

MINUTES

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

LIBERTY

Baptist Association

—HELD WITH—

UNION CHURCH,

Union County, Ark.,

SEPTEMBER 10, 1892.

H. T. HAWKINS, - - Moderator.

T. T. JONES, - - - - Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

The forty-seventh annual session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with Union Church, Union County, Ark., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m. Quite a large congregation joined in singing, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," etc. Dr. J. M. Hart then opened divine services by reading Psalm 46 and offering an earnest and fervent prayer, after which Elder J. M. Roddy, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, delivered an able discourse from 2 Chron. 26:5, "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper." The sermon was highly appreciated by all who heard it.

After the sermon an intermission of one hour was given for dinner, which was abundantly provided and pleasantly served on the grounds.

At 2 p. m., house called to order by the Moderator, H. T. Hawkins, who read a portion of Scripture. Prayer by Elder J. V. B. Waldrop, of Spearsville, La.

Letters were called for which were read by Bros. J. C. Wright, J. M. Sheppard and Elder J. M. Roddy, and names enrolled as per statistical table.

On motion of Dr. J. M. Hart, Bro. H. T. Hawkins was unanimously elected Moderator by acclamation. T. T. Jones was re-elected clerk.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

On motion and second petitionary letters were called for, whereupon delegates from Philadelphia and Three Creeks presented letters asking admission into this body. On motion and second they were unanimously received into membership and the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, extended the right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Bro. G. M. Morgan the order of business used by the Association at its last session was adopted for the guidance of the present session.

On motion of Dr. Hart regular order of business suspended, and Bros. Faulkner, Rogers and Pearce, together with the pastor and deacons of this church, were appointed a committee on Divine Service.

Resumed regular order of business.

Correspondence was called for. Elder J. V. B. Waldrop reported from Everett Association, Louisiana. Elder J. M. Gaddy announced himself as in attendance from Texas, not by appointment but from a desire to visit and see something of the work of the Baptists of Southern Arkansas. He was given a cordial welcome, and was allowed time to speak of the merits of two publications, the *Baptist Standard* and the *Texas Guardian*, which he represented.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To Everett Association—Bros. G. M. Morgan, W. F. Owen, A. R. Cobb, D. W. Ward.

To Columbia Association—H. T. Hawkins.

The Moderator then appointed the following standing committees:

Sabbath Schools—John T. Tatum, J. D. Crawford, O. Smith.

State Missions—John C. Wright, J. G. McCain, J. M. Roddy.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Roddy, E. B. Duke, Laz. Pearce.

Education—Dr. J. M. Hart, W. F. Owen, George M. Morgan.

Ministerial Education—G. M. Morgan, R. A. Faulkner, J. C. Wright.

Publication—B. F. Rogers, R. F. Goodwin, W. G. Pendleton.

Temperance—A. E. Harvey, J. P. Crawford, S. A. Jones.

Nominations—J. D. Crawford, Frank Hill, A. J. Harrell.

Documents—W. J. Newsome, T. J. Sawyer, A. R. Britt.

Finance—W. H. Harris, L. E. Terrell, G. P. Tracy.

Committee on Divine Service made the following report: Preaching at the church this evening at 7:30, by J. V. B. Waldrop; Sunday at 11 a. m., in the church, by J. M. Hart; in the school house by J. M. Gaddy, of Texas.

On motion and second, adjourned until Monday at 8:30 a. m.

SUNDAY'S EXERCISES.

Upon special request the seats were moved from the church and school house into the grove, where a large and appreciative audience listened to a very able sermon from Eldér J. M. Gaddy, of Carthage, Texas. Text, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." Rom. 1:16. After the sermon a collection was taken for State Mission, amounting in cash to \$17.75. From 12:30 to 1 o'clock dinner was served in abundance to between 800 and 1000 people, ample table room having been provided by the citizens for the occasion. At 2 p. m. the audience was enjoying a good sermon from Dr. Hart when a sudden shower of rain forced an untimely conclusion of the services.

MONDAY'S SESSION.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain that continued to pour from early Sunday night, the Association convened Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with a quorum of delegates, and Moderator Hawkins in the chair. Song prayer by Elder J. P. Crawford.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TREASURER.

