

—MINUTES—

—OF THE—

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Pleasant Grove Church Nevada Co., Ark.,

On the 4th, 5th and 6th of October, 1879.

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OFFICERS:

ELDER J. T. DOWNS, MODERATOR.

ELDER J. J. BYERS, CLERK.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Petitionary Letters.
2. Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
3. Invite Ministers to seats.
4. Appoint Committees.
5. Receive Correspondence.
6. Return Correspondence.
7. Call for Report of Committees.
8. Elect a Treasurer.
9. Call for Reports from District Meetings.
10. Select a Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
11. Appoint a person to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
12. Miscellaneous Business.

PROCEEDINGS.

The eighth annual session of the Union Baptist Association was holden at Pleasant Grove Church, Nevada county, Arkansas, commencing on Saturday, October 4, A. D., 1879.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Byers. Text, 1 Tim., IV chapter, 15 verse. Theme: the Church the pillar and ground of the truth.

After a recess for refreshments the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by Elder J. T. Downs, the former Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. Aaron.

Letters having been called for were presented from the different churches—the same were read and the messengers names enrolled.

Petitionary letters were presented from Shaver Spring and Zion Hill churches, asking for admittance into the body, said letters were read, and, on motion they were received into the body.

The association proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. T. Downs, Moderator and Elder J. J. Byers, Clerk.

On motion, adopted the business order of the last session, to govern in business transactions during the present session.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Elders W. A. Forbes, from the Caroline Association, J. D. Jameson from the Liberty, and B. Hultsman from the Judson, took seats, and their counsel from time to time, during the session was highly appreciated.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

On Preaching: S. F. Snell, T. J. Haynes, J. E. Askew and the messengers from the Pleasant Grove Church.

On Documents: Elders J. Aaron, T. J. Butcher and O. S. Jones.

On Temperance: Elders J. O. Luck, A. Patterson and Brother P. B. Almand.

On Education: J. F. Wallace, L. H. Hitt, T. J. Bennett and Elder J. N. Acker.

On Finance: A. B. Luck and D. M. Yelling.

On Sabbath Schools: Elder J. Aaron, Elder J. J. Byers, and B. W. Milwee.

On Destitution: Elder A. J. Cummings, J. J. Haynes and J. M. Smyth.

On Periodicals: Elder T. J. Butcher, H. L. Hurst and J. W. Hudson.

CORRESPONDENCE CALLED FOR.—Bro. J. J. Mayes presented himself, from Red River Association, without a letter, and was invited to a seat.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.—To the Red River Association, Elders T. J. Butcher, J. N. Acker, J. Aaron, J. J. Byers, J. T. Downs and W. R. Barham.

To Columbia: Elders J. O. Luck, J. T. Downs, J. Aaron, J. J. Byers, and Brethren A. B. Luck, J. E. Askew and E. Kersey.

To Liberty: Elders J. J. Byers, T. J. Butcher.

To Judson: Elders A. M. Tennison and A. Patterson.

On motion, it was agreed to call for contributions on Sabbath, at the close of the forenoon services for the support of foreign missions.

The committee on preaching reported: that Eld. B. Hultsman, would preach Saturday night, Eld. J. Aaron, at 9, and Eld. W. A. Forbes at 11 o'clock, a. m., and that Eld. J. D. Jameson would occupy the stand at the hour of 2 o'clock, p. m., on Sunday.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Acker.

EXERCISES ON SABBATH.

The brethren in accordance with the arrangements, preached, at hours specified, to large and attentive congregations. Many realized the fact, that it was good to be there, and we trust that great good was effected in the name of the Holy Child Jesus. Elder J. T. Downs preached Sabbath night.

MONDAY MORNING.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Luck.

On motion the roll was called and the names of absentees erased.

Report on documents read and adopted. (See appendix A.)

Report on periodicals read and adopted. (See appendix B.)

Report on temperance read and adopted. (See appendix C.)

