morris	10.00
Roe Church	11.00
DeValls Bluff	150.00
Almyra	45.00
Total	481.00
Traveling Expenses	5.00
Leaving	\$476.00

BUILDING AND REPAIRS

Hamilton	150.00
Morris Chapel	250.00
Total	\$400.00

PASTOR'S SALARY.

Beebe	210.00
Rochell Chapel	10.75
Total	\$220.75

STATE MISSIONS.

Hazen	20.00
New Hope	6.50
Beebe	15.60
Total	\$41.50

RED CROSS WORK.

New Hope	130.00
Beebe	10.00
Total	\$140.00
Total amount collected during year,	\$1255.94
Other things	1281.50

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Y. Morris, Missionary

Adopted as read.

The Moderator then announced the following committees, the name of the Chairman of each committee appearing first.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. P. Burroughs

J. A. Henderson, H. W. Jean.

Home Missions—G. W. Bray, W. B. Word.

State Missions—J. H. Rounsavall, W. A. Rochell, Carl Owens.

Orphans Home,—W. F. Dorris, J. C. Cats, W. J. Johnson.

Associational Missions, A. R. Danner, H. Y. Morris, L. H. Dodson

Publications W. A. Rochell, Bird Rasco, Albert Callison.

Womans Work, Mrs. G. B. Lawhead, Mrs. C. F. Brandon, Mrs.

J. E. Neighbors.

Sunday School, and B. Y. P. U. work, H. W. Jean, Carl Sager,

J. C. Cato.

Temperance, B. F. House, J. H. Ragan, C. T. Brandom.

Nominations, W. L. Cole, G. W. Bray, W. M. Freeman.

Obituaries, J. P. Burroughs W. B. Word, Mrs. A. R. Danner.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions was read by A. R. Danner. Report follows:

We your committee on Associational Missions beg leave to make the following report.

Feeling the weight of responsibility, the great need of cooperation, and knowing the destitution within the bounds of the Association would humbly beg every church in the Association to lend a helping hand in preaching the gospel in every nook and corner of the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. R. DANNER

H. Y. MORRIS

L. H. DODSON

Committee

The report was spoken to by W. H. Gregory, H. Y. Morris, C. W. Fox, L. C. Barton, Geo. Gardner, J. T. Fowlkes. Report adopted.

Motion by H. W. Jean that the clerk call the roll of the churches of Grand Prairie Association and ask for pledges to make up the balance due by the Association to H. Y. Morris and R. H. Sanders, the deficit being \$219.00. Motion carried.

The following amounts were pledged:

*Almyra (G. W. Bray)	\$2.50
Big Lagrue	\$5.00
*G. W. Gardner	\$2.00

(*) Indicates that the amount was paid in cash.

Corinth	10.00
DeValls Bluff	10.00
DeWitt	50.00
Y. W. A. DeWitt,	5.00
Gillett	5.00
*Roachell Chapel (By W. A. Roachell.)	2.00
*Stuttgart	25.00
Pin Oak	10.00
*C. W. Upton,	5.00
*Alline Rowland	1.00
*B. S. Belden	1.00

PUBLICATIONS

The report of the Committee on Publications was read by W. A. Rochell, Report follows.

We your committee on Publications beg to submit the following report:

It is impossible to estimate the power of the printed page, and without this we shall never fulfil our mission.

If the young people are provided with good literature they will read that, if not, they will read the kind that corrupts and blights their lives.

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 encourage the people to read these as never before.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. A. ROACHELL.

BIRD RASCO.

ALBERT CALLISON

Committee

Report adopted as read.

Motion to recess to 4 P. M. carried.

Association reconvened at 4 P. M.

ORPHANS' HOME

The report of the Committee on Orphans Home was read by W. F. Dorris, Superintendent of the Orphans Home at Monticello. Report follows:

The care of the homeless, destitute orphans, is a part of the great world-wide Mission program given the churches by our Lord. Saving these unfortunate children is a most far-reaching work of mercy—an untold blessing to those rescued from a life of sin, and also a benediction to the state. To neglect this work, is to call down the certain wrath of Him who is "Father to the fatherless."

