

PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,
September 14th, 1880.

State Line Association met pursuant to adjournment: prayer by Eld. R. O. Tribble. Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Emanuel Richardson, from St. John, 13th chapter and last verse.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, R. O. Tribble, and proceeded to call the names of the different churches comprising State Line Association and received their letters and messengers and enrolled their names in the following order:

1. Bluff Springs—B. N. Eskridge, G. W. Lani, I. H. Witt.
2. Bethany—Wm. English, A. J. Bird.
3. Hollow Springs—J. C. Davis, W. H. Smith.
4. Antioch—Eld. M. M. Jackson, E. W. Ramsey, C. W. Brown.
5. Oak Grove—John Cox, G. I. Thomas Abernathy.
6. Pleasant Hill—W. H. Galley, Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.
7. New Salem—J. W. Stogdill, G. W. Coach.

8. Pleasant Grove—H. L. Kerley, Burton Natts, J. O. Brakebill.

9. Mill Creek—J. C. M. Brewer, D. L. Brewer, J. Holstad.

10. Many Springs—J. C. Johnston, J. B. Johnston.

11. Pleasant Hill, Mo.—Isaac W. Woodall.

12. Cave Spring—Letter but no messenger.

13. Lebanon—J. B. Kelley, E. J. Smith, M. Holland.

14. Liberty—Berry Wright, W. D. Sellers, H. McCurry.

15. Dry Creek—Jacob Lane, J. J. Brown.

16. Alton—A. R. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Sanders.

The messengers then proceeded to elect their officers, which resulted in the choice of Eld. R. O. Tribble, Moderator, and W. S. Holland, Clerk.

1st. Business was to call visiting brethren to seats with us.

2d. Called for new churches, if there were any present, that wanted to join the State Line Association. Alton church presented her letter and delegates, which were received and the right hand of fellowship given them by the Moderator.

3d. Called for correspondence. Letter from Union but no delegate.

4th. On motion, Eld. E. Richardson, Eld.

D. A. Presley, Jacob D. Stanphill, together with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee to draft a bill of arrangements, to report when called on.

5th. Appointed a committee on Correspondence.

6th. Appointed a committee on Itinerancy.

7th. Appointed a committee on Destitution.

8th. Appointed a committee on Publication.

9th. Appointed a committee on Missions.

10th. Appointed a committee on State of the Churches.

11th. Appointed a committee on Finance.

12th. Appointed a committee to arrange preaching, Sunday excepted.

13th. The Association then appointed Eld. M. M. Jackson to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, Eld. Pratt to follow, and Eld. R. O. Tribble at 4 o'clock P. M.

14th. On motion, we adjourned by singing and prayer with Eld. E. Richardson, to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

ELD. R. O. TRIBBLE, Moderator.

W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,)
September 13th, 1880.)

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; Moderator in the chair. Business commenced by singing and prayer by Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.

1st. Roll members present 35; absent 2.

2d. Called for the reading of Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

3d. Called for the report of committee on Bill of Arrangement. Bill read, received, and committee discharged.

4th. Called for report of committee on Publication:

"We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report and recommend that, as a Baptist people, we use more energy to the spread of the gospel truth by our recommending the religious periodicals of our denomination; to wit, 'The Baptist, published at Memphis, Tenn., by J. R. Graves.'"

ELD. I. H. WITT, Chair. Com.

5th. Called for report of committee on Correspondence:

"We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report, and recommend that we continue our correspondence with Union Association and Spring River Association; and also drop Cane Creek Association for receiving excluded members from our churches." ELD. M. M. JACKSON, Ch'r.

6th. Called for report of committee on Itinerancy :

"We, your committee, submit the following as the best plan, in our judgment, and that is: For the churches to pay their pastors more liberally than they have been doing heretofore, better enabling them to supply the destitute persons of our Association." J. C. JOHNSTON, Ch'r. Com.

7th. Called for treasurer's report:

"As treasurer I submit the following:
Received from the Association.....\$17 10
Balance on hand..... 1 85

Total.....\$18 95

For printing the minutes.....\$13 00

For clerk's fees..... 5 00

Total expenditures for 1879.....\$18 00..18 00

Balance due Association for
1880.....\$ 95

W. S. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

8th. Called for report of committee on Destitution :

"We, your committee of Destitution, report destitution all north of John Ponder's to our boundary line, and then all in the northeast part of Oregon county about Boes' mill. Other places best known to the ministers." Very respectfully submitted.

J. W. STODDILL, Ch'r.

9th. Called for the report of committee on the State of the Churches :

"We beg leave to report as follows: We find that the most of the churches are in a cold and lukewarm state of religion, and

there has been confusion in some of our churches; but all are in peace at present, so far as we have learned."

