

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTIETH SESSION
of the
STATE LINE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

POYNOR CHURCH, POYNOR, MISSOURI

September 10, 11, 12, 1903

W. H. BROWN, Moderator.

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Next session to be held with Oak Grove Church at Allen, Ark., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1904

MINUTES of

State Line Baptist Association

State Line Baptist Association met with Poynor Church, Poynor, Missouri, on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1903. Annual sermon by J. A. Wheatley, after which the Association adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Friday morning.

Friday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment. Devotional services conducted by J. A. Wheatley. The former Moderator being absent the Association was called to order by the Clerk. Knox Belew was chosen Moderator pro tem.

Bro. H. R. Parks was chosen reading clerk and the letters of the several churches were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch church—J. W. Tyer.

Union—J. F. Robinson and Knox Belew.

Oak Grove—Tobias Chastain and David Shocklee.

Bethany—G. W. Allison and R. T. Gann.

Poynor—B. F. Magruder, W. H. Johnson and T. S. Cockrum.

Next proceeded to election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Knox Belew as Moderator, and Tobias Chastain, Clerk.

The names of the following visiting Ministers were enrolled. W. W. Gardner, of Arkadelphia; H. R. Parks, of Little Rock, and C. A. Fowler, of Current River Association.

Appointed the following committees, on preaching, Messengers of Poynor church.

Publications—B. F. Magruder and G. W. Allison.

Destitution—Tobias Chastain and R. T. Gann.
Obituaries—J. F. Robinson and J. W. Tyer.
Temperance—H. R. Parks and T. S. Cockrum.
Sunday Schools—David Shocklee and W. H. Johnson.
Education—J. A. Wheatley and J. W. Tyer.
State of Churches—G. W. Allison and David Shocklee.
Foreign Missions—J. W. Tyer and C. A. Fowler
State and Home Missions—Tobias Chastain and R. T. Gann.
Finance—T. S. Cockrum and David Shocklee.
Orphans' Home—W. W. Gardner and W. H. Johnson.
Resolutions—B. F. Magruder and H. R. Parks.

Took ten minutes recess.

Association was called to order and committees reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Publications

We, your committee, report that we are a people that will read, and it is an old axom, "like priest, like people." Therefore we would recommend the reading of good sound literature; good books and such papers as the Landmark Baptist, American Baptist Flag, Western Recorder, and above all the reading of the Bible.

B. F. MAGRUDER, }
G. W. ALLISON, } Committee

Report of Committee on Destitution

We, your committee on destitution, report that we find Warm Springs, Elm Store and Ricetown to be destitute of Baptist preaching.

R. T. GANN, }
TOBE CHASTAIN, } Committee

Preaching at eleven o'clock by H. R. Parks.

Adjourned till 2:30 Friday evening.

Friday Afternoon Session

Met at 2:30 Friday evening. Prayer by C. A. Fowler. The letter of Witt's Chapel church was read and her Messengers, R. J. M. Wyatt and Milton McNabb, were enrolled.

Report of Committee on Temperance

We, your committee, report that intemperance is one of the greatest evils of the day, and we pray the Lord that it may be taken from among us. And in order to be consistent with our prayers we believe that we should first teach and practice temperance in our homes, and in our Sunday schools, from the pulpit and at the ballot box. That is, we should teach, preach, and vote temperance. We are gratified to learn that so far as we have been able to learn that there is no intoxicating liquors sold in our bounds, but should there be any, we recommend that the church in that vicinity make a special effort to have it removed from among us.

T. S. COCKRUM, } Committee
H. R. PARKS, }

Report of Committee on Education

We, your committee, believe that it is our duty to give our children christian education when possible, and as we have a good christian school at Maynard, we would recommend that we give it our hearty support.

J. W. TYER, } Committee
J. A. WHEETLEY, }

Report of Committee on State of Churches

We, your committee, find that some of our churches are in a prosperous condition. That while our increase is small, we find that some of our churches have not held revival meetings this year. We would recommend that all our churches hold their revival meetings before the next meeting of this body, and that the stronger churches assist the weaker.

D. R. SHOCKLEE, } Committee
G. W. ALLISON, }

Adjourned till 8 o'clock at night.

Evening Session

Met as per adjournment. Preaching by W. W. Gardner.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home

The home was founded in 1894 by the gift of a good woman. In 1896 the home was entered by the Matron with two children. Since that time we have erected buildings at a cost of \$7,500. The buildings and grounds are worth \$12,000, all paid for. This is one of the greatest institutions in the State, and is supported by all people as well as Baptists. There are now 58 children in the home. We have a good school taught in the home, and the high school in Monticello gives free tuition to all as they pass from the school in the home. The Matron is giving her life work to the home without money and without price. Her and the children look to the Christians of the State for support. May God open every ear and heart to the orphans' cry.

W. W. GARDNER, } Committee
W. H. JOHNSON, }

A collection of \$5.03 was taken for the Orphan's Home.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Sol Henson.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We, your committee, find that the death angel has taken from us sister Lizzie Abernathy and Isabel Simington, of Oak Grove church; Elijah Marie of Poynor church; Jackson Prophett and R. P. W. Moore of Union church; I. H. Witt of Mud Creek church, and Isaac Stephens of New Home Church. Brothers Stephens and Witt were ministers of the gospel and are now enjoying their rewards. Bro. Witt has spent a long life in the service of his Master among us, and through his zealous work gained many souls to Christ.

