

MINUTES

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PROCEEDINGS

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Zion Hill Church, Izard Co., Ark.,

Saturday and Monday, October 12 and 14, A. D. 1878.

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ELDER SAMUEL GUNN, - - - MODERATOR.

DAVID T. MARTIN, - - - CLERK.

The next session of this Association will convene with Cedar Grove Church, 6 miles from Batesville, south of White River at Jamestown, Independence county, Ark., on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, A. D. 1879.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ROCKY BAYOU MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 12, 1878.

The messengers representing the several churches, composing the Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association, convened according to previous appointment, with Zion Hill church, Izard county, Arkansas, on Saturday, October 12, 1878, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder James E. Duren not being physically able to preach the introductory sermon, it was preached by his alternate Elder J. W. Miller, from the seventy-second division of the Psalms and sixteenth verse: "There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:—and *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth." Theme, the organization of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the material of which it was composed, and its progress. And from this text he delivered in his usual deliberate manner, an interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation.

After a refreshment of nice edibles, the former Moderator and Clerk being present, the Association was called to order by Elder James E. Duren, former Moderator. After singing and prayer by Elder Samuel Gunn, the roll of churches was called, letters presented, read, and names of messengers enrolled. (See statistics.)

The Association being temporarily organized proceeded to the election of its officers for the present session. Bros. T. H. Horn and Francis Hester were appointed tellers in said election, which resulted in the choice of Elder Samuel Gunn Moderator, and David T. Martin Clerk. After a few timely remarks by the Moderator the Association proceeded to business.

1st. An invitation for new churches to join the Association was given. The churches at Table Rock and Fairview accepted the invitation; being found orthodox in faith and practice, their messengers were admitted to seats in the body. (See statistics.) 2nd. Correspondents from sister Associations were invited to seats in the body, whereupon Elder Wm. L. Carnett and Bro. John Hinkle, messengers from Blue Mountain; Bro. T. H. Horn, from Independence; Bros. Robert Gray and Francis Hester, from Spring River; Elder H. B. Clinton and Bro. J. L. Mize, from Big Creek. 3d. Visiting ministers were invited to seats with us, to aid in our deliberation. None present. 4th. After which the Moderator appointed the several committees. On devotional exercises—The deacons of Zion Hill church and Bro. G. W. Fraysheir. On arrangements of business for Monday—Elder J. W. Miller, Bros. T. P. Cypert, E. O. Wolf, and the Moderator and Clerk were added. On Sabbath Schools—Elder Jesse R. Bevers, Bros. T. N. Estes and Wm. Lawrence. On Baptist Literature—Elders J. W. Miller, A. J. Whaley and Bro. Leander Jennings. On Finance—Bros. E. O. Wolf and Jesse Hinkle. 5th. On motion of Eld. J. W. Miller, a committee was appointed to investigate why religion is at such a low ebb in our bounds, and to devise some plan by which Zion may travail and bring forth sons and daughters to the honor and glory of our Father, which art in Heaven, to report at our next session. The Moderator appointed as the above committee Elders J. W. Miller, A. J. Whaley and James E. Duren. Moved that Bro. T. N. Estes be added to the aforesaid committee. On motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder Wm. L. Carnett,

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DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Saturday at candle-lighting. Bro. John I. Martin preached to an attentive audience, from 4th chapter and 9th verse of Hebrews: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God," followed by Elder J. J. Vest with a warm exhortation. Sunday morning about 10 A. M., prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. T. N. Estes. At 11 A. M., an able discourse was preached by Elder Wm. L. Carnett to a very large and attentive congregation in the grove, based upon the Prophecy of Daniel 2nd chapter, and 44th verse. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Elder A. J. Whaley concluded by prayer which closed the service of the hour. At candle-lighting, Elder Wm. L. Carnett in his general flowing style, preached to a densely packed house of eager listeners, from the first epistle general of John, 2nd chapter and 4th verse: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him," followed by Elder J. W. Miller.

