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*Baptist * Association,*

HELD WITH

Forest Hill Church,

Montgomery County, Ark., Sept. 11, 12 and 13, 1897.

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

OFFICERS.

A. Nelson, Moderator.

A. J. Newcomb, Clerk.

W. F. Willis, Treasurer.

Next session to be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Pike
County, Ark., beginning Saturday before the
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Proceedings,



FOREST HILL CHURCH, MONTGOMERY CO., Sept. 12, 1897.
The Fortieth Annual Session of the Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association convened with Forest Hill Church, Montgomery county, Ark., Saturday, September 11, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m. In harmony with its adjournment in 1896, the introductory sermon was preached by Elds H. T. Howell and H. L. Wesson. Text: "Will a Man Rob God?" Malachit 3: 8 Closing prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body met promptly at 2 o'clock, and after prayer by the moderator, H. L. Wasson, the association was declared ready for business. The clerk being absent, A. J. Newcomb was appointed clerk *pro tem* until a clerk be elected.

Called for letters from the churches. Bros. Isaac Welch, T. B. Buck and J. N. Wasson were appointed to read letters, and after the reading of the letters, petitionary letters were called for, and three churches received: Sulphur Springs, Longview and Big Fork, with the delegates, Bros. W. M. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, Elds. J. D. Bats, J. E. Long, J. H. Bowen, J. W. Mayes, J. W. Dilbeck, J. D. Homes and Robert Speer.

Went into the election of officers, resulting as follows: Eld. A. J. Nelson, moderator; A. P. Newcomb, clerk, and W. F. Willis, treasurer. The ballot was taken by Elds. I. F. Welch, J. J. Holland and Bro. J. N. Wasson.

Committee on Divine Services appointed, with A. R. Chitwood, chairman.

Called for correspondence, when Eld. Isaac F. Welch was received from Red River Association.

The moderator and clerk were authorized to appoint the various committees at night. Closed with prayer by W. F. Willis.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The association met promptly at 8 o'clock, and after some

good singing, the moderator read the 1st Psalm, and the congregation engaged in singing hymn No. 6, from Evergreen Hymn Book. Prayer was offered by Eld. T. A. Valentine. The moderator then declared the body ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted. Roll call.

By motion speeches were limited to five minutes. The various committees then reported. [See report.]

It was then agreed by the body, that we continue our Missionary Board and the funds on hands be turned over to our treasurer, subject to order of the body, it was further inacted that a Building Committee be appointed to select suitable grounds and to construct a building for the Baptist camp-grounds. Committee, J. N. Wasson, J. H. Peel, M. D. Robins, A. J. Newcomb and Z. M. Nicholson.

By order of the association the clerk was to receive from the treasurer \$10 for his services, and means to pay for printing and postage of minutes. It was then agreed to hold the next session with the church at Mt. Pleasant, in what is known as the Flatwoods, Pike county, Ark., beginning on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1898, at 11 o'clock a. m., the introductory sermon to be preached by J. A. Shackelford and T. B. Burk.

By action of the body Elds. H. T. Howell was appointed as correspondent delegate to Red River Association, and J. D. Bats to Buckville Association, and T. A. Valentine to Saline.

Closing with prayer by Bro. D. T. Brunson, the parting hand was then taken amid tears of joy, hoping to meet again.

A. NELSON, MODERATOR.

A. J. NEWCOMB, CLERK.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

DUTY OF CHURCH TO PASTOR.

It is the duty of the church to minister to the pastor's financial interests, visit him and his family in sickness, and to encourage him in his ministerial work. We should see after his needs and wants, for it is ordained of God that they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Again, the Bible says God does love a cheerful giver.

G. W. PETTETT, Chm'n.

DUTY OF PASTOR TO CHURCH.

The pastor should not declare the whole council of God to reprove and rebuke with all long suffering, but he should strive to influence every member to fill his station and do his whole duty in all the work of the church; and as we do believe the Sunday-school is the work of the church, he should therefore use all of his influence to push forward the Sunday-school work, in the church; and induce the members to attend stated prayer-meetings, as prayer is the life of the church.

