

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

OF MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

Held with Leslie Baptist Church, Leslie, Searcy
County, Ark., Sept. 4, 5 and 6, 1915

Elder T. W. Harness, Moderator

Bro. T. M. Franks, Clerk

Bro. Abby Morrison, Treasurer

The next Session will be held with Fairview Baptist Church at Edgemont, Van Buren Co. Ark. on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1916

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-fifth Annual session of the Pee Dee Association convened with Leslie Baptist Church, at Leslie, Searcy County, Arkansas, September 4, 1915.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the house was called to order by Elder J. G. Mabrey, and after singing and prayer by Bro. John B. Smith, Bro. T. W. Harness was elected moderator protem and Bro. T. M. Franks assumed his duty as clerk, and the body went into a temporary organization.

At 11 o'clock Elder T. W. Harness delivered the opening sermon text, Mathew 17 chap, and a part of the fourth verse, "It is good for us to be here."

By motion the body stood adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 p. m. the house was called to order by the moderator. After prayer by Elder J. D. Taylor, the business was taken up and the associational letters were called for, brought forth, read, and the messengers seated.

By motion the body stood adjourned to meet at 3.45 p. m.

At 3:45 p. m. the house was called to order by the moderator and the body went into a permanent organization. By motion Elder T. W. Harness was elected by acclamation to serve as moderator for the next ensuing year. By motion Bro. T. M. Franks was re-elected clerk and Bro. Abby Morrison was elected Treasurer of the association.

The moderator called for Petitionary Letters and the Maple Grove Church presented a letter to the association which was received and its messenger seated.

The moderator called for the statistical letters from the different churches, and the following named messengers with their letters came forward, the letters were read and the messengers seated.

Shady Grove Church—Elder T. W. Harness messenger, and Bro. D. H. Denney.

Beech-flat Church—Not represented.

Evening Shade—Bro. John B. Smith.

Pleasant Valley—Elder W. W. Williams.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. Abby Morrison.

Walnut Grove—Not represented.

Zion Church—Elder J. D. Taylor.

Fair View—Bro. J. R. Stephens.

Leslie—Elder J. G. Mabrey, Bro. W. F. Mabrey, Bro. W. C. Creager.

New Hopewell—Bro. T. H. Smith, Bro. W. G. Harness, Bro. T. M. Franks.

Mountain View—Elder W. S. Fortner.

Corinth—Not represented.

Maple Grove—Bro. Robt. Huckaby.

The moderator proceeded to read the Constitution and rules of Decorum which was beeded with much earnestness.

The call for visiting brethren, from sister associations, was given and Bro. J. J. Barnes and Bro. G. W. Stephenson, from Blue Mountain came forward, and were received with appreciation and seated with us; also Bro. Hays from Trace Ridge came forward and was welcomely received and seated.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on devotional service—E. M. Waltman, W. F. Mabrey, J. R. Stephens, T. H. Smith.

Committee on Associational missions—Bros. J. H. Elam, John B. Smith, J. R. Stephens.

Committee on Orphans homes—Bros. Abby Morrison, Alf Simmons, Oren Tumbleson.

Committee on Finance—Bros. W. F. Mabrey, W. G. Harness, Robt. Huckaby.

Committee on state missions, Elder J. G. Mabrey, E. M. Waltman, J. E. Skinner.

Committee on Ministerial Education—Bros. J. D. Taylor, W. W. Williams, W. M. Fox.

Committee on Temperance—Bros. D. H. Denney, John B. Smith, T. H. Smith.

Committee on Obituaries—Bros. J. H. Elam, J. R. Stephens, J. D. Taylor.

Committee on Resolutions—Elder W. S. Fortner, W. W. Williams.

Report of the Devotional Committee: We the committee move

that Elder W. S. Fortner preach tonight at 7:30 p. m.

By motion the body stood adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. the pulpit was occupied by Elder W. S. Fortner who preached quite an able discourse and following this our state secretary Bro. J. S. Rodgers from Little Rock, gave us quite an up lifting address.

By motion the body stood adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on the following Monday.

