

MINUTES  
OF THE  
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION



OF THE  
**Trace Ridge Association**

OF  
**MISSIONARY BAPTISTS,**

HELD WITH

**Zion Hill Church,**

Van Buren County, Ark.,

September 22 and 23, 1893.

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**OFFICERS:**

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HELD WITH ZION HILL CHURCH, VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARK.,  
COMMENCING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE 4TH SAB-  
BATH IN SEPTEMBER, 1893.

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## FIRST DAY.

INTRODUCTORY sermon was preached by Eld. John Kimbell from Mathew 28th chapter and nineteenth verse. After a recess of five minutes, the body was called to order by the moderator.

The former clerk not being present, John Kimbell was chosen clerk Pro-tem.

A call was made for statistical letters, whereupon the following were received and messengers enrolled:

Trace Ridge; J. D. Ingram. Liberty; Bros. S. P. Whisenant, Wm. Pack, M. B. McEntire and W. F. Hefner. Mount Hope; M. L. Compton and Jacob Jones. Hart Sugs; R. M. Hays, L. E. Autery, P. N. Low and J. C. Powell. Zions Hill; J. M. Bridges, M. A. Walker, M. C. Bridges and J. F. Walker. Zions Light; W. S. Moore, Green Reeves, J. J. Mays and J. A. Vinson. Burr Oak; E. N. Butler J. H. Whisenant, W. C. Cossey, W. B. Serogins and Jefferson Weaver. Pleasant Exchange; J. T. Dennis, J. B. and E. D. Mainord, J. W. Rambo and J. T. Oneal. Blanco; E. J. and I. E. Jones, E. McMahan, L. Longier and H. T. Gates. Red Hill; Jack Garrison and James House. Pleasant Valley; J. D. Duncan, S. J. Ragland, C. M. and J. K. Oneal, and Wm. McGee. Good Spring; J. N. Nelson and J. W. Gist. Eureka; E. Bradley, E. M. Bell, W. J. Ross and J. M. Cotton. De Soto; J. Depriest, J. H. McEroy and J. W. Ferguson. Mt. Pleasant; M. B. Thomas, T. H. and J. B. Smith. Hopewell; C. T. Cotton, A. C. Sanders, James Ellis, Robt. Ragland and J. W. Mathis.

### WENT INTO PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

by electing Eld. J. W. Rambo, Moderator; Eld. John Kimbell, Clerk, and J. D. Ingram, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, to witt:

1. Devotional Committee; M. C. Bridges, P. N. Low, Green Reeves and Jacob Jones.

2. Committee on arrangements: M. B. McEntire, John Bridges E. N. Butler and J. C. Grisswood.

Motion to adjourn till 4 o'clock p. m; prayer by Eld. J. C. Grisswood.

### EVENING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Beavers. Called for report of committee on arrangements; received and committee discharged. See report II.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

#### ON FINANCE.

J. T. Oneal, E. M. Bell and J. W. Gist.

#### ON DESTITUTION.

J. W. Ferguson, R. M. Hays and M. Longcrier.

#### ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

J. D. Ingram, J. M. Beavers and Green Reeves.

#### ON RESOLUTIONS.

E. N. Butler, L. A. Autery and Sam Keys

#### ON HOME MISSIONS.

Eld. J. R. Pennington, J. K. Oneal and Jas. Ellis.

#### ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Eld. J. C. Grisswood, M. B. McEntire and Jacob Jones.

#### ON PUBLICATIONS.

T. H. Smith, P. M. Low and John Walker.

#### ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Elders Jas. Denney, J. C. Grisswood and Bro. M. C. Bridges.

#### ON PROHIBITION.

Elders Jas. Denney, J. R. Pennington and Bro. J. D. Ingram.

#### CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

Received: From Pee Dee; H. F. Watkins and Eld. J. C. Ford. From United; J. B. Millsaps.

#### CALLED FOR REPORT OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES

Eld. Jas. Denney reported his visit to Pee Dee a pleasant one. Elders Jas. Denney and J. W. Rambo reported their visit to United very pleasant. J. M. Cotton reported his visit to Russellville Association a pleasant time. John Kimbell, Jas. Ellis, Jas. Denney and Robt. Ragland reported a fine time with Blue Mountain Association.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats, after which the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. J. K. Oneal.

### SATURDAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro

J. T. Oneal. The committee on boundry lines made the following report, to wit: Beginning at Mount Zion church, running south to Hartsuga, thence south-east including Good Springs and Eureka; thence west to upper Richland; thence north-west to St. Joe; thence to mouth of Tomahawk; thence back to place of beginning.

On motion, the above was adopted as the boundry lines of Trace Ridge Association, and Elds J. R. Pennington and John Kimbell were appointed to draft a plat of said boundry lines and send copy to the Arkansas Baptist for publication.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Committee on finance made the following report:

We have received from churches, for printing minutes, \$15.65.