Monday 11 o'clock A. M. Elder H. B. Clinton preached in the grove to an attentive congregation, in his usual emphatic manner, from 14th chapter, latter clause of the 14th verse of 2nd Samuel: "Yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him." May the King of Glory bless the labors here dispensed with, that it may prove a savior of life unto life and not of death unto death, may the brethern composing this body do more in their master's vineyard the present associational year than any previous year.

CLERK.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock A. M., October 14, 1878.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, and, after prayer by Elder J. W. Miller, proceeded to business. The committee on arrangements of business called on. The report received and the committee discharged, 1st. The roll was called and the names of absentees marked. 2nd. Moved that the letter from Philadelphia church be read. 3d. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read, corrected and approved. 4th. On motion, the Rules of Decorum were read by Elder J. W. Miller. 5th. Renewed the invitation to correspondent messengers from sister Associations. 6th. Renewed the call for visiting ministers. None present. 7th. Extended the invitation to new churches to join the Association. None present. 8th. Called for unrepresented churches. None present. 9th. Moved to reconsider the appointment of the committee to investigate the state of religion in our bounds, which was carried. On motion, the committee was granted till 3 o'clock this afternoon to make a report instead of waiting until next year, but to continue them until the next session of this body. 10th. On motion, a standing vote was taken to determine the place of holding the next Association, which resulted in the selection of Cedar Grove church at Jamestown, Independence county, Arkansas, and that Elder A. J. Whaley preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. J. Vest his alternate. 11th. The order of business being suspended, the committee on Sabbath schools reported. On motion, the report received, adopted and the committee discharged. (See appendix. A.) 12th. Arranged correspondence to sister Association, vis: To Independence—Bros. Leander Jennings, John I. Martin, A. K. Howard, Elder Jesse R. Beavers. To Blue Mountain—Bros. A. N. McNairen, J. L. Smith, T. P. Cypert, Jesse Hiukle. To Big Creek—Bros. John McElmurry, Jesse Riggs, James Jones, David McElmurry, Elders A. J. Whaley, J. W. Miller and Samuel Gunn. To Spring,

River—Elder A. J. Whaley, Bros. James Raney and Leander Jennings. Moved that we renew correspondence with White River Association, whereupon the following brethren were appointed as correspondents to said Association—Elders J. J. Vest, J. W. Miller, Bros. T. N. Estes, Noah Sheid, Wm. Lawrence and A. A. Spradlin. 13th. The body extended the invitation to visiting ministers to take seats with us, whereupon Elder Wm. Raney of Independence Association came forward and had his name enrolled. 14th. On motion the report of the committee on Finance was adopted and the committee discharged. (See Appendix B.) 15th. The committee on Baptist Literature beg further time. On motion, it was granted. 16th. Moved that the Association adjourn for a short time, which was carried. After refreshments the body resumed business. 17th. Miscellaneous business. 18th. On motion the request of Antioch church to appoint a committee to write a history of it (Antioch) from its organization to the present, was tabled. 18th. The query from Pilgrim's Rest church was taken up for investigation. Query:—Is it according to Baptist practice for an ordained minister to take the pastorate care of a church out of order, with whom we have no fellowship? And what should the church do with such a minister, the church to which he belongs being in good standing? Moved by Elder James E. Duren that this body answer No to the first question in the query. On motion of Jesse R. Beavers, the second question in the query was taken up for investigation after some remarks. It was moved that we advise the church to which a minister belongs, who takes charge of such a church to deal with him according to the Gospel. 19th. Moved that the Moderator appoint a committee to write an obituary of Elder M. Halliburton and have it appended to our minutes. The Moderator appointed as said Committee, Elders James E. Duren and J. W. Miller. On motion Elder Samuel Gunn was added to the Committee. (See obituary.) 20th. On motion, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he be requested to have as many copies published, as the funds will get, after retaining \$5.00 for his services. 21st. The Committee appointed at the last session of this body, to investigate the condition of Batesville church, and to report at this session, made its report. On motion, it was received ordered spread in the minutes, and the Committee discharged. (See Appendix C). 22nd. The proposition from Blue Mountain Association to employ Elder Wm. L. Carnett to ride as missionary in the bounds of the two Associations, and for him to make a report at their next session, was accepted by pledging ourselves to pay \$200.00, half of his salary, and to have half of his time. On motion, the Moderator appointed as a Missionary Board for the next Associational year, Bros. T. N. Estes and Wm. Lawrence.

