

Associated

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fifth Session

OF THE

Current River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

REYNO CHURCH

REYNO, ARK.

October 12, 13, 14, 1905.

J. A. Wheetley, Moderator.

W. F. Gambill, Clerk.

Next Session to be held with Union Church,
Walnut Ridge, Thursday, 10 a. m., before
the Third Sunday in September, 1905-

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PROCEEDINGS.

MORNING SESSION

The Current River Baptist Association met with Reyno Baptist Church 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1905. The body was called to order by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by singing and prayer.

D. Blackburn and Eld. S. W. Brumfield were appointed reading clerks.

Letters from the churches were read and the following names were enrolled:

Black River—A. M. Bearden and Lee Welty.

Corning—S. W. Brumfield.

Corrinth—W. R. Lottis.

Datto—John Henderson, Oscar Brown and T. J. Evans.

Independence—Joseph V. Taylor, J. F. Spriggs and E. L. Bullis.

Landmark—Arthur Hicks, S. K. Dungan and J. I. Howell.

Mount Pleasant East—R. R. Black.

Mount Pleasant West—C. W. Lewis.

Reyno—Jas. L. Jones, James Deaton and Thos. Malone.

Shiloh—Jep Smith, Ed Paul and Wm. McClintic.

Success—Marcus Miller and J. B. Gibbs.

It was moved that a moderator and clerk be elected by private ballot. Eld. J. A. Wheelley was elected Moderator and W. F. Gambill, Clerk.

A Committee on committees was appointed as follows: D. H. Sharp, T. W. Malone, S. K. Dungan and D. Blackburn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

District Missions—D. Blackburn, C. W. Lewis, D. K. Foster.
State Missions—John Henderson, E. H. C. Kenner and T.

J. Evans.

Foreign Missions—S. K. Dungan, J. V. Taylor and W. F. Bridges.

Sunday Schools—S. W. Brumfield, E. T. Lincoln, Arthur Hicks.

Education—D. K. Foster, E. H. C. Kenner, S. W. Brumfield.

Publications—W. F. Bridges, D. Blackburn, J. I. Howell.

Temperance—S. K. Dungan, D. H. Sharp, W. F. Bridges.

Women's Work—Mesdames Mollie Jones, S. Evans and Miss Gertie Hicks.

Orphan's Home—

Obituaries—Wm. McClintic, W. R. Loftis, and J. I. Howell.

Resolutions—W. H. Deaton, J. Smith and J. L. Jones.

Report received.

Petitionary letters were called for and one was presented from Walnut Grove Baptist Church O'Kean, Arkansas.

An investigating committee composed of J. L. Jones, W. F. Bridges and T. J. Evans was appointed to investigate the organization of this church. Committee reported favorable and church was received.

Association adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. Friday. Prayer of dismissal by Eld. S. W. Brumfield.

Preaching Thursday night by Eld. D. H. Sharp—subject: "The Fight of Faith." At close of sermon Eld. W. P. Kime was introduced and made a short talk representing the "Baptist Advance" and the work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 13

Called together by singing. Scripture lesson read by the Moderator,—Psa. 133. Prayer by S. K. Dungan.

Call for corresponding messengers, the following were enrolled: Cane Creek—J. B. Bell. State Line—J. W. Tyer, E. T. Lincoln and D. K. Foster.

Call for report on Temperance; report read by W. F. Bridges who moved its adoption. Report received.

TEMPERANCE

Knowing the evils of strong drink, we cannot fully state them in this report, for the wise man tells us that "Strong drink is raging and wine is a mocker, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." It makes widows and orphans and sends its victims to hell. It bribes Jurors, witnesses and Judges. It corrupts the political world. It is God's worst enemy and the devil's best friend. We recommend that our churches use all their influence against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in all form, and that our churches ought to discipline their members who drink. We should urge our ministers to preach against whisky and urge every church member to use his influence to suppress the whisky traffic.

