

Minutes of the  
Twenty-Ninth  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
BENTON COUNTY  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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HELD WITH THE  
PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2, 3 and 4, 1915

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Moderator.

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B. C. Bain .....	Bentonville, Ark.
C. E. Hardy .....	Sulphur Springs, Ark.

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### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bogues, B. F., Logan.  
Carter, J. C., Bentonville.  
Hardy, C. E., Sulphur Spgs.  
Harris, G. C., Rogers.  
Herod, J. S., Garfield.  
Moffitt, W. A., Bentonville.  
Pritchard, W. R., S-W. City, Mo.  
Penn, T. D., Rogers.  
Scoggins, J. A., Decatur.  
Sikes, J. W., Rogers.  
Smith, M. M., Siloam Spgs.  
Thomas, U. S., Rogers.  
Voyles, M. L., Bentonville.

## NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Bentonville—Rev. W. A. Moffitt, A. F. Keith, C. M. Rice, Mrs. A. F. Keith, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt.

Brush Creek—Jas. P. Anglin.

Decatur—Rev. J. A. Scoggins, Mrs. B. P. Northcut.

Dug Hill—No messengers.

Garfield—No messengers.

Gentry—No messengers.

Logan—Elmer Colwell, Carl Willis.

Mount Zion—W. S. Lindsey.

Pleasant Hill — Dave Osborn, Harry Bowman, A. J. Deason.

Pleasant Site—Rev. G. C. Harris.

Rogers—Rev. U. S. Thomas, Rev. T. D. Penn, E. W. Homan, Jamie Holyfield, Mrs. T. D. Penn, Mrs. J. W. Bowen, J. W. Bowen, B. S. Beach.

Siloam Springs—No messengers.

Sulphur Springs—Rev. C. E. Hardy, Jewell Hardy.

Temperance Hill—I. A. Hankins, A. K. Kirby.

Twelve Corners—J.W.Harris, G.S.Buttry, Morris Dean.

## MINUTES.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1915.

### Morning Session.

The Benton County Baptist Association convened in its Twenty-Ninth Annual Session with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, three and one-half miles north of Rogers, Ark., Thursday, September 2, 1915, at 11 a. m., and was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. T. D. Penn.

A short devotional service was conducted by the Moderator.

In the absence of Rev. M. M. Smith of Siloam Springs, who had been selected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. A. J. Hall of Pea Ridge, alternate, preached the sermon from Second Corinthians, 3rd chapter, 2nd and 3rd verses: "Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone, but in fleshy tablets of the heart."

Our life is a book in which we are writing; in our natural state the pages are black, but the blood of Christ can make the page white and clean. We can make the pages beautiful, or we can blur and mar them, or we can leave them blank; but when these books are opened, they shall appear just as we have written them.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Moffitt of Bentonville.

### Afternoon Session.

This session was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer by Rev. Chas. E. Hardy of Sulphur Springs.

Letters were then read from the following churches: Bentonville, Brush Creek, Mount Zion, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Site, Sulphur Springs, Temperance Hill, Twelve

Corners and Dug Hill, and their messengers enrolled.

A motion was carried to proceed to the election of officers, resulting as follows: Rev. T. D. Penn, Moderator, J. W. Bowen, Clerk, and E. W. Homan, Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were announced: Rev. T. B. Pruitt, Pea Ridge, and Rev. W. H. Covert, pastor at Mound Valley, Kan.

A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to collect and prepare material for a history of this Association and report at the next meeting of the Association. The following committee was appointed: A. F. Keith, Wm. Carden, Mrs. A. F. Keith and E. H. Thomas.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday. Prayer by J. W. Harris. Sermon at night by Chas. E. Hardy.

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## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

### Morning Session.

Opened by singing "The Sweet By and By," and devotional service led by Bro. J. A. Scoggins.

Following is the list of committees as announced:

Religious Services—U. S. Thomas, A. J. Deason, H. N. Renfro.

Religious Literature—G. C. Harris, T. B. Pruitt, I. A. Hawkins.

Woman's Work—Mrs. W. A. Moffitt, Mrs. A. F. Keith, Mrs. A. M. Buckley.