We have two Homes in the state. One Home at Monticello, and one at Texarkanan. Monticello Home has now 55 children. The health of these children has never been better and they seem happy and contented.

Teh Home of Texarkana, as we understand it, has between 30 and 40 children. So far as your Committee knows, the health of their children is good. Their Board of Trustees has sometime, purchased a tract of 160 acres of land and are trying to raise money to pay for it. Both these Homes are yours. They should have our sympathy, prayers and constant support: 1st, That our churches and pastors and Sunday Schools lay this great work on the hearts of their people, and urge them to see to it that these two Homes have adequate funds with which to carry on their work, and on a cash basis.

2nd. That our Sunday Schools make one Sunday in each month "Orphans Home Day," and send whatever offering is taken on that day to the Home they chose to support, and send it in promptly.

Send all money for the Monticello Home to Dr. E. P. Alldredge, 405 Donaghy Bldg., Little Rock, Ark., and all money for the Texarkana Home to Rev. J. W. Sims Marvell, Ark.,

Respectfully Submitted,

W. F. DORRIS

J. C. GATO.

W. J. JOHNSON.

Committee

Report was spoken to by W. F. Dorris and Miss Elsie Harrison, and adopted as read.

At this point an appeal from the church at Roe to the State Mission Board for aid in maintaining a pastor, was read before the body. Motion by W. H. Gregory that the Association recommend the appeal, and that the clerk be instructed to notify the church of what she must do in order to receive such aid. Carried.

Motion to adjourn to 8 P. M., Carried.

Benediction by L. E. Barton.

NIGHT SESSION 8:00 P. M.

Association reconvened by singing, "He Leadeth Me," and "Evangelize the World." Prayer by J. T. Fowlkes. Song—"Reapers are Needed." The presence of the church orchestra added much to the effectiveness of the singing.

E. G. Stout read Philemon 3-20, taking for his text verse 11. Subject, "From the Unprofitable to the Profitable Life." The sermon was a Master piece and highly appreciated by the large audience. Song—"When Millions Come Pouring In."

Dr. L. E. Barton then took the stand and made a great and telling speech on the "Great 75 Million Dollar Campaign." The speech was heartily received by the audience. Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers." Benediction by G. W. Bray.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 9:00 A. M.

The Association reconvened by singing "Sweet By-and-By." Prayer by Carl Sanger. Song—"More about Jesus."

HOME MISSIONS

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by G. W. Bray. Report follows.

We your committee on Home Missions make the following report:

Home Missions is the basis of all other Missions. Since the home field is the source of all other Missions, we ought to lay the foundation well and cultivate the home field well. Our field is the Southern States, the Phillipine Islands, Cuba, and the section of country along the Panama Canal.

Much depends upon Southern Baptists. If this world ever gets a pure gospel, we will have to give it to them.

Our Home Board forces did a great work last year. Our baptisms numbered nearly 40,000, and the number of additions to our churches through our workers was something over 59,000.

Brethren, if we raise the 75 Million Dollars, we ought to double our work, and double the results.

God help us to be faithful.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. W. BRAY
W. B. WORD

Committee.

Report spoken to by G. W. Bray and Carl Sager. Adopted as read.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by H. W. Jean. The report is as follows:

Any just appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board's work and responsibilities and any effort to provide adequate resources for this work must be based upon knowledge and just consideration of the extensive fields which the Board is cultivating, the conditions on these fields, the variety of work that is being conducted, and the necessities of the work which we have allowed to accumulate throughout the years.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is charged with propagating the gospel in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, etc. Such numerous and extensive mission fields put this work out of comparison with anything else we are doing.

On these fields there are vaster numbers of human beings than the human mind can grasp. The population in these lands mounts into the hundreds of millions,—some of them white, some black, some yellow, but all of them the object of God's love.

