

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Caddo River
Missionary Baptist
Association

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OFFICERS.

ELDER J. O. BUTLER, Moderator
Black Springs, Arkansas.

H. L. KING, Clerk
Womble, Arkansas.

R. M. REECE, Treasurer
Womble, Arkansas

The next session of this body will be held with Mount Ida Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1916. The introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. B. Liles; Elder C. C. Roberts, alternate. Missionary sermon to be preached Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder J. O. Butler.

PROCEEDINGS.

The fifty-eighth annual session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association assembled with Black Springs church, Montgomery county, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1915, in harmony with its adjournment at Big Fork church.

The body was called together by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The appointee, Bro. S. W. Sherrod, being present, read for a scripture lesson a part of St. John, fifteenth chapter, and, after prayer, preached the introductory sermon from 8th to 11th verses of the lesson; Bro. Hulsey concluding with prayer.

Dismissed to meet at 2:30 p. m. Benediction by Bro. Vann.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the body was called together by singing "Stand Up For Jesus." Following, the Moderator read, beginning with the 29th verse, to the end of the 4th chapter of Ephesians. The congregation then united in prayer with Bro. J. S. Rogers of Little Rock.

The moderator, after declaring the body in regular order and open for the pursuance of business, called—

1st—For the letters from the churches.

2nd—J. H. Vann and S. C. Parish were appointed to read the letters.

3rd—Letters from the following churches were read, and the following messengers enrolled:

Big Fork—H. A. Standridge.

Sweet Home—O. E. Smith, E. L. Ledbetter, Ella Tolleson.

Mt. Gilead—J. M. White, J. F. Jeffrey, J. T. Covington.

Providence—C. C. Rowton, Z. C. Edwards, W. M. Reecer.

Mt. Ida—J. W. Hulsey, Ed Wehunt, Ruth Sandlin.

Mt. Olive—S. S. Singleton, T. F. Fryar, P. R. Abernathy.

Womble—H. L. King, R. M. Reece, J. A. Bell.

Black Springs—J. O. Butler, S. T. Bell, J. H. Herring.

Sulphur Springs—W. M. Edwards, Hopkin Edwards, O. J. Mahon.

Brushy Creek—J. C. Singleton, J. E. Fryar.

Pleasant Hill—Philip Abernathy, J. B. Liles, J. T. Jones.

Little Hope—W. M. Rizley, R. L. Thompson, W. H. Lawrence.

Little Missouri—S. W. Sherrod.

Macedonia—Not represented.

4th—Election of Officers—Motion and second carried instructing the clerk to cast the unanimous vote for Elder J. O. Butler for moderator.

Motion and second carried instructing the moderator to cast the unanimous vote of for H. L. King for clerk.

Motion and second carried instructing the clerk to cast the unanimous vote for R. M. Reece for treasurer.

OFFICERS—

Moderator—J. O. Butler.

Clerk—H. L. King.

Treasurer—R. M. Reece.

5th—Motion and second to seat Brethren E. S. Diffie and J. M. Witherspoon correspondents from Caddo Valley Association; J. H. Vann, visitor; J. W. Shepherd and J. L. Blakely from Buckville association; H. R. Collier, visitor from Liberty church; J. S. Rogers and Doak S. Campbell of Little Rock, the former secretary of the State Mission Board, the latter State Sunday School Secretary, visitors at large.

In response to the invitation of the Moderator Brethren Rogers and Campbell made brief, but appropriate, addresses.

Appointed committee on divine services: Brethren R. M. Reece, S. T. Bell and Z. C. Edwards; and said committee reported that Bro. J. S. Rogers preach Friday night.

Motion and second carried to adjourn till 9:00 Saturday morning. Closed with prayer by Bro. Campbell and benediction by Bro. Hulsey.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Opening song, "Beautiful Home." Prayer by Bro. White. Scriptural reading Acts 20th, and a most powerful sermon by Bro. Rogers. Subject: "New Testament Program for Arkansas Baptist." Concluded with prayer by Bro. Hulsey and benediction by Bro. Sherrod.