Old Ministers' Relief—C. M. Rice, J. W. Harris, Dave Osborn.

Obituaries—A. F. Keith, G. S. Buttry, A. J. Deason.

Sunday Schools and Colportage—J. A. Hall, Morris Dean, J. P. Anglin.

B. Y. P. U. Work—Chas. E. Hardy, Harry Bowman, Jamie Holyfield.

Associational Missions—W. A. Moffitt, A. K. Kirby, G. S. Buttry.

Orphans' Home—B.S.Beach, W.S. Lindsay, H. N. Ren-  
fro.

Christian Education—C. M. Rice, J. W. Harris.

State Missions—U. S. Thomas, A. J. Deason, Morris  
Dean.

Home Missions—T. B. Pruitt, I.A. Hankins, J.W.Harris

Temperance—B. S. Beach, Carl Willis, Dave Osborn.

Foreign Missions—W. A. Moffitt, J. W. Harris, Harry  
Bowman.

Sunday Observance—A. J. Deason, I. A. Hankins, El-  
mer Colwell.

Nominations—U. S. Thomas, J. W. Harris, J. A. Hall.

Finance Committee—C. M. Rice, B.S.Beach, A. F. Keith

Resolutions—B. S. Beach, G. S. Buttry, I. A. Hankins.

The letter from Decatur was read.

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee is of the opinion that there is great need of  
more interest among our members in regard to reading our re-  
ligious tracts, state paper and other good sound Baptist literature.

We recommend a prayerful reading of the Bible, the Baptist  
Advance, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and good  
Baptist tracts.

G. C. Harris,

T. B. Pruitt,

J. A. Hall.

The report was spoken to by G. C. Harris, T. B. Pruitt,  
W. A. Moffitt, A. F. Keith and T. D. Penn, and adopted.

The letter from the Logan church was read at this  
time.

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

Your committee on B. Y. P. U. work beg to submit the following  
report:

We deem it necessary in every church where there are young  
people enough to justify it, to have a young people's society, that  
they may be trained for the great work that lies out before us.

We believe that too much effort cannot be made for the strict  
organization of the young people, both in the country and city  
churches.

To see a church with a host of young people with nothing to



do is deplorable. It is like a ship at sea without a rudder. "Go work in my vineyard" applies to the young as well as the old. Therefore we heartily endorse the B. Y. P. U. work.

The church letters show four societies in the Association, viz.: Bentonville, Rogers, Decatur and Dug Hill.

C. E. Hardy.

The report was discussed by C. E. Hardy, G. C. Harris and J. A. Scoggins, and adopted.

Eleven o'clock sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Covert, pastor at Mound Valley, Kan.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. J. S. Rogers.

### Afternoon Session.

Opened by singing, and prayer by J. A. Scoggins.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In the 8th chapter of Luke, 2nd and 3rd verses, we find an example of woman's work: "And certain women, who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna, the wife of Chusa, and Susanna and many others which ministered unto Him of their substance."

Our Superintendent and helpers have visited 10 churches in our Association, organized two Girls' Auxiliaries, and one society revived.

We have nine active societies in the Association.

We recommend that all our Societies use the Convention literature and hold at least one missionary meeting each month.

We ask the pastors to encourage all lines of womens' work.

Paul said, "Help those women who labored with me in the gospel."

Report of work done by Mrs. Buckley, Mrs. Moffitt and others.

Number of visits in the interest of the work, 30; letters written, 38; letters received, 10; talks made, 15; railroad fare and postage, \$10.00; all paid by donation.

Mrs. W. A. Moffitt,

Mrs. A. F. Keith,

Mrs. A. M. Buckley.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. Moffitt, Mrs. Keith, J. A. Scoggins, T. B. Pruitt, C. M. Rice, W. A. Moffitt, J. S. Rogers and T. D. Penn, and adopted.

A motion was carried to make Bro. C. M. Rice a fraternal delegate to the other Benton County Association.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by this Association, that the Baptists of Benton county should be in accord, and each member of this Association trusts that all Baptists of the county by this time next year may meet in one grand assembly and join hand, heart and purpose in serving the Master, each to exercise that freedom and independence of action and manner of serving God as to him seems best, as in the old and ancient principle and custom of the Baptist church.

