

not allowed to hold a meeting

PROCEEDINGS OF

MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION OF

BAPTIST CHURCHES

No meeting in 1918 on account of flu (epidemic) were not allowed to hold meeting.

SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

BAPTIST CHURCH, RONDO, ARK.

SEPTEMBER 7TH TO 9TH, 1919

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH CLARENDON BAPTIST
CHURCH, CLARENDON, ARKANSAS, TUESDAY
EVENING AT 7:30, AFTER THE FIRST
LORD'S DAY IN OCTOBER, 1920

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR	-	-	LON SLAUGHTER, Palestine
CLERK	-	-	C. F. THOMPSON, Marvell
TREASURER	-	-	J. L. TURNER, Cypert

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OTTO MATHIS	J. W. SIMS	H. BICKERSTAFF
W. F. KING	G. H. VINEYARD	

TRUSTEES OF THE FOREST CHAPEL FUND

LON SLAUGHTER	-	J. T. SANDERS
		G. R. ROBUCK

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Mount Vernon Baptist Association met in the Sixty-third annual Session with the Rondo and Rehobeth Baptist Churches, October 7th, 1919. The Moderator, Lon Slaughter, called the body to order. Otto Mathis preached the Introductory Sermon, Subject: "Secret Discipleship," John 19. J. L. Turner and G. H. Vineyard read letters from the following Churches, Clarendon, Brinkley, Forrest City, Haynes, Marianna, Marvel, La Grange, Caldwell, Colt, Rondo, Rehobeth, Moro, Trenton, West Helena, Philadelphia, Salem, Palestine, Tip, Alpha, Bethlehem, Riverside, Corinth.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The name of Lon Slaughter was placed in nomination for Moderator, rules suspended and G. H. Vineyard cast the ballot for Brother Slaughter. J. L. Turner, re-elected as Treasurer and C. F. Thompson elected Clerk. Association adjourned until Wednesday morning 9 a. m.

VISITORS

A cordial welcome was extended to the following visiting brethren: A. J. Smith, Little Rock; J. L. Brown, Walnut Grove, Ark.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

The body was called to order by Moderator. Otto Mathis conducted Devotional Exercises, using song, "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

The following committees were appointed

FINANCE—J. L. Turner, W. O. Hopkins, W. L. Howard

Nominations: J. H. Vineyard, W. F. King, Ed Welch, H. Bickerstaff, S. A. Hallum.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld. Plemons, Otto Mathis, S. D. Sawyer, Fred Mixon, N. A. Chadwick, J. M. Dooley.

STATE MISSIONS—J. L. Brown, Lou Porter, J. J. King, W. M. Parrish, C. L. Langston.

WOMAN'S WORK—J. L. Brown, Miss Ruth Garner, Mrs. Lee Foster, Mrs. Walter Rich, Mrs. Hugh, S. D. Sawyer.

EDUCATION—Elder Hammons, S. D. Sawyer, W. F. King, W. L. Howard.

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS—J. W. Sims, G. H. Vineyard, T. W. Gillum, J. B. Lowe, H. Bickerstaff.

ORPHAN'S HOME—J. W. Sims, J. L. Turner, Otto Mathis, J. B. Lowe, S. A. Hallum, J. M. Dooley.

HOME MISSIONS—J. R. G. White, Otto Mathis, C. Langston, N. A. Chadwick.

WEDNESDAY, 11 A. M.

Sermon by J. R. G. White, Subject: "Cooperation," St. John, 1-2, chapters.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 2 p. m.

The body called to order by Moderator after Devotional Exercises.

TREASURERS REPORT

Read by J. L. Turner and adopted as follows:

Rondo, Arkansas, October 8, 1919

To the Mount Vernon Association, your Treasurer reports as follows:

