

PROCEEDINGS  
108<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
WOLF BAYOU ASSOCIATION of GENERAL BAPTIST  
MARCH 9, 2008  
HEBER SPRINGS FIRST GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
HEBER SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Wetzel Stark welcome from the First General Baptist Church of Heber Springs  
Bro. Dennis Powell opened in prayer

- I. Temporary Credentials Committee reported 10 pastors, 25 deacons, 42 delegates, 5 other ordained & 11 churches present, quorum met.
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the report
  - B. Carried.
- II. 108<sup>th</sup> Session of the Wolf Bayou Association called to order by Moderator, Bro Dennis Powell
- III. Executive Committee Report A. Constitutional Amendment
  1. Moderator - 2 yr term
  2. Two members at large to be on the Executive CommitteeB. Motion & 2<sup>d</sup> to adopt as printed in the Ministry Magazine  
C. Carried
- IV. Wolf Bayou Association Website  
A. Discussion
- V. Nominating Committee Report
  - A. Jonathan Rice resigned; Bro Jake Watts nominated Robert Hunt to fill this position.
  - B. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the report from the committee and to elect all nominations
  - C. Carried
- VI. Bro Jay Bittle interviewed Bro. Roger Harlan about the growth at Macedonia Church
- VII. General Baptist Ministries Report given by Steve Naft
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept this report
  - B. Carried
- VIII. Council of Association report given by Bro Jake Watts
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>d</sup> to accept this report
  - B. Carried
- IX. Camp Formosa report given by Pam Powell, Sonja Nelson & Lisa Mote
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept this report
  - B. Carried
  - C. Motion & 2<sup>a</sup> to accept the new Camp Formosa Constitution (printed in Ministry Magazine)
  - D. Carried
- X. New Deacons & Ministers recognized & celebrated
- XI. Arkansas Mission Society/Home Mission Board report given by Jerry Slayton
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>d</sup> to accept this report B.
  - Carried

- C. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> for the AR Mission Society/Home Mission Board of Wolf Bayou Association to pay 1/2 of expenses for Bro. Pedro Ramirez citizenship.
- D. Carried
- XII. Ministers Aide Board Report (printed in Ministry Magazine)
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept report as printed
  - B. Carried
- XIII. Celebration. Moment
  - A. Set goal for conversions
    - 1. Goal for total church ed 84
- XIV. Bro. Aaron Hill interviewed Bro Robert Hunt about the growth at Gravel Ridge Church.
- XV. Clerk's Financial Report - Temp Committee, Donna Logan, Robert Witt & Pete Payton
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept report as read by the Reading Clerk, Bro Harol Dean Lacy
  - B. Carried
- XVI. Obituary Committee - Temp Committee, Shawn Reeves, Angie Reeves & Nina Reeves
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept report as read by the Reading Clerk, Bro Harol Dean Lacy requesting Bro Roger Harlan to offer prayer
  - B. Carried
- XVII. Wooden Spoon Award for the Chili Cook-off
  - A. 419.43 raised
  - B. 3<sup>rd</sup> place New Bethel C.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sunny Slope
  - D. 1<sup>st</sup> place Chastain Chapel
  - E. 209.72 given to Camp Formosa
  - F. 209.71 give to AR Home Missions
- XVIII. Next years annual meeting
  - A. Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet at the Heber Springs First General Baptist Church on the First Sunday in March with a similar format.
  - B. Carried

Bro Terry Mote stated that Bro Robert Brumley was sick and was not able to attend the annual meeting. This was the first Association he has missed since 1962.

Bro Aaron Hill dismissed in prayer

**Worship Service - Bro Dennis Powell**  
**Champions for Wolf Bayou**  
**I Samuel 14:8-12**

- \*We are not a small denomination we are average
- \*Jonathan was a champion
- \*A Champion stands up & says let's go, doesn't wait to be asked
- \*We in our association need some champions
- \*Evangelism
  - \*We need to do something different
  - \*No more zero conversions & baptisms
- \*Communication
  - \*Encourage one another by talking to one another
  - \*Need someone called of God so it can be done with excellence
- \*Called out ministers
  - \*We have a shortage of ministers
  - \*Takes a year or more to find a pastor \*God maybe calling you!
  - \*Takes average of 4 years before ready to take a church if called to preach
  - \*Average age in pastors are rising
- \*Planting new churches
  - \* 7 churches started this association
  - \* 17 churches today
  - \*Some churches will close, need to make sure our churches are healthy, but still need to start new churches
  - \*Develop core group of 30 or more people - Need strong core group