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MINUTES  
Of The  
**Ninth Annual Session**  
**Natchitoches Baptist**  
**Association**

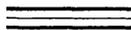
Held With The  
**Robeline Baptist Church**

September 1 and 2, 1921

REV. F. K. SHULTS, Moderator

T. B. SELLERS, Clerk and Treasurer

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

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1. Read letters from churches and enroll messengers.
2. Election of officers.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Call for correspondence.
5. Appoint messengers to State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.
6. Invite visitors to seats.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Appoint committees as follows :
  1. On Finance.
  2. On Nominations.
  3. On Temperance.
  4. On Missions and Hospitals.
  5. On Education.
  6. On Publications.
  7. On Sunday Schools.
  8. On Orphans Home.
  9. On Women's Work.
  10. On Young People's Work.
  11. On Aged Ministers.
  12. On digest of Association Letters.
9. Annual Sermon.
10. Report of Committees.
11. Miscellaneous Business.

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The Ninth Annual Session of the Natchitoches Baptist Association met with the Robeline Baptist Church, 11 a. m., Sept. 1, 1921, and, after singing, Rev. J. B. Wood and Bro. Luther Roberts led in prayers, after which the Moderator, Rev. E. V. Shults, read Matt. 16:13-20, and led in prayer.

The Moderator appointed Bros. B. S. Sweet and Carden Holt to read the letters from the churches and the messengers were enrolled as follows:

- 8 Central—W. A. Brown, Jas. Smith, J. R. Stewart, J. J. Fisher, Mrs. W. C. Russell, R. M. Winn, T. L. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Stewart.
- 3 Cassidy Springs—J. C. Parker, Miss Nadean Parker.
- 4 Coldwater—J. C. Brown, C. R. Hart, Mrs. J. C. Brown, Miss Cecil Hart.
- 4 Campti—W. J. Westberry, Mrs. Howard Albriton, Mrs. Robert Hart, Miss Gilliam.
- 7 Harmony—Earnest Cargle, Leo Thibodeaux, Gay Roberts, Mrs. B. J. Miller, Ethel Pharis, G. W. Davis, Arthur Roberts.
- 9 Marthaville—Jas. King, C. M. Campbell, T. L. Story, Miss Maggie Ingram, Mrs. T. L. Story, Miss Clara Ingram, J. W. Ingram, J. W. Dyson, Floy Campbell.
- 10 1st Natchitoches—V. L. Roy, B. S. Sweet, Chin Kem, E. K. Shults, Mrs. E. K. Shults, Mrs. E. T. Montgomery, R. L. Scarborough, Mrs. R. L. Scarborough, Mrs. J. E. Keegan, Mrs. S. E. Rogers.
- 2nd Natchitoches—Represented by letter.
- 9 Robeline—I. H. Winn, C. M. Elzey, J. B. Wood, Mrs. N. A. Stille, N. A. Stille, T. B. Sellers, W. F. Buie, Mrs. C. M. Elzey, S. V. Shuler.
- 1 Provencal—Elmer Smith.

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55 Total.

Cardon, Cypress, Montrose, Cane River, Derry, Lena—By letter.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rev. E. K. Shults was elected Moderator; J. W. King, Assistant Moderator.

T. B. Sellers, Clerk and Treasurer.

Motion carried that what money is paid in go to the printing of the Minutes and that the Clerk be paid for his services what is left, up to \$20.00.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

### **Appointment of Messengers**

To Southern Baptist Convention—V. L. Roy.

To State Convention—W. J. Westberry, Mrs. N. A. Stille, John Culberson.

Executive Committee—J. J. Mixon, J. W. King, C. C. Hataway, N. A. Stille, B. S. Sweet. Ex-officio members—E. K. Shults, T. B. Sellers.

Member of State Board—E. K. Shults.

The next Association to meet with Campti Church, 10 a. m., August 31, 1922. Rev. J. B. Wood to preach the Introductory Sermon; Wm. Smith, alternate.

T. B. SELLERS,  
B. S. SWEET,  
J. W. KING,

Adopted.

Committee.

### **Appointment of Committees**

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Finance—B. S. Sweet, T. B. Sellers, C. N. Ellzey.

On Nominations—T. B. Sellers, B. S. Sweet, J. W. King.

On Temperance—W. J. Westberry, J. B. Wood.

On Missions and Hospitals—E. K. Shultz and 1st Natchitoches delegates.

