

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

HAYNES BAPTIST CHURCH

LEE COUNTY, ARK.

OCTOBER 5, 6 AND 7, 1920

Next Session Will be Held With
The Salem Church, Tuesday
at 7:30 P. M. After the First
Sunday in October, 1921

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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

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			G. R. ROBUCK

PROCEEDINGS

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association convened with the Haynes Baptist Church in its Sixty-fourth Annual Session at 7:30 P.M., the 5th day of October, 1920, Moderator Lon Slaughter in the chair.

The convention was opened by singing "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," and prayer by J. L. Brown.

Introductory Sermon was preached by J. A. Smith, Little Rock.

S. D. Sawyer and W. H. Hodges were appointed by Moderator to read to the Association the church letters.

Churches represented by letter and by messengers as follows:

Park Grove—J. W. Night, Sam Bredin.

Corrinth—H. B. Scott, C. Morgan, Mattie Hill.

Oak Grove—Mrs. A. L. Wessford, Lila Bickerstaff, W. F. Ligon.

Rehobeth—J. B. Low, Arthur Riddle.

Philadelphia—H. W. Scott, S. D. Sawyer, S. A. Hallum.

Palestine—Lon Slaughter, T. F. Hall.

Bethlehem—W. M. M. Bryant, R. Lofton, J. G. Lofton.

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

Rondo—T. W. Gikum, Mrs. J. T. Holland, W. F. King.

Salem—Fred Mixen, J. L. Turner, A. E. Jarrett.

Colt—Mrs. Amanda Cowan, G. A. Pearson.

Trenton—A. H. Porter, Hugh Smith.

Moro—J. W. Grimes.

Level Valey—B. Crow, Sam Cannon, Mattie Gowan.

Shilo—H. E. Martain, Alf Luker, F. E. Keller.

Holly Grove—Dr. Neal, Kay Hawkins.

Caldwell—Mrs. Mattie Hughes, Mrs. Fannie Devanter, Miss Lillia Brown.

Haynes—G. R. Robuck, P. W. Lang, Lee James.

Marianna—Mrs. J. L. West, J. P. Farror.

Tip—By Letter.

On motion the Clerk cast the ballot of the body for Lon Slaughter as Moderator and G. R. Robuck cast the ballot for C. F. Thompson as Clerk, and J. L. Turner as Treasurer. Adjourned to meet Wednesday 9 a. m. Benediction—J. W. Sims.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

After singing and prayer by S. D. Sawyer the Moderator requested Clerk to announce the following committees:

Divine Service—A. E. Jarrett, Fred Mixon and Deacons of Haynes church.

Finance—J. L. Turner, J. W. Lowe, Sam Holland.

Foreign Missions—W. H. Hodges, A. E. Jarrett, H. W. Scott, R. Lofton.

State Mission—J. L. Brown, Fred Mixon, H. Bickerstaff, J. W. Grimes.

Association—S. D. Sawyer, W. M. Bryant, T. W. Gillum, Hugh Smith.

Home Missions—Eld. L. L. Shoptow, W. P. Neal, A. S. Hallum, P. W. Long, J. W. Knight.

Orphan's Home—Eld. J. W. Sims, Lila Brickerstaff, Mrs. J. W. Bean, Arthur Riddle.

Education—J. A. Smith, Fred Mixon, W. M. Thompson, G. R. Robuck, J. B. Lowe, Sam Breeding.

Womans Work—J. L. Brown, Mrs. A. L. Wilsford, Mrs. J. W. Bean, Miss Mattie Gainer, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. J. W. Sims.

Sunday School—W. F. King, G. R. Robuck, Fred Mixon.

Nominations—T. W. Gillum, S. A. Hallum, H. Bickerstaff, W. M. Thompson, Hugh Smith.

Petitionary letter from the Mt. Zion Baptist church. On motion this church was received as a member of this body.

Visitors recognized—J. A. Smith, Little Rock, Editor and manager Baptist & Commoner; Eld. Appleton, Pine Bluff Association; Elder Barnette, L. L. Shoptow, representing Sheridan Baptist College; W. H. Hodges, Sheridan.

The report on Orphan's Home was made a special order of business after preaching Wednesday night.

Bro. W. H. Hodges read report on Foreign Missions, discussed by Hodges, Sawyer, Brown and other. We now have 21 Foreign Missionaries to China, Persia, Syria and Italy. The outlook for Foreign Missions work is brighter today than for many years, we recommend that the church do all their Foreign Mission work through our general association. C. C. Winters, Treasurer and that we press this work more in the future than in the past Jno. 3: 16, report adopted as read.

Signed by committee, W. H. Hodges, A. E. Jarret, H. W. Scott, R. L. Lofton.

Eld. W. H. Hodges preached at 11 o'clock a fine sermon—adjourned until 2, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Body called to order by Moderator—Song, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus."—Prayer by Elder Shoptow. Report on state missions was taken up.