The report on education read and after some discussion, was amended and adopted. (See appendix D.)

Report of committee on finance read and adopted. (See appendix E.)

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. (See appendix F.)

On motion, it was agreed that a Sabbath School convention be appointed to meet at Union Church, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in November next, also that the different churches in the bounds of the association, be requested to represent themselves in said convention.

Report of the domestic missionary board, read and adopted. (See appendix G.)

On motion a recess was given for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.—The association resumed business at 1 o'clock.

The report of the committee on destitution was read, and on motion was recommitted with instructions, to make certain specifications, after which it had a second reading and was adopted. (See appendix H.)

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. (See appendix I.)

Resolution No. 1, was read and adopted. (See resolutions.)

On motion Brother J. E. Askew was re-elected treasurer.

Reports of district meetings called for.

The next meeting of the 1st District will be held at the Mt. Ol-

ive Church, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August 1880.

The next meeting of the 2nd District will convene at Harmony Church on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August next.

The next annual meeting of the Union Baptist Association will be holden at Macedonia Church, commencing on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October A. D., 1880

On motion Elder J. N. Acker was selected to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder A. J. Cummings alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes, and agreed that he be allowed \$20, for his services. (Resolution No. 2, adopted.)

On motion, the missionary board appointed last year, was re-appointed, to serve in that capacity the ensuing year.

On motion, Eld. T. J. Butcher, by his request, was excused from serving on said board, and Brother J. E. Askew appointed in his stead.

On motion, the churches were requested to specify in their letters to the next annual meeting, the amounts they are willing to pay the subsequent year for home missions.

On motion, Elders J. Aaron, J. T. Downs, J. J. Byers, A. J. Cummings and J. N. Acker, were appointed messengers, to meet with the next Baptist State Convention.

Resolution No. 3, was read and adopted.

On motion, minutes were read and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at time and place before named.

Thus ended another harmonious session of the Union Baptist Association. An appropriate hymn was sung, the parting hand extended, and many left for their homes with glad hearts.

Prayer by the Clerk.

J. T. DOWNS, Moderator.

J. J. BYERS, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION 1.

WHEREAS, Brother Joshua Hill has commenced publishing a Baptist paper at Beobe, and Whereas we feel the need of a paper for the Baptist of this state, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the brethren of this association to support the paper published by Brother Hill, called the Arkansas Baptist.

RESOLUTION 2.

WHEREAS, The missionary board for the Union Association has procured the services of our much beloved brother Elder A. J. Cummings as missionary within the bounds of the association, and whereas he has labored assiduously and disinterestedly in said capacity, and his labors have been owned and graciously blessed by our Heavenly Father, sinners awakened—mourners comforted, and the churches strengthened in the faith, therefore,

Be it Resolved, By the association that our thanks be returned our beloved missionary for his services as such, and that we especially remember him in our prayers, and that we pray our Father to sustain and reward him for his efficient labors.

RESOLUTION 3

WHEREAS, The Allwise Disposer of all things in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst, since our last association, our beloved brethren Elders E. J. G. Carter and L. M. Dodson, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of these brethren, yet we bow submissively to the dealings of an allwise Creator, and tender our heartfelt sympathies to the relatives of the deceased ones.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

We your committee on Documents beg leave to report: We think some of the letters unnecessarily long. And we notice that some address the ministers and messengers composing the body. We think that this style of address is liable to mistake, and therefore should be discontinued. We would recommend that all letters be addressed to the messengers composing. The term delegate appears in several letters, this we view as being objectionable, as a delegated power cannot be delegated.

O. S. JONES, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

We your committee report on reading matter: That all sound Baptist papers are worthy of our patronage,—and would especially recommend the Bible as the book of books, which should be taken as the man of our counsel.

T. J. BUTCHER, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We your committee on Temperance recommend to the churches of the Union Association total abstinence from the baneful influence of intoxicating liquors, and that the churches of the same labor as much as possible to suppress this great evil; also to be temperate in all things.

