

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

Current River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Union Baptist Church

September 13, 1906

W. F. BRIDGES, Moderator.....Holmes, Ark.

J. H. STORY, Clerk.....Walnut Ridge, Ark.

The next meeting of the Association will be held with
Landmark Church, Corning, Ark., beginning on Thursday
before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1907.

MINUTES

The Current River Baptist Association met with Union Baptist Church on Thursday Sept. 13, 1906 at 10 o'clock a. m. House called to order by Bro. S. K. Dungan, and after preaching by Bro. Neuman from 1st Cor. 13: 8 it was moved and carried that we adjourn till 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by singing. Prayer by Bro. W. F. Bridges. Bro. W. F. Bridges was chosen temporary chairman and Bro. Ben S. Tipton temporary clerk. Bros. Bullis and J. H. Story were chosen reading clerks.

Reading of church letters called for; presented and read as follows:

Black River Church, Messengers—Bro. and Sister Maddock. Bro. Easley.

Corning Church, Messengers—Brethren Elmer Ayers and R. T. Perré.

Land Mark Church, Messengers—S. K. Dungan, J. I. Howell, Bro. Powell

Datto Church, Messengers—Oscar Brown, Thos. Winningham, W. H. Deaton.

Independence Church, Messengers—E. L. Bullis, Thos. H. Tracy, Jas. F. Spriggs.

Palatka Church, Messengers—Robt. Black.

Reyno Church, Messengers—Bro. T. W. Malone.

Biggers Church, Messengers—Ben S. Tipton, Bro. and Sister C. M. Meyers.

Unión Church, Messengers—J. H. Story, M. L. Houston, A. F. Henderson.

Shiloh Church, Messengers—Wm. McClintock, Jasper Smith, Elsie Warner.

Walnut Grove Church, Messengers—Bro. and Sister J. B. Baker and Bro. J. A. Riggs.

Mt. Pleasant West Church, Messengers—D. H. Sharp, J. J. Shively, J. L. Suggs.

Knobel Church, Messengers—J. W. Moore.

Moved and carried that we go into an election by private ballot for permanent Moderator and Clerk, which election resulted in the choice of Bro. W. F. Bridges, moderator and J. H. Story, clerk.

The following committee on committees was appointed. Thos. Winningham, T. W. Malone, S. Dungan, Elmer Ayers, J. W. Suggs.

A petitionary letter was presented by Bro. J. W. Moore from the Gainesville Association to the Current River Association. An investigating committee as follows was appointed. Bros. S. K. Dungan, J. A. Riggs and Bro. Maddock who reported favorable for the acceptance of the church and it was admitted by the association.

Committee on committee reported as follows:

District Missions—Thos. Winningham, Ben S. Tipton.

State Missions—T. Malone, S. K. Dungan, E. M. Ayers.

Foreign Missions—S. W. Abernathy, Henry Rollings, and Bro. Neuman.

Sunday School—Jas. F. Spriggs, R. B. Powell, R. T. Perrein.

Education—Thos. H. Tracy, Oscar Brown, W. T. Jackson.

Publication—S. K. Dungan, T. W. Malone, E. L. Ayers.

Temperance—E. M. Ayers, L. Warner, W. T. Jackson.

Women's Work—Bros. J. J. Shively, J. L. Suggs, Sister Sue Brown.

Orphans' Home—O. T. Finch, C. M. Meyers, A. F. Henderson.

Obituaries—Bro. W. Gowens, R. T. Perrein.

Resolutions—E. L. Bullis, S. W. Abernathy, Geo. Rollins.

Fiance—J. A. Riggs, T. W. Malone, O. Brown.

Ordained and Licensed Ministers—J. A. Riggs, L. X. Maddock, J. W. Moore.

Moved and carried that we adjourn till Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Preaching at night by Bro. A. T. Finch. Subject, John 3:16.

Friday morning Session Sept. 14.

House called to order by Moderator, Devotional exercises led by Bro. Elmer Ayers, prayer by Bro. R. G. Bowers.

Called for Report on Orphans' Home.

Read by Bro. O. T. Finch, who moved its adoption, carried.

