

MINUTES OF THE  
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION  
OF THE  
Current River  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH  
Hopewell Baptist Church

REYNO, ARKANSAS

September 12; 13, 14, 1912

R. L. POWELL, Moderator.

W. F. GAMBILL, Clerk.

Next Session to be held with Success Baptist  
Church, Success, Ark., Thursday before the Third  
Sunday in September, 1913.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The Current River Baptist Association met in regular session with Hopewell Baptist Church on Thursday at 10 o'clock A. M., September 12, 1912.

By motion Dr. C. H. Newkirk and E. L. Bullis were elected reading clerks to read the letters from the various churches and W. H. Deaton was elected clerk protem.

The letters from the several churches were called for as they came in and their messengers enrolled.

Union—J. H. Story, E. G. Ivy.

Datto—T. S. Winningham, C. H. Newkirk, W. H. Deaton

Landmark—Miss Rosa Allmandinger, Raymond Powell, Rev. R. L. Powell.

Biggers—Mrs. Laura Wright, Joe Williams.

Palatka—J. A. Gambill, P. M. Berry, Elis Rapert.

Success—Miss Lola Legate, Robt. Hawthorne, Miss Minnie Smith.

Shiloh—W. T. Griffith.

Hopewell—Levi Nelson, G. W. S. Watson, J. H. Irwin.

Black River—Chas. Maltby, Rufus Ward, William Easley.

Reyno—A. Berry, Tom Cook.

New Home—Eld. C. A. Fowler, I. D. Redwine.

Pleasant Valley—J. H. Wheatley, Sidney Miller, E. Townsend.

Pleasant Grove—O. Chappel, J. W. Stevens.

Independence—E. L. Bullis.

The Association adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. E. Turner of Marvell, Ark. Text, Matt. 28: 19-20.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by singing. Scriptural reading by the Moderator, prayer by Eld. C. A. Fowler.

By motion Eld. R. L. Powell was elected Moderator, and W. F. Gambill, Clerk.

A call was made for petitionary letters. Pleasant Valley church near Knobel, Ark., presented a letter and by motion the church was admitted to the Association, and its messengers enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following named persons as a Committee on Committees: E. L. Bullis, M. L. Russell, I. D. Redwine, J. A. Gambill, T. S. Winningham.

### Report of Committee on Committees.

District Missions—C. H. Newkirk, R. A. Hawthorne, P. M. Berry.

State Missions—W. H. Deaton, A. Berry, J. A. Wheatley  
Education—Joe Williams, Laura Wright, J. H. Story.

Publications—J. H. Wheatley, O. Chappel, W. T. Griffith.

Woman's Work—Eld. E. T. Lincoln, Lola Legate, Minnie Smith.

Temperance—Raymond Powell, E. G. Ivy, Ellis Rapert.

Orphans Home—S. K. Dungan, Eld. W. E. Turner, Eld. C. A. Fowler.

Obituaries—Sidney Miller, E. Townsend, A. Berry.

Sunday Schools—W. H. Deaton, Rosa Allmandinger.

Ordained and Licensed Ministers—J. W. Stexens, Tom Cook, J. H. Irwin.

Resolutions—Robt. Hawthorne, C. H. Newkirk, W. H. Deaton.

Foreign Missions—Eld. J. A. Wheatley, W. H. Deaton, Eld. C. A. Fowler.

Eld. E. T. Lincoln preached at 7:30 Text Eph. 2: 19-22.  
Subject: "Citizenship in the Kingdom."

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Body called to order by singing. Moderator read Psalm 133. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Wheatley.

The report on Education was read by Joe Williams. The report was adopted.

Report on Education—Knowing that a disciplined mind is needed in business life today and much more so in Christian work, therefore we recommend that our people patronize our own denominational schools and especially do we recommend for the higher education of our young people, our own Landmark Baptist Colleges.

Laura Wright,  
J. F. Williams,  
J. H. Story,  
Committee.

A call was made for visiting Brethren and the following were enrolled as visitors. Eld. E. T. Lincoln, State Line; S. K. Dungan, Gainesville; and Eld. W. E. Turner, Mt. Vernon Association.

