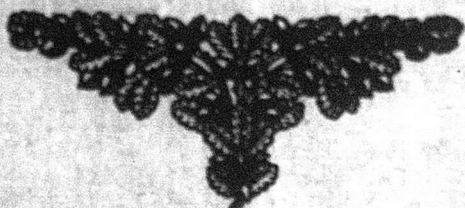


MINUTES

OURCHE VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



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Minutes

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Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association

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JOHN L. HILL, Moderator

H. N. HEFNER, Clerk

NEXT SESSION CONVENES AT CASA
FRIDAY, BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER 1910

Minutes

THE Association was called to order by Moderator. Called for statistical letters, and enrolled Messengers as follows:

Antioch—G. W. Ried and W. L. Taylor,
Aplin—S. D. Campbell and Mrs. S. D. Campbell,
Cherry Hill—A. J. Ussery and B. F. Edwards.
Casa—J. S. Mattingly and H. N. Hefner.
Esau—J. W. Firestone A. Bland and Wm. Ballard.
Cove Chappel—A. C. Jones and Olen West.
Houston—Robert Harrison, M. E. Perry and R. A. Jones.
Harmony—W. A. Price.
Hawkstone—J. H. Hammons and W. P. Grice.
Mulberry—C. H. Duncan, M. E. McCabe and W. C. Palmer.
Mountain Grove—W. M. Early T. M. Black and G. R. Price.
Mt. Moriah—J. T. Brasher.
Perryville—G. W. Ussery, M. A. Vandalsen and J. L. Hill.
Liberty—A. D. Dodgin, C. W. Wilson and J. R. Williams.

Appointed as reading clerks, H. G. Johnson and S. B. Barnett. Went to permanent organization. The clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the body for Hon. J. L. Hill for Moderator. Carried: By unanimous vote N. Hefner was re-elected clerk and J. S. Mattingly, treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us;

the following named brethren responded, to wit:—W. A. Dodd of Buckner College, S. B. Barnett, of Russellville Association and J. B. Alexander, of Caroline Association.

Appointed as Devotional Committee, Pastor H. G. Johnson and deacons of Houston church.

Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. H. Hammons; text 2 Th 4:2.



Evening Session

Evening Session Friday 1:30 o'clock p. m. was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by S. B. Barnett. The following committees were appointed

FINANCE.—R. A. Jones, J. S. Mattingly and M. A. Vandalsem.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—R. A. Jones, S. B. Barnett, and H. G. Johnson.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Joe Lovelace, A. Bland, and S. Barnett.

DESTITUTION.—G. W. Reid, A. J. Ussery, and J. A. Johnson.

OBITUARIES.—J. S. Mattingly, W. A. Dodd, and G. W. Ussery.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—H. N. Hefner, J. A. Johnson, and J. L. Goff.

LITERATURE.—M. E. Perry, Sister Johnson, and Brother H. G. Johnson.

PROHIBITION.—R. A. Jones, W. A. Price, and G. W. Reid.

ORPHANS' HOME.—M. A. Vandalsem, C. H. Duncan, and F. P. Turner.

HOME and FOREIGN MISSIONS.—S. D. Campbell, Jasper McCabe, and J. H. Byers.

STATE MISSIONS.—J. H. Hammons, J. H. Byers, and R. J. Reynolds.

Taken recess, and had some talks by Elds. Byers, Dodd, Palmer, Barnett and Alexander.

Saturday Morning Session

Saturday at 8:30 o'clock A. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. L. Hill.

Appointed as Committee on Resolutions.—H. N. Hefner, H. G. Johnson, and S. B. Barnett.

Renewed the call for visiting brethren.—F. P. Turner responded.

On motion the Moderator was instructed to appoint an Executive Board, and that the Moderator be Ex-officio Chairman of said Board.

Names and addresses of Board:

J. L. Hill, and M. A. Vandalsem, Perryville, Ark.

S. D. Campbell, Aplin, Ark.

R. J. Reynolds, Satuma, Ark.

J. S. Mattingly, Casa, Ark.

Called for report of Committees as follows:

Destitution

We your Committee on Destitution find much destitution in our bounds. We mention the following places, to-wit: Grounds School House, Tippet School House, Ledwidge, Oppelo, Wright School House, Tyler School House, Perry, Adona, and all of Cardens Bottom. We recommend that this body take steps to supply these with all other destitute places in our bounds with gospel preaching. G. W. Reid, Chairman.

Associational Missions.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION.—In consideration of our great destitution, we recommend that the churches cooperate with our Associational Board in an effort to keep a missionary in the field, and if we find that we are unable to do so, that our Board apply to our State Mission Board for such help as we may need, but we recommend that no missionary be employed until we have paid our debt carried over from last year. H. N. Hefner, Chairman.

