

Duplicate

MINUTES

of the

STATE LINE

ASSOCIATION

OF

Missionary Baptists.

FOURTEENTH SESSION

1887.

HERALD PRINT.
POCAHONTAS, ARK

1887

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

—HELD WITH—

MILLCREEK CHURCH,

IN OREGON COUNTY, MISSOURI,

ON THE 9TH, 10TH AND 12TH DAYS OF SEPT., 1887.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, MOD.

|

R. G. PRATT, CLERK.



MINUTES.

State Line Association met pursuant to adjournment with Mill Creek Church in Oregon county, Mo., Friday, September 9, 1887.

Annual sermon delivered by Elder S. D. Williams from Matthew 16:18.

The Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

Elder H. C. Kirkpatrick was chosen Moderator *pro tem*.

The Association then took a recess until 2:15 p. m.

2:15 P. M.—The Association was called to order by the Moderator *pro tem*.

Prayer by Elder W. S. Holland.

The roll of churches was then called and names of messengers enrolled in the following order:

1. ANTIOCH CHURCH, ARK.—Thomas Brown, A. M. Jackson and Marcus Vermilye.
2. ALTON CHURCH, Mo.—A. R. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Livingston and J. B. Johnston.
3. BETHANY, ARK.—J. J. Curlin, E. T. Lincoln and P. B. Allison.
4. BIG BARREN, Mo.—Not represented.
5. CONCORD, ARK.—J. E. Amos, Joseph Vandergriff and C. H. Tyler.
6. HOLLOW SPRINGS, ARK.—W. R. Weaver and A. A. Andrus.
7. LEBANON, Mo.—S. Harmon, J. H. Best and Wm. Best.
8. MANY SPRINGS, Mo.—Ben. Johnson, Thomas Johnson and J. W. Livingston.
9. MILL CREEK, Mo.—J. H. Justice, J. H. C. Sconce and Taylor Shields.
10. MUD CREEK, ARK.—R. G. Pratt and G. M. McNabb.
11. NEW SALEM, Mo.—B. F. Couch, W. A. Thompson and W. J. Jones.
12. NEW BETHEL, Mo.—No response.
13. OAK GROVE, ARK.—Thos. Abernathy, G. J.

Teel and J. S. Anderson.

14. PINE GROVE, Mo.—Joseph Dale.

15. PLEASANT GROVE, ARK.—W. H. Tipton and B. S. Tipton.

16. ROCKEY POINT, Mo.—J. W. Beakly and H. C. Smith.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder H. C. Kirkpatrick, Moderator, and R. G. Pratt, Clerk.

Rules of Decorum was then read.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE FROM SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Union responded by her delegate, W. M. Lloyd.

Spring River responded by her delegate, Allen Weaver.

CALLED FOR NEW CHURCHES.

The following new churches presented their petitionary letters, which were received, their delegates given the right hand of fellowship and admitted to seats with us :

NEW HOPE, ARK.—F. M. Starling, F. M. Brown.

ROYAL OAK, Mo.—David Shahan.

ROSE HILL, Mo.—J. L. Young, Alvin Wales.

WITT'S CHAPEL, ARK.—John Maynard, Stith Maynard and Amos Roberts.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

ON GRIEVANCES:

As two letters and two sets of delegates were present from Hollow Springs Church, a committee was appointed to investigate said grievance, as follows: J. J. Curlin, S. D. Williams and S. Harmon.

ON ARRANGEMENTS:

Andrew Jackson, A. R. Kirkpatrick and E. T. Lincoln.

ON CORRESPONDENCE:

S. D. Williams and John Maynard.

ON TEMPERANCE:

Ben. Johnson and S. Harmon.

ON MISSIONS:

Joseph B. Johnson and D. A. Presley.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES:

B. F. Couch and John Amos.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

J. J. Curlin and W. A. Thompson.

ON FINANCE:

Josèph Livingston and J. B. Johnson.

ON PUBLICATIONS:

Wm. H. Tipton and Stith Maynard.

ON PREACHING:

Delegates of Mill Creek Church—J. H. Justice, J. H. C. Sconce and Taylor Shields.

ON OBITUARIES:

Elder S. D. Williams and F. M. Starling.

ON QUERRIES:

Elders D. A. Presley, M. M. Jackson, R. O. Tribble.
Called for report of Committee on Preaching.

We, your Committee on Preaching submit the following: Saturday night, Elder D. A. Presley.

The Association then went into the election of Ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, which resulted as follows: Elders R. O. Tribble and D. S. Williams. D. A. Presley at night.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday, 12th, at the hour of 9 a. m.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At the hour, 11 a. m., a large and orderly congregation met to hear Elders R. O. Tribble and S. D. Williams. Text: Hag. 2:9.

The congregation seemed to be well entertained and received the discourse with marked attention.

