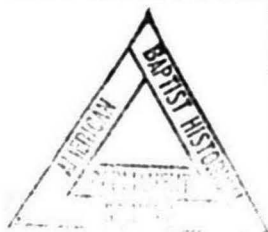


MINUTES



OF THE

Tenth Annual Session

OF THE

United Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Sardis Church,

Conway County, Arkansas, September 18th, '84.

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PROCEEDINGS.

SARDIS CHURCH, CONWAY CO., ARK., September, 1884.

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

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. K. Braudaway, from Matt. 5:16, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Letters from the churches were called for. Brethren B. R. Womack and A. B. Ledbetter were appointed reading clerks. Letters were read and messengers' names enrolled.

The regular order of business was suspended, and petitionary letters were called for. None were presented.

An election was held for officers, resulting in the re-election of J. K. Braudaway, Moderator; J. A. Johnson, re-elected Clerk; and G. L. Wright, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed R. T. Parks, G. L. Wright, W. L. Crawford and the deacons of Sardis church, a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Adjourned till 4 p. m. Prayer led by Brother Mayall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met at 4 o'clock p. m. After devotional exercises, visiting brethren were invited to seats. Brethren E. Sosebee and B. T. Hardin, from the Greenbrier Association, responded, and were welcomed to seats in the body. Also, Brother B. R. Womack, editor of the Evangel, and Brother E. D. Landers, of the Russellville Association.

On motion, the roll was called and names corrected.

A committee on Order of Business was appointed, consisting of J. A. Johnson, W. P. Melton, A. B. Ledbetter and E. Sosebee.

On Home Missions—G. L. Wright, F. M. Caperton and E. A. Woolverton.

On Foreign Missions—J. Mayall, W. L. Crawford and E. C. Thornton.

On Sabbath Schools—M. G. Brewer, James Mahan and James Gildewell.

On Ministerial Education—B. F. Barnes, R. T. Parks and Joseph Costley.

On Publications—W. M. Boone, E. D. Landers and W. F. Winbigham.

On Temperance—W. J. Williams, H. L. Moffit and W. L. Crawford.

On Special Business—J. Mayall, J. A. Johnson and W. P. Melton.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was called for. Read and adopted and committee discharged. See report A. Correspondence was called for. Elder J. H. Parker, of the Russellville Association, responded, and was invited to take a seat with the body. The matter of laying off the Association into districts, was assigned to the Committee on Special Business. Adjourned till 8:00 o'clock next morning.

The stand was occupied at night by Brother Landers.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 8:00 o'clock a. m. and engaged for a short time in devotional exercises, after which reports of committees were called for.

The Committee on Ministerial Education submitted their report. The report was read, and after being discussed by Brethren Womack, Sosebee and Mayall, was adopted. See report B.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Brethren Womack, Sosebee and Mayall, to prepare and offer a resolution declaring this body to be in sympathy with the Educational Board of our State Convention. The committee offered their report, which was adopted. See resolution No. 1.

On motion, adjourned till 3:00 p. m. Prayer led by Brother Nutt.

Brother Womack delivered a very interesting discourse at 11 a. m., upon the subject of Justification.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 3:00 p. m. Prayer led by Brother Woolverton. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was called for, and after being discussed by Brethren Mayall, Johnson and Nutt, it was adopted. See report C.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read. After discussion by Brethren Mayall, Sosebee and Braudaway, the report was adopted. See report D.

Adjourned till 9:00 o'clock next morning. Prayer by Brother Womack.

Preaching at night by Brother Parker, followed by Brother Gillam. Also, at Mr. Williams', four miles off, by Brother Mayall, followed by Brother Nutt.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met on Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Barnes. The call for correspondence was renewed. Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and Elder M. D. Early, of Morrilton, accepted. The report of Committee on Publications was called for. The report was discussed by Brethren Early and Sosebee and re-committed. Brother Early was requested to assist the committee.