The condition of these millions as compared with the people whom we know adds emphasis to the appeal of the great field and the great numbers. These multitudes whether in pagan or papal lands, are handicapped by ignorance and superstition, by physical suffering, and above all by aggravated sin for which they have found no remedy. If there is any pity in the Christian heart, it ought to be provoked by the deplorable conditions under which

millions of our fellow beings on these missin fields are spending their lives while we enjoy th blessings of the gospel and a Christian civilization which it has produced.

But we shall not properly appraise Foreign Missions if we overlook the fact that it includes the evangelization of the lost, the education of the ignorant, the training of the saved, the healing of the sick, the housing of feeble mission churches. Indeed, all that we are doing at home through state mission boards, home mission boards, education boards, orphanages, sanatariums and the rest we are doing throught the Foreign Mission Board. No adequate provision can be made for a work so extensive, so varied and comprehensive if we put Foreign Missions on a parity with any single Christian enterprise which we are conducting at home.

There is another fact, and a great fact it is, which must be taken into consideration if we are to meet our obligations to this great work at this time. The War immeasurably enlarged our international Christian duty. The heroic efforts and sacrifices which we made to set the world free from the extraordinary restraints of autocracy creates for us a new and larger duty to promote everywhere the internal constraints of the gospel of Christ. The unrestrained freedom of unregenerated human nature inevitably menaces the world. The extraordinary world situation which we have created with our guns lays upon us the most serious responsibility to send the gospel into all nations.

The Convention at Atlanta in May recognized the new obligations which this extraordinary world situation laid upon Southern Baptists and authorized the Board to undertake reconstruction work in Europe, to hasten with the gospel into disturbed and endangered Russia, and to set up the banner of Christ in Persia, Syria and in Galilee, from whence the blessings of Chirst's life and death have flowed down through centuries to us, and to which we are under peculiar obligations. In the new work thus designated for the Foreign Mission Board its task and its needs have been well-nigh doubled. Let churches and individual givers lay to heart these facts in making future contributions to this work.

It is fitting to say that as poorly as we have supported this great world enterprise, the blessings of heaven have been upon it. Some of the results of the work last year were 5,635 converts baptized, 41 churches organized, two churches assuming self-support, 61,588 patients treated, and 129,298 treatmnts administered.

The world fields are ripe unto the harvest, but much of the bending grain will be lost of we do not quickly thrust in the sickle. The world has never seen the univeraselsrla hrdlu rdluuuuu The world has never seen the universal human mind so expectant, so ready has never hrdlu hrdluu hrdlu rdlu rdlu rdlu rdlu rdluhrdlu so ready to make great decisions, and therefore such need for quick and decisive action by those who would turn that mind to the right things and lead the world by the highway of the cross back to God. Foreign Missions duty was never si imperious as just now.

The Foreign Missions Board furnishes for free distribution the

best tracts and can fill orders for the best books on Foreign Missions. We would, therefore, recommend to our people that they cultivate an acquaintance with the Literature Department of the Board and seek to promote among our church membership a better knowledge of the work.

While the 75 Million Campaign has been presented to the body in another report your committee on Foreign Missions would add its endorsement of this movement and its admonition to the churches of the Association that there be no failure to give this Campaign the most unqualified, faithful and enthusiastic support. The success of the Campaign will help everything that we are doing and its failure would hurt everything. We have set for ourselves a task worthy of a great people and shall prove ourselves worthy of our inheritance if we accomplish it. The eyes of our Lord and of the world are upon us and we must succeed in this great thing to which we have laid our hands.

H. W. JEAN

J. A. HENDERSON

J. P. BURROUGHS

Committee.

Report spoken to by L. H. Dodson, Carl, Sager, G. W. Bray and C. P. McGraw.

Adopted as read.

At this point Miss Elsie Harrison gave a very interesting, instructive and helpful talk on the "Womans Work."

STATE MISSIONS

The report of the Committee on State Missions was read by Carl Owens.

Report follows.

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

"We thoroughly believe in State Missions as conducted by our two State bodies, the State Convention and the State Association in supplying preaching to the destitute parts of our State, and winning the lost of our State to Christ.

"We believe in the time of big things, that we should especially do big things in State Missions. If our State is won for Christ, our State, by God's grace and help, must do the work.

