

Madison County

TWENTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
MADISON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Held With
Pleasant Grove Church
September 25-26-27, 1914.

Officers of the Association.

Rev. D. N. Keck, Moderator,
Venus, Ark.

Rev. L. T. Little, Clerk,
Huntsville, Ark.

Executive Board.

G. A. Turner, Hindsville, Ark. F. W. Boatright, Whitener, Ark.
W. J. Butler, Marble, Ark.

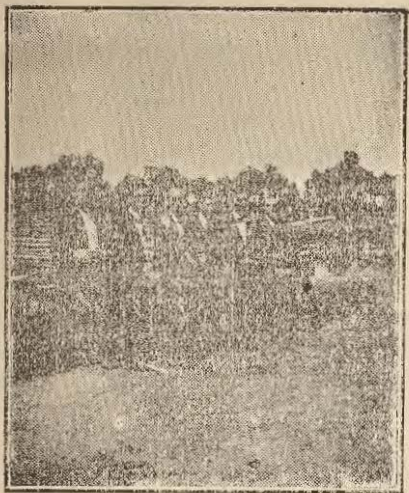
Ordained Ministers.

W. O. Davis, Springvalley, Ark.
D. N. Keck, Venus, Ark.
L. T. Little, Huntsville, Ark.
W. J. Walker, Hartwell, Ark.
J. A. Watkins, Health, Ark.

E. N. Owens, Hindsville, Ark.
J. A. Nott, Crosses, Ark.
T. J. Keen, Middleton, Ark.
M. A. Youngman, Huntsville, Ark.
D. V. Hurst, Combs, Ark.

Licensed Ministers.

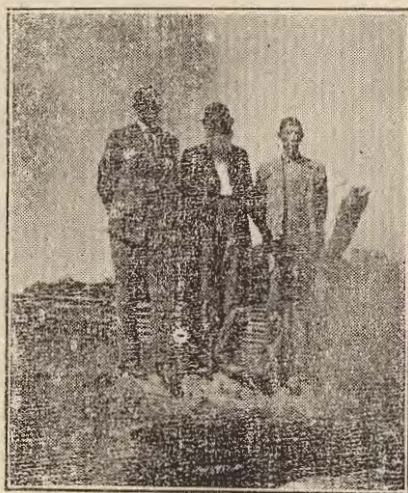
James Bennett, Hindsville, Ark.



Madison County's Preaching Force.



Delegates



Executive Board.

MINUTES

of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of Madison County Association of
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Morning Session.

The Madison County Association of Missionary Baptists met September 25, 1914 with Pleasant Grove Church two miles east of Marble, Ark., at 10 a. m. Elder D. N. Keck, the moderator, read the latter part of the 28th chapter of Matthew, beginning at the 16th verse and reading the remainder of the chapter. After some comment by the moderator Elder E. N. Owens led in prayer. Letters were then called for from the various churches thru the bounds of the association. Bro. L. T. Little and E. N. Owens were appointed reading clerks and the following churches responded: Pleasant Grove, New Hope, Peace Valley, Hickory Creek, Liberty, New Zion, Mt. Springs, Pinnacle, Asher, Huntsville, and the following messengers were enrolled: Pleasant Grove, W. J. Butler and J. R. Hargis; New Hope, W. O. Davis; Peace Valley, E. N. Owens; G. A. Turner and Sister E. A. Turner; Hickory Creek, Corbet Eaden, Naomi Eaden and Bural Sigmon; Liberty, D. N. Keck; Sister S. L. Keck and John Evans; New Zion represented by letter; Mountain Springs, F. W. Boatright and A. H. Robertson; Pinnacle, C. B. Franklin; Asher, W. H. Lacey and Huntsville, L. T. Little.

The Association then went into permanent organization. Brother

D. N. Keck was unanimously elected Moderator and L. T. Little was elected Clerk. The Rules of Order were then read from the chair. A call was made by the Moderator for corresponding messengers and Eld. T. R. Keen responded and was seated as a corresponding messenger from Carroll County Association.

A committee of Divine Services was appointed by the moderator composed of G. A. Turner, C. B. Franklin and the messengers from Pleasant Grove Church. The association then was dismissed for the preaching service. After a few minutes intermission, the association was called together by singing and Elder Owens led in prayer. Elder W. O. Davis the appointee preached the introductory sermon, using as a subject Acts 1:8. We had a good service. The committee then reported that Elder E. N. Owens would preach at night. The association then adjourned until 3:30 p. m. The benediction was pronounced by Elder L. T. Little.

