

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Rocky Bayou

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH.

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARK.

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MINUTES.

The Rocky Bayou Baptist Association convened in its forty-fourth annual session with Pilgrim's Rest Church, Independence County, Ark., on Saturday, October 10th, 1885, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder T. W. Wright, who was elected at last session to preach the Introductory Sermon, not being present, the same was preached by his alternate, Elder W. H. Vest. Text, Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

After a short recess the Messengers from the various churches re assembled in the meeting house. Elder W. M. Duren, the Moderator, called the Association to order. The Clerk, W. K. Estes, not being present, Brother S. C. Cooper was appointed Clerk *pro. tem.*

The names of the churches were called, the letters presented and read by Brethren R. L. Landers and D. T. Martin, and the names of the Messengers enrolled.

The Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing Associational year. Elder F. M. Brannan was appointed teller. The election resulted in the choice of Elder A. J. Whaley, Moderator, and S. C. Cooper, Clerk. After a few remarks by the newly elected Moderator, the Association proceeded to business.

1. An invitation was extended to churches desiring admission into this Association. Whereupon a petitionary letter was presented by Franklin Church, desiring admission. On motion, said church was admitted and her Messengers welcomed to seats with us.

2. Called for corresponding Messengers from sister Associations. Whereupon Brothers Wm. J. Harris and J. P. McCuiston from Big Creek; Elder F. M. Brannan and J. R. Moxley from White River Valley; Brothers W. H. Martin, J. J.

Hancock and W. H. Bell from Blue Mountain presented letters of correspondence, which letters were read, all of the corresponding Messengers were received. Whereupon the Moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed them to seats with us.

It was moved to dispense with the invitation to visiting ministers of our own Association to seats with us. The motion carried.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

1. On arrangement of business for Monday: Elder A. E. Nixon, A. N. McNairn and Robert Gray. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to said Committee.

2. On Religious Exercises: Elder A. E. Nixon and the Deacons of Pilgrim's Rest Church.

3. On Baptist Literature: Elder W. M. Duren, R. C. Sims and T. N. Estes.

4. On Home and Foreign Missions: D. T. Martin, T. N. Estes and R. L. Landers.

5. On Finance: P. L. Stroud and J. G. Jennings. Bro. T. N. Estes moved to not appoint any Committee on Sabbath Schools, which was not agreed to.

6. On Sabbath Schools: D. T. Martin, R. L. Landers and B. F. Spradlin.

On motion, it was ordered that the lecture to be delivered to-night on Ministerial Education be left open for criticism.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder F. M. Brannan.

Saturday night at candlelight, according to previous appointment, Elder W. M. Duren delivered a lecture on Ministerial Education, followed by Elders Nixon and Brannan with a few remarks, and quite an impression was made in favor of an educated ministry.

PREACHING.

On Sunday at 11 A. M., the stand was filled by Elder F. M. Brannan, who preached to a large congregation. Text, 1 John 3:7, followed by Elder A. E. Nixon. Also preaching at 3 P. M. by Elder W. M. Duren. Text, Matt. 5:14; followed by Elder

F. M. Brannan with a feeling exhortation, and it is hoped that great good was accomplished, which will tell in the great day of eternity. Also preaching at early candlelight by Elder A. J. Whaley. Text, 1 Peter 1:3, 4; followed by Elder J. E. Duren.

CLERK.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock A. M., October 12th, 1885. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. Singing, and prayer by Elder Moxley.

Brother A. N. McNairn from the Committee on Arrangements, made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged:

We, your Committee on Arrangements, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. Call the roll.
2. Read and approve minutes of Saturday.
3. Call for unrepresented churches.
4. Renew the invitation to new churches.
5. Renew the invitation to visiting ministers and corresponding Messengers, who were not here on Saturday.
6. Call for report on Sabbath Schools.
7. Call for report of Committee on Finance.
8. Call for report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
9. Call for report of Committee on Baptist Literature.
10. Call for report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.
11. Call for report of Missionary Board.
12. Arrange correspondence to Sister Associations.
13. Select a place for the next meeting of this Association.
14. Elect some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
15. Elect a Treasurer.
16. Elect some one to lecture on Ministerial Education.
17. Consider the query from Cedar Grove Church.
18. Miscellaneous business.

