

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1881

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Fortieth Annual Session
OF THE
ROCKY BAYOU, MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH
MOUNT NEBO CHURCH. NO. 1,

IZARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
{ Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, }
{ October 8th, 10th and 11th, 1881. }

Elder J. J. VEST, Moderator. P. O. Melbourne.
D. T. MARTIN, Clerk. P. O. Melbourne.

Next meeting of the Association will be held with Mt. Zion Church,
about ten or fifteen miles South of Batesville, Independence County, Ark.
Saturday, before the second Sabbath in October, A. D., 1882.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Fortieth Annual Session of the Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association held with Mt. Nebo Church, No. 1, Izard county, Arkansas, beginning Oct. 8, A. D. 1881.

The Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association met according to appointment at Mt. Nebo church, No. 1, Izard county, Arkansas, 11 o'clock, a. m. The appointed, Elder J. J. Vest, preached the introductory sermon from Daniel 2 chapter 44 verse: "And in the days of these Kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." And from these Scriptures delivered a good discourse to an attentive audience. After a short recess the Messengers representing the several churches re-assembled in the church. The former Moderator, Elder Samuel Gunn, being present and the clerk not being in attendance, Bro. Wm. Duren was appointed clerk *pro tem* until the clerk came. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by the Moderator. The roll of churches was called, letters presented, read, and names of Messengers enrolled. (see statistics.) The body being temporarily organized proceeded to the election of its officers which resulted in the choice of Elder J. J. Vest; Moderator and D. T. Martin, Clerk. After a few timely remarks by the newly elected Moderator the body proceeded to business:

1st. An invitation was given to correspondence from sister Associations, whereupon letters from White River Valley and Big Creek Association were presented. After some debate the one from White River Valley was rejected, but the one from Big Creek received and her Messengers invited to seats in the body.

2nd. Called for new churches to join the body. None present.

3rd. Invited visiting Ministers of our faith and order to seats in the body. None present.

4th. The Moderator appointed the several committees: On Arrangement of business for Monday; Elder J. E. Duren, Bros. Jessie Hinkle and T. N. Estes. On Religious exercises; the Deacons of Mt. Nebo church, No. 1, and the associational clerk. On Baptist Literature, Bros. Jesse Hinkle, T. P. Cypert and Wm. Duren. On motion a committee on Home and Foreign Mission was appointed consisting of Elders G. M. Maxwell, J. E. Duren and Bro. J. J. Hooper. On Finance; Bros. Leander Jennings, S. J. James and Elder J. I. Martin. On motion of Bro. T. N. Estes took recess until Monday morning 8 o'clock, a. m., prayer by Elder J. E. Duren.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Saturday night at candle light the stand was occupied by Elder J. R. Beavers, who preached from St. John 19th and latter clause of fourth verse, followed by Elder G. M. Maxwell. Sunday at ten, prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. I. Martin. At 11 a. m., the stand was filled by Elder G. M. Maxwell who preached to a large and attentive audience from 4th chapter of 2 Timothy, 6, 7 and 8 verses, followed by Elder J. E. Duren.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met at near nine o'clock, a. m., prayer by Elder J. W. Miller, called the roll and marked the absentees.

1st. Called for the report of Committee on arrangement of business, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

2nd. Read minutes of Saturday and Sunday which were corrected and adopted

3rd. Renewed the call for correspondence that were not here on Saturday. None present.

4th. Called for visiting Ministers. Elders David Owens, from Mt. Zion Association, and J. E. Moxley, of White River Valley, accepted seats in the body.

5th. Called for report of committee on Baptist literature which was received and committee discharged. On motion the report was adopted after being amended by inserting "The Baptist," published at Memphis, Tenn.

6th. On motion the regular order of business suspended. Elder G. M. Maxwell moved to appoint a committee of five to say what Associations we shall correspond with. Consisting of, Bros. T. N. Estes, Jessie Hinkle, Elders J. W. Miller, Sam'l Gunn and J. E. Duren.

