

MINUTES

— OF THE —

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

— OF THE —

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

— OF —

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.

**Held with Pleasant Hill Church, Randolph County, Arkansas,
on the 8th, 9th and 11th Days of September, 1882.**

W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, Moderator.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Randolph Co., Ark., {
Friday, September 8, 1882. }

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment.

Story by Eld. M. M. Jackson, from II. Tim., 2nd chapter and 15th

Close of the sermon we had fifteen minutes' recess, and came together

We then engaged in prayer, with Eld. E. Richardson, the former

, who then called the Association to order.

The former Clerk not being present, the first business was to appoint a
pro tem.

Second business was a call for the letters from the churches composing State
Association, which were read and received, and the names of the Messen-
s enrolled in the following order:

1. Bethany—J. E. Bishop, Wm. English, E. T. Lincoln.
2. Antioch—M. M. Jackson, Jesse Roach.
3. Cave Springs—John Martin, Levi B. Martin.
4. Lebanon—E. J. Smith, W. S. Holland, J. D. Stanphill.
5. Many Springs—J. B. Johnston, B. H. Johnston.
6. New Salem—B. E. Sheehorn, W. J. Edwards, G. W. Couch.
7. Pleasant Hill, Ark.—W. H. Gully, H. C. Kirkpatrick.
8. Mill Creek—J. C. M. Brewer, D. L. Brewer, I. E. Taylor.
9. Pleasant Grove—B. Knotts, W. H. Tipton, E. Richardson.
10. Oak Grove—John Cox, T. B. Abernathy.
11. Mud Creek—R. G. Pratt.
12. Alton—A. P. Couch, J. Wingo, A. R. Kirkpatrick.
13. Hollow Springs—J. C. Davis, Wm. Sanders.

3. The next business was to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted
the choice of Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick for Moderator, and W. S. Holland for
Clerk.

4. Call for petitionary letters from new Churches. Pine Grove Church pre-
sented her letter and delegates, which were received, and the right hand of
fellowship given them by the Moderator.

5. Call for Correspondence from sister Associations. Spring River
answered by Jacob Moore and Minute; Union, Eld. Nathaniel Barnett and
Minute; Current River by Minute, and received the right hand of fellowship.

6. Appointment of Committees. The following were appointed:

On Bill of Arrangements—Eld. E. Richardson, G. W. Couch and William
English.

On Correspondence—Eld. R. O. Tribbell and Eld. M. M. Jackson.

On Itinerary—John Cox and J. D. Stanphill.

On Destitution—E. T. Lincoln and Jesse Roach.

On Missions—M. M. Jackson and Wm. English.

On the State of the Churches—B. E. Sheehorn, P. R. Simpson.

On Finance—J. C. M. Brewer and Burton Knott.

On Preaching—W. H. Gully, Elias Lane and Dr. Kirkpatrick.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet Saturday morning, at 9
o'clock. Prayer by Eld. N. Barnett.

W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, Moderator.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, September 9, 1882.

The Association met at 9 a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Opened with prayer.

1. First business was to receive the letter and messenger from Hollow Springs Church.
2. Call of the Roll.
3. Call for reading of Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.
4. Call of Committee on Arrangements. Report received and committee discharged.
5. Appointment of Committee on Publication, consisting of E. T. Lincoln and Jesse Roach.
6. Call for report of Committee on Destitution:

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report: Destitution from Abbott's mill place up Fourche to Little Borne, in the northwest part of Ripley county, Missouri, and also around Hampton McElroy's, and up Elevenpoint river as far as our destitution reaches. Also, along Collins' Colony, between Spring River and Martin's Creek, and north and northwest of Bethany Church, on Janes' Creek, as far as our destitution extends in that direction. We believe that it is the duty of this Association to send some talented man to assist Bro. Bowers in holding a series of meetings at Pocahtontas, Warm Springs, also, needs preaching. We believe that the Association ought to take steps to supply the destitution as far as possible.

JESSE ROACH, *Chairman*.

The report was received, and the Committee discharged.

7. Call for the report of the Committee on Correspondence:

We, your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to make the following report: That we continue our correspondence with Spring River and also Union Associations; also, Current River Association.

R. O. TRIBBELL, *Chairman*.

Report received, and Committee discharged.

8. Moved that the Association reconsider the act of last year's association of corresponding with Cane Creek Association.

9. Moved that the Association take a recess for preaching by Bro. Barnett and P. R. Simpson, after which the Association came together and resumed the regular order of business.

10. WHEREAS, the minutes of State Line Association, at her last session, held with Oak Grove Church, Randolph county, Arkansas, embracing the second Sunday in September 1881 were lost, and cannot be produced; at which time and place there were two Churches received into our fellowship, namely, Mud Creek and Baker's Creek, which are considered and held in full fellowship with us; and

WHEREAS, this Association, at her last session, two years ago, dropped correspondence with Cane Creek Association, and did, at her last session, conclude to resume correspondence with said Cane Creek Association; now, be it

Resolved by this Association, in Conference Assembled, That we rescind said act, and that we do not correspond with said Cane Creek Association.

