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....OF THE....

TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION

....OF THE....

STATE LINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

....HELD WITH....

BETHANY CHURCH,

AT YADKIN, ARKANSAS,

Beginning Sept. 8, 1899.

J. W. TYER,
Clerk.

ELD. KNOX BELEW,
Moderator.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD WITH ANTIOCH CHURCH,
HAMIL, ARKANSAS, BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1900.

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STATE LINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met pursuant to adjournment with Bethany church, Yadkin, Randolph County, Arkansas, Friday, Sept. 8, 1899. Annual sermon at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Eld. E. T. Lincoln; text, Matt. 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. After the sermon the body adjourned, on motion and second, for refreshments, to meet at 3, p. m. Prayer by Bro. S. W. Abernathy.

AFTERNOON—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. W. Tyer. The Moderator being absent, by motion and second Bro. E. T. Lincoln was appointed Moderator pro tem. The body was organized by reading the letters and enrolling messengers' names, Eld. Knox Belew and W. H. Karnes having been appointed reading clerks.

ANTIOCH—Thomas Brown and J. W. Tyer.

BETHANY—G. W. Allison and Enoch Hogan.

BROCKETT—Eld. Knox Belew.

CONCORD—Ben Hawkins and E. W. Ramsey.

FLAT WOODS—S. Whitney, A. Whitney (his wife) and E. D. Earnest.

OAK GROVE—Thos. Abernathy, W. H. Karnes and Reuben Belew.

WITT'S CHAPEL—Casper Moffit.

NEW HOME—W. I. Moore.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—Eld. Knox Belew was then chosen Moderator, and J. W. Tyer, Clerk. Being thus permanently organized, the Moderator called for new churches. None. Next, called for correspondence from sister associations.

Eld. S. W. Abernathy presented himself from Current River Association and was received as a visiting brother. The Moderator then appointed the following

COMMITTEES.

ON PREACHING—Messengers from Bethany church.

PUBLICATION—E. T. Lincoln and S. W. Abernathy.

DESTITUTION—Thos. Abernathy and Enoch Hogan.

TEMPERANCE—Thos. Brown and R. M. Belew.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. W. Allison and W. H. Karnes.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES—E. T. Lincoln and W. I. Moore.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Casper Moffit and S. Whitney.

STATE AND HOME MISSIONS—E. W. Ramsey and S. W. Abernathy.

FINANCE—B. F. Hawkins and W. H. Karnes.

OBITUARY—E. D. Earnest and S. Whitney.

EDUCATION—W. H. Karnes and S. W. Abernathy.

RESOLUTIONS—R. M. Belew and G. W. Allison.

Motion and second to adjourn, to meet at 8:30, a. m., Saturday.
Prayer by S. Whitney. Committees announced. Preaching at night
by Eld. Knox Belew; text, Eph. 2:8.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION—Opened at 8:30 with Scripture reading. Prayer
by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney. Called for messengers from the churches
not represented. Bro. J. N. Carroll, from Mud Creek Church, pre-
sented himself and letter, which were received and messenger's name
was enrolled. Next, called for correspondence from sister association,
and Eld. E. J. A. McKinney presented himself from Mt. Zion As-
sociation (Arkansas) and was received as a visiting brother. Called
for report of Committee on Publication.

REPORT—We, your Committee on Publication, report as follows:
We recommend a more careful and prayerful reading of the Bible,
and in addition would recommend that we take the "Arkansas Bap-
tist," published at Little Rock, Ark., and the "Baptist Gleaner,"
published at Paragould, Ark.; and would recommend that we supply
our families with good, religious books, which can be got of Eld. E.
T. Lincoln, Bible Colporter, or of Baptist Book House, Little Rock,
Ark.; Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky.; or American Baptist
Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

E. T. LINCOLN,
S. W. ABERNATHY,
Committee.

The report having been received and discussed by Bros. E. T.
Lincoln and E. J. A. McKinney, was adopted. Called for report of
Committee on Temperance.

REPORT—We, your Committee, report as follows: That it is the
duty of all Christian people and also of all good citizens to give
their influence upon the side of Temperance, by using both their

vote and influence against intoxicating liquors in any form, for we find that Intemperance is a curse to any nation. It ruins the morals of the rising generation; it affects our finance, and brings distress upon the innocent.

R. M. BELEW,
THOMAS BROWN,
Committee.

Report having been received and discussed, was adopted. Called for report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

REPORT—We find that there have been a few Sabbath schools in the State Line Association and that they have been a great help to our work. We would heartily recommend that a Sunday school be organized at each church, and that we endeavor to maintain the same.

W. H. KARNES,
G. W. ALLISON,
Committee.

Report received and adopted, and committee discharged. Called for report of Committee on Destitution.

