

MINUTES OF THE
LITTLE RED RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

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THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—Met With The—

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Shiloh, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1920.



Next session will meet with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Cleburne County, Arkansas, convening on Thursday night before the Third Sunday in September, 1921. Rev. L. C. Langley, of Sidon, to preach the introductory sermon, C. M. Miller, alternate.

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ASSOCIATION ROSTER.

Moderator, L. C. Langley, Sidon, Arkansas.

Clerk and Treasurer, Arthur A. DuLaney, Heber Springs, Arkansas.

—Executive Board.—

Heber Springs—M. M. Irwin, Heber Springs, Arkansas.

—ORDAINED MINISTERS.—

L. C. Langley, Sidon, Arkansas

J. C. James, Floral, Arkansas.

C. M. Miller, Quitman, Arkansas

C. A. Stark, Pearson, Arkansas.

Arthur A. DuLaney, Heber Springs, J. T. Eskridge, Shiloh, Arkansas.

David Allen, Rose Bud, Arkansas. G. E. Jones, Shiloh, Arkansas.

F. J. Berry, Floral, Arkansas.

—LICENSED MINISTERS—

Dewey Stark, Heber Springs, Ark. Roy Trawick, Pearson, Arkansas.

W. H. Reid, Heber Springs, Ark. J. W. Bruton, Romance, Ark.

—ORDER OF BUSINESS.—

1. Called to order by former moderator.
2. Introductory sermon at 7:30 p. m.
3. Reading letters from churches.
4. Permanent organization.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Correspondence from other Associations.
7. Invitation to visiting brethren and sisters.
8. Appointment of various committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Correspondence with other Associations.
11. Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.
12. Appointment of member of State Board.
13. Place of next meeting.
14. Report of various vommittees.
15. Report of Executive Board.
16. Report of clerk and treasurer.

—PROCEEDINGS—

Shiloh, Ark., September 16, 1920.

Thursday Night:

The meeting was called to order by the former moderator, Brother L. C. Langley. A. A. DuLaney preached the introductory sermon. He preached on FAITH.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, and after song and prayer, the letters were read from the various churches. A. A. DuLaney acted as clerk pro tem. The following organization was effected:

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Moderator, L. C. Langley, Sidon; Clerk and treasurer, A. A. DuLaney, Heber Springs.

Brother M. D. O'Neal from the Carey Association brought us a brief message. By a vote of the Association, a hearty welcome was extended to Brother O'Neal.

Report of the Committee on Divine Service was made.

Missionary, J. T. Eskridge preached at eleven o'clock a. m. "Crowding Jesus Out." Benediction by M. D. O'Neal.

—FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1. Brother M. D. O'Neal conducted the devotional service.
2. Miss Mabel Woods was seated as a messenger from Quitman; Robert Dial of Mt Olive; J. W. Sellars, Pleasant Valley; J. A. Troutman of Brownsville were also seated from their respective churches.

3. The following committees were appointed:

Prayer meeting, J. W. Sutton, J. P. Prince, J. W. West.

Sunday School, J. W. Sellars, J. L. Boyd, J. E. Hodges.

Stewardship, A. A. DuLaney, A. L. Holifield, Mrs. W. R. McIntosh.

Publications, J. T. Eskridge, John Bittle, C. N. Nored.

W. M. U., Miss Mabel Baker, Mrs. Dan Baker.

Seventy-Five-Million Campaign, J. T. Eskridge, M. D. O'Neal, G. E. Jones.

Finance, Bob Wood, Robert Dial, J. W. Bruton.

4. Motion was passed for the Association to buy a horse and buggy for the use of the missionary. Discussed by A. A. DuLaney, G. E. Jones, M. D. O'Neal, A. L. Holifield, J. T. Eskridge, J. L. Boyd, and J. W. Sellars.

5. Motion was passed for the moderator to appoint a committee to secure funds from the various churches of this Association and buy the horse and buggy. J. L. Bittle, J. L. Boyd and A. L. Holifield were appointed to serve on this committee.

