

MINUTES

-OF THE-

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

-OF THE-

CADDO RIVER  
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REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

-HELD WITH-

NEW HOME CHURCH,

-AT-

Black Springs, Montgomery County, Arkansas,

SEPTEMBER 11th AND 13th, A. D., 1886.

**OFFICERS:**

T. J. WELCH, - - - Moderator.  
EDMUND WRIGHT, - - Clerk.  
JOHN WELCH, - - - Treasurer.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elds. J. J. Hughes and A. Nelson, the appointees, from the words "Worship God," Revelations 22d Chapter, and last two words of 9th Verse. Adjourned until 2 hours and 30 minutes, P. M. Came together according to adjournment and after prayer by the Moderator, the body went into business.

First received and heard letters from the following named churches: Refuge, Union, Forrest Hill, Mountain Home, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Valley, New Hope, Prairie Grove, Antioch, Providence, Liberty, Mt. Pisgah, Pleasant Hill, and Mt. Vernon, Montgomery County; Liberty Springs, New Home and Spring Grove, of Garland County; Salem, Bethel, Valley Grove, New Hope, Pilgrim's Rest and Caney Valley, of Pike County; New Prospect, of Hot Springs County.

There being no petitionary letters, the body elected the following named officers: (J. N. Wasson and H. J. House were appointed to hold the ballot) T. J. Welch, moderator; E. Wright, clerk, and John Welch, treasurer.

The messengers of New Hope church N., with Asa Briant, D. S. P. Black and L. L. Forrester, were appointed the preaching committee.

Visiting members were invited to seats. Correspondence was called for, when a letter from Ouachita United Baptist Association, with its bearer, E. R. Box, was gladly received.

Next the roll was called and absentees marked. Then called for the report of committee on preaching, which was as follows: Saturday night, E. Wright and J. P. Welch; Sunday morning, at 9, A. C.

Thompson and H. L. Wasson; 11 A. M., W. W. Carson and O. C. Miller; 3 P. M., T. J. Welch and L. Autrey; Sunday night, J. M. Smith and D. T. Dreggers; on Monday at 11 A. M., J. J. Hughes and J. R. Holcomb; Monday night, E. P. Chitwood and T. J. Cunningham. Prayer by the Clerk. Adjourned to meet on Monday, at 8 A. M.

The committees were appointed as follows:

*On Documents*—G. W. Wisenant, J. F. Wisener, and R. Tallant.

*On Destitution*—W. W. Carson, O. C. Miller and J. R. Motley.

*On State of Religion*—J. R. Holcomb, L. Autrey and A. Nelson.

*On Temperance*—J. H. West, L. E. Danby and D. T. Driggers.

*On Duties of Churches to Pastors*—J. F. Robins, F. W. Mullins and N. T. Hardy.

*On Duties of Pastors to Churches*—H. L. Wasson, J. R. Patterson and G. W. Pettit.

*On Finance*—A. R. Chitwood, W. R. Sarguine and B. T. Peeples.

*On Obituaries*—J. J. Hughes, J. M. Smith and A. F. Wilson.

Texts were used as follows: Saturday night, Galatians, 4th Chapter, 30th Verse; Sunday, at 9 A. M., Hebrews, 9th Chapter, 22d Verse; at 11 A. M., 1st Timothy, 4th Chapter, 16th Verse; at 3 P. M., 2d Corinthians, 5th Chapter, 17th Verse; at night, Hebrews, 9th Chapter, 27th Verse; Monday, 11 A. M., Matthew, 5th Chapter, 16th Verse, and at night, Revelations, 22d Chapter, 17th Verse.

MONDAY, 8 A. M.

Prayer by O. C. Miller.

First day's minutes read and adopted.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Reports of Committees were adopted as follows:

#### ON DESTITUTION.

Dear brethren: We have in the north and west bounds of our Association, great destitution. The cry still comes to us for help. Dear brethren, we claim to be missionary Baptists, but faith without works is dead, being alone. We recommend that the churches take this great work in hand, and with their prayers and means send to them the Gospel. We believe that the great commission to preach the Gospel to every creature was given to the church. Therefore let

us obey the command and God will bless our efforts with the salvation of souls.