On Education—W. J. Westberry, G. C. Prothro, C. C. Hataway.

On Publications—J. B. Wood.

On Sunday Schools—W. J. Westberry, Miss Maggie Ingram.

On Orphans Home—G. W. Davis, B. S. Sweet, C. M. Campbell.

On Women's Work—Mrs. N. A. Stille, Mrs. E. K. Shults, Mrs. W. J. Westberry.

On Young People's Work—E. K. Shults.

On Aged Ministers Relief—N. A. Stille, C. M. Ellzey, J. B. Wood.

On Digest of Association Letters—W. J. Westberry, V. L. Roy.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. Shults.

The ladies of the W. M. U. served a splendid and bountiful dinner on the shaded lawn of Bro. Victor Shuler.

### **1:30 P. M. Thursday**

Called to order by Moderator and Rev. J. B. Wood read some verses from 3d chapter I John. Bro. G. W. Davis led in prayer.

Several addresses were made by brethren and adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

### 7:30 P. M. Thursday

Moderator called the Association to order and the choir gave us some splendid music, as it had done beginning with the first service. Bro. Arthur Roberts read some Scripture and Bros. Hart and Westberry led in prayer.

The audience was then treated to a nice little program by the Sunbeams of the Robeline Baptist Church, conducted by Mrs. N. A. Stille.

Rev. E. K. Shults read some Scripture from I Cor., 15 chapter; Matt. 28, and Acts, 8th chapter, and preached the introductory sermon on the "Resurrection of Christ and the Witnesses To It." It was an able, clear, forcible and convincing sermon on the subject.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Friday. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Wood.

### 9:30 A. M. Friday, Sept. 2

After singing by the choir, Bro. N. A. Stiles read part of I Cor., 15th chapter, and Bro. Westberry led in prayer, also Dr. F. C. Flowers.

As Victoria Baptist Church had disbanded, motion carried to drop it from the roll.

Supt. Dr. F. C. Flowers, of our La. Baptist Orphans Home, and Bro. E. Godbold, Secretary of our Louisiana Mission Board, were recognized and invited to seats among us. Also Miss Georgia Barnett, of Women's Work in Louisiana.

Our Executive Board was instructed to make earnest efforts to get all the Baptist Churches in Natchitoches Parish to join our Association.

Dr. F. C. Flowers made an enlightening and deeply interesting address on the Louisiana Baptist Orphanage.

The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the amount necessary to print and distribute the minutes and pro rate it among the churches that they might make it up and send it to him.

### Treasurer's Report for 1920

Received from Churches.....	\$84.70
Printing Minutes.....	\$56.00
Phone and stationery.....	1.80
Clerk's fee .....	20.00
Mailing Minutes .....	5.00
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	\$82.00
Balance.....	\$ 1.90

J. A. BAILES, Treasurer.

## Report on Publications

Your Committee on Publications report: We are glad to learn that the deficit (\$300) on the running expenses of the Baptist Message for this year is far less than any year since Convention ownership and by reducing the paper to half size it is hoped that this deficit will be wiped out by the time our Convention meets in November.

If all arrearages were paid up the paper would now have a handsome balance. Many churches are adopting the budget plan, thus putting the paper in every home in the church, and find that it pays largely.

It seems unnecessary to urge the use in our Sunday Schools of our own literature, published in Nashville, Tenn. It's admittedly the best Sunday School literature in the world. This is also true of the B. Y. P. U. literature. Take and study them all and also the Home and Foreign Field. It is said that the world is getting desperately worse. This is because the secular press, with a thousand times more circulation than the religious press, gives only the bad side of the world. In one Baptist Message, less than a month ago, I counted more than seventeen hundred baptisms. With this great disparity between the secular and religious publications, no family can afford to be without a good religious paper in the home without injury to all, especially the young.

J. B. WOOD, Committee.

Spoken to by J. B. Wood and E. K. Shults, and adopted.

## Report on Hospitals

We, your Committee on Hospitals, report as follows: We have one hospital, located at Alexandria. This hospital owns a whole square on which there are five hospital buildings, supplied with 60 beds, most of them in fire-proof buildings.

J. E. Oliver has had charge as Superintendent since Feb. 1, 1921. Since that time the hospital has over paid expenses, also did \$2,000.00 worth of charity work.

We, your committee, recommend that we give our undivided support to this, our hospital.