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT.

We your committee on Orphans' Home are glad to report that the past year has been signally blessed of God, in that no deaths and but little sickness has occurred among the children which now number nearly 70, and besides the matter of health we have been blessed financially. The Home at Monticillo has been refurnished and many other improvements have been made, and since these fatherless ones are looking to Arkansas Baptists for bread and raiment, we would recommend that each pastor

in the Association preach at least one sermon bearing upon this subject and take up a liberal collection, and in addition to this we recommend that the Sunday Schools and Ladies Aid Societies contribute regularly to this blessed work, we further recommend that a collection be taken now for this work. Send all contributions to O. T. Finch, Box 276, Little Rock, Ark.

Respt Submitted,

O. T. Finch,

A. F. Henderson, { Committee

Report on Temperance called for, presented and read by Bro W. T. Jackson Bro. Elmer Ayers moved its adoption and carried

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on temperance would report as follows:

Whereas intemperance is the greatest foe to humanity, producing more suffering and crime, robbing homes of the blessings that belong to them, crushing innocent and loving hearts it dethrones reasons, produces crime, thereby filling our prisons and insane asylums and at last filling drunkards graves and worst of all a drunkards hell.

Resolved, therefore, That we as an association condemn the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage and hereby censure any baptist that would support it in any of its forms directly or indirectly and further that we urge all baptists to labor for and vote for every more that would tend to rid our country of this curse.—(Insighed Committee.)

REPORT OF DISTRICT MISSIONS

Called for Report on District Missions—Read by Ben S. Tipton, who moved its adaption and carried.

As there are no means on hand to assist in this great work in the bounds of our association

Therefore, we recommend, that this association instruct, all pastors and members to assist in collection so that we may have finance enough to keep a missionary in the field full time.

Ben S. Tipton, {

T. S. Winningham, { Committee.

After reading the report on District Missons the following churches and individuals made the following pledges for the support of a district missionary:

CHURCHES

Black River.....	\$ 2 50
Corning.....	15 00
Biggers	12 50
Walnut Grove.....	5 00

Landmark.....	10 00
Knobel.....	5 00
Reyno.....	10 00
Union.....	12 50
Datto.....	10 00
Independence.....	5 00
Shiloh.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant West.....	10 00

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES

R. G. Bowers (Little Rock).....	\$ 20 00
Alia Finch (Little Rock).....	4 00
Mrs. W. T. Jackson (Walnut Ridge).....	5 00
Total.....	\$131 50

Moved and carried that we adjourn till 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Powell. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro R. G Bowers. Subject—Gifts, Wages, Rewards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing. Prayer by Bro. S. W. Abernathy.

Call for Report on State Missions. Report read by Bro. Elmer Ayers, who moved its adoption and carried.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In reviewing the field before us, we cannot fail to be impressed with the great need for enlarged efforts upon the part of all our churches to reach out into the destitute places and bring the people under the influence of a pure gospel. With this need in view, we recommend that a suitable effort be made to bring our best energies to bear in overcoming the darkness within our own bounds. That we leave each church to decide for itself the extent and manner of its own efforts to spread the gospel in regions beyond. We recommend the faithful work of our Missionaries during the past year, and urge that a collection be taken up at this association for State Mission Work. We also urge that the same methods be adopted for the coming year.

After the report was read a collection was taken for Bro. Abernathy State Missionary which results as follows:

Cash.....	\$1 50
Pledges.....	4 50

Moved and carried that we adjourn until 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Powell. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro R. G. Bowers. Subject, Gifts, Wages, Rewards.

Moved and carried that we adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Saturday.
Prayer by Bro. Powell. Preaching Sunday night by Bro. Neuman Subject, Isa. 32-12

MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing. Scripture lesson read by Moderator, 8th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. S. K. Dungan

Call for Report on Publication. Report read by Bro. Bullis who moved its adoption and carried.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your committee, on Publications, beg leave to report the following:

We recommend the careful reading of the Bible and prayerful meditation thereon, that we may fully understand God's truths. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the American Baptist Flag as the proper papers for the General Association people. We also recommend the Baptist Publishing Company of Little Rock, Arkansas as the channel through which we obtain our literature.