W. W. CARSON, *Chairman.*

#### ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

We find that religion is in a state of lethargy. Ministers and churches are in a cold state. It is alarming. Pastors preach the word. Shun not to declare the whole council of God. Churches sustain your pastors, and bring about a co-operation, and the wheels will be loosened and Zion will travel and bring forth sons and daughters to the family of God.

A. NELSON, *Chairman.*

#### ON TEMPERANCE.

We find that temperance is gaining ground. There are localities within our bounds where ardent spirits are used to excess. Let us use all our influence to increase the great work begun in the cause of Temperance.

J. H. WEST, *Chairman.*

#### DUTIES OF CHURCHES TO PASTORS.

Dear brother, within our bounds we do not know that our churches are far behind in their duties to their pastors. Their duties are many. We believe that it is the duty of every church member to be present with their pastor on each conference day to aid and assist him in carrying on the great work of our Masters' Kingdom here on earth. We believe that it is the duty of the church to help their pastor to bear the great burdens of the church, if she would see Zion travel and bring forth sons and daughters. We believe it is the duty of each church to see that the temporal wants of their pastor are supplied.

J. F. ROBINS, *Chairman.*

#### DUTIES OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

Preach the Word in its purity, contend earnestly for the Gospel and admonish the church in all the doctrines of the word of God.

H. L. WASSON, *Chairman.*

#### ON FINANCE.

We find on hand for printing of minutes and Associational pur-

poses, \$29.65; from Sunday School convention, \$4. Report of former treasurer: Amount on hand for home missions, \$17.60. Total \$51.25.

A. R. CHITWOOD, *Chairman.*

#### ON DOCUMENTS.

Twenty-four churches represented and one corresponding letter from Ourchita United Baptist Association.

R. TALLANT, *Chairman.*

#### OBITUARY OF ELDER JOHN NEIGHBORS.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call our beloved and much esteemed brother, Elder John Neighbors, from his labors to a place of rest.

Brother Neighbors was born in Carroll county in Tennessee, March 8th, A. D., 1835. He moved to Clark county, Arkansas, in 1845. He embraced a hope in Christ in October, 1852. He joined the Baptist church July 3rd, 1853. He was licensed to preach March the first, 1862. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry October 10th, 1866, by Bethel church. He died February 9th, 1885.

Brother Neighbors was a man of usefulness in the community in which he lived. He served as pastor of churches for several years. He served as church clerk for sixteen years.

In the death of Brother Neighbors the family has lost a kind husband and father, the neighborhood an excellent and beloved citizen. The church has lost one of its purest, ablest and truest members, and we miss his wise council, earnest preaching and his untiring energy to advance the Master's cause. Truly a good man has fallen. We humbly and submissively, though sadly, bow to the Master's will, knowing that He doeth all things well.

JOHN M. SMITH,  
J. J. HUGHES,  
A. F. WILSON.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School Convention of the Caddo River Regular Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the church of Salem, Pike county, Arkansas, on Friday, at 11 A. M., before the second Lord's Day in August, A. D., 1886. The introductory sermon

was preached by the appointee, T. J. Welch, followed by J. J. Hughes. Text, Luke 15th Chapter, 18th and 19th Verses. After some appropriate remarks by the President, the Convention adjourned until 3 P. M.

AT TWO P. M.

The convention was called to order by the President, who read the 39th Psalm and offered prayer.

Letters were then called for from churches and schools. The letters were read and the messenger's names enrolled.

The following officers were then elected: W. J. Kennedy, president; T. J. Welch, vice-president; J. M. Smith, secretary; and J. B. Echols, treasurer.

Next read the constitution and adopted the revision and discharged the committee appointed to revise.

Adjourned until 7 P. M.

SEVEN P. M.