Report of Special Committee was called for. Discussed by Brother Mayall and adopted. See report E.

Report of Committee on Publications was called for and re-read. After discussion by Brethren Early, Mayall and others, the report was adopted. See report F.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read. After being discussed by Brethren Mayall and Parker, a motion prevailed to adjourn till 11:00 p. m. Prayer by the Clerk.

The stand was occupied at 11:00 a. m. by Brother Early.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 3:00 p. m. Prayer led by Brother Wright. The report on Sabbath schools was, on motion, adopted. See report G. The Committee on Finance reported, which was adopted. See report H.

On motion, the \$4.00 sent up by the churches for Associational missions, was ordered to be paid over to the Executive Board to meet the expenses of the board for the past year. A collection was also taken up to finish paying our missionary.

The report of the Executive Board was laid on the table, until the report of the missionary was heard. Brother Braudaway, missionary, made his report, which was received and adopted. See report I.

The report of the Executive Board was re-committed, and board requested to retire and prepare their report. The regular order of business was suspended to give Brother Early an opportunity to address the body on education.

The Executive Board again read their report, which was adopted. See report J.

On motion by Brother Braudaway, the subject of Associational Missions was taken up. In response to an appeal made by him, the following brethren pledged \$25.00 each for the support of a missionary: J. K. Braudaway, T. Nutt, E. A. Woolverton, E. C. Thornton, G. L. Wright, W. J. Williams, J. Mayall, J. M. W. Massengill, William Hawkins. The following pledged \$12.50: D. B. Norwood, Parks and Ledbetter. Total amount, \$250. before the body adjourned the board employed Elder E. Sosebee to take the field as Missionary.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was heard and adopted. See report K.

The Assembly agreed to hold the next session with the church at Mountain View, twenty-five miles north of Morrilton and near Centre Ridge, Conway county, beginning on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1885.

Election of Executive board as follows: G. L. Wright, chairman; D. B. Norwood, E. A. Woolverton, M. Sugg, J. M. W. Massengill, T. Nutt was elected to preach the next introductory sermon; B. M. Stephens, alternate. J. Mayall was elected to preach on missions; J. W. S. Leslie, alternate. Appointed corresponding messengers to the following bodies: State Convention, J. Mayall and T. Nutt; Russellville Association, J. Mayall, J. K. Braudaway and T. Nutt; Greenbrier Association, J. K. Braudaway, J. Mayall, D. B. Norwood, T. Nutt, G. L. Wright.

Minutes were read and adopted. A motion to adjourn to the time and place above mentioned prevailed. A hymn was sung and the parting hand given. Prayer led by Brother E. Thornton.

J. K. BRAUDAWAY, MODERATOR.

J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk.

Elder K. Sosebee preached to a crowded house on Saturday night. Elder M. D. Early preached at 9:00 a. m. Sunday. The mission sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Elder J. Mayall, followed by Brother Early. A collection was taken up for Foreign missions by Brother Early, but the amount was by some means mislaid by the Clerk. The exercises of the day, and of the entire session, were very impressive. Those present will doubtless long remember the deep spiritual feeling, the great unanimity of sentiment, and the social enjoyment of this session.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLVED, That the United Association is in harmony with the Educational Commission appointed by the State Convention last year at Fayetteville, and that we, as a body, pledge our hearty sympathy and recommend to our churches to do all that they can in furthering the interests of the important work that commission has in hand.

2. WHEREAS, We deem the working of our Sunday school Convent to be inefficient, therefore,

RESOLVED, First—That the churches of this body be requested to send their pastors and two of their most efficient members to a Convention to be held on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in March next, at Pleasant Spring meeting-house, for the purpose of perfecting a more permanent organization, and to devise the best means for carrying on Sunday school work.

RESOLVED, Second—That Elder T. Nutt preach the commencement sermon; Elder J. Mayall, alternate.

3. RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the members of Sardis church, and the citizens of this vicinity, for their hospitable kindness shown to us during the present session. T. Nutt.

