

PROCEEDINGS

of the

*2nd*  
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

**STONE COUNTY  
ASSOCIATION  
MISSIONARY BAPTIST**

**Held With**

**BLUE MOUNTAIN CHURCH**

**Stone County, Arkansas,**

**September 26, 27, 1919.**

## MINUTES OF STONE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Friday, September 26, 1919.

Stone County Association of Missionary Baptists, convening with Blue Mountain Church, Stone County, Ark., at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. R. A. Suggs was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. He being absent, Rev. J. A. Branscum preached the sermon. Luke 16:16.

The Association then took recess until 2:30 P. M., at which hour the body was called to order by Mod. J. A. Branscum. After reading a chapter in the Bible, prayer by Rev. D. S. Cromer.

Brethren J. W. Webb and T. D. Jefferson were appointed reading clerks. After reading the letters from the churches the Messengers names were enrolled. By their request, on motion and second four churches were admitted to the Association as follows: Fox, Friendship, Fairview and Elizabeth.

The body proceeded to elect the officers for the session as follows: Rev. J. A. Branscum, Moderator; Rev. T. D. Jefferson, Clerk and Treasurer.

The following are the names of the churches and messengers enrolled:

Elizabeth church—Rev. G. S. Monahan, Bro. S. P. Price, Bro. Clarence Petty.

Timbo—Brethren J. M. Gammill, S. P. Ramsey, Jeff Goodman.

Pleasant Valley church—Brethren T. J. Mealor, E. M. Stephens, Tim Sartin.

Friendship church—Brethren G. W. Simthee, Louis Pierce, T. S. Moore.

Fox church—Rev. D. S. Cromer, Bro. Jim Broyles, Sister Kendall.

Fairview church—Bro. D. P. Parks.

Cornith church—Brethren R. A. Suggs, J. W. Webb, T. D. Jefferson.

Pine Chapel church—Sister Ida Lowrance, Brethren Dave Nickles, Fred Goodwin.

Bethlehem church—Brethren Jim Pierce, Billy Branscum.

Blue Mountain church—Brethren A. B. Smith, Calvin Broyles, Press Goodwin.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Devotional—Brethren Andy Smith, Press Goodwin, J. W. Webb.

State Missions—Brethren Sam Ramsey, R. A. Suggs, G. W. Smithee.

Home Missions—Brethren D. S. Cromer, Louis Pierce, J. W. Webb.

Foreign Missions—Brethren E. M. Stephens, D. P. Parks, J. M. Gammill.

Association Missions—Brethren R. A. Suggs, T. J. Mealor, James Pierce.

Sabbath School—Sister Mollie Lawrence, Brethren D. S. Cromer, Andy Smith.

Destitution—Brethren Louis Pierce, Press Goodwin, S. P. Ramsey.

Obituaries—Brethren R. A. Suggs, J. W. Webb, G. W. Smithee.

On motion and second this Association agreed to add to Article 1 the words Jesus Christ.

On motion and second the Association agreed to receive boundary churches, at their request.

On motion the Association adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by benediction.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Chapter read by Mod. Prayer by Rev. R. A. Suggs.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

State Missions—We your committee beg to submit the following: We believe it to be the indispensable duty of the church to send the gospel to all destitute places in our State and ask that churches go about this duty. S. P. Ramsey, Chairman. G. W. Smithee, R. A. Suggs.

Foreign Missions—We your committee submit the following: The blessed Master gave the commission to the church. "Go ye and teach all nations." And as we Baptist had our origin in America, from a missionary across the waters, we ask the churches of this Association to do all they can with their prayers and means to assist the foreign missionary. D. P. Parks. E. M. Stephens. J. M. Gammill.

The Association adjourned till 2:30 P. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. W. Webb.

Report of committees continued.

Home Missions—We, your committee, recommend the following: Whereas, we have done so little in the spread of the gospel throughout our home land we recommend that we double our efforts and try to get every church in the bounds of the Stone County Association to do something to spread the gospel. D. S. Cromer, Louis Pierce, J. W. Webb.

Association Missions—We your committee beg to submit the following: We advise this Association to take vigorous steps to supply the destitute parts of our territory, as pointed out by the committee on destitution, with gospel preaching, and we also advise the pastors of our several churches to urge them to contribute to this great work. R. A. Suggs, T. J. Mealar, James Pierce.

