



MINUTES
 OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
 HELD AT

Oak Grove Church, October 17, 18 and 19, 1902,

OFFICERS:

Moderator	R. H. PARKER	Van, Ark.
Vice Moderator	B. F. HOUSE	Barrettsville, "
clerk	R. L. DAVIS	Hazen, "
Treasurer	W. L. COLE	Hamilton, "

Next session to be held with the New Hope Church, 20
 miles south of Stuttgart, beginning at 10 a. m.,
 Saturday before the third Sunday in
 October, 1903.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Prairie Baptist Association convened with the Oak Grove church, October 17, 1902, at 7 p. m.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, R. H. Parker. The Clerk, R. L. Davis, being absent, H. B. Dudley was elected pro tem.

J. B. Kimbrough, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, being absent, and D. D. Willis, alternate, asking to be excused, which was granted, R. M. Best was elected in his place.

Went "Jesus lover of my Soul"

After reading by R. M. Best, and prayer led by R. F. Routh, the Association listened to an interesting sermon by R. M. Best from

The Moderator appointed W. L. Cole and B. F. House reading and called for letters from the various churches; whereupon the following were presented, naming those following as messengers:

Worship—W. J. Weaver, John Kennedy, Sam Morgan.

Deacons—H. K. Adams, J. A. Allen and Sister M. E. Adams.

Worship—J. E. Highfill, Joe Harrison, W. L. Harrison.

Worship—J. F. Isbell, J. H. Rounsavall, B. F. House.

Worship—Jos. Carnes, H. B. Dudley, P. W. Dudley.

Worship—Wm. Phifer, B. F. Harrison, Alvin Phifer.

Worship—J. H. Jackson, W. G. R. Hampton.

Worship—W. L. Cole, G. W. Campbell, J. B. Webb.

Worship—R. A. Ricks, Geo. Rochelle, Walter Livsey.

Worship—B. W. Carson, Princeton Stewart, J. C. Lancaster.

Pastor's letters next called for; none presented.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Devotional Exercises: Pastor and Deacons of Oak Grove church with J. F. and B. W. Carson.

Adjourned to 6 a. m. October 18, 1902.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1902.

The Association convened at 9 a. m. Prayer by D. S. Cannon. Letters from churches called for and the following responded:—

RISING SUN.—J. H. Ragan, W. B. Ward, Lillie Banfield.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL.—G. H. Westrope.

Petitionary letters again called for; none presented.

Next order of business—the annual election of officers.

Motion and Seconded, That we dispense with the regular order of election and elect by acclamation. Carried.

The election resulted as follows:—Moderator, R. H. PARKER; Vice-Moderator, B. F. HOUSE; Clerk, R. L. DAVIS; Treasurer, W. L. COLE.

The Moderator then announced the following committees, viz:

FINANCE.—W. L. Cole, J. H. Rounsvall, J. E. Highfill.

EDUCATION.—R. M. Best, B. K. Adams, W. G. Weaver.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.—Sisters Lillie Banfield, P. W. Dudley and J. A. Carnes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—B. F. House, J. F. Isbell, D. D. Willis.

TEMPERANCE.—H. B. Dudley, J. B. Webb, W. B. Plifer.

PUBLICATIONS.—R. F. Routh, S. W. Carson, Geo. Rochelle.

OBITUARIES.—D. S. Cannon, R. A. Ricks, Sam Morgan.

By vote of the body, the Association dispensed with the committees on State Missions and Home Missions.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations and visiting brethren next called for; and Bro. H. H. Street, representing the State Sunday School and Colportage work, gladly received.

Motion and Seconded, That this Association do not elect messengers to the State Convention. Carried.

Motion and Seconded, That we take a recess for the Executive Board to prepare their report. Carried.

Reassembled 11 a. m., by singing:

“Jesus, lover of my Soul.”