Sunday School Institute.

SATURDAY'S WORK.

Opening song, "Bringing in the Sheaves." The appointee, Bro. Howell, being absent, the alternate, Bro. J. T. Jones, conducted the devotional exercises.

TOPICS.

Sunday School Organization, Classification, etc., was well and ably

discussed by Prof. S. C. Parish.

Sunday School Superintendence and Management, by Bro. Doak S. Campbell.

Securing an Attendance, House to House Visitation, etc., by Prof. Parish.

Teaching the Lesson, by Bro. Campbell.

Motion and second to adjourn till 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Bro. J. T. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation came together by singing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and prayer by Prof. Parish.

TOPICS.

Holding the Youths, by Bro. J. T. Jones.

Holding the Adults, by Bro. J. W. Hulsey.

Teaching the Infant Class, by Miss Ulo King.

Sunday School Music, a short address by Bro. J. L. Blakely.

Sunday School Literature, by Bro. Campbell.

Round Table Discussion, conducted by Prof. Parish.

Dismissed. Benediction by Bro. Jones.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Opened by singing a number of songs. Prayer by Bro. Jones. Another song and prayer by Bro. E. S. Diffie.

Scripture lesson, Ephesians 2nd chapter. Prayer by Bro. Vann, after which he preached from the words, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Concluded with prayer by Bro. Hulsey.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Opened by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Philip Abernathy. At 10:45 a. m. a short recess.

At 11 a. m. the appointee, Bro. Hulsey, being present, (the congregation convening by singing "I'm a Volunteer in the Army of the Mighty King," and some scripture readings from Matthew and St. John, followed by prayer) preached a wonderful missionary sermon; after which the following pledged the amounts opposite their names for state missions:

J. W. Hulsey	\$10.00
S. W. Sherrod	10 00
I. D. Jones	5 00
R. M. Reece	5 00
S. C. Parish	5 00
M. T. Covington	5 00

J. O. Butler.....	5 00
H. H. Thomas.....	5 00
S. T. Bell.....	2 50
H. L. King.....	1 00
Roy Bullard.....	1 00
Miss Ruth Sandlin.....	1 00
Miss Beulah Prowse.....	1 00
J. A. Burrow.....	1 00
Mrs. J. B. Stewart.....	1 00
Mrs. Dora Milam.....	1 00
Mrs. J. O. Butler.....	1 00
Mrs. J. M. White.....	1 00
J. T. Garrett.....	1 00

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Sherrod. Noon intermission.

COMMITTEES.

During the intermission, the following committees were appointed by Moderator and Clerk:

Sunday Schools—J. W. Hulsey, J. M. White, S. W. Sherrod.

Denominational Schools—J. W. Hulsey, J. T. Covington, T. F. Fryar.

Home Missions—S. W. Sherrod, O. E. Smith, C. C. Rowton.

Associational Missions—W. M. Edwards, W. M. Rizley, W. H. Lawrence.

Duty of Pastors to Churches, and Churches to Pastors—O. Smith, S. T. Bell, C. C. Rowton.

Ministers' Names and Post Offices—Z. C. Edwards, T. F. Fryar, S. S. Singleton.

Temperance—J. C. Singleton, John Rogers, Marion Batterton.

Foreign Missions—J. W. Hulsey, J. M. White, Philip Abernathy.

Finance—W. M. Edwards, S. T. Bell, S. S. Singleton.

Orphans' Home—R. M. Reece, J. T. Covington, O. J. Mahon.

Religious Literature—J. T. Jones, Hopkin Edwards, J. A. Bell.

Obituaries—J. F. Jeffrey, W. M. Reece, C. C. Rowton.

Nominations—R. M. Reece, J. H. Herring, O. E. Smith.

State Missions—S. C. Parish, J. T. Covington, H. A. Standridge.

At 2 p. m. the congregation reassembled and spent about an hour in a song service. At 3 p. m. a most delightful and instructive lecture by Bro. Campbell on the subject of the B. Y. P. U.—what it is, what it is not and what it proposes to do.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Opened by singing; prayer by Bro. H. L. King. Scripture reading, 14th

chapter of St. John, after which Bro. J. W. Shepherd preached a very comforting and consoling sermon from the two first verses of the lesson.