There was a strong effort made in New Orleans on August 30 and 31, to locate a \$2,000,000 Baptist sanitarium in that city, with strong probability of success.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WESTBERRY,

R. D. TILLEY,

Committee.

Spoken to by Sec. E. Godbold. Adopted.

### **Report on Education**

Your committee is glad to report that, regardless of the financial crisis we are undergoing, our educational institutions are still progressing, and the prospects for the coming session seem to be very good.

Louisiana College is about 15 years old, and has grown from a few wooden shacks to two large brick dormitories and a dining hall. Now a magnificent administration building is being erected and furnished, valued at \$325,000.

By the hand of Providence we came into possession of the Baptist Bible Institute. It was bought for a nominal sum and is now worth twice what it cost; say \$150,000, or more.

The Acadia Academy is valued at \$35,500. It has five buildings on the campus. Although the financial crisis hit the students very hard, they kept going and had an enrollment of 175.

W. J. WESTBERRY,  
G. C. PROTHRO,  
C. C. HATTAWAY,

Committee.

Address by Bro. Westberry. Adopted.

### **Report on Sunday Schools**

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to report: That we have fourteen Sunday Schools in our Association, some of them in churches belonging to the Association, but not represented in it. There is a fine sentiment in our bounds on the necessity of Sunday School work and that sentiment is finding expression in earnest activity along that line of Christian endeavor.

We were forcibly impressed recently in studying that impressive conversation between Christ and Peter, that Christ's first request was: "Feed My Lambs," thus emphasizing the fact that the most important of all of our efforts for the Christian is the training of the young. "Feed My Lambs."

Pupils in Sunday Schools, 754; church members in Sunday Schools, 295; baptisms from Sunday Schools, 74; members holding certificates, 24; contributions from Sunday Schools, \$529.71.

W. J. WESTBERRY,  
MAGGIE INGRAM,

Committee.

Spoken to by Rev. W. J. Westberry. Adopted.

### **Women's Missionary Union Report**

That our W. M. U. work continues prosperous. While helping in the world-wide task of saving the lost, we are also of more help in training our own members and those who come under our in-

fluence in the facts and spirit of missionary endeavors.

We have six W. M. U. organizations in the Association.

MRS. N. A. STILLE,

MRS. E. K. SHULTS,

MRS. W. J. WESTBERRY,

Committee.

Spoken to by Mrs. N. A. Stille and Miss Georgia Barnette.  
Adopted.

### **Orphanage Report**

Your Committee on Louisiana Baptist Orphanage begs to report:

Number children received this year into home, 10; large boys left home, 2; total number in home, 130.

Condition in home: Badly crowded. Great need—**More Room.** Children turned away daily. Work during past year largely training and developing. Had special help for babies, ages of 2 to 6. Practically every child above age of 9 members of Church. Many are active workers in First Church of Lake Charles. Thirty-five were taken on trip through State in June and July and showed how splendidly they can be trained.

Cost of living in June, 1920, per child, \$14.13. For June this year, \$10.25. Many children are being clothed by W. M. U.'s and individuals. This helps. Gifts of syrup and canned goods and other eatables highly acceptable. Eighty thousand Baptists could easily care for four hundred orphans. Let us pray that we may soon be on our four hundred and thirty acre farm at Monroe.

We recommend that each Sunday School give one month's offering to this home.

W. J. WESTBERRY,

MAGGIE INGRAM,

Committee.

A splendid address by Dr. F. C. Flowers. Adopted.

### **Aged Ministers' Relief**

Your Committee on Aged Ministers' Relief report that last year the Annuities and Old Ministers' Relief Board at Dallas, Texas, paid the dependent ones in Louisiana from \$10 to \$25 per month. The first of this year this allowance to all in this State was reduced to \$10 per month.

In a communication to the chairman of this committee, dated August 29, 1921, Dr. Lunsford says:

“The financial situation in this State (Louisiana) has not changed at all. We are still paying the Louisiana beneficiaries \$10 a month, and Louisiana is not furnishing us a cent of money

in the world with which to pay them. We cannot raise them as long as this state of affairs continues. I wish we could." It appears from the above that other States are supplementing the allowance to the old preachers from the 75 Millions. We are sure that the old preachers need more than they are getting to supply them the necessities of life in their feeble and helpless age.

We recommend that each Church in our Association take a collection for this purpose as early as possible and send it to Dr. Lunsford, 618 Slaughter Bldg., Dallas, Texas, and our messengers to the State Convention be instructed to introduce and urge the passage of a resolution to this affect for all Churches of our State.

