

46th
MAYNARD, ARK.

MINUTES

OF THE

State Line Missionary Baptist Association

HELD AT

Antioch Church, September 12, 13 and 14, 1919



W. S. LOONEY, Moderator

C. H. CARTER, Clerk



Next Session to be Held with Vernon Church, five
Miles west of Maynard, beginning Thursday
night before the Second Sunday in Sep-
tember, 1920, and continuing Friday
and Saturday nights.

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OF THE

State Line Baptist Association

The State Line Missionary Baptist Association met with Antioch church on Thursday night, September 11, 1919. Rev. E. T. Lincoln of Maynard preached the annual sermon after which the association adjourned to meet Friday at 9:00 a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per scheduled at adjournment. Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. A. Allison and 30 minutes was spent in devotional exercises.

After this the Association was called to order by W. S. Looney and Bro. W. S. Looney was elected Moderator by acclamation. C. H. Carter was nominated clerk and nominated by acclamation. Bro. T. R. Dollahan and J. A. Allison were appointed reading clerks and the letters from sister churches were called for, read and messengers were seated as follows:

Antioch—Will Gibson and W. R. Looney.

Vernon—J. A. Allison, Mont Starling and J. R. Pratt.

Bethany—L. C. Bishop and T. R. Dollahan

Witt's Chapel—L. A. Blevins, Chas. Hill and C. H. Carter.

After this a 10 minute recess was given. Visitors from afar off, Dr. U. S. Thomas of Little Rock and Sister Mildred Matthews of Jonesboro were seated.

Bro. Allison preached from Mark 14 and the latter part of the 6th verse and the first part of the 8th verse, an able sermon. The Association then adjourned to meet at 3:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met as per scheduled at adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator after which the following committees were appointed:

Preaching—The messengers from Antioch.

District Missions—E T Lincoln, J. C. Bishop.

Destitution—J A Allison, T. R. Dollahan.

Obituaries—Ben Roach, I. W. Gibson.

Resolutions—Dr. U S. Thomas, E. T. Lincoln

State Missions—Dr. U S Thomas, J. A. Allison.

Home Missions—E T. Lincoln, T. R. Dollahan.

Christian Education—Ben Roach, J. C. Bishop

Finance—J. D Jackson, Columbus Spikes.

Women's Work—Sister Mildred Matthews, W. S.

Looney and W L. Jackson

Orphan's Home—Lawrence Massey, Sister Sufe Spikes

Temperance—C. H Carter, U S. Thomas.

Foreign Missions—J. A. Allison, E T. Lincoln.

Publicity—T. R. Dollahan, Lawrence Massey.

State of Church—Lum Spikes, Lawrence Massey.

Sunday School—Ben Roach, J. D Jackson.

Motion was carried to give Sister Matthews time to introduce herself and her work and time for a talk Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. U. S. Thomas made an interesting talk on the importance of Secret Prayer Bands. The Association then adjourned to meet again at 7:30 p m.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The Association was called to order by the Moderator after which Sister Matthews made an earnest appeal in behalf of Women's work in their part of the \$75,000,000 campaign.

Following this Dr. U S. Thomas preached an able sermon from Mark 12-5 on the importance of prayer. He also preached Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Saturday afternoon at 7:00, and Sunday morning at 11.00 and many were made to feel the inspirations of his sermons.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn to meet Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Association met and was called to order by Moderator. Prayer was offered by Bro J. A. Allison after which the order of business was taken up.

The visiting brothers and sisters were seated and reports of committees called for and read as follows:

District Missions

We, your committee on district missions, would report as follows: We find quite a lot of destitution in our bounds and several of our churches without a pastor. There are some place where we might have a church if we had a man to go and hold a meeting and organize a church. We would recommend that we put out a man to go in the field and we ask the State Board of Arkansas Baptists in convention to co-operate with us in this great work of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. E. T. Lincoln,
J. C. Bishop.