Friday Evening Session.

The association was called together about 4:00 p. m. by singing "Blessed Assurance". Eld. W. O. Davis led in prayer. Bro. John Evans, having arrived, was seated as a messenger from Liberty Church.

The appointment of committees now being in order, the following were appointed, viz.: State Mis-

sions, Associational Missions Orphan's Home, Finance, Temperance, Sunday Schools, Books & Periodicals, Christian Education, Obituary and Resolutions.

Report of Committees.

The report of committees being in order, the committee on Foreign Missions made the following report:

Whereas we have the commission of our Lord and Savior, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world", Matt. 28: 19-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 24:46-47, we recommend that we use every effort in our hands to carry out this commission; that the churches be requested to make liberal donations for the support of a missionary; that pastors be asked to preach on the subject, and that we agree to pray more and try by God's aid to do more in our association the coming year than we have in the past.

Freeman Boatright,

G. A. Turner, Com.

Obituary Report.

Brother Owens read the following report on obituary:

Mountain Springs Church reports one death, Sister Laura Burnett died Jan. 5, 1914. Sister Burnett leaves a husband and two little girls. One of the girls is living with her grandmother and the other with her father.

E. N. Owens,

W. H. Lacey, Com.

Report on State Missions.

State Missions is one of the main factors in extending the Master's Kingdom. It enables the strong church to extend a helping hand to the weaker ones. It is doing things in carrying out 1 Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order." Only the glorious will show the good of the State Missions.

At present we are greatly hampered by the debt, which should be removed at once by the united effort of the Baptists of Arkansas and the Madison County Association should get under the burden and hold up the cause.

Corbett Eaden,

L. T. Little, Com.

Committee on Books and Religious Literature.

"Let us grow in Grace and Knowledge". Growing in Grace means assimilating the food of the word. The more of the word we read, the more we will grow. But let us not poison our minds with impure books, for "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Let us keep pure literature before our children. Baptist books should be in all Baptist homes, and we should keep posted on the vital questions of the work by taking the state paper, The Baptist Advance.

Bural Sigman,

L. T. Little, Com.

Brother Keck discussed the association until 9:30 a. m. Saturday morning.

Brother Owen gave us a stirring message Friday night.

Saturday Morning Session.

Saturday morning opened by singing and the moderator read the 133rd Psalm for the morning lesson.

Committee reports were then called for and a brother read the report on Orphan's Home.

Orphans' Home Report:

We, your committee on Orphan Home, report as follows: Brethren, the little homeless children of our state demand our attention and help. There are a hundred and seventy children in the Baptist Orphans' Home in the state. These children are taken by our people to feed and clothe, educate and bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and it is our duty by our prayers and our means to aid in this great work to the last extent of our ability. We therefore recommend that prayers be offered and liberal contribution be made by our people for this great work. We further recommend that our people take the Orphans' Gem, published by the management of the Monticello Home.

W. O. Davis,

W. H. Lacey,

Freeman Boatright, Com

Here brother W. J. Butler brought in of the first fruits of his Ozark home in the form of an Orphans' Hog, giving half of the proceeds which amounted to \$3.50 to the Home, the remainder going to other causes. Will this hog have the honor of being the only one of its kind in our association? If every Baptist in our Association would do the same, the result would be \$1400.

The meeting then adjourned until 3:00 p. m.

L. T. Little preached on the subject of State Missions at the noon hour.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

After the song service and prayer the Christian Education re-

port was read.

Christian Education Report:

Man being a triune being composed of body, mind and soul, we should not neglect the thorough development of the whole of man. We have many schools for the development of body and mind, but only the christian school can give the spiritual training so needed. We should educate our children in our state college in preference of any other. But many of us are unable to attend Ouachita College and it has been proposed to build a Mountain School at Huntsville, Ark., to give the boys and girls of our Ozark country an opportunity of getting a thorough christian training. Ten acres of land and \$2,800 has already been pledged for the cause and we, as a Baptist people should complete the task. The proposition of the Home Board was for a place in which the school was built to furnish the buildings and they will make an appropriation for the maintenance of the school after the buildings are erected. The whole south is behind us when we are ready to really go to work.