4. RESOLVED, that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he retain \$7.00 for his services.

E. A. WOOLBERTON

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT B.—Your committee report that no more important subject can come before this body. Baptists have always been friends to education, but the time has come when every consideration makes it doubly necessary for them to give to the subject of ministerial education the closest attention. The minister should be able, in all cases, to lead his people. By appointment of God, he is a teacher; he must therefore be able to teach. It is the duty of churches and older ministers to urge young ministers to get an education, in whole or in part; and if providence has denied them the means of educating themselves, the churches ought to help them. Young ministers do not know the importance it is to be educated. They should, therefore, be urged to go to school. They should attend common schools, high schools, academies, colleges, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky. we recommend that the churches of this Association look out the young men among them and encourage them to go to school. Submitted.

B. F. BARNES.
R. T. PARKS.
JOSEPH COSTLEY.

REPORT C—Your Committee on Foreign Missions report that we would heartily recommend this work to the baptists of this Association as one assigned to them by the master. He made them executors of his will, and, as faithful servants, they must do all they can to preach the gospel to every creature. The command is still in force, and binding on every follower of Christ. The cry comes up from many lands, "Come over and help us." Cries come from Africa, China, Italy, and many other places; and while the denomination to which we belong has missionaries in these nations, our board, whose duty it is to look after these wants and supply them, can not do so unless the means are furnished by the churches. We therefore urge all of our churches to do all they can to forward this work. As many of our churches have responded nobly the past year, we feel greatly encouraged, and pray God to continue to incline our hearts to execute his will by pushing forward this important work.

Submitted.

J. MAYALL.
E. C. THORNTON. } Com.
W. L. CRAWFORD.

REPORT D—

Your Committee on Associational Missions report that we regard this work of Home missions as one of vital importance, both to our churches and the cause generally. We recommend, therefore, that this Association immediately put at least one minister in the field, and also make prompt arrangements for his support. We furthermore recommend that we heartily co-operate with our State Convention. Submitted.

G. L. WRIGHT.
F. M. CAPERTON. } Com.
E. A. WOOLVERTON.

REPORT E—Your Committee on Districts report: First district—Cedar Creek, Gravel Hill, Lone Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Spring, Sunny Side. Total, 7. Second district—Antioch, Mountain View, Mt. Moriah, Sardis, Smyrna, Union Hill, Valley Home. Total, 7. Third district—Canaan, DeSoto, Witt's Spring, Pee Dee. Total, 4.

Submitted.

J. MAYALL.
J. A. JOHNSON. } Com.
W. P. MELTON.

REPORT F—Your Committee on Publications report that it is vastly important to all our churches in every Association, and to every minister in the state of Arkansas, to take and read and encourage and support our State paper, the Arkansas Evangel. It is sound in every department, active, and fully alive to all our denominational enterprises. We thank God that in his providence we have such a paper. We most heartily recommend it to all our people. For Sunday schools, we recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; and Kind Words and Child's Gem, by Elder S. Boykin, Macon, Ga.

Submitted.

W. M. BOONE.
E. D. LANDEZ. } Com.
W. F. WINNINGHAM.

REPORT G—Your Committee report as follows: we recommend the churches to avoid Union Sabbath schools and teach alone the pure doctrine of the Bible. There is a great and noble work to be done in the Sabbath school, and our advice is for each and every one of our churches to work with all their power to build up and maintain schools in their midst.

Submitted.

M. G. BREWER.
JAS. NAHAN. } Com.
J. GLIDEWELL.

REPORT H—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report. Amount received for printing, \$16.93; for Home Missions, \$4. Total, \$20.95.

Submitted.

G. L. WRIGHT.
F. M. CAPERTON. } Com.
JAS. GLIDEWELL.

REPORT I—Your missionary reports: Have labored five days at \$2.00 per day, \$10.00.

Submitted.