Convention was called to order by the President, after which a very interesting discourse was preached by J. P. Welch, followed by I. R. Turner. Text, Hebrews 4th Chapter, 11th verse. Adjourned until next morning at 9 A. M.

#### SECOND DAY.

NINE A. M.

Convention called to order by the President having read the 3d Chapter of 2d Thessalonians, prayer by Brother Barnett. Called for reports from the Sabbath Schools. The reports were favorable. Adjourned until 2 P. M.

TWO P. M.

Convention called to order by I. R. Turner.

The President appointed Executive Committee consisting of J. B. Echols, W. W. Smith and J. F. Wisener, to arrange the program for next session, appointing time and place for next session of this body. The next session to be held with Bethel church, commencing on Friday, 11 A. M., before the first Lord's day in August, 1887.

On motion the Convention appointed four evangelists, one in each district of this convention, consisting of the following named

brethren: 1st district, J. P. Welch; 2d, W. H. Caldwell; 3d, O. C. Miller; 4th, N. H. Harley.

On motion, Brother W. H. Woodall was appointed to write on "Literature," to be read at our next session. Adjourned until 7 P. M.

SEVEN P. M.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Brother J. E. Kennedy, subject, "On a Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and How Obtained."

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION.

Introductory by W. W. Carson, on Friday, 11 A. M. To meet at 3 P. M., for organization. An address at early candle light by J. E. Kennedy; subject, "Are You of a Sabbath School?" Nine A. M., second day, for the business of the convention, also at 3 P. M. At early candle light, Brother J. P. Welch, subject of his own choice.

J. B. ECHOLS, *Chairman.*

Adjourned until 9 A. M., Sunday.

THIRD DAY.

NINE A. M.

Convention called to order by the President, and after reading Sunday School lesson, prayer was offered by Brother Woodall; then recited Sabbath School lesson, then took a collection to pay the pro rata share of minutes, \$4.

Adjourned to meet with Bethel church on Friday, 11 A. M., before the first Lord's day, A. D., 1887.

Dear brethren, we had a good time in Convention. We were made to feel glad that we were there. There were ten churches and nine schools with 445 students. Brethren, the good work goes on. Oh! brethren, pray to the Lord to increase our desire for the great work before us, and may every brother and sister in the bounds of our Association set out with renewed energy to work in the vineyard of our Lord, and try to bring the rising generation up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

W. J. KENNEDY, *President.*

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE CONVENTION.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	MESSENGERS.	POST OFFICES.	NO.
Amity.....	W. J. Kennedy.....	J. W. Rankston and S. Hallinghead.....	Amity.....	73
Bethel.....	W. F. Willis.....	G. A. Wisner and Miss Ada Willis.....	Rock Creek.....	88
Antioch.....	W. W. Smith.....	M. E. J. Adams and S. A. McLain.....	Flue Land.....	72
Caney Valley.....	G. W. W. Burchfield.....	By Letter.....	Amity.....	65
Pleasant Hill.....	J. B. Weatherford.....	J. H. Peal.....	Caddo Gap.....	25
Pleasant Valley.....	J. B. Welch.....	By Letter.....	Caddo Gap.....	20
Oak Grove.....	J. B. Echols.....	J. M. Marable, W. F. Florence and J. P. Wilson.....	Rock Creek.....	23
Salom.....	D. S. P. Black.....	Lizzie Thornton and Alice Hughes.....	Rock Creek.....	40
Valley Grove.....	.....	Reported by J. F. Welch.....	Alpine.....	56
Alpine.....	.....	.....	Total.....	445
CHURCHES.				
Amity.....	J. Kennedy.....	J. F. Wisner.....	Amity.....	
Bethel.....	J. N. Porton and H. L. Welch.....	J. T. Smith, E. Hardy and W. W. McLain.....	Rock Creek.....	
Antioch.....	Wilie Driggers.....	N. L. Hughes, J. Robinson and J. Florence.....	Caddo Gap.....	
Caney Valley.....	N. W. Carson.....	H. M. Hawthorne and W. K. Thornton.....	Amity.....	
Mountain Home.....	By Letter.....	J. J. Hughes, Jr., Sallie Fuller and Mary Thornton.....	Rocky Station.....	
Salom.....	.....	.....	Rock Creek.....	
New Hope, P. C.....	.....	.....	New Hope.....	
New Hope, M. C.....	.....	.....	Black Springs.....	
Pleasant Valley.....	.....	.....	Caddo Gap.....	
Valley Grove.....	.....	.....	Rock Creek.....	