October 8, 1917, By Balance due Association.....	\$ 1.01
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected on Association Missions....	462.12
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected on Minutes.....	61.30
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected on State Missions.....	5.00
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected on Association Missions on Forest Chapel Fund.....	25.00
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected on Foreign Missions.....	9.00
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected for Old Home, Texarkana....	57.54
October 12, 1917, By Cash collected for Old Home, Monticello....	14.35
October 12, 1917, By Cash Collected for Minister Education.....	3.50
October 12, 1917, To Cash to J. W. Sims, O Home.....	29.10
October 15 1917, By Cash from Riverside Church.....	11.00
October 17, 1917, To Cash, Bank of Marvell, (On Note, \$500.00 Interest \$25.67)	\$525.67
November 1, 1917, By Cash from Forrest City on Missions.....	\$100.00
November 1, 1917, By Cash from Liberty Church on Minister and Clerk	\$1.00
October 10, 1917, To Bank of Marvell to G. E. Holt.....	\$66.59
November 5, 1917, To Bank of Marvell to J. W. Sims on Old Home, Lexa	\$28.44
November 14, 1917, By Cash from Helena Church.....	\$25.00
November 29, 1917, By Cash from Marianna Church.....	\$50.00
Nov. 29, 1917, To cash, Marianna Church for G. E. Holt, \$50.00	
Dec. 12, 1917, To Bank of Marvell, G. E. Holt,	\$40.00
July 5, 1918, To Bank of Marvell, G. E. Holt,	\$30.33
July 25, 1918, To Bank of Marvell, J. W. Porter,	\$58.10
February 28, 1918, By Cash from same persons.....	\$15.00
March 14, 1918, By Cash from W. W. Moore.....	\$5.00
April 5, 1918 ,By Cash from Liberty Church.....	\$3.10

October 5, 1918, To Bank of Marvell to Ouachita College, Minister Education.....	\$3.50	
October 5, 1918, To Bank of Marvell to Monticello O Home	\$14.35	
October 5, 1918, To Bank of Marvell, Foreign Missions.	\$.90	
October 5, 1918, To Bank of Marvell, State Missions..	\$.50	
	\$860.08	884.92
October 8, 1918, To Balance due Treasurer.....	\$11.16	
October 9, 1918, By Cash, Interest on Note, J. T. Sanders.....	\$28.86	
October 9, 1918, By Cash, Pledge Philadelphia Church at Hunter...	\$10.00	
October 12, 1918, By Cash from Marvell Church on Foreign Missions..	\$7.50	
October 12, 1918, By Cash from Marvell Church on Ministerial Education	\$8.00	
October 14, 1918, By Cash from Ladies Marvell Church on Foreign Missions, C. W. W.	\$5.00	
October 14, 1918, By Cash from Ladies Marvell Church, Ministers Education	\$5.00	
November 2, 1918, To Bank of Marvell, C. C. Winters.....	\$12.50	
October 6, 1918, J. S. Rodgers, Ministerial Education...	\$13.00	
May 7, 1918, By Cash from Brinkley Church Assqeciation Miss.....	\$5.00	
To Balance,	\$32.70	
	\$69.36	\$69.36

October 8, 1919, By Balance Due Association.....\$32.70

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

was read by J. W. Sims and discussed by J. W. Sims, Otto Mathis and Fred Mixon and adopted as follows;

In as much as Baptists must be Missionary in Spirit if they be any thing, and in as much as we have done nothing in this association for the past year and the call all over this association is great even greater than ever before, we, your committee, recommend that this association lay greater stress upon this question if possible than ever before and let's as one man lay aside every weight that doth hinder us and use every effort cooperate and contribute both of our means and our service, to do more this incoming year than ever before. We further recommend that the Executive Committee be instructed to employ at least one capable man to put in full time in this Association for the coming year, paid Missionary to be employed and put to work as soon as possible.

G. H. VINYARD

T. W. GILLUM

J. W. SIMS

J. B. LOWE

H. BICKERSTAFF

OTTO MATHIS

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is one of the important departments of our Christian work. The great commission is just as urgent that we teach as preach, in fact there can be no lasting developement unless our members are taught to observe all things commanded by our Lord. The future of our denomination depends largely on our leaders and the best leaders are made by a Christian Education as a matter of fact we must look to our Denominational Schools for future leaders in Christian work.

The State School will not develop Christian ministers or leaders. The atmosphere of the State School is not congenial to best Christian character.

There are many ways to aid Christian Education, we can send our children to our Baptist Colleges and give our money to support them, in this way we can make them a power for good in Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

ELD. W. L. HAMMOCK

FIRD KING

S. D. SAWYER

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Was read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, as members of the executive board, the following Bros. J. W. Sims, H. Bickerstaff, W. F. King, Otto Mathis and G. H. Vinyard

And as Trustees of the Forest Chapel Fund, Lon Slaughter, J. T. Sanders and G. R. Rebuck.

We recommend that the committee be empowered to set the time and place of the meeting for the Association for the year 1920 and submit the following applications;

Clarendon, Ark., Tuesday evening, 7:30 p. m. before the Second Sunday in October 1920. We further recommend that Eld. C. L. Hammock preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Otto Mathis as alternate.

