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State Line Association met pursuant to adjournment with Witt's Chapel Baptist church, at Maynard Randolph county, Ark., Friday, Sept. 30th 1889.

Annual sermon by Eld. D. A. Presley, from Hagar 2:9.

Prayers by Eld. I. H. Witt, after which the congregation adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The people were called together by singing, at 2:30. Prayer offered by Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick.

The former moderator and clerk being present, the body commenced for business.

The roll of churches was then called and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

1. Antioch Church—Thomas Brown, J. W. Tyre.
2. New Hope—F. M. Starling.
3. Oak Grove—B. F. Chastine, G. I. Teel.
4. Mud Creek—I. H. Witt, R. F. Carroll.
5. Hollow Springs—W. H. Smith, S. C. McCollow.
6. Concord—J. N. Vandergriff, C. H. Tyler, E. W. Ramsey.
7. Bethany—J. I. Looney, S. M. Griffith, A. Dixon.
8. Witt's Chapel—T. Albritton, J. S. Anderson, Jacob Richardson.

The body then proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld. D. A. Presley as moderator and J. S. Anderson, clerk.

Rules of Decorum were then read.

Invited visiting ministers to seats with us.

Called for new churches.

The following churches presented their letters which were received, the delegates given the right hand of fellowship and admitted to seats with us, namely:

Flat Woods church—W. H. Rickard, A. C. Fosbury.

First Baptist church, Mammoth Springs—E. M. Longley.

Liberty church—J. W. Wicker, J. E. Richardson and Allen Weaver.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations Spring River responded by her delegate, J. Hermon.

Elevenpoints River responded by her delegate, A. R. Kirkpatrick.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON ARRANGEMENTS

E. T. Lincoln, J. W. Tyre and J. E. Richardson.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

I. H. Witt and Styth Maynard.

ON TEMPERANCE.

E. T. Lincoln and S. C. McCullon.

ON MISSIONS.

Allen Weaver and Joseph Vandergriff.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Marion Starling and Thomas Brown.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

B. F. Chastine and G. J. Teel.

ON FINANCE.

C. H. Tyler and J. I. Looney.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

I. H. Witt, E. T. Lincoln and Styth Maynard.

ON PREACHING.

Messengers of Witt's Chapel.—T. Albritton, J. S. Anderson and J. E. Richardson.

ON OBITUARIES.

J. W. Tyre and J. H. Richardson.

Destitution referred to mission board.

On motion to adjourn it was announced that Eld. H. C. Kirkpatrick would preach at night.

Closing prayer by Eld. E. T. Lincoln.

Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH.

Meeting opened promptly at 8 a. m., with prayer by Elder M. V. Hinson.

Roll was called.

Invited visiting ministers to seats with us, when Brethren M. V. Hinson, of Vinsith, Mo., Antony Foster of Pitman, and W. L. Edrington, of Pocahontas were enrolled.

On motion the question whether or not Bro. H. C. Kirkpatrick be considered a member of this Association was brought before the body. Agreed that he be denied the floor as a member, for this reason: he is a member of Elevenpoints River Association.

Letter from Baker's Creek Church read and name of messenger enrolled as follows: J. M. Johnson.

Called for report of committee on arrangements. Report received and committee discharged.

Called for new churches, none.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

Elders H. C. Kirkpatrick and E. T. Lincoln were enrolled as messengers from the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

MISSIONS.

Motion to table the report until the Missionary Board should report.

The body took recess until 2 p. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder J. W. Wicker, after which the entire congregation enjoyed a delightful repast that had been prepared on the grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together promptly at 2 p. m. by singing.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Cane Creek responded by her messenger, sister F. E. Cate.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee on state of the churches, beg leave to make the following report: We find the

churches throughout the Association all in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. STANTON, / Com.

J. T. BROWN /

Report received and committee discharged.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your committee on correspondence, submit the following: That we continue correspondence with Spring River, Current River, Union and Cane Creek, and that we take up correspondence with Elevenpoints River Association, all of which is respectfully submitted,

I. H. WITT, / Com.

SEYM. MAYNARD /

Report received and committee discharged.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to make the following report: Realizing the great importance of our speaking freely and fearlessly on the seductive, monstrous evil of intemperance, that is slaying its millions of our kind, we believe that we should use all our influence against it. We further believe that our pastors should speak out from the pulpit against it, and our churches should take a decided stand against it. We should vote against whisky licenses and use our utmost power to enforce the laws, against those who violate the same by selling the dreadful poison; and furthermore, pray the Lord to bless us in our efforts to surpress this arch fiend of darkness. Respectfully,

E. T. LINCOLN, / Com.

S. C. McCALLON /

Report received and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are sorry to report no active Sunday school work in our bounds. We regret such a state of things, for the Sunday school has for its object the imparting of Bible truths to our children. We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association engage more earnestly in this grand work, that our children may acquire a thirst for Bible

reading, and become acquainted with the glorious truths and promises therein contained.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. CRASRICE, (Com.
G. J. TELL,)

Report received and committee discharged.

