

Proceedings

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Buckville Baptist Association

HELD WITH

CEDAR GLADES BAPTIST CHURCH

Montgomery County, Ark.

September 23, 1905.

Moderator, ELD. M. C. MELTON, Gladstone, Ark.

Clerk, J. T. BLAKELY, Story, Ark.

Next Session will meet with Shady Grove Church No. 1, near Hollis Postoffice, Perry County, Ark., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1906, 10 o'clock a. m.

Proceedings

The Buckville Baptist Association met with Cedar Glades Baptist Church, Montgomery County, Arkansas, in its sixteenth annual session September 23, 1905.

Called to order by the Moderator, Elder E. P. Chitwood.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder W. T. Seymore. He read sixth chapter of II Corinthians and led in prayer.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder John M. Crawford, followed by Elder M. C. Melton.

Recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator, who read forty-second Psalm and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane, and Elder Ashley Wood a Committee on Credentials. They read letters from the following Churches and the messengers were enrolled as follows:

Refuge—B. P. Owens, J. A. Stephens, J. T. Blakely.

Bethel—J. W. Crawford.

Sweet Home—Elder E. B. Laughter, S. H. Noles.

Mount Zion—J. E. Nichols, C. W. Chitwood, S. H. Vandlingham.

Concord—Norfleet Barrows, J. R. Moran.

Harvey's Chapel—Elder W. T. Seymore, Elder Ashley Wood, Henry Phillips, Joe Ross.

Mount Pleasant—W. J. Muse, M. J. Neal, P. J. Muse.

New Home—Elder W. L. Cockrell, Riley Chitwood.

Marble—Z. T. Young, John Newkirk, Westley Ragsdale.

Cedar Glades—G. H. Speer, J. W. Rodgers, I. G. Neal.

Prairie Grove—J. T. Ryan, J. I. Wilson, J. M. Pennington.

New Prospect—James O'Donnell, E. Murders, John Snod-

Washita—Elder J. W. Shepard, J. G. McLane.

Bethlehem—Elder J. S. Ragsdale, C. B. McKee, C. C. Ritter.

Pleasant Hill—N. L. Tedford, W. M. Watson.

Oak Hill—Elder W. A. Neighbors.

Buckville—G. L. Williamson, James Shuffield.

Rock Springs—Elder J. B. Adams, L. W. Murders, G. M. Fisher.

Glazier Poe—W. P. Anthony, C. W. Holland.

White Plains—W. H. Bradley, W. H. Brown, W. H. Osborn.

Mount Tabor—Elder E. P. Chitwood, Elder M. C. Melton, Elder John M. Crawford.

Pleasant Ridge—W. H. Bailey, J. H. Fisher, Dr. R. M. Johnson.

Fowlers Springs—Elder A. McConnell, David Fowler, C. F. Guerin.

Shady Grove No. 1—Thomas Tillery.

Shady Grove No. 2—A. B. Chitwood, Arthur Kimes.

Petitioning letters were presented from Pleasant Ridge, Shady Grove No. 1, Shady Grove No. 2, and Fowlers Springs.

Pleasant Ridge and Shady Grove No. 1 having once been members of this Association were, on motion, restored as regular members.

Shady Grove No. 2 and Fowlers Springs were voted on and received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to their messengers.

The body then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. Elder H. H. Thomas and Elder Richards acted as tellers. They reported the vote as follows:

Moderator, Elder M. C. Melton, and J. T. Blakely, clerk and Treasurer.

Visiting brethren invited, and Elder H. H. Thomas, of Arkadelphia, and Elder Richards, of Alabama, were received.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Service the messengers and deacons of Cedar Glades Church and G. L. Williamson.

Elder J. W. Shepard, Elder W. L. Cockrell, and Elder M. C. Melton were appointed correspondents to the Caddo River Association.

W. P. Anthony and Elder D. H. Smith, to the Saline Association.

Elder John M. Crawford, J. W. Crawford, W. P. Anthony, and Elder W. A. Neighbors, to the Dardanelle Association.

Recess taken until Monday, 8 o'clock a. m.

Saturday night Elder Richards, of Alabama, preached an able and interesting sermon on "Paul's Charge to Timothy," followed by Elder Ashley Wood.

The parting hadn was extended to Brother Richards, and \$4.36 was contributed to him.

SUNDAY.

Elder W. T. Seymore read third chapter of John and conducted the prayer service Sunday, 9 o'clock a. m.

