

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

UNITED BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION, BEGUN AND HELD WITH

CANAAN CHURCH

SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

SEPTEMBER 6-9, 1883

ELD. J. K. BRAUDAWAY, Moderator.

ELD. J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk.

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CANAAN CHURCH, SEABY COUNTY, ARK., SEPT. 6th, 1883.

The United Association met here to-day at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Kirkland. Text, Matthew 16, 18; theme, Christ's Church.

The moderator being absent, Elder Kirkland was chosen moderator pro tem.

The Association was then declared in order and ready to attend to business.

J. A. Johnson and W. W. Reed were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the churches were called for and read, and messengers names enrolled.

A motion prevailed to suspend the regular order of business and call for petitionary letters when Oriole and Witt's Spring churches were received.

The election of officers being next in order, Brethren Lamar and Garrett were appointed tellers, and reported J. K. Brandaway chosen moderator, J. A. Johnson clerk.

The moderator on taking the chair, invited visiting brethren to seats.

A dovtional committee was appointed consisting of Wright, Lamar and the deacons of Canaan church who reported Mayall and Hamilton to preach to-night.

Adjourned till 6 p. m.; prayer by moderator. Body met at 6 p. m.; prayer by Brother Kirkland. Called for correspondence.

Called for Queries. The following were handed in by Brother Kirkland:

No. 1. If a pastor be employed for a certain period of time and be installed, how can that connection be legally dissolved before the expiration of said time?

No. 2 Will this Association fellowship a church that will call a pastor and agree to pay him a stipulated salary and repudiate the debt?

Elder Kirkland proposed the following answers to No. 1: 1st. By mutual consent. 2nd. By preferring charges and excluding him.

A motion to adopt the above answers called forth remarks from different brethren, after which the query and answers were tabled.

No. 2 was answered as follows: A church should pay for services rendered, but if there were conditions in the agreement, upon the violation of

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those conditions by the pastor, that would seem to annul the contract.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Woodard.

8 o'clock Friday morning. Body met. Prayer led by clerk.

Renewed call for letters from churches when Shady Grove church responded with letter and messengers.

On motion a committee was appointed to enquire into the standing of Witt's Spring church and report as soon as practicable. Woodard, Cox and Hardin, committee.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Home Missions—Johnson, Williams and Loggins.

Foreign Missions—Woodard, Garrett and Glover.

Sabbath Schools—Livingston, Wright and Jones.

Ministerial Education—Sosebee, Leslie and Hamilton.

Publications—Mayall, Scott and Wood.

Finance—Hastings, Sims and Cox.

Division of Churches of the Association—Sosebee, Johnson, Lamar, Loggins and Parker.

Support of the Ministry—Goodhugh, Wright, Parker and Hardin.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported Braudaway and Glover to occupy the stand to-day: Hamilton and Woodard to-night. At their request, Hopewell and Shady Grove churches were granted letters of dismission. Adjourned till 3 p. m. Prayer by Brother Leslie.

3 p. m. Met. Prayer by Brother Sosebee. Report of committee to enquire into the standing of Witt's Spring church was called for and read by Brother Woodard, chairman. The committee found said church properly organized and sound in the faith.

The remaining committees made their reports which were discussed and adopted. See appendix.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Lamar.

Saturday, 8 o'clock, a. m. Met. Prayer by Brother Parker.

After a brief consultation it was agreed that the west part of the Association retain the name "United" and that the east part retire from the house and take steps at once for the organization of a new association.

The report of a self-constituted committee living in and around Greenbrier, formed for the purpose of mounting and putting into the field, as missionary, Brother Sosebee, was read, giving the amount raised and pledged, together with the amount still due, and asking this body for assistance. The Association assumed the debt of the committee and raised \$50.50 in cash and pledges for its payment.

Committee on preaching reported Brothers Kirkland and Wood to fill the stand to-day; brothers Leslie and Johnson to fill the stand to-night.

On motion adjourned till 3 p. m. Prayer by Brother Lovelace.

3 p. m. Met. Prayer by Brother Hamilton.

Called roll and marked absentees.

Agreed to hold the next session of this body with the church at Sardis, Conway county, near Old Hickory, beginning on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1884, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Brother Braudaway was elected to preach the introductory sermon; Brother Johnson alternate. Brother Mayall to preach the missionary sermon; Brother Leslie alternate.

The action of the eastern division of the Association was read and ordered spread upon the minutes. "The churches desiring to organize a new association in the east part of the United Association adopted the following

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resolution: Resolved, That such churches, comprising the east part of the United Association, as choose, meet with Macedonia church at Greenbrier, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in October, 1884, at 11 o'clock, a. m. for the purpose of organizing an association, and that Elder W. M. Mills preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. S. Hamilton, alternate.

A. F. LIVINGSTON, Sec'ty."

On motion an election was held for Executive Board, resulting in the choice of Brothers O. Parker, chairman; J. M. W. Massingill, G. L. Wright, J. C. Griswood and W. J. Sims.

The Board was authorized to employ a missionary and put into the field. The clerk was instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and retain \$10 for his services.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To State Convention—Leslie, Woodard, Mayall and Hamilton

To Russellville Association—Woodard.

Little River—Wood and Smith.

Saline—Johnson.

Caroline—Hamilton and Braudaway.

Crooked Creek—Goodhugh and DePriest.

Agreed, on motion, to assist in defraying the expenses of messengers to State convention.

A resolution of thanks to Canaan church and vicinity for hospitalities was adopted. The thanks of the body were also tendered to the moderator and clerk for the faithful discharge of their respective duties.

Minutes read and adopted.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand given. Prayer by W. W. Reed. Adjourned. J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk. J. K. BRAUDAWAY, Moderator.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The Mission sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Elder E. Sosebee to a large and attentive congregation, after which a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up amounting to \$3.60.

APPENDIX—HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions offer the following:

That we regard this as one of the most important questions that could command the attention of this body. This will be apparent to all when we consider that throughout our boundary we are infested with one of the greatest systems of infidelity, that is seeking to make inroads into our churches.

We, therefore, recommend that one or more of the most efficient ministers of this body be employed to itinerate in our boundary during the coming year. And in view of the great good to be accomplished in this direction, that this body earnestly feel themselves in duty bound to sustain said minister or ministers. But if the brethren do not feel themselves bound to sustain said minister or ministers, we, your committee, do not recommend their appointment.

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report: That, feeling the weight of command, "Go teach all nations," resting upon us and the benighted darkness

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overshadowing heathen land, and believing as we do that they can only receive the pure, unadulterated gospel at the hands of Baptists, also knowing that all cannot go in person and preach, it is our duty to help those who have gone or may go, to preach the gospel in foreign lands by a contribution of our means to aid them in holding forth the precious gospel of our Lord. That we send all that we feel it our duty to contribute for this purpose to our Foreign Mission Board that it may be applied where it is needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. J. WOODARD, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

- Your committee on Sunday-schools offer the following:

The Sabbath school is an instrument of the church. In it should be taught the doctrines of christianity; as from it the churches draw largely their membership. We recommend each church to vigorously maintain a Sabbath school. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

A. F. LIVINGSTON, Chair'm.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee to whom was referred the above subject, submit the following as our report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Whereas, infidelity in all its varied forms is among us, even in the form of christianity, intruding upon the children of men by misrepresenting the gospel plan of redemption. Now, therefore, in order to meet this great evil that is so prevalent among us, and successfully sustain the cause, we must have an educated ministry. We therefore recommend that this association take prompt means to aid such pious youths among us that promise usefulness in the cause of unadulterated christianity, in obtaining an education sufficient to enable them to labor effectually among us.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SOSEBEE, Chair'm.

FINANCE.

Your committee offer the following:

Sent up for printing minutes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$32 40
For home missions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 95
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$37 35

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SIMS, Chair'm.

PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

We believe our people should be a reading people. We would recommend a closer study of God's Word and of baptist literature.

We would recommend the "Arkansas Evangel" and the "American Baptist Flag" as deserving of the patronage of every Baptist family in the state. We also recommend for our Sunday-school, "Kind Words," published at Macon, Ga., and "The Young Reaper," published at Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MAYALL, Chair'm.

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ON DIVISION OF CHURCHES.

Your committee appointed to divide the churches of the United Association suggest the following:

We suggest a division in accordance with the following lists, giving those churches near the centre, the privilege of going either way.

EASTERN DIVISION.

Cadron Valley, Caney,
Conway, New Hope,
Liberty, Macedonia,
Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Zion,
Need's Creek, New Bethel,
Oak Bowery, Orion,
Pleasant Valley, Palestine,
Salem, Sharon,
Spring Hill, Sulphur Spring.

WESTERN DIVISION.

Antioch, No. 2, Canaan,
Cedar Creek, De Soto,
Gravel Hill, Hopewell,
Lone Grove, Mt. Moriah,
Mountain View, Mt. Pleasant,
Mountain Home, Pee Dee,
Pleasant Spring, Pleasant Hill,
Smyrna, Sunny Side,
Sardis, Union Hill,
Valley Home, Witt's Spring.

Respectfully submitted,

E. SOSEBEE, Chair'm.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

Dear Brethren:—We learn from the scriptures that we are to lay by in store as the Lord prospers us. We therefore recommend that every brother of this association set apart half an acre of land to be cultivated, gathered and sold, and the proceeds given for the support of the gospel.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. GOODHUGH, Chairman.

