

THE SAMUEL COLGATE BAPT. HIST. COLLECTION.

# **PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL**

**SESSION**

**Of the Big Creek Missionary Baptist**

**ASSOCIATION,**

**WHICH CONVENEED WITH LIBERTY CHURCH,  
FULTON COUNTY, ARK., SEPT., 7TH, 1887.**

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## PROCEEDINGS.



The Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened its 13th annual session with Liberty Church, Fulton county, Ark., Sept. 10th, 1887. Introductory sermon preached by Eld. M. A. Chadwick—Text, 18th verse of the 16th Chapter of Matthew. After an hour's intermission, the Messengers reassembled, the former clerk being absent, J. F. Barnes was appointed clerk pro tem. Names of Churches were called, letters read and Messengers' names enrolled.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of Eld. W. H. Bowling, Moderator, and James F. Barnes, cl'k.

After a few brief remarks by the Moderator, proceeded to business as follows :

1st. Give an invitation to new churches desiring admission into this Association.

W. T. Livingston. F. B. Hodge and J. W. Richmond

from Salem, J. D. Bratcher & R. W. Holiway from Pleasant Grove, W. P. Claxton, C. G. Furgison and John McCandlis, Oak Grove, Wm. Butler, Wm. Cameron, J. H. Talley and Randall Smith from Shiloh, and T. F. Cargill, J. E. Cargill and Jesse Carroll from Viola came forward and was received and fellowshipped by the Moderator.

2d. Call for corresponding Messengers. Eld. D. W. Epley from Union Association and Bro. Sam Jones from Rocky Bayou Association came forward and were welcomed to a seat by the moderator.

3rd. Invited visiting members to seats with us—whereupon Eld. O. M. Lucus accepted the invitation.

4th. The Moderator appointed the following committees: On arrangements, T. F. Cargill, J. W. Dailey, Geo. A. Floyd, on Baptist Literature.

On Foreign Missions, H. B. Clinton, J. D. Cochran, J. E. Cargill.

On Home Missions, W. P. Claxton, S. M. Wren, J. D. Bratcher.

H. B. Clinton, M. A. Chadwick, J. H. McCuiston.

On Sabbath Schools, M. A. Chadwick, J. P. Lovelace, J. H. McCuiston.

On Finance, Jesse Carroll, Z. T. Clay.

On Obituaries, G. C. Jones, S. M. Wren, J. E. Cargill.

It was decided that Eld. D. W. Epley preach to-night, Eld. O. M. Lucus to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Motion for adjournment until Monday morning at 8 o'clock—carried—prayer by Rev. J. H. McCuiston.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT.

Eld. D. W. Epley preached an able discourse to an attentive audience—Text—15th and 16th verses of the 16th chapter of Mark, followed by Eld. W. H. Bowling.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday at 11 o'clock the stand was taken by Eld. O. M. Lucus—Text—19 verse of 28th chapter of Matthew; from

this scripture he preached an able sermon to a large audience, from which we hope much and lasting good was accomplished and that it may prove a savor of life unto life and not of death unto death.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

Monday morning the 13th inst. at 8 o'clock the Association met. Messengers names called and absentees marked. Saturday's minutes read and approved.

Committees reported—Reports received, adopted and Committees discharged.

1st. Committee on arrangements same as last year's minutes will show.

2d. Committee on Literature recommends the Bible as a volume of Baptist doctrines. Let us read it and be guided by it.

3d. Committee on Foreign Missions report but little doing in regard to this great work and request the churches to report the amount contributed by each church at our next Association.

4th. Committee on Home Missions recommends that each church so support their Pastors that they may be able to cultivate the unoccupied grounds within our bounds.

5th. Committee on State Missions request that an earnest effort be made to receive a small contribution from each Baptist for the cause of Mission.

6th. Committee on Sabbath Schools recommend that the Churches take a higher stand in this direction and that each Pastor lecture and organize Sabbath Schools in all of our churches and that the one text book should be the Bible.

7th. Missionary reported. I. J. P. Lovelace being appointed by home Missionary Board have traveled 704 miles preached 34 sermons, made 32 exhortations, done 4 and a half days work in all; held three protracted meetings, organized five churches, witnessed seventeen conversions, baptised six, collected \$13.75, balance due, \$40.75.

Association payed by subscription, \$32 30. Ballance due—\$8.45

8th. Committee on Obituary reported : Eld. T. Lovelace was born in the State of Kentucky, Feb. 4th, 1818, embraced a hope in Christ when about 25 years of age and joined the Baptist church in January 1887 our venerable Brother passed away to his final home ; he was an eloquent minister of the Gospel and exerted a good influence over his auditors. But our Brother has left us, our loss is his gain, he has laid aside his armor for a Crown of Life.

