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OF THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WHITE RIVER VALLEY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT TUPELO,

JACKSON COUNTY, ARK.,

ON

SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, 1900.

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H. L. THOMAS, MODERATOR,
Fisher, Ark.

W. N. PIERCE, CLERK,
Tupelo, Ark.

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Of the Thirtieth Annual Session of the White River Valley
Missionary Baptist Association, Held with the Church
at Tupelo, Jackson County, Arkansas,
September 14th and 15th, 1900.

PROCEEDINGS:

By and through the goodness and tender mercies of the Almighty God, our Great Moderator, we, the members of the churches composing the White River Valley Missionary Baptist Association, are permitted to assemble ourselves with the church at Tupelo, on the 14th of September, this being the thirtieth annual session of the body.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened at 11:15 a. m., by singing No. 61—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus;" prayer by Eld. J. W. Outlaw. The appointee being absent, Bro. Leman Thomas, from Fisher, was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, which consisted in reading a portion of Hebrews, 11, and prayer. Subject, 1st and 2d verses of Hebrews. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Pierce, from Jackson, Tenn. Adjourned to meet at 3:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON OF FIRST DAY.

The Association re-assembled at 3:30 o'clock. Opened by singing No. 33—"Glory to His Name." Eld. J. W. Outlaw read the 23d Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Strider.

The Association then went into the election of officers for the next year, Eld. J. W. Outlaw, moderator pro-tem. Eld. Leman Thomas was elected Moderator for one year, and Bro. W. N. Pierce was elected Clerk. On motion Dr. A. D. Holland and Bro. Bruce Spradling were appointed as reading clerks. The following letters were read:

1. Hickory Grove.
2. Tupelo.
3. Central, Bald Knob.
4. Oak Grove.
5. Taylor's Bay.
6. Newport.

Petitionary letter read from Louis Chapel and accepted by the association.

Visiting Ministers and Brothers invited to seats: Rev. J. H. Pierce, of Jackson, Tenn.; Eld. B. M. Weaver, of Little Red River Association; Bro. B. A. Spradling, of Rocky Bayou Association; Eld. S. D. Johns, of Mount Vernon Association.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee on Program—Dr. A. D. Holland, Dr. J. H. Strider, Bro. A. A. Hite.

Committee on Divine Service made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Finance made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on State Missions made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Sabbath School made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Intemperance made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Foreign Mission made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Literature made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Associational Mission made their report. Adopted. See report.

Committee on Destitution made their report. Adopted. See report.

On motion the association adjourned, to meet at 8:30 on Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8:30 o'clock. Opened by singing No. 108, and reading the First Psalm, and prayer by Eld. Martin Weaver. The house was then called to order by Eld. H. L. Thomas. The Moderator called for outstanding committees. Committees made their reports, which were discussed by the association, and the committees discharged.

A call was then made for corresponding messengers. Whereupon Bro. Johns spoke in behalf of four churches, belonging to the Carolina Association. The Moderator then presented to Bro. Johns the right hand of fellowship to welcome him to a seat in the association.

On motion meeting adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1:30 p. m., according to adjournment. Opened by singing No. 33— "Glory to His Name." Prayer by Bro. J. H. Strider.

Motion to defer the election of a Missionary, to be taken up by a motion, was adopted.

REPORTS

We, your committee on Divine Services, beg leave to submit the following: Rev. J. H. Pierce, of Jackson, Tenn., Saturday night and Sunday night; Bro. Johns, Sunday at 11 o'clock. R. L. JONES, J. W. OUTLAW, J. H. JONES.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following amounts received:

Hickory Grove Church, \$2.25	Tupelo Church.....	\$1.40
New Harmony.....	Oak Grove.....	1.00
Pleasant Valley.....	Taylor's Bay.....	2.20
New Zion.....	Central.....	1.50
Newport.....	Louis Chapel.....	75
Total.....		\$10.75

A. A. HITE, B. F. SPRADLING, J. Y. PLUNKETT.

We, your committee on State Mission, beg leave to make the following report: We believe in the plan under which state missions are at present conducted, and under our position as a committee on state missions, embracing White River Valley Association, we favor state missions and co-operation. We feel that we cannot co-operate with state board, therefore we recommend that this association, for the incoming year, act independent of the state board, and contribute means and efforts in sustaining a missionary in our association, for the incoming year.

This is exactly contrary to the actual report.
JHS

BRUCE SPRADLING, J. W. McCLAY, J. H. STRIDER.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, believing the Sabbath School a part of the church work, we also recognize the fact that a great work is being done in our Sunday Schools, in training up the youths for the Master, we recommend to the various churches that they use their greatest efforts to sustain a Sabbath school in each church, and to parents we would say, take your little ones to Sunday School. Say come, not go. Encourage your school by your presence and your means. Encourage your neighbors and friends to attend.

J. W. McCLOY, R. L. JONES, BRUCE SPRADLING.

We, your committee on Intemperance, beg leave to submit the following, as a report: Christians, if we love the Lord

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we will keep his commandments. We then cannot be at our best until we decline to fellowship those who sell liquor, drink it, or vote to protect sellers and buyers. Our only hope of deliverance from the great monster of intemperance is to come out in God's name, and take a firm stand against it. We should stand firm in our home life, at the ballot box, and in the pulpit. For the sake of suffering humanity let us assume a brave attitude against the liquor traffic and habit—let us fight against it, if it takes us until the last day.