Upon concurrence of the body, the rules were suspended while Eld. C. L. Cate made an earnest, energetic and forcible speech on Sunday schools.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee on publications, respectfully submit the following: We certainly live in the age to which Solomon referred when he said, of making many books there is no end. The press, that mighty power, when properly used to disseminate knowledge and education, is kept running day and night satiating the thirst for mental food. This is an age in which people must and will read. The moral and religious habits of the people depend largely on the kind of literature they read. This fact is too patent to need argument; hence strenuous efforts are made by advocates of every creed to circulate such literature as teach their doctrines, and, if we believe what we profess, wisdom and reason dictate that we should use all our efforts to put good sound literature in the hands of our people. As regards religious papers, the Arkansas Baptist is second to none. It is sound in faith, manly in its statements and a reliable exponent of gospel truths. We also recommend the American Baptist, St. Louis, Mo., the Reaper, Fulton, Ky., the Baptist, Nashville, Tenn., and the Sunday School Baptist, St. Louis, Mo. Books can be had of the National Baptist Publishing Co., and American Baptist Publishing Society, St. Louis, Mo., also at the Arkansas Baptist Book House, Little Rock, Ark.

E. T. LINCOLN, (Com.
I. H. WIRT,)

Report received and committee discharged.

On motion the rules were suspended and committee appointed on education to report on Monday, viz: E. T. Lincoln, H. C. Kirkpatrick.

FINANCE.

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report: The amount received from the churches

is 811 65

Respectfully,

C. H. TYLER, / Com.
J. L. LOOSELY, /

Report received and committee discharged.

The body then proceeded to ballot for ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, which resulted in the choice of Elds. C. L. Cate, 11 a. m., M. V. Henson, 2 p. m., and H. C. Kirkpatrick at night.

Adjourned until 8:30 Monday.

Prayer by Eld. M. V. Henson.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At the hour, 11 a. m., a large congregation assembled to hear Eld. C. L. Cate. Text, Math. 28:20.

The large house was filled to its utmost capacity. The audience was quiet and orderly, giving the Bro. marked attention while he delivered his discourse in a masterly way, preaching in demonstration of the truth and of power, proving to the audience that he was master of the subject before him. - CHURCH.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9TH.

Promptly at 8:30 the body opened with prayer by Elder L. H. Witt.

The roll was then called.

On motion W. H. Rickard's name was dropped for the present day.

Elder C. L. Cate enrolled as a visiting minister.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

We, your committee find destitution on lower Elevenpoints River west of Jones' Creek, also at Poehontas. We, your committee, further state that we have done nothing towards supplying the destitution, for want of co-operation of the churches.

J. AMOS, /
T. JOHNSON, / Com.
STATH MAYNARD, /

Report received and board discharged, and the mission question resumed.

MISSIONS.

We, your committee on missions, believe in this great work, and deem it highly necessary that we make an earnest effort to send out a missionary this year.

ALLEN WEAVER, /
J. N. KIRKPATRICK, / Com.

Report received and committee discharged, whereupon, there were several warm and earnest speeches

made on the subject, after which there was a collection taken for missions as follows:

NAME	AMOUNT
J W Tyre.....	5 00
S C McCollon.....	1 00
J I Looney.....	2 50
E T Lincoln.....	2 00
J S Anderson.....	2 00
E M Longly.....	2 50
J E Richardson.....	2 50
Allen Weaver.....	5 00
C H Tyler.....	5 00
G J Teel.....	5 00
W H Smith.....	50
J T Brown.....	5 00
B F Chastine.....	5 00
A Dixon.....	1 00
Jim Williams.....	50
Styth Maynard.....	1 00
B F Carroll.....	1 00
Rolley T Gaming.....	1 00
John Maynard.....	5 00
Ben S Tipton.....	1 00
W H Tipton.....	1 00
W Bradford.....	25
Tom Maynard.....	1 00
Elias McMeerled.....	25
James Hogan.....	1 00
Mrs F E Hogan.....	1 50
Eliza Richardson.....	1 00
Mrs James Lewis.....	1 00
Mary D Albriton.....	1 00
By friends.....	5 50
Total.....	\$17.50 = \$17.50.

All pledges to be paid quarterly.

Eld. D A Presley, 12 days work.

Eld. E T Lincoln, 5 days work.

Next came the appointment of mission board as follows: William English, E. T. Lincoln Allen Weaver.

The above brethren were duly recognized as our executive board for the ensuing year.

The body then took a recess until 2 p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. E. T. Lincoln.

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EVENING SESSION.

Promptly at 2 p. m. the house was called to order by the Moderator.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, find that death is abroad in the land; and it has found its way into some of our churches since we last met.

Sister Mary Presley, of Antioch, mother of Bro D. A. Presley, departed this life July 20th, '89, aged 53 years and 7 months. Was a member of the Baptist church 56 years. She died triumphant in the faith.

Deacon Cox, of Oak Grove, died October 14th, '88, aged 61 years and 5 months. Had been a member of the church near 40 years.

Mud Creek and Bethany have lost some, but names not known. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yea, sayeth the spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

J. W. TAYLOR.

J. E. RICHARDSON, } Com.

Report received and committee discharged.

EDUCATION.

We, your committee on education, call the attention of the Baptists to our Baptist State College at Arkadelphia. This is second to no institution of learning in the land. Its location is healthy, accommodations good and terms liberal. We recommend that the Association endorse, and the Baptists and friends patronize this college.

Respectfully,

E. T. LINCOLN, Com.

Report received and committee discharged.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

I, your treasurer, submit the following report:

Received from finance committee.....	\$15.70
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$9.00
My services as Clerk.....	5.00
Postage	1.70

\$15.70

\$15.70

Which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, Treasurer.

Report received and treasurer discharged.

Called for volunteers as corresponding messengers to sister Associations. Response as follows:

To Spring River. F. T. Lincoln, J. W. Wicker.
Elevenpoints River. D. A. Presley, J. W. Tyre.
Cane Creek. J. E. Richardson, B. F. Carroll.
Union. E. M. Longly.

Current River. L. H. Witt, J. S. Anderson.

Delegates to State Convention. J. W. Wolt, W. M. English.

The body now proceeded to invite ten ministers to deliver the next annual sermon for this Association, which resulted in the choice of Eld. E. T. Lincoln and Eld. J. W. Wicker, alternately.

After passing some appropriate resolutions, the body adjourned to meet with Bethany Church, Revere Springs, Ark., on Friday, June the second Sunday in September 1890.

Closing prayer by Bro. C. L. Cate.

J. S. ANDERSON,

D. A. PRESLEY,

Clerk

Moderator

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, 1st. That we drop the ministers' report from our minutes, and the visiting pastor be reported in our letters to the Association.

2nd. That we, as messengers, consider ourselves a finance committee to bring the mission question before our respective churches as soon as practicable, and urge upon them the importance of the work, and the crying necessity of contributing to the cause.

3rd. That the mission board be, and is hereby, instructed to select the most important points, and to have such points occupied earnestly.

4th. That the names and address of the ministers in this Association be printed in our minutes.

5th. That the Association recommend the tune and song book, Harvest Belis, edited by Bro. W. E. Penn, Eureka Springs, Ark. This book is suited to our worship, and it should be adopted and used by our brethren.

6th. That we have 300 minutes printed.

7th. That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same; and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his trouble.

8th. That the messengers request their respective churches to set apart their January meeting to take

collection for State Missions.

9th. That we return our heartiest thanks to the people of Maynard and the surrounding country, for their cordial welcome and generous hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

10th. That we now adjourn to meet with Bethany Church, Ravenden Springs, Ark., on Friday before the 2nd Lord's day in September, 1890.

J. S. ANDERSON,

Clerk.

D. A. PRESTEV,

Moderator



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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 making 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 anyone 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 about 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 of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

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

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

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

*Weeks may pass
and years may
elapse yet you
will not find
a friend*

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 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 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 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.

NAMES AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

E. T. Lincoln, Ravenden Springs, Ark.
 J. W. Wicker, Winstead, Ark.
 M. M. Jackson, Dalton, Ark.
 D. A. Presley, Warm Springs, Ark.
 J. B. Roach, Warm Springs, Ark.
 C. A. Fowler, Supply, Ark.
 F. H. Witt, Maynard, Ark.

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Form of a Church Letter.

STATE OF 18
 COUNTRY

..... Church, to the Ministers and Messengers com-
 posing 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 bap-
 tism,; received by letter,; received
 by relation,; 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 Sat-
 urday before the Lord's day in 18 ...
 Clerk, Moderator

Church Directory.

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	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	MODERATORS.	CHURCHES.
	Ingram, Ark.....	J W Tyre.....	J L Looney.....	Antioch.....
	Dalton, ".....	F M Starling.....	M M Jackson.....	New Hope.....
I	Attica, ".....	T Chastine.....	J B Roach.....	Oak Grove.....
I	Ingram, ".....	S P Pratt.....	A Foster.....	Mud Creek.....
U	Winstead ".....	W F Smith.....	J W Wicker.....	Hollow Springs..
	Lima, ".....	J E Amos.....	D A Presley.....	Concord.....
	A J Byrd.....	H C Kirkpatrick.....	Bethany.....
	Maynard, Ark.....	W A Hurley.....	I H Witt.....	Witt's Chapel.....
	Jeff, Mo.....	A C Fosbury.....	W H Richards.....	Flat Woods.....
	Coats, Mo.....	J E Richardson.....	J W Wicker.....	Liberty.....
	Mammoth Springs, Ark.....	J M Wolf.....	1st Ch. Mammoth Springs
	Elm Store, Ark.....	T M Johnson.....	Ishum Looney.....	Baker's Creek.....

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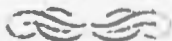
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