

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

OF

**Missionary Baptists.**

HELD WITH

*Liberty Church,*

**CHEROKEE BAY, RANDOLPH COUNTY, ARK.,  
OCT. 10, 11, and 12, 1879.**

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## PROCEEDINGS.

LIBERTY CHURCH, Friday, October 10th, 1879.

State Line Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Rev. W. A. Honeycutt. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. R. O. Tribble, from Hagai 2d chapter and 9th verse. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, H. C. Kirkpatrick, and proceeded to call the names of the different Churches composing the State Line Association and received their letters and messengers, and enrolled their names in the following order:

Bluff Springs, Pitman, Ark., Elder A. Foster and B. Esquiridge, ..... \$90.00.  
Betheny, Jane's Store, Ark., G. Ellison, E. Hall and A. J. Bird  
Hollow Springs, Walnut Hill, Ark.  
Antioch, Pochahontas, Ark., James D. Henderson, J. Manning and D. A. Presley.  
Liberty, Corning, Ark., B. Wright, A. T. Guthery and R. Smith.  
Cave Springs, Alton, W. C. Livingston and J. F. Johnston.  
Lebanon, Gatewood, W. S. Holland and James Rush.  
Many Spring, Many Springs, J. B. Johnston and G. B. Sanders.  
New Salem, Weoster, G. W. Cauch, B. E. Sheehon and P. R. Simpson.  
Pleasant Hill, Mo., Pitman, G. W. Check and J. Woodall.  
Pleasant Hill, Ark., Elm Store, H. C. Kirkpatrick, A. R. Kirkpatrick and J. R. Stubblefield.  
Mill Creek, Jobe, J. O. M. Brewer and J. Holdstid  
Pleasant Grove, Ark., Pochahontas, H. Curley, E. Curley and B. Natts  
Oak Grove, Pochahontas, W. M. G. Bass.  
Dry Creek, Dalton, A. J. Sligar, W. H. Sisk and J. Miller.

The messengers then proceeded to elect their officers, which resulted in the choice of R. O. Tribble Moderator and W. S. Holland Clerk.

1. Invited brethren to seats with us.
2. Called for new churches, if any that wanted to join State Line Association. Dry Creek Church presented her letter and delegates, and was received and right hand of fellowship given her delegates by the Moderator.
3. Called for correspondence; Eld. W. A. Honeycutt, from Union Association, presented himself, and Eld. A. Conner, from Cain Creek Association, also, and they were cordially invited to take seats with us in our Godly deliberations.
4. On motion that Eld. Emanuel Richardson, Eld. M. M. Jackson and Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick, with the Moderator and Clerk, be appointed a committee to draft a bill of arrangements and to make their report when called on.
5. Appointed a committee on finance, D. A. Presley and B. Natts to report when called upon.
6. Appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Shuemake and Sparkmah, Berry Wright, A. L. Guthery and Robert Smith to arrange preaching, Sunday excepted.
7. The Association then proceeded to adjourn to meet Saturday morning, 9 o'clock; closed with prayer by the Moderator.

### Saturday's Proceedings.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and opened business with prayer by Eld. E. Richardson.

1. Called for bill of arrangements, and was read and received and committee discharged.
2. Called the roll; members present, 29; absent 4.
3. Called for the reading of the rules of decorum and constitution and articles of faith.
4. Called for a committee to be appointed on publication consisting of Bros. A. R. Kirkpatrick and A. Foster.
5. Called for a committee to be appointed on correspondence which was done by appointing Eld. E. Richardson and Eld. J. J. McGuire.
6. Called for the report of itinerancy. To the messengers composing State Line Association. Dear brethren, I, your Missionary for the past year, ask to make the following report: I have visited all the churches in State Line Association once, and seven of them the second time. I have traveled 556 miles, preached 45 discourses and been a regular Pastor for one church, assisted in the organization of one church, baptised three, assisted in the ordination of one minister, received for such labors on pledges made last year, \$42.30.

I find some of the churches in a prospering condition and sound in the faith and of oneness, while some have no unity of action among them. The cause of this, brethren, I think, I have learned there is a difference of opinions among our preachers as to what is custom and usage of Christians and of Baptists and while this exists and one advises one way and one another we never can unite the strength of our churches in one common mass to push Zion forward. I would advise you to have



a meeting appointed in the early part of this Associational year and call your preachers together and let them consult and advise with each other and come on a oneness themselves so as the churches may be instructed properly in the way of the Lord.