Amount on hand as per last report, Sept. 1, 1891.....	\$12 80	\$ 12 80
Amount rec'd from Finance Com. for Ass'n expenses.....	44 20	
For State Missions.....	73 55	
Collected on Pledges.....	10 50	
Collection at Hillsboro Church.....	15 05	
	<u> </u>	\$143 30

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From Finance Committee.....	\$31 05	
Collected from pledges.....	4 55	
Collected from pledge.....	2 50	
Collections at Hillsboro Church.....	7 50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 45 60

OUACHITA COLLEGE.

From Finance Committee.....	\$20 00	
Collected Pledge from H. G. P. Williams.....	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 30 00
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		\$231 70.

CREDITS.

By amount paid Clerk for printing Minutes and other expenses.....	\$44 20
By amount paid B. G. Manard.....	73 55
By amount from Executive Board funds on hand, to Manard.....	6 25
By amount pledges collected, to Manard.....	10 50

Collection from Hillsboro Church.....	15 05	
By amount paid J. B. Searcy	31 05	
By amount pledges collected from Searcy.....	4 55	
By amount paid J. B. Searcy, Ouachita College.....	20 00	
Foreign Missions collected from Hillsboro Church	7 50	
Pledges collected.....	2 50	
		<u>\$225 15</u>
On hand as per report, W. C. Langford, Ex-Chairman		
Executive Board.....		\$ 6 55

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. P. WILLIAMS,

Chairman Executive Board and Treasurer of Association.

NOTE.—Additional to above the following amounts have been paid to the several boards by churches and reported at Association: State Missions, \$10.35; Foreign Missions, \$16.00; Ouachita College, \$65.00; Ministerial Education, \$10.00.

Report of Committee on Documents, which on motion was adopted.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to make the following report:

On examining the letters of different churches, we have received:

By letter	56
By Baptism	83
Restored.....	8
Dismissed by letter.....	69
Excluded.....	20
Died.....	13
Total membership.....	1147

Five churches reported Sabbath Schools.

W. J. NEWSOME,
T. J. SAWYER,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report:

This subject has been presented annually to the Liberty Association for a number of years, and its beneficial effects so well explained, and the results produced are so plainly seen that we doubt whether we can say anything that would add to the zeal that has been aroused in minds or not. When we see the works our beloved Venable and Jameson have done and are still doing, and later, though young in the ministry, Bro. Joe Wise and G. C. Taylor, we believe this is enough to encourage us to persevere in the good work. We ask the parents within this Association to use all their energies to educate their children that they be better prepared to execute their duties as citizens and Christians. And we recommend Ouachita Baptist College as a suitable institution for our

children, as we believe that each and every one that have or would inform themselves on the subject of education, have seen, heard and read enough to convince them. We deem it useless to say more.

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. MORGAN, Chairman.

On a motion to adopt, very interesting and feeling remarks were indulged in by Hart, Waldrop, Crawford, Morgan and others.

Committee on Education made the following report:

Your Committee would submit that we regard the subject of education scarcely secondary to any matter claiming our attention, and equal in importance to any subject with which we have to deal. This is manifest if we will only consider what the word implies. True education is not the mere accumulation of the facts of nature, nor a simple knowledge of language nor of science, but that it is such a training of the mental and moral power of the mind as will conduce to the perfection and happiness of man, the full and harmonious development of all man's faculties, bodily, intellectually and morally. The more fully man is developed the more truly does he become a means to the glory of his Creator. This is too manifest to need illustration. We should lay aside the prevalent idea that education is the mere possession of knowledge, and group the doctrine that education makes the mind stronger and gives it greater capacity. The latter gives increased energy, while the former fills the mind with what is considered of most importance. The one attaches importance to the facts acquired, the other to the exercise of the mind. The one course tends to mental slavery, the other to mental independence. One makes slaves, the other free men. The mental slave runs in grooves, receives what others choose to give. The mental freeman examines for himself and receives nothing on the mere dictum of others. Education should not only look to intellectual power but to imparting to the mind moral force and energy. The immortal Lee wrote, "That thorough education of all classes of people is the most efficacious means, in my opinion, of promoting the prosperity of the South." This leads us to call attention to our responsibilities in regard to our denominational schools. In these the moral culture is looked well after. While the intellectual man is as well cared for as in any of our State schools, we point with some feeling of pride to our beloved Ouachita College, whose influence is already being felt throughout the State. Considering its age and the difficulties that were to be met, and now looking at its success, we can but thank God and take courage. Around it let us concentrate our best energies until all indebtedness is removed and her splendid buildings are crowded with our sons and daughters.

