

THE SAMUEL COLGATE SAPT. HIST. COLLECTION  
**MINUTES**

OF THE 21ST ANNUAL SESSION OF

**BIG CREEK**

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**VIOLA BAPTIST CHURCH,**

FULTON COUNTY, ARK., September 21-23, 1895.

Next Session to be held with Mammoth Spring Church,  
Mammoth Spring, Ark., Thursday before the 4th  
Sundy in September, 1896.

**OFFICERS:**

LD. J. H. SODEN, Mod.....Thomasville, Ark.  
J. L. BOWLING, CLERK.....Union, Ar k

**MISSION BOARD:**

V. T. SCARBOROUGH, CH'M.....Mammoth Sp'g, Ark.  
P. NIMMO, SEC.....Union, Ark.  
A. HOLLEWAY, TREAS.....Ten Mile, Ark.  
L. THOMPSON.....Viola, Ark.  
W. SHERLY.....Ark.  
GREEN JONES.....Salem, Ark.  
ACOB HUDSON.....Wild Cherry, Ark.

**Sunday School Board:**

V. A. MAUPIN.....Mammoth Spring, Ark.  
T. BAKER.....Oxford, Ark.  
M. TALLEY....." "  
T. CRISTA.....Ten Mile, Ark.  
HOS. SEATON....." "  
W. HARRIS AND JNO. CHADWICK.....Union, Ark.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR SECOND DAY.

Roll Call.

Reading the minutes of Saturday's proceedings.

Call for churches not represented on Saturday.

Renew invitation to churches bearing petitionary letters.

Renew the invitation to visiting ministers.

Renew the invitation for corresponding messengers.

Call for report of committee on Sabbath Schools.

Call for report of committee on Baptist literature.

Call for report of committee on Finance.

Call for report of committee on Destitution.

Call for report of committee on Home Missions.

Call for report of committee on Foreign Missions.

Call for report of committee on Christian Education.

Call for report of committee on Associational Missions.

Call for report of committee on Temperance.

Call for report of Central Mission Board.

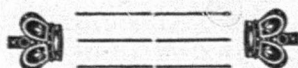
Call for report of Sunday School Board.

Arrange correspondence to Sister Associations.

Select place for holding the next Association.

Select a brother to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Miscellaneous Business.



## MINUTES.

The ministers and messengers composing Big Creek Baptist Association convened in its 21st annual session at Viola Baptist Church, Fulton county, Ark., Sept. 21, 1895, 11 o'clock a. m.

According to previous election at our last session, Eld. H. Soden preached the annual Introductory Sermon, his text being Rom. 1st Chapter and 16th verse: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." This subject was ably handled by the Bro., the power thereof being felt in the large congregation present, was followed by his alternate, Eld. W. H. Bowling with a few well chosen remarks. The congregation was then dismissed for the purpose of seeking refreshments.

After refreshments the Association was called to order by its former Moderator, Eld. J. H. Soden. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. L. Bowling. The clerk being absent, Bro. J. L. Bowling was appointed clerk pro tem.

1st. The names of the churches was called and their leaders presented and read by Elds. W. H. Bowling and J. L. Cargill as reading clerks, and the messengers' names were enrolled.

2. On motion of Eld. H. B. Clinton that we drop from our roll Little Strawberry, Shiloh and Wideman, motion carried.

3. On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of Moderator and clerk for the ensuing Associational year. Elds. J. T. Hand and John Holman were appointed Tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Eld. J. H. Soden as Moderator and Eld. J. L. Bowling as Clerk. After a few remarks by the Moderator, the Association proceeded to business.

1st, An invitation was extended to churches desiring admission into this body, whereupon New Hope and Diamond Springs churches presented petitionary letters, which were received and read, and the hand of fellowship was given to the messengers by the Moderator.

2d. Called for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations, Eld. J. H. Hand, of White River, and Bro. A.

Felts of Rocky Bayou, presented minutes of their associations and was invited to seats in this body.

3d. Called for visiting ministers of other associations. The invitation was accepted by Eld. John Holman, from Union Association, who came forward and was welcomed to seat with us.

4th. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1st. On Religious Exercises, the delegates of Viola Church were appointed as committee.

2d. On Baptist Literature, Elds. B. L. Chadwick, Sanford Oliver and Bro. W. A. Holeway.

3d. On Sunday Schools, Elds. J. E. Cargil, R. T. Farling and R. E. Richardson.

4th. On Home Missions, Elds. T. F. Cargill, J. L. Bowling and J. R. Cooper.

5th. Associational Missions, Eld. W. H. Bowling, Bros. W. Harris and B. M. Talley.

6th. State Missions, Bros. W. L. Reid, John Chadwick and W. R. Cash.

7th. Finance Committee, Bros. W. M. Butler and W. L. Reid.