J. C. THOMAS, Chm'n.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We find by hearing the letters from the churches read, that the cause has been prosperous in some parts of our association, but in other parts it is languishing. Dear brethren, let us set out with the power God gives us, to do a greater work for the Master during this associational year. than we have ever done. We hope that Zion may travel and bring many sons and daughters to God's fold during this associational year.

J. M. SMITH, Chm'n.

TEMPERANCE.

We believe the use of intoxicating drinks is injurious and offensive, morally and religiously, but is gradually giving away in our land. Let us, as the people of God, use our best efforts and fervent prayers to God that the evil be banished from our State and nation.

D. T. BRUNSON, Chm'n.

DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, desire to report that there is considerable destitution within the bounds of this association, and request this body to supply the same with a missionary.

J. F. RUCKER, Chairman.

MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, find funds on hand to the amount of \$3.25. We recommend that this body fall upon some plan to place a missionary in our association, that the cause of Christ may spread far and wide and much and lasting good be done in the name of the Holy Christ Jesus.

J. W. DILBECK, Chairman.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, make the following report: We have examined the letters sent up by the churches, and find nothing calling for an action of this body, except three churches asking the next session of this association to be held with them, viz., Pleasant Valley, Mount Moriah and Mount Pleasant.

JOHN WELCH, Chairman.

FINANCES.

We find on hand from the churches of the association \$21.82 and \$1.32 from the Sunday-school convention, and from home missions \$1.50. Total \$24.64.

J. N. WASSON, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

Sister Matilda Holmes died on the 26th day of August, 1897. She had lived a faithful member of Big Fork church until it pleased God to call her home to rest. Also Bro. John Morris, of Big Fork church, died in 1897, and Sister Jane Morris, who was a faithful member of Big Fork church, died in 1897. Long View church, two; Mount Pleasant, two; Caney Valley, one, Sister M. J. McMillan, age 33 years, died in 1897; Union, one in 1897; Black Springs, Sister Martha Guthrey, wife of Bro. W. H. Guthrey, died November 22, 1896;

Liberty, one, old Bro. Jefferson Collier, died March 31, 1897; Antioch, two, Sister Elizabeth Coffman and Eld. W. W. Carson, was ordained of the gospel and died March 4, 1897. Had been a church member for many years, but at the time of his death was holding a letter of dismission from our church; Zion Hill, one, Sister S. L. Sims, died October 4, 1895.

J. J. HUGHES.
H. T. HOWELL.
D. T. DRIGGARS, } Committee.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Saturday night, Bro. J. F. Shands and W. J. Chitwood; Sunday 9 a. m., J. D. Bats and J. A. Shackelford. Text, Matt. 16: 18; at 11 a. m., Isaac F. Welch. Text, Psalm 60; 3 p. m., T. B. Burk, T. A. Valentine. Text, 2 Cor. 8: 9; Sunday night, H. T. Howell and H. L. Wasson. Text, Eph. 4: 32; at Mountain Home, Bros. J. J. Holland and J. W. Sims.

A. R. CHITWOOD, Chm'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the Committee on Finance for the year 1897.....	\$21 82
From Sunday-school Convention.....	1 32
Home Missions	1 52
Amount on hand from last year.....	16 80
Total	\$41 44

W. F. WILLIS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this association tender our much-beloved brother, E. Wright, our sincere sympathy in his afflictions, and thank him for his faithful services in the past as clerk of our association.

J. N. WASSON, Chm'n.

Whereas, There is great need of a missionary in Caddo River Association; and

Whereas, There is not sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of a missionary, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That each member do all they can to raise sufficient revenue to pay said missionary.

JOHN F. RUCKER, Chm'n.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Forrest Hill church and vicinity for their liberal support during our stay among them.

H. L. WASSON, Chm'n.

MESSENGERS.

Valley Grove, No. 1—J. J. Hughes, D. T. Brunson, A. Nelson.

