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OF THE

Baptist Association

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NEW HOPE CHURCH,

Arkansas County, Ark.,

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7, A. D., 1889.

J. B. SANDERS, Moderator, - Hazen, Ark.N. G. WILLIAMS, Clerk, - St. Charles, Ark.

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October 5, 6 and 7, 1889.

Pursuant to adjournment, messengers assembled under the arbor at 10 a.m. Moderator R. T. Sanders, present, called the body to order. All sang, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God."

Clerk being absent, on motion N. G. Williams was chosen Clerk pro tem.

Prayer by Bro. D. N. Tyler.

By motion, the introductory sermon was deferred until the Association desired to hear it.

Letters from the churches were called for, and as presented were read by B. F. House and D. N. Tyler; from which was made the following roll of messengers:

Bayou Meto-N. M. Henderson, J. Carpenter and J. Lester.

Salem-F. Luckett, Wm. Ross and W. T. Luckett.

Stuttgart-W. W. Moxley and L. F. Taylor.

Point De Luce-L. E. Thomas, Abby Pewel and J. L. Adams.

Bellevue-D. N. Tyler and W. E. Padgett.

Center Point-W. Sanders and W. D. Fort.

De Witt-S. Coffey, W. H. Halliburton and D. S. Cannon.

Rising Sun-J. A. Ragan, D. S. Bass and J. L. Ragan.

New Hope-J. L. Cooper, N. Lindsey and J. Hoper.

Big Lagrue—G. W. Miller, G. W. Gardner and J. C. Crabtree.

Pleasant Ridge-B. F. House and J. T. Lumkin.

Oak Grove-C. L. Boyett.

Hazen—W. G. Dobbins, J. H. Rousavald and William Welch.

Grand Prairie—J. J. Alderson, J. M. Cox and W. D. Wessiner.

Liberty - J. B. Flanery, H. R. Toothacher and W. Toothacher.

St. Charles-Not represented.

Crooked Creek-J. D. Woodrel.

Petitionary letters were then called for.

Stuttgart Church presented a letter by W. W. Moxley and Elder L. F. Taylor.

Grand Prairie Church presented a letter by J. J. Alderson and J. M. Cox.

On motion, Stuttgart Church and Grand Prairie Church were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Election of officers was then held, resulting in the election of the following brethren: J. B. Sanders, Moderator; Elder N. G. Williams, Clerk; S. K. Downs, Treasurer.

Correspondence called for. None.

The Association then took a recess to hear the introductory sermon preached by Elder N. G. Williams, from Rom. 1:16.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 p. m., and sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by Bro. J. A. Ragan.

Churches not present at morning session called for.

Bayou Meto Church and Rising Sun Church presented letters, which were read and messengers enrolled.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$10 for his services, and a collection taken up for his benefit amounted to \$7.35.

Center Point letter was read and messengers enrolled.

The following committees were announced:

Committee on Religious Exercises—G. W. Belcher, S. K. Downs, with pastor and deacons of New Hope Church.

Standing Committee on Education—R. L. Davis and J. Lumpkins.

Committee on Abstract of Letters—Elder P. A. Haman, J. J. Alderson and Wm. Fort.

Committee on Sunday Schools-J. W. Swanson, W. W. Moxley and H. B. Dudley.

Committee on Publications—R. H. Parker, D. N. Tyler and W. C. Luckett.

Committee on Finance—Wm. Welch, J. A. Ragan and J. H. Powell.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elder L. F. Taylor, R. F. Routh and J. H. Sanders.

Corresponding messengers to State Convention were appointed as follows: Elders P. A. Haman, R. F. Routh, L. F. Taylor, and Bros. D. N. Tyler, S. K. Downs and J. B. Sanders.

To Southern Baptist Convention: Bro. W. G. Dobbins.

Reports of standing committees were called for.

The report of the Committee on Education was adopted, and a collection for Ouachita College taken up amounting to \$5.50.

The Committee on Sunday Schools asked for further time, which was granted.

On motion, the report on Sunday schools was made a special order of business for Sunday evening.

The Committee on Foreign Missions asked for further time, which was granted.

On motion, the report of the Exentive Board was deferred until Monday morning.

On motion, Elder R. F. Routh was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; Elder B. F. House, alternate.

