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October 5

Minutes

Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association



October 1908

Perryville Church

MINUTES

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Fourche Valley Baptist Association convened with Perryville Baptist Church Oct. the 9th 9 a. m. Former moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by H. N. Hefner.

John L. Hill was elected Moderator Pro tem. Called for statistical letters, and enrolled messengers as follows:

Anitoch—W. L. Taylor, W. A. Rankin and J. W. Person.

Aplin—S. O. Welch, C. A. Black and J. Little.

Cherry Hill—J. W. Bull, A. J. Ussery and B. L. Price.

Casa—D. L. Redditt, C. H. Richards and H. N. Hefner.

Esau—Wm. Ballard, T. J. Nixon and W. E. Hill.

Cove Chapple—A. C. Jones and C. J. Counts.

Fourche Valley—A. B. Miller and T. Lovel.

Houston—W. H. Perry, S. P. May and Walter Harris.

Harmony—B. Smith, and W. A. Marion.

Hawkstone—J. H. Hammons, J. A. Alexander and W. P. Grice.

Mulberry Grove—J. W. Hefner, M. F. Caperton and Ed Johnson.

Mountain Grove—J. M. Neal, J. J. Boyett and R. J. Reynolds.

Mt. Moriah—W. P. Adams and A. D. Smith.

Mt. Zion—Olen West and Ben Carlock.

New Home—C. Harris and J. M. Tidmore.

Perryville—Tom Reynolds and Joe Brazil.

Selected M. F. Caperton and J. W. Hefner, reading clerks.

Went into permanent organization by electing John L. Hill Moderator

and H. N. Hefner Secretary-Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters, received New Home, restored Mt. Moriah Mt. Zion and Cove Chapple.

Invited visiting brethren to seats, Eld. A. McPherson of Greenbriar Association and E. Baldwin of Buckner Association were received.

Appointed as devotional committee M. F. Caperton and J. W. Person, with deacons of Perryville church.

On motion Bro. A. McPherson was elected to preach the introductory as brother Wilcox was not present.

Called for correspondence. J. A. Myers of United Association and H. G. Johnson of Friendship were seated.

Adjourned to meet 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 p. m. Association was called to order, prayer by J. A. Myers.

The following committees were appointed:

FINANCE—H. W. Harris, T. Reynolds and C. A. Black.

SABBATH SCHOOL—A. McPherson J. H. Hammons and M. F. Caperton.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—H. G. Johnson M. F. Caperton and S. O. Welch.

DESTITUTION—C. Harris, W. L. Tarvin and J. W. Person.

OBITUARIES—W. E. Hill, E. Baldwin and W. P. Adams,

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION—J. W. Hefner, J. A. Johnson and C. J. Counts.

LITERATURE—H. G. Johnson, J. A. Johnson and H. W. Harris.

TEMPERANCE—S. O. Welch, J. A. Myers and J. W. Person

ORPHANS HOME—A. McPherson, M. A. Vandalsem and W. C. Palmer.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION—H. W. C. Ainley, A. McPherson and H. N. Hefner.

STATE MISSIONS—W. E. Kimbrough, A. McPherson and H. G. Johnson.

Elected the following as executive board J. L. Hill, C. A. Black, W. L. Tarvin, J. W. Harris and H. N. Hefner, Treasurer.

Appointed as committee on resolutions H. W. C. Ainley, M. F. Caperton and Olen West.

Renewed the call for visiting ministers W. E. Kimbrough of Concord Association H. W. C. Ainley of Buckner Association and T. C. Ford of United Association were received.

Adjourned to meet Saturday 8:30 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Saturday 8:30 a. m. was called to order and prayer by the Moderator.

Renewed the call for statistical letter. Fourche Valley and Mt. Grove

were received.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools regard the Sunday School work as next to the preaching of the Word of God. If we cease to teach our children the Word of God, some one else will teach them. If we have the truth we should be more zealous in teaching it than any one else. We have nearly 1500 Baptist Churches in Arkansas, only 500 of them report Sunday Schools. We have 92,263 Baptists, yet only 27,702 persons are reported in our Sunday Schools. We find that 85 per cent of the people who join our church come from the Sunday School.