The report on publication was read by J. H. Wheatley who moved its adoption. The following report was adopted.

Report on Publications—We recommend a careful study of God's word. We recommend the Landmark Baptist Sunday School Concern Literature for our Sunday schools, also the Arkansas Baptist Flag and the American Baptist Flag and any other sound Baptist literature.

Joe H. Wheatley,  
W. T. Griffith,  
O. Chappel.

Committee.

Raymond Powell read the report on Temperance. The report was adopted.



Temperance—Knowing the evils of strong drink, and that we cannot fully state them in this report, for the wise man tells us that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise, and that it is the greatest foe to humanity, produciug more suffering and crime, crushing loving hearts, than any other evil. That it dethrones reason, thereby filling insane asylums and at last a drunkards' grave, and worst of all a drunkards' hell. Resolved, therefore, that we as an Association condemn the traffic in ardent spirits and as a beverage, and hereby censure any Baptist that will support it, directly or indirectly. Therefore let us pray, preach, and vote against it until our nation is rid of this curse of humanity.

R. H. Powell,  
W. E. Rapert,  
E. G. Ivy.  
Committee.

The following report on State Missions was read by the Clerk. The report was adopted.

State Missions—The Lord has blessed every phase of our State Mission work this year, whereof we are glad. But in view of the many places in our great state where the gospel is not preached in its purity, and especially in the mountainous section of northern Arkansas, the swamp lands in the eastern and southeast part of our great state, also many small towns. We recommend that our Brethren give more to this phase of our denominational work.

J. A. Wheatley,  
W. H. Deaton.  
Committee.

The following report on Sunday Schools was read by W. H. Deaton, who moved its adoption: The report was adopted.

Sunday Schools—Realizing the great need of a more thorough study of God's word, we recommend that each

church strive to maintain an evergreen Sunday School among both young and old. People ought to start young and parents send regular and follow close to the children into Sunday School. There cannot be too much interest taken in Sunday Schools. We recommend that a collection be taken once each month in each Sunday School for the benefit of Orphans. We further recommend that an investigation of the management of the Texarkana Orphans Home be made. We recommend the Bible and the Landmark Sunday School literature to be used in our Sunday Schools.

**Analytical International Graded Series—**

1st Grade—The Story Leaflets.

2nd Grade—The Lesson History Leaflets.

3rd Grade—The Lesson Note Leaflets.

4th Grade—Analytical Exposition Leaflets.

5th Grade—Scientific Bible Studies in the Normal

Baptist Teacher.

**Order of Landmark Sunday Schools Concern, Little Rock, Ark.**

Rosa Allmandinger,

W. H. Deaton.

Committee.

Eld. E. T. Lincoln read the report on Woman's Work which was adopted.

Woman's Work—Realizing as we do the great value of our Woman's Work; we would recommend that we heartily endorse their work and help them in their labor of love for the Master's cause. We can't see how we would get along without them as they often are our best leaders. We should encourage them.

E. T. Lincoln,

Lola Legate,

Minnie Smith.

Committee.

Eld. J. A. Wheetley preached at eleven o'clock, subject "What Baptist Stand For."

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the report on District Missions was called for and after considerable discussion the report was referred back to the Committee.

Report on Orphans Home was read by Eld. W. E. Turner. The report was adopted.

Orphans Home—We your Committee on Orphans Home would recommend that the Home at Texarkana be remembered in our benevolent work in a liberal manner. The care of Orphans is one of the manifestations of pure religion; James 1:27. There are two Homes in the state and they are both in need of a more liberal support by our people. We suggest that the Churches, Sunday Schools and Ladies Aid Societies make an offering for this purpose each quarter.

W. E. Turner,  
C. A. Fowler,  
S. K. Dungan.  
Committee.

Eld. W. E. Turner preached at 7:30 p. m., text Rom. 1:16 after which a collection was taken for the Texarkana Orphans Home amounting to \$16.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body was called to order by singing. The Moderator read Psalm 11. Prayer by S. K. Dungan.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by the Clerk. The report was adopted.