A. N. McNAIRN. Chairman.

Roll of Messengers called and absentees marked; minutes of Saturday and Sunday read. It was moved to adopt the minutes of Saturday by striking out last motions, which motion was lost, and the minutes as read, were approved.

Called for unrepresented churches, not here on Saturday. None present. Renewed the invitation to new churches desiring admission into this body. None present. Renewed the invitation to corresponding Messengers and Ministers from Sister Association, not here on Saturday. None present.

Brother D. T. Martin from the Committee on Sabbath Schools made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

After having heard read the letters from the various churches comprising this Association, we observe that but few of them make any mention of Sabbath School work.

We recognize the futility of further insisting on such reports; we are, however, encouraged by the belief that most of the churches are engaged in Sabbath School work, in connection with Union Sabbath Schools, which they may not deem proper to report to this Association. Believing that said Union Sabbath Schools are peculiarly adapted to the circumstances surrounding a majority of our churches, and are now effecting great good throughout the bounds of this Association, we offer the following:

1st. *Resolved*, That we most heartily approve the work of the Sabbath School Association, County, State and National, and would encourage our churches, ministers and brethren to cooperate with them in their plans and labors. 2nd. That each church be requested to state in its report to the Association of 1886, the number of members actively engaged as teachers, or pupils in any Sunday School work. We recommend further, that our ministering brethren be requested to hold Sabbath School services at least once during the Associational year at the various churches under their care.

Respectfully submitted this Oct. 12, 1885,

D. T. MARTIN,
R. L. LANDERS,
B. F. SPADLIN,

Committee.

Bro. P. L. Stroud from the Committee on Finance made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

We, your Committee on Finance, report amount on hand for printing minutes, \$24 85.

P. L. STROUD, Chairman.

Brother Jesse Hinkle from the Committee on Ministerial Education, made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

I, Jesse Hinkle, Chairman of the Ministerial Board of Education, beg leave to submit the following:

Knowing the necessity of educating young men for the ministry, we selected Brother Jesse Cobbs, an active young man of probably 25 years, who is under the instructions of our learn-

ed Professor Kennard at La Crosse. The amount paid Professor Kennard for tuition, board, books, clothing, etc., amounts to \$60. Total amount subscribed, \$147. The churches subscribing to the educational fund that have not paid are as follows: Antioch, \$15; Cedar Grove, \$5; Mt. Nebo No. 1, \$5; Mt. Nebo No. 2, \$5; Pleasant Valley, \$5; Piney Bayou, \$5; Saints Rest, \$5; Table Rock, \$5; Zion Hill, \$15. Total unpaid, \$65. Fifty dollars is the amount that has passed the Treasurer's hands, and ten dollars was paid through mistake direct to Prof. Kennard by the Philadelphia Church, making in all paid Kennard, \$60.

JESSE HINKLE,

Bro. T. N. Estes from the Committee on Baptist Literature, made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged:

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature, beg leave to submit the following:

The Bible, the book of God, is the best Baptist literature known, and will finally convert the world. We recommend that the Pastors of the several churches introduce good religious newspapers and books into their congregations, and urge upon all the benefit of reading.

T. N. ESTES, Chairman.

Bro. D. T. Martin from the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, made the following report, which on motion, was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged:

We, your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

Having considered this matter, we find sufficient destitution to demand a Field Missionary within the bounds of this Association, and we recommend that the Missionary Board be continued, whose duty it shall be to employ a Missionary to travel at least six months, and we recommend that each church contribute at least five dollars for the support of said Missionary. We also recommend co-operation with the State Board, and that our churches contribute to the State and Foreign Mission cause, and that each church report to this Association in 1886, the amount paid for the Mission cause, and we recommend that each male member give at least 10 cents to the Foreign Mission cause.

Respectfully submitted this Oct. 12, 1885.