AND WHEREAS, this Association, at her last session, so amended our constitution as to require a two-thirds majority vote to receive a church into our body;

11. *Resolved*, That this body reconsider said act in order that the same may be placed upon our minutes.

Resolved, That we rescind said act of receiving new churches by a two-thirds vote, but they are to be received by a unanimous vote.

12. Call for report of the Committee on Missions. The committee not being ready, on motion, leave was granted them until Monday to make their report.

13. Call for report of the Committee on Itinerancy. Laid over until Monday.

14. *Resolved*, That this Association request the Churches to give the number of their membership, male and female separate, in their letters to our next association.

15. Moved that we now elect some person, or persons, to preach Sunday, which resulted in the choice of Eld. Nathaniel Barrett and R. O. Tribbel at 11 a. m., and Elder M. M. Jackson at 4 p. m.

16. Call for report of Committee on the State of the Churches:

We, your Committee on the State of the Churches, report, so far as we can learn, most of our Churches are in good working order. Some of them have had glorious revivals. All in peace. A few in a low state. We hope that steps will be taken by our delegates and ministers to help them.

P. R. SIMPSON.

17. Moved that the Association adjourn until Monday morning at 9 a. m. Closed by prayer, Eld. E. Richardson leading.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, *Moderator*.

W. S. HOLLAND, *Clerk*.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY MORNING, September 11, 1882.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair. Session opened by prayer, with E. T. Lincoln leading.

1. First business was to offer an opportunity for new Churches to join our body, known as the "State Line Association of Missionary Baptists." One came and presented her letter and delegate, known as the "First Baptist Church of Pocahontas," Randolph County, Arkansas, was received, and the right hand of fellowship given her delegate.

18. Call for the report of the Committee on Missions:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report as the best plan, in our judgment. Owing to the hard times, we cannot support a missionary this year. Our advice to the Churches is to pay their pastors more liberally, and let our preachers all rally to the post, and supply the destitution of our Association.

JOHN COX, *Chairman*.

J. D. STANPHILL.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

19. Call for the report of the Committee on Publication:

We, your Committee on Publication, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the Baptist Book House of Graves & Mahaffy, Memphis, Tenn., and the St. Louis Publishing House of D. B. Ray & Co., together with the following papers: *The Baptist*, by Graves, Memphis, Tenn., and *The American Baptist Flag*, published by Ray, St. Louis Mo. Also, *The Baptist Messenger*, by J. M. D. Cates, published at Readyville, Tenn.

On motion, the report was received and the committee discharged.

E. T. LINCOLN, *Chairman*.

20. Call for the report of the Missionary Committee:

We, the Board ask leave to make the following report: Whereas this Association, at its last session, held with Oak Grove Church, in Randolph county, Ark., embracing the second Sunday in September, 1881, did elect Eld. Isaac Lane as her Missionary for the last Associational year; be it resolved, that this Association call for the report of the Board on Missions then and there, to make a full report of all missionary work, and the amount of pay he received for the same, to be entered upon our minutes. And whereas, we failed to get our Minutes for our last meeting; be it resolved that the Moderator inquire into the reason of said failure, and report as soon as practicable. And be it further resolved, that this Association call upon our former Clerk for a settlement, and the funds that were paid into his hands by the churches for the printing of the Minutes of last year.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have made a full and satisfactory settlement with Eld Isaac Lane for all the labor done in the bounds of our Association.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report was received, and the committee discharged.

21. *Resolved*, That this Association have six hundred copies of the Minutes printed, that each church be supplied, and the remainder given to the ministers and clerks of the churches; and that Bro. W. S. Holland superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

22. Call for Treasurer's report:

As your Treasurer, I beg leave to submit the following report: 1. Received from the Finance Committee, \$5 45. 2. Having lost the manuscript, and failing to have any minutes printed, there was no money spent. Amount of funds on hand, \$15 45. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. P. COUCH, *Treasurer*.

23. We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Received from Treasurer	\$16 00
Received from the Churches.....	1 85
Received from the old Treasurer.....	95
Total.....	\$18 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. M. BREWER.

24. Call for volunteers to carry correspondence to sister Associations as Delegates. Union—Eld. R. O. Tribbel and P. R. Simpson. Association convenes August 4, 1883.

25. Call for volunteers to carry correspondence to Spring River as Delegates. Eld. W. S. Holland and Bro. John Cox. Convenes Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1882.

On motion, the Association took a recess for preaching by Eld. Jesse Roach and R. O. Tribbel, from H. Tim., 2nd chapter and 19th verse, after which it resumed its work.

26. Call for volunteers to Current River Association, convening with Mt. Pleasant Church—W. H. Tipton and Bro. Brown, to bear correspondence as delegates.

27. *Resolved*, That the ministers and messengers of this Association do heartily and sincerely tender our thanks to the brothers and sisters and friends of Pleasant Hill Church and vicinity, for the kindness and attention they have given to us during our stay among them, and may God reward them by a final salvation in that upper and better kingdom, is the consolidated desire of this Association.