On motion, Bro. P. A. Haman was appointed to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday at II a. m.; N. G. Williams, alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have the Articles of Faith and Order of Business published in the Minutes.

The Clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the Minutes published as he could for the money on hand, and to distribute them among the churches according to the amount of money sent by each church.

The Committee reported that Elder L. F. Taylor would preach to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Elder L. F. Taylor from 2 Cor. 6:1. Report on Foreign Missions called for, and adopted. Collection taken up for foreign missions, \$27.95.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Prayer meeting at 10 a. m., led by Bro. D. N. Tyler.

Missionary sermon at 11 a. m., by Elder B. F. House,
from 1 Cor. 16:22. Collection taken up for associational missions. Cash, \$26.15; pledges, \$36.50.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Report on Sunday Schools called for. Read and adopted without discussion.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Elder P. A. Haman, from Acts 4:12; after which a collection was taken up for the relief of Sister Morris, amounting to \$9.30.

Contribution to Sister Morris from Hazen Church, \$5.50.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association assembled at 8:30 a. m. by singing "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Elder B. F. House.

Report on Publications was called for, which was read, and after some discussion was adopted.

A motion to change the time of meeting from Saturday before first Sunday in October to Saturday before second Sunday in October, 1890, was carried.

On motion, Crooked Creek Church was received on statement of Elder L. F. Taylor, pastor and missionary, and the right hand of fellowship extended Messenger J. L. Woodiel, and his name added to messengers' roll.

Report of Executive Board was called for, which was read and adopted.

A motion that the Treasurer pay to Elder L. F. Taylor, our Missionary, all the money on hand, if not more than necessary to final settlement, was carried.

Contributions from churches. None.

Abstract of letters read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer adopted.

A motion was made and sustained that we hold a ministers' and deacons' meeting, with one messenger elected by each church.

Resolution of thanks, by Elder P. A. Haman: "Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the members of New Hope Church, and citizens of this community, for their hospitality to us."

A motion to adjourn was carried. Whereupon the parting hand was given amid singing and tears. So we closed to meet (D.V.) with Hazen Church, on Memphis & Little Rock railroad, on Saturday before second Sunday in October, 1890, at 9 a. m.

J. B. SANDERS, MODERATOR,

Hazen, Ark.

N. G. WILLIAMS, CLERK, St. Charles, Ark.

APPENDIX.

"A"-REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education would report as follows:

We deem it a necessity for all to acknowledge its importance, the uneducated as well as the educated. And as we now have a free school system, which places an education within the reach of the poor as well as the rich, we would therefore recommend that parents, and all that have control or guardianship of the young and rising generation, avail themselves of every advantage offered to give the rising generation a good literary education, for if the people were all educated they would make better citizens, better neighbors and better Christians. And while a literary education is of vital importance to practical life, a moral and religious education is of vital importance to spiritual life. And as the Sabbath School is an institution of moral influence and learning, we would recommend that every parent and guardian avail themselves of the benefits of the Sunday school and see that their children or wards are placed where they will come under the influence of the same. As a higher institution of learning we would recommend Ouachita Baptist College to the favorable consideration of the churches of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, as our own institution of learning; and we would especially recommend this college to young men preparing themselves for the ministry.

> N. G. WILLIAMS, R. H. PARKER.

"B"-REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would report:

We deem this a subject of vast importance, from the fact that it has the approval of the Father, was inaugurated by the hom, and is prosecuted by the energy of the Spirit. It is a matter of profound interest and joyful gratitude to every laborer of the Lord to know that God's providence has opened up almost the entire world for the gospel, and is impressing scores of consecrated men and women with such loving interest in the salvation of the benighted of foreign fields as to constrain them to say, "Here am I, send me." We take this, together with other indications, as expressions of God's will that we should help this work even to a sacrifice.

For information, we would say that our Southern Baptist Convention at last meeting recommended the Foreign Mission Board to extend this work to the extent of \$150,000. This Board, to meet this expense, made certain suggestions as to the proportional amount each State should pay. Arkansas' portion is \$3,000. This is probably five cents per capita. We have say six hundred in our body. The voice of Providence then clearly tells us that we owe Him on this account at least \$30. We joyfully recognize the obligation, and recommend the speedy payment of said amount now, and that it be delivered to some brother who shall be recommended by the Moderator, to be by him forwarded to the Secretary of the Foreign Board at Richmond.