Debt carried over from last year	\$151.35
Donated by H. N. Hefner	\$50.00
Paid in Cash	5.86
Total	<u>\$55.86</u>

Balance Due

\$95.49

Pledged on debt, by Churches—Houston, \$15.00; Perryville, \$6.25; Casa,

\$6.25; Cherry Hill, \$6.25; Mulberry Grove, \$6.25; Liberty, \$6.25; Esau, \$6.25; Mt. Moriah, \$6.25. Total, \$57.50.

State Missions.

Arkansas is one of the greatest Mission fields in the south land. The state within its bounds has possibly more than one million unsaved souls and there are many thousands who have only a vague idea, and knowledge of the glorious truths so dear to Baptist.

Our forces in the state consists of 1482 churches, 110,000 members, of these not more than half of the churches contributed last year to State Missions. Thousands of individual members gave nothing to State Missions. The thousands who failed to sow to the State Mission work last year, also failed to have a part in the greatest victory our God has ever given us, since it is a fact that last year was the best in our history. This year has already gone beyond all previous records in workers, conversions, baptisms and collections. This year the Baptist State Convention has 72 men employed, and July the 31st they reported more than 2,000 conversions, 2,083 additions to Baptist churches.

The committee urges that all of the pastors bring this matter before their congregations and see that each individual member in every church in this Association do, and give something to help to make this a Baptist state by contributing to State Missions. J. H. Hammons, Chairman.

Home and Foreign Missions.

Believing that the vital life of the church depends largely upon Missionary Activity. The church that goes, is the church that grows, 'Go ye,' is the divine command. Yet not being able to go we may send, and with our prayers and means aid those already in the field. We recommend that the churches of this Association cooperate with the Home and Foreign Mission boards, S. D. Campbell, Chairman.

Prohibition.

Whereas, the sale or use of intoxicants is one of the greatest evils to which any people can be subjected, Therefore be it resolved that we heartily cooperate with every worthy effort that is being made for the suppression of this evil. We recommend that this Association organize a county Anti Saloon League and that brethren John L. Hill M. A. Vandalsam, R. A.

mes, H. N. Hefner and T. B. Wolf be appointed as a committee to organize said league. We have reason to be thankful for the progress that is being made, not only in our own state, but throughout the whole country in the prohibition cause.

Let us make 'State Wide Prohibition' our Watch Word, and join hands with our sister states which have taken their stand on this side of the line, till Arkansas shall be free from this great evil.

R. A. JONES, Ch'm.

LITERATURE.

We recommend, first of all, a study of God's Word if we would know the truth. Second, in order that we keep informed on all our denominational doctrines, it is necessary for us to take and read our denominational papers. We recommend, to the Baptist of this Association, The Foreign Mission Journal, The Home Field, Baptist Advance, and Arkansas Baptist. To our Sunday Schools, we recommend the Literature of the Home Board and the American Baptist Publication Society. Mesdames R. F. Johnson and E. K. Perry, Committee.

ORPHANS HOME.

The Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas now have two Orphans' Homes, one at Monticello, the other at Texarkana. There are 110 or more children in the home at Monticello, and 23 at Texarkana. Both institutions are behind with their running expenses, we recommend, therefore, that this Association allow Bro. F. P. Turner to take an offering, in cash and pledges, for our orphanage work; we further recommend that our pastors preach on Orphanage Work at least once a year, and take offerings for this work. We further recommend that all our Sunday Schools give one collection each month to support of orphans. Send money for orphans to F. P. Turner, No. 276, Little Rock, Ark.: boxes, clothing, etc. to Baptist Orphans Home, Monticello, Ark.

M. A. VANDALSEM, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We believe in a Divine call to the ministry, and that only those who are born from above, and called of God are qualified to preach the Gospel, and that it is the duty of the called to cultivate the talents God has given them. There are many dangerous heresies now taught in the world, and we are in sore need of more men who will be able to meet these false doctrines, and

defend the Truth, men who are able to present the truth in such terms that the unlearned can understand. We, therefore, urge all young men entering the ministry to secure, at least, a good English education and we urge the churches to assist our ministerial students when help is needed. We recommend Ouachita College and Academies as good and safe schools.

J. A. LOVELACE, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

We find that since our last session of this Association there has been 11 of our members fallen asleep in Jesus. We deeply regret our loss, but feel that our loss is their gain, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." So we say as Jesus said, "God's will, not ours be done."

J. S. MATTINGLY, Ch'm.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find that so far as statistics show, there are only eight Sunday Schools in this Association. We therefore recommend that each church organize and maintain a Sunday School, and let us report to the Association next year, as many Sunday Schools as there are churches in the Association.