"We endorse the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

"We recommend the co-operation of every church with one or the other of the above mentioned bodies, in carrying out the work of State Missions.

"We believe the best way to accomplish anything is to set a big task. So, in doing the work of State Missions, let us set the task of world-wide missions, for in doing the task of the world-wide missions, we will do most for State Missions.

"Respectfully submitted:

J. H. ROUNSAVALL

W. A. ROCHELL

CARL OWENS

Committee.

Report spoken to by Carl Owens and W. F. Dorris. Adopted.

OBITUARY

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by C. P. McGraw. Report follows:

We your committee find that there were 29 deaths in the bounds of Grand Prairie Association this last year.

Be it resolved that we remember their loved ones, and pray God to bless them.

Names as follows: Sister M. E. McSwain; Walter Johnson, Sister Lee Pearman, Sister Rebecca Page, Bro. B. H. Blankenship, Bro. B. A. Shetterly, Sister J. W. Eddins, Bro. J. Cash, Bro. Jake Elliott, Bro. Walter Pope, Sister Edith Floyd, Sister Lottie Calley, Sister Battie Roachell, Bro. G. T. Jackson, Bro. Wm. Curry, Bro. Dallas Hudspeth, Sister Deima Calhoun, Sister Wood, Sister Bell Nicholson, Sister James Hagon, Sister Sallie Huffman, Sister Elizabeth Patterson, Sister Jane Rhodes, Bro. Wm. Toller, Sister Mamie Neal, Sister Lizzie Hall, Sister Bernice Kesel, Sister Ora Henderson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. BURROUGHS

W. B. WORD

Mrs. A. R. Danner

Committee.

Motion by H. W. Jean that report be adopted, and a memorial page be set apart in the minutes. Carried.

Motion by W. H. Jean that the messengers from the churches in Arkansas County, request their several churches to elect messengers to meet at DeWitt on Tuesday following the 3rd, Sunday in November 1919, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of organizing the Arkansas County Association electing an Associational Missionary, Executive Board etc.

The motion was discussed by H. W. Jean; W. J. Johnson, G. W. Gardner, W. M. Freeman and L. H. Dodson. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn to 2 P. M. carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Association reconvened by singing "Near the Cross." Prayer by W. A. James.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, was read by C. P. McGraw. Report follows:

We your committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work desire to submit the following report:

The churches of today have come to recognize the Sunday School as the teaching agency of the church.

We have come at last to recognize the fact that teaching the young people the principles and doctrines of Christ, leads to their conversation in early life. It is estimated that 80 per cent of baptisms come from the Sunday School, and that a majority of those who profess conversion and unite with the church, do so between 12 and 20 years of age. We cannot lay too much stress on the work of the Sunday school.

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of the church. It is the aim of the B. Y. P. U. to train young church members for service in the Masters Kingdom. The Motto of the B. Y. P. U. is, "We study that we may serve."

We earnestly recommend that a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. be organized and zealously maintained in every church in this Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. W. JEAN

CARL SAGER

J. C. CATO

Committee.

Report spoken to by Carl Sager, Elsie Harrison, G. W. Gardner, C. W. Fox and W. A. James. Adopted as read.

TEMPERANCE

The report of the committee on Temperance was read by J. H. Ragan, as follows:

We believe that intemperance is as it always has been — the deadly foe of man.

The wise man said: "Wine is a macker, and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Paul said: "Shun all appearance of evil."

While we have had a hard struggle with the foe, and have been in a large degree, victorious, yet the war is not over. The enemy is alert and is marshaling his force to overthrow the cause of sobriety, and again establish the saloon. We should ever be watchful and never slacken our diligence in battling with the foe.

We would recommend to our people the "American Issue," the official organ of the Anti-Saloon League.

Respectively Submitted,

B. F. HOUSE

J. H. RAGAN

C. F. BRANDOM

Report spoken to by Carl Sager and adopted as read.