Eld. H. C. KIRKPATRICK.

7. On motion we received the report which was adopted.

8. It was motioned and seconded that we have a Ministers' and Deacons' meeting to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Ark., commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in November, 1879.

9. Called for the ministers' report; moved and seconded to lay the same over for the evening session.

10. Motioned and seconded that we adjourn for a 11 o'clock sermon to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.; prayer by Bro. F. C. Trice.

Two o'clock P. M.; Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.

1. The Association took up the Dials Creek church on the so-called church and the matter being closely investigated it was motioned and seconded that we drop the so-called church from our roll for the reason that she has never been reorganized since lettering out by an order of the church signed by their Moderator.

2. Motion that the Moderator appoint a committee to make arrangements for the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting, which resulted in the appointment of W. S. Holland, A. R. Kirkpatrick and Berry Wright.

3. Called for the ministers' reports. Eld. J. J. McGuire's report ending on the second Lord's Day in October, 1879. Very dear brethren, I beg leave to make the following report: Traveled 748 miles, delivered 62 sermons, and 36 exhortations. Prayed 83 public prayers, baptized one person, received six for membership, ordained one elder and received for such labor in cash or its equivalent in property \$6.40 all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. J. J. McGUIRE.

Ministerial report of A. J. Livingston for the year ending Oct. 6th, 1879: Miles traveled 174, sermons preached 9, exhortations 12, public prayers 27, confessions under my labors 8, all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. LIVINGSTON.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn to meet Monday morning 8 o'clock A. M., closed with prayer by Eld. David A. Presley, peace and love prevailing.

## Monday's Proceedings.

Monday morning, Oct.\* 13, 1879, Association met pursuant to adjournment, opened with prayer by Eld. W. A. Honeycutt.

1. Called for the committee on destitution. We, your committee, report destitution more or less through various sections of our bounds, and think if churches would properly care for their Pastors their destitution could be supplied by them.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.

2. Called for report of committee on Sabbath Schools. We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: That the churches have failed to report any schools of interest.

R. G. SMITH, Chairman.

3. Called for committee on the state of the churches. We, your committee on the state of the churches, report, so far as we can learn, most of our churches are in good working order. Some have had glorious revivals of religion, all in peace except one, some personal and general troubles are lingering around and among the members of the Lebanon church, but we are assured that steps will be speedily taken by her delegates to settle the matter and troubles.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.

4. Called for the finance committee's report. We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Received from the churches \$17.10, all of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. PRESLEY, Chairman.

5. Called for the report of committee on publication. We, your committee on publication; beg leave to make the following report, and recommend, that, as a Baptist people, use more energy to the spread of the Gospel truth by our recom-

mending the religious periodicals of our denomination to-wit: The Baptist, published at Memphis, Tennessee, by J. R. Graves, and also, the American Baptist Flag, by D. M. Ray, St. Louis, Mo., and the Christian Repository, by S. H. Ford, St. Louis, Mo., which is all very respectfully submitted.

Eld. A. FOSTER, Chairman.

6. Called for committee on correspondence. We, your committee, recommend that we continue our correspondence with Union and Cane Creek and Spring River Associations and appoint delegates to the same.

E. RICHARDSON, Chairman.

7. Called for the treasurer's report. As treasurer, I beg leave to make the following report: Funds on hand \$1.85, received of the Association \$17.10, total \$18.95; all of which is very respectfully submitted.

W. S. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

8. Called for the committee on arrangements for the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Randolph county, Ark., commencing on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in November, 1879. We, your committee, most respectfully report that we appointed J. J. McGuire to preach the introductory sermon on the church and her government, and that we urge all the ministers to attend, together with the deacons of each church in the bounds of our Association.

W. S. HOLLAND, Chairman.

9. Eld. E. Richardson's ministerial report for the year 1879. I beg leave to make the following report: Traveled 660 miles, delivered 66 sermons and 22 exhortations, prayed 100 public prayers, baptised 15 persons, and received for such labors \$10, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. E. RICHARDSON.