Concluding remarks by Moderator and prayer by Bro. Hulsey.

MONDAY'S WORK.

At the appointed time—9 a. m.—the body was called together by singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing;" reading of the scripture lesson, St. John 15th, by the Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Shepherd.

Minutes of Friday's meeting were read and, upon motion and second, approved. Next was the calling of the roll, and correcting it as best we could, circumstances considered.

Report of Committees.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Denominational Schools:

Without well-equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. The Bible is definitely in favor of Christian education. See Hosea 4:6, Matthew 28:20, Ephesians 4:18. So Christian education and its support must be put on the same basis with Missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, S. Y. Jameson, D. D., President; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL. D., President. Last year Ouachita had about 325 students, and Central about 200. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist Cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated. The atmosphere of the schools is religious and reverent, and many students who have gone to them strangers to God have gone forth from them consecrated to God.

We are planning to have three mountain schools soon. One of these, the Ouachita-Maynard Academy, at Maynard, W. A. Cummings, A. B., President, is running this year. We must help save North Arkansas by establishing good mountain schools.

The education of preachers is the one great object of our school. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 39 young preachers in Ouachita College. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

Ouachita college has been freed from debt. Central has considerable indebtedness yet. We need annually at least \$10,000.00 to help take care of running expenses at Ouachita, and to pay on the indebtedness of Central. So every Baptist church in this association is asked to make an offering this year for our schools.

This Committee hopes that all of our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, and that our people will send their children to these Baptist schools. ESPECIALLY do we emphasize the importance of educating our young preachers.

J. W. HULSEY,
J. T. COVINGTON,
T. F. FRYAR.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Associational Missions:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, find that the Board did nothing the past year for the want of an available man suitable to put in the field. We suggest that the Board employ a man to work in the field at least one-half the time, and that each church take up monthly collections for said purpose.

W. M. EDWARDS,
W. M. RIZLEY.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Temperance:

We find intoxicating drink to be a curse to the human family and, hence, strongly urge all our Baptist people to abstain from its use; and that they use their influence and vote against its use and sale.

We strongly commend the Legislature for passing the present State-wide Prohibition law

J. C. SINLETON,
J. E. FRYAR.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Sunday Schools:

The modern Sunday School is becoming a mighty factor in all the churches of the Baptist faith. A well organized church means an evergreen Sunday School.

It is indispensable as a means of enlisting and enlightening the youth of our churches. It is the teaching department of the church. Not only so, but it restrains and protects our young people from evil, by bringing them into a Holy atmosphere. It is a strong incentive to a higher and nobler life, as well as a schoolmaster to lead the young to Christ. We know of no language too strong to use in stressing Sunday School work.

We, therefore, recommend that much attention be given to this department of our church work, and that Sunday be given for the discussion of this work, at our association meeting next year.

J. W. HULSEY,
J. M. WHITE,
S. W. SHERROD.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report: We, your Committee on Religious Literature, beg to submit the following: We recommend, first of all, a careful and prayerful reading and study of God's word; and, as we believe our people should read some good church paper, we recommend the "Baptist Advance." For the Sunday School we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Literature.

J. T. JONES,
J. A. BELL.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report:

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to report that our Home Mission Board aids and assists in the work of spreading the Gospel of our Lord, and aids the weak churches in keeping men in the field doing the work the Lord commissioned his Church to do.

We recommend that each pastor, at least once during the year, preach a sermon on Home Mission work and take up a collection for said purpose.

O. E. SMITH,
C. C. ROWTON.

By motion and second the following suggestions and report were adopted:

SUGGESTIONS FOR A REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign mission work is the 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 challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call for our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen state members representing each state in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these

fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries in the field, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions means the preaching of the gospel to the heathen, and the training for service by means of schools and colleges, in the foreign field. Our Board at Richmond, Va., is now in great straits with the many calls coming in for more helpers, by our missionaries who are in the field, and the lack of funds to supply this need.