E. N. Owens,

W. O. Davis,

L. T. Little, Com.

Associational Mission Report.

Next brother W. J. Butler read the following report on Associational Missions:

Whereas the destitution is very great in the bounds of our Association, we recommend that a great effort be made to put someone in the field. We further recommend that all churches do something for this great cause that greater work may be done

in the future for our Master than has been done in the past. We also recommend that the Association elect a board of three to proceed with the work for the coming year. We urge that each pastor present the work to each church. Paid brothers Owens and Davis \$86.04.

W. J. Butler,

G. A. Turner, Com.

The following amendment as to the manner of collecting the mission money was adopted by the association.

AMENDMENT.

Finding there are over four-hundred Baptists in Madison Co., Association and no missionary for the full time is appalling. We believe there are at least one hundred that will average \$1 per mo. for one year. This will make a total of \$1200. By paying by the month it will be easy on all and let the missionaries receive their money each month. This plan will cover both state and county missions. Each one will have to do his full share for there are many weak and few strong. Will you do your part by laying aside monthly as the Lord has prospered you? There is but little need to tell you that this is one of the strongest doctrines of the Bible, for if "faith cometh by hearing" and "hearing by the preacher" how can the preacher go unless he be sent? Answer this, then consider, "By grace are ye saved thru FAITH." It is to carry on the work of saving souls that we are pleading for to carry out the GREAT COMMISSION. Let no Baptist in this association fail on his or her part in this great and glorious cause.

Report on Finance:

The committee on Finance then made their report as follows:

The year of 1914 \$8.55 for Orphans' Home (Note — Sister G. A. Turner added 25c after report) State Missions \$12.50, Associational \$87.04, Minutes \$7.78 making a total of \$78.08 for all causes. We recommend that our churches give more liberally in the future than in the past.

C. B. Franklin,

J. P. Hargis, Com.

Report on Temperance.

The report on Temperance then read, — We look on whiskey as one of the greatest curses of the human family. It is a thief of virtue, it robs our homes of peace and joy. It takes that which it cannot give. It's mission is to kill and destroy. Therefore be it resolved that we will as a people of God, discourage the use of it. Be it further resolved that we will not support a man for public office who uses it as a beverage, belong to what party he may. Be it further resolved that we hold no one in fellowship who uses it. We also recommend that the sisters of the church discourage young ladies from keeping company with young men who are guilty of using strong drink. We further recommend that our pastors preach one or more sermons to each of his churches each year on the subject.

Sister Sarah Keek, Sister Naomi Eden, Brothers E. N. Owen, A. H. Robertson, Jno. Evans and Sister E. A. Turner, —Com.

Report of Missionaries:

The report of the Missionaries Bros. Owens and Davis was read by Bro. Davis.

First meeting held at White-
ner, labored 16 days. Two pro-
fessions of faith. Second held
at Hickory Creek, beginning on
the 2nd Sunday in July. Work-
ed 11 days, four conversions, and
\$10.17 collection. Third held at
Peace Valley Church, beginning
the 1st Sunday in August, work-
ed 8 days, had 8 professions of
faith.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Davis.

The question of electing a
board for the coming year came
before the meeting and the old
board was re-appointed by the
chair. The board is Bro. G. A.
Turner, Bro. Freeman Boatright
and Bro. W. J. Butler.

The question of where the next
Association would be held next
came before the house. Liberty
and New Zion both asked for it,
but after a close vote it was car-
ried to New Zion. There was
some question of changing the
time, but Friday before the
first Sunday in September was
decided upon. Bro. D. N. Keck
will preach the introductory ser-
mon, Bro. E. N. Owens, alternate.

The meeting then adjourned,
until 9:30 a. m. Sunday, after an-
nouncing that Bro. Keen would
preach at night. Saturday night
Bro. Keen gave us a very fine
sermon.

Sunday Morning Session.

After song service and prayer
the Sunday School report was
read.

Sunday School Report:

Train a child up in the way it
should go, and when it is old it
will not depart from it. The ear-
ly impressions a child receives

are the ones that stay with it
through life. Other societies
have recognized this fact and
train their children in their doc-
trines, and Baptist people should
not neglect it.

The lack of Sunday Schools in
our Association is depriving our
children of the one thing most
needed. Let us make a great ef-
fort to have a Sunday School in
every church in Madison County.
We recommend that every super-
intendent take the course of
training given by the Home
Board. Bro. Davis proposed the
following amendment, which was
adopted:

Amendment.