September, A. D., 1886.

## CIRCULAR LETTER—SUBJECT, BAPTISM AND THE RESURRECTION.

Text: 'Else what shall they do which are baptised for the dead. If the dead rise not at all? Why are they baptised for the dead?'

There is nothing else so highly valued by the people of God as the resurrection of His dead and the consequences. If the dead do not rise what shall we do? No disaster of a physical nature could weigh in the balances equal to the supposable surrender of the Christian hope in the *new life*, anticipated through the power of our Lord.

"How say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?" 1st Corinthians, 15th Chapter, 12th verse. Now if the dead do not rise, why should we be partakers of the figure of the resurrection? Why should we be buried by baptism in the water, if there is no hope of a new life after this life shall cease? "Know ye not that so many of us as were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should also walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." Now we do not bury a man until he is dead. Neither do we baptise a man until he professes to have died to sin.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, and think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. When a man dies to sin he becomes a willing subject to the law of Christ—having believed with all his heart that Christ is the son of God and his Savior. He is then a fit subject to be buried by baptism into this death (in a figure). "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him." Romans, 6th Chapter, 8th verse. "Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place where thou standest is holy ground." Acts, 7th Chapter, 33d

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

J. H. West,	- - - - -	Caddo Gap.
G. C. Smith,	- - - - -	Caddo Gap.
J. P. Welch,	- - - - -	Rock Creek.
T. J. Welch,	- - - - -	Caddo Gap.
E. Wright,	- - - - -	Amity.
H. L. Wasson,	- - - - -	Black Springs.
N. H. Harley,	- - - - -	Bear.
L. Autrey,	- - - - -	Amity.
J. J. Hughes,	- - - - -	Rock Creek.
J. M. Smith,	- - - - -	Caddo Gap.
O. C. Miller,	- - - - -	Still Water.
A. Nelson,	- - - - -	Hickory Station.
W. H. Caldwell,	- - - - -	Hickory Station.
D. T. Driggers,	- - - - -	Hickory Station.
W. W. Carson,	- - - - -	New Hope.
J. R. Holcomb,	- - - - -	Oma.
D. Bright,	- - - - -	Point Cedar.
G. W. Scales,	- - - - -	Point Cedar.
Joseph Eaves,	- - - - -	Mt. Ida.

## NAMES OF LICENSED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

J. R. Patterson,	- - - - -	Black Springs.
J. F. Harmon,	- - - - -	Mazarn.
J. C. Goss,	- - - - -	New Hope.
G. C. Bandy,	- - - - -	New Hope.
J. W. King,	- - - - -	Amity.
J. M. Carley,	- - - - -	Black Springs.
T. J. Cunningham,	- - - - -	Crystal Springs.
R. W. Payte,	- - - - -	Caddo Gap.
S. A. Bowels,	- - - - -	New Hope.