At 11 o'clock Elder W. A. Neighbors preached the annual Missionary sermon to a large congregation, text Rom. x:11.

Elder J. W. Shepard followed, after which a collection of \$15.00 was made for Associational Missions.

Recess till 2 o'clock p. m.

Elder W. L. Cockrell preached at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, text John iii:5, followed by Elder A. McConnell.

Sunday night Elder H. H. Thomas preached an interesting sermon, text Maark xiv:8, followed by Elder J. W. Shepard.

An invitation was extended to the unsaved by Brother Shepard to come forward for prayer.

A great number came forward and Brother W. A. Neighbors led the prayer.

MONDAY.

Met Monday, 8 o'clock a. m.

Called to order by the Moderator, who read Psalm 133.

Brother W. T. Seymore led the devotional exercises.

Roll called with fifty-seven messengers present.

Committee on State Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Shepard, Brother Ryan, and Brother Chitwood, was adopted (See reports).

Committee on Ministerial Support made their report, and after much discussion was adopted.

Committee on Orphans' Home made their report, and after a long discussion was rejected.

Committee on Obituaries and Condolence made their report, which was adopted.

Committee on Temperance made their report, which was adopted.

Recess till 2 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Monday Elder Ashley Wood preached.

Called to order at 2 o'clock by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Adams.

Committee on Associational Missions made their report, and after being discussed by Brother Crawford, Brother Ragsdale, Brother Thomas, Brother Neighbors, Dr. McConnell, Brother Ryan, Brother Chitwood, and others, was adopted.

Pledges amounting to \$43.00 were made.

On motion every messenger was requested to urge their

Churches to make Associational pledges when they returned home.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and pending its adoption \$4.30 was contributed.

Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee read and received.

Elder W. A. Neighbors made his report as Missionary, which was adopted.

State Missionary H. H. Thomas made his report, which was adopted.

On motion Brother Neighbors was allowed \$1.00 per day for his services as Missionary.

Committee on Documents made their report, and after much discussion was adopted.

Missionary E. P. Chitwood made his report, which was adopted.

Missionary M. C. Melton made his report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted.

On motion \$9.00 was contributed to Elder H. H. Thomas to help pay for his services as Missionary in the bounds of this Association.

Brother Chitwood and Brother Shepard made addresses praising the work of Brother Thomas.

C. B. McKee made a motion that the same Missionary Board, consisting of M. S. Jackson, J. G. McLane, and J. T. Blakely, be reelected, which was adopted.

\$250.00 was collected to pay back Brother M. S. Jackson's pledge.

Brother Jackson has been sick nearly all year.

On motion the pledge of Brother James M. Crawford, deceased, was canceled.

On motion by Brother Shepard the body voted to hold a district meeting fifth Sunday in October.

Buckville was selected as the place to hold the district meeting.

The Moderator appointed J. T. Blakely, J. G. McLane, and W. H. Osborn to arrange a program for the district meeting.

On motion of Brother I. G. Neal the Clerk was instructed to have 350 minutes printed and to distribute them in proportion to the minute fund of each Church, the Clerk to receive for his services the balance of the minute fund after having the minutes printed.

Resolution No. 1 read and adopted.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted.

Resolution No. 3 read and adopted.

On motion Brother John M. Crawford was relieved of paying his pledge.

The minutes were read and adopted.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Shady Grove Church No. 1, near Hollis post office, Perry County, Arkansas, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m., in its seventeenth annual session.

"How Firm a Foundation" was sung and the parting hand was extended.

The closing prayer was led by Elder J. W. Shepard.

M. C. MELTON, *Moderator*,

J. T. BLAKELY, *Clerk*.

REMARKS.—This session of our Association has been a splendid one. While there were some differences of opinion over the Mission question, yet there was no bitterness or ill-feeling.

About seventy messengers were present, representing twenty-five Churches, with 1,100 members.

165 baptisms, 55 additions by letter, and 13 restorations were reported.

This shows what a grand work our pastors and our three Missionaries and Brother Thomas, the State Missionary, have done.

Let the praise go to God. I think we can safely say that peace, harmony and brotherly love prevailed throughout this session of our body.

J. T. BLAKELY.

We, your Committee on State Missions, make the following report:

We find that our great State is settling up, much of it with foreign population, thereby causing greater destitution and increasing our responsibilities. Therefore, we earnestly urge this Association to use every available means that we have to send the Gospel to every part of our State.