23d. Moved that the following Rules of Decorum be added to present Rules. Added Rules: First, That this body receive the report of the Committees and discharge the Committee, then act upon the report. Second—That each member in making a motion or seconding the same be required to rise to his feet, or it will not be considered. 24th. Resumed regular business. Committee on Baptist Literature made its report, which was received; after being amended, it was adopted and the Committee discharged. (See Appendix D.) 25th. The Committee on the state of religion in our bounds made its report, which, on motion, was tabled, and the Committee continued for the next Associational year and report at its next session. 26th. Moved that we agree to lay the matter of consolidating this Association with the Independence Missionary Baptist Association, before the churches composing this body, and for them to take action in the matter of consolidation and to

report their action to this body in their letters at its next annual session. 27th. On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place of holding the next meeting. After prayer by Elder Jesse R. Bevers, while singing, the messengers took the parting hand.

ELDER SAMUEL GUNN, Moderator.

DAVID T. MARTIN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

APPENDIX A.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following: That in as much as we believe that the young ought to be taught to read and study the Holy Bible, we recommend the churches and neighborhoods throughout our bounds to organize Sabbath Schools; and we furthermore recommend parents to go with their children to the Sabbath schools and instruct them; and that the pastors of every church encourage the organization of Sabbath schools in each church; and that the churches report their condition in their letters to our next Association.

ELDER JESSE R. BEAVERS,
Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

The Committee on Finance report collected for printing minutes, etc. \$23 95.

JESSE HINKLE, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We, your committee appointed at your last session to investigate the condition of Batesville Church, beg leave to submit the following report: After investigating the above church, we find that the church wishes to remain a member of the Rocky Bayou Association, but have no pastor, and expected to be represented at this session of the body either by messengers or letter.

ELDER J. W. MILLER, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature, beg leave to submit the following: We recommend the Bible as a great Baptist Book, and in order to understand its teachings more thoroughly, we recommend the Baptist, published by J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.; The Western Baptist, published by T. B. Espy, Little Rock, Ark.; Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo.; Kind Words, as a Sunday school paper. Amendment—The Baptist Battle Flag, published by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo.; and that we recommend the churches composing this Association to organize Historical Societies, and supply themselves with the following histories, viz: Orchard's Histories of English Baptist, 1st and 2d volume; Ford's Mile Stone History; Ray's Succession of the Baptist.

ELDER J. W. MILLER, Chairman.

OBITUARY OF ELDER MORDICA HALLIBURTON.

Bro Mordica Halliburton, the subject of this notice, was born in the year A. D. 1800, on the 28th day of March; professed religion in the year 1830, and was baptized by Bro. Cross, into the fellowship of the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church of Christ, in Henderson county, Tennessee; was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Bethlehem Church, the Presbytery consisting of Elders J. D. Shipman and David Halliburton, in the year 1841; moved to Arkansas in the year 1844, and became extensively known and abundantly useful in this part of the State. To know him was but to love him. His social and familiar airs, with his untiring zeal, won for him the confidence and esteem of all. Although, not strictly speaking, a doctrinal man, his place will be hard to fill among us. He died at the residence of his daughter, Susau Donaldson, on the 4th day of January, 1878, being 77 years, 9 months, and 1 day old. He leaves behind him two daughters, one son-in-law, and twelve grand children to mourn his loss.

