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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Thirty-Ninth Annual Session

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ROCKY BAYOU MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Nebo Church, No. 2, Izard Co., Ark.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
October 9th and 11th, A. D., 1880.

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ELDER SAMUEL GUNN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Moderator
D. T. MARTIN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	Clerk.

Next meeting of the association will be held with Mt. Nebo church, No. 1, about four miles west of Franklin, Izard county, Ark., Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, A. D. 1881.

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Of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association, held with Mt. Nebo church, No. 2, Izard Co., Ark., on Oct. 9th and 11th, A. D. 1880.

MT. NEBO, No. 2, October 9th, 1880.

The Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association, met by appointment at Mt. Nebo No. 2 Izard county, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock A. M. The appointee Eld. Jesse R. Beaver, preached the introductory from 13 chapter 8 verse of Paul's letter to the Romans. "Owe no man anything but to love one another; for he that loveth an other hath fulfilled the law." And from these Scriptures delivered in his usual fervent manner an able sermon to an attentive audience.

After a short recess, the messengers representing the several churches, were re-assembled in the church. The former officers being present. The Association was called to order by the former moderator, Eld. Samuel Gunn, after prayer by the moderator the roll of churches was called, letters presented, read, and name of messengers enrolled (see statistics.) The body being temporarily organized, proceeded to the election of its officers for the present session: Eld. G. M. Maxwell was appointed teller in said election which resulted in the choice of Eld. Samuel Gunn, Moderator, and D. T. Martin, Clerk.

After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator the Association proceeded to business.

1st, An invitation was given for new churches to join the association. None present.

2nd, Correspondents from sister associations, were invited to seats in the body, whereupon Bro. R. B. Carnett, from Blue Mountain. Elds. G. M. Maxwell, Wm. Raney and Bro. J. A. Kirby, from Independence Associations, accepted seats in the body.

3, Visiting ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats with us to aid us in our deliberation. None present.

4th, The moderator appointed the several committees: On arrangements of business for Monday, Eld. J. E. Duren, D. T. D. T. Martin and T. N. Estes. On devotional exercises, the moderator and deacons of Mt. Nebo church No. 2.

On Sabbath schools—Elders J. E. Duren, A. J. Whaley and Bro. Leander Jennings.

On Baptist Literature—Bros. Jesse Hinkle, T. P. Cypert and T. N. Estes.

5th, An invitation from the Cumberland Presbyterian congregation to occupy their pulpit at Dry Town on to-night, to-morrow at 11 o'clock and to morrow night, was received, which on motion of Bro. J. W. C. Gardner was accepted.

6th, Moved to adjourn until Monday morning, 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Eld. G. M. Maxwell.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Saturday night at early candle lighting, Elder J. I. Martin preached to an attentive audience, from 7th chapter, first clause

of 17th verse, followed by Elder J. E. Duren with a warm exhortation.

Sabbath morning, at ten o'clock, prayer meeting conducted by Bro. T. N. Estes.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Elder G. M. Maxwell delivered an able sermon to a densely packed house of listeners, from 22d chapter, 28th, 29th, 30th verses of our Lord's Gospel by St. Luke: "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Followed by Elder Samuel Gunn with a stirring exhortation.

Sunday evening, a short time before candle light, prayer meeting conducted by Bro. J. D. Ragan. At candle light, Elder W. H. Vest preached to an attentive audience, from first chapter, 18th verse of Revelations: "I am he that liveth, and was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Followed by Elder J. W. Twilley with a brief exhortation.

DRY TOWN.

The Cumberland Presbyterian pulpit was occupied Saturday night by Elder A. J. Whaley, who preached from Acts, 3rd, and a part of 19th verse: "Repent ye therefore and be converted;" followed by Elder J. W. Twilley.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m. Elder J. E. Duren preached from 5th chapter, 20th verse, 2nd Corinthians: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God;" followed by Elder J. I. Martin.

Sunday night at candle light, Elder G. M. Maxwell preached from 4th chapter, 7th verse, 2nd Corinthians: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us;" followed by Elder Samuel Gunn. [May much and lasting good result from the labors of the brethren during the session of this body.—Clerk.]

Monday Morning, Oct. 11th, 1880.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, 9 o'clock a. m. After prayer by Elder J. J. Vest, proceeded to business.

1st, The committee on arrangement of business made its report, which was received, adopted, and the committee discharged.

2nd, The roll was called and names of absentees marked

3rd, The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read, corrected, and approved.