Liberty—A. J. Newcomb.

Caney Valley—W. T. Howell, J. N. Smith, W. W. McLean.

Forest Hill—J. A. Shackelford, J. H. Adcock.

Zion's Hill—H. T. and Chas. Shackelford, W. T. Chitwood.

Sulphur Springs—J. D. Bats, J. H. Bowen, W. U. Edwards.

Mountain Home—B. D. Millsaps, J. C. Thomas.

Pleasant Valley—J. N. Wasson, J. H. Peel, M. A. Robbins.

Antioch—John Welch, W. N. Coffman.

Mt. Pleasant—James Aylor, W. N. Dunson.

Big Fork—A. A. Bats, J. A. Loftis.

Long View—J. E. Long, Robert Speer.

Mt. Moriah—W. B. Kyzer and W. F. Buckner.

New Home—J. H. Houser, T. A. Volentine.

Black Springs—H. L. Massey, W. H. Guthry.

Providence—C. C. Bowton, John Mobley.

Bethlehem—W. J. Taylor, W. B. Cowart, E. Y. Keith.

Mt. Zion—D. T. Driggars, G. W. Pettett.

Valley Grove No. 2—J. A. Coleman, G. W. Carpenter.

Salem—W. D. Ward, J. B. Cowart.

Macedonia—J. W. Justice.

Bethel—W. F. Willis, T. B. Burk, S. Robinson.

Union—A. R. Chitwood.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. B. Millsaps.....	Hickory Station	T. A. Volentine.....	Blair
H. T. Howell.....	Ophir	A. Nelson.....	Hickory Station
J. M. Smith.....	Rock Creek	J. J. Hughes.....	Rock Creek
J. A. McMillan.....	Amity	J. D. Bats.....	Egger
J. A. Shackelford.....	Hickory Station	T. B. Burk.....	Rock Creek
W. S. Nodlin.....	Chandler	D. T. Driggars.....	Hickory Station
J. W. Sims.....	Chandler	J. J. Holland.....	Black Springs
A. A. Bats.....	Egger	LICENTIATES.	
J. E. Long.....	Boyles	R. G. Fields.....	Caddo Gap
D. Bright.....	Point Cedar	J. W. Hayes.....	Plata
E. Wright.....	Lucky	Green Diggs.....	Hickory Station
M. A. Tolleson.....	Kirby	E. Burnes.....	Hickory Station
T. J. Cunningham.....	Crystal Springs	Otis Martin.....	Hickory Station
R. W. Payte.....	Plata	J. R. Motley.....	Kirby
H. L. Wasson.....	Black Springs		

Sunday-School Convention.

The Caddo River Baptist Sunday-school Convention met with Valley Grove Baptist church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m. Convention sermon preached by appointees, T. B. Burk and J. J. Hughes. Text: Dan. 12: 3. Then the convention adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The president called the convention to order and read sixth chapter of First Corinthians. Prayer by Eld. A. Nelson.

Constitution of convention was read. Called for letters from churches and schools, which were read and messengers' names enrolled. Then the following officers were elected: W. F. Willis, president; D. T. Brunson, vice-president; W. W. Smith, secretary; L. T. Fulmer, treasurer.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to revise the constitution of the convention. Committee as follows: J. J. Hughes, W. W. Smith, T. B. Burk.

Appointed Divine Service Committee as follows: G. W. McLain, D. T. Brunson and Sam Robertson.

Appointed musical class as follows: S. Z. Moran and Sister Laura Ashcraft.

After prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes, adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention was called to order by president reading sixth chapter of Hebrews, and prayer by Eld. J. A. Shackleford.

Appointed committee as follows to arrange program for next session: A. Nelson, D. T. Brunson and J. M. Smith.

Called for reports of Sunday-school superintendents. The reports were encouraging.

Called for essays by Sunday-school appointment, When Sister Sallie Burk, of Bethel church, responded with an essay. Subject: "Why We Should Attend Sunday-school." The essay was unanimously endorsed by the convention.