STATE MISSIONS

No church should call itself a Missionary Baptist Church unless it seeks to do missionary work in place of destitution throughout our state. We recommend the churches of this association to aid them in their work.

This has been a good year in our state work. We have had more missionaries than ever before and a great work has been done. A cash collection was taken amounting to \$111.00

- Respectfully Submitted

J. L. BROWN, for Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read by W. F. King, the report adopted and was discussed by W. F. King, S. D. Sawyer, Fred Mixon, L. L. Shoptow.

We regard the Sunday school as the teaching department, that being true, we urge that utmost care be used in two very particular ways: First in the selecting of Literature. Second in the selection of teachers.

For literature we urge that used by the General Association.

For teachers, too much care cannot be used and above all we urge that teachers in Sunday schools should be well versed in the scriptures and should live in vital union with God for they have a large field to work.

Respectfully Submitted

W. F. KING, FRED MIXON, G. R. ROBUCK

Committee on divine services announced that Bro. S. D. Sawyer would preach at 7:30.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your committee on Education submit the following report: Baptist believe in Education. Ignorance is a great hinderance efficiency in religious work as well as in secular

work. It is necessary to the welfare of all our people that they have trained minds that they maybe intelligent citizens and efficient Christian workers.

The state association of Baptist churches of Arkansas have a college located at Sheridan, Arkansas called the Missionary Baptist College. The school is now in operation in a temporary building furnished by the Baptists of Sheridan. The state association of Baptist churches of Arkansas has thirteen acres of land at Sheridan which will make a beautiful campus. We are raising money now with which to erect a suitable building in which to conduct this school.

We recommend that Mt. Vernon association cooperate with other churches in supporting this school by contributing liberally of their means for building and maintaining this school and that our people send their children here to be educated.

Respectfully Submitted

J. A. SMITH, FRED MIXON,
G. R. ROBUCK, W. M. THOMPSON,
SAM BREEDING, J. B. LOWE.

AFTERNOON SESSION—REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Read by L. L. Shoptow and adopted as read: We your Committee on Home Missions submit the following. We believe that the Missionary Baptist Church to be the only church that has the right to preach the Gospel. We beg that each one of us think seriously and prayerfully as to our duty in the spread of the Gospel throughout the United States.

Thinking of the words of our Lord and Master: "Go Ye" being given to the church, let us not forget that we are a part of the church. We have now in the fields eight missionaries.

Signed by Committee

L. L. SHOPTOW,	W. P. NEAL
S. A. HALLUM,	P. W. LONG,
SAM CANNON,	J. W. NIGHT

NIGHT SERVICE

Opening Song—"Follow On." Prayer by J. L. Brown.
Preaching by Elder S. D. Sawyer.

After the sermon the time was given to J. W. Sims for Orphan's Home report. Report adopted. We your committee

on Orphan's Home make the following report on our home in Texarkana, Ark. We have nice 32 room brick located in suburbs of city on a 10 acre plot of ground. We have 40 bright children in home, all in fairly good condition and all in school who are old enough to attend. We are considerably behind on running expenses. We also owe more than \$5,000.00 on the farm which farm contains 140 acres.

We have splendid crop on farm which rightly used should be abundantly sufficient to run the place another year. We also have 30 acres of cotton which will average in yield with any around us, have gathered 3 bales already. We should be thankful for the home and the many bright eyed little ones that God has entrusted in our hands. We recommend that a cash collection be taken tonight to help the debt on running expenses and pledges to be taken to be paid by January first on the general expenses of the home.

J. W. SIMS for Committee.

Collection and pledges amounting to \$254.00.

Body adjourned to meet 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The destitution in the bounds of Mt. Vernon Association is great. The field is white unto the harvest and pastors are few. We have a number of pastorless churches and we earnestly recommend that this association instruct the executive committee to cooperate and assist pastorless churches in the association. We also recommend that this body now take pledges from cooperating churches to support missionaries during the ensuing year and that churches be urged to send those pledges to the Treasurer at earliest convenience. After discussion by S. D. Sawyer, J. L. Brown, G. R. Robuck and J. W. Sims the report adopted and pledges were called for by Moderator to the amount of \$535.00.

S. D. SAWYER

T. W. GILLUM

W. M. BRYANT

RESOLUTION

That section 4 of the Constitution shall be changed so as to read as follows: Every church shall be entitled to their

representative without regard to the number of their members a certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

ELD. J. W. SIMS.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that this Association extend to the Haynes Baptist Church and community our most sincere thanks for the hospitality shown us during the session of this body.

Respectfully submitted

S. D. SAWYER

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on Finance make the following report:

Collected for Minutes	\$ 46.55
Collected for Associational Missions.....	166.95
Collected for State Missions	40.65
Collected for Home Missions	11.70
Collected for Foreign Missions	16.65
Collected for Orphan's Home	186.79
Ministerial Education	5.00

Total\$474.29

Respectfully submitted

J. L. TURNER

J. B. LOWE

S. A. HALLUM

WOMANS WORK

In truth to you we'll say most women want their way, and most usually they should if it is right and good. One of the best things in this world is a good pure zealous Christian woman.