Elder S. D. Williams commenced a masterly discourse, and seemed to have the whole concourse of people spell-bound, when his discourse was cut short by a rainstorm.—CLERK.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

9 A. M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. M. Jackson.

Called for the reading of the minutes of Saturday's meeting, which were read and approved.

Called for Committee on Grievances.

Your Committee on Grievances in the case coming up from Hollow Spring Church, Sharp county, Ark.,

beg leave to report as follows:

After hearing a statement of facts from both parties we find the Church did wrong in passing an order to celebrate the Lord's supper only at night, as contrary to Baptist usage, and that those brethren and sisters were justified in their efforts to have said order rescinded; we would, therefore, recommend that the church letter as borne by Brethren J. C. Davis, W. R. Weaver and A. A. Andrus as delegates to this body be received, as the message and those Brethren as messengers of the regular and orderly party of Hollow Spring Church.

S. D. WILLIAMS, }
J. J. CURLIN, } Committee.
S. HARMAN, }

Report received and committee discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report as follows: That this body continue correspondence with Union, Spring River, Current River and Cane Creek Associations.

S. D. WILLIAMS, }
JOHN MAYNARD, } Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: In view of the great evil of intemperance we would recommend to our brethren a strict adherence to the principles of temperance; and, also, that our Pastors should earnestly plead for the same in their congregations.

S. HARMAN, }
B. S. JOHNSON, } Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Missions, believe in the grand missionary cause, but owing to the financial condition of our Association we deem it useless to make an effort to send out a missionary this year.—We would recommend to the Churches in our bounds to pay their Pastors liberally. Such a course would enable them to supply the destitution in our bounds.

J. B. JOHNSON, }
D. A. PRESLEY, } Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee on State of the Churches beg leave to make the following report. We find that nearly all of our Churches have had good revivals and some increase, and most of them are in good working order.

Antioch Church has three ordained Ministers, viz: M. M. Jackson, D. A. Presley and J. B. Roach.

Alton has one, viz: S. D. Williams.

Bethany has two, viz: E. T. Lincoln and J. P. Higginbotham.

Mud Creek has two, viz: I. H. Witt, J. R. Pratt, Sr.

New Salem has one, viz: R. O. Tribble.

Lebanon has one, viz: W. S. Holland.

Mill Creek has one, viz: H. C. Kirkpatrick.

New Bethel has two, viz: P. R. Simpson, G. W. Dirickson.

Witt's Chapel has one, viz: E. Richardson.

Rocky Point has one, viz: H. C. Smith.

J. E. AMOS, } Committee.
B. F. COUCH, }

Report received and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: We learn of but four Baptist Sunday Schools in our bounds—one at New Salem, one at Mill Creek, one at Rose Hill and one at Many Springs, and all in good working interest; also, we learn of several Union Sunday Schools in our bounds. We would, therefore, recommend a more zealous and determined effort on the part of the Baptist Brotherhood in this field of usefulness.

W. A. THOMPSON, } Committee.
J. J. CURLIN, }

Report received and committee discharged.

FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report the following amount received from the different Churches: \$19.75, which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. JOHNSON, } Committee.
J. W. LIVINGSTON, }

Report received and committee discharged.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the

Baptist Publishing Company of Graves, Moody & Hall, Memphis, Tennessee; Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo.; Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Ark.; American Baptist Flag and Baptist Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

W. H. TIPTON, }
STITH MAYNARD, } Committee.

OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that the messenger death has visited our body during this associational year and removed our Brother Stephen E. Massey, age 18 years, of Mud Creek Church; sister Mary E. Couch, age 38, of New Salem; R. H. Thompson, age 74, of Rocky Point; Artimintia J. Braswell, age 28, of Alton; Martha Whelly, age 22, Hollow Spring. Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

S. D. WILLIAMS, }
F. M. STARLING, } Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON QUERRIES.

We, your committee on Querries, report as follows:

1st. No unordained minister has authority to organize or assist as Presbyter in organizing Baptist Churches.

2nd. No unordained person is authorized to administer the Ordinances of the Church.

Respectfully submitted as answers to querries from Mud Creek Church.

D. A. PRESLEY, }
M. M. JACKSON, } Committee.
R. O. TRIBBLE, }

Report received and committee discharged.

MILL CREEK, OREGON CO., MO., Sept. 12, 1887.

We, your committee as Missionary Board, submit the following report:

The amount collected from the Churches by

Brother Lincoln.....\$2.35

Amount vouched for 4.00

Total.....\$6.35

Which we submit and ask to be discharged.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, }
E. T. LINCOLN, }
J. H. JUSTICE, } Committee.
W. S. HOLLAND, }
JOS. VANDERGRIFF }
J. W. BEAKLEY, }

Report received and committee discharged.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I, your Treasurer, submit the following report:

Received from Finance Committee.....	\$18.80
Paid for printing 500 Minutes.....	\$ 8.00
My services as Clerk.....	5.00
Postage.....	1.45
	<hr/>
	\$14.45 14.45

Balance due the Association..... * 4.35

R. G. PRATT, Clerk.

Report received and ordered placed upon record as part of the minutes of this Association.