Servant of God well done,  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought and victory won  
Enter thy Masters joy.

J. E. CARGILL, Chairman.

9th. Committee on finance report \$14.60 cts. for minute fund

Motion that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes—retaining \$3.00 for his services—carried.

Arranged correspondence as follows : To Rocky Bayou, B. L. Chadwick, J. W. Henley and J. P. Lovelace.

To Union Association, J. H. McCueston, J. G. Carroll, G. W. Grisso, Jas. Herron, J. P. Lovelace and C. G. Furgison.

To White River, T. F. Gargill S. M. Wren and Jno. E. Cargill.

Motion that we have a Ministers' and Deacons' meeting at Viola the 5th Sabbath in Oct. next, J. H. McClinton to preach the introductory sermon and J. W. Henley alternate. Carried.

Eld. H. B. Clinton and Eld. J. H. Bowling were appointed Messengers to the State Convention by a vote.

The next annual meeting of this Association will be with New Prospect Church, Izard county, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in Sept. 1888. Eld. W. H. Bowling to preach the introductory sermon Eld. J. P. Lovelace alternate.

Motion that we tender our thanks to the surrounding community of Liberty church for kind hospitality.

Motion for an adjournment—carried.

Prayer by Eld. M. A. Chadwick. While singing the Messengers took the parting hand.

ELD. W. H. BOWLING, Moderator.

JAS. F. BARNES, Clerk.

DEAR BRETHREN OF BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION:

I am sorry to have to inform you that our minutes cannot be printed for amount donated. I have written to many different places, the editor of the Arkansas Baptist is the cause of six weeks of this delay by just reasons. I only draw off a few sketches from our minutes as first written. Brethren do not blame me, but yourselves for not furnishing the money and let us do better next year.

Yours Respectfully,

JAS. F. BARNES, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

## Of the Big Creek Baptist Association.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	P. O. Address.	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Pastors.	Clerks.	Value of Ch. Property.											
					Minute Fund.	Total Membership.	Died.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Recon.	Received by Letter.	Received by Baptism.	Days of Meeting.		
Mount Zion	Union	W H Bowling, T A Nimmo, G W Gibson, x. J D Cochran.	W H Bowling	S W Cochran.	3	5	4	—	10	2	—	—	—	—	81	200
Rose Roads	Union	M A Chadwick, x.	J P Lovelace	N T Chadwick	4	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	1	23 50
Liberty Hill	Oxford	H B Clinton, J T Porterfield, x J H McCauston; J P Lovelace	W H Bowling	W J Harris	1	12	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	175 150
Liberty	Viola	C H Lucas, B L Chadwick, x. Jess Smith, G W Smith.	H B Clinton.	C H Holland.	1	11	3	—	2	25	1	—	—	—	88	170
Enterprise	Vina	J W Grisso, James Herron, x.	H B Clinton.	J W Grisso	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17 75
Little Strawberry	Salem	T A Smith, J W Dalley, x.	H B Clinton.	S Y Dalley	4	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	37	100
Sum Springs	Salem	G A Floyd, x. Newton Floyd, William Floyd	W H Bailing		4	—	—	—	—	13	1	—	—	—	23	50
St. Vernon	Wild Cherry	S M Wren; Z T Clay, x.	H B Clinton.	Z T Clay	2	2	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	24	65 60
Happy Grove	Salem.	G C Jones, Daniel Beaver, William Torrence, James Beaver.	W H Bowling		4	9	—	—	—	8	1	—	—	—	47	150
New Prospect	Violet Hill	J W Henley, J F Barnes, x. J W Moore.	M A Chadwick	J F Barnes	3	10	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	32	150 85
Salem	Salem	W T Livingston, x.	W H Bowling	W T Livingston	2	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	8	50
Pleasant Grove		J D Bratcher, x.	J P Lovelace.	J D Bratcher	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	7	50
Oak Grove	Moody	W P Claxton, x C G Ferguson.	J P Lovelace.	W P Claxton.	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	50
High	Elizabeth.	Wm Butler, William Cameron, x. J H Talley	J P Lovelace	Wm Butler	—	3	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	50
Viola	Viola	T F Cargill, J G Carroll, x. J E Cargill, Jesse Carroll	S W Wren.	J E Cargill	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	75
[Total					60	365	5	67	9	14	06	14	295			

Names Marked X are Committee to Collect for Home Missionary.