Sabbath School—We, your committee submit the following: Sabbath school is the church work. Therefore, we urge our churches to organize and carry on a Baptist Sabbath school, with Baptist literature, in every church. We also recommend our churches to



hold training schools. Bro. Mosley at Little Rock will come and teach a Normal and train our young people for the work. Also, we recommend that pastors take greater interest in this great work. A. B. Smith, D. S. Cromer, Mollie Lawrence.

Destitution—We, your committee beg to report as follows: We find that there are many destitute places in the bounds of our Association. We ask this Association to put some missionary in the field to visit these destitute places, revive the work of churches, and organize churches when they are needed and that he put in one-half time the entire year till the meeting of the next Association. S. P. Ramsey, Press Goodwin, L. T. Pierce.

We, your committee on obituaries render the following: We find from the statistical letters of the several churches composing this Association that in the past Associational year, God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst, to a home above, four of our beloved brethren and sister. We find that in this number two were taken from Cornith church at Mountain View, to-wit: Eld. Jacob King, one whom we hold as a father in the ministry. Faithful and true and zealous of every good work, fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith, being dead yet speaketh. Brother Johnie Branscum was a young man of many promising years, but seeing and hearing of the great call of his country volunteered his life for the love and freedom of his country. Blue Mountain church. Bro. Clifton Broyles, another young and faithful saint with a bright future before him, seeing and hearing the call for suffering humanity in the great World War, volunteered his life for the cause he loved so dearly. Sister Zona Powell, a faithful, patient, kind and true mother. We realize the fact that in the death of these, our beloved brethren and sister of Stone County Association, we have lost noble and valuable members. But with sad and sorrowful hearts we must humbly bow to the will of Him that doeth all things well. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Humbly submitted R. A. Suggs, J. W. Webb, G. W. Smithee.

On motion and second the 11 o'clock service of Saturday of each Association is to be a memorial service in memory of our dead.

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#### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

On motion and second Brethren J. A. Branscum and S. P. Ramsey were elected as corresponding messengers of Blue Mountain Association.

Brethren D. S. Cromer and G. S. Monaham were elected to meet with Peace Association.

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#### Report of Stone County Association Missionary, Beginning July 20, 1919.

Days labored July, 11; days labored August, 30; days labored September, 18; one-fourth time for 2 months, 4 days; sermons preached, 48; miles traveled, 300; witness professions of faith, 10;

churches organized, 1; restoration of profession, 4; funeral services, 5. Collected on field: Shady Grove church, \$8.00; Blue Mountain church, \$5.00; public collection, \$12.30; Bethany church, \$8.00; total \$33.30.

The Association agreed to put Rev. J. A. Branscum in the field as missionary. They also agreed to pay him \$25.00 per month for one-half time till the next Association.

After preaching on Sunday a collection was taken for Association missions. Collection, \$15.43.

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#### Treasurer's Report.

Amt. rec'd.	\$15.70	
Amt. to Editor for printing		\$12.00
Amt. to W. J. Gower		3.70
	\$15.70	\$15.70

Fianace Committee—Association appointed J. W. Webb, S. P. Ramsey, T. D. Jefferson.

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#### DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

Friday, 11 o'clock introductory sermon by Rev. J. A. Branscum.  
Preaching Friday night by Rev. J. S. Kelly.

Saturday, 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. T. D. Jefferson.

Saturday night by Rev. D. S. Cromer.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. R. A. Suggs.

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The church at Fox was chosen as the next place of meeting, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1920. Rev. J. A. Branscum was chosen to preach the introductory sermon.

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#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. J. Goodman, Timbo, Ark.; R. A. Suggs, Mountain View, Ark.; T. D. Jefferson, Mountain View, Ark.; J. A. Branscum, New Nata, Ark.; J. J. Belentine, Onia, Ark.; G. W. Fox, Alco, Ark.; J. E. Kelley, Hedges, Ark.; D. S. Cromer, Fox, Ark.; G. S. Monahan, Mountain View, Ark.

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Resolved that we tender our heart felt thanks to Blue Mountain church and community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May the God bless and guide them in truth and happiness.

T. D. JEFFERSON, Clerk.

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#### CONSTITUTION.

