

Minutes of Minutes of First session 1893.



MINUTES

-OF THE-

FIRST SESSION

-OF THE-

Howard County Baptist Association

-HELD WITH-

AMITY CHURCH, HOWARD COUNTY, ARK.,

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NCVEMBER 18, 19 AND 20, 1893.

A. J. ROBBINS, Moderator, Ozan, Ark. -:- -: -:-:- -:- -:- R. D. NEAL, Clerk, Nashville, Ark

The next session will be held with Nashville Baptist Church, Howard County, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1894, at 10 A.M.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of Howard County Baptist Association.

ART. II This Association shall be composed of delegates from the Churches in the Union. Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. III. 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 at each annual Association, and continue in office until the circumstance of the continue in the continu

ART. IV. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the Churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the Churches, or evidently implied from the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the delegates from Churches, and in justice and proprie y must have power to withdraw from and disown all Churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly i practice. It should, therefore, regard all Churches united under this Constitution with a vicilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the Kingdom, Grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means 1 accordance with that gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the Church's of Christ, especially those united in this Constitution.

ART. V. Newly constituted Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations of the same fitth and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending three delegates to the annual meeting of this Association, with petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herewith pullished.

ART. VI. The Churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a writt n communication specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fe lowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since last session, and all other information which the Churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. VII. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the Churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the Churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association, and present annually, for inspection in the minures, a clear and sufficient statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. IX. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches, unless they have endes vored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the Churches unless they have pursued the directio s in Matth w 18: and have not been able to settle them. Then the A sociation shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART, X It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver

over the same to hi successor in office.

ART XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

- I. We believe in the true and living G.d.
- II. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rules of our faith and practice.
- III. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Fataer, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
 - IV. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.
- V. We believe in man's incapacity of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
- VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
- VII. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.
- VIII. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic made.
- IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
- X. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
- XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
- XII. We believe that the Lord's day shou'd be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- 1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moder for shall open business by praise and prayer in person, or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one profem.
- 2. Immediately after the opening ession the Church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the Clerk.
- 3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurali y of votes governing the election.
- 4. All motions and amendments to motions must be second d before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so in inverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.
- 5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order the Moderator shall signify by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some of his former remarks.
- 6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a pluratity governing in all cases except those provided for.
- 7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator while the body is in session.
- 8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him brother.
- 9. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.
- 10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.
- 11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers in good order to seats in the council, who may speak, but not vote.
- The Minutes of the Association may be read as it may think necessary.
- 13. The Moderator shall be judge of order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

PROCEEDINGS.

AMITY CHURCH, HOWARD COUN Y, ARK, Nov 18th, 1893.

At 10:30 A. M. brethren from the several Churches hereafter ramed assembled. The house was called to order by Bro. J. D. Rodgers, with a short address of welcome, explaining the object of the meeting. Then introduced the services by reading Psaim I. Prayer led by Bro. Jim P. Copeland. After which proceeded to temporary organization which resulted in the election of A. J. Robbins, Moderator, and R. D. Neal, Clerk.

The first item of business declared in order, was Committee on Credentials. With a motion and second, the Moderator proceeded to appoint the following brethren:

J D. Rodgers, C. C. Calhoun and M. F. Dennis to compose said Committee with instructions to report as soon as practicable.

While the committee was preparing report, Bro. W. A. Clark addressed the andience as to the relationship that ought to exist between every Baptist family in the State of Arkansas and their denominational paper published at Little Rock. He showed very clearly that it was the duty of every Baptist in Arkansas to subscribe for and read the Akransas Baptist.

Committee on Credentials made their report as follows: Amity.—G. C. Bandy, J. D. Rodgers, F. F. Dennis, Antioch.—R J. Compton, J. L. Hooker, W. G. Tommy. Columbus .- J. T. Burns, O. G. Quian, V. H. Edom.

Cedar Hill .- J. C. Blackburn.

County Line .- H. H. Ford, C N. McIntuff M. Burgess,

Center Point ... J. H. Sellers, J. L. Rivers.

Fellowship, __J. H. Westbrook.

Holly Creek .- F. M. McGee.

Liberty.-W. C. Stone, W. P. Lewis, S. C. Cowley.

Mine Creek. -J. H. Grumbles, F. P. Holt, R. D. Neal.

Mineral Springs ._ H. C. Crofton.

New Home. - J. T. Nesbett,

Ozan.-A. J. Robbins, T. J. Longford, G. W. Bell.

Pleasant Valley .- W. M. Furgerson, C. C. Calhoun, T. W. Runnage.

Sweet Home.-W. K. Dowdy, D. W. Cornish, W. McFarlay.