7th. On motion of Elder J. I. Martin the body took recess for ten minutes. After recess the committee on correspondence made its report, which was adopted and committee discharged.

8th. Arranged correspondence to sister Associations: To Spring River, Bros. John J. Hooper, T. B. Padgett, W. E. Maxfield and Elder G. M. Maxwell; White River, Elder J. J. Martin, Bro. Newton McNairen; Big Creek, Elders A. J. Whaley, J. W. Miller, Bros. W. R. Campbell, S. J. James, Leander Jennings, G. W. King and E. O. Wolf; Blue Mountain, Elder J. J. Vest and Bro. Withs Hankins; Independence, Bros. James W. Holmes, John J. Hooper, Elders J. J. Vest, J. W. Miller, J. I. Martin and G. M. Maxwell.

9th. The report of the committee on Finance was received and committee discharged. (See appendix A.)

10th. The committee on Home and Foreign Mission made its report, which was adopted and committee discharged. (See appendix B.)

11th. Went into the election of some one to preach the in-

troductory sermon, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. I. Martin and Elder A. E. Nixon his alternate.

12th. The body determined the place of holding its next session by a rising vote, which resulted in the choice of Mt. Zion, some ten or fifteen miles South of Batesville, Independence county, Arkansas.

13th. A resolution was offered by Bro. T. P. Cypert to the following effect: "Resolved that we recind the act of this body of last year in requiring it to remain in session untill Tuesday 12 o'clock a. m., and that the Messengers take their time in the transaction of the business if it takes until Tuesday night."

14th. On motion the Association adjourned until Tuesday morning 9 o'clock a. m. prayer by Elder James R. Moxley.

TUESDAY MORNING

15th. The Association met pursuant to adjournment prayer by Elder G. M. Maxwell. The minutes of Monday were read and approved.

16th. On motion Elder G. M. Maxwell was permitted to make an explanation concerning what he said yesterday that may have wounded the feeling of some Brother in regard to heterodoxy.

17th. A resolution offered by Bro. T. P. Cypert after being amended was adopted. (See resolution A.)

18th. A resolution was offered by Elder G. M. Maxwell to the effect that we send representatives to the Baptist State Convention, which on motion was adopted. (See resolution B.)

19th. A resolution was offered by Bro. Wm. Duren to the following effect: "That we appoint a committee to visit White River Valley Association at its next session, consisting of Elder G. M. Maxwell, Samuel Gunn, A. J. Whaly, Bros. T. N. Estes and W. E. Maxfield."

20th. The body appointed Elders G. M. Maxwell and J. I. Martin to represent it in the Baptist State Convention, which meets with Calvary church, Little Rock, on Thursday, Nov. 3, A. D. 1881, at ten o'clock a. m., and raised \$5.55 to defray the expenses of the Messengers.

21st. On motion the clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

22nd. Moved to adjourn to time and place of holding its next annual session, prayer by Elder J. I. Martin. While singing the body took the parting hand.

ELDER J. J. VEST,
Moderator.

D. F. MARTIN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

(Appendix A.)

We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: \$24.25 on hand for printing minutes.

(Appendix B.)

We your committee on Home and Foreign Mission beg leave to submit the following report: The word of God commanded that Christ and Him crucified shall be preached to all, and to enable such to be done it requires pecuniary aid, and to meet such an emergency the total membership of this body will be called into requisition.

RESOLUTIONS.

(Resolution A.)

RESOLVED, that we limit all our members of this body to five minutes in debate and only allow two speeches unless by permission of the body.

T. P. CYPERT.

(Resolution B.)

RESOLVED, that we as an association be represented by Messengers and Statistics in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, to meet at Little Rock, Thursday, November 3rd, 1881, at ten o'clock a. m.

G. M. MAXWELL.

(Resolution C.)

Whereas we regard the Union of all the Baptist Associations in this country to be of great benefit to the Masters cause. And whereas this Association refused correspondence with White River Valley Association on the grounds of a difficulty between Salem church and some of its excluded members, the Association to which Salem belongs being in correspondence with that excluded party. Therefore be it resolved that this body appoint a committee of five to meet with White River Valley Association, and find out whether or not Salem church is in correspondence with the church composed of those excluded members and if not to ask correspondence with the body and that we grant correspondence with it.

WM. DUREN.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Recd. recommendation.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Sabbath of meeting.
Antioch	S. J. James, J. W. Miller, John Foster, W. C. Moore,	J. W. Mills		La Crosse	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	75	1
Batesville	John J. Hooper, James W. Holmes, * W. E. Maxfield,		T. E. Padgett	Batesville	4	3	1	1	1	1	21	1	
Cedar Grove	*John Barnes, W. J. F. Milliken, *T. Pate, G. M. Maxwell, W. B. Massey	G. M. Maxwell	J. W. Sims	Jamestown	13	9	3	0	2	0	0	8	11
Concord	S. Gunn, B. S. Stroud, G. W. King, T. P. Williams, W. J. Stroud,	S. Gunn	B. S. Stroud	La Crosse	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	45	14
Fair View	Wm. Duren, Jesse Riggs, Wm. Boler, Willis Persley	A. J. Whaley	W. M. Duren	Violet Hill	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	29	11
Hidden Creek	Dissolved												
La Crosse	*G. S. Kennard, Joe Jones, No letter,												
Melbourne	T. N. Estes, J. T. Head, B. Nally, Wm. Lawrence,	J. E. Duren	W. K. Estes	Melbourne	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	35	11
Macedonia	J. T. Winchester, *Wm. Hatfield, J. F. Jones,	Wm. Hatfield	J. T. Winchester	Franklin	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	4
Mt. Nebo, No. 1	J. D. Ragan, J. W. Gist, John Jones, A. R. Brantley	J. H. Soden	A. E. Brantley	Violet Hill	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	53	3
Mt. Nebo, No. 2	M. L. Reaves, *S. F. Reaves, A. J. Colly, W. Panter,	J. J. Vest	W. L. Bramble	Barren Fork	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	52	3
Mt. Joy	No representation.												
Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Campbell, *A. Shell, J. Walker, *P. Stroud, J. Gray,	S. Gunn	P. L. Broad	La Crosse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	3
Mt. Zion	F. M. Sanderfer, Sebe Delouch, T. J. Brown, Wm. Warren,	J. L. Brown	T. J. Brown	Banner	2	4	1	1	1	1	1	41	1
Newburg	*J. C. Stockard, Noah Sited, *W. L. Stroud, J. W. Rector.	H. B. Clinton	J. W. Rector	Newburg	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Philadelphia	A. A. Spreedlin, A. J. Whaley, J. R. Deaveas, J. W. C. Gardner,	A. J. Whaley	J. W. C. Gardner	La Crosse	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	18	4
Pilgrims' Rest	I. E. Shand, D. T. Martin, J. I. Martin,	J. I. Martin	F. Oney	Victor	5	4	1	1	2	1	0	52	1
Rocky Bayou	Jesse Hinkle, T. H. Banks, T. P. Cypert.	J. E. Duren	T. P. Cypert	Lunenburg	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	35	1
Strawberry	H. M. Jackson, Geo. Ferguson, Timoth Reaver, E. O. Wolf,	A. J. Whaley	E. O. Wolf	Franklin	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	20	3
Saints' Rest	J. J. Vest, Alfred Paign, C. C. Hager, James Denton,	W. H. Vest	A. H. Vest	Melbourne	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	52	4
Table Rock	Willis Hankins, W. T. Swan, W. Adams, W. B. Jones,	J. J. Vest	W. T. Swan	Calico Rock	7	15	2	1	2	2	1	37	1
Zion Hill	Geo. Felts, Leander Jennings, Abner McClimury, J. E. Duren,	J. E. Duren	L. Jennings	La Crosse	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	3

The names marked with a * were appointed by the Moderator.