We have scores of well trained men and women who are offering themselves for this work and who cannot be sent unless we enlarge our offerings to this department of our work.

Therefore, we recommend that our pastors and workers give especial attention to Foreign Missions this coming year, and that collections be taken in all our churches for this work, and much prayer and supplication go up to God for the workers already in the field.

J. W. HULSEY,

J. M. WHITE,

PHIL ABERNATHY.

Motion and second carried, adopting the following report on Duty of Pastors to Churches and Churches to Pastors:

We find the Scriptures enjoin on the pastors the duty of feeding the flock over which the "Holy Ghost has made them overseers;" and again "preach the word." Thus we see that the pastor has a great duty resting on him, that of ministering to the church spiritual things. And we insist and urge that pastors place more and greater stress in their preaching on the importance and necessity of the churches giving and contributing to the spreading of the gospel. Admitting that the pastor's duty to the church is great, it follows that the duty of church to pastor is equally as great; for he that ministereth in things spiritual, is to be administered unto in things temporal. The duty of the church to her pastor is to see that his temporal needs are supplied; to respect; assist and encourage in every way possible to help whenever and wherever help is needed to spread our Lord's gospel.

O. E. SMITH,

S. T. BELT,

C. C. ROWTON.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Obituaries:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find but one death reported. Pleasant Hill reports the death of Sister Dora Lambert.

J. F. JEFFREY,

W. M. REECER,

C. C. ROWTON.

Motion and second carried that the Association meet at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1916.

Motion and second carried adopting report on minister's names and postoffices:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. O. Butler, Black Springs, Arkansas,

J. M. White, " " "

J. T. Covington " " "

Elijah Abee, " " "

F. F. Edwards " " "

J. B. Liles, Big Fork, " "

Philip Abernathy, Big Fork, Arkansas	
C. C. Roberts, Oden,	"
A. T. Hill,	"
H. T. Howell, Opal,	"
J. T. Jones, Womble,	"
H. H. Thomas,	"
J. A. Burrow,	"
S. W. Sherrod, Albert,	"
J. W. Hulsey, Mt. Ida,	"
A. F. Smith,	" "
S. S. Lee,	" "

LICENSED.

S. C. Parish, Mt. Ida, Arkansas,	
Z. C. Edwards, Womble,	"
Joe Shaw, Albert,	"
M. T. Hill, Oden,	"

STATE MISSIONS.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report:

Your Committee on State missions would report as follows:

State Missions includes revival meetings in destitute places, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, helping to build church houses, and aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday School and Baptist Young People's work, 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	74
Sermons	5,490
Other addresses	898
Total sermons and addresses	6,388
Service in homes	1,812
Conversions	1,458
Baptisms	1,270
Additions	804
Total additions	2,074
Amount raised for State Missions	\$12,262 75

The amount of money needed to put the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention out of debt for missions at the State Convention at Conway, November 18, 1915, is approximately \$30,000.

So your Committee would make the following recommendations:

First, that agonizing prayer be made daily by all our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second, that every pastor get all possible information about State Missions and give it out in burning messages to his people.

Third, that he try to give his people a larger vision of State Missions, and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members, and from every organization in the churches.

Fourth, that the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this body get together and make plans to reach every church in the association for an offering to State Missions by the middle of November. It is time for a great, strong, self-sacrificing, heroic pull all over the State.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, Ark.

S. C. PARISH,
J. T. COVINGTON,
H. A. STANDRIDGE.

Motion and second carried that the Executive Association Missions Committee, with Moderator and Clerk, arrange an appropriate program for the Sunday School Institute, for the next Associational meeting.

Motion and second carried adopting the following report on Orphans' Home.

We find that there are about 185 children in the Home. The reports from the churches show that only four churches—Mt. Ida, \$16.50; Womble, \$14.00; Mt. Gilead, \$3.35 and Black Springs, \$3.35—contributed to their support, which, with \$2.95 donated by the Association, made a total of \$40.15.