REPORT—We submit the following report: We find that a great many within our bounds are destitute of gospel preaching, viz: Down Black river, from Pocahontas to the mouth of Spring river; from Walnut Hill to Black river; also on Baker creek and at Warm Springs. We recommend that plans and means be devised to supply the above destitution. Let us look after our associational interests. That should be the desire of us all.

T. B. ABERNATHY and ENOCH HOGAN, Committee.

Motion and second to receive the report. Carried. Report received and adopted and committee discharged. The subject was discussed, and \$59.00 subscribed to associational missions. Dismissed for preaching. Sermon by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney; text, Romans 4:7-8. By motion and second we adjourned till 3, p. m. Prayer by Isaac Stevens.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3, p. m., met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Jasper N. Weaver. Called for report of committee on State of the Churches.

REPORT—We find Oak Grove and Brockett churches awake and at work. As for the rest, they seem to be drifting with the tide and doing but little. We recommend that they work more, pray more, and trust the Lord for His help and see if He will not pour out a blessing that there will not be room to receive. See Matt. 3rd chapter.

E. T. LINCOLN,
W. I. MOORE,
Committee.

Report received and adopted, and committee discharged. Report of committee on Foreign Missions.

REPORT—We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: We believe our motto should be: "The World for Christ." Christ says, Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19-20. We would recommend that each church help the work by their contributions and prayers. Respectfully submitted.

S. WHITNEY,

CASPER MOFFIT,

Committee.

Report received and adopted, and committee discharged. Next, report on State and Home Missions.

REPORT—There are many important towns and communities in the State, and many homes, without Baptist preaching. We will not have done our duty until all such places have the pure gospel preached unto them during the present year, and our State Board has employed about twenty-six missionaries, and the amount pledged to their support for the year is \$3,500. The board will need \$600 by the first of November to settle with these missionaries. The Lord has graciously blessed our work. Several churches have been organized, meeting houses built, and there have been a large number of additions to the church. We urge each church to take up a collection for this great work.

S. W. ABERNATHY,

E. W. RAMSEY,

Committee.

Motion to receive the report and discharge the committee. Carried. Called for report of Committee on Education.

REPORT—We, your Committee on Education, acknowledge our loyalty to the present public school system, and insist that the moral training of our youths should be kept in full pace with their literary attainments. We consider it the duty of Baptists to establish and sustain institutions of higher Christian education, hence we recommend to our brethren that they rally to the support of Ouchita, Conway and Mountain Home Colleges, all of which are Baptist institutions of our State.

S. W. ABERNATHY,

W. H. KARNES,

Committee.

Report received and adopted. Called for report of Committee on Obituaries.

REPORT—We find that the death angel with his scythe has been in our midst and taken from us 9 of our beloved members, as follows:

BRO. GEORGE HOGAN, of Bethany, passed away Mar. 12, 1899, aged 44 years and 10 months.

SISTER MELINDA JENKINS, of New Home Church, aged 30 years, a member for 8 years, being a good and faithful sister, died June 1, 1899.

SISTER AMERICA GOINGS, of Antioch, was born Dec. 8, 1875; professed faith in God in 1890, and lived a consistent member up to her death, which occurred Apr. 11, 1899.

BRO. W. S. HOLT, of Oak Grove, passed away Feb. 2, 1899. Also BRO. JOHN HAM the same year and month. Both loving brethren.

MUD CREEK has lost one sister, JULIA A. CARROLL, aged 19 years. Died triumphant in the faith, and is gone to her Eternal Home.

WITT'S CHAPEL has lost two. BRO. EUGENE SIMPSON, born July 19, 1870, and died Apr. 9, 1899. JOHN RICHARDSON, born, July 25, 1867, died Aug. 21, 1899.

E. D. EARNEST,
S. WHITNEY,
Committee.

Report received and adopted, and committee discharged. Next, report of Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT—We, your Committee on Resolutions, report the following.

RESOLVED, 1. That each church send in a list of her deceased.

2. That we continue our Mission Board.

3. That when a church calls a pastor they remunerate him for his services.

4. That the Mission Board employ a missionary to work in the bounds of our association.

5. That we have 300 Minutes printed. That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same, and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

6. That we correspond with sister associations.

7. That this body appoint delegates to the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and elect one member to the Executive Board.

R. M. BELEW,
G. W. ALLISON,
Committee.

Report received and adopted and committee discharged. Next, report on finance.

REPORT—Received from the churches for the publication of Minutes, \$9.75; from Congregation, \$2.35. Total, \$12.10.

W. H. KARNES,
B. F. HAWKINS,
Committee.

Report received and adopted, and committee discharged. Called for report of Treasurer.

REPORT—I, your Treasurer, report the following: Received of Finance Committee, 11.35. Paid for printing Minutes, \$8.00; postage, 30 cents; Clerk's fees, \$6.00. Total, \$13.30. Due Treasurer, \$1.95.