G. H. VINEYARD

W. F. KING

ED WELCH

H. BICKERSTAFF

S. A. HALLUM

NIGHT SESSION

8 p. m. Song No 88. Preaching by O. J. Smith, Little Rock, from Lamentations.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

Was read and adopted. Discussed by J. W. Sims, after which Bro. Sims took a cash collection amounting to \$68.85. Adjourned until Thursday 9 a. m.

ORPHAN HOME REPORT

We, your committee on Orphans Home, make the following report: We have a nice home for the children in Texarkana, Ark., all well built and fairly well cared for. We have purchased in connection with the home 140 acres of land, 75 in cultivation. The children all attend school who are old enough and some have finished the Public School and are now in High School. One or two have finished High School and have good positions in some of the best stores in Texarkana. The home is not as well furnished and equipped as it ought to be and as the children deserve all for the lack of means, we have a good crop of corn which will make five or six hundred bushel. The cotton on account of a poor stand will not make over two or three bales. We made a real good crop of hay, Irish and Sweet Potatoes and many vegetables. We have five or six good hogs to kill, also one or two fine brood sows, and five or six head of cattle. There are in the home about thirty, depending on the Baptist for clothing, food and spiritual care. One of the main purposes of the church is to care for and look after the orphans and widows, and to a large extent our churches are negligent of their duty. All children in the home who are old enough have made a profession of Faith in Christ, and united with the Baptist church, for which we ought to be grateful. We are very deeply in debt, more so than we have been in the existence of the home. We now owe the merchants and banks twenty-five hundred dollars for the running expenses of the home. Brethren, it must be paid by Christmas. We owe on the farm, seventy-four hundred dollars, thirty-four of this is due December 1, 1919. I paid the interest on that \$3400.00 in August, but the principal must be paid in December. What can we do about this? We recommend that the messengers talk this at your home church and get every church in this Association to contribute as liberally as possible in the next sixty days, and that we now take a collection. The Baptists also have a home in Monticello, but I am not informed as to their needs.

J. W. SIMS
J. L. TURNEH
J. B. LOWE
S. A. HALLUM
J. M. DOOLEY

MORNING SESSION

Thursday, 9 a. m. The body called to order by Moderator. Song No. 88. Devotional Exercises by S. D. Sawyer.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

This report was read by Otto Mathis and ably discussed by Otto Mathis and S. D. Sawyer. Report adopted as read.

The work of our Southern Baptists through the Foreign Missions Board at Richmond, Va., includes the following fields: North China and Italy, with approximately 325 Missionaries and 825 Native workers. There are eight Missionaries of the State Association with the war over and the watchwords for the Millions for the Master and calling out the called; on the hearts of the Baptist hosts. We recommend that our brethren of Mount Vernon Association join hands and heart for consecration at home and Salvation unto the ends of the earth.

OTTO MATHIS
S. D. SAWYER
FRED MIXON
N. A. CHADWICK
J. M. DOOLEY

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

Was read by J. L. Brown, and adopted as follows: No church should call itself a Missionary Baptist church unless it seeks to do Missionary work in places of destitution. As there are many points of destitution throughout our state, we recommend the churches to do all in their power to reach and cultivate those points. As the State Association of Baptist churches are doing what they can to carry out State Mission Work, we therefore recommend the Churches of this Association to aid them in their work. We further recommend that this Association elect a Mission Committee through which we can cooperate with the State Association in our own local points of destitution.

J. L. BROWN
J. J. KING
C. L. LANGSTON
W. N. PARRISH

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that this body extend to the Baptist churches of Rondo and Roboth and the communities in which these churches are located, its thanks and appreciation of the Hospitable manner in which they have entertained and cared for the Messengers and visitors of this Association.

S. D. SAWYER

TEMPERANCE REPORT

Read by W. F. King, and discussed by W. F. King, S. D. Sawyer, Lon Slaughter, J. L. Brown and Fred Mixon. Report adopted as follows: I am glad to report that since our last report on Temperance, we have war-time prohibition by our National Government now and have had for some time, and that we will have National Prohibition early next year, made possible by the ratification of the constitutional amendment submitted by our government by nearly every state in the union, while we have or will have shortly, prohibition by both state and national government. We realize that the struggle is not over and we urge our Baptist membership all over Mount Vernon Association to strive to create a strong public sentiment for the strict enforcement of our prohibition laws, and that we condemn in strong terms the different substitutes that are being used.

