

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Trace Ridge Association
OF
Missionary Baptists

HELD WITH
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH NO. 1.,
POPE COUNTY, ARK.,
September 23 to 25, 1911

OFFICERS:

ELD. D. B. FORD, Moderator,
Witts Springs, Arkansas.
ELD. M. B. McENTIRE, Clerk,
Murillo, Arkansas.
BRO. A. ROTH, Treasurer,
Retreat, Arkansas.



PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The messengers of the churches composing the Trace Ridge Association of Missionary Baptists met with Pleasant Hill church, Pope county, Ark., Sept. 23, 1911.

Called to order by Eld. J. R. Pennington, the former Moderator. Was led in prayer by Elds. C. L. Boyd and M. B. McEntire.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. D. B. Ford, from St. John 3-3, after which letters were called for and messengers names enrolled. The letters were read by Eld. M. B. McEntire and Bro. Noah Ford.

Snowball—R. A. Plant, T. E. Jones.

Witts Springs—D. B. Ford, G. B. Seaton and F. M. Ethridge.

On motion Pleasant Exchange was again placed on the roll and was represented by letter.

Burr Oak—J. M. Whisenant, H. E. Guillian.

Pleasant Valley—J. W. Kimbrell, J. K. O'Neal, A. M. Kimbrell.

Pleasant Hill No. 1—J. M. Cotton, C. L. Boyd, J. A. Church.

Pilgrim's Rest—W. J. Caid, W. L. Rains.

Salem—S. E. Patton, R. M. Hays, S. Yonce.

Liberty—W. F. Hefner, Thomas Lindner.

De Soto—W. M. Thornton, J. R. Pennington.

Pleasant Grove—W. G. O'Neal, T. E. Jackson, Isaac Jackson.

Zion Hill—M. A. Walker, P. Walker.

Bro. Keter called for Petitionary Letters. Mount Pleasant church presented a letter and was received with Eld. C. T. Cotton as its messenger.

On motion the Association went into permanent organization electing Eld. D. B. Ford, Moderator; Eld. M. B. McEntire, Clerk; Bro. A. Roten, Treasurer.

Appointed a Devotional Committee as follows: The Messengers of Pleasant Hill church together with J. K. O'Neal and A. Roten.

On motion recess was taken until 4 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met promptly at 4 o'clock, and, after singing several songs and reading Scripture lesson, was led in prayer by the Moderator.

An invitation was given for visiting brethren to seats in our

body. Eld. W. J. Patterson responded and was seated with us.

The following committees were appointed:

Destitution—J. R. Pennington, A. Roten, M. C. Watkins.

Associational Missions—S. Yonce, S. E. Patton, J. M. Whisenant.

Sunday School—J. M. Whisenant, A. Roten, R. A. Plant.

Orphan's Home—R. M. Hays, W. F. Hefner, Thomas Lindner.

Ministerial Education—T. E. Jackson, M. C. Ragland, R. M.

Hays.

Pastoral Support—A. M. Kimbrell, M. C. Watkins, T. E. Jones.

Foreign Missions—S. Yonce, G. B. Seaton, H. E. Guillian.

Religious Literature—S. E. Patton, S. Yonce, Thos. Lindner.

Obituaries—C. T. Cotton, M. C. Ragland, Isaac Jackson.

Prohibition—W. M. Thorton, J. M. Cotton, C. T. Cotton.

Finance—W. J. Caid, J. A. Church, A. M. Kimbrell.

Resolutions—T. E. Jones, J. R. Pennington, W. J. Caid.

Called for correspondence from sister associations. None present. Arranged correspondence as follows:

Blue Mountain—Eld. C. T. Cotton.

Union No. 2—Eld. M. B. McEntire, M. C. Ragland.

United—Eld. M. B. McEntire.

On motion recess was taken for preaching. The stand was filled at night by Elds. R. M. Mays and S. E. Patton.

Recess taken until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Met at 9 a. m.

Song services were led by Prof. T. M. Yarber; prayer services were conducted by Bro. T. E. Jackson.

The committee on Sunday School made their report, which was made to include the literature of the Landmark Sunday School Concern, Little Rock, Ark. The report was spoken to by J. M. Whisenant, A. Roten, C. L. Boyd, after which it was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday School urge first that we use good sound literature. We believe the teacher should be led by the Holy Spirit of God; that he may teach the rising generation to observe the Sabbath, that it is a day for rest and worship; and we recommend the Bible, and the literature published by the Landmark Baptist Sunday School Concern of Little Rock, Ark., as the literature to be used.