Where man walk by reason, woman runs by faith; therefore she works and toils where he falters and fails. She was last at the Cross and first at the Grave of Master. She stood by the Cross in the gathering gloom when man had gone away, she stood by the door of the Tomb on the Resurrection day.

She clings today to the crimson cross, she weaves with the Master's loom, she toils regardless of all to drive from the

world its gloom.

Let us give to her work, a word of praise, also a helping hand, as she pushes her work in her own good ways the Master's work in the land.

We recommend the good Sisters in each church where they can do so to have a good live auxiliary that they send each year messengers to the womens meeting at our association where a full report of their work may be given, also that they cooperate with the Ladies Auxiliary of the State Association.

J. L. Brown for Committee.

THURSDAY MORNING

The body called to order by Moderator Eld. Shoptow devotional exdrcise. Services by Bro. J. D. Barnett, which was very instructive.

REPORT ON FINANCE

Oct. 6, 1919 By Balance on hand	\$32.70
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Minutes Clerk	43.00
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Association Missions	90.53
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for State Association Missions	14.08
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Home Missions	13.33
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Foreign Missions	6.58
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Texarkana Orphan's Home	75.58
Oct. 9, 1919 By amount collected for Tekarkana Orphan's Home, special collection	67.85
Oct. 9, 1919 To cash to J. A. Smith on State Mission	\$14.08
Oct. 14 To cash to J. W. Sims on Orphan's Home	143.43
Oct.14, 1919 By cash from Salem Church on Minutes	2.50
Nov. 1, 1919 By cash for Park Grove Church on Missions	9.50

Jan. 15, 1920 To amount Cr. J. A. West	15.89	
March 2 To cash paid C. F. Thompson on Minutes	40.00	
March 15 By cash from Rondo Rondo Auxiliary on Missions		25.00
March 15 By cash from Bro. Lon Slaughter on Car		2.70
March 24 By cash from Trenton Church on Missions		18.00
March 25 By cash from Rehobath Church on Missions by Bro. S. A. Hallum		5.50
March 29 By cash from Salem Church		30.00
March 25 To cash to G. L. Richardson, Missionary	73.00	
May 5 To cash to G. L. Richardson, Missionary	28.27	
Oct. 1 By cash from Trenton Church, Mrs. Lee Foster		7.00
Oct. 4 To balance	72.22	
	\$443.85	\$443.85
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REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your committee submit the following Brethern as members of the Executive Board J. W. Sims, H. Bickerstaff, Fred Mixon, W. M. Thompson and S. A. Hallum; as Treasurer of the Forest Chapel fund, Lon Slaughter, P. W. Long and G. R. Robuck. We recommend that the committee be empowered to set the time and place of the next meeting for the Association for the year 1921 and submit the following application, Salem Baptist Church, Cypert, Ark., Tuesday evening 7:30 P. M. before the second Sunday in October 1921.

We further recommend that Rev. J. W. Sims preach the Introductory Sermon with Rev. S. D. Sawyer as Alternate.

Respectfully submitted

T. W. GILLUM
W. M. THOMPSON
H. BICKERSTAFF
H. G. SMITH
S. A. HALLUM

LADIES MEETING

The ladies of the different auxiliaries represented in the Mt. Vernon Association met and elected as Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Bean; Mrs. Neal Bickerstaff, Secretary; Mrs. Rowland, Treasurer.

The purpose of the meeting was to give in the reports from the different auxiliaries in the Mt. Vernon Association.

Two churches, Oak Grove and Marvel sent letters which are as follows:

Oak Grove Auxiliary

Paid to Orphan's Home, cash	\$12.00
Bible and Tract Fund	2.10
Associations Missions	3.00
State Missions	3.00
Incidental	.90
Church building and repair	50.00

Total,	\$71.00
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Marvel Auxiliary

Paid to Orphan's Home, cash	\$10.00
Value boxes sent Orphan's Home	30.00
Home and Foreign Missions	5.00
Ministerial Education	5.00
State Missions	5.00
Incidental Expenses	40.45

Total	\$95.45
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Members from other auxiliaries who did not send letters made statements as to their work. Several helpful talks were made along the line of auxiliary work. The Haynes church having no auxiliary organized with Mrs. Rogers, Chairman; Mrs. Hughes, Secretary and Treasurer. They agreed to meet once a week until they got started off then Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in each month. No further business. Meeting adjourned.

MRS. NEAL BICKERSTAFF, Secretary

Motion to adjourn carried and after song and the parting hand. The Association adjourned to meet with the Salem church on Tuesday 7:30 P. M. after the first Sunday in October 1921.

Membership

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