6. Brother L. C. Langley was elected Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention for 1921, A. A. DuLaney, alternate.

7. The Little Red Rive Association will meet with the Mt. Olive Church in annual session on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September 1921.

8. Brother L. C. Langley of Sidon was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Brother C. M. Miller of Quitman was elected alternate.

9. Committee on Finance reported. Discussed by J. T. Eskridge, J. W. Sellars, and A. A. DuLaney. Motion prevailed to receive the report and ask the Committee to continue its work further.

10. Adjourned till 7:30 p. m. Benediction by M. D. O'Neal.

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FRIDAY NIGHT.

11. Brother J. W. Sellars conducted the devotional service.
12. Brother L. C. Langley preached on, "God's Plan of Redemption, Wrought out and Made Known in the Apostle Paul."
13. Petitionary letter read from Old Mt. Zion. By unanimous vote they were received into the Little Red River Association.
14. Letter from New Bethel Church was read.
15. Benediction by Brother J. T. Eskridge.

SATURDAY MORNING.

16. Devotional exercises were led by Brother J. W. Sutton.
17. Motion prevailed to ask each church of this Association to elect a member of the Associational Executive Board: The moderator of the Association to act as chairman of the Board.
18. By motion it was determined that five members of the Board would form a quorum, when a regular call was issued for the meeting.
19. Committee on Sunday School reported and was discussed by J. W. Sellars, R. N. Wood, A. A. DuLaney, J. T. Eskridge, Buck Harmon, J. L. Body, A. L. Holifield, W. W. Pettus, C. L. Langley, J. C. James.
20. The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and discussed by A. A. DuLaney and adopted.
21. Brother O'Neal preached at eleven o'clock. Subject: "Way."
22. Adjournment. Benediction by A. A. DuLaney.

—SATURDAY AFTERNOON—

23. After song and prayer by Brother Sellars, the report on Prayer meetings was read by J. W. Sutton. After discussion by J. W. Sutton, C. E. Jones, M. D. O'Neal and J. W. Sellars, it was adopted.
24. The report of Committee on Woman's Work was read by Miss Mabel Wood. Discussed by Miss Mabel Wood and A. A. DuLaney and adopted.
25. The next Fifth Sunday Meeting will be held with the Mt. Hebron Church. Mt. Hebron was elected unanimously.

—RESOLUTION.—

26. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that we, the messengers to the Little Red River Association in session, extend the members of the Shiloh Church our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during this session of the Association.
26. The report on Publication was read by J. T. Eskridge and adopted.
27. An offering was taken for the fund to purchase a horse for the use of the missionary. \$44.44 was received.

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28. J. T. Eskridge read report on the 75 Million Campaign. The report was adopted.
29. G. E. Jones made a motion to appoint a committee of three or more to select good song books to recommend to the Baptist churches of this Association. Discussed by J. C. James, J. L. Boyd, G. E. Jones, M. B. O'Neal, J. T. Eskridge, J. W. Sellars, A. A. DuLaney and W. W. Pettus. Motion carried. The following were appointed: A. A. DuLaney, W. W. Pettus and Sam Murphee. The Committee to report at the Fifth Sunday Meeting in October 1920.
30. Finance Committee made final report. Received \$36.25 for clerk fee and minute fund.
31. Adjourned till Thursday night before the third Sunday in September 1921. Dismissed by G. E. Jones.

The full text of all written reports will be found in the Appendix.

The Following Have Died During the Past Year:

J. A. Mullens, Heber Springs.
Mary Taylor, Quitman.
James Simmons, Quitman.
Minerva Garrison, Romance.
Ona McMahan, Sidon.
Ben Wallis, Rose Bud.
Miss Adcock, Rose Bud.
T. J. Garner, Rose Bud.
J. T. Gay, Pearson.
Martha Hodges, Pearson.
Mary Meacham, Pearson.
C. C. Meacham, Pearson.

APPENDIX

Report On The 75 Million Campaign.