F. C. Robinson and H. Y. Miller, enrolled as messengers from Hazen church.

Motion and Seconded, That we have preaching at 11 a. m. Carried. The committee announced that H. H. Street will preach at this hour.

Prayer by R. M. Parker, after which Bro. Street delivered an earnest and instructive discourse from John 16:7; appealing to God's children to lead consecrated lives. Closed with prayer by D. D. Willis. Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

1:30 p. m. Song. Prayer by R. M. Best.

Called for letters from the churches, with the following response:

POINT DE LUCE.—Abbott Powell, Sister Lottie Powell.

FAIRMOUNT.—W. A. Craig, J. W. Robinson, Sister Robinson.

ST. CHARLES.—J. N. Worthy and Sister Worthy.

Petitionary letters again called for; and Devall's Bluff church presented her letter, with J. B. Chapline, Julian Harris and Ida E. Roberson, as messengers. Motion and Seconded, That same be received. Motion carried, and the messengers were welcomed into

the Association by the Moderator.

Eld. R. C. Medaris, General Missionary of the State Convention and member of Mt. Zion Association received as a visiting brother.

Report on Education read, and ably discussed by R. C. Medaris. Report adopted and marked "A."

Report on Sunday-Schools postponed until 10 a.m. Sunday.

Report of Executive Board read; and the Associational work discussed by R. M. Best, R. F. Routh, D. S. Cannon, Sister Dudley, H. Y. Morris, S. K. Downs, F. C. Robinson, R. H. Parker, H. H. Street. Report adopted and marked "B."

Motion and seconded: That a committee of three be appointed to collect the balance due the Association by former Treasurer, E. J. McCuin. Carried. R. L. Davis, F. C. Robinson and J. R. Sanders appointed, who were ordered to report to the first session of the Executive Board.

Report on Obituaries read, adopted and marked "C."

Report on Foreign Missions deferred until after preaching to-night.

Report on Publications read and commented upon by R. M. Best. Adopted and marked "D."

Report on Temperance read, and discussed by H. B. Dudley, H. H. Street, F. C. Robinson, R. F. Routh, T. H. Jackson, R. H. Parker, D. S. Cannon. Report adopted and marked "E."

RECESS TO 6:30 P. M.

Convened by singing: "Crown Him Lord of all."

Time and place of next meeting in order. By a vote of the Association, it was decided that our next meeting be held with the New Hope church, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1903.

After singing and reading, was led in prayer by H. Y. Morris. Then the congregation listened to a feeling sermon by R. C. Medaris from Rom. 1:16; at the close of which several persons came for prayer.

Report on Foreign Missions read, and commented on by R. C. Medaris. Report adopted and marked "F"; and a collection of \$11.20 was taken for Foreign Missions.

Our Moderator, R. M. Parker, was elected as our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

H. Y. Morris selected to preach the next introductory sermon, and B. F. House, alternate; also, R. F. Routh to preach the annual missionary sermon, and R. M. Best, alternate. Adjourned to meet 10 a.m. Sunday.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

SONG—"Come Thou Fount." Prayer by H. H. Street.

The Moderator then announced the following Executive Board

for the ensuing year, viz:

Stuttgart—S. K. Downs.
 New Home—Sam Morgan.
 Big LaGrue—J. P. Allen.
 Center Point—John Isbell.
 Cross-Roads—Joe Harrison.
 Humphrey—J. N. Walton.
 DeWitt—H. B. Dudley.
 Fairmount—J. W. Robinson.
 Hazen—F. C. Robinson.
 New Bethel—Wm. Phifer.
 New Hope—T. H. Jackson.
 Bethel—H. M. Garrett.

New Zion—Pat Donovan.
 Oak Grove—W. L. Cole.
 Pleasant Ridge—R. A. Ricks.
 Point Deluce—Abbot Powell.
 Rising Sun.—W. B. Word.
 St. Charles—D. S. Bass.
 DeVall's Bluff—R. A. Roberson.
 Hebron—Sam Williams.
 Prairie Chapel—George Westrope.
 Macedonia—R. G. Minton.
 Harmony—J. C. Lancaster.