Committee.

It was moved to take a recess till 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. D. K. Foster, subject—"Paul's Estimate of Life." At the close of sermon a collection was taken for Orphans' Home which amounted to \$9.05.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing. Prayer by T. J. Evans.

Call for report on States Missions. Report was read by Eld. E. H. C. Kenner who moved its adoption. Report received and a collection was taken for Eld. S. W. Abernathy who is traveling as state Missionary. Amount collected \$7.30.

STATE MISSIONS

We find that there has been a growing interest in State Missions in our Baptist Zion, during the past year. The Lord has wonderfully blessed the laborers on the field. There has been several missionaries devoting their entire time to this work. The field is white for harvest, yet the laborers are few. We recommended that our churches take a collection for state missions and do all in their power to help in this great work. Also that our pastors take a more active part in stimulating the churches to help in the work of state missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Call for report on Foreign Missions. Report was read by Eld. W. F. Bridges who moved its adoption. Report received.

Inasmuch as we are commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and we believe the commission was given to the local congregations and that the responsibility rests upon each congregation. As such we recommend that the churches composing the Association co-operate with the churches composing the General Associations in the great work of Foreign Missions. The General Association has at work on the Foreign Fields Eld. S. M. Jureidini and wife in Beirut, Syria, and Eld. A. J. Diaz in Havanna, Cuba. These missionaries need our prayers and our financial support. Money for them should be sent to Z. T. Izard, Forrest City, Arkansas. While we recommend the General Association as the channel through which to do our work, we cheerfully recognize the right of any brother or church to contribute or work through the board of the convention if he choose. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest.

Committee.

Eld. D. K. Foster read Report on Education and moved its adoption. Report received.

EDUCATION

We believe that to the Baptists was given the marching orders by the Son of God as recorded in Matt. 28, and so they should take their place in the fore front of every laudable enterprise. We would recommend to the brotherhood that they do all in their power to advance the interest of all our schools.

We recommend that Arkansas Baptists patronize our schools within the state. We especially recommend our own Ouchita Maynard Academy, built at a sacrifice by this and State Line Associations.

Kirby Foster
E. H. C. Kenner
S. W. Brumfield.

Eld. S. W. Brumfield read the Report on Sunday Schools and moved its adoption. Report received.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We find that only eight out of the fourteen churches represented in this association have Sunday Schools, and only a few of them report the average attendance or contribution.

Your committee believes that whenever a church or public school can be maintained, a Sunday School can also be maintained. And realizing the necessity and importance of the Sunday School we urge that every church strive to keep up a lively school. We would if possible eliminate the idea that the Sunday School is an institution separate and apart from the church, and without special scriptural authority for its existence. But, on the other hand it is the teaching service of the church, wherein the best opportunity is offered for the study of the Word, and for teaching all classes, both young and old, "to observe all things, whatsoever the Lord has commanded."

We cannot over estimate the importance of the Sunday School. Carefully prepared statistics show that more than 80 per cent of our church increase comes through or from the Sunday School.

In order to promote this work, your committee recommends the appointment of a committee of five, the moderator to be chairman, whose business it shall be to prepare a program and arrange for a Sunday School rally for each fifth Sunday meeting.

S. W. Brumfield.

E. T. Lincoln

Arthur Hicks.

Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning, October 14. Preaching 7:30 p. m. by Eld. E. H. C. Kenner
Text—Jno. 9:4

MORNING SESSION OCTOBER 14

Called together by singing. Psalms 8, was read by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. D. H. Sharp. Roll call of messengers. Call for Report on District Missions. Report was read by Eld. D. K. Foster who moved its adoption. Report received.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

Rome was not built in a day, neither can we with our limited means relieve all the destitution in the bounds of our association in one year. Therefore, we recommend that this Association select some point, or points, and concentrate their efforts to build up churches at those places.

Committee.