J. K. BRAUDAWAY, missionary

REPORT J—we, your Executive Board, report that on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in September last, we employed Elder J. K. Braudaway to take the field for one month at \$2.00 per day, as missionary, to be paid in the fall of this year. we collected and paid him \$9.25 for his services. Submitted.

G. L. WRIGHT, Chairman

REPORT K—we, your Committee on Temperance, report that we are thankful for the victories achieved in the temperance work throughout the State. we, as Baptists, should put ourselves on record as firm advocates of the temperance cause, inasmuch as the scriptures teach that drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. we would advise our members to totally abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. CRAWFORD.
H. L. MOFFIT. } Com.
W. J. WILLIAMS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. D. Braudaway, Rondo; J. C. Drake, Scotland; R. B. Edwards, Scotland; G. Ford, Plummerville; W. A. Hutto, Bee Branch; William Johnson, Clinton; J. Johnson, Houston; J. W. S. Leslie, Marshall; J. Mayall, Lick Mountain; T. S. Rondo; James Reed, Centre Ridge; W. W. Reed, Centre Ridge; B. M. Stephens, Springfield; J. M. Wood, Bee Branch.

LICENTIATES.

Edwards, Bee Branch; D. H. Honeycutt, Auther; William Ward, Marsh

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	CLERKS.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total.	Minutes.	Home Mis.	Days.
Antioch.....	Van Buren.....	M Sugg.....	T Nutt.....	Scotland.....	T Nutt, J Cosley, F Barnes.....	5	1					62	2.50		
Canaan.....	Searcy.....	A B Ledbetter.....	J W S Leslie.....	Marshall.....	R T Parks, A B Ledbetter.....	8	5	7	1			51	1.50		3rd
Cedar Creek.....	Conway.....			Springfield.....								34			
De Soto.....	Searcy.....	W S Moore.....	J W S Leslie.....	Marshall.....		4	4	4				13	1.00	3.00	1st
Gravel Hill.....	Conway.....	W P Melton.....	W W Reed.....	Lick Mountain.....	W P Melton.....	1	8	1				8	.30		
Lone Grove.....	Conway.....	J H Ridling.....	J H Brandaway.....	Antler.....	J H Ridling.....	6	8	2	1	1	1	18	1.10		1st
Mt Pleasant.....	Conway.....	A H Wilson.....	J Mayall.....	Plummer.....	F M Caperton, J A Johnson.....		4		2	2	1	31	.50		3rd
Mountain View.....	Conway.....	E A Wolverton.....	T Nutt.....	Centre Ridge.....	J R Dockins, W L E A Wolverton.....		1	2				36	1.10		
Mt Moriah.....	Van Buren.....	R F Leslie.....	H Russell.....	Bee Branch.....		16	20	7	3			70	1.50		1st
Pee Dee.....				Clinton.....								21			
Pleasant Hill.....	Conway.....	T W Scroggins.....	W W Reed.....	Centre Ridge.....	James Mahan.....	1	1	1				17	.50		
Pleasant Springs.....	"	J D Wright.....	J H Brandaway.....	Springfield.....	G L Wright.....	6	5	3			1	44	2.50	1.00	4th
Sardis.....	"	J M W Masengill.....	"	Old Hickory.....	W L Moffit, J Gildwell, W J Williams.....	2	9	3				45	2.00		3rd
Sunny Side.....	"	W J Sims.....	J Mayall.....	Lick Mountain.....	J Myall.....		1					12	1.00		4th
Smyrna.....	"	J W Todd.....	T Nutt.....	Rondo.....	W L Crawford, J H Brandaway.....	6	8					32	1.00		1st
Union Hill.....	"	A R Robinson.....	W W Reed.....	Centre Ridge.....	M G Brewer, M F Finningham.....		1					19	.55		
Valley Home.....	Van Buren.....			"	William Boone.....	1	5				1	21	.50		
Witt's Spring.....	Searcy.....			Marshall.....								40			
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