Unity .- W. H. Jones, W. A. Powell, G. M. Curenton,

Sulphur Springs .- S. C. Ford, H. A. Jones.

Yellow Springs -Not represented.

Zion.-S. A. Stone, N. R. Lewis, J. B. Ball.

Mount Carmel.—J. T Huntsley, J. L. Burt, E. B Rocket.

These Churches presented letters of dismission from Southwestern Association for the purpose of organizing a new Associa-

Report adopted.

tion.

Moved by Bro. Strickland that each Church be entitled to three delegates Adopted

Moved by Bro C. W. Strickland that the temporary organization be made perminent. Adopted,

Adjourned until 2 P. M. Benediction by Ed. J. P. Copeland.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the body reassembled as per adjournment. Praise and prayer by Bro. J. D. Rodgers. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us Eld. W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist, Eld J. P Copeland and Eld J. J. Haynes of Red River Association, and Eld. C. M. Powe'l from Southwestern Association, accepted.

The Chair appointed the following brethren: W. A. Turnage, J. H. Westbrooks, a committee on name of Association.

On Rules of Decorum, Constitution and Articles of Faith, J. D. Rodgers, M. F. Dennis and C. C. Calhoun.

Bro. J W. Bell of Ozin Church was enrolled instead of Bro. G. W. Rainey, and Bro. D. M. Dove of Columbus Church instead of O G. Quinn,

The Committee on Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum made their report. They recommend that this Association adopt those of the Sonthwestern Association. The Constitution was read, debated, and with the latter clause of Art. Il stricken out, was adopted as the Constitution of this Association. Articles of Faith read and adopted with this change: The true and living God, instead of, One true and living God. Rules of Decorum read and adopted.

Moved by Bro. Bandy that the Clerk of this Association be elected Treasurer, which was done, and R. D. Neal, the present Clerk, and his successors in office, are hereby declared elected Treasurer.

Moved that a Committee on Divine Service be appointed. The Moderator appointed J. D. Rodgers and the deacons of this Church.

The Committee appointed to select a name for this Association made their report. They recommend the name of Mine Creek. The report was received and thoroughly discussed, and was amended by substituting Howard County instead of Mine Creek, which was carried.

Moved that this, the Howard County Association, elect one of her members to represent us on the State Mission Board, who shall hold his office for the term of twelve months. The choice of this body being Bro. T. H. Westbrooks, he was by the Moderator, declared elected as a member of the State Mission Board.

The Committee on Divine Service made their report as follows:

J. J. Haynes to preach at this Church tonight; at Unity, T. H. Westbrooks; at Wakefield's School House, C. M. Powell; at Nashville, W. A. Clark. Sunday morning 9 o'clock, prayer meeting,

conducted by Bro. Simpson; at 11 A M., preaching by Eld. W. A. Clark; at 3 P. M., T. J. Westbrooks; Eld. C. M. Powell at 7 P. M.; W. A. Clark, at Nashville, at 7 P. M.

The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following committees:
Finance,—J. B. Ball, W. H. Jones, H. A. Jones.
Sunday Schools.—D. W. Comish, T. J. Nesbett, H. H. Ford
Literature,—J. D. Rodgers, T. P. Holt, R. J. Compton.
Temperance,—N. R. Lewis, C. C. Calhour, J. C. Blackburn
Documents.—T. J. Langford, W. P. Lewis, D. M. Dove,
Home Missions.—T. H. Westbrooks, J. H. Sellers, J. D.
Rodgers.

State Missions.—J. H. Sellers, D. M. Dove, M. F. Dennis.
Ministerial Education.—J. L. Rivers, J. T. Burt, E. B.
Rockett.

Prayer Meeting.—H. H. Ford, C. C. Calhoun, N. R. Lewis.
Family Devotion.—W. H. Jones, R. J. Compton, G. W. Bell
Foreign Missions—J. D. Rodgers, S. A. Stone, J. H. Grumbles.

Destitution _J. T. Nesbett, F. M. McGee, J. T. Burns Ministerial Support _M. F. Dennis, W. A. Powell, Ouachita College._T. P. Holt, R. D. Neal, G. C. Bandy, Nominations._F. P. Holt, J. H. Sellers, J. D. Rodgers.

The delegates and visitors were assigned homes, and a motion prevailed to adjourn until 9 A. M. Monday. Prayer offered by Bro. J. J. Haynes. Dismissed by Bro. Strickland.

SUNDAY.

MORNING SERVICE.

Sermon by Eld. W. A. Clark. Text, John 5: 24. Theme, "Once Saved, Always Safe." The audience was so large that the seats were moved out in the grove to accommodate the throng. After the sermon a collection was taken for Associational purposes amounting to \$8.20.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

A fine audience remained to hear Eld. T. H. Westbrooks at 3 P. M.