Report of Treasurer was called for and received.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at last Association,.....	\$22.50
Paid for printing Minutes,	\$16.00
Paid for postage, .....	.75
Paid J. A. Wheetley,	5.00
Received from Corning church.....	2.50
Paid a balance on Minutes	1.60
Paid postage on same.....	.80
Received from Shiloh church	3.07
Rec'd fifth Sunday at Landmark church..	6.30
Rec'd at this association for state mission..	7.30
Orphans's Home.....	9.05
For Bro. Kenner	2 57
Paid Eld. W. S. Abernathy,	7.30
Paid Eld. E. H. C. Kenner	2.57
Rec'd for Eld. A. Conner.....	6.00
Rec'd for Datto church.....	3.00
Rec'd for Minutes.....	18.85
Rec'd for Foreign Missions.....	
Rec'd from Independence church.....	2.00
Rec'd District Missions.....	6.00
Rec'd from Landmark church.....	2.24
Total Paid out	\$34.02
Total Received.....	\$91.38
Balance on hand.....	\$57.36.

J. W. Tyler and W. R. Loftis were appointed committee on Finance.

Call for Report of Committee on Publications. Report was read by D. Blackburn who moved its adoption, Report received.

PUBLICATIONS

We recommend the careful reading of the Bible. We also recommend the Baptist Flag as the proper paper for the General Association people. We also recommend that the Baptist Publishing Co., at Little Rock, be the channel through which we obtain our literature.

D. Blackburn
S. K. Dungan
W. F. Bridges.

By motion a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. W. P. Kime. Text Rom. 8:9

AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing. Prayer by D. Blackburn.

By motion the Report on Orphans' Home of 1904 was accepted for this year.

ORPHANS' HOME

Believing as we do that the Orphans' Home is one of our greatest institutions and that it is a blessing from God to the Orphans of our state, we would recommend that the churches contribute liberally to the Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark.

Report on Women's Work was read by the clerk who moved its adoption, Report received.

WOMEN'S WORK

While the blessings of God have rested upon all departments of our work the past year, no department has been more signally blessed than our noble Godly women. They raised and expended in our Southland last year in cash and boxes of clothing to the toiling missionaries, over one hundred and thirty eight thousand dollars. We should extend all encouragement and sympathy possible to this department of work.

Committee.

Report on Obituaries read and received.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, beg leave to report that God in His divine wisdom has seen fit to call from us thirteen of our beloved brethren and sisters to come up higher to live with Him and the Angels.

Committee.

The Clerk read report on resolutions and moved its adoptions. Reports received.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, that this Association correspond with the Associations surrounding it.

2. Resolved, that the Clerk have 500 minutes printed and sent to the several churches.

3. Resolved, that this Association correspond with the General Association.

4. That the messengers of this Association take collections for Bro. A. Conner at their several churches upon their return home.

5. Resolved, that we do endorse the consolidation of "The American Baptist Flag" and the "Landmark Baptist" into "The Baptist Flag" whose editor we love as a noble Christian brother. We recommend the reading matter of the Baptist Flag to the whole world as the most wholesome and soundest doctrine with which we are acquainted, and would urge that every Baptist become a subscriber to the Flag.

6. Resolved that the pastor of each church be requested to insist on each of his churches to elect messengers who will go to the association, stay in the house while the body is in session and not leave said body until it has adjourned.

7. Resolved that every pastor in this Association be requested to take up the Minute of this Association at least one time within this coming associational year and impress upon the membership of each church the importance of considering the suggestions of your messengers herein set forth.

8. That this body return thanks to the members and friends of Reyno church for their generosity and hospitality extended to the visitors and messengers of this Association.

W. H. Deaton

J. B. Smith

D. Blackburn was re-elected treasurer of the Association and also to look after collections for the support of Eld. A. Conner, a pioneer Minister, who is now ninety-two years old and who has spent more than half a century in the Baptist ministry in this part of the country.