J. B. WOOD,  
N. A. STILLE,  
C. M. ELLZEY,  
Committee.

Spoken to by J. B. Wood and E. Godbold. Adopted.

Dr. Lunsford says that every cent collected for the old preachers in our State will come back to them and be credited on our 75 Million fund.

#### **Young People's Work**

"Baptist Young People Utilized," is perhaps the slogan of this most necessary organization. Perhaps there is in the Church no greater discovering and training agency. Few of our young people realize their capabilities and still fewer have been called out and developed.

In Louisiana we have more than 700 Baptist Churches, and but few more than 200 B. Y. P. U.'s. Then we fear it will not soon be filled. Every church ought to do some training work, not only for the sake of its own life and usefulness, but to help supply the needs of others.

When will the churches of God put on a training course for the young people as intensively as Uncle Sam did for the great war? Every pastor and every Church should give their best to this particular field of Church life and activity.

E. K. SHULTS, Committee.

Spoken to by E. K. Shults and J. B. Wood. Adopted.

#### **Report on Temperance**

The violators of the prohibition laws are running riot. It needs the help of all good people to enforce these laws. Will you be one to help?

J. B. WOOD, Committee.

Spoken to by E. K. Shults and J. B. Wood. Adopted.

## Report on Missions

We, your committee, report that all missions head up in the 75 Million Campaign. This report includes State, Home and Foreign Missions.

**State Missions**—No State Mission Board has a greater and yet more difficult task than has the board of Louisiana. Louisiana has within her own borders every phase of mission work. Every nationality and most every religion and ism is to be found in our own borders. Especially is the above true of New Orleans and Southwest Louisiana. New Orleans is the gate to the South and the second port of the U. S. In this city, with one-fourth of the State population, we have but four self-supporting Baptist Churches. Thirty-three per cent of the State's voters are there and only two per cent of the Baptists. In the field of Evangeline there is no riper field and yet for lack of funds our State Board is scarcely touching the hem of the garment.

Lack of proper buildings is apparent all over the State. Dr. Gambrell well said: "As every turtle needs his own shell so does every Baptist Church need its own well appointed house of worship." All over our State there is need of new, larger and better equipped houses of worship, and so few able to build, so many calls and so little in the treasury with which to answer.

**Home Missions**—The Home Mission Board had a most glorious year in achievements and yet came to the S. B. C. with a burdensome and embarrassing debt. The receipts for last year were little more than one and one quarter million dollars, while the expenses were close to the two million mark, hence a debt of more than \$700,000. All this in face of the fact that one-third of the additions to our churches came through the instrumentality of men in whole or in part employed by the board. Because of this deficit all appeals for money to help in building must be denied and all of the work curtailed and hedged in.

**Foreign Missions**—This board is more fortunate in that it had a great year and is able to report a handsome balance, including a nice balance at the beginning of the S. B. C. year. This board received more than three and one half million dollars, and closed the year with a balance of close to one million. Great impetus has been given to all of our Foreign Mission work. Many new fields will be entered in Central Europe, and soon workers will radiate from old Jerusalem. One hundred and seventy new missionaries have been sent out, sixty going recently on one vessel. With all we have done, not one call in ten has been adequately answered.

What is and can be our answer to the above? We can only

reply: Payment of the pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.

We recommend the appointment of a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means in the Association to stir up the churches and secure the payment of all pledges promptly, and secure new pledges as members are received. The tithing committee appointed.

E. K. SHULTS and  
NATCHITOCHEs MESSENGERS,  
Committee.

Discussed by Rev. E. K. Shulst and Sec. E. Godbold. Adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved, That we, the Natchitoches Baptist Association hereby express to the Robeline Church and especially the good women our grateful appreciation for their hospitality and most cordial welcome and good cheer and for the bountiful and splendid dinners served.

Adopted.

E. K. SHULTS.

2. Whereas, The Baptist Men's Organization of the South has launched a campaign to secure five hundred thousand Tithers this convention year, in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and whereas, the plan is for a South-wide committee and one for each State and one for each district association and one in each church to supervise and push this campaign.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That a committee for our Association be appointed as follows: C. C. Hattaway, chairman; N. A. Stille from Sunday Schools, Miss Miriam Carver from B. Y. P. U. work, and Mrs. N. A. Stille from W. M. U. work. This committee to get a committee appointed in each church to secure the names of all who will tithe—that is, give one-tenth of their income to the Lord's work—and send the names to C. C. Hattaway, Campti, La., and he to Bro. E. Godbold, Shreveport, La.