NOMINATIONS

The report of the committee on nominations, was read by G. W. Bray. Report follows:

To the Grand Prairie Association now in session: We your committee in Nominations beg to submit our report as follows: We recommend that the next Association meet with Center Point Church Friday morning at 10 o'clock, before the 3rd. Sunday in October 1920; and that J. T. Fowlkes preach the Introductory sermon, alternate L. H. Dodson. We recommend that C. P. McGraw preach the Missionary sermon, alternate H. W. Jean. We further recommend that our Moderator and Clerk appoint one member from each church to serve on the Executive Board for the in-coming year.

Respectfully submitted

W. L. COLE

G. W. BRAY

W. M. FREEMAN

Committee.

A motion that the name of Center Point Church be stricken out of the report, and the name of Big Lagrue Church substituted was withdrawn, and the report adopted as read.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The report of the committee on woman's work was read by Mrs. C. F. Brandon. Report follows:

REPORT OF W. M. U.

DeVALL'S BLUFF—President, W. M. U.—Mrs. T. O. Sparks;
Secretary—W. M. U.—Mrs. W. H. Gregory:

Incidentals	\$9.25
Associational Missions	5.00
Home Missions	6.32
Foreign Missions	6.32
Piano	\$60.00

DeWITT, President —W. M. U.—Mrs. C. P. McGraw, Secretary—W. M. U.—Mrs. O. Boone.

Building and Repairs	\$78.00
State Missions	73.50
Home Missions	38.10
Foreign Missions	38.10
Other objects	7.00
Orphanage	21.80
Education	\$53.50
Total	\$310.00

GILLETT President —W. M. U.—Mrs. L. E. Thomas; Secretary—W. M. U.—Miss Jessie Stovall.

Building and Repairs	\$30.80
Home Missions	25.00
Total	\$55.80

HAZEN: President—W. M. U.—Mrs. E. J. Stocks; Secretary W. M. U.—Mrs. R. H. Hazen.

Furnishing Parsonage	\$128.05
Ministerial Education	5.00
Total	\$133.05

STUTT GART: President—W. M. U.—Mrs. Guy Rowland; Secretary—W. M. U.—Mrs. J. E. Neighbors.

Home and Foreign Missions	\$48.25
Margaret Home	11.50
Church Debt	100.00
Liberty Bond	50.00
Orphanage	31.25
Furnishing and Repairing Pastor's Home	48.00
Total	\$289.00
Grand Total	874.75

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. B. LAWHEAD,
MRS. C. F. BRANDON,
MRS. J. E. NEIGHBORS

Committee.

Report was spoken to by Elsie Harrison, and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received at Cross Roads Association for all purposes	\$169.18
Later from E. Bogard	5.00
Total	\$174.18
Disbursements as follows:	
To H. Y. Morris 10-11	\$46.00
To J. S. Rogers, State Missions	3.00
To J. S. Rogers, Monticello Home	3.00
To J. W. Sims Texarkana Home	8.10
H. Y. Morris as Missionary	86.25
Total	\$174.18

J. H. ROUNSAVALL, Treasurer.

Collected on note DeValls Bluff.	
Center Point	\$40.00
Cross Roads	13.21
Total	\$53.21

Collected to apply on note at Bank of Grand Prairie,	
Hazen Church	\$186.00
W. S. Cole	25.00
Total	\$211.00
Note	\$234.00
Interest	11.38
Total	\$245.38
Balance Due	34.38

J. H. ROUNSVALL, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

Motion that the name of J. T. Fowlkes be inserted in the report of the Committee on Nominations as a member of the State Mission Board from this association. Carried.

Moved that the Clerk be instructed to have as many minutes printed as the minute fund would permit and that they be distributed among the churches in proportion as each church contributed to the minute fund. Carried.

At this point a cash collection was taken to increase the minute and Clerk fund.

C. W. Fox	\$1.00
Big Lagrue	.50
Pin Oak	.75
New Hope	5.00
Cedar Grove	1.00
Corinth	4.00
Carl Sager	1.00
Unknown Contributors	.75
Total	\$14.00

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas this association has been so royally cared for and entertained by the good people of Stuttgart.