Resolved, Therefore, at the meeting of the Rocky Bayou Association, of which he was a member, at its session in 1878, that in testimony of our high esteem for our departed brother, we appoint Elders J. W. Miller, Samuel Gunn and James E. Duren to prepare and have published in our Minutes this, as a memorial of our regard and esteem for our departed father in the ministry, and hereby express our loss as well as theirs but believing our loss is his infinite gain. We pray our Heavenly and Divine Father to give us a happy resignation to His Heavenly and Divine will, and feel that we mourn not as those who have no hope, but look forward in bright anticipations and hope to meet in that bright world of Spirits where parting will be no more.

S T A T I S T I C S .

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	Recd by Baptism.	Recd by Reconm.	Recd by Letter...	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Sabbath of Meeting
Antioch ...	J W Miller A K Howard J K Battles Samuel James	J C Miller ..	J W Miller ..	La Crosse....	5	1	..	2	2	2	..	93	1
Batesville...	Unrepresented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cedar Grove.	William B Massey J F Millikin	J L Brown ..	J W Sims...	Alderbrook ..	1	..	..	2	13	..	1	61	1
Concord.....	S Gunn G W King H Stroud T P Williams	S Gunn	B S Stroud ..	La Crosse ..	..	2	..	..	5	2	..	34	4
Fairview	John McElmurry W M Duren James McCuistian	H B Clinton ..	W M Duren ..	Violet Hill... ..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	31	1
Hidden Creek	Letters but no messenger.	J W Twiley ..	B G Ginn... ..	Lunenburg ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	38	1
LaCrosse ...	J A Raney A D Holland Jos Jones H Ramsey..	B F Holford ..	M S Kennard ..	La Crosse ...	6	1	1	..	7	2	..	39	1
Melbourne ..	Wm Lawrence T N Estes W B Clem J T Richardson	J E Duren ..	W K Estes... ..	Melbourne ..	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	39	1
Mt. Nebo... ..	J W Henley John Jones J W Gist James Jones..	H B Clinton ..	J W Henley ..	Franklin	2	2	1	..	36	1	..	27	2
Mt. Pleasant	Jas Wren P L Stroud John Taylor Alex Shell..	S Gunn	P L Stroud ..	La Crosse ...	1	..	..	..	3	3	1	38	2
Mt. Zion.....	F M Sandifer	J L Brown ..	P J Brown ..	Wolf Bayou ..	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	46	2
Mt. Joy.....	Unrepresented .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Newburg... ..	Noah Shied John C Stockard Edmond Page.....	A J Twiley ..	J W Rector... ..	Newburg.....	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	22	2
Philadelphia	J R Bevers A J Whaley A A Spradlin A N McNair..	A J Whaley ..	J W Gardner ..	La Crosse ..	1	5	..	..	6	..	..	22	4
Pilgrim's Rest	David T Martin John H Martin Isaac E P and	A E Nixon... ..	J F Olvey... ..	Batesville ...	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	38	1
Rocky Bayou	Jesse Hinkle T P Cypret J L Smith.	W L Carnett..	J B Smith... ..	Lunenburg ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	3
Strawberry ..	E O Wolf C L Span Holly Prater G W Ferguson..	S Gunn	W C Tedford..	Franklin	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	3	43
Sum's Rest ..	J J Vest J C Richardson A H Vest Alfred Paine	J J Vest	A H Vest	Melbourne ...	12	11	..	1	..	3	..	37	4
Table Rock..	Willis Hankins .....	..	..	City Rock... ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2
Zion Hill....	J E Duren L Jenings G W Frayshier G H Lightower	J E Duren ..	L Jennings..	La Crosse ...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	3
Total	39	38	3	6	79	18	8	680	..

NOTE—The name of Evergreen Church has been changed to Melbourne.

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