J. O. LUCK, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows: Whereas we favor the education of our youth, we recommend an earnest effort on the part of this body to join our Sister Association in a joint effort for the upbuilding of a Denominational School at Arkadelphia for the education of our young Ministers—believing that the Gospel crisis of the day demands this at our hands. We also recommend that our messengers to the State Convention at Hope be authorized to represent us in said joint effort.

J. F. WALLACE, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report: That the amount sent up by the churches for minute fund is \$54.75,—for domestic mission, \$12.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. LUCK, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report: Dear brethren it is a fact much to be lamented, that the Sabbath School interest, is almost entirely neglected by the churches composing our association, and we feel the importance of urging upon each, and all the churches in the same, the

necessity of greater and more energetic effort with respect to the important enterprise. We earnestly insist that each church in our association organize a Sabbath School and that ministers and members alike, labor to give efficiency to the sabbath school work; also we recommend that a Sabbath school convention be appointed somewhere in the bounds of the association. Respectfully submitted.

B. W. MILLWEE, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

We, your home missionary board, beg leave to report: That at our June meeting, we employed Brother A. J. Cummings, to travel and preach in our bounds so long as he could be sustained, or up to the present meeting of the body. Our missionary has labored three months in the field, and has received for services thus rendered \$110.75. He has visited, and held protracted meetings at seven churches, also held meetings in four destitute sections—has assisted in the organization of one church, and baptised and witnessed the baptism of forty persons.

T. J. BUTCHER, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

We, your committee on destitution beg leave to make the following report: We find a great destitution in the bounds of our association,—where they need the preaching of the pure word. Destitution described as follows: East of Prescott 20 miles. Caney, Riddluga neighborhood, and from Caney neighborhood to the Ouachita River, southeast, also from Shady Grove to Beech Creek, on Little Missouri River, a distance of 20 miles, also from the north line of the association, including Fulton and surrounding country, thence down Red River, to Dooley's Ferry, and Lewisville, a distance of 30 or 40 miles. These, we state, leaving out some minor points.

J. J. HAYNES, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.

James E. Askew, Treasurer in account with Union Association.

To amount received from Finance Committee.	- - - -	\$54,75
Amount for Foreign Missions,	- - - -	\$26,05
Amount for Domestic Missions,	- - - -	\$13,00
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Total receipts,	- - - -	\$93,80
Amount on hand for foreign missions,	- - - -	\$26,05
Cr. by amount paid Clerk,	- - - -	\$54,75
Amount paid Missionary,	- - - -	13,00

CLERKS REPORT.

J. J. Byers in account with Union Association.

To amount received from Treasurer,	- - - -	\$54,75
Cr. by services as Clerk,	- - - -	20,00
For printing and distributing Minutes,	- - - -	30,00
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Total expenses,	- - - -	\$50,00
Leaving balance,	- - - -	4,75

NOTE.—It is the understanding, that the first meeting of the Missionary Board will be at the time and place of the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention.

CLERK.

Resolved, that our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to this church and community, for their generous hospitality during the session of this body.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. T. Downs, Falcon, Nevada county, Arkansas.
D. E. McGraw, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
A. J. Cummings, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
T. J. Butcher, Boughton, Nevada county, Arkansas.
J. J. Byers, Bodcaw, Nevada county, Arkansas.
F. G. Luck, College Hill, Nevada county, Arkansas.
C. P. Swinney, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.
J. N. Arker, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.
Wm. Prince, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.
A. J. Tennison, Red Hill, Ouachita county, Arkansas.
J. W. Landes, Falcon, Nevada county, Arkansas.
D. Delaughter, Camden, Ouachita county, Arkansas.
A. P. Peterson, Red Hill, Ouachita county, Arkansas.

LICENTIATES.