On motion and second, a board consisting of the following Brethren, Andrew Jackson, Wm. English and Joseph Vandergriff, were appointed as a Missionary Board.

Elder M. M. Jackson was elected to preach the next annual sermon and Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick, alt.

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—On page sixth of the minutes for 1887 the Mission Board reported a balance due the Missionary, Eld. J. B. Roach, for the previous year was \$23.65. There was a collection from the church delegates at the time and the necessary sum was raised and paid over by the Board to the said Elder J. B. Roach, but the Clerk failed to record the same. Hence this correction. CLERK.

REPORT OF MINISTERS FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1887.

Sermons preached.....	88
Miles traveled.....	
Baptisms administered.....	13
Conversions witnessed.....	20
Amount received—Bethany Church.....	\$36.90
“ “ —Hollow Spring Church..	7.65
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$44.55
Missionary work done between the first of July,	

1887, up to the sitting of the State Line Association
exclusive of the above:

Sermons preached.....	30
Miles traveled.....	250
Families visited.....	30
Baptisms administered.....	13
Conversions witnessed.....	9
Days labor.....	21

Organized one Church.

Helped in the organization of one.

Amount received.....\$0.60.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELD. E. T. LINCOLN.

REPORT OF ELD. H. C. KIRKPATRICK.

Miles traveled.....	1,260
Sermons preached.....	60

Amount received.....\$0.76

Respectfully submitted.

ELD. H. C. KIRKPATRICK.

REPORT OF ELD. D. A. PRESLEY.

Miles traveled.....	150
Sermons preached.....	40
Baptised.....	8
Conversions witnessed.....	17

Aided in organizing one Church.

Amount received.....\$20

Respectfully submitted.

ELD. D. A. PRESLEY.

REPORT OF ELD. H. C. SMITH.

Miles traveled.....	138
Sermons preached.....	46
Exhortations.....	10
Public prayers.....	78
Baptised.....	1

Respectfully submitted.

ELD. H. C. SMITH.

REPORT OF ELD. J. P. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Sermons preached.....	35
Exhortations delivered.....	23
Public prayers.....	49
Baptised.....	13

Helped to organize one Church.

Amount received.....\$12.00

Respectfully submitted.

ELD. J. P. HIGGINBOTHAM.

RESOLUTIONS.

—:o:—

RESOLVED 1ST, That the form of our associational letter be printed in our minutes.

2ND, That the time of the annual meeting be changed from Friday to Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1888.

3RD, That each Church in the State Line Association report in their next letter the amount paid out for pastoral service.

4TH, That it is the request of this Association that each Church in her bounds make quarterly collections of mission funds and report the same as soon as collected to one of the missionary boards.

5TH, That we have 800 minutes printed and distributed to the several churches in proportion to their contributions for the same, and that the Clerk have the sum of \$5.00 for his services.

6TH, That the Clerk be instructed to send Cave Springs Church in Oregon county, Mo., 20 copies of our minutes.

7TH, That the amount of missionary funds, \$6.35, now on hand, and the amount collected on the ground, \$9.10, be paid to Eld. E. T. Lincoln, which was done.

8TH, That the Clerk furnish minutes to each Church belonging to this Association, whether represented or not.

9TH, That we tender the thanks of this Association to our Brothers Moderator and Clerk for their kindness and faithfulness in business during this Association.

10TH, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the Church and surrounding community at Mill Creek for the cordial welcome and genial hospitality shown the members of this Association.

11TH, That the Association do now adjourn to meet with Concord Church in Randolph county, Arkansas, on Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1888.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.



1. We believe in one true and living GOD—the FATHER, SON and HOLY GHOST; and these three are one.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments 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 the voluntary transgression of one man Sin entered into 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.

9. 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 baptised 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 of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and of 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 wordly nature transacted thereon—that of necessity excepted.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