Of the Stone County Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 1.—This Union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name of Stone County Association of Missionary Baptists of Jesus Christ.

Article 2.—This Association shall be composed of delegates from churches in Union. Each church shall be entitled to three dele-



gates who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

Article 3.—The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot of the members of the Association at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article 4.—The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government and shall act only as advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the nature of this compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates from the churches, and the right to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice. It shall, therefore, regard all under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good, and endeavor to extend the Kingdom of Christ on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and cultivate a close fellowship with all the churches of Jesus Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Article 5.—Newly constituted churches, or any church desiring to unite with this Union may be admitted on sending their delegates to any annual meeting of this Association with a petition, for admission, and their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herein.

Article 6.—The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, restored, deceased, number of licentiates and ordained ministers, since our last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 7.—This Association may have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Finance Committee to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage funds agreeable to the order of the Association and shall present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Article 8.—This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 9.—This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent to it by churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor any difficulty between churches unless they have pursued the directions given in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. When this Association shall take such matters into considerations and act upon them at its discretion.

Article 10.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver same to his successor in office.

Article 11.—Any church or individual of this Association shall have the privilege of giving their mission funds through the channel of the Convention Board, or the General Association. They shall also have the privilege of donating to the Baptist Orphans Home at Monticello or Texarkana.

Article 12.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising this Association.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1.—This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2.—The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3.—The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4.—A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5.—But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to feet and obtain permission to speak.

6.—The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7.—No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or unless words of personal reflection are used. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by he who made it.

8.—Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another can be offered.

9.—When a question is up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats, and those on the negative retain theirs.

10.—The Moderator shall announce the decision before those standing resume their seats.

11.—Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

12.—No member shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member that wishes to speak shall have spoken.

13.—The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members addressing each other.

14.—The names of the members shall be called as often as the



Association may direct.

15.—No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt while speaking.

16.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

17.—Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion, but only on the day the violation is done.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1.—We believe in the only true and living God, the Father, Word and Holy Ghost.

2.—We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are Divine authority and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

3.—We believe that man cannot, by his own free will or ability, recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.

4.—We believe in Original Sin.

5.—We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification unto obedience of the Spirit and sprinkling of the Blood of Christ.

6.—We believe the Saints will be preserved in Grace and never fall away.

7.—We believe Baptism, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ; that Baptism by immersion is the only Apostolic mode and that true believers are the only proper subjects and washing the Saint's feet is a duty.

8.—We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead and a General Judgment.

9.—We believe that the joys of the Saints and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10.—We believe no minister has the right to administer the ordinance except those who have been legally baptised and called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery.

11.—We believe it to be our indispensible duty to do all we can for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel.

12.—We believe that the Missionary Baptist church of Jesus Christ was established during His personal Ministry, and has a complete chain of succession from then until now.

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Business being over the brethren and friends took the parting hand, with the assurance in their hearts of "They that wait upon the Lord renew their strength." Thus closed a joyous and harmonious meeting.

J. A. BRANSCUM, Moderator. T. D. JEFFERSON, Clerk and Treas.



# STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Baptism	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Orphan's Home	Associational Missions	Pastor's Salary
Elizabeth	G. S. Monahan	Walter Price	Mountain View	7	1	1			1	49	\$1 20			
Timbo	J. A. Branscum	Mollie Lawrence	Timbo	3	3		4			69	2 30	\$ 2 55	\$ 3 55	\$ 31 03
Pleasant Valley	J. J. Balentine	T. J. Mealer	Hedges	1						14	50		10 00	
Friendship	J. A. Branscum	T. S. Moore	New Nata							14	1 50			
Fox	G. S. Monahan	R. P. Goodwin	Fox	12	5	2	1		1	77	2 65			
Fairview	T. D. Jefferson	Willie Long	Mountain View	1						32	1 00			
Cornith	R. A. Suggs	Bettie Jefferson	Mountain View	2	1	2			2	131	2 50	10 09	50 00	120 00
Pine Chapel	T. D. Jefferson	Ida Lowrance	Hanover			1	5	4		20	1 50			6 50
Bethlehem	J. J. Balentine	Willie Branscum	Timbo										25 00	
Blue Mountain	J. A. Branscum	Willie Smith	Timbo				1		2	106		5 00	25 00	