Foreign Missions—With our Lord's command ever in mind, to teach all nations, and in view of the needs of foreign fields and the work being done, we would recommend a



careful study of the Foreign Mission question both in church and Sunday Schools, and that each pastor try to enlist his church, as a church, by bringing this matter before them in the spirit of Christ, both in their homes and in the pulpit, by enlightening himself concerning the work that is being done. The following is a short summary of the work done in 1911-12, according to statistics. Missionaries employed 271, native workers 577, churches 342, out stations 826, baptisms 4,300. So let us pay as we pray, that we may be awarded with our brethren in this great work.

J. A. Wheatley,  
C. A. Fowler,  
W. H. Deaton.  
Committee.

By motion Brethren J. A. Wheatley, Robt. Hawthorne and W. H. Deaton were elected to draft a resolution for the erection of a monument to Eld. A. Conner's grave.

The report on District Missions was read by the Moderator. The report was adopted.

In reviewing the fields within the bounds of Current River Association, we find several places of destitution and we would recommend that a Missionary be put into the field for at least half time during this Associational year. We further recommend that the messengers of the various churches composing this Association, while convened, select a missionary. That the home church of the one chosen set him apart to do this work. That the said Missionary receive not less than \$2 per day for each day's work he shall do. He shall go in the bounds of this Association as recommended by the churches composing this Association. He shall make a full and complete report of all the work he has done to the churches composing this Association at their next annual session. We recommend that a treasurer be elected and that all money collected for District Missions be sent to



him and he pay the Missionary for his labors as the work is done. We recommend that pledges be taken now to pay the Missionary; that the Messengers see that their churches pay their pledge and that the church clerk send said money to the treasurer of this Association, taking his receipt for same.

Robt. Hawthorne,  
P. M. Berry,  
T. S. Winningham,  
C. H. Newkirk.

Committee.

By motion Eld. R. L. Powell of Corning, Ark., was elected Missionary and W. F. Gambill, Datto, Ark., was elected Treasurer of the Current River Association.

A collection was taken for District Missions which amounted to \$6 55.

The report of A. Connor Memorial Committee read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to solicit funds for the monument of Eld. A. Connor:

W. H. Deaton, W. F. Gambill, J. A. Wheatley, Robt. Hawthorne, W. T. Griffith.

Eld. W. E. Turner preached at 11:00 o'clock, text: Luke 23: 33. Subject "The Three Crosses."

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the usual devotional exercises the report on Ordained and Licensed Ministers was read and adopted.

Ordained and Licensed Ministers—

R. L. Powell, Corning, Ark.	Otto Leverette, Neelyville, Mo.
J. F. Spriggs, Neelyville, Mo.	C. A. Fowler, Supply, Ark.
D. H. Sharp, Pitman, Ark.	T. J. Watson, Datto, Ark.
Geo. Lafferty, Corning, Ark.	W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge.

D. A. Lemmons, Boydsville. J. A. Ferguson, Palatka, Ark.  
R. L. Lewis, Knobel, Ark. E. S. Mizell, Brookings, Ark.  
J. A. Wheatley, Reyno, Ark. J. C. Grider, Neelyville, Mo.  
W. T. Caldwell, Corning, Ark.

Tom Cook,  
J. H. Irwin.  
Committee.

Report of Memorial Committee to solicit funds for the purchasing of a monument for Eld. A. Conner's grave, was read, in which W. H. Deaton was elected chairman; W. F. Gambill, secretary; and Robt. Hawthorne, treasurer. November 1st, 1912, was the time selected to erect a monument and all parties who wish to contribute to this fund will please send money to the secretary of committee, W. F. Gambill, Datto, Ark., who will send receipt for same.

By motion the Association went into an election for a place to hold next session of Association and for some one to preach the introductory sermon. Success church, Success Ark., was the place chosen and Eld. R. L. Powell to preach the introductory sermon.

The report on resolutions was read by C. H. Newkirk. The report was adopted.

