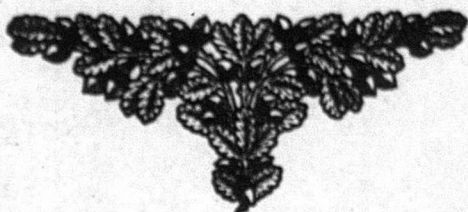


MINUTES

FOURCHE VALLEY MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Being the Nineteenth  
Annual Session

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Held with Antioch Church  
October, 13, 14, 15, '06.



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The Next Session will be Held  
with Mulberry Grove Church

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ELDER J. H. HAMMOND, Moderator  
ELDER H. N. HEFNER, Sec. & Treas

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# MINUTES



**T**he Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association, convened with "Antioch Church" Saturday 9 a. m. October the

13th 1906.

Former Moderator and Clerk not being present Eld. J. H. Hammons was chosen Moderator Pro tem, and Eld. H. N. Hefner, Clerk Pro tem.

The Moderator called the roll and the following churches responded and Messengers names enrolled as follows:

Antioch.—W. A. Bond and W. L. Taylor.

Ada.—Eld. J. H. Hammons, N. Turnbull and A. Grice.

Aplin.—T. J. Brown, Solon Welch and D. J. Guess.

Cherry Hill.—J. W. Bull, J. H. Alexander and S. D. Campbell.

Casa.—H. N. Hefner.

Dixie.—(Not represented).

Esau.—W. F. Owen and Aaron Bland.

Hickory Grove—Eld. Brickey.

Harmony.—(Not represented).

Mulberry Grove.—G. C. McCabe and C. H. Duncan.

Houston.—H. B. Lipscomb, J. A. Lovelace and W. S. Paschal.  
Oppelo.—(Not represented).

New Home.—C. Harris, W. T. Tidmore and Sister Tidmore.

Perryville.—S. A. English and J. L. Hill.

Union Valley.—R. D. Farr and J. L. Chapel

Moab.—G. T. Ford and W. A. Bond.

Mountain Grove.—J. W. Hathorne, and J. M. Neal.

The Association went into election of officers as follows: Eld. J. H. Hammons, Moderator, and Eld. H. N. Hefner, Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters, the following new churches were received: Perryville, Union Valley and Moab.

Called for visiting ministers and Eld. L. A. Robertson of Dardanelle Association was received.



Appointed Committees as follows:

Devotional.—E. Rankin, J. W. Person and W. L. Taylor.

Finance.—C. Harris, W. L. Taylor and N. Turnbull.

Sabbath Schools.—A. Bland, T. J. Brown and John Alexander.

Ministerial Education.—C. Harris, John Bull and C. H. Duncan.

Destitution.—G. C. McCabe, S. Welch and A. Grice

Obituaries. W. E. Hill, W. F. Owen and B. Hammons.

Associational Missions.—C. Harris, N. Turnbull and S. D. Campbell.

Nominations.—G. C. McCabe, A. Bland and N. Turnbull.

Literature.—T. J. Brown, J. L. Hill and J. L. Chapel.

Temperance.—W. A. Bond, J. Alexander and S. Welch.

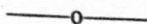
Orphans' Home.—R. D. Farr, Bro. Paschal and A. Grice.

Home and Foreign Missions.—D. J. Guess, C. Harris and H. N. Hefner.

On motion adjourned for preaching by Eld. L. A. Robertson. Association to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

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#### EVENING SESSION.



Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by S. D. Campbell.

Upon motion Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers

of the new churches received. Elected Eld. E. L. West to preach the Introductory sermon, and H. N. Hefner Sunday at 11 o'clock on the theme of Missions. Renewed the call for visiting ministers Eld. Byers, State Missionary was received.

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Appointed a committee on Resolutions as follows:—C. Harris, T. J. Brown and A. H. Brickey. Adjourned until Monday at 8 o'clock a. m.

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### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Sunday 9 o'clock A. M. the report of committee on Sabbath Schools was discussed, and adopted as follows:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:— The Sabbath School work is one that should be dear to every Christian heart. Here we find a place for every class of Christian workers, indeed this work is so intimately connected with the church that we cannot afford to dispense with it. In some of our churches the work is in a flourishing condition, but there is still room for improvement. We urge upon the churches the necessity of a well organized Sabbath School, and that special attention be given to this branch of church work.

Aaron Bland. Ch'm.

Sunday 11 o'clock, sermon by H. N. Hefner, after which a collection was taken for missions to the amount of \$6.95.

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### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

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The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Eld. W. E. Kimbrough was received, and made an interesting talk in which he presented the importance of taking a religious paper. He represented the "Baptist Advance."

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## Report of Committees.

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Called for report of committee on Obituaries. Report read and adopted as follows:

We find that five Laymen and one minister have died during the year. We have been unable to obtain the names of the Laymen. The name of the minister is our beloved W. A. Huff of Adona, pastor and member of Mulberry Grove Church. May God comfort the bereaved. We recommend that Sunday 3 o'clock be set apart as a memorial service.

