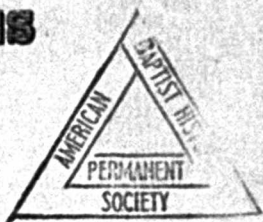


MINUTES

—OF THE—



TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

STATE BIBLE ASSOCIATION

—OF—

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.

Held with Alton Church, Oregon County, Mo., on
the 7th, 8th and 10th Days of Sept., 1883.

A P COUCH, Clerk.

W. S. HOLLAND, Moderator.

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SOUTH MISSOURIAN PRINTING HOUSE,
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MINUTES.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

State Line Association met with Alton Church, Oregon County, Mo., on Friday Sept. 7th, 1883.

Annual Sermon by Eld. Jesse Roach, from Matthew, 24th chapter and 14th verse.

The former moderator not being present the association was called to order by Eld. Jesse Roach; singing and prayer by Eld. R. O. Tribble.

Letters from the Churches were called for and read and the names of the Messengers enrolled in the following order:

Antioch—J. W. Tyer, Jesse Roach and M. M. Jackson.

Lebanon—E. I. Smith and W. S. Holland.

Cave Spring—W. C. Livingston, J. W. Johnson and John Martin.

Mill Creek—P. T. Shields and J. E. Taylor.

Oak Grove—Joseph Vandigriff and David Gullet.

New Salem—W. J. Edwards, G. W. Couch and W. J. Payne.

Many Springs—J. C. Johnson, B. H. Johnson and J. A. Johnson.

Mud Creek—R. G. Pratt.

Pine Grove—J. W. Welsh, S. M. McKee and G. W. Dale.

Pleasant Grove, Ark.—C. H. Harper, Peter Foster and J. M. Marshall.

First Baptist Church at Pocahtontas, Ark.—Letter but no Messengers.

Alton—A. R. Kirkpatrick, A. P. Couch and W. R. Sanders.

The Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk which resulted in the choice of W. S. Holland, Moderator and A. P. Couch Clerk.

Called for Correspondence from sister Associations, and Brethren Wm. Uzzle, J. W. Watson and W. B. James presented a letter from Union Association and were admitted to seats with us.

The Moderator announced the following committees, to-wit:

1st. On Bill of Arrangements—Eld. Jesse Roach, R. G. Pratt and J. W. Welsh together with the Moderator and Clerk.

2nd. On Correspondence—Eld. M. M. Jackson and W. Livingston.

3rd. On Itenerancy—S. M. McKee and A. R. Kirkpatrick.

4th. On Destitution—Eld. Jesse Roach, and W. J. Payne.

5th. On Missions—J. W. Tyer and W. R. Sanders.

6th. On State of the Churches—P. T. Shields and S. M. McKee.

7th. On Sabbath Schools—Elds. Jesse Roach and H. C. Kirkpatrick.

8th. On Finance—G. W. Dale and E. I. Smith.

9th. On Publication—T. M. Marshall and G. W. Couch.

10th. On Preaching—Delegates from Alton Church.

On motion and second the Association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes. Prayer by Eld. Jesse Roach.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, Sept. 8th, 1883.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. R. G. Pratt.

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.
3. Called for Report of Committee on Bill of Arrangements.

Report received and committee discharged.

4. Called for report of Committee on Correspondence:

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

M. M. JACKSON, Chairman.

Report received and Committee discharged.

5. Called for Volunteers to meet with sister associations, whereupon Bro. J. W. Tyer and Eld. Jesse Roach volunteered to meet with Spring River Association and W. J. Edwards, Eld's R. O. Tribble and H. C. Kirkpatrick to meet with Union Association.

6. Called for report of committee on itinerancy.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report on itinerancy: We would recommend an Itinerant to work in the bounds of this association, for the preachers have too much work to do, most of them filling every Sabbath in the month. Therefore it is necessary for the support of their families that they labor the balance of their time owing to the pittance of the support they receive from the different Churches; therefore if there could be an itinerant appointed to attend to the destitute churches and districts, in our judgment it would further on the cause of Christ, and then we, the different Churches, would be duty-bound to see to their support, they being entirely dependant on us for the same, all of which we cheerfully submit for your consideration.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.

S. A. McKEE.

Report received and committee discharged.

7. Called for report of Committee on Destitution.

We, your committee on destitution, beg leave to make the following report: In our judgment it is expedient to give the bounds of destitution and to advise each church in the Association that possess Ministers to see that they preach at the destitute places within their bounds, and we believe that it is the imperative duty of our churches to see that their Ministers receive a living support.

JESSE B. ROACH and

W. J. PAYNE, Com.

8. Called for report of Committee on Missions.

We, your committee on Missions, beg leave to make the following report as the best plan in our judgment: Owing to the hard times we are not prepared to employ a Missionary for this year. Our advice to the church is to look to the interest of their pastors more, and take Paul's advice for raising means to lay up on the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered us, and send up our mites at the next association, and let the Ministers do all they can to supply the destitution of our association.

J. W. TYER, Chairman.

W. R. SANDERS.

Report received and committee discharged.

9. Called for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your committee, report seven good Sabbath Schools in our bounds, and recommend every church to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools.

H. C. KIRKPATRICK,
JESSE ROACH.

Report received and Committee discharged.

10. Called for report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: Received from the Churches \$15.45.

E. I. SMITH, Clerk

Report received and Committee discharged.

11. Called for report of old Treasurer.

As Treasurer of your body I beg leave to make the following report:

Received from Finance committee.....	\$18 80
Expense for printing minutes.....	\$15 00
“ “ clerk's fee.....	5 00
“ “ postage.....	1 00

Total.....	\$21 00
Balance due me.....	\$2 20

W. S. HOLLAND, Treasurer.

Report read and received.