STATES	POST OFFICES	CLERKS	MODERATORS	CHURCHES
Arkansas.....	Pocahontas.....	J. W. Tyer.....	M. D. Bowers....	1. Antioch.....
Missouri.....	Alton.....	A. R. Kirkpatrick	S. D. Williams..	2. Alton.....
Arkansas.....	Ravenden Springs.	S. L. Higginbotham	E. T. Lincoln....	3. Bethany.....
Missouri.....	Bennett.....	.....	not represented.	4. Big Barren...
Arkansas.....	Lima.....	J. E. Amos.....	D. A. Presley....	5. Concord.....
Arkansas.....	Hardy.....	C. J. Tucker, P. T.	A. A. Andrus, P T	6. Hollow Springs
Missouri.....	Gatewood.....	A. S. Cotham.....	H. Kirkpatrick ...	7. Lebanon.. ...
Missouri.....	Alton.....	J. W. Johnson....	S. D. Williams...	8. Many Springs
Missouri.....	Myrtle.....	J. H. Justice.....	E. T. Lincoln....	9. Mill Creek....
Arkansas.....	Warm Springs.....	S. P. Pratt.....	I. H. Witt.....	10. Mud Creek...
Missouri.....	Couch.....	B. F. Couch.....	S. D. Williams...	11. New Salem...
Missouri.....	Big Barren.....	.....	not represented..	12. New Bethel...
Arkansas.....	Pocahontas.....	Wm. J. Bass.....	I. H. Witt.....	13. Oak Grove ..
Missouri.....	Pine.....	J. G. Dale.....	W. S. Holland....	14. Pine Grove...
Arkansas.....	Albertha.....	J. M. Marshall....	M. M. Jackson....	15. Pleasant Grove
Missouri.....	Segin.....	Wm. T. Smith....	J. B. Roach.....	16. Rocky Point.
Arkansas.....	Dalton.....	F. M. Starling....	M. M. Jackson....	17. New Hope...
Missouri.....	Alton.....	M. D. Bowers....	N. Cooper.....	18. Royal Oak...
Missouri.....	Dedrick.....	A. Wales.....	E. T. Lincoln....	19. Rose Hill....
Arkansas.....	Maynard.....	D. Roberts.....	M. D. Bowers ...	20. Witt's Chapel

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Meeting day..	Rec. by ex. bap	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by rest'n	Rec. by recom	Dis. by letter.	Excluded	Died.....	Membership..
1. Antioch.....	Thos. Brown, Marcus Vermilye, A N. Jackson	4	4	5	....	1	7	1	....	52
2. Alton.....	A. R. Kirkpatrick, J. B. Johnson.....	1	1	8	....	....	2	1	1	39
3. Bethany.....	J. J. Curlin, E. T. Lincoln	2&4	24	2	....	5	2	1	....	72
4. Big Barren.....	Not represented.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
5. Concord.....	J. E. Amos, C. H. Tiler, Joseph Vandergriff...	3	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	33
6. Hollow Springs.	A. A. Andrus, W. R. Weaver.....	2	....	....	....	....	1	7	1	13
7. Lebanon	S. Harmon, J. H. Best, Wm. Best.....	2	2	1	1	....	4	3	....	33
8. Many Springs...	J. W. Livingston, B. H. Johnson.....	3	17	....	....	....	5	1	....	47
9. Mill Creek.....	J. H. Justice, J. H. C. Sconce, Taylor Shields..	1	2	....	....	....	9	....	2	48
10. Mud Creek.....	R. G. Pratt, G. M. McNabb, Jr.....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	39
11. New Salem.....	B. F. Couch, W. A. Thompson, W. J. Jones..	2	8	5	....	....	5	3	1	62
12. New Bethel.	Not represented.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
13. Oak Grove.....	Thomas Abernathy, J. S. Anderson, G. J. Teel	3	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	40
14. Pine Grove.....	Joseph Dale.....	1	1	2	....	....	....	2	1	24
15. Pleasant Grove.	W. E. Tipton, Ben Tipton.....	1	2	....	1	1	13	6	1	62
16. Rocky Point...	J. W. Beakley, H. C. Smith.....	1	1	....	....	....	2	1	1	24
17. New Hope.....	F. M. Starling, F. M. Brown.....	3	2	7	....	1	....	....	....	10
18. Royal Oak.....	David Shahan.....	2	14	14	....	3	....	....	....	31
19. Rose Hill.....	Alvin Wales, J. L. Young.....	2	4	4	....	3	....	....	....	11
20. Witt's Chapel...	Stith Maynard, John Maynard	3	1	12	....	1	....	....	....	22
Total.....		....	89	65	2	15	50	26	9	692

FORM OF A CHURCH LETTER.

STATE OF..... }
.....COUNTY } 1888

.....Church, to the Ministers and Messengers composing the State Line Association
of Missionary Baptists, sendeth Christian salutation:

VERY DEAR BRETHREN : We send our beloved bretheren, and
....., whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your deliberatons.
Our statistics are as follows : Received by experience and baptism, ; received
by letter, ; received by relation, ; received by restoration, ;
dismissed by letter, ; excluded, ; dead, ; total member-
ship, ; contribution for printing minutes, ; day of meeting, Saturday
before the Lord's day in each month; is our pastor, and
..... our post office.

Now, brethren, pray for us, and may the God of all grace guide you in your delibera-
tions, is the prayer of your sister in Christ. Done by order of the Church, in council, on
Saturday before the Lord's day in 188

Clerk.

Moderator.