

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH * ANNUAL * SESSION

OF THE

* CLEAR CREEK *

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH,

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

* Embracing the 6th, 7th and 8th days of September, A. D. 1884. *

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MINUTES.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association was held with Mt. Zion Church, Franklin County, Arkansas, embracing the 6th, 7th and 8th days of September, 1884.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Copeland, from the 4th verse of the 6th chapter of Acts.

Bro. M. F. Locke, Moderator, being absent, Bro. O. M. Lucas was chosen Moderator pro tem.

The Association then adjourned to 2 p. m. for dinner. Prayer by Elder W. R. McLane.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. C. A. Gowin.

Elders W. R. McLane and J. M. Lawrence were then appointed to read the letters of the Churches as called for. (See Table of Statistics.)

By motion proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. R. McLane Moderator, John E. Cox Clerk, and E. Morris Treasurer.

The Moderator then took the chair, and, after some appropriate remarks, called for Petitionary Letters. Red Bird Church, by the hand of her messenger, J. W. Cain, presented a letter; and Coal Hill, by the hand of her messenger, Andrew J. Allen, also presented a letter, which were read and they received as members of the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Correspondence called for. Bro. C. T. Owen presented himself as a corresponding delegate from Dardanelle Association, stating that the Clerk had failed to furnish him with credentials. Upon motion the brother was received.

The Moderator then proceeded to read the Rules of Order.

Upon motion the following Committees were appointed:

On Divine Service—The pastor and delegates of Mt. Zion church.

State Missions—A. P. Copeland, E. Morris and P. A. D. Smith.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Lawrence, T. E. Atwood and G. W. Nichols.

Queries—M. Adams, J. W. Fry and D. W. Chambless.

Sabbath Schools—O. M. Lucas, A. P. Copeland, and H. W. Blaylock.

Temperance—Elder H. Meadows, E. Morris and N. Flanagan.

The committee on Divine Service reported that Elder P. A. D. Smith

preach to-night, followed by C. A. Gowin, Elder O. M. Lucas to preach the Missionary Sermon Sunday at 11 a. m., and R. M. Small at 3 p. m.

Bro. W. T. Soard was received as a corresponding messenger from Russellville Association, with minutes of his Association.

Upon motion Bros. M. E. Henderson, John Nichols and M. H. Wagner were appointed a Committee on Documents.

By request Bro. P. S. Jones was granted leave of absence.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Monday morning the 8th. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Blaylock

The brethren appointed to occupy the stand on Sunday preached to a large concourse of people and to every appearance the Word fell upon attentive ears.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and spent one half hour in devotional exercise, led by the Moderator.

By motion Bro. P. A. D. Smith was seated as delegate from Union Grove.

Upon motion the roll of delegates was called and corrected.

Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read.

Upon motion it was agreed to continue correspondence with Fayetteville, Concord, Russellville and Dardanelle Associations, and to be represented in the Baptist State Convention. The Moderator then called for volunteers to go as messengers to the above Associations.

Concord, which meets with Oak Grove church, Sebastian county, September 27, 1884, Elders J. M. Lawrence and J. H. Blaylock and Bro. W. H. Bushart, messengers.

Russellville Association meets with Hopewell church, Pope county, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1884, Elders R. M. Small, W. R. McLane, M. Adams, and Bros. J. M. Self and T. E. Key, messengers.

Reports of committees called for. The report of the committee on Queries was read, received, and, upon motion, adopted. (See Report marked A.)

The committee on deceased members read their report and, upon motion, was received and adopted. (See Report marked B.)

The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report and, upon motion, was adopted. (See Report marked C.)

The committee on Temperance made their report and, by motion, the report was adopted. (See Report marked D.)

The committee on Education reported, report received and it was moved to adopt it, and, after some remarks upon the motion to adopt, the Association adjourned till 1 1-2 o'clock p. m.

Elders C. A. Gowin and J. C. Crudup preached at 11 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by C. A. Gowin. The motion to adopt the report on Education was voted on and adopted, and O. M. Lucas, A. P. Copeland and J. C. Crudup were appointed a Board of Education. (See Report marked E.)

The report on Documents was read and adopted. (See report marked F.)

The report on State Missions was read, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See report marked G.)

The committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See report marked H.)

The committee on Finance reported as follows:

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following: The amount sent up from all the churches for printing minutes, \$27.00.

J. M. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

Upon motion the Association suspended business for the Executive Board to transact some important business. After the adjournment of the Board the Association resumed business. The report of the Executive Board was read, received and adopted.

Report of R. M. Small, on missionary labor done by him since April 1st: "I have labored in the destitution in the following counties to-wit: Johnson, Franklin and Madison. I have been engaged in protracted meetings for the last two months with some success, but not so much as I desired, from some cause I do not understand, without the people are too full of politics. But it may be that I desired too much under the circumstances. My first meeting was a seven days' meeting, held near Roseville, on the Arkansas river, which resulted in no conversions but a general interest among the unconverted. My second was held in Johnson county, on Mulberry mountain, at the Dowd school house, where there was a general interest among the people, but no conversions, meeting lasting six days. The third at the Hall school house, on Big Mulberry, Johnson county. Continued eight days, resulted in 22 conversions. The most of whom united with the Regular Baptist church. I witnessed their baptism the third Sunday in August at the Zion church. My fourth, at Coal Hill, Johnson county, resulted in a general interest among the people, but no conversions. Amount of labor done: Sermons preached 123, exhortations 48, prayers in families 80, families visited 339, miles traveled 958, organized churches 1, received of the Board \$133.78, number of conversions 22, meetings held 4. A balance remains unpaid of \$16.25. The above statement approximates to within a small amount of what remains unpaid. There may be a little less or more than \$16.25 remaining due. Otherwise the foregoing is as nearly correct as we can get it."

O. M. LUCAS, Chairman.

A. P. COPELAND, Secretary.

Elders O. M. Lucas and A. P. Copeland were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention, which meets at Pine Bluff, November 6th, 1884. Elder S. B. Crocker to the Dardanelle, which meets with New Bethel church, Yell county, September 17th, 1884. And Elders H. Meadows and C. A. Gowin to the Fayetteville Association, which meets with Mt. Vernon church, Washington county, Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1884.

The following brethren were appointed members of the Executive Board: Prairie Grove, G. W. Nichols; New Prospect, J. G. Hicks; Near, M. E. Henderson; Gum Grove, S. Coward; Union Chapel, M. Flanagan; Union Grove, J. F. Quowls; Alma, M. F. Locke; Shiloh, W. H. Bushart; Ozark,

John Nichols, Oak Grove, D. Hall; Van Buren, J. N. Patten; Fine Springs, W. F. Flowers; New Prospect No. 2, D. W. Chambless; Lone Elm, R. U. Carter; Bethesda, C. C. Adams; White Oak, J. E. Blaylock; Vine Prairie, G. W. C. Lasater; Macedonia, H. Thompson; Sham Rock, Sam Lorne; Mountain Grove, W. J. Fleming; Unity, A. Y. Paty; Rehoboth, J. A. Rowell; Altus, E. D. French; Mt. Zion, J. M. Self; Zion, J. K. Coats; Coal Hill, Joseph Simmons; Red Bird, J. W. Cain.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next session of the Association with White Oak church, 5 miles north of Ozark; Elder H. Meadows to preach the Introductory Sermon; J. C. Crudup the Missionary Sermon, and A. P. Copeland to lecture on Temperance.

Upon motion the Association agreed to leave the matter of employing a Missionary with the Executive Board.

The following resolutions were offered by A. P. Copeland and unanimously adopted:

Resolved first, That this Association allow Bro. John E. Cox \$10 for his labor and authorize him to have as many minutes printed with the remainder as the money will secure.

Resolved second, That this Association return their hearty thanks to the brethren and friends of this community for their kind and liberal hospitality.

By motion agreed to hold the First District meeting with Lone Elm church, on the Wire road, six miles east of Mulberry City, to commence Friday night before the fifth Sunday in November, 1884, at which time all the members of the Executive Board will be expected to attend.

Upon motion the Association adjourned to meet with the White Oak church, 5 miles north of Ozark, Franklin county, Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1885.

Prayer by W. R. McLane, after which the brethren sang a good song taking the parting hand started to their homes rejoicing.

W. R. McLANE, MODERATOR,

JOHN E. COX, Clerk.