Motion and seconded, That the clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed.

Report on Sunday-schools read, and discussed by H. H. Street, R. C. Medaris, H. B. Dudley, F. C. Robinson and R. M. Best. Report adopted, marked "F," and a collection amounting to \$9.08 taken for the State Sunday-school work. Sisters Horton and McSwain received as messengers from Bellevue church. No letter.

By request, B. F. House was excused from preaching the annual missionary sermon, and R. C. Medaris elected to preach the same. After devotional exercises, conducted by H. H. Street, we listened to the missionary sermon by Bro. Medaris from the "Commission" as a text; after which a cash collection of \$10.75, and the following pledges were taken for Associational missions:

Hazen church.....	\$5.00	Pleasant Ridge church.....	2.50
Center Point.....	5.00	Fairmont.....	2.50
Devall's Bluff church.....	5.00	New Bethel.....	2.50
New Hope.....	5.00	Oak Grove.....	2.50
D. S. Cannon.....	5.00	Cross-Roads.....	2.50
H. Y. Morris.....	5.00	H. H. Street.....	2.50
H. B. Dudley.....	5.00	Pearline Percival.....	1.00
Ladies Aid Society, DeWitt.....	5.00	Lottie Powell.....	1.00
Ladies Helping Hand, DeWitt.....	5.00	Rising Sun church.....	1.00
F. C. Robinson.....	2.50	J. P. Allen, paid.....	1.00
DeWitt Sunday-School.....	2.50	R. C. Medaris, paid.....	1.00
DeWitt church.....	2.50	S. W. Carson.....	1.00

Adjourned for dinner.

Assembled at 2 p. m. with singing.

D. S. Cannon presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED:—That Grand Prairie Association hereby tenders thanks to the Oak Grove church and neighborhood for their hospitality and kindness to the delegation in attendance.

The Finance committee presented their report, which was received (see Appendix.) Minutes read and approved.

There being no further business, the parting hand was given, and one of the most pleasant sessions of this body closed, where brotherly love and harmony prevailed during all our deliberations.

R. H. PARKER, MODERATOR.

R. L. DAVIS, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

"A."—EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, submit the following report: "We can't appreciate education too highly. We believe education is necessary to the promotion of the Gospel of our Lord and Master. It helps us to understand truth and meet error. Education enlarges our understanding; increases our intelligence; and makes us useful christians, as well as better citizens.

We cheerfully recommend Onachita-Central Colleges and Academies as worthy of our help and patronage, believing they are blessings to our State and denomination. We invoke God's richest blessings upon them and their work.

R. M. BEST.
B. K. ADAMS,
W. J. WEAVER

"B."—EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, the Executive Board of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, submit the following: At the first two meetings of the Board, it was thought best not to make any appropriations. At our meeting at Fairmount, June 28, 1902, we appropriated \$3.25 to Fairmount church. On the 30th of August, 1902, at Haven, we made the following appropriations, viz: Fairmount church, \$1.75; Hurricane, \$7.50; St. Charles, \$7.50; Total appropriations, \$20.00. Of this amount, \$6 57 has been paid, leaving a balance unpaid of \$13 43.

Our Treasurer, E. J. McQuin, having moved away from the Association, the Board elected, on June 28th, 1902, Bro. M. D. Webb, of Stuttgart, Treasurer, to fill Bro. McQuin's unexpired term; and ordered Bro. McQuin to pay the balance in his hands, which amounted to \$63 83, to Bro. Webb, which we find has not been done. On account of this money not being paid to Bro. Webb, the Board thought it best not to make any more appropriations.

R. L. DAVIS,
F. C. ROBINSON, } Com.
W. L. COLE, }

"C."—OBITUARIES."

OAK GROVE CHURCH, Oct. 18, 1902.