B. W. Bourland, Bourland's Store, Nevada county, Arkansas.
T. J. Bennett, Bourland's Store, Nevada county, Arkansas.
J. J. Haynes, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.
O. S. Jones, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
W. M. White, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
L. H. Hill Jr., Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.
J. W. Ghornley, Cedar Hill, Nevada county, Arkansas.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	POST OFFICE.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Dead	Excluded	Total Membership	Contributions	Days of Meeting	Domestic Mission
Prescott	A. J. Cumming	J. W. Adams	T. J. Butcher, O. S. Jones, J. W. Adams	Prescott	3	1	1	24	1.75	4th				
Macedonia	C. P. Swiney and J. T. Downs	A. B. Wilson	J. T. Downs, J. J. Haynes	Hope	2	4	1	2	16	2nd	5.00			
Shiloh	J. W. Landes	J. Landes	J. Landes	Falcon	10	2	2	39	2.25	1st				
Union	J. J. Byers	J. H. Bennett	J. J. Byers, T. J. Bennett	Bourland's Store	24	10	5	14	3	143	6.00	4th		
Harmony	J. N. Acker	E. Kersey	S. F. Snell, E. Kersey	Emmet	4			16	1.15	3rd				
Shover Springs	J. J. Byer	T. J. Haynes	T. J. Haynes, J. M. Smyth, H. C. Dickson	Hope				20	3.00	3rd				
Shady Grove No. 2	N. J. Price	J. Delaughter		Canden		1	2	24	1.15					
Mt. Olive	J. T. Downs	J. F. Wallis	J. F. Wallis, A. B. Luck, J. Bull	Bourland's Store	1	1	2	61	3.00	3rd				
Mt. Pisgah	J. J. Byers	B. S. Almond	C. S. Almond, J. W. Hudson, H. L. Hurst	Prescott	11	5	2	110	4.25	2nd				
Corinth	J. T. Downs	J. W. Dalley	J. W. May	Falcon		2	2	50	2.25	1st				
Lebanon	J. O. Luck	J. C. Young	D. M. Young	Caney				12	1.00					
Pleasant Grove	T. J. Butcher	E. S. Carter	H. Kerby, W. J. Carter, M. Bidding	Bluff City	11	5	1	5	2.00	2nd				
Bethsada	A. M. Tennison	A. C. Jackson	A. M. Tennison, A. C. Jackson, A. Patterson	Red Hill	4	2	2	1	45	1.50	3rd			
Mt. Nebo	M. D. Bell	J. A. Powell	J. A. Powell, G. B. Kitchens	Hope	10			32	2.00	3rd				
Zion Hill	J. N. Acker	M. D. Armstrong	J. N. Acker, J. Stewart	Hope	12			31	1.50	2nd				
Round Oak	J. O. Luck	P. N. Voss	P. N. Voss, R. Bearden, W. R. Johnson	Bell's Store	5			28	1.50	2nd				
Mt. Zion	J. J. Byers	J. B. Hannah	J. Honey, T. Gamage, J. R. Hardy	Bourland's Store	6	6	1	52	2.00	1st				
White Oak Grove	T. J. Butcher	J. J. Osteen	P. B. Almond	Hope		2	10	1	63	1.55				
Falcon	J. J. Byers	J. J. Pelt	R. W. Milwee	Falcon				23	1.50	3rd				20
Pilgrim's Rest	J. N. Acker	W. A. McFee	W. Brown, W. C. Vlucyard, H. C. Wallace	Prescott	4	2	1	1	50	1.65	4th			
Hope	J. Aaron	W. D. Mitchell	J. Aaron	Hope	12		2	2	72	2.25	1st			3
College Hill	J. O. Luck	J. E. Askew	J. O. Luck, J. E. Askew	College Hill				33	2.10	3rd				
Shady Grove No. 1	T. J. Butcher	L. H. Hitt	L. H. Hitt, W. R. Barham	Prescott	10	2	1	43	1.50	1st				
Providence	J. T. Downs	J. A. Phillips	J. H. Williams	Spring Hill	2	2	1	52	3.00	2nd				