J. W. SHEPARD,

S. H. VANLANDINGHAM,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to report as follows:

We find in the Bible that "They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," and that "The workman is worthy of his hire," and that Paul received pay from Churches. Therefore, we, your committee, would urge that the Churches pay their pastors sufficient wages for their support.

We also recommend that the meeting in July be set apart by each Church in this Association as a day of pastoral service, and each pastor preach on the support of the ministry.

J. G. McLANE,
R. M. JOHNSON,
W. P. ANTHONY,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, gladly report that the people are awakening to a knowledge of their duties on this important subject.

We read in the Bible that wine is a mocker, and that no drunkard can enter heaven, and as dram-drinking leads up to this awful habit, we would therefore recommend that the Churches teach their members against this awful practice, and that our ministers preach against it.

JOHN M. CRAWFORD,
C. W. CHITWOOD,
I. G. NEAL, *Committee.*

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, feel the Lord has abundantly blessed us the past year.

We feel the need of means to continue this work. We again urge each member of the Church to help in having the Gospel preached in all the destitute places and then to weak Churches.

May our prayers be with those who send and preach the Gospel.

S. H. NOLES,
G. M. FISHER,
E. P. CHITWOOD,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We learn from God's Word that the great commission was given to the Church, and the command is to carry the Gospel to every creature.

Brethren, the Lord has abundantly blessed his people in this world's goods, therefore we cannot sit down and content ourselves while souls are perishing for the Gospel.

Brethren, it is a precious privilege to engage in this great work. Then let us do more for the Lord and his cause than we have ever done before.

We recommend that each Church take up a collection for Foreign Missions.

J. W. SHEPARD,
E. P. CHITWOOD,
J. M. PENNINGTON,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, report as follows:

We consider it our indispensable duty to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost in the bounds of home missions. We believe God would bless us more abundantly if we were more loyal on this line, by giving of our means. We believe it has been laid upon us by the great head of the Church. We recommend that each Church take up a collection for our Missionaries, especially A. J. Diaz.

ASHLEY WOOD,
DAVID FOWLER,
J. B. ADAMS,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

We have selected Elder E. P. Chitwood to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder Ashley Wood, alternate, and Elder J. W. Shepard to preach the Missionary sermon, with Elder J. S. Ragsdale as alternate, at the next session of our Association.

C. B. MCKEE,
N. L. TEDFORD,
J. R. MORAN,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Documents, report as follows:

We find that Harvey's Chapel and Shady Grove No. 1 have called for the next Association. We therefore recommend that the next session of our body be held with Shady Grove No. 1.

RILEY J. CHITWOOD,
Z. T. YOUNG,
J. W. CRAWFORD,

Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find there are ten Sunday Schools in the Buckville Association.

We find that fifteen Churches have no Sunday Schools in this Association.

We, your committee, pray that every Church organize an evergreen Sunday School to train the minds of the children, so that when they reach the years of maturity they will not depart from the way they were taught in the Sunday Schools.

The Sunday School is the place for the child to learn to love God and his people. God bless all superintendents and teachers, is our prayer.

G. L. WILLIAMSON,
J. S. RAGSDALE,
E. B. LAUGHTER,

Committee.

Pledges made at the Association:

M. C. Melton, \$2; W. L. Cockrell, \$2; J. G. McLane, \$2;
J. T. Blakely, \$2; H. H. Thomas, \$2; S. H. Vanlandingham,
\$2; R. J. Chitwood, \$2; W. P. Anthony, \$2; C. F. Guerin, \$2;
W. J. Muse, \$2.50; W. A. Neighbors, \$2; David Fowler, \$2;
Henry Phillips, \$2; Dr. A. McConnell, \$2; J. S. Ragedale
(paid), 50c; B. P. Owen, \$1; J. W. Shuffield, \$1; W. H.
Osborn, \$2; E. P. Chitwood (paid) \$2; J. W. Shepard, \$2;
S. H. Noles, \$2; J. M. Pennington, \$2; N. L. Tedford, \$2;
total, \$43.00.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Minute fund	\$27.90
Associational Missions	7.40
State Missions, through State Board.....	2.20
Foreign Missions (Concord Church).....	.25
Home Missions (Concord Church) .....	.45
Orphans' Home.....	1.00
Total.....	\$39.20

E. B. LAUGHTER,

W. J. MUSE,

W. H. BRADLEY,

Committee.