We also recommend preaching upon this subject.

Respectfully,

P. A. Haman.

"C"-REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday Schools beg leave to report:

The Sunday school may be made a very efficient auxiliary to the preaching of the gospel, but can in no measure take its place. As an auxiliary it should be tenderly fostered by every church. We recommend, therefore:

- 1. That every church in the Association have a Sunday school.
- 2. That they appoint officers and teachers for the same from their own ranks.
- 3. That the preachers endeavor to arouse more interest in this matter in their respective fields, and that they keep before the people constantly and plainly the proper relation between the Sunday school and the preaching of the gospel.

- 4. That our preachers, Sunday school officers and teachers, and all Sunday school workers, advise the prudent use of helps in the preparation of the lessons, but the use of the Bible only in recitations, drawing carefully and making prominent this distinction: that helps, at best, are defective and unreliable, while the Bible only is perfectly safe and reliable.
- 5. That our Sunday School Convention put itself in cooperation with the State Sunday School Convention, when organized; and to this end that three messengers be appointed to represent in said meeting at Little Rock.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. HAMAN.

"D"-REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Publications, beg leave to say that:

Believing that the diffusion of religious information tends to the establishing, building up and maintaining of a healthy religious character, we beg leave to recommend to the favorable consideration of the members of this Association the following publications: Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark.; Haptist and Reflector, published at Nashville, Tenn.; Kind Wards, published at Atlanta, Ga.; also the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HALLIBURTON.

"E"-REPORT ON ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

The Committee on Abstract of Letters respectfully submit the following:

Point De Luce-A glorious revival.

Rising Sun-At peace with each other. The Lord has areally blessed us.

Hayou Meto-At peace, but low in spirits.

Oak Grove-Not in a good spiritual condition.

Hig Lagrue—At peace and harmony with Christian love

Halem Greatly revived.

Hellevue A good meeting. Church greatly revived.

New Hope-Peace and harmony. Spiritual condition good.

Pleasant Ridge—Spiritual condition very good.

Center Point—At peace with one another.

DeWitt—In peace and harmony. No progress; no pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Haman,

J. J. Alderson,

WM. FORT.

"F"-REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We met on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1828, at Salem Church. We employed Elder R. F. Routh as Missionary, he accepting the pledges of Bayou Meto, St. Charles and Point De Luce, and to collect the remainder of his salary on the field and report to the Board quarterly. The Board became responsible for nothing, giving him as field all the territory of this Association south of the Paramore railroad, except Stuttgart.

We also employed Elder L. F. Taylor as missionary, giving him all the territory of this Association north of the Paramore railroad, with Stuttgart, as a field. We pledged to give him —— dollars for all his time, with the privilege of serving two churches within the bounds of our Association; he to collect the remainder of his salary on the field.

The Board met at the following times and places: Big Lagrue, Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in December, 1888. Hazen, Saturday night before fifth Sunday in March, 1889. Stuttgart, Saturday night before fifth Sunday in June.

At which times and places the said missionaries made quarterly reports of their work, and at our meeting Friday night at New Hope, October 4, 1889, made their report as follows:

REPORT OF ELDER R, F. ROUTH.

Eight months' work. Religious visits, 273; public prayers offered, 279; sermons preached, 196; average attendance, 72; miles traveled, 2344; received by baptism, 50; received by letter, 17; received by statement, 1; total members received, 68; churches supplied, 7; churches organized, 1; salary collected on field, \$400.00.

REPORT OF ELDER L. F. TAYLOR.

Miles traveled, 1954; sermons preached, 220; religious visits, 158; prayers offered, 220; received by baptism, 12; churches organized, 1; collected on field, \$115.00.

The Board owes Elder L. F. Taylor \$133.33 for services rendered as missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SANDERS, Chairman.

N. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

[Report of the Board adopted, and Elder L. F. Taylor, missionary, paid according to report of Executive Board, \$133.33; using Sunday's collection, and making up the deficit by public collection on Monday.]

"G"-EXECUTIVE BOARD.

