

MINUTES

OF THE

State Line Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Richwoods Church

RICHWOODS, ARK.

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 1914

W. S. LOONEY, Moderator

GEORGE LOONEY, Clerk

Next session to be held with Union Church, beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September.

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The State Line Association of Missionary Baptists met with Richwoods church on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1914, and the introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. A. P. Scofield. An excellent sermon was rendered. Led in prayer by Bro. Sconce. After a good service, adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning.

Friday morning session, Sept. 11, 1914, the Association was called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 a. m. Led in prayer by Bro. Belem. The Moderator then appointed Bro. Tobe Chastain and Bro. Knox Belem reading clerks. Moderator then called for churches when the following were presented:

Witts Chapel—J. G. Pond, John D. Kerley.

Bethany Church—J. D. Owen, W. E. Allison, John Looney.

Ravenden Springs—Inon McMullen, Sister Moore.

Vernon Church—J. G. Pratt.

Union—J. W. Etcherson, C. E. Abernathy, I. L. Pratt.

Richwoods Church—A. P. Arnold, J. W. Allison, J. C. Allison, Alex Martin.

Oak Grove—Tobe Chastain.

Antioch Church—W. S. Looney, Henry Brown.

New Hope, No. 2—W. I. Hill, Len Rikard.

New Harmony—B. C. Peas, L. C. Coombs.

The association then proceeded to a permanent organization, which resulted in the election of Bro. W. S. Looney as Moderator and Bro. George Looney, Clerk.

The Moderator now called for new churches names to be presented. Moderator declared body open and Bros. A. P. Scofield, Secretary Convention Board, C. G. Elliott, pastor Walnut Ridge Baptist church, and R. M. Inlow were seated with us. A short lecture by Bro. A. P. Scofield on State Missions and Orphans Home was enjoyed. A short talk was given by Bro. C. G. Elliott. Adjourned at 12 o'clock until 2 p. m. Led in prayer by Bro. Smith.

Afternoon session was called to order by Moderator. Song service and led in prayer by Bro. Belem. Moderator declared body open when Bro. Wheatley of Current River Association and Bro. Knox Belem were invited to sit with us in council.

Moderator appointed committeemen as follows:

Publication—Bros. James Sconce and J. A. Wheatley.

Destitution—Bros. J. D. Kerley and A. P. Arnold.

Obituary—Bros. J. D. Owens and W. I. Hill.

Temperance—Bros. J. B. Allison and W. H. Smith.

Orphans Home—Bros. J. G. Ponds and John Looney.

Education—Bros. Tobe Chastain and J. A. Pratt.

Sunday School—Bros. J. W. Etcherson and Len Rikard.

State of Churches—Bros. J. C. Allison and Alex Martin.

Foreign Missions—Bros. B. C. Peas and C. E. Abernathy.

State of Home Missions—Bros. Inon McMullen and Savage.

Resolution—Bros. Tobe Chastain and Henry Brown.

Finance—Bro. John Allison and Sister Moore.

The Association adjourned at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon to meet again Saturday morning at 8:30. Led in prayer by Bro. J. A. Wheatley.

Services at 8 o'clock by Bro. Savage. Text: "Pray Without Ceasing," 5th chapter Thesalonians. Led in prayer by Bro. James Sconce.

Saturday morning session. The Association was called to order at 8:30 a. m. by the Moderator. Led in prayer by Bro. Tobe Chastain.

Report on Publication

We would recommend a careful study of God's word for our people and then good, sound Baptist books. We would further recommend that every Baptist family take and read at least one of our church papers.

J. A. Wheatley,

J. W. Sconce,

Committee.

Motion made and passed that we have a committee in our Ladies Association. James Sconce and J. D. Kerley, committee.

Report on Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to report that we believe that the use of intoxicating liquor has always been the greatest curse to our country. We believe that there is a strong sentiment against the use of liquors, brought about by our churches and other organizations in educating the people against the use of it and we beg and pray that we, as Baptists, do everything in our power to do away with this great evil by doing all in our power to stop the use and sale of all intoxicating drinks, including native wine.

T. B. Allison,

W. H. Smith,

Committee.

Report on Destitution

We, your committee on Destitution, beg to make the following report: We find within the bounds of our Association that there is a great field of destitution in our Association. We find that there is one place that was mentioned one year ago as a destitute place, to-wit: At Vernon there is more working in the church, but there are still other places such as Dalton, O'Conce, Wirth, Manson, Sharum and New Harmony. There are other places that might be mentioned. Therefore, we pray that this association take some step to develop this field.