SUNDAY.

At 10 a. m. on Sunday the Baptist Sunday school met and after school, the committee's report was read.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.—D. H. Denney, Chairman, John B. Smith, A. B. Morrison.

Report of said Committee: We believe that the Sunday School is an institution of the church, and is one of the teaching branches of the church, therefore we believe that the officers and teachers of the school ought to be members of the church; that Baptist Literature should be used in the school; we believe every school should be a Baptist Sunday School and we recommend that every church maintain a Sunday School and that every school be a Baptist Sunday School; that each church member attend and support the school. Quite able discussions were made to the report, among them our State Secretary J. S. Rodgers gave us an able address on those lines.

At 11 a. m. the pulpit was occupied by our State Secretary, Elder J. S. Rodgers, who gave us a most highly appreciated address, text, Mark 3:16.

At 2:30 p. m. the pulpit was occupied by Elder J. S. Rodgers our State Secretary who gave an enthusiastic and up-lifting address to the Baptist Church, subject, "Why I'm a Baptist" using as scriptural reason: a part of the 3rd chapter of Mark.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Committee on Home Missions:—J. G. Mabrey, Chairman; W. S. Fortner, Abby Morrison.

We earnestly commend to our churches the support of the great work of the Home Missions. We, the Baptist Church being the church of Christ and the commission being given to us, to go preach the gospel to every creature; therefore we most earnestly urge the

churches to stand by and support this noble work, with their prayers, money and general encouragement.

Committee on Associational Missions.—J. H. Elam, John B. Smith, J. R. Stephens.

Report on Associational Missions: We seeing and knowing, being eye-witnesses of the destitution, and need in our Association, the pastorless churches and number of destitute points, we recommend that this destitution be supplied with the unadulterated word of truth. That both pastors and churches of this Association take steps to meet the existing demands and needs of the field now before us. We do not know just what has been paid, neither do we know just what time has been spent in the field, therefore we recommend that this association employ a man for as much time as can be paid for.

Report of our Associational Missionary: Bro. J. G. Mabrey, Missionary.

Days of Labor.....	110
Miles Traveled.....	444
Visits in homes.....	105
Sermons preached.....	49
Other Religious addresses.....	29
Conversions.....	5
Baptisms.....	7
Additions by letter.....	2
Amount of Salary.....	\$146.65
Received on salary.....	\$132.50
Due the Missionary.....	\$14 15

Report of Committee on finance pertaining to the Associational Missionary. First, the churches have an account with Bro. J. G. Mabrey at \$40.00 per month. Time rendered by Bro. Mabrey 3 mos. and 20 days amounting to \$146.65 Receipts as follows by collection on field \$52.34, paid by associational board 25.16, supplemented by state board \$55. Totaling \$132.20 leaving a balance due of \$14.15. Amount due Bro. Harness on Mission work done in 1914, \$81.50 and amount due at First National Bank of Leslie on note \$35. Total amount \$130.65.

CREDIT AS FOLLOWS

PAID BY CASH

W. S. Fortner.....\$3.00
Discount by T.W.Harness 31.50

CREDIT BY PLEDGES

Leslie Church.....\$10.00
E. M. Waltman..... 5.00

John H. Branscum.....	3.95	D. H. Denney.....	2.50
J. D. Tayler.....	2.50	Fair View church.....	2.50
Total.....	\$40.95	New Hopewell Church....	5.00
		Total.....	\$25.00
Total Receipt.....			\$67.95
Leaving a balance unpaid.....			\$62.70
Committee—J. H. Elam, W. C. Creager, J. D. Taylor.			

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

As the days go by the great importance of missions grow on the students of missions. State missions by the churches co-operating in the state convention includes revival meetings in destitute places, in weak churches, enlisting larger churches, and whatever else will send far and wide the pure gospel of Christ, and upbuild the Baptist cause in this great state. In 1914 the churches co-operating through the convention served the kingdom as follows:

Missionaries employed.....	47
Days labored.....	10,123
Miles Traveled.....	65,827
Appointments.....	47
Sermons.....	5490
Other addresses.....	898
Total sermons and addresses.....	6,388
Services in homes.....	1,812
Conversions.....	1,458
Baptisms.....	1,270
Additions.....	804
Total additions.....	2,074
Amount raised for state missions..	\$12,262.75

So your committee would recommend that agonizing prayer be made daily by our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Committee—E. M. Waltman, J. G. Mabrey, J. E. Skinner.