Therefore be it resolved by this body that we extend to Bro. Jean and his noble church, our appreciation and heart-felt thanks for the splendid manner in which they have entertained us, and for the good fellowship we have enjoyed.

C. P. McGRAW.

Adopted.

No further business appearing, the association adjourned with a song and a general hand-shake, to meet with Center Point Church, on Friday, 10 a. m. before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1920.

Benediction by H. W. Jean.

C. W. FOX, Moderator.

C. P. MCGRAW, 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 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 Missionary; 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 appllation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when 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
Almyra -----	Geo. Cox -----	Almyra -----
Big Lagrue -----	B. K. Adams -----	DeWitt -----
Belview -----	Wm. Nobles -----	Ethel -----
Cedar Grove -----	W. A. Vick -----	Hazen, Rte 1 -----
Center Point -----	W. J. Johnson -----	Hazen -----
Corinth -----	Lewis McMullin -----	Humphrey -----
Cross Roads -----	Arthur Mask -----	Hickory Plains -----
DeVall's Bluff -----	R. H. Sanders -----	DeVall's Bluff -----
DeWitt -----	C. P. McGraw -----	DeWitt -----
Gillett -----	Carl Sager -----	Gillett -----
Hazen -----	H. F. Dial -----	Hazen -----
Hibron -----	S. E. Thigpen -----	DeLuce -----
New Bethel -----	B. F. House -----	Hazen -----
New Bethany -----	W. H. Roland -----	Tichnor -----
New Hope -----	W. M. Freeman -----	Stuttgart -----
New Salem -----	W. H. Blankenship -----	Casscoe -----
Oak Grove -----	W. L. Cole -----	Stuttgart Rte. 1 -----
Rising Sun -----	W. B. Word -----	DeWitt -----
Pin Oak -----	A. R. Danner -----	St. Charles -----
Pleasant Grove -----	Dave Yielding -----	Des Arc. -----
Roe -----	W. E. Tillman -----	Roe -----
Rochell Chapel -----	J. F. Lumpkin -----	DeVall's Bluff -----
Sweet Home -----	S. J. Henderson -----	DeVall's Bluff -----
Stuttgart -----	H. W. Jean -----	Stuttgart -----

CHURCHES—Their Pastors, Clerks and their Postoffices.

Name of Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address
Almyra			J. W. L. Fuller	Almyra
Belview	L. H. Dodson	DeVall's Bluff	W. C. McSwain	Ethel
Big Lagrue	L. H. Dodson	DeVall's Bluff	Mrs. Lee Woods	Van
Center Point	W. J. Johnson	Hazen	T. E. D. Russom	Hazen
Corinth			S. M. Henderson	Humphrey
Cedar Grove	W. A. James	Hazen Rte. 1	Mrs. Oma Clayton	Hazen Rte. 1
Cross Roads	W. A. Rochell	DeVall's Bluff	M. Miles	Hickory Plains
DeVall's Bluff	J. T. Fowlkes	DeVall's Bluff	Mrs. W. H. Gregory	DeVall's Bluff
DeWitt	C. P. McGraw	DeWitt	J. W. Burnett	DeWitt
Gillett			Mrs. L. E. Thomas	Gillett
Hebron	J. P. Burroughs	Van	A. J. Simpson	DeLuce
Hazen	R. F. Bain	Lonoke	R. H. Hazen	Hazen
Morris Chapel	B. Y. Morris	Beebe	L. E. Buchanan	Des Arc Rte. 1
New Bethel	B. F. House	Hazen Rte. 4	J. A. Kent	Hazen Rte. 4
New Hope	Rev. McCray	Humphrey	Willie I. Cummings	Hagler
New Salem	W. H. Blankinship	Cascoe	Mrs. J. B. Shelton	Cassco
Oak Grove	W. A. Rochell	DeVall's Bluff	P. M. Gayden	Carlisle
Pin Oak	L. H. Dodson	DeVall's Bluff	Myrtle Ellis	St. Charles
Pleasant Grove	W. A. James	Hazen	Rose Marone	DesArc.
Rising Sun	L. H. Dodson	DeVall's Bluff	W. B. Word	DeWitt
Rochell Chapel	W. A. Rochell	DeVall's Bluff	B. M. House	DeVall's Bluff
Roe			W. E. Tillman	Roe
Stuttgart	H. W. Jean	Stuttgart	Mrs. J. R. Caldwell	Stuttgart
St. Charles	L. H. Dodson	DeVall's Bluff		St. Charles