For foreign missions \_\_\_\_\_ 1.50.

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. John Kimbell.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock p. m.. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Millsaps.

Committee on destitution reported. See report B.

Collection made for domestic missions, as follows:

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.10.

Pledges \_\_\_\_\_ 7.75

On motion one member was appointed from each church to serve as an executive board. The appointments were made as follows: Hopewell; Robert Rayland; Pleasant Exchange; I. T. Oneal; Mount Hope; Jacob Jones; Trace Ridge; J. D. Ingram. Pleasant Valley; J. K. Oneal; Blanco; M. Longier; Burr Oak; E. N. Butler; Zion's Light; Green Reeves; Liberty, M. B. McEntire; Hartsuga, R. M. Hays; De Soto, J. W. Furgerson; Eureka, E. M. Bell; Mt. Pleasant, T. J. Smith; Red Hill, Jack Garrison; Good Springs, J. W. Gist. On motion, Red Hill was represented by John Kimbell.

Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report and was discharged. See report G.

Committee on publication reported and was discharged. See report E.

Committee on home missions made their report which was received and committee discharged. See report A.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was received and committee discharged. See report D.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported and was discharged. See report F.

On motion, the Finance committee turned over the Minute funds to the Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock a. m. Monday. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Pennington.

#### MONDAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Grisswood.

#### CALLED FOR MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Whereupon Bro. J. T. Smith presented a case in relation to the exclusion of certain members from Mt. Pleasant Church, asking advice, whether they did right in said exclusion. Answer; yes; and, whereas, — certain of these expelled members have, since, obtained membership in churches in Union Association; and we earnestly solicit Union Association to look after this illegality and set said churches right.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Continued correspondence with Blue Mountain Association, and appointed A. C. Sanders to write a letter and bear the same.

Continued correspondence with United Association, and appointed J. W. Furgerson, J. W. Raube and Jas. Denney to write a letter and bear the same.

Continued correspondence with Pee Dee Association, and appointed M. B. McEntire, I. T. Oneal and W. F. Heffner to write a letter and bear the same.

Continued correspondence with Union Association, and appointed J. Kimbell, J. R. Pennington and T. H. Smith to write a letter and bear the same.

Continued correspondence with White River Association, and appointed J. R. Pennington and M. B. McEntire to write a letter and bear the same.

Continued correspondence with Russellville Association, and appointed E. M. Bell and John Bridges to write a letter and bear the same.

On motion correspondence was opened with the State Convention and J. W. Furgerson, John Kimbell, James Denney, J. M. Beavers, J. C. Powell and M. B. McEntire were appointed; naming J. W. Furgerson as member of State Board.

Resolved, — That the next session of our Association be held with De Soto church, Searcy Co., Ark., beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1894.

On motion Eld. J. R. Pennington was selected as Missionary to labor in the destitute districts of this Association.

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Pennington.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The body met at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. I. T. Oneal.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was received and Com-

mitter discharged. See Resolutions.

The following Ministers reported, to wit: John Kimbell, James Denney, J. M. Beavers, J. R. Pennington and J. C. Grisswood, See table.

On motion, went into election of one to preach on the theme of missions, on Sunday of our next Association; resulting in the election of Eld. J. R. Pennington; and James Denney, alternate.

J. C. Grisswood was chosen to preach the introductory sermon to next Association. Alternate, J. W. Rambo.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he retain five dollars for his services.

Ordered that the Treasurer turn over the amount of money in his hands, for foreign missions, to J. M. Hart. Amount \$10-10.

On motion the Treasurer turned over the amount of money for printing the Minutes to the Clerk.

The body advised the Board to use what money they have on hands to send our Missionary to Marshall, to organize a church at once.

Resolved:—That we tender our thanks to God for his blessings, and to Zion Hill Church and vicinity for the kindness shown us during our stay among them.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

J. W. RAMBO, Moderator.

JOHN KIMBELL, Clerk.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND RECOMENDATIONS.

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Report A. We, your committee on Home Missions submit the following report: We recommend that this body take an active part in the home mission work, in connection with the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga.; and we recomend a liberal contribution from each church for that purpose. J. R. Pennington, Chairman.

Report B. We, your committee on Destitution, submit the following: We find that there is much territory in our bound which is destitute of gospel preaching, viz: Upper Calf creek, upper Bear creek, Marshall, Paton creek and upper Archey. We therefore urge this body to supply these places. J W. Furgerson, Chairman.

Report C. We, your Committee on Prohibition, sub-

mit the following report: We are proud that there is a growing sentiment in this body against the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We should use our influence against the making and using of it as such. We recommend that the churches withdraw from any member who would encourage the use of it as a beverage. J. D. Ingram, Chairman.

Report D. We your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: In view of the responsibility that rests upon us, as the Church of Christ, in the propagation of the gospel for the salvation of men, we urge this body to a more liberal contribution for this great purpose. Jas. Denney, Chairman.