While your Committee feel fully committed to the co-education of the sex, we call attention to the fact that some wishing a college exclusively for females that the Central Female College, located at Conway, will be opened in October, where just such training, morally and intellectually, will be given as a wise and experienced faculty can give,

all under the control of our denomination. We need no longer to look beyond the borders of our State for educational facilities.

Let us be true to our Master and improve our opportunities by aiding these colleges with means and patronage until their success shall be to all that its founders have prayed and planned for.

Submitted,
J. M. HART, Chairman.

This subject elicited an unusual interest, and upon it some of the best speeches of the session were made. Notably, Dr. J. M. Hart, J. V. B. Waldrop, G. M. Morgan and H. T. Hawkins, were strong advocates for home institutions and more thorough education, setting forth claims and advantages of Arkansans patronizing Ouachita College.

Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

We, your Committee, feel sad over the report that we feel constrained to make. We judge from the tenor of the letters from the various churches of this Association that the mission spirit is at a very low ebb among them. But very few churches in this Association have reported contributions for this year, and the contributions reported have been small. This Association, consisting of twenty-eight churches with a total membership of more than fifteen hundred, should and could easily pay at least three thousand dollars annually into the treasury of the Lord to be used for the cause of missions. We attribute our little progress along this line to the fact that so few of our churches have any systematic mode of giving to this noble and Christ-given cause. The Bible plan is the weekly plan, and we recommend this as the only successful way of carrying this work to its Divine intended success. There can be no doubt nor dispute as to the great importance of this work, and plainly from the Scriptures do we learn that our blessed Savior has made it our imperative duty to carry the gospel to every nation on earth. Therefore, we urge that the pastors of this Association take it upon themselves to urge, if possible, more strenuously upon their several churches the great importance and present necessity of redoubled effort upon their part to make this the centennial year of modern missions a grand success.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. RODDY,
E. B. DUKE,
LAZ. PEARCE.

Report on Temperance:

It is known that about sixty thousand of our people are destroyed annually by this mighty demon; and that about seventy-five per cent. of the inmates of the asylums are in some way connected with intemperance. The use of intoxicants by Christians is to be looked upon with pity and shame. When we consider the thousands of the human family who are annually falling victims to this poisonous malady, and are dying of this morbid disease, it is truly appalling to contemplate.

these minutes; and on a further motion of Brother G. M. Morgan, Brothers J. M. Hart, J. C. Wright and B. C. Reeves were appointed a Committee to furnish Scriptural proof for same.

Resolution offered by J. D. Crawford and adopted:

Resolved, That the Association tender sincere thanks to brethren and citizens of this community, for the liberal and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

On motion the Association was declared adjourned, to meet with Camden church at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1893.

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator.