Destitution

We, your committee on destitution, would make the following report: We find in the bounds of the Association very great destitution from the fact that our churches have for the past few years been dormant and doing nothing and some have been without pastors for the last year. We have no district missionary and we, your committee, urge that we get a missionary and that some steps be taken to raise money with which to pay the missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Allison,
T. R. Dollahan,

Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries, would report as follows: We are thankful of the fact that none of us have been taken by death during the past year. He that liveth

and believeth in Me, shall never die." We pray that each one of our hopes may be strengthened for the dark ordeal of death.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Roach,

W. J. Gibson.

Resolutions

Resolved that the State Line Baptist Association now in session render unto God thanksgiving for his goodness and mercy that we go back to the cross and to the Bible. That we read the Word and that we erect a family altar in each of our homes. That we religiously educate our children and see that they know the doctrines of the Bible so that they may be intelligent Baptists.

Resolved that we extend our thanks to our splendid Moderator and to our excellent clerk for their faithful services. And also that we extend to the members of the Antioch Baptist church, thanks for their hospitality during the session of this association.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. Lincoln,

U. S. Thomas

State Missions

Your committee would call attention to the importance of State Missions. It proposes to preach the theme Gospel to every man and woman in Arkansas, help weak churches and assist local associations to support a first class missionary.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge is our new secretary of missions. He and all the force are deeply interested in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. Our state is asked for \$3,200,000 in five years. This will care for all our work except local expenses of our churches. This big sum of money will go to Christian education, orphans home, ministerial relief, home and foreign missions, hospital work and district missions.

Resolved that this association accept our quota and elect an organizer and publicity manager and take hold of this work and do our best to put this association over the

top. That every member pray and work to bring about a great revival in this association, in the state and in the Southland.

Respectfully submitted

U. S. Thomas,
J. A. Allison.

Home Missions

We your committee, would recommend first, that earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our preachers be asked to preach at least once a year on Home Missions. That our association accept its apportionment for Home Missions as suggested by our state board and that we apportion this amount among our churches through our executive board, J. A. Allison, W. S. Looney, E. T. Lincoln and C. H. Carter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. Lincoln,
T. R. Dollahan.

Christian Education

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita at Arkadelphia and Central at Conway. Both of these institutions have for years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and development. We also have four mountain colleges, Maynard Academy at Maynard, Mountain Home in Carroll county, Blue Eye and one other that I do not know the name of.

Our total property value in educational institutions is estimated at \$400,000. Our total debt as reported at last meeting of the convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board and consists of the debt of Central College assumed by the convention and of obligations made to secure money to annul the deficit at Ouachita College.

We now owe \$70,000 in the endowment fund for Ouachita and it is hoped and believed that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to have many more deficits there. The Baptists of Arkansas must pay our little educational debts, endow Ouachita college liberally and provide new buildings and equipment for our colleges and mountain schools. We

heartily endorse the five year campaign. We are glad that an educational secretary has been employed whose entire time is given to raising funds and stimulating the interest of the educational work. Ouachita and our mountain schools are very important in training the ministry.

We are sadly in need of more preachers. We ought to help and encourage our young preachers to attend our schools. Let no church fail to make opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Roach,

J. C. Bishop.

Finance

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report the following from visiting churches:

Witt's Chapel.....	\$3 60
Antioch.....	5.00
Bethany.....	2.00
Vernon.....	1.50

Total.....\$12 10.

After the above report was made there was a public offering taken from the congregation and \$8 03 was raised for the minute fund and clerk's fees

Respectfully submitted,

Finance committee,

J. D. Jackson,

J. C. Spikes.

Woman's Work

Realizing that this is the greatest hour in the World's history for Southern Baptists and realizing also the great part that women have to fill in this reconstruction period, we, your committee on Woman's Work, feel as never before the importance of organized Woman's Work and the need of such work in this association.

We find that out of the churches in this association there is only one Woman's Missionary Society and there is no society for the training of our young people and children.

Therefore we recommend, first that a Woman's Missionary Society and Sunbeam Band be organized in every church in this association and where it is possible that our young ladies and girls organize into a Missionary Society and where that is not possible that the young women be urged to join the Woman's Missionary Society

We further recommend that Mrs. H. E. Peters of Maynard be elected as superintendent for this association and that she have the hearty co operation of the women and the pastors of the churches.

We still further recommend that the women in every church have a Prayer Circle, a tithing band and some organized Bible study.

Again we recommend that a certain hour be set aside at every meeting of the association for the presentation of Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred Matthews,
Mrs. N. A. Looney,
Mrs. D. A. Jackson.