8th. Foreign Missions, Eld. W. H. Bowling, Bros. J. D. Cochran and R. L. Thompson.

9th. Christian Education, Bros. Jas. Johns, Lee Gibson and James Shelton.

10th. On Destitution, Eld. H. B. Clinton, Bros. W. T. Harborough and J. D. Bratcher.

11th. On Temperance, Elds. J. E. Cargill, W. H. Bowling and Bro. Foster Baker.

Upon motion, the Association was adjourned until Monday morning, September 23,

At 8 o'clock a m. Prayer by Eld. H. B. Clinton—Preaching Saturday night by Eld. John Holeman. Text: Acts 8, 37, "If thou believe with all thine heart, thou shalt be saved." Followed by Eld. B. L. Chadwick. Sunday at 11 a m. Eld. T. G. Hawks, text 2nd Cor. 5, 8.—This being a funeral service in memory of our deceased Bro. E. A. Cargill—Closing remarks by Eld. H. B. Clinton—Sunday night by Eld. J. F. Hand, 1st Cor. 9th. "For we are laborers together with God." Followed by Eld. W. H. Bowling

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Monday morning at 8 o'clock, Sept. 23, 1895, the Association met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, prayer by Eld. Sam Oliver—Proceeded to business.

1st. Roll called and absence marked.

2d. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings read and approved.

3d. Renewed call for churches not represented on Saturday. Salem and Viola churches by messengers presented letters which were read and messengers names enrolled.

4th. Renewed call for petitionary letters. None.

5th. Renewed invitation to visiting ministers. None.

6th. Renewed call for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations. None present.

On motion of Eld. T. G. Hawkins, the regular order of business was suspended in order that the report of the Mission Board, Committees on Destitution and Associations Missions be first called and considered.

1st. Called for report of the Associational Board, which was presented and read, and on motion was adopted as read.

The Associational Board would make their report as follows, to-wit:—Received since last Association, \$7.25. Paid Eld. J. E. Cargill, \$8.50 to defray his expenses to the State Convention. The Association is due the Board \$1.25. As there was no funds raised to defray the expenses of a Missionary we did not employ any one for the last year. We find that this body is still owing our last Missionary, Eld. H. Bowling, the sum of \$50, which is due and unpaid, all which is respectfully submitted. J. D. BRATCHER, Ch'm.

2d. Called for report on Destitution. It was presented and read, and after discussion, on motion, it was adopted. Report as follows: We, your Committee on Destitution, would submit the following report: All east of South Fork and west of Eleven Points River, except Mammoth Spring and Spring River Churches. Also the west and northwest boundary of this Association, are destitute of Baptist preaching. We would recommend that said territory be occupied by this Association.

W. T. SCARBOROUGH, Ch'm.



3d. Called for report on Associational Missions, which was presented and read. On motion, was received, and after being discussed by Elds. W. H. Bowling, J. E. Cargill, T. G. Hawkins, H. B. Clinton and Bro. W. T. Scarborough, the report was adopted:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following: We find that within the bounds of our Association, the Baptist cause has been greatly built up through Pastorial work, but we have had no Missionary for the past year and the result is nothing done in the rural districts of our Association; but we earnestly recommend that the Mission Board employ a missionary for the ensuing year and the pastors of each church take up a collection for the support of the Missionary and urge the brethren to contribute liberally to this cause and forward the same to Association Mission Board.

F. W. HARRIS, Ch'm.

Upon motion that the Moderator appoint an Association Board to consist of seven B's. Motion carried.

On motion the Association adjourned for refreshments to meet again at 1 o'clock—Prayer by Bro. W. L. Reid.

After refreshments served on the ground, the Association was called to order. Prayer by Bro. John Chadwick.

The Moderator proceeded to the appointment of an Associational consisting of B's. A P Nimmo, R L Thompson, W Holoway, Green Jones, Jacob Hutson and W T Scarborough.

On motion by Eld R T Farthing, that the speakers on different subjects be timed to five minutes each. After some discussion motion carried.

4th. Called for the report on Sunday Schools, which was presented and read on motion, after speeches by Elds J E Cargill, W H Bowling, R T Farthing, B H Clinton and Bro W T Scarborough, was adopted.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

It ought not to be necessary to urge upon the people the importance of the Sunday School, but a glance over the letters to this Association show that quite a number of the churches have no schools. Is there a member of any of our churches of this Association who does not readily assent to the necessity of Sunday schools? Is it not a powerful agent in the moral and religious training of the youth, and also in

the making better the lives of the adult? Does not the present condition of society plead mightily for all the good the Sunday schools can possibly do? Who will dare to say the church members should not also be a member of the Sunday school. The character, habits, the uselessness or usefulness of the adults of this generation is already formed and is practically beyond change; but this generation might wake up and make a faithful effort to build up out of the boys and girls a people who will bless the world with a purer, nobler, happier and a more active christian life. Men and women are badly needed in the Sunday schools as teachers. They are needed for the good it would do themselves and for the good their examples would do others. We, therefore urge upon every church that it maintain a Sunday school and that every church member that he become an active worker in and for an evergreen Sunday school. Let us see what a year of such work might do.