REPORT OF SELF-CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE—CONDENSED.

To the United Association, Dear Brethren:—On the 25th of May, 1883, we J. S. Hamilton, W. M. Mills, L. M. Carrington and others, formed ourselves into a committee, bought a horse, and put Eld. E. Sosebee into the field as Home Missionary. We have raised in cash up to the 3rd of September, \$38 00; in pledges, \$12 00; leaving a balance still due by us of \$50 00. Now dear brethren, we appeal to you for help to pay the debt.

J. S. HAMILTON, Chairman,
W. M. MILLS, Treasurer
P. H. GLOVER, Secretary.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. K. Braudaway, Plummerville,
J. C. Drake, Scotland,
R. B. Edwards, Scotland,
G. W. Ford, Plummerville.
J. W. Farmer, Enola.
J. S. Hamilton, Conway.
W. A. Hutto, Bee Branch.
Wm. Johnson, Clinton.
J. A. Johnson, Morrilton.
W. J. Kirkland, Conway.
J. W. S. Leslie, Marshall.
J. Mayall, Lick Mountain.

B. F. Milam, Enola,
W. M. Mills, Greenbrier.
Thos. Moody, Morrilton.
T. Nutt, Rondo.
W. J. Patterson, Holland.
Jas. Reed, Centre Ridge.
W. W. Reed, " "
B. M. Stephens, Springfield.
E. F. Stone, Cascade Springs.
J. M. Weeks, Prescott.
J. M. Wood, Bee Branch.
T. J. Yarber, Calf Creek.

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LICENTIATES.

J. H. Edwards, Bee Branch.	C. S. Kirkland, Conway.
P. H. Glover, Greenbrier.	D. R. Long, Moore.
B. T. Harden, " "	T. J. Woodard, Blackville.
D. H. Honeycutt, Centre Ridge.	R. M. Scott, Greenbrier.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is totally incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, alone, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the doctrine of election. That God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
7. We believe in the perseverance of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.
8. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a regular ordained minister of the gospel, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.
9. We believe that a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptised on a profession of faith in Christ, and that there are but two offices in the church, viz: Elder or pastor and deacon.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
11. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God, as far as its ability will enable it.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association will commence with religious exercises and a sermon from a preacher that has been previously chosen, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.
2. The moderator and clerk of the former session shall hold their offices, if present, until the letters from the churches connected with the body shall have been read and a moderator and clerk chosen.
3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during its session, and to appoint committees, unless the Association shall otherwise direct and preserve order; and he shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair; he shall also be allowed to examine and correct minutes, if necessary.
4. The clerk shall keep a correct copy of the proceedings of the meeting, read letters and documents, and at the close of the meeting take charge of all papers unless otherwise directed; he may call any member to assist him.
5. A committee of arrangement, consisting of three shall be elected by ballot at the commencement of each session, whose duty it shall be to regulate the order of religious services, and by whom performed unless otherwise directed by the body.
6. Ministers in good standing in other Baptist churches or associations