J. W. TYER, } Committee
J. F. ROBINSON, }

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your committee, find that Witt's Chapel and Oak Grove Churches have good Sunday Schools, and that the people near Brockett have a good school, using Baptist literature. We would recommend that the people at every school house organize and maintain a Sunday school; and that they can procure literature free for the first quarter from J. G. Doyle, Argenta, Ark.

D. R. SHOCKLEE, } Committee
W. H. JOHNSON, }

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

We report that we believe that as the Saviour has said for us to go into all the world and teach all nations that it is our duty to send the gospel into all the world, and that we should know no lines or bounds.

C. A. FOWLER, } Committee
J. W. TYER, }

Report of Committee on Resolutions

RESOLVED, First—That each send a list of the names and date of death of all members who die during the year.

Second—That the Moderator appoint an executive committee of three to take charge of our Associational Mission work, and that each church select one member to work in connection with them, and that each church is requested to take at least quarterly collections for Associational Missions.

Third—That we correspond with sister Associations.

Fourth—That we support the Baptist school at Maynard in every way possible.

Fifth—That each church take at least one collection this year for the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

Sixth—That we have 300 minutes printed, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same, and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

Seventh—That we ask the churches of Spring River and Current River Associations, which are located in Randolph county, to help us in expelling whiskey from our county. And we think the thing to do is to put a good man in the field with the candidate to speak in every township in the county, and pay him for the time.

Eighth—That we continue our fifth Sunday meetings, and that the next meeting be held with Oak Grove church the fifth Sunday in November 1903.

Ninth—That we tender to the good people of Poynor and vicinity our heartfelt thanks for kindness shown us while among them.

H. R. PARKS, } Committee
E. F. MAGRUDER, }

Adjourned till 2:30. Preaching at 11 o'clock by H. R. Parks.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Met at 2:30 as per adjournment.

Report of Committee on Finance

We, your committee, have received from the several churches for minute funds \$11.50.

T. S. COCKRUM, } Committee
D. R. SHOCKLEY, }

Report of Committee on State and Home Missions

We, your committee, report that we believe a majority of our churches are in favor of the plans and methods of doing mission work as adopted by the General Association, and would recommend that we do our mission work through the General Association; and that we do not approve of the treatment of Dr. A. J. Diaz by the Home Board, and ask that our churches take collections to help support him in his grand work in Cuba.

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, } Committee
R. T. GANN, }

Report of Treasurer

Received of Finance Committee, - - - -	\$16.43
Balance on hand, - - - - -	.31
Total, - - - - -	\$16.74
Paid for 300 Minutes, - - - - -	\$9.35
Postage, - - - - -	1.24
Clerk's fees, - - - - -	5.00
Total Expenditures, - - - - -	\$15.59
Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$1.15

Report of Secretary of Mission Board

Amount on hands for Warm Springs and Rice Town,	\$13.08
Received of Poynor church for Associational Missoins,	2.25
Total amount on hands, - - - - -	\$15.33

Executive committee, L. F. Maynard, R. J. M. Wyatt and Tobias Chastain. Milton McNabb volunteered to go to the Current River Association.

Oak Grove was selected as the place of the next meeting, and J. A. Wheatley to preach the annual sermon; Knox Belew, alternate.

Names of Ordained Ministers

J. F. Rorex, Whelen Springs, Ark.	E. T. Lincoln, Maynard, Ark.
J. A. Wheatley, Maynard, Ark.	James Rutlege, Poynor, Mo.
Sol. Henson, Poynor, Mo.	J. N. Weaver, Winstead, Ark.
Knox Belew, Brockett, Ark.	D. A. Presley, Hamil, Ark.

Adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1904.

TOBIAS CHASTAIN,
Clerk.

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.
- 5—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 has 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 reprovved 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 justifications.

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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	INCREASE		DE' RSE		Present Membership,	Contributed to Missions	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary and Help	Minute Fund
						Letter	Restoration	Excluded	Death							
Bethany,	1874		J. H. C. Sconce	A. Dixon,	Yadkin.	8	1	3	2	1					\$28 96	1 75
Antioch,	1873	4	C. A. Fowler,	J. W. Tyer,	Foster,	1				1				350 00	20 15	1 55
Union,	1898	3	Knox Belew, Not represented	R. M. Belew,	Brockett,	2		2	2	31						1 00
Flat Woods,																
Witt's Chapel,	1888	4	M. D. Bowers,	Milton McNabb,	Maynard,	81	2			18	16 00	110 6	36 00	400 00	100 00	3 10
New Home,		2	J. N. Weaver,	W. J. Moore,	Kingsville,	1	1			2	41 50					50
Oak Grove,	1867	2	E. T. Lincoln.	John Haulcroft,	Attica,	3				1	65 2 05	42 4	3 30	400 00	10 00	1 50
Concord,																
Mud Creek,																
Poynor,		1	C. A. Fowler,	Tom Cockrum,	Poynor, Mo.	4				2	31 2 25			400 00	45 26	2 60
New Hope No. 1																
New Hope No 2		2	J. N. Weaver,	W. A. Smith,	Winstead,									100 00		50
Totals,										395	\$20 80	152 10	\$89 30	\$1650	194 37	\$12 50

Witt's Chapel Church sent to Diaz \$16.00; to Orphans' Home \$10.00; paid to visiting Ministers \$133.00. Oak Grove Church foreign missions \$2.05; Orphans' Home \$2.55. Bethany Church paid to visiting ministers \$15.00. Letters from New Home and New Hope No. 2 were received by me just after the Association adjourned.

CLERK.