Committee on Foreign Missions—J. G. Mabrey, chairman, W. S. Fortner.

Report of the Committee on Foreign missions—Our foreign mission work is an effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master, to go into all the world, and make disciples of all nations. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way, and inquiring for the way of life. The foreign mission board is doing work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China,

Japan and Africa. In those fields the missionaries reported last year 382 Churches, 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday schools, with 23,959 scholars, and 8,833 students in mission schools of whom 384, are preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the field, 20 of whom were sent out last year, and a total of 651 native workers. We therefore recommend that we as an association stand by and support this noble work.

Committee on Christian Education—J. D. Taylor, W. W. Williams.

Report of Committee on Christian Education—Realizing the great need of more efficient, trained and well developed workers, especially a better educated ministry, we would urge this association to make the educational facilities better as speedily as possible. Although we have a number of Baptist schools in the south land, that are worthy of our support and patronage, yet we realize the great need of more of them, located more conveniently. We therefore recommend a move to establish a Baptist school, in or near our Associational limits and also urge the encouragement and the support of the same, and let us try to support the schools already in existence with our money and with our prayers.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOMES

We beg to submit the following: We have two homes, one at Monticello, and the other at Texarkana. The Monticello home has 186 children to its care, and the Texarkana home has children. We believe the Baptists of Arkansas should support these homes by coming to their great needs. We pray that the Lord may burden our hearts with the care of those homes, and the support of the orphans. Therefore let us become interested in this great cause. The support of the orphans is a part of our Christian duty, therefore let us help with our hands, with our prayers and with our money.

Committee on Orphan's Homes—Abbie Morrison, chairman, Alf Simmons, Oren Tumbleson.

Committee on Finance—W. G. Harness, A. S. Morrison.

Report of Committee on Finance for publication of Minutes—

Beech Flat Church.....	\$0.30	Corinth.....	\$1.20
Evening Shade.....	.80	Fair View	1.50
Higden.....		Leslie.....	1.50
Liberty.....		Mountain View.....	3.25

New Hopewell	2.00	Pleasant Hill.....	1.00
Pleasant Valley.....	1.00	Pee Dee.....	
Shady Grove.....	2.00	Walnut Grove.....	1.00
Zion.....	1.05	Maple Grove.....	.50
Total.....		\$17.10	

Committee on Temperance—D. H. Denney. Chairman, John B. Smith, T. H. Smith.

Report of Committee on Temperance—We believe that of all the avenues through which sin operates, there is none greater than the traffic in Intoxicating Liquor. It is the home of Society, and the blight of individual lives, and the curse of the home. We know that God's word forbids the use of strong drink even in a moderate way, where it says, "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing, for in the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder." Therefore we recommend that all of our churches use their influence and power in a legal way to stop the manufacture, sale and distribution of the same.

Committee on Obituary—J. H. Elam, J. R. Stephens, J. D. Taylor.

Report of Committee on Obituaries—In looking over our statistical letters, we find that the death angel has visited 4 of our churches, and has summoned Sisters Essie Rollins, and Louranda Hampton at Fair View Church at Edgemont; and Bro. W. P. Ramsey, of Evening Shade Church, at Flag; Bro. Jonathan Martin, and Sister Elizabeth May at Shady Grove Church, at Lexington; and Sister Bessie Beach of Zion Church at Fox. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: yea sayeth the spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13. They can not come to us, but we can go to them, let us all work while it is day, for night cometh when our work is over.

Committee on Resolutions—W. S. Fortner, Chairman, W. W. Williams.