28. Call for the report of the Committee on Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: In our estimation the best that can be done for the present year is for all the different churches to pay their pastors a sufficient sum to enable them to travel and supply the destitution within the bounds of this Association. And we also urge it upon our ministers and brothers to use all the energy within their power to induce the Churches to use all the means within their power to accomplish the above object.

M. M. JACKSON, *Chairman*.

29. *Resolved*, That Bro. Holland be paid five dollars for his trouble as Clerk.

J. B. JOHNSTON.

30. *Resolved* That this Association recommend the ministers of this Association to visit the First Baptist Church at Pocahtontas, and assist the pastor there in cultivating our cause; and we further recommend that the brethren go two by two and, if necessary, protract the work and services there for the cause of our Heavenly Master.

Resolved, That we hold our next Association with Alton Church, Oregon county, Mo., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1883.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet again at the time and place above-named. Prayer by Eld. Simpson.

W. S. HOLLAND, *Clerk*.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK, *Moderator*.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be composed of the following Churches, viz: Mill Creek, Lebanon, Oak Grove, New Salem, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Bethany, Dial's Creek, Antioch, Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Grove, Ark.

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, and by a unanimous vote.

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 Minute.

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 this Association shall act as Treasurer.

FORM OF A CHURCH LETTER.

STATE OF..... }188..
COUNTY OF..... }

..... Church, to the Ministers and Messengers comprising the State Line Association of Missionary Baptists, sendeth Christian salutation:

VERY DEAR BRETHREN: We send 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..... our postoffice.

Now, brethren, pray for us, and may the 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..

..... Clerk, Moderator.

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 Testament 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 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 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 baptized 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 is 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 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 from his seat and address the Moderator before proceeding with his remarks.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one except the Moderator, until he has finished his remarks.

5. The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration and shall in no wise 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 reproved 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 FOR 1882.

CHURCHES

MESSENGERS' NAMES.

Bethany	Wm. English, J. E. Bishop and *E. T. Lincoln.....	4	8	13	3	..	2	..	1	46
Antioch	*M. M. Jackson, *Jesse Roach.....	3	..	..	..	1	8	8	2	64
Cave Springs.....	John Martin, Levi B. Martin.....	4	..	6	1	..	..	1	..	23
Lebanon.....	E. J. Smith, *W. S. Holland, J. D. Stauphill.....	2	..	1	..	1	2	..	2	40
Many Springs.....	J. B. Johnston, B. H. Johnston.....	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
New Salem.....	B. E. Sheehorn, W. J. Edwards, G. W. Couch..	2	..	22	7	..	..	..	..	55
Pleasant Hill, Arkansas.....	W. H. Gully, *H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	7
Mill Creek.....	J. C. M. Brewer, D. L. Brewer, J. E. Taylor.....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	25
Pleasant Grove, Arkansas.....	Burton Natts, W. H. Tipton, *E. Richardson.....	1	..	1	5	..	..	2	..	45
Oak Grove.....	John Cox, Thomas Abernatha.....	4	..	4	..	6	1	..	..	45
Mud Creek.....	R. G. Pratt.....	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	14
Alton.....	A. P. Couch, W. R. Sanders, I. Wingo and A. R. Kirkpatrick.	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	34
Pine Grove.....	J. W. Welch, Samuel McKee, George Dale.....	1	1 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Hollow Springs.....	J. C. Davis, Wm. Sanders.....	3	..	10	1	1	..	..	..	22
First Baptist Church, Pocahontas..	W. S. Hart.....	2	50	..	2	..	..	..	..	13
Baker's Creek.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .....	.....	..	\$1 50	58	26	2	1 19	14	8	466

CHURCHES

MODERATORS.

CLERKS.

POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES	MODERATORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Bethany	E. T. Lincoln.....	A. L. Byrd.....	Jane's Store.
Antioch.....	M. M. Jackson.....	J. W. Tyer.....	Dalton.
Cave Springs.....	R. O. Tribbel.....	J. F. Johnston.....	Alton.
Lebanon.....	D. A. Presley.....	E. I. Smith.....	Gatewood.
Many Springs.....	W. S. Holland.....	G. W. Johnston.....	Many Springs.
New Salem	P. R. Simpson.....	G. W. Couch.....	Garfield.
Pleasant Hill, Arkansas.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	J. B. Stubblefield.....	Elin Store.
Mill Creek.....	H. C. Kirkpatrick.....	J. C. M. Brewer.....	Jobe.
Pleasant Grove, Arkansas.....	I. H. Witt.....	J. E. Richardson.....	Alburtha.
Oak Grove	I. H. Witt.....	W. J. Bass.....	Pocahontas.
Mud Creek.....	I. H. Witt.....	R. G. Pratt.....	Warm Springs.
Alton.....	R. O. Tribbel.....	A. R. Kirkpatrick.....	Alton.
Pine Grove.....	W. S. Holland.....	J. W. Welch.....	Bennett.
Hollow Springs.....	E. T. Lincoln.....	Allen Weaver.....	Jane's Store.
First Baptist Church, Pocahontas..	M. D. Bowers.....	J. H. Purkins.....	Pocahontas.
Baker's Creek.....	.....	.....	.....