If we will increase our Sunday School work, we will also increase our membership. With these facts before us, we recommend:

First—That every Church organize and sustain a Sunday School.

Second—That it be organized under the care of the church.

Third—That Southern Baptist Convention series of literature be used.

Fourth—That every minister of Fourche Valley Association be requested to visit places of destitution and organize Baptist Sunday Schools.

A. McPHERSON, Chairman.

Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

We recommend that this Association appoint one member in each church as members at large of the executive board to co-operate with said board, and that the Board meet quarterly and report work done. That each member take regular collections at his church, and when a sufficient amount is raised, to employ a missionary, and that the board have control of the work, and send the missionary wherever in their judgement the most good can be accomplished.

H. N. HEFNER, Chairman

Appointed the following as members at large of the board. Antioch, J. W. Person; Aplin, S. O. Welch; Cherry Hill, J. W. Bull; Casa, C. H. Richards; Esau, W. E. Hill; Mulberry Grove, M. F. Caperton; Hickory Grove, D. Bland; Houston, W. H. Perry; Perryville, M. E. Montgomery; Moab, G. T. Ford; Mountain Grove, R. J. Reynolds; Liberty, Geo. Wilson; Fourche Valley, W. A. Price; Harmony, D. J. Boyette; Hawkstone, J. H. Alexander; Mt. Moriah, W. P. Adams; New Home, C. Harris; Mt. Zion, Olin West; Cove Chapple, C. J. Counts.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Prayer by A. McPherson.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 p. m. was called to order, prayer by J. H. Hammons.

Committee on Literature reported as follows:

First—We recommend the Bible as being the book of all books. Which every one should read.

Second—We earnestly insist upon every Baptist who desires to keep

posted in our state work to subscribe for the Baptist Advance, and then as many good Baptist papers as they are able to take.

In order to be rightly informed we recommend to the brethren "The Home Field;" and that every one may know of our foreign work, we recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal." We recommend to our Sunday schools the literature published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville and Philadelphia.

H. G. Johnson, Ch'm.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

Believing as we do, That the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Therefore the man who is called to preach becomes a divine thing, this being true, the preacher above all others should be prepared, first spiritually, and second mentally, and as Paul enjoined upon us, study to show thyself a workman approved unto God right'y dividing the word. Therefore we urge every young man who feels himself called to preach to strive to prepare himself for his work by securing the best education possible. We recommend Ouachita and the Academies of the Ouachita system as good schools.

H. G. Johnson, Ch'm.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

Arkansas is a great mission field. There is about 1,750,000 people in the state and of this number probably more than 1,000,000 are unsaved. Thousands are entirely destitute of the gospel. Upon us rests the obligation to give the gospel in its purity and fullness to all our people, in order that this may become a Baptist, as well as a Christian state. We record our gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed upon our efforts in this work. In six years the results of our work has increased in conversions seven times, in Baptisms more than eight times, in total additions more than six times, and in expenditures for state missions more than three times.

Last year there were reported over 5000 conversions, and more than 3000 baptisms. The reports covering the work of this year show that the record of last is being surpassed in every particular. However the need and opportunities of the field call loudly for an increasing enlargement of the work. The comparatively small sum of \$30,000—only a little more than 30 cents per member is not enough for the 95000 Baptists of the state to expend in this cause. Therefore we urge that by means of prayer, effort and giving, the Baptists of this Association join generously in helping forward this great work.

W. E. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution reported as follows:

We find considerable destitution in our bounds. We recommend this body take steps to supply destitute places mentioned below with gospel preaching, to wit: Massey School House, Wright School House, Perry, Adona, Divide, Carden Bottom, Ledwidge, Nimrod and Oppelo. We recom-

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mend that if one missionary is not sufficient that more be employed.