T. W. Malone }
S. K. Dungan, } Com.
E. L. Bullis. }

Call for Report on Education. Report read by Bro. S. W. Abernathy, and Bro. T. H. Tracy moved its adoption, carried.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

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

We recommend that the Arkansas Baptist patronize our schools within the State. We especially recommend our own Onachita Maynard Academy built at a sacrifice by this and State Line Association.

Oscar Brown, {
T. H. Tracy. } Com

Call for Report on Obituaries. Report read by J. H. Story, who moved its adoption, carried.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We find that death has invaded our ranks and removed (13) thirteen of our beloved brethren and sisters. While they are gone, they are not forgotten, and we earnestly urge that all churches pray that the Holy Spirit be with the bereaved.

Committee.

Call for Report on Foreign Missions. Report read by Bro. Neuman. Bro. R. T. Perrin moved its adoption, carried.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee, on Foreign Missions, report as follows:

Believing that the Missionary Baptist Churches are the only means through which the perishing millions of this earth can be reached as our Lord commissioned in Matt. 28: We therefore recommend that the Churches co-operating in this union put forth a special effort during this new Associational year to see that this department of our work is second to none. We further recommend that the churches do their Foreign Mission work through the General Association of the U. S. and that you send your contributions to J. B. Sellman, Texarkana, Ark.

Committee.

Call for report on Women's Work. Report read by Bro. Howard. Bro. Bullis moved its adoption and carried.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

While the blessings of our God have rested on all parts of our work last year, no department has been more signally blessed than that of the noble, Godly women of our Association. With the labors in this part of the work they have been faithfully engaged in sending cash and boxes of clothing to all parts of our country helping our Missionary to do their work so that the work has been forwarded to the upbuilding of God's cause throughout our land and country. May God bless our women in their labor of love for the Master's cause

J. C. Howard, {
J. J. Shively, { Com.
J. L. Suggs. {

Call for Report on Finance. Report read by Bro. J. A. Riggs who moved its adoption and carried

REPORT ON FINANCE

Reyno church, For Minutes	\$2 50
Datto church, for Minutes	2 50
Walnut Grove church, for Minutes	75
Land Mark church, for Minutes	1 50
Corning church, for Minutes	1 85
Union church, for Minutes	1 50
Mt. Pleasant E church, for Minutes	1 00
Black River church, for Minutes	1 00
Biggers church, for Minutes	1 25
Independence church, for Minutes	1 50
Mt. Pleasant W. church, for Minutes	2 00
Shiloh church, for Minutes	2 00
Knoble church, for Minutes	75
Independence church, for Dis. Missions,	1 00
Total	<u>\$21 10</u>

Moved and carried that the Clerk have 500 copies of Minutes printed and sent to the several churches and after all expenses of printing and mailing Minutes, the clerk is authorized to dispose of the remainder of fund as he sees fit.

Moved and carried that Bro D. Blackburn be related for the next Associational year.

Moved and carried that Bro D. Blackburn be requested to send the Treasurer's Report to the clerk of the Association that it may appear in our Minutes.

Call for report on Resolutions. Report read by Bro. Bullis who moved its adoption, carried.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, on Resolutions, report as follows:

- 1 Resolved, That this Association correspond with Associations surrounding it.
- 2 Resolved, That the clerk have 500 Minutes printed and send to the several churches.
- 3 Resolved, That this Association correspond with the General Association.
- 4 Resolved, That the messengers of this Association take collections for Bro A. Conner at their several churches on their return Home.
- 5 Resolved, That we do endorse the Arkansas Baptist and the American Baptist Flag, whose editors we love as noble Christian brethren We recommend the reading matter of both of those papers to the brethren everywhere, as the most wholesome and sound doctrine with which we are acquainted, and would urge that every Baptist should take one or both of those paper.
- 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 Resolved, That this body return thanks to the members and friends of Union church for their generosity and royal hospitality extended to the visitors and messengers of this Association.