We, your committee on the 75 Million Campaign, ask permission to submit the following report: One of the most divinely inspired thoughts that has come into the hearts and minds of Southern Baptists, was born in the hearts of the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention during the session at Atlanta, Ga., in May 1919. Little Red River Association as a body has heartily responded to the movement in the pledging of about \$12,000, almost one-fifth of which has been paid.

A missionary has been at work on the field for full time. Some of our churches have been assisted in paying their pastors, churches have been encouraged to pay their pastors better salaries, and our hearts have rejoiced in helping humanity through the channels of Associational Missions, State, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Orphans Home, Old Ministers' Relief Fund and Hospitals.

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We urge churches that have not yet lined up in the movement to do so at once, and that all pledges be promptly paid, so that Southern Baptists may march on to complete victory for God and the truth.

COMMITTEE.

J. T. Eskridge.

M. D. Oneal

G. E. Jones.

REPORT ON W. M. U. WORK.

The Committee on W. M. U. Work recommend that each church in our Association that has not a W. M. U.—organize one immediately, not only organize but go to work after the organization. Get all the W. M. U. literature possible, read and study the work of the W. M. U. Get the ~~man~~ and organize the class and have at least one meeting each week of at least one hour to each meeting.

COMMITTEE—

Miss Mabel Wood.

Mrs. Dan Baker.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit that \$36.25 has been received as minute fund and clerk fee.

COMMITTEE—

R. N. Wood.

Rob Dial.

J. W. Bruton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, the Committee on Publication, beg leave to make the following report:

Through the reading of the Baptist Advance, the Royal Service, Home and Foreign Fields, and the tracts and the books distributed by our ministers our knowledge of co-operation, missions, evangelism and education has been wonderfully enlarged. The number of subscriptions to the Baptist Advance have increased at least 4000 during the past Associational year.

We insist that every church put on an every-member canvass, and thereby make every Baptist family in this Association a reader of this publication.

COMMITTEE—

J. T. Eskridge.

John Bittle.

C. N. Nored.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on the Sunday school, submit the report as follows: We find that almost every church in Little Red River Association has progressive Sunday School, and we recommend that our Sunday Schools strive to enlist the boys and young men in the great work of the Sunday School.

COMMITTEE—

J. W. Sellars.

J. L. Boyd.

J. E. Hodges.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING

We, your committee on prayer meeting, submit the following report: We believe that prayer meeting is essential to the spiritual life and growth of a church. Therefore, we urge that each church in this Association maintain regular weekly prayer meeting, as this is evidence of a church at work.

COMMITTEE—

J. W. Sutton.

J. P. Prince.

J. W. West.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The oldest land title known to man is found in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." We boast of the things we call ours. Nothing is ours, we are only stewards. Our talents and our wealth are not our own, but God's. We should be strict in our stewardship for God, for one day we must all give an account. The vital question before each one should be whether he shall be the "just or the unjust" steward. We should so deal with the affairs of the Lord that we may hear that welcome plaudit, "Well done."

COMMITTEE—

A. A. DuLaney.

A. L. Holifield.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe the Scriptures composing the Old and New Testament are the Words of God and the only safe rules of faith and practice.

Article II. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Article III. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the death of Adam.

Article IV. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and

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ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

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

Article VI. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

Article VII. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, governed by the laws of Christ (not men,) exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by His word; that its proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

Article VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode.

Article IX. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Article X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Little Red River Missionary Baptist Association.

Article II. The members composing the annual meeting of this Association shall consist of Messengers sent by the churches.

Article III. Each church of fifty members or less shall be allowed three messengers, and one additional for every twenty members over fifty or majority fraction thereof. Provided that no church shall be allowed more than five messengers.

Article IV. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have been previously appointed.

Article V. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at the annual meetings.

Article VI. This Association shall have no power to control or regulate the ministerial affairs or discipline of any church, but may adopt and recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the churches and advance the Redeemer's Kingdom; advance and consult upon such matters as the churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice, and may receive churches of the same faith and order into this Association, or dismiss churches from the Association; inquire into the state of religion and its bonds and suggest measures for advancement, and a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not hold any legislative power over the churches.

