

PROCEEDINGS

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SOCIETY

Tenth Annual Session

# Wolf Bayou Association

—OF—

## General Baptists

Held with Hickman Chapel Church, Jackson  
Co., Arkansas, Sept. 2 and 3,

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ELD. W. E. ARNOLD, Moderator  
E. E. OSMON, Clerk, Bradford, Ark.

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The moderator not being present, the association was called to order by Elder J. W. James. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder James, from the book of Jonah; after which the association was dismissed by singing and prayer by Elder Mathena, to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30 o'clock, but no business transacted, and the association was dismissed to meet at 7 o'clock that night.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES.** Prayer by Elder J. W. James. Preaching by Elder Arnold, followed by Elder James. Text, first verses of 12th chapter of Romans.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8 o'clock. Called to order by Elder James; singing and prayer by Brother Mart House. The association was then organized by electing Elder Arnold moderator and Elder James assistant, K. K. Osmon clerk and A. C. Stone assistant.

The first item was the appointing of committee on Divine Services—Thomas Berry, W. K. Alexander and Robert Clemens.

The association endorsed Brother Arnold's credentials, which had not been endorsed.

Called for letters from the churches composing the Wolf Bayou association. Liberty, Antioch, Evening Shade, Walnut Grove, Mill Springs and Hickman

Chapel churches gave in letters, which were read and received and the delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Called for new churches. None.

Called for visiting brethren. None.

The following committees were appointed:

Resolutions and Queries—J. C. Mutheny, J. R. Willis, Albert Sutherland.

Finance—J. W. James, Mart House, J. R. Nelson.

Sunday-school—J. B. Cobb, J. B. Scoggins, Thomas Berry.

Prayer Meeting—W. E. Alexander, Aaron Martin, Robert Clemens.

A motion carried that the association stand adjourned for 11 o'clock services. Singing and prayer by Brother Stone.

At 11 o'clock the stand was filled by Elder Willis, followed by Elder House. Text, St. John 14:1 and 2.

#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 1 o'clock the association was called to order by singing; prayer by Elder James.

Committee on Sunday-school made the following report, which was adopted:

We fully endorse a good Sunday-school and believe every church should keep up a Sunday-school all the time.

Report of committee on Resolutions and Queries:

What is baptism? For explanation by Elder W. E. Arnold.

1st. We see that Paul tells us there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; hence we must be in harmony with Paul.

2nd. We see that in heaven it takes three—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

3rd. Now, to represent these on earth we have the water, the Spirit and the blood; and these three agree in one on earth. So there is no other way to represent the Godhead only by water and the spirit and the blood. Eph. 4:45.

4th. We see that we must not have spiritual bap-

'tism separate and apart from that of water; it does not agree with the Godhead. The Book tells us that the water, the Spirit and the blood do agree, hence one without the others would not agree. It takes all three to be complete baptism.

5th. Since there is no remission of sins without the shedding of blood, so this is a complete baptism; the water and the Spirit and the blood have been shed. Acts 2:41, 2:38, 8:37; Matt. 28:19, Cor. 12:13, Col. 2:9.

Next Question—Does this body think it best to put a man in the field to work for the cause of God?

By motion and second this question was tabled.

Committee on Finance reports \$12.67.

Next item of business was selecting a place to hold next association. Motion carried that we grant Walnut Grove church the next session, as there was no other application. The meeting will be held at Campbell school-house, above Newport, Ark., near T. M. R. R., beginning at 11 o'clock on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1911.

Elder Arnold was elected to preach the introductory sermon at our next association.

A motion prevailed to allow the clerk \$1.00 for paper and postage.

The association stood adjourned for night services. Closed by singing and prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES. — Preaching by Elder Matheny, followed by Elder Arnold. Text, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." After preaching, Bro. E. E. Osmon was ordained deacon by the presbytery, and the Lord's supper and washing of saints' feet were attended to.

Resolved, that the delegates composing this association tender their heart-felt thanks to the brethren and sisters and the community at large for the kindness shown during our stay among them.

The parting hand was then given until our next coming together. So ended a glorious and good meeting.

ELDER W. E. ARNOLD, Moderator.  
E. E. OSMON, Clerk.

## PROGRAM FOR 1911.

- Association Called to Order.
- Introductory Sermon.
- Call for Letters from Churches.
- Call for New Churches.
- Election of Moderator and Clerk.
- Appointment of Committee of Devine Services.
- Call for Correspondence from other Bodies.
- Inviting Visiting Ministers to Seats in Council.
- Appointment of the various Committees.
- Call for Report of Pastors and Preachers.
- Call for report of Treasurer, permanent committees, boards, Sunday-schools, contributions, etc.
- Call for Committee Reports.
- Appointing Delegates to General and sister associations.
- Miscellaneous Business.
- Time and Place of holding next Session.
- Vote of Thanks.
- Closing Ceremony.

### STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Members Rec'd Meeting Day	Total Mem'ship	Died	Ministers	Minute Fund	Prayer Meeting	
							Sunday School	
Even'g Shade	J J Bittle	3 7	50	1	1	90		
Mill Springs	John Isbell	4	18		1	00		
Hickm'nChap	W E Arnold	3	8			70		
WalnutGrove	W E Arnold	4 8	31		11	25	1	1
Antloch	W E Arnold	7 11	68	1	21	50		
Liberty	John Isbell	2	22			1 15		
<b>Totals</b>			197	2	37	50	1	1

## CLERKS' ADDRESSES.

Hickman Chapel—E. E. Osmon,	-	Bradford, Ark.
Liberty—J. B. Scoggins,	-	Denmark, Ark.
Mill Springs—J. H. Thatcher,	-	Jamestown, Ark.
Antioch—A. H. Sutherland,	-	Moorehead, Ark.
Walnut Grove—W. H. Arnold,	-	Newport, Ark.
Evening Shade—A. C. Stone,	-	Shiloh, Ark.

## ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Evening Shade—A. C. Stone, R. C. Ramer.  
Mill Springs—Elvis Matheny.  
Liberty—W. E. Alexander, J. B. Scoggins.  
Antioch—A. Sutherland, Aaron Martin.  
Hickman Chapel—R. Clemens.  
Walnut Grove—Thomas Berry, Mike Berry.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be composed of such messengers as shall be chosen by the different churches composing this association, thought most fit for that purpose and sent with letters testifying to their appointment to represent them in the association, who shall be entitled to seats, ministers, licentiates, deacons and clerks included.

2. The officers of this association when properly organized shall consist of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the moderator shall be to keep the association in order, state questions fairly and take their minds thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled, to have no vote unless the association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the association.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded and died since the sitting of the last association, and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by this association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the association shall take up the same and act on it.

5. Every church in the association shall be entitled to a representation of any number not exceeding six.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted on unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The association shall not have the power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless we agree that the churches composing this association shall stand

in the same relation to each other in this association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed they shall be dropped from our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this association by letter and delegate, if upon proper examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly; such admission shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates thereof.

10. This association shall have power to sit as an advisory council; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this association; to appoint any member or members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary; to invite any brethren in the ministry to a seat with the association; to adjourn the association to any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who will not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the church from which he or they were delegates.

11. Where a church has a deacon that they desire the ordination of, they are authorized to have it done at any time or place where a presbytery can be found.

12. This constitution is not to be altered without a majority of three-fourths of the members composing this body. But if any person after becoming a member shall become dissatisfied with any part of this constitution or articles of faith, he shall be entitled to a letter of dismission, if in fellowship in his own church.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the moderator interrupt him unless he break order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question, and shall in no wise cast personal reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

6. Members shall address each other by the appellation of Brother or Brethren.

7. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

8. No member of this association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.

9. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the association.

10. Any member who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the moderator, according to the direction of the association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one living and true God, and in the Godhead, or divine essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Deut. 4:39; 1 Cor. 8:4; 1 John 5:20.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and can not extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.—Rom. 5:12-20; Rom. 3:10-12.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Heb. 10:10.

5. We believe that he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 22.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matt. 25:46.

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and washing of saints' feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and that none but true believers are proper subjects, and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.—On baptism, Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:38; Col. 2:12. The Supper, Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24; washing of feet, John 13:4-17; 1 Tim. 5:10; 1 Peter 2:21.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week—or Lord's Day—and it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns, except in case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 20:8; Acts 20:7; Mark 2:27-28.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:16-17; John 5:29; Matt. 25:32-41; Acts 17:31.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.—Rom. 12:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, and that none can partake of His divine benefits only by repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Infants and idiots except-

ed, they being included in the covenant of God's grace.)—  
Heb. 2:9; John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:15; 1 John 2:2; John 3:36.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, and that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—St. John 10:9.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table.—1 Cor. 12:13; St. John 17:11, 21, 22; Matt. 26:, 27, 28.

### FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

The ..... church of General Baptists to Post Oak Grove association: We are all in peace. We have elected the following brethren to sit with you in council when convened with ..... of General Baptists at....., on the day before the..... Sunday in September, 190.... brothers A and C We pray you receive them We have had the labors of B'd ..... the past year, and have chosen Eld. .... for the ensuing year, and... church clerk Our statistics are as follows: Received by letter ..... ; by experience and baptism .....; by recommendation.....; dismissed by letter..... ; excluded .....; died.....; ordained ministers. ....; licentiates.....; our postoffice is ..... day of meeting is on Saturday before the ..... Sunday in each month. Done by order of the church at its.....meeting  
Total number of members in good standing.....: our contribution is \$.....

Eld. ...., Moderator, ..... Clerk.

### Form of Petitionary Church Letter.

The —— church of General Baptists was brought into church capacity by Elds. A B and C D, on the following class of members: By letter —; recommendation —; experience and baptism —; total —. Received since organization, By letter —; by recommendation —; experience and baptism—. Dismissed by letter—; num. excluded—; total membership—. We are all in peace, and have chosen following brethren, D E and B H to bear this petitionary letter and sit with you in council. We pray you receive them. We have ordained ministers ; licentiates Our day of meeting is Saturday before the Lord's day in each month. We have chosen Eld. G H for our pastor the ensuing year, and Bro. E C for church clerk Our postoffice is — . Total number members in good standing—; Contribution money— This done by order of the church at its — meeting.  
E I, Church Clerk. Eld E D Moderator.

### FORM OF DISMISSION LETTER.

We, the General Baptist Church of Christ, at .....now in session, do certify that our beloved A or B, is a member with us and in full fellowship up to date of their dismission, and as such is dismissed from us when joined to another church. This done by order of the church, when in session this .....  
....., 190...

.....Moderator, .....Clerk.

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