Aaron Bland. Ch'm.



Committee on finance reported as follows and report adopted.

We your committee on finance have received the following:

For minutes.....	\$19.95
Associational Missions.....	\$2.80
Associational by collection.....	6.95
State Missions.....	.35
Foreign Missions.....	2.65
Orphans Home.....	6.50
Sunday School.....	.25

Total..... 39.45

C. Harris. Ch'm.



Called for report of committee on Destitution. Report read and adopted as follows:

We find that there is some destitution in our bounds. We recommend that this body take steps to supply said destitution with Gospel Preaching. We mention the following points:

Adona, Maumelle, White Eagle, New Tennessee, New Georgia and South Fourche.

G. C. McCabe. Ch'm



Called for report on Ministerial Education. We your committee on Ministerial Education submit the following report:

We feel the need of an educated ministry. We are having to meet issues that we cannot meet without an education; not in literature alone, but in the Scriptures as well. We recommend the education of our entire membership and that steps be taken at an early date to establish a Preachers Institute at some central point. We recommend further that our country preachers be especially encouraged to attend said institute.

We recommend Ouachita, Arkadelphia; Central, Conway; Mountain Home and Magazine Colleges as schools under good and able management and offering good advantages in education. We urge those of our people who anticipate sending or going to school, to patronize our own institutions of learning.

C. Harris. Ch'm.



Called for report on Associational Missions, Report adopted as follows:

In view of the destitution within our bounds we recommend that this body arrange to supply a man to serve as missionary within our territory during the coming year, and that pledges be now taken for the support of the work.

C. Harris. Ch'm

Committee on nominations submitted the following report:

Eld. G. W. Wilcox, to preach the Introductory Sermon, and H. N. Hefner, Alternate. Eld. E. L. West to preach the Missionary Sermon. Eld. J. H. Hammons Alternate. G. C. McCabe, Ch'm.

Called for report committee on Literature Report read and adopted as follows:

We your committee on literature submit the following report:—We find it to the best interest of the churches to use the Literature of American Baptist Publication Society, the Southern Baptist Convention Literature, and recommend the American Baptist Flag, the Baptist Advance, as sound Baptist Papers, and especially the Bible which is the Book of Books.

T. J. Brown. Ch'm.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

Preaching by Eld. W. E. Kimbrough.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

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Called to order by the Moderator at 3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Eld. Johnson.

Called for report on Temperance. Report read and adopted as follows:

To use intoxicating liquors as a beverage is detrimental to the church and the cause of Christ, and to the world, and tends to the destruction of souls. We urge all Baptist in the bounds of Fourche Valley Association to use their influence in putting down the Demon that is leading so many souls to ruin. We recommend that all Temperance men in their homes, in their church and in the communities in which they live to use their influence to lead the intemperate from the error of their way, by their Godly walk and pious conversation. Respectfully submitted. W. A. Bond. Ch'm.

Report of committee on Orphans Home was read and adopted as follows:

We your committee on Orphans Home submit the following:—We find that there is sixty nine orphans in the home now. Brethern we should be interested in the Orphans Home of our state. The Lord directs us to protect our Home. These children have to be looked after, fed and clothed and the only way we can raise funds for this purpose is by contributions from the churches in our state. We ask each church of Fourche Valley Association to take collections at least once a quarter for this purpose. Respectfully submitted. W. S. Paschal. Ch'm.

Collection taken for Orphans Home and the sum of \$5.00 was raised.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions reported. Report read and adopted as follows:

The Home and Foreign Mission represents two departments of the work

which for years has been conducted by Southern Baptist people through the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Home Mission work which is in charge of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., is now in a prosperous condition and is being constantly enlarged to meet the growing demand. Many needy fields in our southern states, both in the country and centres of population, are being occupied; also in Cuba, the Board is doing mission work. We call special attention to the work of the Home Board in Arkansas in the liberal gifts appropriated in support of our convention through many years. We recommend that our churches take regular collections for Home Missions. The Foreign Mission work as managed by the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., has so grown that at present we are preaching the Gospel through scores of missionaries in many heathen lands. New missionaries are being sent each year and contributions for the work last year amounted to about \$300,000. The glorious reports coming from the fields should lead all our people to support the work in every possible way. For information regarding Home and Foreign Missions, we recommend that our people read our Home Field and Foreign Missions Journal.

C. Harris, Ch'm.



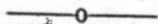
Committee on resolutions reported as follows: Read and adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 1:—Resolved that hereafter the Fourche Valley Association convene Friday 9 a. m. before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Resolution No. 2:—Resolved that this body tender its heartfelt thanks to the good people of Antioch and community for the hospitality shown us while with them, and may the blessings of Heaven rest on them for ever is our prayers.

T. J. Brown, ch'm.

## Business Session.



Motion carried that the clerk be allowed \$8.00 for his service.