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Total Membership									
					For Missions	Amount for Minutes	Excluded	Displaced by Letter	Restored	Received by Letter	Received by Ex & Nap	Days of Meeting		
Antioch No. 2.	T. Nutt	W H Sugg	Scotland	G M McCaslin, B F Jones	000	1	8	0	1	2	2	2	00 0000	59
Caney.	J S Hamilton	W A Paul	Conway	N T Beaver	000	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50 0000	21
Cadron Valley.	J S Hamilton	J J Cantrell	Greenbrier	P H Glover, B M Collinsworth	000	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	20 0000	38
Cedar Creek.	B M Stephens	L E Bryant	Springfield	M F Sims, L B Bryant	000	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 0000	34
Canaan.	J W S Leslie	A B Ledbetter	Marshall	J W S Leslie, W H Bryan, J H Horton	000	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	50 0000	46
Conway.		A F Livingston	Conway	A F Livingston	000	0	5	0	7	0	3	0	75 0000	41
DeSoto.	J W S Leslie	W L Goodhugh	DeSoto	W L Goodhugh, John DePriest	000	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	75 0000	13
Gravel Hill.	W W Reed	J R Taylor	Solgochachie	A A Noland, W O Ward, W Z Willis.	000	2	4	0	1	2	0	1	00 1 25	14
Hopewell.	J H Parker	A C Hayes	Atkins	T J Woodard, J B Black	2-4	14	1	0	1	0	1	0	25 0000	83
Lone Grove.	J K Braudaway	J H Ridling	Solgochachie		2-4	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	75 0000	7
Liberty.	W T Call	J M Shivers	Conway	Robt. Lee, G w Carter, J S Cavin	000	1	6	0	0	2	0	1	50 0000	69
Macedonia.	E Sosebee	L M Carrington	Greenbrier	R M Scott, B T Hardin	2	6	9	1	2	3	0	1	75 0000	78
Mt. Moriah.	W A Hutto	R F Leslie	Bee Branch	S J Hastings, F I Goacher.	000	2	1	0	4	0	1	0	75 0000	44
Mountain View.	J K Braudaway	E A Woolvorton	Centre Ridge	S E Lamar	000	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	35 25	39
Mt. Zion.	Wm M Mills	J A Curtis	Enola	J K Braudaway, J A Johnson	1	5	5	0	15	1	0	2	55 0000	75
Mt. Pleasant.	G W Ford	W T Tolison	Plummerville	Perry Kaufman	1-3	4	2	0	4	2	1	1	35 0000	42
Mt. Pisgah.					000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 0000	00
Mountain Home.					000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 0000	00
Need's Creek.	J S Hamilton	W M Mills	Greenbrier	J M Lovelace	000	14	7	2	0	0	0	1	60 0000	62
New Hope.	B F Milam	J B Loggins	Greenbrier	J B Loggins, D P Long	3	12	6	5	6	0	0	0	75 0000	77
New Bethel.	W J Patterson	J L Caple	Holland	R J Smith, T A Mabry, J E Mabry	3	13	0	310	9	0	1	0	60 0000	82
Oak Bowery.	J W McPike	S F Martin	Conway	John Cox, C B Martin	000	0	0	0	3	8	1	1	50 0000	38
Orion.			Springfield		000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 0000	00
Pee Dee.	R B Edwards	J Dowdy	Clinton	W C Smith, J Dowdy	4	5	1	0	13	1	1	0	00 0000	21
Pleasant Spring.	J K Braudaway	J J Stanton	Springfield	G L Wright, O Parker, J D Wright	000	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	50 3 30	36
Pleasant Hill.	J Mayall	W W Reed	Centre Ridge	W W Reed	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	00 0000	18
Pleasant Valley.	W M Mills	W H Lindsey	Wooster	A C Hovis	000	7	7	0	6	3	1	0	00 0000	66
Palestine.	W M Mills		Holland	M E Hardin, J B Garrett	000	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	10 0000	37
Sharon.	B F Milam	J W McArthur	Cascade Springs	R D Nailer, T M Wilson	000	18	7	1	0	0	0	1	75 0000	57
Smyrna.	T Nutt	J J Dickson	Rondo	Daniel Reid	000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 0000	15
Shady Grove.	W J Patterson	J L Lowe	Cascade Springs	Thos J Rodgers, D M Fox	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	00 0000	22
Salem.	J S Hamilton	D D Smart	Conway	T S Wilson, J S Hamilton	1	5	6	1	1	0	0	1	100 0000	41
Sunny Side.	J Mayall	W J Sims	Lickmountain	J Mayall, W J Sims	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	50 0000	10
Spring Hill.					000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00 0000	00
Sardis.	J K Braudaway	J M Massengill	Old Hickory		3	0	8	2	0	0	1	0	00 0000	38
Sulphur Spring.	B F Milam	M Ratton	Conway	W J Kirkland	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	75 0000	24
Union Hill.	W W Reed	B R Robertson	Centre Ridge	A R Robertson	000	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	15 0000	21
Valley Home.	Russell	J T Pike	Bee Branch	J M Wood	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	00 0000	33
Witt's Spring.	T J Yarber	W E Bryan	Witt's Springs	H W Morgan, M E Bryan	2	18	7	0	0	0	0	1	50 0000	40

with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meeting, shall be invited to a seat, and the meeting shall always be opened and closed with prayer. 7. Every member may speak twice on any subject in debate before the body, but no more than twice without leave, and when speaking shall stand and address the moderator, and use decorous, Christian language, and no member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave. Any person violating these rules shall be reprov'd as the Association may see proper. 8. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. 9. The churches shall contribute funds to meet the the ordinary expenses of this body, such as printing the minutes, paying the traveling expenses of such members as may be sent to other bodies. 10. A public collection may be taken up at the option of the body, at each session, and applied to such benevolent purpose as the Association may direct.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be known as the United Association. 2. The messengers composing this Association shall be chosen annually by the churches, and shall not exceed three in number for each church, until such church numbers 100, then one for each additional 50. 3. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may select. 4. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually. 5. The Association shall have no power to regulate the internal affairs of any church, but may withdraw her fellowship from any church that becomes disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline. 6. This Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the treasurer, who shall be president, and four other members who shall be chosen annually, by ballot. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.