Letter from Rogers church was read.

Report on Sunday Schools and Colportage read and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

From the reading of the letters of various churches to this Association, we learn that most of them maintain an evergreen Sunday school, which is as it should be, because, sooner or later, almost all students who attend regularly are converted and come into the churches. Some two or three churches report no school and others report school for half the time.

We would therefore recommend that each church in the bounds of this Association be urged to keep up a continual Sunday school, because so much depends on the Sunday school work with reference to our progress as people of God. Brother D. S. Campbell, 410 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock, is our Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Secretary for the state—said to be a most excellent brother and worker among young people.

If any of the churches want Brother Campbell for a Sunday School Institute, or any kind of Sunday school work, he will be glad to come. He also wants names of all superintendents.

J. A. Hall,

J. P. Anglin,

M. F. Dean.

#### REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee beg leave to report that we know of no one at this time who is in need of help. We recognize the right and justice of the claim of those men who have grown old and weary in the work for our Master, and recommend that this Association keep before them such of our aged ministers who are likely to



fail in health and need our material help. As they are ripening for the grave we pray that God will take care of them through us.

J. W. Harris,

Dave Osborne,

C. M. Rice

The report was spoken to by W. A. Moffitt, A. F. Keith, T. D. Penn, C. M. Rice, W. H. Covert, J. S. Rogers and U. S. Thomas, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee on Orphans' Home find there are at present about 196 children in our home at Monticello. We do believe that God holds the Baptists of Benton County Association responsible for their part in the support of these orphans. We know this has been a hard year in our Home, caused by that dreadful disease pellagra that broke out in our Home, but we are glad to report the disease has been checked; only a very few cases at present. Now, this has caused an extra expense to the Home, while everything has been done to relieve and care for the children that could be done.

We recommend that each Baptist Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. in this Association give to our Orphans' Home an offering each month, and that the pastors preach to their churches on the importance of their duty to the Home.

B. S. Beach,

W. S. Lindsey,

The report was spoken to by B. S. Beach, A. J. Deason, J. A. Scoggins, C. E. Hardy, A. F. Keith, C. M. Rice and W. A. Moffitt, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions would report as follows:

As the days go by the great importance of State Missions grows on the student of missions. If the Baptist denomination would become weak and lame and lose its power at home and abroad, let us cease to emphasize State Missions.

State Missions by the churches cooperating in the Baptist State Convention includes revival meetings in destitute places and in weak churches, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, projecting and helping to build church houses, and aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, Sunday School and Baptist young people's work, encouraging woman's work, and whatever else will send far and wide the pure gospel of Christ and upbuild the Baptist cause in this great state.

In 1914 the churches cooperating through the Convention served

the Kingdom as follows:

Missionaries employed.....	47
Days labored.....	10,123
Miles traveled .....	65,827
Appointments .....	74
Sermons .....	5,490
Other addresses .....	898
Total sermons and addresses .....	6,388
Service in homes .....	1,812
Conversions .....	1,458
Baptisms .....	1,270
Additions by letter .....	804
Total additions .....	2,074
Amount raised for state missions.. .....	\$12,262.75

The amount of money needed to put the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention out of debt for missions at the State Convention at Conway, November 18, 1915, is approximately \$30,000.00.

So your committee would make the following recommendations:

First, that agonizing prayer be made daily by all our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second, that every pastor get all possible information about State Missions and give it out in burning messages to his people.

Third, that he try to give his people a larger vision of State Missions, and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members and from every organization in the churches.

Fourth, that the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this body get together and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering to State Missions by the middle of November. It is the time for a great, strong self-sacrificing, heroic pull all over the State.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, 410 Hollenberg Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

Committee,

U. S. Thomas.

M. F. Dean.

A. J. Deason.

Spoken to by U. S. Thomas and J. S. Rogers and adopted.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by U. S. Thomas.

Sermon at night by Dr. J. S. Rogers, General Secretary 410 Hollenberg Bldg., Little Rock.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4.

### **Morning Session.**

Opened by singing, "Nearer My God to Thee" and prayer by Bro. T. B. Pruitt.

Motion was carried to allow Mrs. Moffitt one dollar per day and expenses for as much time as she may devote to the furtherance of Woman's Work.

### **REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.**

Your committee begs to report that in our judgment education and culture without faith in God is a false education; that while it may develop the mind and give the world power, it is a world which feels power and forgets right. We declare that Christian education is the great motor power which creates great minds and character and permanent production, and that our Baptist schools should be liberally supported.

C. M. Rice

J. W. Harris.

Report spoken to by C. M. Rice and T. D. Penn, and adopted.

### **REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.**

Home Missions is all the South, Cuba and the Canal Zone, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., with B. D. Gray as Corresponding Secretary.

When we study our Home field we are astonished but not discouraged, for our God will continue to bless our efforts.

Our Home Board is helping all these states with men and money, but this money must be sent by us to the Board.

Number of missionary workers, 1,561; independent, 286; co-operative, 1,275; baptisms, 38,370; total additions, 63,970; Sunday schools organized, 641; churches constituted, 276; mission schools (all classes), 44; teachers, 96; pupils, 6,000; enlistment workers, 21; pastoral fields developed, 143; "every member canvass," 151; increased pastor's salaries, \$65,000; raised for buildings, \$47,000.

Much more could be said, which is of vast proportions and also very interesting.

T. B. Pruitt.

I. A. Hankins.

J. W. Harris,

Report spoken to by T. B. Pruitt, W. A. Moffitt and T. D. Penn and adopted.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with the Bentonville Baptist church; that Rev. C. E. Hardy preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. A. Scoggins, alternate; that Bro. C. M. Rice represent us at the Southern Baptist Convention, M. M. Smith, alternate. We also recommend for Executive Board for the ensuing year, C. M. Rice, A. J. Deason, C. E. Hardy and B. C. Bain.

J. A. Hall.

J. W. Harris.

U. S. Thomas.

The report was adopted.

Report on Associational Missions, report of Executive Board, Missionaries' reports and Treasurer's report were read and discussed by W. A. Moffitt and U. S. Thomas, and adopted, as follows:

## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

"Associational Missions" stands for the preaching of the gospel in destitute places, organizing churches, and building up and strengthening the churches that are. It is the most important of all our general organizations, inasmuch as it comes into such close touch with the churches themselves.

The Association had its origin in the Foreign Mission movement among American Baptists about 100 years ago; it ought therefore to be intensely missionary. In our Association, we are undertaking work on a greater scale than ever before. We have one man on the field giving all his time to evangelistic work and the effort to enlist all our churches in all our work.

In order that this work may be put on a permanent basis, we recommend:

1.—That a budget for the expenses of the year be made out and apportioned among the churches, to be paid monthly, according to the several ability of the churches, and that each church be asked to raise this apportionment. Also that a committee be appointed to make out their budget and monthly apportionment, and report during the sitting of this body, that it may appear in the minutes.

2.—That the monthly workers' meetings be continued and that the Executive Board be requested to take offerings at each of these meetings for this work.

3.—That a book and tract fund be started and that each church be asked to make a contribution to this fund.



4. That a missionary be kept in the field all the time, and that the State Board be asked to co-operate with us to the amount of \$600, in paying his salary. Also that the Executive Board be instructed to put in as many more workers as they may be able to support.

W. A. Moffitt.

G. S. Buttry.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On Nov. 28 the Board employed Rev. C. P. Walters as missionary at a salary of \$100.00 per month, with the understanding that the State Board pay half of said salary, the State Board having appropriated that amount. Bro. Walters served three months with good results, and then resigned.

We had no one on the field during the month of March.

The Board then employed Rev. A. A. Williams at a salary of \$75.00 per month, depending on the State Board for half of his salary. Bro. Williamson's services extended through April, May and June.

July 1st, Rev. W. A. Moffitt took the field as "enlistment man" or organizer, at a salary of \$100 per month and expenses, relying on the State Board for \$50 per month. Bro. Moffitt has been doing good work and we believe the outlook is good for the incoming year.

Trusting we may get a broader vision of the needs and possibilities of the field and of our responsibilities as churches and individuals, we look hopefully to the future and expect greater things from the Lord.

During the past year the Board has enlarged upon the Fifth Sunday meeting idea and has held monthly meetings instead, which have been an inspiration and a spiritual uplift, and if continued will result in great good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Bowen, Secretary of Board.

### REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

My report as Missionary of Benton County Association:

Having been granted a leave of absence from my pastorate with the Second Baptist church of Springdale to hold a meeting at Huntsville, I have dated my work from this time, having already been elected by the Benton County Baptist Association Board. Notwithstanding the fact that we had a continuous siege of rain and snow throughout December, we are pleased to submit to you the following report:



We started with no money in the treasury and some debt.

Sermons preached.....	86
Prayers in homes.....	51
Miles traveled.....	264
Days of labor.....	60
Received by Baptism.....	8
Received by Letter.....	9
Money raised for:	
Ouachita College debt.....	\$ 34.00
Orphans' Home.....	44.00
Home Missions.....	33.00
Associational Missions.....	143.35
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Sum and total.....	\$264.35
Balance in treasury after all expenses paid	\$46.00

Yours truly,

C. P. Walters.

Bentonville, Ark., Sept. 1, 1915.

Report of W. A. Moffitt to the Executive Board of the Benton County Baptist Association:

Previously reported from July 8 to July 22: Days labored, 15; miles traveled, 118; visits, 31; sermons, 12.

From July 22 to Sept. 1: Days labored, 40; miles traveled, 144; visits, 41; sermons, 48; conversions, 12; additions, 12; amount collected, cash \$100.83; pledges \$26.03; number of meetings held, 2; number of meetings arranged, 5; conversions from meetings arranged, as far as heard from, 6; additions from same, 6; Sunday schools organized, 1; B. Y. P. U.s, 1; Y. W. A.s, 1; prayer meetings, 2.

Totals: Days labored, 55; miles, 262; visits, 72; sermons, 60; conversions, 18; additions, 18; Sunday schools, 1; B. Y. P. U.s, 1; Y. W. A.s, 1; prayer meetings, 2.

A good part of the time since I began work I spent visiting the field and trying to shape things for greater work. Number of churches thus visited, 11. In connection with this work, Mrs. Moffitt has visited 10 churches and aided in organizing and strengthening the work of our women and girls.

Financial statement: Amount due Missionary for the time labored, \$87.50; expenses, \$2.26; total, \$89.73. Amount paid Missionary, \$89.73. Balance on hand; cash, \$11.07; pledges, \$26.03; total, \$37.13.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Moffitt.

Motion was carried that the Board take up the matter of a budget for the churches of the Association looking to the apportionment of the expenses of carrying on the Associational work, among the churches.

At this time the regular business of the Association was suspended to hear the reading by C. M. Rice, of a paper, touching on certain existing conditions which are detrimental to spirituality and the better interests of the churches and Christianity at large. The paper was endorsed by the Association and Bro. Rice was requested to have it published in tract form, for general circulation.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission work is the effort on our part to carry out our Lord's last command to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The doors of the world are wide open and the fields are ripe for the sickle.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. The missionaries reported last year 382 churches and 819 substations, 33,584 members, 442 Sunday schools, with 23,959 scholars, and 8,833 students in mission schools, 364 of whom are theological students. There are 300 missionaries, 20 of whom were sent out last year, and 651 native workers, and there were 5,190 baptisms reported.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South, created by the war in Europe, caused a falling off in contributions last year. This will make it more difficult to maintain the work this year. The Convention has asked us to raise \$624,000 for this work. Every dollar of it will be needed. We therefore recommend:

1—That we as an Association undertake to raise our full apportionment, \$500; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis, and that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them, also that they be asked to contribute monthly to this object.

2—That each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor, to take subscriptions to the Foreign Mission Journal, that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

W. A. Moffitt.

J. W. Harris,

H. K. Bowman.

Report was spoken to by W. A. Moffitt and adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance find there has been continued advancement made in the cause of temperance since the last meeting of the Association.

First, By an increased majority of 700 votes in Benton county against license at the last election, and that our State has got in line with other States in statewide prohibition.

We recommend that the churches in this Association make the fight against intemperance, this coming year, stronger than ever before. We further recommend that each Sunday school in our churches makes special preparation on the temperance lesson that is given in each quarter's work.

B. S. Beach,  
Carl Willis.

The report on temperance was read and adopted without discussion.

The report on Resolutions was read and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are extended to this church and community for the splendid way in which they have entertained this Association.

B. S. Beach,

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

The command is, 'Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work.' Therefore we regard it as a duty as well as a privilege to observe the first day of the week as a day of rest and worship. We recommend that this day be kept holy; that it be spent in prayer, in Sunday school, in preaching and other forms of worship, and not as a day of recreation and amusements.

A. J. Deason.  
I. A. Hankins.  
Elmer Colwell.

The report was spoken to by U. S. Thomas, A. J. Deason and T. D. Penn and adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from among us the following-named brethren and sisters since we last met:

Bentonvillechurch—Sister S. W. Vaughter and Sister Lena Craybaugh.

Garfield church—Sister Cora Stoops Wilson, Sister Cynthiana Wilson, Brother John Wilson.

Logan church—Brother A. Twigs.

Mount Zion church—Rev. T. F. Downing.

Pleasant Hill church—Brother W. H. Deason.

Twelve Corners church—Sister Edna Mitchell, Sister Catherine Green, Sister Sarah Doland, Sister Docia Hammack.

We extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy, and humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

“Blessed are they who die in the Lord: yea, henceforth, saith the Spirit, and they shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

A. F. Keith.

G. S. Buttry.

A. J. Deason.

The report was spoken to by A. F. Keith, T. B. Pruitt, J. A. Hall, U. S. Thomas, Mrs. Keith, W. A. Moffitt, C. M. Rice, Mrs. Nannie Brown, W. H. Capps and T. D. Penn, and adopted.

A motion was carried authorizing the Board to secure a tract of land suitably located and erect thereon a tabernacle to be used by the Baptists and others, as occasion may suggest, and may be made the established place for the annual meeting of the Association.

The funds for carrying out the above plan shall be raised by individual subscriptions.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Bentonville church, Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1916.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

T. D. Penn, Moderator.

J. W. Bowen, Clerk.

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#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business will be observed, unless otherwise directed:

First—Temporary organization.

Second—Reading of letters from the churches and enrollment of messengers.



Third—Annual sermon.

Fourth—Permanent organization.

The Moderator shall appoint the following committees of three members each:

1. Religious Exercises.
2. Religious Literature.
3. Woman's Work.
4. Old Ministers' Relief.
5. Obituaries.
6. Sunday Schools and Colportage.
7. B. Y. P. U. Work.
8. Associational Missions.
9. Orphans' Home.
10. Christian Education.
11. Temperance.
12. State Missions.
13. Home Missions.
14. Foreign Missions.
15. Sunday Observance.
16. Nominations (a) who shall nominate the Executive Board, (b) place of next meeting and arrangements therefor, (c) and nominate delegate to southern Baptist Convention.
17. Finance Committee, who shall audit treasurer's report.
18. Resolutions.

Sixth—Report of Executive Board and Missionary, in connection with the report on Associational Missions.

Seventh—Report of Committees.

Eighth—Report of Treasurer.

Ninth—Miscellaneous Business.

## CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Article II. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, at the place previously appointed, and after public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting upon those soliciting membership, a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, all of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Article III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association,



in a book provided for that purpose.

Article IV. The associational work of the Association shall be in charge of an executive board consisting of the moderator, clerk and treasurer of this Association, who shall be respectively president, secretary and treasurer of the executive board, and four members, of the churches belonging to this Association, and shall be elected annually by the Association.

Article V. Each church of fifty members or less may send two messengers and one messenger for each fractional part of fifty over. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter, money for printing the minutes.

Article VI. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by messenger or letter, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by the unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Article VII. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless, they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Article VIII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to enquire into their standing and report at the next regular meeting of the Association.

Article IX. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

Article X. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Article XI. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of all members present.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Valuation of Church Property	Building, Repairing and Improving	Pastor's Salary	Local Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Orphans' Home	Evangelistic Help	Other Objects	Printing Minutes	TOTAL
Bentonville.....	\$ 3000		\$1100.00	\$257.00	75.00	\$125.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 25.00	\$250.00		\$ 5.00	\$2042.00
Brush Creek.....	550		37.20	27.00	33.00								.60	97.80
Decatur.....	1000		84.00		30.00		5.00	3.00	3.00				1.50	126.50
Dug Hill.....	750			2.00			1.50	1.50	23.00		12.50		1.00	41.50
Garfield.....	1200		60.00	10.00	5.00						1.50		1.00	77.50
Gentry.....	3000		400.00	52.90		22.50	14.50	8.85	13.25	5.00	45.00	3.50	1.70	567.20
Logan.....											23.50		.50	24.00
Mount Zion.....	400	12.50	60.00	3.00	5.00		1.25	1.25		.50			1.00	84.50
Pleasant Hill....	750	53.22			5.00	1.00	4.00	1.12	8.50	26.50		19.00	2.00	120.34
Pleasant Site....	500		60.00	10.00									.85	70.85
Rogers.....	13500	15.00	1048.00	200.00	83.75	85.27	29.83	29.84	35.00	7.60	200.00	63.49	5.00	1802.78
Siloam Springs..	3500	175.00	766.90	160.00	3.00	20.00	50.50	50.50	44.10					1270.00
Sulphur Springs.	600		120.00	29.50	5.00		2.25	2.25					1.60	160.60
Temperance Hill.	800				2.50								1.00	3.50
Twelve Corners..	500		23.00		1.00		1.00			1.00			.40	26.40
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$30550</b>	<b>\$255.72</b>	<b>\$3759.10</b>	<b>\$751.40</b>	<b>\$164.50</b>	<b>\$253.77</b>	<b>\$184.83</b>	<b>\$173.31</b>	<b>\$181.85</b>	<b>\$ 65.60</b>	<b>\$532.50</b>	<b>\$85.99</b>	<b>\$23.15</b>	<b>\$6515.47</b>

# CHURCH DIRECTORY.

No.	Name of Church	Pastor and Address	Name of Clerk and Address
1	Bentonville.....	No pastor.....	C. M. Key.....Bentonville
2	Brush Creek.....	J. C. Carter.....Bentonville	Miss Genie Lowe.....Elm Springs
3	Decatur.....	T. D. Penn.....Rogers	J. D. Denton.....Decatur
4	Dug Hill.....	No pastor.....	C. E. Jackson.....Bentonville
5	Garfield.....	T. D. Penn.....Rogers	F. M. Haswell.....Garfield
6	Gentry.....	E. L. Mayfield.....Arkadelphia	Mrs. Clyde C. Fristoe.....Gentry
7	Logan.....	J. A. Scoggins.....Decatur	Carl Willis.....Springtown
8	Mount Zion.....	C. E. Hardy.....Sulphur Springs	Mrs. G. W. Lindsey...Sulphur Springs
9	Pleasant Hill.....	U. S. Thomas.....Rogers	F. B. Wolf.....Rogers
10	Pleasant Site.....	J. C. Carter.....Bentonville	W. B. Sumpter.....Bentonville
11	Rogers.....	U. S. Thomas.....Rogers	P. M. Kokanour.....Rogers
12	Siloam Springs....	M. M. Smith.....Siloam Springs	O. T. Moore.....Siloam Springs
13	Sulphur Springs...	C. E. Hardy.....Sulphur Springs	Winnie E. Dunn.....Sulphur Springs
14	Temperance Hill...	No pastor.....	I. A. Hankins.....Bentonville
15	Twelve Corners....	G. C. Harris.....Rogers	J. W. Harris.....Garfield