J. W. TYER, Treas.

Report received and treasurer retained. Called for volunteers to the Baptist State Convention. Eld. E. T. Lincoln, Eld. Knox Belew and W. H. Karnes. Bro. W. H. Karnes was elected by acclamation. Motion that Eld. Knox Belew go to Southern Baptist Convention. Motion that the Moderator appoint a Missionary Board resulted in the choosing of J. W. Tyer, W. H. Karnes, J. N. Carroll, L. F. Maynard and I. J. Looney. Board meets Friday before the 5th Sunday in October, with Oak Grove Church.

MESSENGERS—The following were appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister associations. Spring River, Elds. E. T. Lincoln and Isaac Stevens; Current River, L. F. Maynard and Eld. E. T. Lincoln; Elevenpoints River, J. N. Carroll and Eld. Knox Belew.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD—Preaching eight days by Bro. Isaac Stevens in the Water Valley neighborhood. Amount paid him for services, \$4.00, of which amount \$1.50 was refunded to said Board as Bro. Stevens' free work for the Association.

Balance on hand after Association of 1898, \$13.50; received of Bethany Church, 2.75; received of Bro. Isaac Stevens, 1.50; received elsewhere, 1.75. Total, \$19.00. Paid to Bro. Isaac Stevens, \$4.00. Amount now on hand, \$15.00.

Motion and second that we elect some one to preach on Sunday at 11, a. m., resulted in the choice of Eld. E. J. A. McKinney.

By ballot, Antioch Church was chosen as place of next meeting and Eld. Isaac Stevens to preach the next annual sermon, with Eld. C. A. Fowler as alternate. The body then dismissed till night. Prayer by Bro. Sconce. Preaching at night by Bro. S. W. Abernathy; text, Gal. 4:16.

Preaching Sunday at 11 by Bro. E. J. A. McKinney; text, Titus 2:11-13. He was followed by Eld. W. B. Peebles from Conway, who spoke in behalf of the Central Female College of that place, after which a song was sung and we took the parting hand.

J. W. TYER,

Clerk.

ELD. KNOX BELEW,

Moderator.

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 making it.
3. Only one person shall speak at a 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 anyone except the Moderator, until he has finished his remarks.
4. The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no wise reflect on or make unfriendly remarks about 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 of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

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

9. Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the Association shall be reprov'd by the Association in such a manner as a majority of the members may direct.

10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and the roll called as often as the Association may think proper.

Articles of Faith.

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

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament 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 voluntary transgression of the man sin entered the world and 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 saints will persevere in grace and not one of them be lost.

8. We believe that baptism and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church, 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 believers 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 person has a right to administer that ordinance of the church unless he is 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 from the dead, both of the just and 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 thereon—that of necessity excepted.

Ordained Ministers.

D. A. PRESLEY, Hamil, Ark.

C. A. FOWLER, Supply, Ark.

ISAAC STEPHENS, Kingsville, Ark.

I. H. WITT, Middlebrook, Ark.

E. T. LINCOLN, Maynard, Ark.

J. A. WHEETLY, Maynard, Ark.

KNOX BELEW, Brockett, Ark.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	When Constituted	Sunday of Meeting..	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP										Value Ch. Property	Pastors' Salaries	Minute Fund	Last Report
						Incr 'e			Dec'se			Present M'bers' p	S. S. Scholars	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Expenses.....				
						By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	By Letter.....	Excluded	Died								
ANTIOCH	1873	4	I. H. WITT.....	J. W. TYER.	Foster		2	1	2	3	2	49				400	17 20	1 65	57
BETHANY	1874	4	I. C. SCONCE✓	A. J. BYRD	Yadkin					1	1	37				400	20 00	1 00	38
BROCKETT	1898	3	KNOX BELEW	R. P. MOORE.	Brockett.....	3	3	3				23						50	14
CONCORD	1884	1	J. A. WHEETLY	C. H. TYER.	Lima				2			32						40	34
FLAT WOODS	1886	2	ISAAC STEVENS..	A. C. FOSBERY	Wirth			1	2			13						50	14
MUD CREEK		2	I. H. WITT	S. P. PRATT	Ingram				1			22						95	20
NEW HOME	1890	3	ISAAC STEVENS..	W. I. MOORE	Kingsville ..		2		3	4	1	41						1 00	51
OAK GROVE	1868	2	R. F. CARROLL✓	W. H. KARNES..	Attica	15	1			1	2	67				50	35 30	1 75	54
WITT'SCHAP'L	1888	4	M. D. BOWERS✓	L. F. MAYNARD..	Maynard		5	1	7	1	2	80	40	5	\$6 50	800	50 00	2 00	
TOTALS.....						18	13	6	17	10	8	364	40	5	\$6 50	1 650	122 50	9 75	2 82

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