E. L. Bullis,
S. W. Abernathy,
Geo. Rawlings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We find that eight out of the sixteen churches reported in this Association have Sunday schools and only a few of them report the average attendance or contributions. We find that the churches are living far beneath their privileges, and we, your committee, wish to recommend that all of the churches organize Sunday Schools and maintain the same next year

Respectively Submitted,

R. L. Powell, {
J. F. Spriggs, { Com.
R. F. Perrin, }

We recommend Arkansas Baptist Literature, Little Rock, Ark.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand at last Association \$57.36

EXPENDITURES

Printing of Minutes.....	\$12 00
Postage	1 10
State Missions	3 63
To Elder A. Conner.....	13 65
To Elder J. A. Wheatley.....	6 30

\$36.68

Balance left on hand..... \$20.68

D. Plackburn,
Treasurer.

Call for report on Ordained and Licensed Ministers Report read by Bro J. A. Riggs who moved its adoption, carried.

ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS AND P. O.

ORDAINED

- R. L. Powell, Corning, Ark.
- W. F. Bridges, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
- S. W. Abernathy, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
- J. A. Wheatley, Datto, Ark.
- C. A. Fowler, Supply, Ark.
- D. H. Sharp, Pitman, Ark.
- A. Conner, Palatka, Ark.
- T. J. Watson, Datto, Ark.
- W. H. Merridith, Corning, Ark.
- J. F. Spriggs, Neeleyville, Mo
- J. V. Taylor, Reyno, Ark.
- D. A. Lemmons, Boydsville, Ark.

LICENSED

Elmer Ayers, Corning, Ark.

J. C. Howard, Corning, Ark.

G. B. Lafferty, Moark, Mo.

B. F. Aaron, Neeleyville, Mo.

The following named Brethren volunteered to go as Corresponding Messengers to the following Associations:

Bro S. K. Dungan, to Cave Creek Association.

Bro. E. L. Bullis to Cave Creek Association.

Bro. Howard, to Gainesville, Association.

Bro. W. F. Bridges, to Spring River Association.

Moved and carried that Bro. W. F. Bridges preach the annual Associational Sermon next year and Bro. R. B. Powell, Alternate.

Moved and carried that each church is urged to send one or more representatives to each 5th Sunday or Quarterly meeting to help transact such business as may come before said body.

By a private ballot it was decided that the next meeting of the Association be with the Landmark Church, Corning, Ark., at 10 a. m. on Thursday, before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1907.

Moved and carried that we adjourn.

W. F. Bridges, Moderator,

J. H. Story, Clerk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASPOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	Time of Meeting	Increase				Decrease			Membership	
					By Baptism	By Letter..	By Recom- mendation	By Resto- ration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded..	Deceased...	This Year.	Last Year..
Knobel	F S Gibson	Knobel, Ark.	Mary J Moore	1st	1	8	4		2	1	1	18	9
Biggers	M D Bowers	Pocahontas, "	Lee Bolin		1	1			3			25	26
Mt Pleasant, West	D H Sharp	Pitman, "	Roy Sharp		14	1	1		6	1		86	76
Walnut Grove	W F Bridges	Walnut Ridge, "	J A Riggs	1st	2				2			10	10
Union	W F Bridges	Walnut Ridge "	M L Houston	3rd	10	1	2	2			1	65	51
Shiloh	C A Fowler	Supply, "	W T Griffith		11			3	4		3	48	41
Palatka	A Conner	Palatka, "	Robert Black	3rd		2						12	10
Independence	Jas F Spriggs	Neelyville, Mo.	E L Bullis	2nd		1				2	4	70	75
Datto	J A Wheat'ey	Datto, Ark	Mrs S J Evans	1st	42	17		8	11	5	2	157	98
Corning	W H Meridith	Corning, "	L F Maynard		4	8			4	4	1	153	150
Landmark	R L Powell	Corning, "	J I Howell		17	4			1		1	52	33
Black River	D A Lemmons	Boydsville, "	H N Lemmons	2nd	9	1					4	43	37
Total.....					109	46	7	14	33	16	14	739	616