10. Report of Eld. P. R. Simpson, of ministerial labors during the year 1879. Amount of sermons preached 67, public prayers 100, exhortations 46, joined into the church 28, baptised 1, helped to ordain 3 deacons, received contributions \$4 by A. J. Livingston, by J. C. Johnston \$1.25, by H. P. Loch \$1, by Wm. Livingston \$2, total \$8.25, miles traveled 400, all of which is submitted.

Eld. P. R. SIMPSON.

11. Report of Eld. R. O. Tribble, Preached 30 discourses, baptised 17 persons, assisted in the ordination of 2 elders and 3 deacons, traveled 200 miles, received for such labors \$15, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. R. O. TRIBBLE.

12. Eld. M. M. Jackson's ministerial report for the associational year ending on the second Lord's Day in October, A. D. 1879. Brethren, I beg leave to make the following report: Traveled 475 miles, delivered 65 sermons and 15 exhortations, prayed 56 public prayers, organized 1 church, baptised 11 persons, received for such labors \$18, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. M. M. JACKSON.

13. Report of D. A. Presley. Very dear brethren, in accordance to your request of last year, I beg leave to make the following statement: I have rode 659 miles, preached 50 sermons, delivered 21 exhortations, prayed 50 public prayers, received for such labors \$22.75, and \$11 in pledges, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Eld. D. A. PRESLEY.

14. Ministerial report of Eld. E. H. C. Kenner for the year ending October 11th, 1879: Miles traveled 836, sermons preached 96, exhortations 19, days labored 60, baptised 8, witnessed confessions 16, received for compensation \$67.75 all of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. C. KENNER.

1. Resolved, that this Associational body send 2 copies of the proceedings of our Association to each of the Received Periodicals and solicit a visit by letter at our next Convention. A. Foster.

2. Where shall our next Association be held? and who shall preach the introductory sermon. Motioned and seconded that our next time of meeting be on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1880.

3. Motioned and seconded that the next Association be held with the Pleasant Grove church, Randolph county, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the sec-



ond Lord's Day in September, 1880, Eld. Emanuel Richardson preach the introductory sermon and H. C. Kirkpatrick supply.

4. Motioned and seconded that we have the biography of Eld. R. O. Tribble spread upon our minutes. Motioned and seconded that we have 1,000 minutes printed and that W. S. Holland have the superintending of the printing and distribution of the same and that he send to each elder of this Association 25 copies of the same.

1. Called for volunteers to go as correspondents to Union Association, correspond by minutes, Eld. D. A. Pressley, Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick and Eld. P. R. Simpson.

2. Called for volunteers to Cane Creek Association, to correspond by minutes.

3. Called for volunteers to Springer Association.

Query: shall our churches receive any one who has been excluded from any other church without first being restored in the church that excluded them. The Association says no, unanimously.

1. Resolved that Bro. W. S. Holland be allowed to retain five dollars of the minute funds for his trouble.

2. Resolved that this Association tender her most sincere thanks to the brothers and sisters and friends of Liberty church and residents of Cherokee in general for the kindness that they have shown us and care they have taken of us while our stay with them.

3. Resolved that this Association extend to Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick further time to fill his time in preaching to the churches of last year.

4. Motioned and seconded that this association come to adjournment to meet with Pleasant Grove church, Randolph county, Ark., on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1880. Closed in Christian love with another prayer by Eld. P. R. Simpson.

R. O. TRIBBLE, Moderator.

W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk.

## Biography of R. O. Tribble.

Eld. R. O. Tribble, son of Elijah and Rachael Tribble, was born in Franklin county, Tennessee, December 25, 1817, removed with his father to Jackson county, Alabama, in 1819, resided there until grown, joined the United States volunteers in 1837 and went to Florida, returned and married Adaline, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Hembree, August 18, 1839, and in 1841 he moved to the State of Missouri, and in 1844 to the State of Arkansas and back to Missouri in 1852. He professed a hope in Christ and was baptised by Eld. J. R. Russell and became a member of the Baptist Church in 1854, about the time he held several offices of trust which duties he discharged with honor to himself and justice to his country. He then went to preaching and was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in 1857 by a presbytery consisting of elders.

Eld. Tribble joined the Confederate army in 1861, was elected captain of a company in the army of Gen. Price, known as Missouri State Guards. After the war he engaged in the work of the ministry, preaching the truths of the gospel, and the Lord blessing his labors the Baptists in Oregon and adjoining counties prospered and realized and felt his labors, and on the 14th of March, 1868, Eld. Tribble was initiated in the mysteries of Freemasonry, April the 19th following he was passed to the degree of fellowcraft and May 9th, 1868, he was raised to the sublime degree of master mason.