Respectfully submitted,

ELD. D. A. PRESLEY, Ch'r. Com.

10th. Called for report of committee on Finance:

"We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: Received from the different churches, \$18.50."

JACOB LANE, Ch'r. Com.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2 o'clock p. m.

First business is resolutions and queries:

1st. *Resolved*, that we have five hundred minutes printed and that W. S. Holland superintend the printing and distribution of the same to the several churches composing State Line Association.

2d. Where shall the next Association be held? and who shall preach the introductory sermon?

3d. Is a church out of order competent to grant letters? and would they be legal to constitute a church on?

4th. *Resolved*, that whereas Dry Creek church, Maries county, Mo., did, in July, 1874, silence E. H. C. Kenner from preaching, and revoked his credentials; and in

December following they preferred charges against said Kenner for heresy and lying and persistently using blackguardish language from time to time; and excluded him, E. H. C. Kenner, from the church. Whereas said Kenner moved into our bounds, and joined Lebanon church on a bogus letter. The church being apprised of said fact rescinded the act of opening fellowship with him, Kenner, and he is gone to impose himself on others, and we warn all Missionary Baptists of him and ask them to not let him impose on them, for he is bogus and deceitful above any.

5th. On motion we proceeded to elect a man to preach the next introductory, which resulted as follows: Eld. R. O. Tribble with Eld. David A. Presley alternate

6th. A call for volunteers to go to Union Association to bear correspondence was answered by A. R. Kirkpatrick, Walker Stogsdill and J. O. Brakebill.

7th. Spring River Association—C. W. Brown and W. H. Tipton.

8th. *Resolved*, that Bro. W. S. Holland be allowed five d. bars for his trouble.

9th. *Resolved*, that this Association tender her most sincere thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of Pleasant Grove church and vicinity for the kindness they have shown us, and the care they have taken of us, during our stay with them.

10th. *Resolved*, that our next Association be held with Oak Grove Church, Randolph county, Ark., commencing Friday before the 2d Lord's day in September, 1881.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Oak Grove Church, Randolph county, Ark., September, 1881. We then had singing and prayer by Eld. R. O. Tribble. Peace and love and harmony prevailing. **ELD. R. O. TRIBBLE, Moderator.**
W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk.

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be composed of the following churches: Bluff Springs, Holley Springs, Bethany, Antioch, Liberty, Cave Springs, Lebanon, Many Springs, New Salem, Pleasant Hill, Mo., Mill Creek, Pleasant Hill, Ark., Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove, and Dry Creek.

2. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, to be chosen by ballot at each regular meeting.

3. This Association shall have power to receive new churches into her body, when found to be orthodox in faith and practice.

4. This Association shall have power to dismiss churches by letter, when in good order.

5. This Association shall have power to withdraw her correspondence from churches, when in disorder.

6. This Association shall have no power to interfere with the independent rights of churches but shall only act as an advisory counsel.

7. This Association shall choose by ballot, one Elder to preach the introductory sermon, and one as alternate, at each regular meeting.

8. This Association, in the absence of the principal and alternate, shall have exclusive right to elect one Elder to preach said sermon.

9. This Association will receive not more than three messengers from any one church.

10. This Association will correspond with sister Associations by minutes.

11. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the business of the Association in a book kept for that purpose.

12. The Clerk of the Association shall act as Treasurer.

Form of a Church Letter.

STATE OF..... }
 COUNTY OF..... }188...
Church, to the Ministers
 and Messengers composing State Line As-

sociation of Missionary Baptists, sendeth Christian salutation:

Very Dear Brethren: We send you our beloved brethren.....and..... whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your deliberations. Our statistics are as follows: Received by experience and baptism..... received by letter....., received by restoration....., dismissed by letter....., excluded..... dead..... total membership..... contribution for printing minutes....., day of meeting—Saturday before the..... Lord's day in each month, is our pastor, and is our postoffice.

Now brethren, pray for us, and may God of all grace guide you in your deliberations, is the prayer of your sister in Christ. Done by order of the church in council, on Saturday before the..... Lord's day in..... 188... .. Moderator.
..... Clerk.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only true rule of Faith and practice.

3. We believe that man was made upright, but by a voluntary transgression, violated God's law and became a sinner.

4. We believe that by the voluntary transgression of one man, sin entered into the world, and so death by sin; thereby death passed upon all men for all have sinned.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and not one of them will be lost.

8. We believe that baptism and the sacrament of the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that they shall be continued until the second coming of Christ.

9. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Gospel mode, and true believers the only fit subjects for it.

10. We believe that none but legally baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table, and that no person has a right to administer that ordinance of the Gospel unless he be legally called and qualified.

11. We believe in revealed religion by the operation of the spirit, agreeable to the word of God; that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.

12. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and of a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

13. We believe that the Lord's day should be set apart for the worship of God, and no work of a worldly nature transacted thereon, that of necessity excepted.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Every motion made by a member of the Association and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise and address the Moderator before proceeding with his remarks.

5. The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in nowise either reflect on or make any unfriendly remarks of any one who may have preceded him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his ideas as concisely as possible.

6. No member of the Association shall absent himself in time of business without permission from the Association.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates the rules of the Association.

10. Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the Association shall be reprov'd by the Association, in such manner as a majority of the members present may direct.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled, and the roll called as often as the Association may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.
1. Bluff Springs.....	Eld. B. N. Eskridge, G. W. Lewis, I. H. Witt.
2. Bethany	William English, A. J. Bird.
3. Holly Springs.....	J. C. Davis, W. H. Smith.
4. Antioch.....	Eld. M. M. Jackson, E. W. Ramsey, C. W. Brown.
5. Oak Grove.....	John Cox, G. L. Teel, Thomas Abernathy.
6. Pleasant Hill, Ark.....	W. H. Culley, Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.
7. New Salem.....	J. W. Steggsdill, G. W. Couch.
8. Pleasant Grove, Ark.	H. L. Kirley, Burton Natts, J. O. Brakebill.
9. Mill Creek.....	J. C. M. Brewer, D. L. Brewer, J. Holstid,
10. Many Springs.....	J. C. Johnston, J. B. Johnston.
11. Pleasant Hill, Mo.....	Isaac W. Woodall.
12. Cave Springs.....	Letter—but no delegates.
13. Lebanon.....	J. B. Kelley, E. I. Smith, M. Holland.
14. Liberty.....	Berry Wright, W. D. Sailors, H. McCurry.
15. Dry Creek.....	Jacob Lane, J. J. Brown.
16. Alton.....	A. R. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Sanders.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERKS.
1. Bluff Springs.....	I. H. Watt.....	C. W. Lewis.
2. Bethany	M. M. Jackson.....	Wm. English.
3. Holly Springs.....	John C. Davis, Prt.....	George Rogers, M. Pt.
4. Antioch.....	E. Richardson.....	J. W. Tyer.
5. Oak Grove.....	E. Richardson.....	W. J. Bass.
6. Pleasant Hill, Mo.....	E. Richardson.....	I. W. Woodall.
7. New Salem.....	R. O. Tribble.....	G. W. Couch.
8. Pleasant Grove, Ark.....	D. A. Presley.....	J. O. Brakebill.
9. Mill Creek.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	J. M. C. Brewer.
10. Many Springs.....	R. O. Tribble.....	J. B. Johnston.
11. Pleasant Hill, Ark.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	W. H. Gulley.
12. Cave Springs.....	T. R. Simpson.....	W. C. Livingston.
13. Lebanon.....	D. A. Presley.....	W. S. Holland.
14. Liberty.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	R. T. Shumaker.
15. Dry Creek.....	M. M. Jackson.....	E. T. Lincoln.
16. Alton.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	A. R. Kirkpatrick.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Time of meeting.....	Dead	Contribution, \$.....	Rec'd by exp. & bapt'm.	Received by letter.....	Rec'd by recommend'n.	Restored	Dismissed by letter.....	Excluded.	Dismissed.....	Total.....
Bluff											
Springs..	4	11	00	1	1	1	...	5	1	...	14
Bethany.....	4	41	00	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	67
Holly											
Springs..	1	2	50	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	10
Antioch	3	21	70	8	4	1	1	...	3	...	66
Oak Grove.	4	21	00	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	51
Pleasant											
Hill, Ark.	3	1	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
New Salem	2	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	32
Pleasant											
Grove, Ark	1	11	25	...	4	...	...	1	1	...	35
Mill Creek.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Many											
Springs...	3	...	1 15	1	...	...	...	5	1	...	22
Pleasant											
Hill, Mo.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	17
Cave Sp'gs..	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	21	...	16
Lebanon.....	2	...	1 50	...	3	...	...	9	16	...	33
Liberty.....	1	1	2 00	10	5	...	...	...	10	...	52
Dry Creek..	2	...	1 00	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	10
Alton.	1	...	1 25	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	17
Total.....	...	14	15	1 23	24	4	1	31	58	...	613