Took up annual program on subjects and essays. Bro. D. T. Brunson delivered his on "Qualifications of Sunday-school Superintendents and Teachers," which was endorsed. Adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises by Eld. J. J. Hawkins, the convention proceeded to business. The annual program on subjects and essays was continued. Sister Julia Matthews' essay, "Life," was endorsed and requested sent to the Arkansas Baptist for publication. Others responded with essays, which were endorsed by the convention. The subject, "Can Baptists scripturally use union Sunday-school literature and engage in union Sunday-schools?" was profitably discussed, and answered, "They can not." Adjourned till 8:30 a. m. Sunday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

President read eighth chapter of Rom. Prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes

Called for report of committees.

The committee on programs for next session reported as follows:

Conventional sermon, A. Nelson and W. P. Taylor.

"What are the objectionable features in union literature?" D. F. Brunson.

"Who are peace makers as referred to in Matt. 5:9." J. J. Hughes.

"Origin of the Sunday-school." J. A. Shackleford.

"What are the crumbs as spoken to the Syrophenician wo-

man?" J. J. Dwigings.

The following to have subjects of their choice: Sister Julia Mathews, T. B. Burk, Miss Dora Fulmer, Miss Leona Florence and Sister Josephine Wisner.

"Should total abstinence be taught in Sunday school?" A. Nelson. Was adopted.

The committee to revise constitution reported. Report was adopted.

The report of divine service committee was as follows:

Friday night, J. M. Smith and P. Burns; Saturday, 11 a. m., A. Nelson and J. J. Hughes; Saturday night, J. J. Hawkins and J. A. Shackleford; Sunday, 11 a. m., J. J. Dwigings.

The treasurer reported \$1.32. for minute funds.

Adjourned till 3 p. m.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by the president the convention proceeded to business.

Called for resolutions, when the following were read and adopted:

No. 1. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Holly Grove church and vicinity for their hospitality during our stay with them, also to our president and secretary for their faithful service.

No. 2. Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with Union church, at Alpine, in Clark County, Ark., commencing on Friday at 11 a. m., before the third Sunday in August, 1898.

After taking the partings the convention adjourned to meet with Union church at Alpine, Clark County, Ark., on Friday at 11 a. m., before the third Sunday in August, 1898.

W. F. WILLIS, PRESIDENT.

W. W. SMITH, SECRETARY.

STATISTICS.

Amity—Messengers: S. T. Fulmore; Willie Deaton, Dora Fulmore, Nellie Deaton. Superintendent, C. C. Henthorn. Enrollment, 66.

Bethel—Messengers: Sam Robertson, Josephine Wisener, Sallie Burk, Laura Ashcraft. Superintendent, T. B. Burk. Enrollment, 20.

Cauey Valley—Messengers: W. W. Smith, Martha Herring, Laura Adams, G. W. McLain, —. Smith, L. L. Thornton. Superintendent, G. Z. Moran. Enrollment, 97.

Valley Grove—Messengers: A. L. Black, T. O. Black, Jenkins Parker; Annie Brunson, Eula Bullard, Bremer Hughes. Enrollment, 40.

Mt. Pisgah—Messengers: J. L. Harvey, N. L. Huggins.

Forrest Hill—Messengers: E. Bunn.

Union—Messengers: F. M. Thomasson.

Salem—Messengers: B. P. Thrash, Rilla Ward.

Antioch—Messengers: R. C. Fields.

Dear Brethren: We had a good time, and I believe there was good done at the convention that will live in heaven.

W. W. SMITH.

Statistical Table.

