

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

—OF THE—

Current River Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Pleasant East Baptist Church

PALATKA, ARK.

September 16, 17, 18, 1915

ELD. R. L. POWELL Moderator
G. HARLEY BLACKBURN Clerk

Next session to be held with Union Baptist Church,
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, Thursday before the
Third Sunday in September, 1916.

E. Rennard read the report and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Sallie Verdier, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Woman's Work

We find Woman's Societies, Missionary and Aid in parts of our Association, which are doing good work for our Master. We would urge every church in our Association to organize Aids, Classes, Societies for the study of Mission work at home and abroad. We would also urge our societies to make a canvass of the women of our churches, enlisting every one if possible in the interest of the greatest of all work. That of carrying out the great command of our Saviour. "Go ye into all the World and Preach the Gospel to every Creature." We recommend the Brethern to encourage the Sisters in this work.

SALLIE VERDIER,
VYERIE SNOWDEN,
C. H. NEWKIRK, Com.

Motion and seconded, Eld W. A. Cummings preach Introductory sermon at 11:30.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Geo. Rawlings, who moved its adoption. It was adopted

Sunday School

Realizing the Bible as our only rule of Faith and Practice we cannot put too much stress on the subject of Sunday School work in our churches. We are glad to recommend that all get busily engaged in this work. We would urge that our pastors put more stress on this work, and that each messenger of this Association, when you return to your respective churches, if not already so, do all you can to get each and every member of you church actively engaged in the work.

T. L. LINCOLN,
A. T. SHARP,
GEO. RAWLINGS, Com.

After sermon, 11:30, Bro. J. E. Sherrell presented claim for Texarkana Orphans' Home, received \$8.10. By motion, body adjourned to meet 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by singing, "There is Power in the Blood." Prayer by Bro. Alien.

The report on Temperance was read by the Clerk and the following report was adopted:

Temperance

Knowing the evils of strong drink we would urge that all Baptists abstain from the use of intoxicants, for the wise man tells us that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. It produces more trouble than any other thing on earth. Let us all pull together as Christians and banish it from the state.

C. BLACKBURN,
BEN THOMPSON,
MAT SMITH, Com.

The report on State Missions was read by W. F. Bridges, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

State Missions

We understand State Missions, to mean mission work done in our own State. If it means anything, it means to preach the gospel in all the State, but more especially, it means to give the gospel to the people in destitute places, where the gospel is not preached. If we as the church which Christ gave His commission to carry it into Judea and to contend for the doctrines, once for all delivered to the saints, refuse to obey His command, we say in practice, we don't believe His word, and again, if we refuse to earnestly send and contend for the gospel, we surrender the field to denominations who hold to and preach false doctrine, and by our refusal to obey this part of the commission (State Missions) we become co-workers with the false and with sin.

The reports from the different churches show nothing the past year done in this work.

Brethern, are we going to continue in this attitude? Let every messenger of this Association rise up in the name of Truth and Jesus Christ and say, "No!"

Brethern, are we satisfied with the present conditions? Are we doing what we ought to do, to withstand error? Brethren let us go home with re-newed energy and determination to obey this part of our Lord's commission.

T. J. WATSON,
J. W. HARVEY,
W. F. BRIDGES,
E. H. C. KENNER, Com.

By motion body adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Eld. J. E. Sherrell preached at 7:30 p. m. Text, 3. Cor., 3-21-23. At the close of service, a collection was taken for the State Missions, which amounted to \$5.72.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association was called to order by singing, "I Am Coming Home." The moderator read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Cummings.

The report on Publications was read by I. D. Redwine who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Publications

We recommend the careful study of God's word, and we further recommend that all of our churches urge the use of Landmark literature in our Sunday Schools, and further urge that more of our members take and read The Baptist and other religious and patriotic literature.

I. D. REDWINE,
A. H. SNODGRASS,
WILEY COLLINS, Com.

The report on Obituaries was read by A. H. Snodgrass, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Obituaries

The messenger of death has visited the following churches and taken the following number of members: Pleasant Grove, 1; Landmark, 1; Hopewell, 3; Moark, 1; Black River, 1; Mt. Pleasant W, 1; Independence, 3; Datto, 1; Union, 1.

L. D. TYLER,
A. H. SNODGRASS,
G. W. ASHER, Com.

The report on Licensed and Ordained ministers was read by clerk, and the following report was adopted.

Licensed and Ordained Ministers

W. T. Caldwell, Neeleyville, Missouri.
J. A. Wheatley, Reyno, Arkansas.
A. J. Barr, Datto, Arkansas.
D. A. Lemmons, Boydsville, Arkansas.
J. F. Spriggs, Neeleyville, Missouri.
D. A. Sharp, Pitman, Arkansas.
Geo. Laferty, Corning, Arkansas.
C. A. Fowler, Supply, Arkansas,
T. J. Watson, Datto, Arkansas.
W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.
R. L. Powell, Corning, Arkansas.
Will Shively, Pitman, Arkansas.

J. C. Grider, Neeleyville, Missouri.
Chas. W. Maltbie, Knobel, Arkansas.
J. W. Harvey, Reyno, Arkansas.
I. D. Hayes, Corning, Arkansas.
E. Rennard, Pollard, Arkansas.
Thos. Henderson, Corning, Arkansas.

FORREST J. CULLUM,
M. P. BERRY, Com.

The report on District Missions was read by Eld. J. W. Harvey, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

District Missions

We, your committee beg to report that there is still destitution in our borders. We further recommend that this Association appoint one messenger from each church to present this work to their respective churches, and each church make a pledge to this work, and as early as possible come together, and employ a man to give all his time to this work.