We recommend that Superin-
tendents be elected at Church
Conference.

Resolutions:

We your committee on Resolu-
tions submit the following report

First, be it resolved that we
give our thanks to our Moderator
for the fair and impartial man-
ner in which he presided over our
body during this association.

Second, that we extend our
thanks to our Clerk for his faith-
fulness in recording our proceed-
ings.

Third, that we extend our
heartly thanks to the people of
Pleasant Grove Church for their
kind hospitality during our stay
among them.

G. A. Turner,

A. H. Robertson, Com.

After some remarks, the Asso-
ciation then adjourned until 10
a. m. Friday before the 1st Sun-
day in Sept. 1915.

Bro. Belemly gave us a stirring
sermon on the 13th chapter of
I Cor. Bro. Keck delivered an
able address at the evening hour.

Articles of Faith.

1- We believe the Holy Bible written by men divinely inspired and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.

2- We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

3- We believe that man once, only, fell by voluntary transgression from the happy state and is now utterly void of holiness.

4- We believe that sinners are saved by Grace alone.

5- we believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6- We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.

7- we believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his Kingdom hereafter.

8- We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the Gospel.

9- We believe that the election is the eternal purpose of God by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves us.

10- We believe that sanctification began in regeneration, and ever progressive is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11- We believe in the preservation of the saints— that they are kept by the power of God thru faith unto salvation.

12- We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of his church and moral government.

13- We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ and that its officers are pastors and deacons.

14- We believe that a christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator, into the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

15- We believe that only such as have properly been baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16- We believe that the Lord's Day, or christian sabbath, should be devotedly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.

17- We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the gospel.

18- We believe in the resurrection of the dead.

19- We believe in the final judgment, and that in that day the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.

20- We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in Hell.

Rules of Decorum.

1- At every meeting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2- Ministers present, invited to

seats with us, may debate on all questions before the association but shall not vote on any.

3- Those who speak shall rise from their seats and address the moderator, and shall cast no personal reflections.

4- No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.

5- Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

6- Any question susceptible of division may be divided at the request of any member.

7- Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless it be so ordered at the time.

8- No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association.

9- All questions brought before the association for action

shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10- No member shall absent himself during business without leave of the moderator, or leave before adjournment without leave of the association. If so, his name shall be left off the minutes.

11- The minutes of each session of this body shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the association, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

12- It shall be the duty of the Association to arrange for the preaching of two or more sermons on each day during the session.

13- These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after each organization.

14- Alterations or amendments may be made to these rules at any subsequent regular meeting of this association.



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Tabulated Statement.

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of
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.

1914.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Minute Money	Orphans' Home	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Associational Missions	Paid Pastor	Day of Meeting	Total Membership	Total Decrease	By Death	By Expulsion	By Letter	Total Increase	By Statement or Restoration	Experience and Baptism	By Letter
Asher	D. N. Keck	A. F. Murphy	Asher	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	25	\$36.50	\$00.00	\$00.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.25		
Mountain Springs	E. N. Owens	F. W. Boatright	Whitener	0	11	1	13	1	6	1	7	27	2	46.67	16.25	00.00	0	4.25	
Hickory Creek	W. O. Davis	W. C. Sherman	Springdale	0	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	16	4		11.00	2.50	0	2.00	1.50
Liberty	D. N. Keck	Pearl McDougal	Aurora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4							.75
Peace Valley	E. N. Owens	S. T. Alderson	Hindsville	0	8	1	9	0	0	0	73	1	72.35	17.00	00.00	0	2.05	1.25	
New Zion	E. N. Owens	Chas. Bohannon	Hindsville	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	15		00.00	00.00	00.00	0	0.00	0.75
Huntsville	L. T. Little	H. L. Thompson	Huntsville	6	1	1	8	2	1	0	2	44	1	40.00	6.00	10.00	0	0.00	2.50
Pinnacle	J. A. Nott	C. B. Franklin	Asher	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	41		60.00	00.00	00.00	0	0.00	1.11
Temple Hill	J. A. Watkins	Will Womack	Sunset																
New Hope		Mrs. Jno. Smith	Springvalley	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	41	4	18.00	7.00	00.00	0	1.00	1.07
Smyrna			Hindsville																
Combs			Combs																

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