J. E. CARGILL, Ch'm.

Upon motion of Bro. R. E. Richardson that the Moderator appoint a Sunday School Board, to consist of seven Brothers motion carried and appointment made as follows: Bro. V. Maupin, J. F. Baker, Thos. Seaton, F. W. Harris, P. M. Talle, John Chadwick and J. F. Christa.

5th. Call for report on Baptist Literature, which was presented and read, and on motion, after speech by Eld. T. Hawkins, was adopted.

We, your committee on Baptist Literature, beg leave to submit the following: Believing the Bible to be a perfect code of heavenly instruction for man, and having God for its author, it points to Heaven as a home for all who do truly repent of their sins and trust Christ for Salvation. We cordially recommend everybody to read it, especially the brethren and sisters. We would further recommend that the Baptists of Big Creek Association subscribe for and read our state paper, published at Little Rock, Ark., and the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. and the Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va. Also we recommend "Harvest Bell" song book, hoping that all our churches will use and adopt it.

B. L. CHADWICK, Ch'm Com.

6th Called for report on Home Missions, which was presented

presented and read, and after speeches by Elds. J. R. Cooper and T. G. Hawkins, on motion was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Home Missions, respectfully submit the following: We would earnestly and prayerfully recommend that this Association contribute liberally to this cause of Home Missions and that each church take up a collection at their monthly meeting in December, 1895 and forward the same to Home Mission Board. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. BOWLING,  
T. F. CARGILL,  
J. R. COOPER, } Committee.

7th Called for report on Finance. Report was presented and on motion was adopted, to-wit: We, your committee on Finance report the amount received for minute fund, \$16.45.

W. L. REID,

WM. BUTLER,  
Committee.

8th Called for report on Foreign Missions, which was presented and read. After remarks by Elds. W. H. Bowling and T. G. Hawkins, on motion, was adopted, viz:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following: We believe it is the duty of our members to contribute of their means regularly to the support of the gospel in foreign lands, as the commission given by our Savior before he ascended to the Father, was to go into all the world. We recommend that the pastors of our churches preach more along this line, and take up collection for Foreign Missions and forward the same to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. BOWLING, Ch'm.

9th, Called for report on Christian Education, was presented and read and, on motion, was adopted after speeches by Elds. R. T. Farthing T. G. Hawkins, T. F. Cargill, W. H. Bowling, J. L. Bowling and Bro. W. L. Livingston.

We, your committee on Christian Education, submit the following: Whereas, with the increase of education we see the rapid growth of skepticism, which can only be successfully met by christian education, we earnestly urge our churches and brethren to rally to the support of our own Baptist schools and colleges; first, that of Mountain Home; second, Ouachita, and third, Central Female Baptist college;



and that we endeavor to procure christian teachers in our schools. Respectfully submitted.

W. L. GIBSON, Ch'm.

10th. Called for report on Temperance, which was presented and read, and after speeches by Elders J. E. Cargill, R. T. Farthing, T. G. Hawkins, Bro. W. T. Livingston, and W. T. Scarborough, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Recognizing the fact as we do, that we are "to shun every appearance of evil, and seeing that nothing is connected with the liquor traffic but evil and that no one of good moral character will engage in it; that it is the companion of prostitution, the parent of the most fiendish vices that it dwells in shame and infamy, and that it is the worst of all the children of its father, the devil. Therefore we call upon our brethren to use their influence in every way possible to banish this, the enemy of God and man, from the land. We believe it to be the duty of every christian man to strike at this poison through the ballot box, against every man or measure that is aiding or in sympathy with the traffic, for we see its slimy, filthy trail in our courts, in the halls of our legislature, corrupting our courts and preventing the execution of our laws. We know that there is nothing too mean, too vile, too infamous, too fiendish or hellish for this traffic to do, therefore we urge the union of all christians, all moral and respectable people in an uncompromising, unyielding and ceaseless warfare against this great evil. That we pledge to our God, ourselves, our county, our every effort in every honorable way to suppress and banish it from the land. We recommend that our churches withdraw fellowship from any member who persists in signing petitions for saloon license or in giving aid to the traffic in any way.

While some of our brethren are very intemperate in chewing and smoking, we call your especial attention to the statistical table that you may see the thousands of dollars that is being spent annually by christian people for this obnoxious weed and the cause of Christ languishing on the account of insufficient means to carry on his work.