By motion the Treasurer is to pay the amount of money on hand to the church of Mt. Pleasant East to aid in building a church at Palatka, Arkansas. A collection was taken for this work which amounted to \$6.00.

Report on Finance read and received.

FINANCE

Union Church for Minutes	-	-	-	-	\$1.50
Walnut Grove "	"	"	"	"	.50
Independence "	"	"	"	"	2.00
Independence Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	2.00
Mt. Pleasant West for Minutes	-	-	-	-	1.50
Black River	"	"	-	-	1.00
Shiloh	"	"	-	-	.50
Mt. Pleasant East	"	"	-	-	1.00
Reyno	"	"	-	-	2.00
Corning	"	"	-	-	1.35
Corinth	"	"	-	-	.50
Datto	"	"	-	-	2.00
Landmark	"	"	-	-	1.50
New Home	"	"	-	-	75
Success	"	"	-	-	1.00
Association	"	"	-	-	1.00

Total \$21.10

By motion the time of meeting of the Association was changed from October to September. The pastors of the several churches were made an executive committee in connection with the treasurer of mission work.

The Association adjourned to meet with Union church at eleven o'clock, a. m., Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1906.

A. J. Wheatley, Moderator

W. F. Gambill, Clerk.

STATIS TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	PASTORS	Days of Meeting	CONTRIBUTIONS							MEMBERSHIP						Membership last year	Membership this year		
					Ministerial help	Eld. A. Conner	Ladies Aid Society	Foreign missions	Building purposes	Pastor's salary	Minutes	Aid for sick	Increase		Decrease						
													By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Relation	By Letter			By Exclusion	By Death
Black River	Mrs.F.N.Lemmons	Boydsville. Ark.	D. A. Lemmons	2	7.21	3.63	.....	1.00	4.75	9.41	1.00	11.40	4	..	..	2	..	2	37	37	
Corning	Chas. Mathews	Corning, Ark.	S. W. Brumfield	1-2	..	..	207.00	..	342.08	250.43	2.00	..	18	12	3	7	11	1	2	130	156
Corinth	Mattie Pruett	Pratt, Mo.	C. A. Fowler	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.00	.50	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	30	38	
Datto	Mrs. S. Evans	Datto, Ark.	J. A. Wheetley	1	7.97	..	..	..	334.25	120.00	1.50	..	7	28	..	..	2	1	1	77	108
Independence	E. L. Bullis	Neelyville, Mo.	J. V. Taylor	4	..	..	2.00	..	41.25	2.00	..	..	12	11	2	..	3	12	2	67	75
Landmark	J. I. Howell	Corning. Ark.	J. A. Weetley	2	..	..	..	..	60.00	1.50	..	..	1	5	..	..	5	..	2	34	33
Mt. Pleasant, E.	Robt. Black	Palatka, Ark.	A. Conner	3	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	22	10
Mt. Pleasant, W	Roy Sharp	Pitman, Ark.	J. M. Shaw	3	..	..	..	..	..	1.50	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	94	104
New Home	Horace Redwine	Supply, Ark.	D. H. Sharp	1	..	..	..	..	..	.75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Reyno		Reyno, Ark.	J. A. Wheetley	2-4	..	..	3.00	..	175.00	2.00	..	..	8	17	2	..	1	..	2	100	116
Shiloh	W. T. Griffith	Corning, Ark.	C. A. Fowler	2	..	..	..	..	41.50	1.50	..	..	11	3	..	..	2	..	1	..	41
Success	R. A. Hawthorn	Success, Ark.	D. H. Sharp	4	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	..	..	14	4	3	..	2	3	1	..	41
Union	M. L. Houston	Walnut Ridge,	W. F. Bridges	1	1.50	6	..	4	..	4	58
Walnut Grove	J. A. Riggs	O'Kean, Ark.	S.W. Abernathy	150	2	10

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