T. T. JONES, Clerk.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND DELEGATES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Camden.....	Camden.....	Giles Taylor.....	
Elliott.....	Elliott.....	H. A. Munn.....	Ben T. Rogers.
Hopewell No. 3.....	Smackover.....	J. P. Crawford.....	
Shiloh.....	Cornie.....	H. T. Britt.....	A. R. Britt.
Ebenezer.....	Eldorado.....	J. P. Crawford.....	J. R. Leverett, A. J. Howell.
Midway.....	Wilks.....		
Salem.....	Mt. Holly.....	T. J. Brashier.....	H. T. Hawkins.
Eldorado.....	Eldorado.....	J. M. Hart.....	{ J. M. Hart, J. C. Wright, R. A. Faulkner.
Hopewell No. 1.....	Three Creeks.....	D. H. Mullins.....	{ J. B. Tatum, T. T. Sheppard, John Mason.
New Hope.....	Tubal.....	J. D. Crawford.....	A. E. Henry.
Holly Grove.....	Three Creeks.....	J. D. Crawford.....	O. Smith, Jesse Attaway.
Zion Hill.....	Woolley.....	J. G. McCain.....	E. Ward, W. J. Ward, W. J. Newsome
Spring Hill.....	Caledonia.....	J. V. B. Waldrop.....	G. M. Morgan, A. R. Cobb.
Blanchard Sp'gs.....	Blanchard Sp'gs.....	J. D. Crawford.....	W. H. Harris.
Lisbon.....	Lisbon.....	J. M. Roddy.....	Eld. J. P. Crawford.
Union.....	Dilola.....	J. G. McCain.....	{ W. A. Betts, J. D. Graves, J. H. Johnson.
Cane Creek.....	Hillsboro.....		
New London.....	New London.....	J. G. McCain.....	{ L. E. Terrill, G. P. Tracy, J. D. Harrison.
Hillsboro.....	Hillsboro.....	J. M. Hart.....	{ J. T. Tatum, W. G. Pendleton, Math Burnside.
Oakalona.....	Oakland.....	W. R. Dollar.....	J. R. Cole.
Champagnolle.....	Champagnolle.....	J. G. McCain.....	R. F. Goodwin, O. P. Cravy.
Liberty.....	Hillsboro.....	J. M. Hart.....	J. J. Jerry, Frank Hill, Thos. Axum.
Green Grove.....	New London.....		
Center Point.....	Hillsboro.....		J. T. Smith, W. J. Harrison.
Mt. Moriah.....	Blanchard Sp'gs.....	B. F. Tubbs.....	T. J. Sawyer.
Oak Grove.....	Caledonia.....		
Philadelphia.....	Dilola.....	B. C. Green.....	John W. White, H. D. White.
Three Creeks.....	Three Creeks.....	H. A. Munn.....	J. D. Crawford, Laz. Pearce.

MINUTE FUND.

CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	AMOUNT FOR MINUTES.
Eldorado.....	Eldorado.....	W. M. Wood.....	\$5 00
Camden.....	Camden.....	S. P. Lide.....	2 00
Elliott.....	Elliott.....	Ben F. Rogers.....	1 00
Shiloh.....	Cornie.....	J. H. Goode.....	1 00
Ebenezer.....	Eldorado.....	J. A. J. Harrell.....	1 00
Salem.....	Mt. Holly.....	H. T. Hawkins.....	2 00
Hopewell No. 1.....	Three Creeks.....	J. K. Sheppard.....	1 50
New Hope.....	Three Creeks.....	A. E. Hanry.....	2 00
Holly Grove.....	Three Creeks.....	J. G. Adams.....	2 00
Zion Hill.....	Woolley.....	P. D. Goodwin.....	2 00
Spring Hill.....	Caledonia.....	S. J. Mayfield.....	2 00
Blanchard Springs.....	Blanchard Springs.....	W. C. Davis.....	1 50
Lisbon.....	Lisbon.....	S. A. McCarty.....	1 40
Union.....	Dilola.....	A. S. Perry.....	2 00
New London.....	New London.....	J. R. Harrison.....	1 50
Hillsboro.....	Hillsboro.....	R. D. Newton.....	2 50
Oakalona.....	Oakland.....	M. A. Nunaly.....	1 00
Champagnolle.....	Champagnolle.....	J. M. Slade.....	1 50
Liberty.....	Hillsboro.....	Frank Hill.....	1 50
Center Point.....	Hillsboro.....	D. M. Sanders.....	75
Mt. Moriah.....	Blanchard Springs.....	J. B. Lyons.....	1 00
Three Creeks.....	Three Creeks.....	Hill Jones.....	1 00
Philadelphia.....	Dilola.....	H. B. White.....	1 00
			\$88 15
		To Clerk.....	15 00
		For Minutes.....	\$23 15

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Heb. 3:4. Deut. 6:4. 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testament, are the word of God, and a perfect rule of faith and practice. 1 Tim. 3:16-17. Ps. 19:7. Rev. 22:18-19.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Rom. 8:33. 1 Peter 1:3.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 8:21. Ps. 50:1-5.

5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by nature. John 3:3-5; 6:44.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Acts 13:39. Rom. 3:20-25.

7. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. John 5:24; 10:27-29. Rom. 8:33-39.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode. Matt. 3:7-17. Acts 8:27-40. Matt. 26:26. Rom. 11:2-29.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5:28-29. Dan. 12:2. Phil. 3:21. Matt. 25:46.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Acts 13:2-3. 1 Tim. 4:14.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table. Matt. 26:26. Mark 14:22. 1 Cor. 11:17-33.

12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex. 20:8. Mark 11:28. Rev. 1:10. Acts 20:7.