12. Called for report of Committee on Publication.

We, your Committee on Publication, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the St. Louis Publishing House of D. B. Ray & Co., and the American Baptist Flag, Published by Ray, of St. Louis, Mo.

J. M. MARSHALL, Clerk.

Report received and Committee discharged.

13. On motion and second the Moderator appointed A. R. Kirkpatrick, J. W. Welsh, J. W. Tyer and H. C. Kirkpatrick to collect or solicit funds for two months for the purpose of employing a Missionary preacher, and report their proceedings at Lebanon Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1883.

14. An invitation was extended to visiting Brethren from sister associations to seats with us in council, and Bro. J. A. Vincent, from Union Association, accepted the invitation and was admitted to a seat with us.

15. The Association proceeded to elect some one to preach on Sunday which resulted in the choice of Eld. J. A. Vincent to fill the stand at 11 o'clock, M. M. Jackson to follow, and Eld. R. O. Tribble to preach at 3 o'clock p. m.

16. Resolved, That we hold our next Annual Association with Pine Grove Church in Ripley county, Mo., on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1884.

17. The Association next Proceeded to elect some one to preach the next annual sermon which resulted in the choice of Eld. M. M. Jackson and Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick, alternate.

18. Resolved, That we have 500 copies of Proceedings of this Meeting published, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

19. *Resolved*, That our 8th Article of Faith be so amended as to read as follows: "We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of the Church, &c."

20. *Resolved*, That our 10th Article of Faith be so amended as to read as follows: "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 Church unless he is legally called and qualified."

21. *Resolved*, That in Article 7 the word "shall," be stricken out, and the word "will," be inserted instead.

22. On motion and second the Association adjourn until 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.

SUNDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock. Eld J. A. Vincent addressed a large and attentive audience, taking his subject from Acts, 2nd Chapter and 41st verse, and Eld M. M. Jackson followed. Eld. R. O. Tribble preached at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY, Sept. 10th, 1883.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. M.M. Jackson.

1. *Resolved*, That we advise each Minister in this Association to make a minute of his labors and report the same to the next association.

2. *Resolved*, That we, as delegates, instruct our churches to pay their ministers one dollar to the member, and fifty cents to be put into the treasury for the purpose of sending out a Missionary.

3. *Resolved*, That this association tender its thanks to Alton Church and to the entire population of the town and community for the kindness shown us while with them; also to our Moderator and Secretary for the kind manner in which they presided.

4. Called for report of Committee on the state of the Churches.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report on state of the Churches: We find most all of the Churches in a prosperous condition, and those that are in a cold state, from report, are in a peaceful state within the body of the Churches; this comprises all except the Pleasant Hill Church, Ark., which is virtually abandoned. The Pocahontas Church seems to be in a stand-still condition and calls to us for aid in keeping the embers still burning, which we, your committee, beg you to bring in under the head of resolutions what shall be done with the call, all of which we cheerfully submit.

S. A. McKEE, Chm'n.

P. T. SHIELDS.

Report read and received and Committee discharged.

5. Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

6. On motion and second Eld R. O. Tribble was appointed to Preach at least two days in each month, for two months, at Augusta, Oregon county, Mo.

7. On motion and second this Association adjourned to meet with Pine Grove Church, Ripley county, Mo., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1884

A hymn was sung and the parting hand was taken and all parted in peace and harmony.

W. S. HOLLAND Moderator,

A. P. Couch, Clerk

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CONSTITUTION.

1. The 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.

4. This Association shall have power to withdraw her correspondence from Churches, when in disorder.

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

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

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

8. This Association will receive not more than three Messengers from any one Church.

9. This Association will correspond with sister Associations by Minute.

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

11. The Clerk of this Association shall act as Treasurer.

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 will 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 Church, 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 Church 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 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 FOR 1888.



CHURCHES.

MESSENGER'S NAMES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	Day of Meeting.....	Contribution for Minutes.....	Received by Experience and Baptism.....	Received by Letter.....	Received by Restoration.....	Received by Recommendation.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died.....	Total Membership.....
Antioch	J. W. Tyer, Jesse Roach and M. M. Jackson.....	4	\$1 60	1	3	2	2	2	11	2	62
Alton.....	A. P. Couch, W. R. Sanders and A. R. Kirkpatrick.....	1	2 00	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	37
Cave Spring.....	W. C. Livingston, John Martin and J. W. Johnson.....	4	1 00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Lebanon.....	W. S. Holland and E. I. Smith.....	2	1 50	1	5	2	0	8	0	0	33
Many Springs.....	J. C. Johnson, B. H. Johnson and J. A. Johnson.....	3	1 50	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	23
Mud Creek.....	R. G. Pratt.....	3	1 00	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	17
Mill Creek.....	J. E. Taylor and P. T. Shields.....	1	1 15	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	37
New Salem.....	W. J. Edwards, W. J. Payne and G. W. Couch.....	2	1 50	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	56
Oak Grove.....	David Gullet and Joseph Vandigriff.....	3	1 20	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	44
Pine Grove.....	J. W. Welch, G. W. Dale and S. A. McKee.....	1	1 00	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	19
Pleasant Grove.....	J. M. Marshall, Peter Foster and C. H. Harper.....	1	2 00	24	4	0	0	9	2	1	62
Pocahontas.....	Letter but no Messenger.....										...
Totals.....		15	45 35	24	07	02	24	16			5,418