In the interim a sumptuous dinner was served on the ground.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

After reading the 15th Psalm, and prayer by J. M. Copeland, the roll was called and absentees marked.

The report of the Committee on Destitution read and adopted. The report of the Committee on Ouachita College report, read

The report of the Committee on Literature was read, discussed and adopted.

and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools read their report, which after discussion was reread and recommitted for correction and adopted as corrected.

The report of the Committee on Family Devotion read their report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on State Missions read their report, which after several speeches was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Support, resd their report. After some discussion, the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions read their report. Pending its adoption, the Association adjourned until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Prayer by J. D. Rodgers,

Moved that this body meet on Saturday, before the 4th Sunday in October, of each year.

The report of Home Missions called up and agreed by the

brethren and with pledges from the brethren as follows to be paid quarterly: The report was adopted

The Committee on Nominations read their report. Report adopted as read.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting, read their report, and was adopted as read

The Committee on Temperance read their report. Adopted as read.

The following pledges were secured for the Home Mission Fund:

C. W. Strickland	10 00	J. T. Corbellpaid	1 00
W. A. Turnage	10 00	J. C. Blackburn paid	50
J. D. Rodgers	4 00	F. M. McGee quarterly	1 00
J. M. Copeland	4 00	J. P. Copeland paid	1 00
T. H. Westbrooks	4 00	J. L. Hooker	2 00
G. C. Bandy	5 00	W L. Compton	2 00
R. D. Neal	10 00	J. T. Burns	1 00
A. J. Robbins	4 00	D. M. Dove	2 00
M. T. Dennis	4 00	F P. Holt	4 00
Peter Simpson	4 00	C. M. Powell paid	1 00
T. O. Landford (paid \$1)	3 00	W. H. Jonespaid	1 00
R. S. Sypert	4 00	R J. Compton	2 00
G. W. Bell	4 (1)	J. T. Hinsley (paid 25c)	1 00
N. R. Lewis	4 ()0	J. B. Ballpaid	50
H. H. Ford	4 00	W. A. Powell (quarterly \$1)	4 00
W. A Clarkpaid	1 00		
Ed Rocket	2 00	Total\$1	08 00
R. J. Comptonpaid	1 00		

The Committee on Documents made their report. Motion and second for its adoption.

Moved by J. M. Copeland to amend that Mount Carmel be stricken out and Nashville inserted instead. Adopted as amended.

The Committee on Finance made its report.

Motion to adopt. Motion to table report, subject to be called up.

Motion to select place for First District Meeting. Mineral Springs was selected as the place and December 30, 1893 as the time.

Moved that the funds reported by the Finance Committee amounting to \$27, be and the same is hereby appropriated for printing Minutes and paying the Clerk.

The Finance report was taken up and adopted as amended. The Committee on Foreign Missions made its report. Motion to

adopt After a good appropriate speech from C. W. Strickland, the report was adopted as read

Moved that the Annual District Meeting be held with Sweet Home Church, July 28, 1894

Motion to appoint a committee of three to make out programs for the next Mission Meeting. The Moderator appointed J. D. Rodgers, R. S. Sypert and Peter Simpson.

Motion to elect delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. M. Copeland was elected and C. W. Strickland, Alternate. W.

A Turnage, J. D. Rodgers and G. C. Bandy were appointed Corresponding Messengers to Southwestern Association.

- G. C. Bandy, W. A. Powell, C. W. Strickland to Red River
- W. A. Turnage, R. S. Sypert, F. P. Holt to Texarkana Association.
- W. G. Tomme, G. B. Bell, G. M. Caseton to Union Associa-

Ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of the Minutes of this Association printed and distributed, and to have \$10 for his services.

On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to Amity Church and neighborhood, for their generous hospitality.

Minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business, the Association adjourned to meet at time and place appointed. While singing, "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was given and the audience was dismissed with prayer by Eld. C. M. Powell.

A. J. ROBBINS, MODERATOR.

R. D. NEAL, Clerk.

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

to be held with Sweet Home Church, Pike County, Ark, Friday, before the fifth Sunday in July, 1894, at 11 A M

Eld. J. M. Copeland to preach the Introductory Sermon; Dr. W. C. Clegg, Alternate.

Essay—"Is the Church of Christ a visible body?"—Eld. J. D. Rodgers.

"Who are the elect?"—Mat. 24: 24.—L D. Tate.