Resolutions—Resolved, That we as a Baptist people vote like we pray for temperance in all things; that we stand for prohibition in its true sense.

Resolved, That we thank the Brethren and Sisters of Hopewell Church for their cordial hospitality during this Association.

W. H. Deaton,  
C. H. Newkirk.  
Committee.

Report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

Obituaries—The dark winged messenger of death has taken from our churches the past year the following:

Reyno church	3
Landmark church	1
Datto church	7
Biggers church	1
Success church	1
Shiloh church	4
Union church	3
Knobel church	1
Total	21

Pledges to District Missions.

Palatka	\$ 6 00
Biggers	5 00
Independence	5 00
Reyno	10 00
Union	5 00
Landmark	10 00
Black River	3 00
Pleasant Valley	
Success	10 00
Hopewell	5 00
New Home	5 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00
Shiloh	5 00
Datto	
Joe Williams	2 00
Total	\$76 00



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# **Minute Fund.**

Reyno	\$ 1 40
Datto	2 00
Biggers	2 00
Independence	1 65
Landmark	1 25
Success	1 50
Hopewell	1 50
Pleasant Valley	1 00
Pleasant Grove	1 00
New Home	1 00
Union	1 50
Palatka	1 60
Shiloh	50
Black River	1 00
Knobel	1 00
General Collection	2 15
Total	\$22 05

After singing God be With You Till We Meet Again, the Association adjourned to meet with Success church, Success, Ark., on Thursday before the third Sunday, at 10 o'clock a. m., September, 1913.

Eld. R. L. Powell, Moderator.  
W. F. Gambill, Clerk.

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# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	Days of Meeting	Contributions.								Membership.								
					Orphans Home..	District Missions..	Sunday Schools..	State Missions..	Ministerial Help..	Ladies Aid Society	Foreign Missions.	Pastor's Salary...	Increase			Decrease			Membership 1911	Membership 1912	
													by Baptism....	by Letter ....	by Restoration..	by Relation..	by Letter.....	by Exclusion..			by Death.....
Union.....	J H Story.....	walnutRidge, Ark.	W F Bridges.	1													6	1	3	108	98
Success .....	Rhude Hosey ..	Success, Ark....	J A Wheatley ...	4					39 41			178 00	4	4					1	72	79
Palatka ....	Robt Black.....	Palatka, Ark....	R L Powell ...	3								19 27		1				2		47	46
Knobel. ....	MaryR.Smithwick	Knobel, Ark....	R L Lewis.....	3								55 00	18	11			32		1	47	43
Independence ..	Wm A Badget...	Neelyville, Mo	Otto Leverette..	4	2 52		7 50		3 50											65	72
Pleasant Grove...	A J Bickers...	Palatka, Ark....	J A Ferguson ..	1	3 00		20 00	1 68			2 36	17 25	8	3	2		1	6		83	81
Datto ....	Bettie Cheek...	Datto, Ark ....	M D Bowers.....	1	4 03	10 00	10 34		69 57			133 50	18	3	1	1 12	6	7	129	127	
Black River ....	L N Lemons....	Boydsville, Ark .	D A Lemons...	2					8 00			4 00	1		2		2			24	25
Landmark.....	Laura Snodgrass	Corning, Ark ...	R L Powell ..	2	8 97		3 95	6 60	14 00			11 50	5				4	2	1	76	74
New Home. ....	I D Redwine...	Supply, Ark.....	D H Sharp.....	2	4 10							22 50								33	33
Hopewell.. ....	J H Irwin. ....	Reyno, Ark.....	C A Fowler.....	4								39 30	10	3		2	4			63	70
Reyno . . . . .	Leota Seymore..	Reyno, Ark.....	J A Wheatley ..	13	10 00				57 75	73 28		150 00	7	5		1 13		3	179	192	
Pleasant Valley ..	Sidney Miller...	Knobel, Ark....	R L Lewis.....	1									19		17						36
Biggers.....	S C Tipton...	Biggers, Ark...	E T Lincoln. .	2			17 94					65 40	3	4			1	1	41	44	