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Miles traveled	616
Sermons preached	61
Days labored.....	64
Received by letter	12
Received by restoration	18
Received by baptism	26
Total received.....	56
Churches reinstated.....	2
Sunday Schools organized	2
Prayer meetings organized	2

Collected for Associational Missions.....	\$43.34
Received from Board	22.66
	\$64.00

W. A. NEIGHBORS, *Missionary.*

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Days labored at Bethel Church.....	18
Paid in full.	

M. C. MELTON, *Missionary.*

Your Missionary submits the following report:

Miles traveled	110
Days labored	48
Days given to pastoral work.....	23
Days given to Associational work.....	25
Received by baptism	17
Received by letter	2
Received by statement	2
Paid in full.	

E. P. CHITWOOD, *Missionary.*

Your Missionary begs leave to submit the following report:

Days labored in your midst	107
Miles traveled	707
Churches visited	12
Churches revived.....	2
Meetings held	8
Churches organized	1
Sermons preached	78
Religious addresses	28
Professions of conversion	110
Baptisms	47
Received by letter	25
Services in homes.....	56

Value of Bibles, Testaments and religious books sold and given away.....	\$81.00
Collected on field	29.90

Brethren, I have great reasons to be and am very thankful indeed to you for your support and encouragement, and we have great cause to be thankful to the Lord for what he has done.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. THOMAS, *State Missionary.*

We, your Missionary Board, submit the following report:

Elder M. C. Melton labored 18 days.

Elder E. P. Chitwood labored 25 days.

Elder W. A. Neighbors labored 63 days.

We paid them \$1.00 per day and have paid them in full.

We believe the Lord has blessed their work.

M. S. JACKSON,

J. G. McLANE,

J. T. BLAKELY,

Missionary Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 12.97
E. P. Chitwood.....	1.00
Harvey's Chapel, by W. T. Seymour.....	12.11
C. H. Chapman.....	2.00
W. A. Neighbors.....	2.00
N. L. Tedford.....	2.00
Garland Chapman.....	1.00
C. B. McKee.....	2.00
C. C. Ritter.....	1.00
M. S. Jackson.....	2.00
S. H. Vanlandingham.....	2.00
Mrs. Willie Laughter.....	1.00
Washita Church.....	1.70
C. W. Holland.....	2.50
Collection on Sunday at the Association.....	15.00
M. C. Melton.....	2.00
J. T. Blakely.....	2.00
Bethel Church.....	4.00
C. W. Chitwood.....	1.25
E. S. Lasseter.....	2.00
Received from Finance Committee.....	39.20
Collection for Foreign Missions.....	4.30
Collection to pay pledge of Brother Jackson and Brother Crawford.....	2.50
Total amount received.....	\$117.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Elder M. C. Melton.....	\$ 18.00
To Elder E. P. Chitwood.....	25.00
To Elder W. A. Neighbors.....	22.65
To Elder H. H. Thomas.....	9.00
To Brother Jackson.....	2.00
To Foreign Missions.....	5.00
To State Missions.....	2.20
Printing minutes and Clerk's fee.....	27.90
To Orphans' Home.....	1.00
Total amount expended.....	\$112.75
Balance on hand.....	\$ 4.78

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BLAKELY, *Treasurer.*

We, your Committee on Obituaries and Condolence, report as follows:

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home fifteen of our brethren and sisters: Brother James M. Crawford,

of Bethel; Elder H. H. Williamson, of Buckville; Brother Boone, of Cedar Glades, and Sister Rooks, of Concord, and eleven other deaths whose names were not given in the letters.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. Let us remember that "Happy are those who die in the Lord," and we imagine that when their spirits winged to heaven they are waiting to welcome us home.

A. McCONNELL,
W. H. BALEY,
W. H. BROWN,

Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 1.

Be it Resolved, That we, the officers and messengers of the Buckville Association, do hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Cedar Glades Church for the hospitality shown us in providing for us during this session. May the blessings of God rest in every home.

W. A. NEIGHBORS.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Be it Resolved, That we tender ou rthanks to our Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient service during this session of our body.

J. W. SHEPARD.

RESOLUTION No. 3.

Be it Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Brother H. H. Thomas for the faithfulness he has shown while he has been laboring in our midst. May the Lord bless him as he goes on in the work of the ministry.