We think that the cause of the churches failing to contribute to this fund is that there has been no special appeal made to them. Therefore, we insist that the Messengers take this matter up with their churches at home and get them to make a contribution for the support of these dependent children.

R. M. REECE,
J. T. COVINGTON,
O. J. MAHON.

Motion and second carried to adjourn to 1 p. m.

Body called together at 1 p. m. by singing, Scripture reading by Moderator, and prayer by Bro. Jones. Moderator declared the house in regular order for business.

Motion and second carried to adopt the following financial report:

Mount Olive, for minutes, \$2.80; Associational Missions, \$1.95. Black Springs, for minutes, \$2.50; Orphans' Home, 3.35. Sweet Home, for minutes, \$1.00. Womble, for minutes, \$3.50. Big Fork, for minutes, \$1.00. Mount Gilead, for minutes, 2.35; Orphans Home, \$3.35; Associational Missions, \$2.00. Brushey Creek, for minutes, \$2.65; Associational Missions, \$7.55. Little Hope, for minutes, \$1.50. Pleasant Hill, for minutes, \$1.75. Sulphur Springs, for minutes, \$1.30. Mount Ida, for minutes, \$2.50. Providence, for minutes, \$1.95. Total for minutes, \$24.80; Associational Missions, \$11.50; Orphans' Home, \$6.70.

W. M. EDWARDS,
S. T. BELL.

Motion and second carried to adopt the following report on nominations:

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Mt. Ida church beginning at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1916. Elder J. B. Liles to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. C. C. Roberts, alternate. Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. J. O. Butler.

We appoint Brethren Elijah Abec, H. L. King and J. T. Covington Executive and Associational Mission Board; and recommend the next Board meeting be held with Sulphur Springs church.

R. M. REECE,
O. E. SMITH,
J. H. HERRING.

Motion and second carried, to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the people of Black Springs and community for their hospitality and care during our stay with them.

Motion and second carried that Treasurer's report be turned over to the Clerk to be inserted in the minutes.

Motion and second carried to amend the constitution so as to read messenger and messengers instead of delegate and delegates.

By motion and second carried that the constitution of Caddo River Association be so amended as to read that the Moderator and Clerk be considered, and by this act, are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Board.

Motion and second carried to set aside and observe Sunday before Christmas as Orphans' Home day.

Motion and second carried electing Eld. J. T. Jones correspondent to the Buckville Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT, SEPT. 20, 1915.

Cash on hand at close of 1914 session.....	\$59 21
March 16, 1915, received from H. A. Standridge by hand of J. O. Butler, for Associational Missions.....	4 50
May 31, 1915, from H. L. King for Associational Missions.....	1 00
To printing 1914 minutes.....	\$21 90
To J. O. Butler for printing 5th Sunday meeting program.....	1 10
To H. L. King for Clerk service, 1914.....	3 20

Totals	\$26 20	\$64 71
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Balance on hand at beginning of 1915 session.....	\$38 51
September, 1915, received for minutes.....	24 80
Received for Associational Missions.....	13 50
For Orphans' Home, Mt. Gilead church.....	3 35
" " " Black Springs church.....	3 35
" " " Cash contribution at Association meeting.....	2 95

Total cash on hand	\$86 46
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Motion and second carried authorizing the Clerk to have 300 copies of minutes printed, and that he be paid \$10.00 for his services as clerk.

Called for the reading of the minutes, motion and second carried to adopt the same.

Motion and second carried to adjourn to meet with Mt. Ida church at 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1916.

A short, but very appropriate, admonition by the Moderator, and a prayer by Bro. Hulsey, after which the congregation stood and sang "Till we meet again," and gave the parting hand. Thus closed the fifty-seventh session of the Caddo River Association.

ELDER J. O. BUTLER.

H. L. KING, Clerk.

Moderator.

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Order of Business.

FRIDAY.

1. Introductory sermon.
3. Call for letters from the churches.
3. Reading of the letters and enrolling of the messengers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for visiting ministers.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Appointment of divine service committee.
9. Report of divine service committee.

SATURDAY.

Devoted to Sunday School Institute program.