4th, Called for unrepresented churches. None present.

5th, Called for visiting ministers and correspondents that were not present on Saturday. Bro. Robert Gray from Spring river, accepted a seat in the body.

6th, The committee on Sabbath schools made its report, which was received, and the committee discharged, which on motion was adopted. (See Appendix "A.")

7th. The committee on Baptist Literature made its report, which was received and the committee discharged which on motion was adopted (see Appendix B.)

8th, Arranged correspondents to sister Associations, viz: To Independence, Elds. J. J. Vest, J. J. Martin, A. J. Whaley, Samuel Gunn, J. R. Beaver, Bros. M. L. Reeves, W. L. F. Erwin, Jesse Hinkle. To Blue Mountain, Bros. Jesse Hinkle, T. N. Estes, I. E. Bland, Wm. Hollen: Elds. J. I. Martin, J. W. Twilley. To Spring River, Eld. A. J. Whaley, Bros. J. G. Ferguson, W. F. Terpin, Eld. J. J. Vest. To Big Creek, Bros. Alford Paign, John McElmurry, Elds. J. J. Vest, A. J. Whaley, W. H. Vest, Bros. A. R. Brandy, J. D. Ragan. To White River, Bros. Jesse Hinkle, Alford Paign, S. W. George, Sidney Reeves, Wm. Hollen, Eld. J. W. Twilley. To Little Red River, Eld. J. I. Martin, Bros. R. C. Sims, T. P. Cypert. To the United Baptist, Bro. R. C. Sims.

9th, The Committee on Finance made its report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged. (See Appendix C.)

10th, An election was held by private ballot to determine the place of holding the next session of this body, Eld. G. M. Maxwell and Bro. Robert Gray were appointed tellers in said election which resulted in the choice of Mt. Nebo, No. 1, Izard county, Arkansas.

11. An election, was held to decide who shall preach the introductory sermon at its next session. Eld. G. M. Maxwell and Bro. Robert Gray, were appointed tellers in said election, which resulted in the choice of Eld. J. J. Vest and Eld. James E. Duren, his alternate.

12, On motion of Eld. J. R. Beaver the missionary board which was continued from last year to make its report, was dispensed with entirely.

RESOLUTIONS.

13, The following resolution was offered by Eld. A. J. Whaley which was adopted. Resolved, That we request the clerk of this body to ascertain as near as possible when and where the associations with which we are in correspondence, meet and have the same appended to our minutes.

14th, The below named resolution was offered by Bro. S. J. James, to-wit: Resolved, That Sabbath School report now spread on our minutes, stand as it now is until some member of the body wishes to offer an amendment thereto, and the committee on Sabbath Schools be dispensed with until this shall occur, which was adopted.

15th, The following resolution was offered by Bro. T. N. Estes. Resolved, That this association meet on Friday before second Sabbath in Oct 1881, which was rejected.

16th, The below named resolution was offered by Eld. J. I. Martin: Resolved that we advise the pastors and churches in our bounds to examine the authority of all strange men claiming to be Baptist ministers before inviting them to preach in our pulpits, which was adopted.

17, The following resolution was offered by Bro. T. N. Estes

which on motion was adopted: Resolved, That this association continue in session from Saturday until Tuesday 12 o'clock, hereafter.

18th. The below resolution was offered by Eld. J. R. Beaver, which on motion was adopted: Be it Resolved, That the clerk of this body take the oversight of the printing of the minutes and the distribution thereof in due time and he be allowed \$5.00 therefor.

19th. The following resolution was offered by Elder A. J. Whaley which was adopted: Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of the Presbyterian congregation at at Dry Town for the use of their house at Dry Town on Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night for their hospitality extended to this body in the use of their house and asking our ministers to occupy their pulpit and that a minute of this body be given them.

20th. On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place of holding its next session. After prayer by Eld. G. M. Maxwell, while singing the association took the parting hand.

ELD. SAMUEL GUNN, Moderator.

D. T. MARTIN, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

APPENDIX "A."

We, your committee on Sabbath schools, beg leave to submit the following report: Inasmuch as early impressions often shape our course through life, we recommend each church in this association, which has not a Sabbath school, and think it practicable to sustain one, to organize one; we also recommend the churches composing this association to report at each annual session their condition, the number of pupils in attendance and the number of teachers employed.

A. J. WHALEY, Chairman.

APPENDIX "B."