To the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, Greeting:

Your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report, that since our last sitting, He, who rules over the destinies of the church, both on earth and in heaven, hath seen fit to call from our midst sixteen (16) members of this Association. And fully believing that our loss is their very great gain, we humbly bow to the Great and adorable Will of God; and humbly recommend that we, as an Association, endeavor to draw nearer to the blessed Savior, in word, pen and action, and be ever ready for the great and final summons.

D. S. CANNON,
R. A. RICKS.

"D."—PUBLICATIONS.

We would recommend, first of all, the Word of God, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. For all scripture is given by inspiration of God; and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect; thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Second: A good, religious, Baptist paper, and any good, religious, Baptist books.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. F. ROUTH.
S. W. CARSON,
GEORGE ROCHELL.



ORDAINED MINISTERS.

D. S. Cannon.
J. W. Outlaw.
R. F. Routh.
T. K. Flynn.

DeWitt, Ark.		D. D. Willis.
DeVall's Bluff. "		B. F. House.
Hazen. "		H. Y. Morris.
" "		R. M. Best.

		Hazen, Ark.
		Barrettsville, "
		" "
		Hazen, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Joe Johnson.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Increase.		Decrease.		Males.	Females.	Total.	Sunday-Schools.	For Minutes.	Clerk's Fees.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Day of Meeting.	Value of Church Property.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	
	By Letter.	By Baptism.	Restored.	By Letter.																Died.
Bethel							20											(Last year.)		
Bellvue																		(Not reported)		
Big LaGrue.....	3	1		1	2		67		\$1.55			\$2 30	\$ 5 00					R. H. Parker.....	Van.	
Center Point.....	5	18	5	8	1	5	126	1.90		\$ 50 00		2 00					2nd	W. H. Bullock.....	Hazen.	
Cross-Roads.....	1	2				5	36	1.00				2 00					4th	J. E. Highfill.....	Hickory Plains.	
DeWitt.....		1		7	1		103	2.00		250 0		17 00	7 50	2 50	2 50				DeWitt.	
DeVall's Bluff.....	30	7				53	37	1.25					105 80	1 75	1 75			\$2000 00	Mrs. N. G. Swinney.....	Devall's Bluff.
Hebron							21											700 00	(Last year.).....	
Hazen.....	5	7	1	5	2		52	1.00		63 87		2 50	2 50				3rd	900 00	Hattie Sanders.....	Hazen.
Harmony.....	3	12	1				37	1.00		33 50									J. C. Lancaster.....	Melta.
Fairmount.....							11	.25				1 25						500 00	May Primm.....	Fairmount.
Macedonia.....							14												(Last year.).....	
New Home.....	4	4		1			40	1.25				50					3rd		J. F. Chapman.....	Des Arc.
New Hope.....		8	3	5	4		71	1.00					8 07				1st		Elmer Moon.....	Hagler.
New Bethel.....	2	9	1	5	2	7	56	.75	50	31 25								500 00	Geo. Gerren.....	Carlisle.
New Zion.....																				
Oak Grove.....		5	2				28	1.05												
Point DeLuce.....							73	.50			84 00		5 25				1st		W. L. Cole.....	Hamilton.
Pleasant Ridge.....	5	16		5		1	48	.88			25 09							200 00	Abbot Powell.....	DeWitt.
Prairie Chapel.....	2			1			21	.85			16 75							200 00	W. C. Everett.....	Uzzell.
Rising Sun.....	6	14		3	4		90	1 10		70 00	1 00	1 20	1 00	1 00			800 00	Jessie Whcelor.....	Vaby.	
St. Charles.....	4	6		1	1		28	.50				5 00					2nd	800 00	C. J. Henderson.....	Sassafras.
Stuttgart.....	8	6	1	13		1	51	1.50	150		1 70	10 00							A. B. Cullpher.....	St. Charles.
Humphry.....																		800 00	J. W. Webb.....	Stuttgart.
	78	116	14	56	17	17	1040	10											(Not represented),,	