Orphans Home

The Orphans Home at Monticello has been in operation for 24 years and has been a blessing to many orphan children. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of the people. Its mission is based on God's word to "Relieve the distressed orphans and save them to state and bring them into the Kingdom of God." We now have several children in our home at Monticello and the possibility of placing the children in good permanent homes. While it has its problems, nevertheless it is proving a great blessing to the children and at the same time enables the home to care for a larger number of children.

We also have a home at Texarkana which must be supported. They maintain many orphan children. The Monticello home will need much money to meet all obligations and go to the convention clean of debt.

We recommend that every church and Sunday school

make regular monthly offerings to this work of mercy.

Respectfully submitted

C. L. Massey,

Susan Spikes.

Temperance

We, your committee on temperance, thank God for the progress of our temperance cause in the United States and the world. Especially for the good old Banner State of Arkansas and would recommend that we pray and work for a National bone-dry-law. That we vote for temperance men to enforce our laws and that we petition our senators that they use their influence in the putting out of all intoxicating drinks that the millions of bushels of grain wasted annually may be used for the support of better people.

Respectfully submitted,

U. S. Thomas,

C. H. Carter.

Publication

We, your committee on publication, beg leave to make the following report: Knowing the power of the printing press, we would recommend a more thorough study of the Bible that we may be able to withstand the works of the devil. We would recommend that our people take and read some sound Baptist paper such as is printed in our state, and other Baptist Literature.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Massey,

J. C. Spikes.

Sunday School

We, your committee on Sunday school, beg to report the following: We find that there are few Sunday schools in the bounds of the association but we should feel proud of those we have. We have but perhaps three Sunday schools in the association, one at Antioch, one at Ravenden Springs and the other at Maynard. The Sunday school is the nursery of the church. We hope and pray for greater interest in

Sunday school work Let every church organize a Sunday school at once and get busy. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Jackson,

J. B. Roach.

Two committees have failed to report or their report was lost. These were Missions and State of Church.

Motion was made and seconded to elect Rev. E. T. Lincoln organizer and Frank Massey publicity manager. Motion was carried.

After all committees were appointed Brothers W. S. Looney, C. H. Carter, Ben Roach, E. T. Lincoln and J. A. Allison were made executive committee.

The Association will meet with Vernon church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September 1920. Bro H. E. Peters of Maynard is to preach the introductory sermon.

W. S. Looney, Moderator.

C. H. Carter, Clerk.

P. S.—Cause of delay was, first for the want of a church letter from Witt's Chapel church, second sickness in my family and the flu.

C. H. Carter, Clerk.

Associational Letters

We, the Baptist church at Vernon, send the following messengers: J. A. Allison, Mont Starling, J. R. Pratt.

MEMBERSHIP:

Total membership last year, 18.

Received, none.

Dismissed, none.

Total membership this year, 18.

Paid on Pastor's Salary \$55 00

Paid on Home Missions 7.10

Paid on Foreign Missions 7.15

Paid on Minute Fund 1.50

Total \$69.25.

Yadkin, Ark., Sept 11, 1919.

We send J. C. Bishop and T. R. Dollahan, as Messengers. Pastor, E. T. Lincoln.

MEMBERSHIP:

Total this year, 60.

Value of Church Property, \$600.00.

Paid Pastor.....\$19 50

Paid Visiting Ministers.. 16.25

Paid Home Missions..... 1.00

Paid Foreign Missions..... 1 00

Paid Minute Fund..... 2.00

Total.....\$39.75.

Hamil, Ark., Sept. 12, 1919.

We send Will Gibson, W. S Looney and Ben Roach
as Messengers. J. A. Allison, Pastor.

MEMBERSHIP:

Total last year,.....62

Received this year, 5

Total.....67

Dismissed..... 1

Total this year.....65

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Statement for Witt's Chapel church for the Association-
al year 1919-1920.

Members received, 17

Members dismissed, 22.

Present Membership, 125

Value of Church Property, 2,000.00

Paid Pastor\$110.00

Paid State Missions..... 100.00

Paid Brother Freeman..... 100.00

Paid Traveling Brethren..... 60 00

Total paid out.....\$370 00.

Ordained Ministers, E T Lincoln, H. E. Peters.

We have a good live Sunday School all the year Also
a live B. Y P U.

H E Peters, Pastor,

H E Navy, Clerk