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CADDO RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Excluded.	Present Membership	Days of Meeting.	Minute Fund.
Valley Grove No. 1.....	T. A. Volentine.....	D. D. Brunson.....	Rock Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	4th.	\$2 00
Liberty.....	H. T. Howell.....	B. F. Ford.....	Ophir.....	10	..	..	5	1	..	51	3d..	90
Caney Valley.....	J. J. Driggins.....	S. Z. Moran.....	Rock Creek.....	11	7	..	12	1	..	76	1st.	1 00
Forest Hill.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	J. H. Adcock.....	Hickory Station.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	40	3d..	1 00
Zion's Hill.....	T. A. Volentine.....	C. A. Shackelford.....	Chandler.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	3d..	1 00
Sulphur Springs.....	J. D. Bats.....	W. M. Edwards.....	Black Springs.....	..	1	..	6	..	12	3d..	70	..
Mountain Home.....	B. D. Millsaps.....	W. M. Tackett.....	Hickory Station.....	6	3	2	1	..	..	58	3d..	1 00
Pleasant Valley.....	H. L. Wasson.....	J. H. Peel.....	Manfred.....	2	5	..	..	..	..	33	2d..	1 00
Antioch.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	John Welch.....	Caddo Gap.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	29	3d..	1 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. C. Goss.....	W. J. Cowart.....	Lodi.....	10	5	..	6	..	..	29	3d..	1 00
Big Fork.....	A. A. Bats.....	J. A. Loftis.....	Egger.....	8	4	..	2	3	..	60	4th.	1 00
Long View.....	J. E. Long.....	Ben. Shaney.....	Bales.....	22	5	3	3	..	..	49	4th.	1 25
Mt. Moriah.....	D. Bright.....	W. F. Rucker.....	Ussery.....	..	9	..	3	..	..	46	4th.	1 30
New Home.....	W. J. Chitwood.....	E. T. Hadser.....	Blair.....	..	4	1	2	1	..	27	2d..	1 50
Black Springs.....	H. T. Howell.....	W. H. Guthrey.....	Black Springs.....	6	10	..	1	1	..	53	3d..	50
Providence.....	H. L. Wasson.....	A. L. Stovall.....	Black Springs.....	..	2	2	..	..	..	53	4th.	85
Bethlehem.....	W. P. Taylor.....	W. J. Taylor.....	Kirby.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	4th.	50
Mt. Zion.....	H. T. Howell.....	W. T. Pettett.....	Plata.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	4th.	25
Valley Grove No. 2.....	T. J. Cunningham.....	R. H. Wright.....	Crystal Springs.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	2d..	25
Salem.....	H. T. Howell.....	A. E. Wilson.....	Wilson.....	8	1	..	12	4	..	51	2d..	1 55
Macedonia.....	H. T. Howell.....	G. W. Maddox.....	Sims.....	..	..	1	3	1	..	34	2d..	60
Bethel.....	J. A. Shackelford.....	Samuel Robinson.....	Rock Creek.....	1	..	..	5	1	1	34	2d..	50
Union.....	H. L. Wasson.....	A. R. Chitwood.....	Crystal Springs.....	..	..	1	..	1	2	24	1st.	55

Articles of Faith.

WITH THE SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Word and Holy Ghost. 1 John 5: 7; John 1: 1, 2, 3; 1 Tim. 3: 16.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and the New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of our faithful practice. 11 Tim. 2: 15, 16; 1 Peter, 1: 2.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1: 2.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 3: 6, 7; Psalms 57: 6; Rom 5; 12-14.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Isaiah 1: 5-7; John 6: 44; Eph. 2: 1.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Jer. 23: 6; Rom 4: 22-24; 1 Cor. 1: 30.

ART. 7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Psalms 89: 31-35; Heb. 8: 10, 11; John 10: 28.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects for baptism; and that immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark 16: 15, 16; 1 Cor 11: 22-28; Acts 8: 38, 39; Rom. 6: 3, 4; Acts 2: 42.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 3: 28, 29; 1 Cor. 15: 22, 23; Rev. 20: 12, 15.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized; called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Matt. 28: 19, 20; 1 Tim. 3: 14; Titus 5: 10.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2: 41; 1 Cor. 11: 23, 24; Acts 18: 8-11.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex. 20: 8; Acts 20: 7; Rev. 1: 10.