· ·	-EAECUTIVE DOARD.
Bellevue	D. N. Tyler
	R. L. Davis
DeWitt	Carey Coffey
Hazen	Wm. Welch
Big Lagrue	R. H. Parker J. N. Worthy
St. Charles	J. N. Worthy
Oak Grove	G. W. Beicher
Salem	Wm. Luckett
Rising Sun	W. L. Ragan
	J. L. Cooper
Bayou Meto	J. Carpenter
Point De Luce	J. H. Powell
Pleasant Ridge	J. T. Lumpkin
Liberty	Flanery
Stuttgart	W. W. Moxley
Grand Prairie	J. J. Alderson S. Hardy
Crooked Creek	S. Hardy

"H"—REPORT OF TREASURER.

\$180 95

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Oct.	By balance on hand \$60 80
	By amount from Bellvue Church 3 90
	By amount from Hazen Church 1 90
	By amount from G. W. Belcher 10 00
	By amount from H. C. Munger 10 00
	By amount from J. B. Sanders 5 00
	By amount from New Hope Church 11 10
	By amount from H. Powell 50
	By amount from J. A. Ragan (old pl.) 1 00
-00	By amount from Alb. Powell (on pl.) 1 00
1889.	
Oct. 6.	By amount of Sunday's collection 28 75
	By amount from R. F. Routh (on pl.) 10 00
	By amount of error 37 00
Res	spectfully submitted,

"I"-ORDER OF BUSINESS.

S. K. Downs, Treasurer.

- 1. Called together by the Moderator to hear the introductory sermon. After the delivery of which the Association reassembles with the Moderator and Clerk in their seats.
 - Letters read and messengers enrolled.
 - 3. Petitionary letters called for.
 - 4. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
 - 5. Call for correspondence.
 - 6. Invitation to visiting brethren to seats in the body.
 - 7. Committees appointed. (1) Committee on Education.
- (2) Committee on Sunday Schools. (3) Committee on Abstract of Letters. (4) Committee on Finance. (5) Committee on Foreign Missions. (6) Committee on Publications. (7) Committee on Religious Exercises.
- 8. Complete correspondence and messengers with sister Associations and State Convention.
 - q. Reports from standing committees.
 - 10. Contributions from churches received.
 - 11. Resolutions and propositions in order.
 - 12. Report of Treasurer.
 - 13. Report of Executive Board.

- 14. Determining the time and place for holding next annual meeting.
 - 15. Executive Board appointed.
 - 16. Reports of temporary committees.
- 17. Appointment of brethren to preach introductory and missionary sermons.
 - 18. Number of Minutes determined upon.
 - 19. Reading Minutes.
 - 20. Parting address by Moderator.

LIST OF PLEDGES.

(Taken on Sunday for Associational Mission.)

D. S. Cannon	5	00
D. S. Cannon Stuttgart Church	16	00
N. G. Williams		00
J. H. Merritt	5	00
J. B. Sanders	5	00
Mrs. E. D. Turner		50
Mrs. Wm. Furgerson		50
Mrs. S. G. Powell		50
W. T. Fort	2	50
Albert Powell	I	00
J. D. Rounsavall	I	00
Wm. Welch	4	00
W. H. Halliburton	10	00
Salem Church	5	00
CHURCH PLEDGES TAKEN MONDAY MORNING.		
Hazen Church	5 5	00
Big Lagrue		00
Oak Grove	10	00
J. A. Ragan	I	00
Mrs. A. C. Parish	T	50

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. 1st John, 5th chapter, and 7th verse. John 1st, chapter 1st, 2d and 3d verses. 1st Timothy, 3d chapter, and 16th verse.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2d Timothy, 3d chapter, 15th and 16th verses. 2d Peter, 1st chapter, and 2d verse. Rom., 15th chapter, and 4th verse.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, according as God has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, in whom ye also trusted, often that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed ye were sealed with that holy spirit of promise. Eph., 1st chapter, 4th and 13th verses. 1st Peter, 1st chapter, and 2d verse. 1st Thess., 2d chapter, 13th and 14th verses.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen., 3d chapter, 6th and 7th verses. Psalms, 5th and 6th verses. Rom., 5th chapter, 12th and 14th verses.

ART 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state which he is in by nature. Isaiah, 1st chapter, 5th and 6th verses. John, 6th chapter, 44th verse. Eph., 2d chapter, and 1st verse.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ only. Jer., 23d chapter, and 6th verse. Rom., 4th chapter, and 22d verse. 1st Cor., 1st chapter, and 30th verse.