J. E. CARGILL,	}	committee.
J. T. BAKER,		
W. H. BOWLING,		

On motion the Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer by Eld. W. H. Bowling.

At 7:30 p. m., the Association was again called to order  
by the Moderator. Prayer by W. M. Butler.

11th Called for report on State Missions, which was  
presented and read and after remarks by Elds. W. H. Bow-  
ling, T. G. Hawkins and Bro. W. T. Scarborough, was adopt-  
ed. See following report.

We your committee on State Missions would respectfully  
submit the following: Believing as we do that our State  
Board is doing a great work in supplying weak churches and  
destitute places in the State and, whereas, the State board  
has aided this Association to the amount of \$90.00. We  
therefore recommend that this Association co-operate with  
the State Board by contributing to the State Board for mis-  
sion work in the State and by recommending some one to the  
State as a member of the Board from this Association, and  
provide means for his expences to the meeting of the board.  
We further recommend that this Association ask for \$100 to  
aid the mission work in our bounds next associational year.  
Respectfully submitted, W. R. CASH, Ch'm.

1st. On motion that the Association elect two delegates  
to the State Convention and one to be a member of the State  
Board, Elds. W. H. Bowling, T. G. Hawkins and Bro. W. F.  
Harris was chosen. Eld. W. H. Bowling was chosen to be  
our member of the State Board.

2d. Officers of Missionary Board and their postoffice ad-  
dresses. W. T. Scarborough, Chairman, Mammoth Spring,  
Ark.; A. P. Nimmo, Sec., Union, Ark.; W. A. Holeway Treas.  
State Line, Ark.

3rd. The Association arranged correspondence to Sister  
Associations as follows: Rocky Bayou, Elds. R. T. Farthing  
W. H. Bowling, Bros. W. L. Reid and J. F. Baker. To Union  
Association, Eld. T. G. Hawkins, Bros. W. R. Cash, W. A.  
Maupin and J. C. Webb. To White River Association, Eld.  
J. E. Cargill, Bros. J. G. Carroll, W. A. Maupin and F. M.  
Ballard. To State Line, Bros. W. A. Maupin, W. R. Cash  
and G. W. Brooks. To Eleven Points, Bro. J. L. Gipson.

4th, Mammoth Spring Church, Mammoth Spring, Fulton

county, Ark., was selected for holding the next session of Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association. Eld. W. H. Bowling was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Eld T. G. Hawkins as his alternate.

5th. Upon motion of Eld. W. H. Bowling that we change the time of the meeting of the Association from Saturday before the fourth Sunday to meet on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September in each year. Motion carried.

6th. Eld. T. G. Hawkins offered the following resolution viz: That each pastor preach on the subject of District Missions at their next meeting of their respective churches and take up a collection and forward it to the treasurer of the board. The resolution was adopted.

7th. On motion of Eld. W. H. Bowling that we have a fifth Sunday meeting on the first fifth Sunday after the 5th in September, which will be on the 29th of Dec., 1895, to meet on Friday before. Motion carried.

8th. Salem Church was selected as the place for the next meeting.

9th. Upon motion that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to arrange for and assign subjects to those they may select to write or speak on at 5th Sunday meeting. Motion carried and committee appointed consisting of Bros D. Bratcher, W. T. Livingston and G C Jones.

10th. Upon motion that the clerk was authorized to have 400 copies of minutes printed and distributed to the churches; that he have \$5 for his work and return the over plus to the Associational Board if any. Motion carried.

11th. Resolved that thanks are due to our Moderator for the faithful and impartial discharge of his duties, and to the clerk for the faithful discharge of his duties; and to the Vice church and the citizens of this vicinity for the hospitality way we have been entertained during the sitting of the body.

12th. Upon motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mammoth Spring church, Fulton County, Ark., Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1896. Closing prayer by Eld. B. H. Clinton. While singing the messengers took the parting hand and the silent tears betokened the love in each heart.

Eld, J. H. SODEN, Mod.,

Eld. J. L. BOWLING, Clerk.

## LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS,

New Prospect, W. L. Reid and Foster Baker; Liberty Hill, Lewis Porterfield; Enterprise, J. G. Boler and J. C. Weob; Oak Grove, James Johns, John McCauless; Cross Roads, W. L. Gibson, J. W. Dally, J. T. Chadwick; Mammoth Spring, W. A. Maupin, W. B. Cash, W. T. Scarborough, Emma Cash; Pleasant Ridge, J. H. Shelton; Mt. Zion, F. W. Harris, J. D. Cochran, J. D. Buckout; Mt. Olive, J. R. Cooper, W. L. Wood, A. A. Tollison; Shady Grove, J. K. Bates, G. Jones, R. E. Richardson; Maces'onia, W. M. