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MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Current River Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Pleasant (west) Church, Pitman, Arkansas,
October 18, 19 and 20, 1902.

D. H. SHARP Moderator
Pitman, Arkansas.

KIRBY FOSTER Clerk.
Pitman, Arkansas.

Next session will be held with Datto Church, Clay County, Arkansas, beginning
on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1903.

PROCEEDINGS

PITTMAN, ARK., Oct. 18, 1902.

The Current River Baptist Association met this day with Mt. Pleasant, West church. After prayers by a number of the brethren, Eld. J. F. Rorex, of Maynard, preached the introductory sermon from the word "Tekel."

The former moderator being absent the clerk took the chair.

D. H. Sharp was appointed moderator pro tem.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body called to order by singing.

Moderator Sharp read a portion of scripture, after which Eld. C. A. Fowler led in prayer.

Letters from the various churches called for and read.

The body entered into an election by private ballot for moderator and clerk. D. H. Sharp was elected moderator and Kirby Foster re-elected clerk.

Visitors and correspondents called for. J. F. Rorex, A. B., of Ouachita Academy, Maynard, made a short speech in behalf of the school. N. A. Brown enrolled his name as a correspondent from Cane Creek Association, J. A. Wheatley from State Line. R. F. Carroll and E. T. Lincoln, of Maynard, enrolled their names as visitors.

Petitionary letter presented from the Baptist church at Datto. Church received into the association.

S. K. Dungan, W. T. Griffith, J. W. Cunningham and D. Blackburn were made a Committee on Committees. During the labors of the committee the body participated in singing.

D. Blackburn read the following report of Committee on Committees:

District Missions—R. A. Hawthorne, B. F. Morgan.

State Missions—S. K. Dungan, D. Blackburn.

Home Missions—J. W. Cunningham, J. B. Gibbs.

Foreign Missions—Henry Gowins, J. B. Smith. (

Publications—Kirby Foster, J. A. Wheatly.

Sunday Schools—Rachel Howell, H. H. Williams

Temperance—Thomas Maylone, C. H. Newkirk.

Education—R. F. Carroll, C. A. Fowler.

Woman's Work—L. F. Maynard, Kate Moore.

Resolutions—E. T. Lincoln.

Orphan's Home—T. J. Evans, J. P. Howell.

Obituaries—R. R. Black, W. H. Tipton.

Adjourned to 7.30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by J. W. Cunningham.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Moderator Sharp in the chair. Meeting opened by singing.

Moved by K. Dungan that M. D. Bowers, of Pocahontas, preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock.

J. A. Wheatly preached on "Shifting Responsibilities."

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened with prayer by Eld. E. Lincoln.

Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is one of the great factors for promoting the church work, and we recommend that all of our sister churches that have not at present a Sunday School in connection with their church work, organize one at as early a date as possible.

We also recommend and believe it to be the Christian duty of heads of families and parents to attend our Sunday Schools and take such interest in them as their ability will enable them to do. Great care should be exercised in the selection of officers and teachers. As far as possible those those should be selected that are known to be advocates of the work.

We recommend the Bible and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

We would recommend that the schools secure a Sunday School Library as we look upon that as an important branch of the school.

RACHEL HOWELL,

H. H. WILLIAMS.

A number of the brethren made enthusiastic speeches in behalf of Sunday School work.

Moved that the report be re-committed for the purpose of adding further statistics.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock p. m.

M. D. Bowers preached at eleven o'clock on Missions.

Collections taken for Eld. A. Conner, an aged minister, to the amount of \$21.50.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Opened by singing "Standing on the Promises." J. B. Gibbs led in prayer.

C. H. Newkirk read the report on Temperance.

Moved that the report be adopted.

Moved by H. H. Williams that the resolutions against tobacco be separated from those against whiskey.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

R. F. Carroll preached on "Decision."

MONDAY MORNING.

Called to order by singing.

Prayer by E. T. Lincoln.

Moved that the 11 o'clock sermon be dispensed with. Carried.

H. H. Williams submitted the Sunday School statistics which will be found in the last part of this journal. Former report with this addition adopted.

Motion to divide the report on Temperance withdrawn on condition that the report be modified to the objections.

Following is the modified report:

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to state:

Knowing the evil effects of intemperance, the many men who are going down to a drunkard's grave every year by the use of strong drink, knowing the narcotic influence it has on man's anatomy; how it coils its blighting arms around men and women through its sparkling appearance and supposed stimulating effect on the physiological being, we ask the messengers of the different churches to go back to their respective fields of labor and revive the temperance work through their prayers, work and money, that we may show a greater work for God and lost manhood throughout our associational bounds the coming year than we have in the past.

Whiskey is often prescribed as a medicine to many who first find the appetite kindled by temperate use, which has grown into a habit

uncontrollable which finally sinks the subject in ruin and shame, his influence lost, his soul crisped and barred from eternal glory.

We, your committee, deny the beneficial effects claimed as a medicine. According to the statistics the mortality of the drunkard's offspring is much greater than those of temperate or total abstainers. Most children of drunken parents die in infancy, or are idiots, or have physiological deformities which mark them for life. For their children to obtain a high life morally, socially and spiritually, the cross is much greater than those who have healthy and temperate parents. The child of temperate and moral parents is usually an honor to them, as well as the community in which they live. While the different life insurance societies make ten to twenty years' difference in the longevity of drunkards and temperate men, Christ makes it an eternal separation. We therefore recommend the Baptists throughout this association to totally abstain from the use of alcoholic stimulants in all its forms, also we recommend that we, as a Christian people, teach the rising generation to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms and the total abstinence from the opium and morphine habits. Now, in the name of God and high heaven, please teach prohibition to your children, for there is no good on earth in any alcoholic drinks or tobacco usage. The only way for us to reach a higher standard in life is to teach the rising generation the evil effects of all intemperance so the world will be benefitted by their coming into it. Then we, as Baptists, should live and teach a temperate life and vote against license.

We recommend at least one sermon on temperance in each church by the pastor and one by the district missionary to all the churches he may visit in this association during this associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MAYLONE,
C. H. NEWKIRK, M. D.

Adopted.

Letter from Union No. 2. presented and read.

D. Blackburn read the report on district missions which was adopted.

Report on State Missions read.

STATE MISSIONS.

We recommend that the churches of this association co-operate with the General Association of the state in all of its mission work and we pledge ourselves to assist by our prayers and our means to support its work. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist to all our brethren as being sound in the faith and merits our support.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. DUNGAN,
D. BLACKBURN.

Adopted.

J. W. Cunningham read the report on Home Missions which was adopted.

D. Blackburn read the following report:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our watchword should be "the world for Christ". We feel that we have done a great work this year. There has been about 1400 baptisms the past year. We recommend that all our churches put their shoulder to the wheel and the word of the Lord will soon reach the uttermost parts of the earth.

HENRY GOWINS,
J. B. SMITH.

Adopted.

Kirby Foster read the report on Publications.

PUBLICATIONS.

Our land is flooded with literature, and much of it of a doubtful kind. The forces of evil are giving liberally to the world sheet upon sheet of printed matter that corrupts the hearts of youths and fills their minds with fancies that lead them to seek the most debased in life. We realize the importance of placing in their hands books and periodicals that will lift them to the highest level of manhood and Christian usefulness. Our characters are determined by the company we keep and the books we read. Says Horace Mann, "Good books are to the young mind what the warming sun and refreshing rain of spring are to the seeds which have lain dormant in the frosts of winter". In books we converse with the greatest minds of all ages, and they will either lead us upward or downward with a rapidity that our developing natures cannot withstand. Then as a body and as individuals let us strive to aid the circulation of papers and books of the highest character. To this end let us, as Baptists, endorse in every way our Baptist publishing houses.

We recommend that each Baptist in the association subscribe for at least one of the Baptist papers published at Little Rock, according to his choice. We endorse the Sunday School literature of the American Baptist Publication Society.

KIRBY FOSTER, Chairman.

J. B. Lafferty moved a reconsideration of the report on Home Missions.

Moved that the report be re-read.

Report rejected as it endorsed the Home Mission Board.

C. H. Newkirk moved a re-consideration of the report on District Missions. Motion lost.

M. D. Bowers led in earnest prayer in behalf of unity in the work among Baptists.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by C. A. Fowler.

Conversions at Union.....	5
" " " Landmark.....	31
Total.....	36
Miles traveled.....	330
Visits made at Union.....	30
" " " Landmark.....	40
Total.....	70

✓ D. Blackburn read the report of the District Mission Board. Approved.

J. W. Cunningham made his report of missionary work done.

R. R. Black read the report on Obituaries.

OBITUARIES.

We find that the death angel has visited us and taken from us some of our beloved brothers and sisters, to-wit: Reyno church, 1; Landmark, 2; Mt. Pleasant, West, 2; Corning, 1; New Hope, 1; Shiloh, 1; Union No. 2, 2; Union No. 1, 1.

R. R. BLACK,
W. H. TIPTON.

Adopted.

Finance Committee made its report which is included in the statistical table.

Datto church was selected as the place of the next meeting.

Volunteers to sister associations: Cane Creek, C. H. Newkirk; State Line, J. N. Belk.

The members of the District Mission Board tendered their resignation as members of that board. Resignation accepted. H. H. Williams, C. W. Lewis and J. M. Hurst were elected members of the new board.

Kirby Foster was selected to preach the next introductory sermon.

Adjourned until after night services.

Kirby Foster led in prayer.

MONDAY EVENING.

R. F. Carroll preached at 7:30 on "The Good Shepherd". Minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF J. W. CUNNINGHAM.

WORK AT MOARK.

Days labored.....	6
Sermons preached.....	6
Conversions.....	9
Baptisms.....	7
Relation.....	1
Miles traveled.....	62
Religious visits.....	18
Amount received.....	\$9 00

REPORT OF O. H. L. CUNNINGHAM.

WORK AT CURRENT VIEW.

Days labored.....	12
Sermons preached.....	24
Conversions.....	3
Received by baptism.....	3
Received by letter.....	1
Miles traveled.....	44
Religious visits.....	24
Amount received from board.....	\$10 00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge	A. Conner, Palatka
J. W. Cunningham, Pitman	C. A. Fowler, Supply
Matthew Gibson, Vartices, Mo.	D. A. Lemmons, Boydsville
D. H. Sharp, Pitman	Joseph Taylor, Reyno
W. A. Vandiver, Walnut Ridge	T. J. Watson, Thurman

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Time of Meeting	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	PASTORS	Contributions			Other Purposes	Total	Increase			Decrease			Membership Last Year	Membership This Year
					For Minutes	For Missions	Pastor's Salary			By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death		
New Hope	4	W A Bland	Reyno	R F Carroll	\$ 12 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 23 00	\$ 98 00	16	8	4	21	5	1	166	158
Corning		S Bishop	Corning	J N Robertson	1 45	11 22	94 71	78 09	182 42	9			1	10	1	134	131
Reyno	1-3	Edna Jones	Reyno	R F Carroll	2 00	50 96	95 00	41 08	198 04	2	3		7	9	1	113	107
Mt. Pleasant (west)	1-2	Kirby Foster	Pittman	D H Sharp	1 65	10 00	40 00	8 40	60 05				11	8	2	112	91
Landmark		H H Williams	Moark	E T Lincoln	2 00	5 00	60 00	15 07	82 07	26	3	1			2	44	72
Union No. 2		M L Houston	Walnut Ridge	W F Bridges	1 00					2	1	1	2	4	2	50	46
Datto	1	W A Gowen	Datto	J A Wheatley	1 00	2 50	45 00	11 02	59 52	10	2	1					24
Union No. 1	4	R A Hawthorne	success	J W Cunningham	1 00	8 56	60 00	1 71	70 27	3	6		3	4	1	28	29
Shiloh	2	O H Newkirk	Thurman	M D Bowers	1 25	10 81	100 00	53 67	176 73	2		1	3	1	1	29	27
Black River	2	F N Lemmons	Boydsville	D A Lemmons	50	3 00	40 35	2 60	46 45	1				7		23	23
Mt. Pleasant (east)	3	R R Black	Palatka	A Conner	1 00					1		2	2			20	21
Totals					\$14 75	\$115 05	\$502 06	\$234 64	\$953 55	72	23	10	50	48	11	719	739

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Moved by S. K. Dungan that we adjourn to meet with Datto church, Clay county, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1903.

D. H. SHARP, Moderator

KIRBY FOSTER, Clerk.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Mt. Pleasant, East—Robert Black, G. B. Lafferty.

Datto—H. W. Gowin, W. H. Deaton, John Henderson.

Shiloh—J. B. Smith, C. H. Newkirk, W. T. Griffith.

Reyno—D. Blackburn, Wm. Tipton.

New Hope—W. A. Bland, Tom Maylone.

Union, Clay Co.—J. B. Gibbs, R. A. Hawthorne.

Union No. 2.—J. H. Friar.

Black River—J. A. Casteel.

Corning—T. J. Evans.

Mt. Pleasant, West—J. W. Cunningham, J. N. Belk, Kirby Foster.

NOTE—The above list is incorrect from the fact that the clerk was left to his own resources to obtain the names of messengers.

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We find that the following churches report Sunday Schools in connection with their church work:

Churches	Pupils	Teachers	Ex'nses	Kind of Literature	Rep'ts
New Hope.....	75	6	\$ 5 00	American Baptist
Corning	43	5	43 11	American Baptist	4
Mt. Pleasant, West.	40	3	5 00	American Baptist
Landmark	50	4	7 57	American Baptist	11
Reyno	54	4	8 68	American Baptist
Shiloh				American Baptist

REPORT OF DISTRICT MISSION BOARD.

On hand last association	\$11 00
Collected by R. F. Carroll.....	64 91
Collected by J. W. Cunningham.....	5 50
Collected at fifth Sunday meeting	1 45
Total.....	\$82 86
Paid R. F. Carroll for missionary labor.....	\$37 50
Paid R. F. Carroll for collecting	11 00
Paid O. H. L. Cunningham.....	10 00
Paid J. W. Cunningham	9 00
Total.....	\$67 50
Balance	\$15 35