Motion carried that the clerk be made treasurer.

Motion and second that we have 1000 Minutes printed, carried.

Upon motion the Moderator appointed the following Executive Board:—G. C. McCabe, N. Turnbull and S. D. Campbell.

Elected Eld. H. N. Hefner as field missionary.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

"United."—G. T. Ford,

Greenbriar.—W. S. Paschal.

Dardanelle.—H. N. Hefner.

Saline.—S. D. Campbell.

Trace Ridge.—E. L. West and H. N. Hefner.

Pedee.—J. H. Hammons.

State Convention.

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## Distribution of Minutes.

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Motion carried that the clerk send minutes to each church according to the amount of money they contributed.

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## Adjournment.

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After singing and taking the parting hand adjourned to meet at the place and time above mentioned.

J. H. Hammons, Modertor, Ada, Ark.

H. N. Hefner, Clerk, Casa, Ark.



## BENEDICTION.

May the blessings of God attend the words spoken, and a prosperous years work in the Kingdom of the Master follow.

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## Devotional Exercises.

Saturday.—11 o'clock a. m. L. A. Robertson.

Saturday night.—E. L. West.

Sunday.—11 o'clock a. m. H. N. Hefner.

## ON MISSIONS.

Sunday night.—E. L. West.

Monday.—11 o'clock a. m. W. E. Kimbrough.

Monday night.—W. E. Kimbrough.



## Articles of Faith.

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### OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired. That it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of



error for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

#### OF THE TRUE GOD.

2. We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God; an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehova, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love. That in the unity of the God head, there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

#### OF THE FALL OF MAN.

3. We believe that man was created in Holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that Holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that Holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

#### OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of Grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the Divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins, that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate, and all sufficient Saviour.

#### OF JUSTIFICATION.

5. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification, that justification includes the pardon of sin; and the promise of eternal life and principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

#### OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by

the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

#### OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

7. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a Holy disposition to the mind; that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the Holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

#### OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

8. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation, by Christ we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King and relying on Him alone as the only and sufficient all Saviour.

#### OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree that it may be ascertained by its affects in all who truly believe the gospel: that it is the foundation of christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

#### OF SANCTIFICATION

10. We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness, that it is a progressive work, that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means, especially the word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.

#### OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

11. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

## OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

12. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is Holy, Just and Good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

## OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rites and privileges invested in them by His word. That its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

## OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preached always by solemn self-examination.

## OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor, and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of Grace both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

## OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

16. We believe that civil government is of Divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of Kings of the earth.

## OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

17. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked and under the curse and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

## OF THE WORLD TO COME.

18. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to find retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy, and the judgement will fix forever the final state of man, in Heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

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[Form of Letter]

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....., Alternates .....

## OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Pastor....., Clerk.....  
 Increased by Baptism....., by letter....., Restored..... Decreased by letter  
 ...., by Exclusion...., Died ...., Present Membership....., Days of Meet-  
 ing..... Financial. For Minutes....., Associational Missions.....,  
 State Missions....., Home Missions....., Foreign Missions..... Approved  
 by church in conference .... Day .... 190... Sunday School. Number en-  
 rolled.... No. Classes....., Average attendance ....., Literature, cost  
 of Literature....., Total expense for the year.....,  
 Supt. .... Sec'y.....



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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Postoffice	Rec. by		Dismiss'd		Total Mem- bership	For Missions			Orphans Home	Minutes	Day of Meeting	No in S. S.
				Baptism	Letter	Exclus'n	Died		Associ'l	State	Home	Foreign			
Antioch.		W E Rankin	Moab	4	7	5	5	25					1 00	3	
Aplin	J. H. Hammons	J A Falls	Aplin	31	4	1		83	1 25		1 65		5 00	4	
Ada	J. H. Hammons	B Hammons	Ada	3	3		1	28					1 20	3	
Casa	L A Robertson	V N Redditt	Casa	4	14	1	1	52					1 50	4	
Cherry Hill	J H Hammons	W M Porter	Aplin	6	6	2	1	55	25 35		1 00	50	1 85	1 75	
Esau	S D Espey	A Bland	Esau	11	18		1	54					2 05		
Houston	H G Johnson	J A Lovelace	Houston	18	9	8	4	131					3 00	1 55	
Mulberry Grove	H N Hefner	R S Williams	Casa	11	3		1	38	1 30				1 25	4 35	
Moab	G T Ford	E Johnson	Moab						1 00				1 00		
Mount'n Grove	J M Neale	M L Watson	Perryville	9	3			55					1 00	2 96	
New Home	C Harris	O Stracener	Casa		5	5		43				1 00	1 00	2	
Union Valley	G W Wilcox	A P Cook	Oppelo	3	2			11					1 00		
Perryville		J L Hill	Perryville	8	16										
Totals				108	90	26	12	575	3.80	35	2.65	1.50	20.85		261

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