J. W. SHEPARD.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. B. Adams, Cedar Glades; A. McConnell, Chancie; H. A. Belote, Cedar Glades; W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs; E. P. Chitwood, Crystal Springs; J. S. Ragsdale, Jessieville; W. L. Cockrell, Bear; J. W. Shepard, Washita; John M. Crawford, Cedar Glades; W. T. Seymore, Hawes; J. P. Emery, Story; James Sharp, Cedar Glades; S. H. Jennings, Mount Valley; D. H. Smith, Akin Farm; J. L. Lanier, Cedar Glades; Ashley Wood, Hawes; M. C. Melton, Gladstone.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

E. B. Laughter, Stillwater; James Cambers, Mount Valley; W. A. J. Gilham.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Present Membership	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Excluded	Sunday-School	Days of Meeting	
Bethlehem	J. S. Ragsdale	W. T. Masner	Jessieville	12	9	.....	9	40	\$0 80	\$3 00	.....	.....	1	1	.....
Bethel	J. F. Crawford	J. W. Crawford	Steve	13	1	.....	5	52	1 25	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1st
Buckville	J. W. Shepard	James Shuffield	Buckville	17	1	1	2	1	81	80	.....	.....	6	1	1st
Cedar Glades	J. W. Shepard	I. G. Neal	Cedar Glades	17	1	1	5	12	36	1 50	.....	.....	1	1	4th
Concord	J. R. Dowthitt	W. B. Robertson	Aly	12	1	1	1	1	18	1 00	.....	.....	3d	.....	.....
Fowler's Spring	J. S. Ragsdale	David Fowler	Mountain Valley	12	1	1	1	1	22	1 00	2 50	1	1	1st
Glazier Poe	J. L. Lanier	C. W. Holland	Mountain Valley	12	1	1	1	1	40	1 00	12 11	1	1	1st
Harvey's Chapel	E. P. Chitwood	Sam Ritter	Hawes	12	2	1	3	3	89	2 05	.....	.....	1	1	4th
Marble	J. S. Ragsdale	Jasper Sims	Beaudry	12	1	1	4	3	105	2 20	3 00	1	1	3d
Mt. Tabor	M. C. Melton	F. M. Ratliff	Gladstone	12	1	1	7	2	28	1 00	4 00	1	1	4th
Mt. Pleasant	J. B. Adams	W. J. Muse	Muse	12	1	1	1	1	50	1 40	3 25	1	1	4th
Mt. Zion	M. C. Melton	S. H. Vanlandingham	Oakwood	13	9	.....	1	.....	51	1 50	.....	.....	2	.....	4th
New Home	E. P. Chitwood	R. A. Chitwood	Bear	12	1	1	1	.....	43	1 00	.....	.....	2	.....	2d
New Prospect	J. L. Lanier	J. S. Murders	Mountain Valley	6	8	1	.....	.....	13	1 00	.....	.....	1	1	2d
Pleasant Ridge	W. A. Neighbors	W. H. Baley	Jessieville	3	4	.....	1	.....	31	1 00	.....	.....	1	1	2d
Prairie Grove	J. W. Shepard	J. T. Ryan	Story	11	2	1	2	1	42	1 00	5 00	1	1	4th
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Shepard	H. C. Lackey	Sims	12	1	1	2	1	42	1 00	2 00	1	1	4th
Oak Hill	W. A. Neighbors	M. S. Neighbors	Hot Springs	17	2	2	1	68	1 05	4 00	1	1
Refuge	J. W. Shepard	J. T. Blakely	Story	12	3	.....	2	.....	63	1 00	.....	.....	1	1	2d
Rock Springs	J. B. Adams	J. A. Fisher	Cedar Glades	7	1	1	2	29	65	1 00	1	1	1st
Sweet Home	M. C. Melton	D. A. Pitts	Stillwater	7	1	1	7	.....	18	1 10	.....	.....	1	1	1st
Shady Grove No. 1	W. A. Neighbors	J. C. Bass	Hollis	5	6	1	25	1 50	1 00	1	1	1st
Shady Grove No. 2	J. O. Butler	G. H. Coffman	Silver	13	2	1	39	1 00	1 70	1	1	2d
Washita	M. C. Melton	R. C. Phillips	Washita	15	1	6	8	1	72	1 15	.....	.....	1	1	2d
White Plains	W. L. Cockrell	W. H. Bradley	Buckville	13	1	1	1	1	1100	\$27 90	\$42 56	\$0 25	12	12	12	
				165	55	13	45	15	1100	\$27 90	\$42 56	\$0 25	12	12	12	