

Minutes

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23rd Annual Session

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Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association

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HELD WITH

Casa Baptist Church

Casa, Arkansas

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JOHN L. HILL, Moderator

H. N. HEFNER, Clerk

**Next Session Convenes at Bigelow,
Friday before Second Sunday
in October, 1911.**

Minutes

FOURCHE Valley Baptist Association Convened with Casa Baptist Church Friday, Oct. 7, 1910, at 9 a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by J. L. Hill. Called for statistical letters, and enrolled Messengers as follows:

Antioch—N. Turnbull.

Casa—H. N. Hefner, Beatrice Wilson and R. S. Williams.

Bigelow—J. L. McPherson, Sisters Mollie Owen and Annie Draper.

Cove Chappel—Allen Jones.

Houston—W. S. Paschal and Brother Savage.

Mountain Grove—J. W. Quinn

Mt. Moriah—W. P. Adams and A. D. Smith.

Mulberry Grove—C. H. Duncan, James Wright and H. McCabe.

Perryville—J. L. Hill, M. A. Vandalsem and Sister Hill.

Went into permanent organization by re-electing Hon. J. L. Hill, Moderator; and H. N. Hefner, Secretary and Treasurer. On motion, postponed the introductory sermon until 3 p. m.

Appointed as Devotional Committee, J. L. McPherson, M. A. Vandalsem, C. H. Duncan and J. S. Mattingly.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Prayer by H. N. Hefner.

EVENING SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by S. C. Parish.

Extended a call for visiting brethren, and Eld. T. D. New, of Dardanelle Association, and Bro. S. C. Parish, of Green Briar Association, were recieved.

Elected the following named brethren as Associa-

tional Mission Board: M. A. Vandalsem, J. W. Quinn, R. A. Jones and J. S. Mattingly, with J. L. Hill.

Business was suspended and Bro. S. C. Parrish was given 30 minutes to speak on Sunday school work.

3 p. m.—Introductory sermon was preached by H. N. Hefner, from Phil. 3:9.

Adjourned until Saturday, 9 a. m. Prayer by T. D. New.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9 a. m.—Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by A. P. Scofield.

Appointed Committees as follows:

FINANCE—M. A. Vandalsem, J. W. Quinn and J. S. Mattingly. Same to serve as Committee on Sunday School and Ministerial Education.

DESTITUTION, OBITUARIES and ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—H. W. Duncan, W. P. Adams and J. L. McPherson.

PROHIBITION, ORPHANS HOME and LITERATURE—C. H. Duncan, N. Turnbull, A. P. Scofield and Bro. Savage.

HOME, FOREIGN and STATE MISSIONS—Mollie Owen, Sister Hill, Annie Draper, W. S. Paschal and J. S. Rogers.

Recess until 10:30, when J. S. Rogers delivered an interesting address on State Mission Work.

10:45 a. m.—Preaching by Eld. A. P. Scofield.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

1:30 p. m.—Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by T. D. New.

Called for report of committee on Sunday Schools, report read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: We find that there were five Sunday Schools reported, with a total enrollment of 353 pupils, and 28 officers and teachers. We further find that there are at least four other schools that are not reported. Eight of these schools use Southern Baptist Convention Literature. We recommend that each church use more zeal in this work, and that each report their full work next year.

M. A. VANDALSEM, Ch'm.

Committee on Destitution reported as follows:

We your committee on Destitution, find much destitution in the bounds of our Association. We mention the following places, Brown School House, Ledwidge, Oppelow, Walnut Grove, Tyler School House, Perry, Adona and all of Carden Bottom. We also find that almost all the west end of Perry county is destitute. We recommend that this body take steps to supply these places with all others in our bounds with gospel preaching.

W. P. ADAMS, Ch'm.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We find that since the last meeting of this body, that two of our members have 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, sayeth the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. So we say as Jesus said, "God's will be done, not ours."

W. P. ADAMS, Ch'm.

Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

In consideration of our great Destitution, we recommend that the churches co-operate with our Associational Board in an effort to keep a Missionary in the field, and if we find that we are not able to do so, that our Board apply to our State Board for such help as we may need. We recommend that a Missionary be employed for full time.

W. P. ADAMS, Ch'm.

Committee on Literature reported as follows:

Reading is feeding the mind. A people that fails to read are doomed to be poor in thought. Yet, with the fast approaching developments in Arkansas, we need to do our best thinking. Our growth, our safety and our worthiness, depends upon our wise thinking. The fewer mistakes we make in our thinking, the more successful we will be in taking Arkansas for our ideas. We recommend a careful, prayerful, study of the Bible, the use of our own literature published by our own Sunday School Boards, the reading of the Foreign Mission Journal, our Home Field and the Baptist Advance.

C. H. DUNCAN, Ch'm.

Committee on Prohibition reported as follows:

There has been for years, no moral questions that

demands the attention of God's people more than the liquor traffic of our country. The day has come when the better class of society must put down and out this blight of our cities and towns, or suffer the better class themselves shut out from their rights as citizens. Whiskey is no where sold except where the whiskey men dominate the politics of the country. The cities are fast becoming the hiding places of these corrupt forces for over riding law and overthrowing order. We call upon all our Brethren, not only to strive to put the liquor business out of the country, but out of the towns and cities until there is not a spot in all our great State disgraced by this unchristian and inhuman business.