J. W. HARVEY,
A. BERRY,
J. L. COULSON, Com.

By motion and seconded a delegate was appointed from each church to urge District Mission work. Delegates were as follows:

Reyno, C. Blackburn; Moark, W. Collins; Landmark, Rosa Allmandinger; Success, Bro. Asher; Shiloh, Will Mock; Pleasant Valley, Chas. Maltbie; Black River, E. Rennard; Biggers, S. C. Tipton; Independence, G. W. Moss; Pleasant Grove, Leo Tyler; Mt. Pleasant E, J. W. Gambill; Hopewell, A. Berry; New Home, I. D. Redwine; Datto, C. H. Newkirk; Mt. Pleasant W, Lee Sharp; New Liberty, John McElmurry; Knobel, Sister Tiley; New Home No. 2, G. W. Legate; Corning, Sister Jordan.

The Clerk is to notify each delegate. A collection was taken to pay postage for same. Received 45 cents.

Delegates are to report at 5th Sunday meeting, held at Datto.

The Clerk read the report on Foreign Missions, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Freign Missions

Our foreign 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 conditions of the world today are giving emphasis to the fact, that all men need

a simple New Testament religion. The now Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way, and are engaging in the path of peace, and the way of life. The doors are said to be wide open, the people 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 surpass anything in the past.

We, therefore recommend, that we, as an Association, do our duty in helping and supporting the mission work in the Foreign Fields.

E. H. C. KENNER,
D. H. SHARP,
J. W. HARVEY, Com.

The report on Education was read by Eld. W. A. Cummings, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Education

We recommend that our preachers use every legitimate means to train our membership in all the duties of a church member. They should be taught to support the Lord's cause, with their prayers, Godly living and by giving of their means.

Tracts on missionary and benevolent work of our denominations should be given to our churches through the printed page, and our pulpits. We recommend that our churches help every God-called young man, to train himself for the preaching of the gospel.

Our Baptist school at Maynard and other places give full tuition to all who come with proper credentials from their churches. We also need our laymen and laywomen trained in Christian schools for the duties of our Lord's work.

W. A. CUMMINGS,
D. W. FENDER,
J. W. ENNIS, Com.

The report on Resolutions was read by C. E. Ellis, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

Resolutions

Resolved, first, that we extend to Mt. Pleasant Church East, our hearty thanks for their hospitality during this Association. Second, that we as Baptists, read Baptist literature, and that we forward the cause of Christ in this Association to the best of our ability. Third, that we stand and work against any and everything that is wrong and degrading to our coun-

try and the cause of our Lord.

C. E. ENNIS,
R. H. LEGATE,
J. A. GAMBILL, Com.

By motion and seconded, any Brother or Sister being present from any Sister Association, they represent, were received as messengers. Eld. R. H. Powell was elected to preach the Introductory sermon. D. H. Sharp, alternate.

A committee was appointed to look after Bro. Conner's monument: A. Berry, G. W. Moss, E. T. Lincoln, Committee. Collection on monument, \$7.55.

Union Baptist church was selected as the place for next session of the Association.

The different churches pledged the following amount to State Missions this year: Independence, \$5 00; Union, \$10.00; Datto, \$5.00, Landmark, \$5.00; New Home, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$5.00

By motion, clerk is to superintend printing of 500 minutes.

Eld. W. F. Bridges preached at 11 o'clock. Text, Rom. 9-5. Justification by Faith.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Union Baptist Church, Walnut Ridge, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday; before the third Sunday in September 1916.

Minute Fund

Mt. Pleasant E.....	\$ 2.00
Success	2.00
Reyno.....	1.50
Union.....	2.00
Knoble50
Moark	1.50
Landmark	1.25
Black River.....	.75
Independence	2.00
New Home	1.50
Mt. Pleasant W.....	1.00
New Home No. 2	1.00
Hopewell.....	1.50
New Liberty.....	1.65
Pleasant Grove.....	1.50
Datto.....	1.50
Total.....	\$23.65

R. L. POWELL, Moderator.
CHARLEY BLACKBURN, Clerk.

Current River Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Days of meeting	Texarkana Or- phans home	District Missions	Sunday School	Ministerial Help	Pastor's Salary	Inc. by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Relation	Dec. by Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Membership 1914	Membership 1915
														24	22
Black River	2	\$	\$1.75	\$	\$5.00	\$11.75		1			1	1	1	24	22
Datto	2	2.53	5.00		19.77		16	3	6					89	80
Hopewell	4	1.25	1.40			60.00		4			7	3	3	90	102
Independence	4	2.01	1.38	2.36	4.43	20.00	13	1	1					25	21
Knoble											1	3	3	70	62
Landmark	2	4.50		1.50		22.50	1	2			3	7	1	75	77
Mt. Pleasant E.	2	2.80	2.00	5.00	6.25	50.00	3				1			91	105
Mt. Pleasant W.	3					100.00	22	3			8		1	85	81
Moark	1		3.90	17.50	4.23	40.90	2				2	3	1	30	47
New Home	1			8.20	27.00	31.00	13	4	1		1				20
New Home No. 2						100.00	14	2							66
New Liberty	4				3.50	71.17	37	10	2	5					65
Pleasant Grove	4					28.00					1	4	1	26	59
Shiloh	3					20.00	1	1						26	77
I eyno	4			20.00	2.00	58.75	10	10	3		1			67	113
f access	4			18.38		80.00	40	4			4			160	222
Union	3	10.00		30.00		300.00	60		1	6	2	2	1		