"Is salvation conditional?" -Eld. W. A. Turnage

Eld. C. W. Strickland to preach the Missionary Sermon Sunday, at 11 A. M.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

D. R. MANNAHAN, Moderator.

THOS. J. NESBETT, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, report that in Howard County, Franklin school house, seven miles south of Mineral Springs; New Salem, in Bluff Springs neighborhood, seven miles northwest of Mineral Springs; Mt. Zion camp ground; John French neighborhood; and Euclia neighborhood; Saratoga, in Hempstead County; Pike County, Sardis neighborhood; at Sander's school house, in neighborhood of Judge Cox; Star of the West, and New Hope, are detistute of Baptist preaching.

THOS. J. NESBETT, F. M. McGEE, J. T. BURNS.

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON OUACHITA COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Ouachita College would report: We recommend this institution to every Baptist in the State, and especially to the young ministers who are desirous of a classic education. This institution is a child of the Baptists of the State of Arkansas, and should be fostered by them as such. It is doing a grand and noble work in our State, and we ought to give it our sympathy, encouragement and patronage to the extent of our ability.

F. S. Holt, Chm'n.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature report: We would recommend, 1. The prayerful reading of the Bible, pre-eminently above all literature, as the man of our counsel and the rule of our faith and practice; whereby we can grow in grace and the full knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. 2. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist, and further, that it be taken and read by the brethren, it being sound in doctrine and worthy of the patronage of every Baptist in the State. For Sunday schools, we recommend Kind Words series and the American Baptist Publication Society's literature as sound in doctrine and of great help in the study of God's word.

J. D. Rogers, Chm'n,

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools recommend that the messengers of this body urge their respective Churches to organize Sunday schools. We believe and assert that it is one of the best methods of bringing souls to Christ. Sunday schools teach them politeness, sociability, love and affection; besides it gives them employment on Sunday that cultivates Christian spirit and religious principles. They will soon become interested and anxious to attend, and we recommend Baptist literature.

Thos. J. NESBETT, H. H. FORD.

Committee,

COMMITTEE ON FAMILY DEVOTION.

Solomon has said, "Train your children in the way they should go and they will not depart from it." And we believe that we can thus train our children by erecting family altars. We therefore recommend, that our pastors earnestly request that each and every family erect, at once, a family altar unto the Lord.

W. H. JONES, Chm'n.

COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS,

Your Committee on State Missions report that we favor the Churches of this Association, co-operating with the State Board by their means and their prayers in furthering the gospel and having it preached in the destitution throughout the State. Therefore, we recommend that pastors faithfully present the subject of State

Missions to our Churches and that regular collections be taken for this work and that our Churches come in closer touch with our State Board.

L. H. SELLERS, Chm'n.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, report, that believing as we do, that the call to the ministry is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon man; and in order that he may be fully consecrated to his call and thereby accomplish the design of God, who called him, by preaching the gospel to the edification of his people and to the faithful warning of sinners, it is very necessary that his hands be freed from secular entanglements. Therefore, we would recommend to pastors to fail not to proclaim the whole counsel of God in this respect; but instruct the Churches in this duty, knowing it hath been ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. And we would arge the Churches to a liberal support of the ministry, that the gospel may be preached to all without hindrance, and God be glorified in you thereby.

M. F. DENNIS, Chm'n.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions report that we recommend 1. The election of a Home Mission Board of five members, whose duty it shall be to supply the destitution of this Association with preaching as far as is practical, with the means furnished by the Churches. We recommend, 2. Quarterly Mission meetings every fifth Sunday, to be represented by Messengers from the several Churches, together with the Board, for the purpose of collecting means to prosecute this work,

T. H. WESTBROOKS, Chm'n.

COMMITTEE ON N MINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: For Home Mission Board, J. H. Gummels, J. H. Sellers, F. M. Dennis, Peter Simpson, and D. W. Cornish. To preach the Introductory

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCHES.	Member- ship.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICS
Amity Antioch Columbus Cedar Hill. County Line. Center Point Fellowship. Holly Creek. Liberty Mine Creek. Mineral Springs Mount Carmel New Home Pleasant Valley Sweet Home Sulphu Spring. Unity. Yellow Creek. Zion.	48 64 27 139 40 21 24 388 128 53 62 54 86 54 21 28 81	J. M. Copeland J. M. Roddy. J. A. Westbrook. J. D. Rogers P. R. Littlefield. G. W. McCarty C. W. Strickland W. A. Turnage. Thos Delaney J. A. Westb ook J. M. Copeland T. H. Westbrook. J. M. Copeland J. D. Rodgers. D. R. Manahan	J. C. Blackburn. J. L. Williams. J. L. Rivers. J. A. Farley. I. E. Bean. W. C. Stone.	Nashville. Columbus. Ga'ena. Nashville. Center Point. Center Point. Martha. Barker. Nashville. Mineral Springs Ro-edale. Center Point. Nashville. Nashville. Nathan. Nathan. Nashville. Saratoga.