



MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

:-STATE LINE ASSOCIATION:-1886:-

No. 10 *Ark*

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION

—OF—

MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

—HELD WITH—

MANY SPRINGS CHURCH,

OREGON CO., MO.,

—ON THE—

10th, 11th and 13th Days of September, 1886.

R. T. Pratt, Clerk.

J. B. Roach, Md.

POCAHONTAS, ARK.

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State Line association met pursuant to adjournment with Many Springs Church in Oregon county, Mo., Friday, September 10th, 1886.

Annual sermon delivered by Elder Jesse B. Roach, from Luke 24th chap. 48th and 49th vs., after which the Association adjourned for preaching till three o'clock p. m.

At the hour of 3 p. m. the Association met, with Elder P. R. Simpson, the former Moderator, in the chair.

After prayer by the former Moderator, the roll of Churches was called and names of messengers enrolled in the following order :

ANTIOCH—J. W. Tyre, Thomas Brown, Jesse B. Roach.

ALTON—A. P. Couch, A. R. Kirkpatrick, W. C. Livingston.

PINE GROVE—J. B. Kelley, Joseph Dale.

BETHANY—J. P. Higginbotham, E. T. Lincoln, J. E. Looney.

MUD CREEK—R. G. Pratt.

MANY SPRINGS—Geo. W. Johnson, J. B. Johnson, B. H. Johnson.

NEW SALEM—S. P. Couch, W. A. Thompson, B. F. Couch.

LEBANON—A. S. Cotham, W. S. Hollaud.

MILL CREEK—J. H. Justice, J. H. C. Sconce, Taylor Shiels.

HOLLOW SPRINGS—J. C. Davis, C. J. Tucker, W. H. Smith.

CONCORD—J. E. Amos, Jasper Vandergriff, Joseph Vandergriff.

ROCKY POINT—J. W. Beakley.

NEW BETHEL—Seth Dirickson, P. R. Simpson, A. J. Freeman.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder Jesse B. Roach for Moderator and Robert G. Pratt for Clerk.

Rules of decorum was then read.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

Union responded by her delegates, Elds. Nathaniel Barnett and W. F. Cantrell.

Called for new Churches.

Rocky Point presented her petitionary letter which was read and received and her delegate, J. W. Beakley, was given the right hand of fellowship and admitted to a seat with us.

New Bethel Church also presented her petitionary letter, which was received and the right hand of fellowship given to the delegates, Elders Seth Dirickson, P. R. Simpson and A. J. Freeman.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the several committees, as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS—A. R. Kirkpatrick, Geo. Johnston and E. T. Lincoln, with Moderator and Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE—Brethren Justice and Williams.

TEMPERANCE—J. Kelley and Joseph Vandergriff.

MISSIONS—Brethren Dirickson and Beakley.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES—Brethren J. E. Amos and Benj. Johnston.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Brethren W. C. Livingston and Joseph Dale.

FINANCE—J. Vandergriff and J. P. Higginbotham.

PUBLICATIONS—E. T. Lincoln and Ben. F. Couch.

PREACHING—B. H. Johnston, E. W. Johnston and J. B. Johnston.

On motion and second, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow (Saturday), 11th inst., with prayer by Elder E. T. Lincoln.

SATURDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by Elder Nathaniel Barnett, proceeded to business, as follows :

Roll called and absentees marked.

Rules of decorum read.

Called for report of committee of arrangements.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: The bill of arrangements as laid down in the minutes, with such alterations as may be found necessary.

J. B. ROACH.	} Committee.
R. G. PRATT.	
A. R. KIRKPATRICK.	
G. W. JOHNSON.	
E. T. LINCOLN.	

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for new Churches. None received.

Correspondence. None.

Called for report of committee on correspondence.

Your committee beg leave to report the following : That this body continue correspondence with Spring River, Union, Current River and Cane Creek Associations.

S. D. WILLIAMS.	} Committee.
J. H. JUSTICE.	

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for report of committee on missions.

We, your committee on missions, would recommend that each church in this Association should take up a collection for the cause of missionary work in our bounds, and report to the executive committee every three months. This being done by every church would give us the means to employ some of our preachers to supply the destitution in our bounds. We need the money, and not pledges, to give us a solid basis to operate on. We would recommend that every member of each church give according to their several abilities. This rule, if faithfully carried out according to the teachings of the Bible, will supply all our needs for missionary purposes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SETH W. DIRICKSON, } Committee
J. W. BEAKLEY, }

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for report of committee on state of the churches.

We find nearly all of our churches have had good revivals, and are in good working order, and have had some increase.

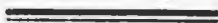
J. E. AMOS, } Committee.
B. H. JOHNSON, }

Report received and committee discharged.

On motion and second, the Association proceeded to elect for preaching on to-morrow, which resulted as follows: Elders N. Barnett, 11 a. m. ; Williams, 2 p. m ; Cantrell, at night.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Monday.

Prayer by Elder Williams.



SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At the hour of 11 a. m. a large and orderly congregation met to hear Elder Nathaniel Barnett, of Union Association. Text: Acts 26: 24, 25 and 26 vs.

At 2 o'clock p. m. Elder S. D. Williams preached from Rom. 14: 12.

The congregations seemed to be well entertained and received the discourses with marked attention.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at the hour of 9 a. m. Prayer by Eld. P. R. Simpson.

Report of finance committee.

We, your committee on finance, would respectfully submit the following report: Received from the several churches the sum of \$18 80, which is turned over to the treasurer.

J. P. HIGGINBOTHAM. } Committee.
J. P. VANDERGRIFF, }

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for treasurer's report.

I, your treasurer, submit the following report:

Received of finance committee	-	\$16 85
Paid for printing 500 minutes	-	\$12 50
“ postage	-	1 75
“ Brother Couch	-	1 05
Total paid out	-	\$15 90
For services rendered as clerk	-	5 00
		\$20 90
		16 85
Balance due me	-	\$ 4 05 \$ 4 05

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. HOLLAND, Clerk and Treas.

Report received and ordered placed on record.

Called for volunteers as corresponding messengers to sister associations. The following brethren volunteered : Spring River, Eld. E. T. Lincoln, C. J. Tucker ; Union, Eld. P. R. Simpson, W. A. Thompson, B. B. Johnson ; Current River, W. S. Holland ; Cain Creek, W. S. Holland by letter.

Resolved, That the clerk of each church make collections from their respective churches and report the same to the missionary board three months before the next meeting of this Association.

Adjourned for preaching till 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Eld. Seth Dirickson.

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

Prayer by Elder Cantrell.

Called for report of missionary board.

We, your missionary board, submit the following report :

Am't due Eld. J. B. Roach at last Association \$28 60

Amount collected and paid over - - - 4 05

* Balance due - - - - - \$23 65

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, President.

Report received and board discharged.

A committee was appointed on missions, as follows : A. R. Kirkpatrick, W. S. Holland, Jasper Vandergriff, E. T. Lincoln, J. W. Beakley, A. P. Couch and J. H. Justice.

Called for report of committee on temperance.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report :

In our opinion the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is injurious to the cause of christianity ; therefore we advise the Ministers and churches of this Association to use every effort in their power to

put down that bane which has proven itself so destructive to the happiness of the human family.

We believe it is wrong for a church member to enter a saloon and drink. We are commanded to keep ourselves unspotted from the world and shun every appearance of evil. We recommend that this body advise the churches to discipline any of their members who visit and drink intoxicants in the same, or who shall sign a petition for a saloon or place for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

J. N. VANDERGRIFF, } Committee.
J. B. KELLEY, }

Called for report of committee on Sabbath schools:

We, your committee, submit the following report :

We learn of but one Baptist Sunday school in our bounds, that at Mill Creek, though there seems to be several union schools in the same bounds ; we would, therefore, recommend a more zealous and determined effort on the part of the Baptist brotherhood in the field of usefulness, for we should educate the rising generation in God's laws, believing that as the mind is molded so it will continue, to a greater or less degree, throughout life ; hence, our imperative duty in the premises is apparent.

W. C. LIVINGSTON, } Committee.
J. G. DALE, }

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for report on publications.

We, your committee on publications, submit the following report :

We recommend the *American Baptist Flag*, and National Baptist Publishing Co., 1108 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo., D. B. Ray, Manager ; the *Arkansas Evangel*, Little Rock, Arkansas ; *Central Baptist*, St. Louis, Mo. ; also, the *Tennessee Baptist*, and the Pub. House of Graves & Mahaffy, Memphis, Tenn.

E. T. LINCOLN, } Committee.
B. F. COUCH, }

Report received and committee discharged.

The Association next proceeded to select the time and place for holding the next Association, which resulted in the choice of Mill Creek Church in Oregon county, Mo., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1887.

Elder S. D. Williams was chosen to preach the annual sermon and H. C. Kirkpatrick as alternate.

Resolved, That we have 500 minutes printed and distributed to the several churches in proportion to their contributions for the same.

Resolved, That the clerk have the sum of \$3.00 for his services as such.

Resolved, That the association take up a collection for the purpose of supplying minutes to churches not represented, and the sum of \$1.70 was collected for said purpose.

Resolved, That the Association take up a collection for the purpose of supplying a shortage of \$4.05 minute fund of the past year to Bro. W. S. Holland, former clerk.

Said sum was collected and paid as per resolution.

Resolved, That Many Springs church be placed in the constitution as a charter member.

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Association to our brothers moderator and clerk for their kindness and faithfulness in business during this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the church and surrounding community at Many Springs for the cordial welcome and genial hospitality shown the members of this Association.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet with Mill Creek Church in Oregon county, Mo., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1887.

JESSE B. ROACH, Moderator.

R. G. PRATT, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

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1. This Association shall be composed of the following churches, viz : Many Springs, Mill Creek, Lebanon, Oak Grove, New Salem and 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, by a unanimous vote.

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

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

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	MODERATORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	STATES.
1. Antioch.....	M. D. Bowers.....	J. W. Tyre.....	Pocahontas.....	Arkansas...
2. Alton.....	S. D. Williams.....	A. P. Couch.....	Alton.....	Missouri....
3. Pine Grove...	W. S. Holland.....	John W. Welch...	Pine.....	"
4. Bethany.....	E. T. Lincoln.....	S. L. Higginbotham	Ravenden Springs.	Arkansas...
5. Pleasant Grove	I. H. Witt.....	J. M. Marshall....	Albertha.....	"
6. Mud Creek ..	M. D. Bowers.....	R. G. Pratt.....	Warm Springs....	"
7. Oak Grove...	M. D. Bowers.....	W. J. Bass.....	Pocahontas.....	"
8. Many Springs	S. D. Williams.....	Geo. W. Johnson	Many Springs....	Missouri....
9. New Salem...	S. D. Williams ..	B. F. Couch.....	Garfield.....	"
10. Lebanon. ...	M. M. Jackson....	A. S. Cotham.....	Gatewood.....	"
11. Mill Creek...	M. M. Jackson....	W. J. Taylor.....	Myrtle.....	"
12. Hollow Springs	John Wicker.....	W. H. Smith.....	Ravenden Springs.	Arkansas...
13. Big Barren...	Not represented.		Bennett.....	Missouri....
14. Concord.....	D. A. Presley.....	John E. Amos....	Lima.....	Arkansas...
15. New Bethel...	S. W. Dirickson...	A. J. Freeman....	Big Barren.....	Missouri....
16. Rockey Point.	Jesse B. Roach. .	Wm. T. Smith....	Gatewood.....	"

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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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 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 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 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 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.

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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 discuss the subject fairly, 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.



CHURCHES.		MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Day of meeting.....	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism.....	Rec. by Letter.....	Rec. by Restoration.....	Rec. by Recommendation.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died.....	Total Membership.....
1.	Antioch . . .	J. W. Tyer, Thomas Brown.....	4	0	2	2	1	4	1	1	50
2.	Alton . . .	A. P. Couch, A. R. Kirkpatrick, W. C. Livingston.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	31
3.	Pine Grove . . .	J. B. Kelley, Joseph Dale.....	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	24
4.	Bethany . . .	A. J. Bird, J. P. Higginbotham, J. I. Looney.....	4	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	29
5.	Pleasant Grove . . .	Not represented.....									62
6.	Mud Creek . . .	R. G. Pratt.....	2	20	2	4	2	2		1	40
7.	Oak Grove . . .	Not represented.....									12
8.	Many Springs . . .	G. W. Johnson, J. W. Livingston, B. H. Johnson.....	2	2	2	2	4	3			38
9.	New Salem . . .	S. P. Couch, B. F. Couch, W. A. Thompson.....	2	2	2			3	2	3	24
10.	Lebanon . . .	A. S. Cotham, W. S. Holland.....	2	2	4	1	1				24
11.	Mill Creek . . .	J. H. Justice, J. H. C. Sconce, Taylor Shields.....	1	2	1	2	1			1	36
12.	Hollow Springs . . .	J. C. Davis, C. J. Tucker, W. H. Smith.....	2	3		1		1			27
13.	Big Barren . . .	Not represented.....									24
14.	Concord . . .	J. E. Amos, Jos. Vandergriff, Jasper Vandergriff.....	2	2	3		1				24
15.	New Bethel . . .	P. R. Simpson, S. W. Dirickson, A. J. Freeman.....	2	2	2		1				20
16.	Rocky Point . . .	J. W. Beakley.....		12	2		2				20
Totals.....			22	18	2	18	20	6	9	170	