J. M. WHISENANT, Chairman.

Recess taken for preaching.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Elds. C. T. Cotton and M

B. McEntire.

Recess taken until 4, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 4, p. m.

Prayer by Bro J. M. Whisenant.

The committee on Prohibition read its report. Was spoken to by A. Roten, C. L. Boyd, S. Yonce, J. R. Pennington, M. B. McEntire, F. Stump, D. B. Ford, after which it was adopted as follows:

We are glad to realize the grand cause of prohibition is sweeping our beloved country. Seeing its poisonous effects and realizing it is drawing our men and boys down to ruin, we urge every true lover of the cause of Jesus Christ and humanity to do everything in their power to do away with this awful evil. We believe the time has come when our churches should be more strict in dealing with dram drinkers, and we advise our churches to withdraw from all members who aid in the making, selling or drinking of any intoxicating liquors, and we pledge ourselves to favor state wide prohibition.

W. M. THORNTON, Chairman.

Taken recess for preaching.

The stand was filled at night by Elds. S. Yonce and J. R. Pennington.

Recess taken until Monday.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met at 8 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by Bro. T. E. Jones.

Read and corrected minutes of Saturday's and Sunday's proceedings.

The Moderator called on Bro. J. M. Cotton to lead the body in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to direct us aright in the work of the day.

Committee on Pastoral Support made its report which was read and spoken to by J. R. Pennington, M. B. McEntire, R. A. Plant, A. Roten, W. J. Patterson, C. L. Boyd, D. B. Ford, which was adopted as follows:

In the first place it is the duty of the whole church to attend regularly on the ministration of the pastor, and we advise that the Deacons of each church see after the support of our Pastors better that they may stand on the wall continually.

A. M. KIMBELL, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution made its report which was read and adopted as follows:

We find a large amount of destitution in our bounds as follows: Grassy Gap, Trace Ridge, Dongola, Dennard and Lower Richland, and we urge this Association to employ a Missionary to supply this destitute work.

J. R. PENNINGTON, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions made its report which was read and discussed by S. Yonce, M. B. McEntire and during the discussion on this report the Association was called to prayer for our Dear Bro. Galassi in Rome. The prayer was led by Eld. S. Yonce after which the report was adopted as follows:

Our Savior, just before he left this earth, said to his church: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16-15 to 16. Now, if we cannot go ourselves, we ought to help those that can go. We have some men on the foreign field sent out by the churches of the General Association, and also one native missionary, Bro. Galassi in Rome, Italy; therefore, we urge our churches to do more in this great work in the future than in the past.

S. YONCE, Chairman.

Committee on Associational Missions made its report which was read and adopted as follows:

Our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us begin this grand work at home. Let us pray the Father for the guidance of the spirit in this grand work. Let us support the work at home that he may give his entire time to this work, which the Lord, through the Church, has called and qualified him to do.

S. E. PATTON, Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

We earnestly request that each church in this Association urge their pastors to indoctrinate the churches in the doctrine of the (Baptist) Bible and to expose error wherever found.

T. E. JONES, Chairman.

Recess taken for preaching.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Eld. J. R. Pennington.

Taken recess until 2:30, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30, p. m.

Prayer by D. B. Ford.

Committee on Ministerial Education made its report which was adopted as follows:

We believe that the Ministry should be thoroughly conversant with God's word directed by the Holy Spirit. We believe that we need an educated ministry, directed by the Holy Spirit, to meet heresy.

T. E. JACKSON, Chairman.

Committee on Obituaries made its report which was read and adopted as follows:

We find the Lord has called from us the past year Sisters Martha Millsap, Margaret Walker, Ruthy Gross from Pleasant Hill No. 1; A. J. Shoffit, Otis Meeks from Liberty church; Sister S. E. Martin from Salem church; Bro. P. A. Gates, Sister S. E. McMahan from Snowball.

T. E. JACKSON, Chairman.

Committee on Orphans' Home reported as follows:

We have a good Home at Texarkana, Ark., for our orphans to be cared for in, and we now have 22 children in the Home. We urge every church to take collections and forward to J. W. Sims, our treasurer, at Marvell, Ark., for the Orphan's Home.

R. M. HAYS, Chairman.

Committee on Religious Literature reported as follows:

To all desiring a Godly literature, we first recommend the Holy Bible together with the Arkansas Baptist, the Baptist Flag and the literature of the Landmark Baptist-Sunday School Concern as good sound literature.

THOMAS LINDNER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolved: That this Association put out a missionary to supply the destitute places and that the church take up collections to remunerate him for his services.

S. E. PATTON, Chairman.

When this was adopted, the Association was led in prayer by Bro. S. Yonce for the Holy Spirit to direct in the selection of the right man for the work. Eld. D. B. Ford was chosen. His salary is to be \$1.00 per day, or more, if he could collect it.

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

We have received for Minutes,	\$19.25.
Associational Missions,	1.50.
Total,	20.75.

A. M. KIMBRELL, Chairman.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

Resolved: That the Finance Committee turn over the Minutes' funds to the Clerk and that he print and mail as many minutes as the money will pay for after deducting Five Dollars for his services.

T. E. JONES, Chairman.

Called for report of Associational Missionary.

I began work late in the fall of 1910, and preached at the following places: Hinchey School House, Bear Creek, Zion's Light, De Soto, Mt. Nebo, Dongola, Burr Oak, Red Hill, Liberty, Salem, Trace Ridge, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant Exchange. Baptisms, 14. Days labored on field, 43. Total collections, \$35.78.

J. R. PENNINGTON, Missionary.

Pleasant Valley church, Searcy county, was chosen as the next place of meeting. Eld. C. T. Cotton was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. C. L. Boyd, alternate.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Two years ago I gave the origin and founder of Baptist churches. I come now to the Church or Kingdom spoken of in Daniel 2:44. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever."

The Prophet Daniel is pointing to the church or kingdom that Christ set up in A. D. 31. Who is head and founder of the church He set up in the land of Palestine?

It is conceded by all historians that churches did exist during all the ages from the Apostles to the Reformation, that held the distinctive principles which have always characterized the Baptists.

Eld. J. H. Grime says in his work: "There has never been a time since the days of the Apostles that the people known as Baptists did not exist."

Dr. Ypeig and J. J. Dermott were appointed by the king of Holland to write a history of the Dutch Reformed church. In preparing said work they say much about the Baptists. They put forth this striking statement: "We have now seen that the Baptists who were formerly called Ana Baptists and in later times Menonites were the original Waldenses. And who long in the history of the church received the honor of that origin? On this account the Baptists may be considered the only religious community which has stood since Christ and the Apostles, and as a Christian society, has preserved pure the doctrine of the Bible through all ages."

The above historian was a Pedo Baptist and ought to command attention by all who want to find the true Church of Christ.

Dr. J. C. Ridpath, a Methodist historian, says: "I should not readily say there were Baptist churches as far back as A. D. 100, though without doubt there were Baptists then as all Christians then were Baptists. Probably the oldest church in the world is Hill Cliff church in Wales which was in existence in 600 A. D. This church is still in existence today and has regular worship every Sunday."

The way of Baptists as traced in history is the way of martyrs and blood from the Apostles to the eighteenth century. (Orchard P. 137). In the ninth century one hundred thousand Baptists were murdered and their property confiscated and in the thirteenth century one million Baptists were murdered. All of this was done because Baptists would not submit to the Catholic church. The Catholics devised the most cruel punishment. The Baptists were burned at the stake, their tongues were pulled out, their eyes gouged out, their arms and legs sawed off, and women were ripped open and unborn children taken from them.

Baptists have suffered terrible things all because they take the Bible as their only rule of faith and practice.

I send forth this letter on its mission of love.

D. B. FORD.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Resolved: That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Pleasant Hill church and community for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

T. E. JONES, Chairman.

Taken recess for preaching.

The stand at night was filled by Elds. W. J. Patterson and M. B. McEntire, after which motion was made to adjourn to meet with Pleasant Valley church, Searcy county, Ark., on Saturday, 10 o'clock, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1912.

Thus ended one of the best sessions of Trace Ridge Association we have had for many years. The Holy Spirit of God was with us all through the meeting. The preaching was excellent, the singing by Prof. T. M. Yarber was fine, the entertainment in the homes of Pleasant Hill church could not be excelled. God bless them all.

Prayer by the Moderator.

Eld. D. B. FORD, Moderator.

Eld. M. B. McENTIRE, Clerk.

Bro. A. ROTEN, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

SNOWBALL.

Pastor,	D. B. Ford.
Clerk,	R. A. Plant.
Postoffice,	Snowball.
Messengers, R. A. Plant, M. C. Watkins, T. E. Jones	
For Minutes,	\$2.00.
By Baptism,	13.
By Letter,	1.
Died,	2.
Pastor's Salary,	34.00.
Total Members,	102.

BURR OAK.