Article VII. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meet-

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ing by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing notice has been given at a previous meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article I. The Association shall commence with religious exercises and a sermon by some preacher who shall have been previously appointed, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

Article II. The Moderator of the previous session shall preside and the former clerk shall act, (provided they attend) until the letter from the churches connected with the body shall be read and a Moderator and Clerk elected.

Article III. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meeting, appoint committees, unless the Association shall otherwise direct; preserve order, report impropriety, and shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling any member to the chair; examine and correct the minutes if necessary.

Article IV. The Clerk shall keep a correct copy of all proceedings of the meeting, read the letters and documents, and call any member to assist him; at the close of the meeting take charge of all papers and documents unless otherwise directed by the Association.

Article V. A committee on Arrangements shall be appointed at each meeting, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to regulate the order of religious exercises and by whom performed, unless otherwise directed by the Association.

Article VI. Preachers in good standing of other churches and Associations, with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meetings, shall be invited to a seat; and these meetings shall always be opened and closed with prayer.

Article VII. Any member may speak twice on any subject in discussion before the body, but not more without leave, and when speaking shall stand and address the Moderator, use decorous Christian language, and no member shall absent himself during the session without leave. Any member who violates these rules shall be reprov'd as the Association thinks proper.

Article VIII. The churches shall contribute funds to meet the ordinary expenses of the body, such as printing the minutes and paying the traveling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other bodies.

Article IX. A public collection shall be taken at the option of the Association at each association and give to such benevolent purposes as the Association may direct.

Article X. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

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OFFICERS OF THE CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

Brownsville—Pastor, Joe Stark; Laura Ramer, Church Clerk; S. S. Supt., J. P. Prince; S. S. Sec., Alma Verser, all of Brownsville.

Heber Springs—Pastor, A. A. DuLaney; Clerk, J. H. Hutson; Treas., M. M. Irwin; W. C. Johnson, S. S. Supt.; N. B. DeLoach, S. S. Sec-Treas.; Mrs. W. C. Johnson, Pres. W. M. U.; Mrs. P. Mabrey, Sec. W. M. U.; President B. Y. P. U. Harold Anderson; Madge Russell, Sec. B. Y. P. U.

Liberty Hill—Pastor; Clerk, J. W. Holleman, Rosebud; S. S. Supt., James Frederick, Rosebud; S. S. Sec., A. A. Holleman, Rosebud.

Mt. Olive—Pastor, G. E. Jones; Clerk, Lucy Holmes; S. S. Supt., Maymie Barlow, Heber Springs, P. O.

Mt. Hebron—Pastor, J. L. Hays, Romance; Clerk, J. B. Garrison, Armstrong Springs; S. S. Supt., B. T. West; Bettie Garrison, Sec. S. S.

New Bethel—Pastor; Clerk, O. M. Wood; S. S. Supt., W. M. Floyd; S. S. Sec., Elmer Stark, Floral, P. O.

Pleasant Valley—Pastor, L. C. Langley; Clerk, R. A. Price; S. S. Supt., L. S. Yance; S. S. Sec., Dovie Sellars, Sidon, P. O.

Pleasant Ridge—Pastor, Joe Stark, Higden; Clerk, J. A. Bittle, Shiloh; S. S. Supt., Jennie Lafferty, S. S. Sec., Lola Bittle, Shiloh.

Old Mt. Zion—Pastor, J. C. James, Floral; Clerk, A. R. Collard, Floral.

Palestine—Pastor, G. W. Norman, Rosebud; Clerk, J. C. Fowlkes, Pearson; S. S. Supt., W. W. Pettus, Pearson; S. S. Sec., Vada Swaffar.

Shiloh—Pastor, G. E. Jones, Shiloh; Clerk, Hazel Morton; S. S. Supt. Edgar Morton; Edith Brewer, S. S. Sec., Shiloh.

Quitman—Pastor, C. M. Miller; Clerk, Allen Webb; S. S. Supt., C. Woolley; S. S. Sec., Mabel Wood; Pres. W. M. U., Isabelle Baldrige, Quitman P. O.