John D. Kerley,
A. P. Arnold,
Committee.

Report on Obituary

We, your committee on Obituary, would report that the Death Angel has visited our association and called home Bro. D. A. Pressley. He was born in Tennessee Dec. 27, 1842, and died March 25, 1914. Bro. Pressley was a consistent Gospel preacher from August, 1868, until his death. Sister L. A. Breadley died January, 1914, aged about 85 years. She professed a hope in Christ when about 18 years of age and united with the Baptist church and lived a faithful member of the same until her death.

Sister Kerley died Nov. 8th 1914, aged 56 years, 2 mons. and 26 days. She professed faith in Christ in her youth, joined the Missionary Baptist church and lived a consistent christian life until her death.

And sister Johnston died Feb. 26th, 1914; age unknown to us. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the Baptist church one year before her death. She died trusting in God. Blessed are they who die in the Lord.

W. I. Hill,
J. D. Owens,
Committee.

The Association announced Bros. J. Q. Pounds, John D. Kerley and A. P. Arnold to serve as our Board for the ensuing year.

Report on Orphans' Home.

We, your committee on the Orphan's Home of the state, would like to ask that each Church and Sunday School throughout the Association take up the subject and press it upon the people of the Association until each one is represented in a financial way in these two institutions, one at Monticello and one at Texarkana, Ark. The institutions are very near and dear to us and they should receive the

hearty cooperation of every Baptist in Ark.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Q. Pound,

J. S. Looney,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Education.

We, your committee, respectfully report that we have made some progress in the way of christian education, yet it seems that we have only begun, and that we may become a better educated people we recommend that we stand by the Baptist schools of our state. We would urge that the Baptists of the State Line and adjoining Associations get behind our school at Maynard and help to push it to the front as an educational center.

Tobe Chastain,

S. P. Pratt,

Committee.

Committee on Sunday Schools.

We find in our Association only six Sunday schools: One at New Hope No. 2, Bethany, Union, Richwoods, New Harmony and Witt's Chapel. We, as your committee, find that Sunday schools should be looked after more in the name of our Lord and Master.

Len Rikard,

J. W. Etchison,

Committee.

Report on State of Churches.

We, your Committee on State of Churches, beg to report as follows: We find some of our churches have no pastor. Those churches seem to have fallen into a lukewarm state. Now, we move that those Brothers and Sisters pray earnestly for God to come in saving power and to restore unto them the joys of their salvation. And pray do hold a revival and call a pastor.

Alex. Martin,

J. C. Allison,

Committee.

Upon motion, the preaching service was dispensed with that the Association might continue its work.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: Knowing the commission of our Lord to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and seeing the great field that is open to us, we recommend that each church and pastor in this association make a special effort to help send the gospel to the dying millions in the foreign fields.

C. E. Abanathy,

B. C. Peas,

Committee.

Report on State and Home Missions

We, the committee on Home Missions, report as follows: As far as missionary work is concerned we find that there has been practically nothing done in the home field this summer. The work at home is being sadly neglected and certainly needs our immediate attention. Thousands of people are spiritually adrift and going astray because of our imperfect knowledge of christianity. Can we, a denomination claiming to be a mighty factor in the propagation of missionary work, let such ignorance prevail in our very midst? If we live up to the standard of missionary work that we claim, we must be more active and manifest more interest in this work in the future than we have in the past. Shall we, in the presence of God, continue in this spiritual slothfulness or shall we awake and become as active and alive christian people. We, the committee, sincerely hope and pray that we shall give more attention to this grand and glorious part of our christian duty in the years to come than we have in years gone by.

G. W. Savage, Inon McMullen, Committee.

Motion prevailed that the association adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Led in prayer by Bro. J. L. Pond.

Afternoon session. The association was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator and led in prayer by Bro. W. H. Smith. The body now selected the place for our next Fifth Sunday meeting, which will be with Union church.

Report on Women's Work

When we view the work that our Godly women are doing to advance the kingdom of our Lord we are made glad, and like Paul we would recommend that they be encouraged in their labors of love, and we would further recommend that our sisters organize and maintain a Ladies' Aid in every church in our association and that they make a report hereafter in their church letters to the association.

John D. Kerley,

J. W. Sconce,

Committee.