During the early part of Brother Tribble's labors they were in Richland Association, Mo., and Concord Association, Ark. Eld. Tribble, moderator for Richland, and was esteemed by the entire body. Owing to the war the Association went down, after the war the fruits of his labor sprang forth in the person of the Union Association, Mo., who esteemed him as their under shepherd and leader. Eld. Tribble moderated for Union Association several years, owing to the largeness of the bounds of Union Association, five churches on her south boundary was lettered with Eld. Tribble as their leader in 1873, of these churches State Line Association was organized with Elder Tribble moderator, which position he has held most of the time since. From the small number five, in State Line Association under Eld. Tribble's labors and the labors of his colleagues in the Master's cause, it has grown to number fifteen churches with a strength in her membership that is not excelled by any of her age. She has an able ministry and a sound membership.

Eld. Tribble has baptised over five hundred persons, assisted in the ordination of about fifteen elders, assisted in the organization of over thirty churches and organized two associations.

Eld. Tribble is 62 years old, his head silvered over with the frost of many winters yet his bodily health is very good for a man of his age at this stage of his life;

his mind is active and clear, the cause of Christ occupies the topmost seat in his affections.

Report of H. C. KIRKPATRICK.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be composed of the following churches: Bluff Springs, Holley Springs, Bethany, Antioch, Liberty, Cave Springs, Lebanon, Many Springs, New Salem, Pleasant Hill, Mo., Mill Creek, Pleasant Hill, Ark., Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove and Dry Creek.

2. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, to be chosen by ballot, at each regular meeting.

3. This Association shall have power to receive new churches into her body, when found to be orthodox in faith and practice.

4. This Association shall have power to dismiss churches by letter, when in good order.

5. This Association shall have power to withdraw her correspondence from churches, when in disorder.

6. This Association shall have no power to interfere with the independent rights of churches, but shall only act as an advisory counsel.

7. This Association shall choose by ballot, one Elder to preach the introductory sermon, and one as alternate, at each regular meeting.

8. This Association, in the absence of the principal and alternate, shall have exclusive right to elect one Elder to preach said sermon.

9. This Association will receive not more than three messengers from any one church.

10. This Association will correspond with sister Associations by minutes.

11. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the business of the Association in a book kept for that purpose.

12. The Clerk of the Association shall act as Treasurer.

## FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

STATE OF..... }  
COUNTY OF..... }.....188.....

..... Church, to the Ministers and Messengers composing State Line Association of Missionary Baptists, sendeth Christian salutation:

Very Dear Brethren: We send you our beloved brethren..... and..... whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your deliberations. Our statistics are as follows: Received by experience and baptism....., received by letter....., received by restoration....., dismissed by letter....., excluded....., dead....., total membership....., contribution for printing minutes....., day of meeting, Saturday before the..... Lord's Day in each month,..... is our pastor, and..... is our postoffice.

Now brethren, pray for us, and may God of all grace guide you in your deliberations, is the prayer of your sister in Christ. Done by order of the church in council, on Saturday before the..... Lord's Day in..... 188.....

..... Clerk.

..... Moderator.

## Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New testaments are the word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that man was made upright, but by a voluntary transgression, violated God's law and became a sinner.

4. We believe that by the voluntary transgression of one man, sin entered into the world, and so death by sin; thereby death passed upon all men for all have sinned.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification.

7. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace, and not one of them will be lost.

8. We believe that baptism and the sacrament of the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that they shall be continued until the second coming of Christ.

9. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Gospel mode, and true be-



lievers the only fit subjects for it.

10. We believe that none but legally baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table, and that no person has a right to administer that ordinance of the Gospel unless he be legally called and qualified.

11. We believe in revealed religion by the operation of the spirit, agreeable to the word of God; that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.

12. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and of a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

13. We believe that the Lord's Day should be set apart for the worship of God, and no work of a worldly nature transacted thereon, that of necessity excepted.

## Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer:

2. Every motion made by a member of the Association and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator before proceeding with his remarks.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator until he has finished his remarks.

5. The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no wise either reflect on or make any unfriendly remarks of any one who may have preceded him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his ideas as concisely as possible.