SUNDAY.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Missionary sermon.
3. Song service.
4. B. Y. P. U. lecture.

MONDAY.

1. Reading of the minutes.
2. Roll call, and corrections.
3. Call for reports of committees
4. Call for motions.
5. Call for resolutions.
6. Appointments of, and for next session.
7. Reading, correcting and adopting of minutes.
8. Exhortation and closing prayer.
9. Parting song and parting hand.

Constitution.

Article 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Caddo River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from the churches of the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by the several churches before they can take their seats.

Art. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into

a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the messengers from the churches, and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw from and disown, all churches, which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practices. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate fellowship and union with all churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, and churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 6. This Association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes a clear and distinct statement of receipts and expenditures.

Art. 7 This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between the churches unless they have perused the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings

of this Association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the Association.

Art. 11. That the Moderator and Clerk be considered and hereby are ex-officio members of the Executive and Associational Mission Board.

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business with praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening the session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint and the names of the Messengers be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the Messengers names have been enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order and so on in inverse order, to original motion, but mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association or to explain a former remark.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling some one else to fill his seat while he is speaking; but not until all

others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting-members in order to seats in the council who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as may be necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order, the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Words of God and the only Rules of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.

5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that the sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that the Saints shall be Preserved in Grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that Immersion is the Apostolic mode.

9. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and in the General Judgement, and that felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the Wicked shall be Eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly Baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hand of the Presbytery.

11. We believe that none except Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

12. We believe that the Lord's Day shall be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Days of Meeting	Minute and Clerk Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Orphans' Home.	The Poor.	Incidentals.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary.	Visiting Ministers
Mount Ida	31	2	5		1		126		\$ 2 50	\$	\$	\$12 00	\$13 50	\$16 50	\$10 95	\$13 88	\$20 60	\$12 50	\$ 200 00	\$ 500 00	\$75 00
Mount Olive	22						57	3d	2 80	1 45									500 00	10 00	
Mount Gilead	20	2	1	2	4		81	2d	2 35	2 00				3 35					500 00		
Brushy Creek	29	6					86	1st	2 65	7 55									500 00	35 00	
Big Fork	4	6	1		1		79	4th	1 00	4 50									300 00		
Black Springs	11			7			56		2 50					3 35						50 50	
Womble	14	11		5			62		3 50		17 75	18 11	19 25	14 00			13 00	15 00	1200 00	500 00	22 05
Pleasant Hill		1			2	1	55		1 75												
Sulphur Springs	1			1			24		1 25										500 00		
Sweet Home	3	1			6		23		1 00												
Little Hope	15	2	1		2		35		1 20												
Providence							22	4th	1 95											16 00	
Totals	150	31	8	15	16	1	706		\$24 45	\$15 50	\$17 75	\$30 11	\$32 75	\$37 20	\$10 95	\$13 88	\$33 60	\$27 50	\$3700 00	\$1111 50	\$97 05

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Mount Ida	J. W. Hulsey	Mount Ida	Ruth Sandlin	Mount Ida
Mount Olive	C. C. Roberts	Oden	I. P. Fryar	Oden
Mount Gilead	J. O. Butler	Black Springs	G. H. White	Black Springs
Brushy Creek	C. C. Roberts	Oden	J. M. Fiddler	Oden
Big Fork	J. B. Liles	Big Fork	J. M. Howell	Opal
Black Springs	J. H. Vann	Caddo Gap	J. H. Herring	Black Springs
Womble	J. W. Hulsey	Mount Ida	Orville King	Womble
Pleasant Hill	J. B. Liles	Big Fork	W. J. Head	Slatington
Sulphur Springs	J. O. Butler	Black Springs	J. H. Edwards	Alder
Sweet Home	J. M. White	Black Springs	O. E. Smith	Hopper
Little Hope	Philip Athernathy	Big Fork	B. L. Lawrence	Huddleston
Providence	C. C. Roberts	Oden	W. M. Reecer	Black Springs

NOTE—Little Missouri and Macedonia churches sent no statistics.