MRS. A. D. HOLLAND, MISS M. E. OUTLAW, J. W. OUTLAW.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to make the following report: We believe it to be the duty of every Missionary Baptist to help support this work. The Macedonian cry is, come over, and help us. We suggest that a collection for foreign missions be taken up in every church in the association, just as soon as possible. During the present war between China and the allied powers, our missionaries have suffered greatly, and have been in imminent danger. These consecrated men and women, not only demand our prayers and sympathy, but our means. We recommend that more attention be given to foreign missions during this associational year than ever before.

J. H. PIERCE, M. WEAVER, L. B. RODGERS.

We, your committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that every Baptist in our association read the Bible, and take and read the Arkansas Baptist. In order for our people to be posted along Baptist lines we must read our state paper. We recommend the following papers as sound literature, worthy of recognition: American Baptist Flag, Texas Baptist Standard, Western Recorder, Christian Repository and Baptist Gleaner.

A. D. HOLLAND, J. H. JONES, J. H. PIERCE.

Discussed by Bro. J. H. Strider and Rev. J. H. Pierce.

Our entire association is practically a missionary field. Within the past three years six new churches have been organized, by brethren coming into our association for only a week or so, holding a meeting and organizing the material into a church. These are now inactive, discouraged and pastorless, or have gone down. This is an alarming state of affairs. In the opinion of this committee there is but one remedy—the cooperation of all our churches, in the employment of a missionary for the whole associational year. We would, therefore, recommend that we put a missionary in the field for the entire year; that the executive committee be instructed to contract

with a missionary whom the association, or they, may select; that the messengers present; whose churches have not pledged anything for his support, do, immediately upon returning to their churches, canvass the membership, to ascertain the amount that can be raised, and report at once to the committee.

A. D. HOLLAND, W. H. GAMBLE, T. J. JENNINGS.

Discussed by Dr. J. H. Strider and Rev. J. H. Pierce, and adopted.

We, your committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report: That we believe the greatest portion of our associational district to be destitute of Baptist preaching, and recommend that some plan be formulated, at once, and a missionary be put in the field for the entire year, for all his time.

Whereas, There are, within the bounds of White River Valley Association, several churches which are affiliated with other associations, and,

Whereas, This leaves to us territory, without the influence of these churches; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the churches in this association humbly petition said churches to unite with this association, and aid us in occupying our destitute territory, and

Be it Resolved, That the churches of this association that have failed to send messengers to this, or any other association, are prayerfully requested to awaken, and send their messengers to deliberate with us, as to the best means to be used in building up our churches and occupying our destitute territory.

J. W. OUTLAW, G. W. BARKER, J. H. STRIDER.

The Moderator appointed on the executive committee Dr. A. D. Holland, J. W. Outlaw, A. A. Hite, H. L. Thomas and Ben Spradling.

Motion and second that the association proceed to elect a missionary by ballot. The names of Rev. Vinus Turner, of Linder, Faulkner county, Arkansas, and Rev. J. H. Pierce, of Jackson, Tenn. The vote stood, Turner 14, Pierce 2. On motion the election of Bro. Turner was made unanimous.

Motion and second that each church in this association elect one person from its membership to serve on the associational executive committee, for the associational year succeeding the present.

Motion and second that the chair appoint a committee of three to draw up a code of rules and regulations governing the association. The following is the committee: Dr. J. H. Strider, Dr. F. G. Smith, Dr. A. D. Holland.

Corresponding Messengers—To Independence Association: J. H. Strider, L. B. Rodgers, J. W. McClay; Rocky Bayou Association, G. W. Barker; Mount Zion Association, H. L. Thomas, J. Y. Plunkett; Stevens' Creek Association, J. W. McClay.

Resolved, That the White River Valley Association extend a hearty welcome to Good Hope, Wiville, New Hope and Ramer churches, in Mount Vernon Association, to membership in this body, when they present their petitionary letters in proper manner.

Resolved, We approve of the Orphans' Home, and recommend that each church appoint a committee to take collections for its support.

BRUCE SPRADLING.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the good people of Tupelo and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during our stay among them.

Appointments to attend the State Convention: Eld. J. W. Outlaw, Eld. H. L. Thomas. To attend Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at New Orleans: Dr. A. D. Holland.

Upon motion the clerk is to have 200 minutes printed, and that he retain the remainder of the minutes fund for his trouble.

Minutes read and approved, and upon motion and second, after prayer by Bro. Bruce Spradling, the body adjourned, to meet with the church at Newport, Jackson county, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1901. Benediction by Bro. Bruce Spradling.

H. L. THOMAS, Moderator,

W. N. PIERCE, Clerk.

+ STATISTICS. +

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	MEETING DAYS
Hickory Grove	J. H. Strider... W. H. Gamble... L. B. Rodgers..	J. L. Brown.	A. H. Hankins.	Newport.....	3d Sun.
New Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tupelo.....	Mary Outlaw... J. W. Outlaw..	.....	J. H. Jones....	Tupelo	4th Sun.
Central.....	J. W. McClay..	J. N. Shook..	Mrs L. E. Holford	Bald Knob..	1st Sun.
Taylor Bay....	H. P. Spradling J. Jennings....	J. I. Martin....	J. T. Warren..	Snapps.....	4th Sun.
Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Harmony	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	J. Y. Plunkett. A. A. Hite.....	J. G. Thomas	A. A. Hite.....	Layton.....	4th Sun.
Louis Chapel..	G. W. Barker..	.....	L. C. Gamble...	Auvergne ..	.....
Newport	H. L. Thomas... A. D. Holland.. E. Holland.....	.....	.....	Newport	.....

Services always commence on the Saturday before the Sunday named in above table.