6. No member of the Association shall absent himself in time of business without permission from the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates the rules of the Association.

10. Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the Association shall be reproved by the Association, in such manner as a majority of the members present may direct.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled, and the roll shall be read at the Association may think proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

| CHURCHES.               | MESSENGERS.   | Time of Meeting. | Contributions. | Rec'd by Letter. | Rec'd by Restitution. | Restored. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Dismissed. | Total. |    |     |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|------------|--------|----|-----|
| Bluff Springs.....      | Eld. A. Foster and B. Esquridge .....                           | 4                | \$ 90          | 3                | 2                     |           |                      |           |            | 19     |    |     |
| Holley Springs.....     |   |                  |                |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    |     |
| Bethany.....            | G. Allison, A. J. Bird and E. Hill.....                         | 4                | 1.00           | 3                | 1                     | 1         |                      | 2         | 1          | 2      | 40 |     |
| Antioch.....            | Jos. D. Henderson and J. Manning.....                           | 3                | 1.70           | 8                | 3                     | 2         |                      | 8         | 3          | 3      | 58 |     |
| Liberty.....            | B. Wright, A. L. Guthery and C. J. Glasses.....                 | 1                | 2.50           | 1                | 1                     |           |                      | 2         | 5          | 3      | 48 |     |
| Lebanon.....            | W. C. Livingston and J. W. Johnston.....                        | 4                | 80             | 13               |                       | 3         | 3                    |           |            |        | 40 |     |
| Many Springs.....       | W. C. Livingston and J. W. Johnston.....                        | 3                | 77             | 11               | 5                     | 3         | 2                    | 2         | 1          | 1      | 56 |     |
| New Salem.....          | G. W. Cheek and J. W. Woodall.....                              | 3                | 66             | 4                |                       |           |                      |           |            |        | 25 |     |
| Pleasant Hill, Mo.....  | J. C. M. Brewer and J. Holstad.....                             | 1                | 75             | 2                |                       |           |                      |           | 1          | 1      | 18 |     |
| Mill Creek.....         | H. C. Kirkpatrick, J. R. Simblefield and A. R. Kirkpatrick..... | 3                | 1.00           |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    |     |
| Pleasant Hill, Ark..... | H. Curley, B. Natts and E. Curley.....                          | 1                | 1.50           | 1                | 2                     |           |                      | 2         | 4          | 1      | 1  | 42  |
| Pleasant Grove.....     | Wm. Bass and J. Aplin.....                                      | 4                | 80             |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    | 54  |
| Oak Grove.....          | J. Miller and W. H. Sisk.....                                   | 2                | 1.00           |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    | 8   |
| Dry Creek.....          |   |                  |                |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    |     |
|                         |   |                  | \$17.10        |                  |                       |           |                      |           |            |        |    | 419 |

| CHURCHES.            | CLERK.           | POST OFFICE.  | PASTORS.           |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Bluff Springs,       | A. B. McLain,    | Siloam,       | A. Foster          |
| Hollow Springs,      |                  |               |                    |
| Bethany,             | Wm. English,     | Jones' Store, | M. M. Jackson.     |
| Antioch,             | J. W. Tyre,      | Pocahontas,   | E. Richardson.     |
| Liberty,             | R. T. Shumake,   | Cherokee Bay, | J. J. McGuire.     |
| Cave Springs,        | A. J. Sanders,   | Alton,        | P. R. Simpson.     |
| Lebanon,             | W. S. Holland,   | Gatewood,     | D. A. Presley.     |
| Many Springs,        | J. B. Johnston,  | Many Springs, | P. R. Simpson.     |
| New Salem,           | G. W. Couch,     | Webster,      | R. O. Tribble.     |
| Pleasant Hill, Mo.,  | J. W. Woodall,   | Pitman,       | E. Richardson.     |
| Mill Creek,          | J. C. M. Brewer, | Jobe,         | H. C. Kirkpatrick. |
| Pleasant Hill, Ark., | W. H. Gully,     | Elm Store,    | H. C. Kirkpatrick. |
| Pleasant Grove,      | J. O. Brakehill, | Pocahontas,   | A. Foster.         |
| Oak Grove,           | W. J. Bass,      | Pocahontas,   | M. M. Jackson.     |
| Dry Creek,           | J. Miller,       | Dolton,       | M. M. Jackson.     |