W. L. Tarrin, Ch'm.

Committee on finance reported as follows:

For Minutes	\$22.20
Associational Missions	\$3.60
State Missions35
Orphans Home	\$10.69
TOTAL	\$36.78

H. W. HARRIS, Chairman.

Committee on Orphans Home reported as follows:

We should be profoundly thankful for another successful year in the history of our Orphanages. Our Orphanages at Monticello and Texarkana are steadily growing. We have 79 orphans at Monticello and 21 more approved who will be in the Orphanage by January first 1909. We have a good farm and the farm is well stocked. On this farm is raised hogs, cattle and horses that belong to the Home. It takes over \$6,000 to support these children. The Orphanage at Texarkana is new. They have only 20 children. They have a heavy debt upon their property. With these facts before us we recommend, first, that each church take a collection for the Orphanage; second, that the church decide how and to whom it shall be sent; that, a collection and pledge be taken for each of the Orphanages, the donator designating where he wants his money and pledges to be sent.

A. McPHERSON, Chairman.

Collections in cash, for the home at Monticello, \$6.35; at Texarkana, \$4.62; in pledges, to Monticello, \$27.75; Texarkana, \$19.75.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Whereas the sale and use of intoxicants is one of the greatest evils to which any people can be subjected. Therefore be it resolved, that we heartily co-operate with the anti-saloon league and that we let our battle cry be "State Wide Prohibition" for Arkansas, and that we vote as we pray.

We urge you to vote for such men as will pledge themselves to support the prohibition cause.

S. O. WELCH, Chairman

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions reported as follows:

Believing that the vital life of the church depends largely upon missionary activity. The church that grows is the one that goes. "Go ye" is the divine command. Although not being able to go we may send, and with our prayers and means aid those already on the field.

We therefore recommend that the churches of this association co-operate with the Home and Foreign Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention.

H. W. C. AINLEY, Chairman.

Report of the Board as follows: We, the Board met twice to-wit: Mountain Grove and Antioch churches and collected \$3.83, and paid the same to our Missionary, H. N. Hefner.

W. P. ADAMS, Ch'm.

Missionary's report is as follows:

I took the field immediately after our last meeting. I have found everywhere people anxious to hear the gospel message. But sad to say a number of the preachers and pastors of our association were the first to oppose the work. Our associational board has failed to co-operate with me, yet upon the advice of the state board and our own pastors and people, who were interested in the work, I have done the very best I could. The following is a true statement of my work, with results:

For the first, second and third quarters.

Days of labor	223.
Miles traveled	1267.
Stations supplied	4
Sermons and addresses	253.
Services in homes	155.
Professions of Faith	58.
Baptisms	4.
Additions by letter	7.
Sunday Schools organized	1
Salary Paid on Field	\$44.77.
Amount Paid by State Board	\$151.35.
Amount due from Association	\$184.50.

H. N. HEFNER, Missionary

Respt. Adopted.

The following pledges were made to go on payment of amount due Missionary, to be paid by November 15, 1908.

W. E. Kimbrough, \$5.00; W. H. Perry, \$5.00; M. E. Montgomery, \$5.00; W. E. Hill, \$5.00; A. McPherson, \$5.00; T. J. Ashby, \$5.00; R. J. Reynolds, \$5.00.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We find since the last session of this Association, there have been ten fallen asleep in Jesus, of whom we deeply regret our loss. But our loss is their gain. So we say, as Jesus said, "God's will, not ours be done."

W. E. HILL, Chairman.

Motion carried to reconsider the place of meeting. Upon vote Houston was chosen as place of meeting of next session.

Correspondents sent to other associations are: To Greenbriar, W. H. Perry; to Buckner, C. Harris; to Concord, H. N. Hefner and C. A. Black; to United M. F. Caperton, and to Pedee, J. H. Hammons.