Report E. We, your committee on Publications, submit the following report, to wit: We urge a faithful study of the Scriptures, and such journals as the Arkansas Baptist and the American Baptist, St. Louis, Mo. T. H. Smith, Chairman

Report F. We your committee on Ministerial Education submit the following: Dear brethren; as the Commission was given to the church to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," it behooves us, as the light of the world, to see that our preachers are better prepared to meet and refute the "isms" of the day as well as to preach. We urge each of our young preachers to acquire, at least, an English education; and we recommend the colleges of our own state as the proper place for such purposes. J. C. Grisswood, Chairman


Report G. We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We are glad to see that quite a number of our churches have Baptist Sabbath Schools. We urge that each church organize, that have not, and that they all report the same to our next Association and that they use Baptist literature. J. D. Duncan, Chairman,

Report H. We, your committee on Arrangements, submit the following, to wit:  
1st. Call the body to order. 2nd. Call for statistics  
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# Statistical Table.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	P. O.	Rec. by Baptism,	Rec. by Religion,	Rec. by Letter,	Dis'm'd by Letter,	Expelled, Died,	Total,	Days of Meetings,	Pastor's Salary,	Printing Minutes,
Hopewell	C. T. Cotton	J. W. Mathis	Leslie	0	0	0		1	44	12		\$1.00
Trace Ridge	James Denny	H. F. Woods	Murrillo	1	1	5	6	1	43	11	\$12.00	\$1.00
Burr Oak	J. W. Rambo	E. N. Butler	Marshall	0		9	1	1	38	4	\$70.00	\$1.00
Blanco	J. R. Pennington	E. J. Jones	Blanco		2		12		61	3	\$8.00	\$1.00
Zoin's Light	J. R. Pennington	W. S. Moore	Duff	1	1	2	2	1	28	12	\$26.00	\$1.50
Zion's Hill	J. B. Millsaps	J. C. Burnett	Hanks						38	3		\$1.25
Hartsugs	T. C. Ford	J. C. Powell	Archiey	3		10	7		31	4		\$1.00
Mt. Hope	J. T. Gooch	Jacob Jones	Witt Springs	2				1	13	3	\$6.00	\$.80
Liberty	J. B. Millsaps	S. P. Whisenant	Murrillo	2		3	10	1	26	1		\$1.00
Pleasant Exchange	J. W. Rambo	Wm. O'Neal	Watts	5		12			30	3	\$30.00	\$1.00
Pleasant Valley	J. W. Rambo	J. D. Duncan	Marshall	1					15	1	\$8.50	\$1.00
Good Springs	J. C. Grisswood	J. W. Gist	Clinton	4		8			12			
Eureka	J. T. Gooch	E. M. Bell	Smyrna			5			14	2		\$1.35
De Soto	J. R. Pennington	J. W. Ferguson	Marshall	4		4	2		36	1		\$1.00
Mt. Pleasant	C. T. Cotton	M. B. Thomas	Leslie				1	1	23	4		\$.75
Red Hill	J. Kimbell	Jack Garrison	Marshall		3				24	3	\$14.00	\$1.00



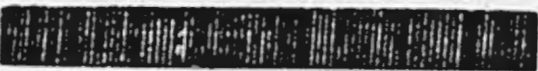
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C. H. BAINES, TREASURER,

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letters. 3d. Election officers. 4th. Appointment of committees. 5th. Call for petitionary letters and correspondence. 6th. Call and correct the roll. 7th. Appoint correspondence. 8th. Call for report of committees. 9th. Call for miscellaneous business. 10th. Appoint time and place for next meeting. 11th. Appoint one to preach the next introductory sermon. 12th. Adjournment.

ELD. J. W. RAMBO, MODERATOR;  
ELD. JOHN KIMBELL, CLERK.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE,

Added

FRIDAY NIGHT;—J. R. Pennington and F. M. Millsaps;

SATURDAY 11 o'clock;—J. C. Ford and James Denney.

SATURDAY NIGHT;—J. W. Rambo and J. M. Beavers.

SUNDAY 11 o'clock;—J. R. Pennington and Jas. Denney.

SUNDAY NIGHT;—F. M. Millsaps and John Kimbell.

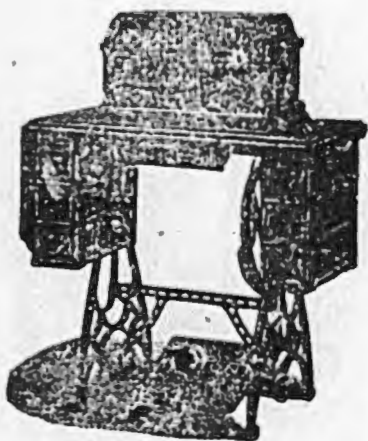
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