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PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning Session.

Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association met with Oak Grove Church on Thursday, September 18, 1919, at 11 o'clock a. m., and after a song R. L. Hodges was introduced and preached the introductory sermon, after which the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock.

Thursday Evening Session.

Association was called to order by the Moderator and letters from the following churches were read and the messengers enrolled:

Salem Church, Liberty Church, Shady Grove Church, Mt. Zion Church, Flora Church, Elizabeth Church, Oak Grove Church, County Line Church, and Enterprise Church. After which time the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year and W. H. Bowling was elected moderator and Oscar E. Ellis was elected clerk.

A call was extended to visiting ministers and Wm. Cooksey of Arkadelphia, Ark., and L. L. Jordan of Blue Springs, Miss., came forward and were welcomed. A call was extended to visiting men and Prof. J. G. Lile of Little Rock, Ark., and Special Representative of the \$75,000,000.00 Campaign was introduced and spoke on the campaign. After the speech of Prof. Lile speeches were also made on the campaign by L. L. Jordan, F. M. Carter, District Missionary, Webster Eldredge, A. W. O'Bryant and Miss Wilmetta Scott. The messengers of Oak Grove Church were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises, and reported that Wm. Cooksey would preach at the night session. The Association adjourned until the night session.

Night Session.

After a song and prayer by F. M. Carter, Bro. Wm. Cooksey was introduced and spoke from the text: Mark 16.15, and his address was touching upon the \$75,000,000.00 Campaign and well received. The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that A. W. O'Bryant would preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow. The Association adjourned until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, with prayer led by Bro. Webster Eldredge.

Friday Morning Session.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock and after singing Bro. L. L. Jordan conducted the devotional exercises and read the 8th Chapter of Romans. Then Bro. R. E. Richardson led in prayer. The letter from the Macedonia church was read and the messengers seated. Upon call for visiting brethren J. W. Rector from White River Association and

M. C. Burton from Rocky Bayou Association came forward and were seated.

The reports of the Committee on Home Missions, Foreign Missions, State Missions, Orphan's Home and Christian Education were all read and moved adopted at the same time and were discussed together by Webster Eldredge, A. W. O'Bryant and Oscar E. Ellis. After the discussion all of the reports were adopted as read.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived A. W. O'Bryant preached and his subject was "No Room for Christ." The Association took a recess until 1 o'clock.

Friday Evening Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator and after singing and prayer by J. W. Rector the Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows: "At the last Association it was decided to put on an Association Campaign and a Committee was selected who started out on this work but was stopped on account of the flu, and after that never got together again. However, good has been done by Brothers Rector and Carter. This Committee heartily endorses the work of these men and concurs with the plan of the Executive Board of the Association."—A. W. O'Bryant, Chairman.

The Executive Board of the Association reported as follows: "We tried to secure a Missionary for last year but failed and have been unable to do anything. We recommend that this Association here assembled decide whether or not it desires to have a Missionary for next year and if so that it elect the man. We recommend that if these things are decided upon that the Association elect an Executive Board of five members to supervise the work."—J. D. Cochran, Chairman.

The above reports were moved adopted and after discussion by Oscar E. Ellis, A. W. O'Bryant, Webster Eldredge and M. C. Burton, were adopted together. J. W. Rector was elected Missionary and W. H. Bowling, J. D. Cochran, O. E. Ellis, A. W. O'Bryant and Webster Eldredge were elected as Executive Board. A. W. O'Bryant was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association. A. W. O'Bryant was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. Oscar E. Ellis was elected as messenger to Rocky Bayou Association. The Committee on Finance reported that there had been \$14.25 sent in to pay for printing of minutes and a collection was taken by which \$2.00 was raised. The Committee of Obituaries reported the following deaths since last year: W. B. Hodges, Elizabeth; Clara Fields and Ada Glispie, Liberty, Callie Meddley, Oak Grove; and Sarah Cowell and Lee Bettis, Flora. A resolution of thanks to the people of the community was offered and adopted.

The Committee on Baptist Literature, Temperance and Sunday Schools submitted their reports which were read, moved, adopted and seconded and after discussion were each adopted by association. There being no further business the Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Zion Church at the next annual meeting time.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Big Creek Baptist Association, and shall be for the purpose of creating a stronger bond of love and fellowship among the members of the churches composing it.

Article 2. The members composing the annual meeting of the Association shall consist of messengers sent by the churches.

Article 3. The messengers sent by the churches to the annual meeting shall not exceed four from each church.

Article 4. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have previously been appointed,

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority of the messengers annually at the annual meeting of the body.

Article 6. This Association shall have no power to control or regulate the internal affairs or discipline of any church, but it may adopt or recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to produce the harmony and prosperity of the churches and advise and consult upon the matter as the churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice. It may receive churches into this Association or dismiss from this body, or inquire into religion in its bounds and suggest measures for its advancement and be a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power among the churches.

Article 7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Churches.	Names of Pastors.	Church Clerks and Addresses	Days of Meeting	Baptisms	Letter	Restoration	Exclusions	Deaths	Membership	Value of Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Minutes	Orphan's Home	Paid Missions	Pupils in S. S.	S. S. Expenses
Salem	A. W. O'Bryant	Bertha Carter, Salem, Ark.	0	1	4	0	16	10	1	71	1000	135 00	2 50	15 00	180 00	65 26 00
County Line	None	Jim Hall, Bakersfield, Mo.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	00	1 50	00	41 00	0	00
Oak Grove	M. C. Burton	L. L. Claxton, Moody, Mo.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	1000	60 00	1 50	00	25 15	60 10 00
Enterprise	I. B. Hodges	Pearl McElmurry, Viola, Ark.	1	2	10	0	0	0	1	57	300	35 00	1 62	00	29 00	0 00 00
Elizabeth	x		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	00	23 00	1 25	00	00	0 00 00
Macedonia	R. M. Hiveley	Mary Bray, Byron, Ark.	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	53	00	36 00	1 00	00	00	57 00 00
Liberty	None	A. J. Phillips, Viola, Ark.	3	14	2	0	1	0	1	23	250	00	1 00	00	15 82	0 00 00
Shady Grove	C. T. Soden	W. B. Wilson, Salem, Ark.	4	3	3	0	0	11	0	47	250	00	1 00	00	4 86	0 00 00
Mt. Zion	S. H. Davis	P. E. Lambeth, Union, Ark.	3	2	0	0	0	5	0	120	400	100 00	00	1 50	52 80	87 00 00
Flora	I. B. Hodges	Lula Scott, Viola, Ark.	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	37	300	15 70	1 00	00	5 00	45 00 00
Diamond Spring	x		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Viola	x		26	21	0	17	26	9	513	3500	3500	11 87	16 50	353 00	314	36 00
Union Hill	x															
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