J. W. Hefner reported a visit to Trace Ridge Association.

J. H. Hammons was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this Association, with S. O. Welch, as alternate.

H. N. Hefner was selected to preach on "Missions" at the next session of this Association Sunday at 11 a. m.

By vote of the body the Secretary was allowed to superintend the printing of the minutes and he be allowed five dollars for his service.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, that this Association extend its heartfelt thanks to the brethren and friends of Perryville and Perryville Baptist Church, for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay. We pray that divine blessings rest upon them.

ELD. H. W. C. AINLEY, Ch'm.

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Friday, 11. a. m.—A. McPherson.

Friday night—H. G. Johnson.

Saturday, 11 a. m.—H. W. C. Ainley.

Saturday night—W. E. Kimbrough.

Sunday 11 a. m.—H. N. Hefner and A. McPherson.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired. That it is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

OF THE TRUE GOD.

2. We believe that there is one, and only one living and true God; an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehova, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor confidence and love. That in the unity of the God head, there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

OF THE FALL OF MAN.

3. We believe that man was created in Holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that Holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that Holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of Grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the Divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins, that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate, and all sufficient Saviour.

OF JUSTIFICATION.

5. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification, that justification includes the pardon of sin; and the promise of eternal life and principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which

faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

7. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a Holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the Holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

8. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation, by Christ we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Saviour.

OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

OF SANCTIFICATION.

10. We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness, that it is a progressive work, that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means; especially the word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.

OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

11. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;

that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

12. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is Holy, Just and Good, and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word. That its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preached always by solemn self-examination.

OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor, and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of Grace both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

16. We believe that civil government is of Divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of Kings of the earth.

OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

17. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are wicked and under the curse and this distinction holds among

men both in and after death.

OF THE WORLD TO COME,

18. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to find retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy, and the judgement will fix forever the final state of man, in Heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.



STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Baptized	Rec by Lettr	Restored	Dis by Lettr	Excluded	Died	Membership	For Minutes	Association- al Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Pastors Salary	O'phans Home	Number in Sun. School	Cost of Literature	Day Meet'g
Antioch	S. O. Welch	E. F. Rankin	Perryville				5		27		1 00		25			3 00			3
Aplin	S. O. Welch	C. A. Black	Aplin	6 2		1		1	100	\$2 00	1 65				50 00	3 00	64	500	4
Casa	D. L. Redditt	G. W. Hill	Casa		3			1	58		75 2 00						45	1200	4
Cherry Hill	G. W. Wilcox	W. M. Porter	Aplin	4	1	6	7	2	50	1 65							60	540	1
Cove Chapel	J. H. Hammons	C. J. Counts	Pontoon..	12 5					23	1 35									4
Esau	E. Baldwin	E. Linthicum	Fourche	2 3		6	1		57	1 85	7 05							600	4
Fourche Valley		W. A. Price	Perryville						25	60									2
Houston	H. G. Johnson	J. A. Lovelace	Houston..	2 2		5	1	2	133	3 00		5600	1125	200 00	1600	100	1800		2
Harmony	J. M. Neale	M. Brazil	Maumelle			3			62	2 50							50	360	1
Hawkstone	S. O. Welch	J. H. Alexander	Ada	4 6	2	4	3		39	1 45							65		3
Mt. Zion	Olen West	B. Carlock	Divide						15	70	2 00						33	72	
Mt. Moriah	E. Weber	E. D. Smith	Roland	6 4															
Mountain Grove	J. M. Neale	R. J. Reynolds	Satuma	3 1	1	1		1	55	1 50							44		3
Mulberry Grove	G. W. Wilcox	C. H. Duncan	Adona	1 1		8		2	36	1 50	1 65								3
New Home	C. Harris	I. G. James	Casa	3 1	1				41	1 00									2
Perryville	E. Baldwin	J. L. Hill	Perryville	19 4		3	2	1	58	2 00	2 10	1800					115	1011	1
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