D. T. MARTIN,

T. N. ESTES,

R. L. LANDERS,

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	MESSENGERS.	Received by Baptism	Received by letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Days of meeting.
Antioch	A J Whaley	S J James	Lacrosse	M C Muncy	1	1			4		2	68	1
Bellview	W H Vest	J D Lawrence	Melbourne	D J Smith, Wm Hutchinson	1	2			4			80	3
Cedar Grove	J H Morris	J M Barnes	Jamestown	R C Simms, John Barnes	2	3		1	2	3		81	1
Concord	W M Duren	Robert Gray	Mullins	G W King, Robert Gray, M V Hightower					5			35	4
Fairview	W M Duren	R F Wilson	Violet Hill	W M Duren, Jas McCulstion, F M Hastings		2			3			37	1
Franklin	T W Wright	W L Reid	Franklin 1	W L Reid, A N McNairn, D T Martin	8	11	10			1		28	2
Hidden Creek	W E Ragan	B C Ginn	Melbourne	B C Ginn	5	1						16	1
La Crosse	J E Duren	M S Kennard	Lacrosse	J B Foler, Urban Day, Jesse Cobbs	1	1			7			26	1
Melbourne	T W Wright	T H Banks	Melbourne	R L Landers, T N Estes	4	1						34	1
Mt. Nebo No. 1	H B Clinton	A M Haley	Franklin	J W Gist, James Jones, A M Haley	9			2	3	1		41	2
Mt. Nebo No. 2	J J Vest	W L Bramlett	Barren Fork	A J Collie, W L Bramlett								65	3
Mt. Pleasant	A J Whaley	B Taylor	Lacrosse	J F Jacobs, Alex Shell, W H Cook					1	1	2	58	2
Mt. Zion	J H Morris	T J Brown	Banner	J H Collard	2	4			3	5	1	81	4
Newburg	Not Represented												
Philadelphia	W M Duren	J W C Gardner	Lacrosse	B W Bledsoe, R L Waller, B T Spradlin, A J Whaley	1	6			2			25	2
Pilgrim's Rest	Jas Purcell	S J Bracy	Victor	A E Nixon, T E Bland L J Bracy, J T Olivey		1			2			157	1
Pleasant Valley	W H Vest	J H Whitaker	Pineville	R E Jennings, Wm Gist, S A Lamb	6	4		1	6			64	2
Piney Bayou	J J Vest	A H Vest	Pineville	Willis Thompson		1	1			1		14	1
Rocky Bayou	T W Wright	S C Cooper	Melbourne	P L Stroud, S C Cooper, N Majors, W E Marchant	14	8		3	3			46	4
Saints Rest	W H Vest	J R Wood	Melbourne	J J Vest, W H Vest, Alfre Payne, M D Layton					5			159	4
Strawberry	Not Represented												
Sulphur Springs	David Tucker	R H Gill	Batesville	R L Gill								21	
Table Rock	W H Vest	J D Dozier	Calico Rock	Willis Hankins	7	2		1	5	2		43	1
Unity	Not Represented												
Zion Hill	W M Duren	H C Duren	Lacrosse	J E Duren, J G Jennings	4	5			5			67	3

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	PAID PASTOR.	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	MINUTE FUND.
Antich.	\$ 300				75
Bell View.					1 00
Cedar Grove.					1 00
Concord.	400				1 00
Fairview.	1000				1 00
Franklin.		54 65			1 50
Hidden Creek.					1 40
Lacrosse.					1 50
Melbourne.	600	109			1 50
Mt. Nebo, No. 1	300				1 00
Mt. Nebo, No. 2	250				1 00
Mt. Pleasant.	50	30			1 25
Mt. Zion.					1 00
Newburg.					
Philadelphia.			125	125	1 00
Pilgrim's Rest.	500	50			1 50
Pleasant Valley.	140	25			1 50
Piney Bayou.					50
Rocky Bayou..	300	52 50		4 50	1 50
Saint's Rest.					1 00
Strawberry.					
Sulphur Springs.					
Table Rock.	50	40		1 46	1 25