# B. Y. P. U. WORK

NAME OF CHURCHES	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	Conid. to all Objects During the Year		
		Enrollment	Average Attendance	
Bentonville....	Miss Laura Lane....Bentonville	52	26	\$54.75
Garfield.....	Miss Mamie Haswell....Garfield	60	50	
Rogers.....	Miss Almeda Walker....Rogers	65	45	16.00
Siloam Springs				3.00
TOTAL....		117	121	\$73.75

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCHES	Membership Last Year	Increase				Decrease				Year's Gain.....	Year's Loss.....	Membership This Year
		Baptism.....	Letter.....	Relation.....	Restoration.....	Total Increase....	Letter.....	Death.....	Expulsion.....			
Bentonville.....	203	11	22	1	1	33	9	2	11	22		225
Brush Creek.....	9	1	1			6						15
Decatur.....	66	7	4			11	14		5	19	8	58
Dug Hill.....	23	3				3					3	26
Garfield.....	40											40
Gentry.....	143	17	11			28	9	2	2	13	15	158
Logan.....	63	9				9	7	1		8	1	64
Mount Zion.....	31	5	1		1	7		1	1	2	5	36
Pleasant Hill.....	119		1			1	4	1		5	4	115
Pleasant Site.....	77										11	66
Rogers.....	273	18	7			25	8	3	11	14		287
Siloam Springs.....	222	4	15	1		20		2		2	18	240
Sulphur Springs.....	22	7	3			10				10		32
Temperance Hill.....	85								4	4	4	81
Twelve Corners.....	120								4		4	116
TOTAL.....	1496	82	65	1	1	153	51	12	16	71	92	1559

# WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

NAME OF CHURCHES	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	CONTRIBUTIONS									TOTAL
		Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Christian Education	Other Objects	Local Expenses	
Bentonville.....	Mrs. M. L. Voyles...Bentonville	\$ 34.75	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$16.35	\$44.83	\$17.00	\$ 14.70		\$161.63
Decatur.....	Roxie Perkins.....Decatur	6.00						1.00	2.72	21.75	34.47
Gentry.....	Mrs. J. K. Moore.....Gentry	73.00								30.40	103.40
Mount Zion.....	Mrs. G. Hazelbaker Sw. City, Mo.								10.00		10.00
Pleasant Hill....	Mrs. H. N. Renfro.....Avoca	7.00					1.00	2.00	23.95	53.22	87.17
Rogers.....	Mrs. A. M. Buckley.....Rogers				19.54	19.54	16.05	4.55	63.49	192.80	315.97
Siloam Springs..	Mrs. W. T. Hamilton, Siloam S.							10.00			10.00
Sulphur Springs.	Lydia Belknap, Sulphur Springs	40.00									40.00
TOTAL.....		\$160.75	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	\$37.04	\$37.39	\$61.88	\$34.55	\$114.86	\$298.17	\$762.64



# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	No. Mos. Held	Kind of Literature	No. Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Average Attendance	No. Classes	Expenses	No. Baptisms
Bentonville.....	W. E. White, Bentonville.....	12	S. B.	21	155	115	17	\$120.32	10
Brush Creek.....	Miss Laura Lowe, Elm Springs.....	12	Unio.	9	84	40	4	5.00	
Decatur.....	Thomas Perkins, Decatur.....	12	S. B.	8	80	42	5	32.55	6
Dug Hill.....	C. E. Jackson, Bentonville.....		S. B.	8	59	32	4	5.86	
Garfield.....									
Gentry.....	A. M. Campbell, Gentry.....	12	S. B.	12	120	80	7	55.00	16
Mount Zion.....	X. S. Check, Sulphur Springs.....	12	S. B.	9	60	50	6	12.00	
Pleasant Hill.....	H. N. Renfro, Avoca.....	12	S. B.	7	65		5	58.41	
Pleasant Site.....	Dr. M. W. Higginbotham, Bentonville...	6	S. B.	5			3		
Rogers.....	J. W. Keith, Rogers.....	12	S. B.	25	275	155	20	157.00	
Siloam Springs.....	No report.....								
Sulphur Springs.....	J. W. Wright, Sulphur Springs.....	12	S. B.	8	40	31	6	26.74	7
TOTAL.....				112	938	545	77	\$472.88	39