ART. 7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away. Psalm 89th, 23d and 31st verses. Heb., 8th chapter, 10th and 12th verses. John, 10th chapter, and 28th verse.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper

the only subjects of baptism, and that by immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark, 16th chapter, 15th and 16th verses. Acts, 2d chapter, 41st and 42d verses. Rom., 6th chapter, 3d, 4th, 6th and 7th verses. Matt., 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. 1st Cor., 11th chapter, 23d and 26th verses.

ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John, 5th chapter, 28th and 29th verses. 1st Cor., 15th chapter, 22d and 25th verses. Rev., 20th chapter, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th verses.

ART. 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery. Matt., 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses. 1st Tim., 4th chapter, and 14th verse. Titus, 5th chapter, and 10th verse.

ART. II. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts, 2d chapter, 41st and 47th verses, chapter 18th, 8th and 11th verses. 1st Cor., 11th chapter, 23d and 24th verses.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex., 20th chapter, and 8th verse. Acts, 20th chapter, and 7th verse. Rev., 1st chapter, and 10th verse.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Messengers.	Pastors.	Postoffices.	Clerks.	Postoffices.	Baptized.	By Statemetnt.	Restored.	Enthales.	Male Members	Female Membe	Licentiates.	For Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	DAY OF MEETING.
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Bayou Meto N. M. I	Henderson, J. Carpenter, J. Lester	R. F. Routh	Fairmount	G. W. Baylis	Goldman	3	***		A 6	1	16 2	d	. \$i 50	\$40 00	3d Sunday.
Salem F. M. I	Luckett, Wm. Ross, W. T. Luckett	N. G. Williams	St. Charles	W. S. Appleby	Cascoe	4	6	-	2	1	18 2	6	1 1 50	50 oc	2d Sunday.
Stuttgart W. W.	Moxley, L. F. Taylor	L. F. Taylor	Hazen	H. B. Dudley	Stuttgart	I	7	100	1	- 5	11 2	0	. 1 50	63 70	ist Sunday.
Point De Luce L. E. T	Thomas, Abby Powell, J. L. Adams	R. F. Routh	Fairmount	B. K. Adams	De Luce	23	1 3	111 00	0	1 19	29 4	8	2 00	75 oc	2d Sunday.
Bellevue	Tyler, W. E. Padgett	N. G. Williams	St. Charles	G. B. McSwain	Ethel	10	1 14	2 1	4 6	18	43 6	1 2	1 50	50 OC	3d Sunday, Sat. night before.
Center Point W. San	nders, W. D. Fort	B. F. House	Walter's Chapel	J. R. Sanders	Hazen	4	1 1	100	5 4	1/32	47 6	9 2	. 2 20		ist Sunday.
De Witt	ey, W. H. Halliburton, D. S. Cannon			S. Coffey	DeWitt	1000 KK	(A)	1000 700	o man	9	81	7			2d Sunday.
Rising Sun J. A. R	agan, D. S. Bass, J. L. Ragan	N. G. Williams	St. Charles	W. B. Ragan	Sassafrass	5	2 2		7 2	1 16	35 5	I	2 60	100 00	ist Sunday, Saturday before.
New Hope	cooper, N. Lindsey, J. Hopper	R. F. Routh	Fairmount	L. W. Scott	Hagler	1	10 1001			29	36 6	5	2 00		3d Sunday.
Hig Lagrue G. W.	Miller, G. W. Gardner, J. C. Crabtree	R. F. Routh	Fairmount	R. H. Parker	St. Charles	13		1344	1 1	2 27	52 7	9	2 50	125 00	1st Sunday.
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Oak Grove C. L. B	Boyett	J. M. Ballard	Hamilton	H. T. Webb	Flamilton	5	1		3 3	5 38	42 8	0	2 00		3d Sunday, Sat. night before.
W.G. 1	Dobbins, J. H. Rensavall, Wm. Welch			H. G. Miller	Hazen			8	8	3		400	2 00		
Wound Prairie J. J. Al	derson, J. M. Cox, W. D. Wessiner	R. F. Routh	Fairmount	J. M. Cox	Prairieville	1	2 1				I	5	1 00	50 00	
J. B. Fl	anery, H. R. Toothacher, W. Toothacher	L. F. Taylor		J. B. Flanery	Roe	3	1			4	81:	2			
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