Report on Finance

We, your committee, have received of various churches for clerk fees and minutes, the following amounts: Antioch, \$1.55; New Harmony, \$1.50; New Hope No. 2, \$2.50; Bethany, \$2.75; Richwoods, \$1.50; Witts Chapel, \$4.00; Union, \$3.00; Oak Grove, \$2.00; Ravenden Springs, \$2.50; Vernon, \$2.00; Total amount collected, \$22.30.

J. W. Allison,

Sister J. W. Moore,

Committee.

Report on Resolution

We, your committee on Resolution, submit the following report: Resolved: 1st, that we extend to Richwoods church and people our thanks for the many courtesies shown us while among them. 2nd, that we have 200 minutes printed and that our clerk superintend the printing and distributing of same and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service. 3rd, that we continue our Fifth Sunday meetings. Next Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Union church 3 miles north of Pocahontas. 4th, that we take a collection for associational missions in this way. Each messenger go home and make collection and that the same be collected as soon as possible, so that our board may have something in hand to begin with at once.

Tobe Chastain,
Henry Brown,
Committee.

Little Rock, Ark., September 14, 1914.

Received of State Line Association, by R. M. Inlow,
for Orphan's Home \$3.73. R. M. Inlow, Mis. Sec.
By M. C.

Maynard, Ark., April 1, 1914.

Received of D. Kerley, Secretary Association Mission
Board, \$14.65, for Mission work, due in the State Line As-
sociation. J. W. Sconce.

Balance on hand last year	\$ 3.70
Received from Maynard church	10 95
Total	\$14.65

Our next Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Union church three miles north of Pocahontas.

Report of clerk and treasurer received of finance committee this session from various churches \$22.30

I, as treasurer of your executive committee, report that I have on hand for minute fund \$22.30.

Geo. Looney, Clerk.

Motion now prevailed that we select a place for our next association. It was decided by vote that we meet with Union church near Pocahontas, Ark. A motion prevailed that we elect some one to preach the next annual introductory sermon, which resulted in the election of Bro T. B. Allison. A motion made and duly seconded that in conclusion the association stand adjourned to meet with Union church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1915. Sang "Til We Meet Again" Benediction was now pronounced by Bro. Savage.

W. S. Looney, Moderator.
George Looney, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

2. We believe that 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 voluntary transgressions violated God's law and become a sinner.

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

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by righteousness of Christ being imputed upon 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 Lords's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that they should be continued until the second coming of Christ.

9. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the only Gospel mode and true believers are the only fit subjects for it.

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

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

12. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and 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 therein—works of necessity excepted.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association will be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by members making it.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator before proceeding with remarks.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone except the moderator, until he has finished his speech.

5. The person speaking shall continue himself strictly to the subject under discussion, and in no wise reflect on, or make any unfriendly remarks of anyone who may precede him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his idea as concisely as possible.

6. No member of this association shall absent himself in time of business without permission of the association.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of 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 a 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 called as often as the association thinks proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	Value of Church Prop	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School Ex	Home Mission Funds
						Increase		Decrease								
						Bv Baptism	Bv Letter	Bv Restoration	Bv Letter	Bv Death	Excluded					
Witt's Chap'l	1888		E. F. Lincoln Wash Savage J. W. Sconce	J. D. Kerley	Maynard, Ark.	38	7	4	7	1	--	173	1500	101 00	75 5	16
Harmony	1912			B. L. Peas	Pocahontas	3	--	--	--	--	--	8				
Oak Grove	1867		J. A. Allison	T. Chastain	Attica,	2	--	--	--	1	--	56	\$400	14 00		
Bethany	1874	3	J. W. Sconce	Van Mariott	Yadkin,	6	--	--	6	--	--	91	400	69 78	22 3	65
Rav. Springs	1912	1	J. A. Wheetly	T. J. Moore	Rav. Springs	2	1	3	4	--	2	47	1200	158 00	61	
Richwoods	1912	1	Bro. Bridges	Alex. Martin	Walnut R'ge	--	2	13	1	--	--	--		30 00	50	
Antioch	1873		J. A. Allison	Nancy Loony	Hamil	--	2	8	--	1	3	73	450	35 75		
New Hope	2 1900	3	B. F. Wise	W. I. Hill	Wirth,	7	--	--	--	--	--	37	250			
Vernon		2	J. A. Allison	S. P. Pratt	Ingram	--	--	--	--	--	--	18		8 17	81	
Union			T. B. Allison	Cora Eaton	Pocahontas	18	3	1	2	--	--	87				