Report of Committee on Resolutions—Feeling that by reason of the privilege that we have enjoyed by the coming together of the Pee Dee Association with Leslie Church and vicinity, at Leslie, Ark. Be it resolved that we tender our heart-felt thanks and appreciations to this church and people, for their warm welcome and free hospitality received at their hands during our stay with them.

CONSTITUTION.

Pee Dee Association organized, A. D. 1881.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Pee Dee Association, and shall be composed of messengers chosen annually, by the churches.

Article 2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, provided that when a church shall number more than 100 members they shall be entitled to three messengers for each additional sixty.

Article 3. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may elect.

Article 4. The officers shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually.

Article 5. The association shall have no power to regulate the internal affairs of any church, but may withdraw her fellowship from any church that becomes disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

Article 6. The Association shall have an Executive Board consisting of the Treasurer who shall be President and four other members who shall be chosen annually by ballot.

Article 7. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing notice has been given at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and have right to call order at any time.

4. Any member not satisfied with the ruling of the Moderator, may appeal to the body on the same day but not afterwards.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator

6. The Moderator, when addressed by any member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by calling the speaker by name.

7. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or unless words of personal reflection are used.

8. Every motion made and seconded must come under the consideration of the body unless withdrawn by the mover.

9. Every case taken up by this body shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.

10. When a question has been taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the vote of the body on the subject, and those voting

in the affirmative shall signify the same by rising to their feet; and the negative by like sign.

11. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

12. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

13. No member shall speak but three times on the subject without permission of the body nor more than once before every member who wishes to speak has spoken.

14. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members addressing one another.

15. The names of the members may be called as often as the Association may direct.

16. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

17. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another in his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association is equally divided.

18. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion, but only on the day that the breach is made.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that the Scripture comprising the Old and New Testament, is the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 2. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of Original sin by the fall of Adam.

Article 4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through justification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

Article 7. We believe in the preservation of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.

Article 8. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a regenerated person in water by a regularly ordained minister of the gospel.

Article 9. We believe a gospel church is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper.

Article 10. We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ who have been regularly baptised on a profession of faith in Christ.

Article 11. We believe in the work of missions, domestic, foreign and home.

STATISTICAL TABLE

PEE DEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Prayer Meeting	Sunday School	Minute Fund	Meeting Days	For State Missions	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Pastor's Salary	NAME OF PASTOR And Post Office	NAME OF CLERK And Post Office
Beach Flat	1	2		3			18			.30							W. W. Williams	Jno. W. Calvin
Copperas Springs							54			1.20								Jno. B. Smith, Flag
Corinth	4	6					34			.80	4						C. T. Cotton, Leslie	
Evening Shade					1		72						\$ 7					
Higden							12											
Leslie	2	14		6	7		72	1	1.50	30.25	20	23.75	\$30	\$440			G. M. Ayers, Leslie	V. C. Mabrey, Leslie
Liberty							112											
Mountain View	3				5		19	1	12.00	2					3.52		W. S. Fortner, Shirley	J. B. Fortner, Shirley
New Hopewell		1					55		11.00	3			6.20				J. G. Hammock, Mars' H	T. M. Franks, Leslie
Pleasant Hill	4	2	1				15		1.00	1							J. A. Copeland, Alco	W. T. Simmons, Arlberg
Pleasant Valley							63	1	12.00	4							J. B. Fortner, Shirley	C. A. Nelson, Shirley
Shady Grove	17	5	1	2	1	2	20		1.00	2							J. E. Spencer, Lexingt'n	Mrs L. Johnson, Lexin'g
Walnut Grove							55		1.05	2							J. B. Fortner Shirley	D. H. Smith
Zion				11	10	1											T. M. Harness, Lexington	J. H. Branscum, Fox
Maple Grove									1	.50							C. T. Cotton	John Barnes,
Fair View	11	2			1	2	54	1	1.50							60	Joe Stark, Edgemont	F. M. Liston, Edgemont

EXECUTIVE BOARD { W. F. Mabrey, Chairman, Leslie
E. M. Waltman, Leslie
A. S. Morrison, Arlberg

J. G. Mabrey, Missionary
for 2 months and 20 days.