Explained by Secretary Godbold, and adopted.

The S. B. C. committee and our State committee are already working.

### Committee Report on Digest of Letters

Number of churches reported, 11; Messengers present, 55; value of church property, \$25,000; baptisms, 152; other gains, 101; total, 253; loss, 107; total membership, 1405; pastors' salaries, \$5,068; other salaries, \$932; building and repairs, \$1,650; incidentals, \$489; Sunday School expenses, \$200; poor, \$67; Missions, \$13; Orphanage, \$79; other objects, \$42; 75 Million fund, \$3,665; total, \$11,808; Sunday School expenses, \$560; number in

Sunday Schools, 706; W. M. U.'s in Association, 4; W. M. U. contributions, \$2,136; B. Y. P. U.'s in Association, 4; members, 110; total contributions, \$48.

W. J. WESTBERRY,  
V. L. ROY,

Committee.

Adopted.

	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Other Expenses	75 Million Campaign	Sunday School Expenses	W M. U. Collections	Minute Fund	Total Collections (Dollars; no cents)	Baptised	Others Received	Loss to Church	Total Members	Total in Sunday School
Cassidy Springs-----	\$300	\$85	\$8	\$18	\$8	\$--	\$2.25	\$121	--	--	4	38	31
Campti -----	5000	528	1113	792	72	793	10.00	6802	19	14	11	95	75
Central -----	1000	275	165	114	30	--	6.00	590	23	6	7	132	31
Coldwater -----	800	159	29	--	15	--	2.00	203	5	5	4	95	50
Cane River-----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cypress -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cedron -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Derry -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Harmony -----	1200	200	81	135	30	--	5.00	465	18	--	5	122	55
Lena -----	800	100	15	--	10	--	2.00	127	16	--	--	44	30
Marthaville -----	1500	450	37	325	15	--	5.00	733	38	14	10	233	50
Natchitoches, 1-----	9000	2418	2160	945	237	617	10.00	6787	28	52	27	275	260
Natchitoches, 2-----	1000	97	12	14	6	14	1.50	138	--	--	--	55	30
Provencal -----	1000	215	--	--	10	--	3.50	228	--	4	16	78	35
Robeline -----	4000	550	11	719	181	712	8.00	2183	--	6	23	188	99
From last year's Clerk	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.90	--	--	--	--	--	--

**Church—**

Cassidy Springs  
Campti  
Central  
Coldwater  
Cane River  
Cypress  
Cedron  
Derry  
Harmony  
Lena  
Marthaville  
1 Natchitoches  
2 Natchitoches  
Provencal  
Robeline

**Pastor and Post Office**

Wm. Smith, Robeline, La.  
W. J. Westberry, Campti, La.  
S. C. Self, Beason, La.  
Wm. Smith, Robeline, La.  
  
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— Shows,  
W. D. Alford, Lillie, La.  
E. K. Shults, Natchitoches, La.  
  
Wm. Smith, Robeline, La.  
W. J. Westberry, Campti, La.

**Clerk and Post Office**

J. C. Parker, Robeline, La.  
C. C. Hattaway, Campti, La.  
J. R. Stewart, Robeline, La.  
A. F. Whitten, Hagewood, La.  
Dr. Pratt, Natchitoches, La., R. F. D. 1.  
M. L. Payne, Cypress, La.  
Lit. Rhodes, Vowels, Mill, La.  
T. R. Ledbetter, Derry, La.  
Gay Roberts, Provencal, La.  
Mrs. Thomas Cleveland, Lena, La.  
W. R. Law, Marthaville, La.  
E. C. Scarborough, Natchitoches, La.  
Mrs. Molley Anders, Natchitoches, R. 2.  
A. W. Dowden, Provencal, La.  
T. B. Sellers, Robeline, La.

**MINISTERS WHO HOLD MEMBERSHIP IN OUR ASSOCIATION**

**Ordained**

J. B. Wood, Robeline, La.  
Wm. Smith, Robeline, La.  
L. A. Jones, Provencal, La.  
E. K. Shults, Natchitoches, La.  
W. J. Westberry, Campti, La.

**Licensed**

A. F. Whitten, Hagewood, La.  
Luther Roberts, Provencal, La.  
Elmer Smith, Provencal, La.