We, your committee on Baptist literature, beg leave to submit the following: First, the Holy Bible, which is to able to make wise unto salvation. This is the book of books.

Let all the heathen writers join to make one perfect book.

Great God if once compared to thine, how mean their writing looks.

2nd, We recommend the American Baptist Flag, edited by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo.

3rd, The Christian Repository, by S. H. Ford, St. Louis, Mo., or any other good Baptist paper.

T. N. ESTES, Chairman.

APPENDIX "C."

We your committee on finance, beg leave to report, on hand \$27.10 for printing minutes.

J. R. BEAVER, Chairman.

Time and place of the meeting of some of the associations as near as possible, Blue Mountain, at Wales Creek, Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September; White River, near Mountain Home, Baxter co., Saturday before the third Sabbath in September; Spring River, near Smithville, Saturday before the first Sabbath in September; Little Red River, Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, in Searcy Valley.

Received from D. T. Martin, the sum of \$23.10 in full for printing 550 copies of the above minutes.

Churches,	Messengers.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	ec. by bapt'm	ec. by letter,	ec. by recom.	restored,	is. by letter,	excluded,	led,	total mem'p.	abth of meet.
Antioch.	S J James	Samuel Gunn.	S. J. James,	La Crosse.	2	4				11		77	1
Batesville.	Unrepresented.	J L. Brown,	J. W. Sims,	Jamestown,	6	2			2	1		63	1
Cedar Grove,	John Barnes, R C Sims,	Samuel Gunn,	B. S. Stroud,	La Crosse,	2	6		1	3			40	4
Concord.	Samuel Gunn, B S Stroud, G W King, John Battles,	A J. Whaley,	W. M. Duren,	Violet Hill,								31	1
Fair View.	John McElmurry, T H Beaver, Wm Boler J McCuiston,	J, W. Twilley.	W. L. Turpir,	Lunenburg.	1				17	4		18	4
Hidden Creek,	Wm Hollen, J W Twilley, w L Turpin,												
La Crosse,	Unrepresented.	J. E. Duren,	W. K. Estes,	Melbourne,		2		1	1		2	34	1
Melbourne,	T N Estes, W K Estes	Wm. Hatfield,	J. T. Winchester,	Franklin,					5	4		19	4
Macedonia.	J D Ragan, J F Johns,	J. H. Soden,	W. L. F. Erwin,	Violet Hill,	8	4			3	1		35	
Mt. Nebo.	A R Brantley, w M F Erwin, James Jones,	J. J. Vest,	W. L. Bramblett,	Barren Fork,	5	1	7	3				41	3
Mt. Nebo No. 2	M L Reeves, C Reeves, Wm pointer, w L Bramlette,	Samuel Gunn,	W. R. Campbell,	La Crosse,		5		1			1	33	2
Mt. Pleasant,	Alex Shell, Marion walker, Jehoiada walker,	J. L. Brown	T. J. Brown,	Banner		2			4	1		40	2
Mt. Zion.	Letter but no messenger,	J. H. Foster	T. Murphree,	Buckhorn,	1	2			2			37	3
Mt. Joy,	Letter but no messengers on Monday,	A. J. Whaley,	J. W. Rector,	Newburg,		3						25	2
Newburg.	J W Rector, Wm Stroud,	A. J. Whaley,	J. W. C. Gardner	La Crosse,					3			15	1
Philadelphia,	J R Beaver, A J Whaley,	A. E. Nixon,	J. F. Olvey	Batesville,	1	3			2		1	46	1
Pilgrim's Rest,	I E Bland, J I Martin, D T Martin,	J. H. Morris,	J. L. Smith,	Lunenburg,	1	5			1			34	3
Rocky Bayou,	T P Cypert, Jesse Hinkle,	Samuel Gunn.	J. G. Ferguson,	Franklin,	2	3			2	2	1	36	3
Strawberry,	Hamlin Jackson, J G Ferguson,	W. H. Vest,	J. W. Jeffery,	Melbourne,	3	4			3	1		49	4
Saint's Rest,	J J Vest, W H Vest, Alfred Rain,	J. J. Vest,	W. T. Swan,	City Rock,	4	13	12	1	3		1	42	2
Table Rock,	Willis Hawkins.	J. E. Duren,	L. Jennings,	La Crosse,	2	8						42	3
Zion Hill,	J E Duren, Leander Jennings, Geo Felts,				38	67	19	7	49	25	6	725	
	Totals,												