W. F. KING (for Committee)

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

Read by J. L. Brown and ably discussed by J. L. Brown, S. D. Sawyer, Fred Mixon, Lon Slaughter and others. Report adopted as follows: Beg leave to submit the following report: Baptist as a denomination has always granted to women all the rights and privileges of male members, except that of public preaching. The state in recognizing and granting to women the right of franchise has only caught up with the practice of Baptists for the last 19 Centuries. Baptist women have not only shared the full privileges of their brethren, but have been fellow helpers with them in Christian work. We are glad to recommend them for their work sake, and recommend that the sisters in each church cooperate in their Aid Societies of Auxiliaries to help the church in every good work and that said Societies send Messengers to the Woman's State Auxiliaries Annual meetings and thereby keep in touch with the other sisters of the state.

J. L. BROWN
MISS RUTH TURNER
MRS. WALTER RICH
MRS. LEE FOSTER
MRS. ——— HUGHES
S. D. SAWYER

Resolved that we urge the Baptists of Mount Vernon Association to cooperate and support the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, Tenn.

W. F. KING

Resolved that we express our most sincere thanks to the members of the Methodist church at Rondo for the use of their house of worship and for their hospitality during the setting of this body.

S. D. SAWYER

Tip church, by her request, was given a letter of dismissal from Mount Vernon Association to join the Stephens Creek Association, and was so ordained.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Collected on Minutes and Clerk.....	\$ 40.75
Association Missions	72.00
State Missions	14.08
Home Missions	10.08
Foreign Missions	6.58
Orphans Home, Texarkana	131.43
Special Collection, Orphans Home, Texarkana.....	67.95

342.77

Respectfully submitted

JOHN L. TURNER

W. L. HOWARD

W. O. HOPKINS

RESOLUTION

In as much as in the report on education did not take up the matter of Literature, be it resolved that we, the messengers, of the Mount Vernon Association recommend that churches throughout this association support and use the Land Mark Sunday School Literature, published by the Land Mark Sunday School Committee at Texarkana, Ark., also that we use our best efforts to support the Baptist Commoner, which we think should go into every Baptist home.

FRED NIXON

A motion by Fred Nixon and seconded by S. D. Sawyer that the chair instruct the executive board to pay Treasure balance due him, and was so ordered.

J. L. Brown preached at 11 a. m. After the sermon the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Thursday, 2 p. m. Acting Moderator, J. W. Sims called the association to order.

Opening song, "What a friend we have in Jesus," Prayer by J. W. Sims

Clerk ordered to read the minutes, which was excepted by the body.

While singing song, "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was extended. The body adjourned to meet with the Clarendon Church the first Tuesday after the first Sunday in October 1920 at 7:30 p. m.

RESOLUTION

....Resolved, that we order the clerk to have three hundred minutes printed and that he be authorized to draw on the treasurer of the association for any amount that the minutes should cost above the amount sent by the association.

Resolved, that we pay clerk fifteen dollars for his service.

MESSINGERS

Clarendon—J. M. Dooly, W. F. King.

Brinkley—By Letter.

West Helena—Otto Mathis, J. W. Porter.

Trenton—A. H. Porter, E. W. Welch, Mrs. Lee Foster.

Colt—Mrs. Ruby Gillsworth, Alice Rich, W. M. Thompson.

La Grange—Mrs. Bobbitt.

Coldwell—Mrs. Mattie Hughes, Miss Ines Sellers.

Marvell—Rev. J. W. Sims, Mrs. J. W. Bean, C. F. Thompson.

Rondo—Mrs. T. J. Holland, B. T. Meadows, T. W. Gilliour.

Palistine—Lou Slaughter.

Philadelphia—S. D. Hallem, D. J. Ramey, D. D. Chatman.

Marianna—C. L. Hommack, Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Mrs. B. W. Reily.

Tip—W. M. Parish, N. A. Chadwick.

Phillips Bayou—By Letter.

Salem—Fred Nixon, J. J. King, J. L. Turner.

Bethlehem—J. A. Rhodes, J. F. Black.

Alp'ia—W. F. Maury.

Forest City—By Letter.

Rehobeth—W. O. Hopkins, W. L. Howard, C. L. Langston.

Moro—H. Brickerstaff, Mrs. Brickerstaff, Mrs. Walter Douglas.

Corinth—By Letter.

Haes—By Letter.

Park Grove—J. W. Night, J. E. Breeding, Arch Lynch.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Membership						Present Membership	Sunday School Att.	Association	Foreign	State	Ministerial Education	Minutes	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Value Church Property
increase			decrease														
Baptism	Letter	Restorat'n	Letter	Death	Exclusion												
11	5	2	3			85	70	\$ 14.00				\$ 2.50		\$ 121.00	\$ 168.68	\$ 306.18	
29	21		8	4		201	150		25.00	\$121.00		2.00	\$ 53.14	1,200.00	497.00	1,899.14	\$ 2,500.00
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