And we recommend and demand that our Representative from Perry county, and our Senators from the 10th Senatorial district, vote for State Wide Prohibition.

C. H. DUNCAN, Ch'm.

Committee on Orphans Home reported as follows:

There is no work that appeals to us more than the dependence of Fatherless and Motherless children. Our denomination has two Orphans Homes in Arkansas; one at Monticello and one at Texarkana. The first of these is under the control of and supported by the State Convention; the other belongs to the Association. We desire to see both of these Homes prosper.

The Home at Monticello has been full this year. The room there will only accommodate about 125 children. We recommend that a strong effort be made for a hasty enlargement of the Home, and that collections be taken by all our churches and Sunday schools for this work, and that the same be sent to F. P. Turner, Superintendent, Little Rock, Ark.

C. H. DUNCAN, Ch'm.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions reported as follows:

We praise God for the greatest advancement during the last year of any year in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. We report an increase by baptism of 3223. The amount raised for the support of the Foreign work was \$501,058.84. This shows a great advance over any previous year. Also, our Home Board has done a good work; they report for 1910, 27-

386 baptisms, and \$329,475.00 raised for the support of the Home Mission work, for this we are profoundly thankful, yet, the need is great. Arkansas paid to the Home Board last year \$12,587.00, and to the Foreign work \$13,184.00. They ask us this year for \$15,000.00 for the Home, and \$16,500.00 for the foreign work. We recommend that every pastor in Arkansas bring this matter before their churches and emphasize the importance of Home and Foreign Missions, that they may receive the consideration which they deserve.

W. S. PASCHAL, Ch'm.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

State Missions is a very important feature of our denominational work. It is a rallying ground and field of discipline for our churches. It furnishes an outlet for the Spiritual energy of our churches in helping to save the world. Every church in our Association ought to be deeply interested in this important matter. The Lord has greatly blessed the State Mission work done by the churches through the Baptist State Convention. The seventy men on the State Board are members of fifty seven different churches, and are true and trusted Baptists, and they manage the work committed to them as economically as possible. Last year in our State Mission work there was 81 men employed, 4156 conversions, 3202 baptisms, 4638 additions, 25 churches and 93 Sunday schools were organized, and \$28,568.00 raised for State work. This year the Lord is blessing the work far more than ever before, for this we greatly praise our Heavenly Father.

In view of the present heavy financial obligations of the State Mission Board, we recommend:

That every pastor in the Association give next Sunday to, and preach on Missions:

2nd. That every church and Sunday school, and Ladies Aid, make an offering to this work and send it in by Nov. 8, the time when the State Mission books close. We urge the preachers and leading brethren to try to get every church to make a self-sacrificing offering to this interest.

3rd. That all money intended for our State Mission work be sent to J. S. Rogers, 1246, 4th Street, Little Rock, Ark.

May God bless our work.

MRS. J. L. HILL,
MRS. MOLLIE OWEN,
MISS ANNIE DRAPER,
W. S. PASCHAL, Committee.

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

There has been collected and paid to the Associational Secretary the sum of \$16.61 for minutes and \$5.00 for Orphans Home. Amount paid by churches as follows:

Mountain Grove	\$1.50	Bigelow	\$2.00
Perryville	3.00	Antioch	1.00
Houston	2.50	Mulberry Grove	1.25
Mt Moriah	2.11	Cove Chapel	1.25
		Casa	2.00
Total		\$16.61	

For Orphans Home, by Mulberry Grove, \$5.00.

M. A. VANDALSEM, Ch'm.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

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 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 all can understand it. 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. S. MATTINGLY, Ch'm.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, that this Association is sincerely thankful to God for the blessings it has recieved as a body and for the manifestation of Christ's spirit by the churches composing this body; that we feel deeply thankful to the Baptist church of Casa, and to the people generally, for their cordial hospitality shown us during our very pleasant stay among them. We thank

the Moderator for his impartial and efficient service as presiding officer, the Secretary for the faithful discharge of his duty in making the minutes, and for other services rendered by him.

That we highly appreciate the council of visiting brethren, and praying God's blessings upon all, we hope to meet again in the spirit of service and devotion.

W. S. PASCHAL, Ch'm.

By unanimous vote, the next session of the Association was voted to meet with Bigelow Baptist church Friday at 9 a. m., before the second Sunday in Oct 1911, H. G. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon and H. N. Hefner to preach on Missions, Sunday at 11 a. m.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Bigelow Baptist church, Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1911

ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE

Eriday, 3 p. m., H. N. Hefner; Friday night, 7:30, J. S. Rogers; Saturday, 10:45 a. m., A. P. Scofield; Saturday, 7:30 p. m., T. D. New; Sunday, 11 a. m., H. G. Johnson; Sunday, 7:30 p. m., H. N. Hefner.

The following amounts were secured in cash and pledges as follows:

Perryville	\$10.00	Bigelow	10.00
Casa	10.00	By collection	6.25
Collected for Minutes, \$2.44.			

HON. J. L. HILL, Moderator,
H. N. HEFNER, Sec'y. and Treas.