Reports of Committees.

A.

We, your committee on Queries, submit the following:

We find the query from Vine Prairie church: "By what name shall we be known, the Baptist or Missionary Baptist?" We are known by either. The name "Missionary" has been attached to the name "Baptist," and we accept it, because we believe it is our duty to assist in sending the Gospel to all the nations of the world.

M. ADAMS.

B.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

That since the last meeting of the Clear Creek Association death has invaded the ranks of the ministry and has deprived us of one of our useful and beloved brethren, F. H. Burnah, who was one that helped to organize the Clear Creek Association. As a minister, Brother Burnah was clear and forcible, with ordinary degree of zeal. Brother Burnah spent upwards of twenty years in proclaiming salvation to dying men and did much good, and died in the full triumphs of living faith. We mingle our sympathies with the bereaved and mourn his loss, believing that his loss to us is his great gain. We can say as the Psalmist David, that "He cannot come to us, but we can go to him, by being faithful," as he was to the end.

JOHN W. CAIN,
JOHN W. FRY,
D. W. CHAMBLESS.

C.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools would very earnestly insist upon the duty of all our churches organizing and maintaining Baptist Sunday Schools; and we would further urge the duty and immediate necessity of every member of our churches taking part in this noble work. Let the fathers and mothers take their children by the hand on Sabbath morning and lead them to the house of God, and when there sit down with them to the study of God's Word. Thus shall we, by both precept and example, teach our children the fear of the Lord. Respectfully submitted.

O. M. LUCAS, Chairman.

D.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

We believe intemperance to be ruinous to man, both spiritually, mentally and physically. We believe that the use of ardent spirits have become a great curse to our nation and that no more terrible pest has ever infested society. We, therefore, protest against the use of the poisonous drug and endorse the temperance movement. We advise our ministers to exert their influence in their churches against the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

H. MEADORS.

E.

Your committee on Education feels called upon to say that our people cannot afford to disregard the claims of education. To the education of our sons and daughters we should bend every energy, and hence we should heartily support every movement looking to this end. But, while we should commend all efforts to educate the masses, as an Association we should bestir ourselves on the subject of ministerial education. The Lord is calling into the ministry our sons, and with this call he lays responsibilities upon us that we cannot disregard. These young men are poor and need our encouragement in preparing themselves for efficiency in their life work. That these young men should be educated no one will, for a moment, question. The question is, will we help them? We recommend, therefore, that a fund for ministerial education be secured in each church, and we urge that each member be solicited to contribute something for this noble work. We recommend further, that a Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of three, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to raise funds and otherwise encourage young brethren in their efforts to get an education.

J. M. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

F.

We, your committee on Documents, report as follows:

No. of churches, 22; total increase, —; total decrease, 137; total membership, 799; amount expended in missionary work, pastors' salaries, etc., \$739.85; No. Sabbath schools, 3—average attendance, 113.

M. E. HENDERSON, Chairman.

G.

Your committee on State Missions would report, that the Board of the State Convention should concentrate much effort and means upon the centers of influence. Let it be the motto of the State Convention, that, God helping, vigorous effort shall be made till a living, efficient church is planted in every important town in the State. Whatever other great interests it may be necessary to foster, this is one that cannot be neglected without serious detriment to our influence and prosperity, as a denomination. If we fail to do this, we shall as certainly fail to occupy a front rank, as in many places, our history in the past abundantly testifies. Sad and remarkable instances could be given, did space permit. We further earnestly insist that each point should be carefully examined, where work is contemplated; that when it becomes a field of objective operation, so much effort and means should be concentrated as to reach success. We insist that all prudent measures be taken to prevent the disaster of failure. Let it be understood with us that beginning means success. Respectfully submitted.

A. P. COPELAND,

E. MORRIS,

P. A. D. SMITH.

H.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We feel proud that the Baptists of the Clear Creek Association are be-

coming awakened to a sense of duty regarding foreign mission work. We are very thankful that the sum required of Arkansas Baptists by the Foreign Mission Board was reached and we have a surplus on hand. And we would respectfully recommend to the respective churches, composing this Association, put forward their best efforts in order to raise foreign mission money for the ensuing year. And we would recommend that our ministers preach earnestly the Gospel of the Son of God, it being "the power of God unto salvation." Believing that when men are thus converted that they will be missionary in spirit.