Pastor,	J. R. Pennington.
Clerk,	J. H. Whisenant.
Postoffice,	Snowball.
Messengers, H. E. Guillian, J. M. Whisenant.	
Meeting Days,	4.
Total Members,	21.
For Minutes,	\$1.00.
By Baptism,	6.

MT. NEBO.

Pastor,	A. L. Treadwell.
Clerk,	G. W. Brown.
Postoffice,	Marshall.
Messenger,	M. C. Ragland.
By Baptism,	3.
Expelled,	3.
For Minutes,	\$1 00.
Total Members,	36.

PLEASANT EXCHANGE.

(Represented by Letter.)

By Baptism,	5.
By Letter,	1.
Total,	15.
Associational Missions,	\$8.00.
Meeting Sunday,	4.
For Minutes,	50c.
Clerk,	W. A. Sanders.
Postoffice,	Watts.

MT. PLEASANT.

Moderator,	J. F. Chadwick.
Clerk,	M. B. Thomas.
Postoffice,	Elberta.

Total Members,	32.
Meeting Sunday,	4.
Messenger,	C. T. Cottom.
For Minutes,	\$1.00.

DE SOTO.

Pastor,	C. N. Dewitt.
Clerk,	J. R. McElroy.
Postoffice,	Gilbert.
Messengers, W. M. Thornton, J. R. Pennington.	
Dismissed by Letter,	4.
Died,	1.
Total,	65.
Meeting Sunday,	1.
For Minutes,	\$2.00.

ZION HILL.

Pastor,	C. L. Boyd.
Clerk,	J. H. Keeter.
Postoffice,	Dabney.
Messengers, P. Walker, M. A. Walker, J. H. Keeter.	
For Minutes,	\$1.00.
By Baptism,	1.
By Letter,	1.
Dismissed by Letter,	4.
Total,	59.
Died,	1.
Pastor's Salary,	\$30.00.

PLEASANT HILL NO. 1.

Pastor	C. L. Boyd.
Clerk,	C. M. Church.
Postoffice,	Nogo.
Messengers, J. M. Cotton, J. A. Church, C. L. Boyd.	
By Baptism,	1.
By Relation,	5.
Dismissed by Letter,	1.
Died,	3.
Total Members,	50.
Pastor's Salary,	\$17.25.
For Minutes,	1 50.
Meeting Sunday,	3.

PILGRIM'S REST.

Pastor,	John Kimbell.
Clerk,	W. L. Rains.

Postoffice,	Leslie.
Messengers, W. J. Cald, W. L. Rains,	
By Baptism,	11.
By Letter,	1.
Total,	47.
For Minutes,	\$1.00.
Dismissed by Letter,	2.

LIBERTY.

Pastor,	S. Yonce.
Clerk,	C: B. Hefner.
Postoffice,	Murillo.
Messengers, W. F. Hefner, Thos. Lindner.	
Total Members,	57.
For Minutes,	\$1.00.
Meeting Days,	2.

SALEM.

Pastor,	S. Yonce.
Clerk,	A. Roten.
Postoffice,	Archey.
Messengers, S. E. Patton, R. M. Hays, S. Yonce.	
By Baptism,	14.
By Letter,	7.
Excluded,	2.
Died,	1.
Total Members,	104.
Orphan's Home,	\$4.25.
Minute Fund,	85c.
Pastor's Salary,	\$50.55.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Pastor,	M. B. McEntire.
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Clerk,	J. D. Duncan.
Postoffice,	Watts.
Messengers, J. W. Kimbrell, J. K. O'Neal, A. M. Kimbrell.	
Received by Letter,	2.
Restored,	1.
Dismissed by Letter,	2.
Expelled,	1.
Total Members,	31.
For Minutes,	\$1.50.
Pastor's Salary,	\$17.10.
Meeting Sunday,	2.

PLEASANT GROVE.

Pastor,	M. B. McEntire.
Clerk,	W. J. Wilbanks.
Postoffice,	Una.
Messengers, T. E. Jackson, W. G. O'Neal, Isaac Jackson.	
By Baptism,	7.
Excluded,	2.
For Minutes,	\$1.25.
No. in Sunday School,	71.
Meeting Sunday,	1.

WITT SPRINGS.

Pastor,	D. B. Ford.
Clerk,	J. R. Loftin.
Postoffice,	Witt Springs.
Messengers, D. B. Ford, F. M. Ethridge, G. B. Seaton.	
Total Members,	23.
Excluded,	1.
For Minutes,	\$1.05.
Meeting Days,	1.