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STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CADDO RIVER REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS LAST.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Contributions.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total in Fellowship.	Sundays of Meeting.
Bethel.....	L. Autrey, J. F. Wisener	E. Wright.....	J. F. Wisener.....	Amity.....	\$1 95	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	1
Liberty.....	J. H. West	D. S. Driggers.....	W. S. West.....	Caddo Gap.....	1 00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	4
Mt Pisgah.....	R. Tallant, E. Wright, G. W. Butchfield	E. Wright.....	J. G. Pate.....	Amity.....	1 00	.....	1	2	2	.....	1	24	3
Pleasant Hill.....	L. E. Danley, S. M. Scott	O. C. Miller.....	W. J. Whisenbunt.....	Mt. Ids.....	1 30	4	1	.....	1	2	.....	53	2
New Hope, N.....	W. Guthery, B. M. Thornton, H. J. House	W. W. Carson.....	J. W. Kirby.....	Black Springs.....	1 50	2	3	4	.....	.....	1	26	4
New Hope, S.....	W. W. Carson, L. L. Forrester, J. C. Goss	W. W. Carson.....	W. D. Levers.....	New Hope.....	2 00	4	3	15	.....	.....	.....	28	1
Mt. Vernon.....	E. P. Chitwood	E. P. Chitwood.....	W. H. C. Parker.....	Cristal Springs.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	1	.....	19	3
Forrest Hill.....	G. W. Whisenant, G. M. Willis	J. E. Kennedy.....	J. A. Tackett.....	Hickory Station.....	1 50	.....	1	2	3	.....	.....	29	2
Union.....	A. R. Chitwood	N. J. Harley.....	A. R. Chitwood.....	Cristal Springs.....	1 75	.....	1	6	.....	.....	.....	31	2
Mt. Zion.....	G. W. Pettit	D. T. Driggers.....	R. W. Pate.....	Caddo Gap.....	65	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	9	2
New Prospect.....	J. R. Holcomb	J. R. Holcomb.....	N. W. Holcomb.....	Point Cedar.....	2 00	1	3	1	4	.....	.....	21	3
Refuge.....	B. T. Peoples, A. J. Estes, S. A. Evans	N. H. Harley.....	G. A. Evans.....	Mt. Ids.....	50	.....	5	2	.....	.....	.....	15	4
Valley Grove.....	J. J. Hughes, W. T. H. Thornton, D. S. P. Black	J. J. Hughes.....	D. S. P. Black.....	Rock Creek.....	2 85	.....	1	8	1	.....	.....	39	4
Providence.....	C. C. Rowton, J. R. Patterson	H. L. Wasson.....	W. R. Rowton.....	Black Springs.....	1 50	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	4
New Home.....	W. K. Sarguine, L. R. Howard	E. P. Chitwood.....	E. M. Howard.....	Bear.....	50	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1
Main Home.....	A. Nelson, D. S. Driggers	D. T. Driggers.....	J. C. Thomas.....	Hickory Station.....	1 30	.....	3	.....	5	.....	.....	39	1
Prairie Grove.....	J. P. Beavert, O. C. Miller	O. C. Miller.....	J. B. Beavert.....	Leverney.....	30	2	4	3	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
Spring Grove.....	F. W. Mullins, A. Howton	A. Nelson.....	J. F. Harmon.....	Mazarn.....	1 00	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	20	4
Caney Valley.....	W. W. McLane, N. T. Hardy	J. J. Hughes.....	W. W. Smith.....	Pineland.....	1 00	4	6	.....	1	.....	.....	21	1
Antioch.....	T. J. Welch, J. Welch, J. M. Smith	L. Autrey.....	J. M. Smith.....	Caddo Gap.....	1 90	1	4	5	.....	1	.....	37	1
Pleasant Valley.....	R. L. Wasson, J. N. Wasson, J. F. Robins	T. J. Welch.....	J. N. Wasson.....	Caddo Gap.....	1 50	.....	6	.....	.....	1	.....	28	2
Salem.....	J. B. Echols, A. F. Wilson, W. D. Ward	W. W. Carson.....	N. L. Huggins.....	Rock Creek.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	2
Pilgrim's Rest.....	J. R. Motley, W. J. Cowart	J. J. Hughes.....	W. L. Ham.....	Rock Creek.....	1 25	5	2	2	2	.....	.....	24	3
Liberty Springs.....	Asa Briant, T. J. Cunningham	Joseph Eaves.....	Asa Briant.....	Cristal Springs.....	75	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	22	4