R. A. JONES, Ch'm.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, First:—That we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to God for the unity of Spirit in this Association. Second:—We feel greatly indebted to Houston Baptist Church, and to the people of Houston for the open hearted welcome and unsurpassed kindness shown us during our stay with them. Third:—That we extend our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk of this body for faithful and efficient service rendered, and all visiting brethren for valuable assistance.

Com. { H. N. HEFNER,
J. G. JOHNSON,
S. B. BARNETT

NEXT SESSION AT CASA.

By unanimous vote of the Association the next session of the Association was voted at Casa,

Elected S. B. Barnett to preach the introductory sermon, and H. G. Johnson to preach on the theme of Missions, Sunday 11 a. m. of next session.

CORRESPONDENTS.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

Dardanelle Association:—H. N. Hefner.

United:—Henry Perry and J. A. Lovelace.

Greenbriar:—J. H. Hammons and S. D. Campbell.

Russellville:—J. H. Hammons and H. N. Hefner.

Adjourned to meet Saturday 7 o'clock p. m.

 SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

A discussion of Orphanage work by F. P. Turner and after sermon taken a cash collection for the Orphans Home at Monticello to the amount of \$12.68. The following pledges were made for the Orphan's Home.

Casa	\$ 5.00	Esau Sunday School	\$ 2.00
Houston	\$10.00	Houston Sunday School	\$10.00
Harmony	\$ 5.00	Mt. Moriah	\$ 2.00
Mulberry Grove	\$ 5.00	Liberty	\$ 2.50
Perryville	\$10.00	Perryville Sunday School	\$10.00
Total		\$62.00	

Individual pledges to Orphans Home:

John Price	\$1.00	S. D. Campbell	\$5.00
R. A. Jones	2.50	Sister Bland	1.00
J. S. Mattingly	2.50	H. W. Harris	2.50

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Finance Committee reported \$19.20 for Minutes. By order of the Association the clerk was allowed \$5.00 for his service.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to turn Minute funds over to the clerk.

Sunday 9 a. m. the Association was called together in Sunday School mass meeting.

Motion for final adjournment to meet with Casa Baptist Church Friday before the second Sunday in October 1910. Vote was deferred until after the annual sermon which was preached by H. N. Hefner. At the close of sermon, taken a collection for Associational Missions to the amount of \$5.86.

Adjourned

Hon. J. L. Hill, Moderator.

H. N. Hefner, Clerk

Perryville, Ark.

Casa, Ark.

ORDER OF PREACHING.

Friday 11 o'clock a. m. J. H. Hammons.

Friday 7:30 p. m. J. B. Alexander.

Saturday 11 a. m. J. H. Byers.

Saturday 7:30 p. m. F. P. Turner.

Sunday 11 a. m. H. N. Hefner.



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; 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 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 preserving 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 baptized 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, rites and privileges invested in them by His word. That the 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, and to be refreshed 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 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

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Received by Baptism	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	AMOUNT COLLECTED FOR							Cost of Literature
										Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Pastors Salary	Orphans Home	No. Enrolled in S. S. Days of Meeting	
Antioch	G. W. Reid	E F Rankin	Perryville	2					26	\$ 1.00							
Aplin	H N Hefner	T J Brown	Aplin		1	26	2			1.35	\$.65				1 60	4	
Casa	H N Hefner	G W Hill	Casa	2 9		4	2		65	2.25	.50	12.50			1 00	2 60	
Cherry Hill	G W Ried	W M Porter	Perryville			2 5			40	1.50						2	
Cove Chapel	Olen West	C J Counts	Pontoon	2		2 2			21	1.00						4	
Esau		A Bland	Bigelow	3 2		4			35	2.25			2 00	\$ 65		50	\$15 00
Houston	H G Johnson	J A Lovelace	Houston	12 12			1	150	2.00			52 85	13 50			2 65	13 00
Harmony	Thomas Green	W A Price	Maumelle	7 7		2 1			50	1.00					3 00	1 46	
Hawkstone	J H Hammons	W P Grice	Ada	1 1			1	19	1.00							3	
Mt Moriah	Eld. Weber	E D Smith	Roland	1				15	1.56	1 00	7.00	10 00		12 2 00		36	
Mount'n Grove	G W Ried	R J Reynolds	Satuna	3 2	2 3	2 1		52	1.50							3 15	
Mulberry Grove	H N Hefner	C H Duncan	Azona	7 7	1 2		1	48	1.35						3 00	3	
Perryville	S B Barnett	J L Hill	Perryville	12 5		1 2		74	2 00	1.00	14.00	15 25	300	1059	2 91	14 98	
Liberty	Thomas Green	G W Wilson	Maumelle	12 3		1 2 2		41	1.50	1.00					1 75	2	
Totals				61 51	4	20 39 12		636	21.26	4.15	86.35	40 75	\$377	2294		363	\$43 98

Fourche Valley dissolved. New Home and Mt. Zion not represented

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For the Superintendent

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