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP										MISSIONS														
	No. of Members Last Year	Baptisms	Letter	Restoration	Total Increase	Excluded	Died	By Letter	Total Decrease	Present Membership	Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Sunday School	Christian Edu- cation	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Orphans Home	Minutes and Clerk	Value of Church Property	Incidentals	Other Objects	Total to all Purposes	
Almyra -----	66	11	1	12			1		1	78	\$ 3 75	\$ 5 19	\$		\$		\$ 75 00							\$ 18 52	\$ 100 09
Belview -----	65		2	1	3			4	4	64	12 76						120 00							52 00	167 26
Big Lagrue -----															7 00										
Bethel (y) -----	214	13	4	2	19	2	5	2	9	228	66 80						150 00		7 10	2 15	1500 00		57 50		283 55
Center Point -----	38	6	1		7	5	1		6	39		33 00					91 00								124 00
Corinth -----										15										1 00					1 00
Cedar Grove -----	56		1	1	2					58	33 92						100 00	50 00		2 50					187 02
Cross Roads -----	127	12			12		2	4	6	133	301 74	171 00	100 82	100 83	65 90	130 00	780 00	6 35	66 50	5 00	8000 00	71 05	70 00		1864 19
DeVall's Bluff -----	130	1	3		4		2	3	5	129		287 56	165 25	165 30	80 00	100 63	1200 00	78 00	123 51	5 00	4000 00	100 00	252 00		2562 25
DeWitt -----	33	1	3		4					37		94 20	25 00	22 50	34 25		300 00		30 80	23 85		71 00	6 00		517 55
Gillett -----	80	1	2				2	1	3	80							75 00			2 35	1200 00				77 35
Hebron -----	143	11	4		15		5	8	13	145	235 76	128 05	3 00		47 85	5 00	450 00		299 50	1 30	4000 00	58 73	209 60		1437 40
Hazen -----																									
Macedonia (y) -----										37	10 00						67 50			2 00	100 00				79 50
Morris Chapel -----		6	3	1																					
New Bethany (y) -----	80	1			1		3	1	4	78		10 00							5 05	2 37	700 00		8 00		25 42
New Bethel -----	65									65							600 00			5 00					605 00
New Hope -----																				2 00					2 00
New Salem -----	66	1			1			1	1	66							125 00	800 00		3 25	1200 00				928 25
Oak Grove -----		5								18		2 27	3 39	2 72	9 00		170 00			2 25			66 15		273 53
Pin Oak -----	62	3			3					65			12 80				76 00			1 00					89 80
Pleasant Grove -----																									
Pleasant Ridge (y) -----																									
Prairie Chapel (y) -----																									
Rising Sun -----							2	4	6	56							103 50			2 60	1200 00				106 10
Rochell Chapel -----	71	1	1		2	4	1	5	10	63	20 30				8 00		94 15	150 00		2 00	1000 00	35 12	5 00		314 57
Roe -----		4	2							25	23 20	13 75	15 50	15 50			10 01					13 25	29 00		120 21
Stuttgart -----	253	19			19		5	18	23	249	31 00	312 47	202 20	100 00	232 12		1800 00	194 00	112 38	5 00	15000 00	211 93	141 25		3306 35
Sweet Home (y) -----																									
St. Charles (y) -----																									
Union Chapel (y) -----																									
TOTAL -----	1549	65	86	4	104	11	29	51	91	1721	\$739 23	\$1057 49	\$527 96	\$406 85	\$484 12	\$235 63	\$6387 16	\$1608 65	\$338 39	\$52 17	\$24400 00	\$561 08	\$882 75	\$18172 48	