C. A. GOWIN,
A. P. COPELAND,
O. M. LUCAS.



TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Days of Meeting.	Contribution for Minutes.	Pastors' Salaries.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Repairs.
Alma	O. M. Lucas	O. M. Lucas	M. F. Locke	Alma	1	6	0	4	1	2	83	1&3	\$ 1 50	\$ 300 00	\$10 00	\$45 00	\$ 35 00	\$85 00
Altus	T. E. Atwood		T. E. Atwood	Altus	0	0	0	0	0	1	13		50					
Bethesda	Elder H. Meadors, C. C. Adams																	
	S. T. Jones	H. Meadors	C. C. Adams	Alma	0	8	0	1	1		27		1 00					
*Coal Hill	Anderson J. Allen	J. S. Gray	J. B. Burns	Coal Hill							15	4	1 50					
Lone Elm	R. U. Carter, Sam Lumpkin	M. Adams	E. L. Duncan	Ozark	14	4	0	4	1	0	53	2	1 50	21 25			2 00	
Mt. Zion	M. Adams, T. J. Davis, J. M. Self	M. Adams	J. M. Self	Ozark	0	2	0	10	1	1	57	1	2 25	23 50			6 50	
Mountain Grove	S. B. Crocker												50					
New Prospect	A. P. Copeland, M. H. Wag-																	
	ner, Z. Hopper	A. P. Copeland	R. H. Hicks	Mulberry	0	7	4	0	0	1	53	1&3	1 90	125 00			24 00	17 00
New Prospect No. 2	D. W. Chambliss	D. W. Chambliss	N. E. Chambliss	Van Buren	4	6	0	0	0	0	29	1	2 00				5 50	
Ozark	John Nichols, Joseph McKin-																	
	ney, T. E. Key	J. C. Crudup	C. C. Webb	Ozark	0	3	0	9		3	37	all	1 00			10 00	25 00	
Oak Grove	James E. Cox, D. Hall	M. Adams	D. Hall	Alston	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	4	1 00					
Prairie Grove	G. W. Nichols, John Badget	P. A. D. Smith	W. R. Wilson	Altus	0	0	1	7	2	0	64	2	1 35					
Rehoboth	W. R. McLane, J. E. Moon,																	
	Jno. E. Cox	J. H. Blaylock	John E. Cox	Crawens	1	1	0	1	1	0	50	4	1 50				14 00	
*Red Bird	J. W. Cain	T. R. Early	J. W. Cain	Belmont	1	5	1	0	0	0	16	3	50					
Sham Rock	C. A. Gowin, E. Morris	C. A. Gowin	John Morris	Lees Creek	9	0		1	1	0	37	1	2 60					
Shiloh	J. H. Blaylock, H. W. Blay-																	
	lock, W. H. Bushart	W. R. McLane	W. H. Bushart	Ozark	0	7	0	8	0	3	24	1	1 50					
Union Chapel	John Fry, N. Flanagan	C. A. Gowin	S. J. Davis	Cedarville	6	7	3	2	1	0	24	2	1 25					
Unity	A. Y. Patty	P. A. D. Smith	A. Y. Patty	Coal Hill	0		2	2	0		37	1	1 00					
Vine Prairie	Wm. Forristor, George Crow-																	
	son, G. W. C. Lasater	M. Adams	G. W. C. Lasater	Mulberry	0	0	0	3	0	0	28	3	75	13 50				
Van Buren	J. M. Lawrence	O. M. Lucas	J. M. Lawrence	Van Buren	1	19	0	6	0	1	22	2&4	50					
White Oak	J. E. Blaylock	P. A. D. Smith	J. H. Blaylock	Ozark	0	0	5	0	1	31	4	1 00						
Zoar	M. E. Henderson	C. A. Gowin	M. E. Henderson	Van Buren	0	0	1	16	6	3	63	3	1 00				1 00	
Total					35	67	16	83	14	17	766		\$27 00	\$ 583 25	\$10 00	\$55 00	\$ 118 00	\$81 00

New churches marked *

NOTE—The following churches not represented: Antioch, Fine Spring, Gum Grove, Macedonia, and Zion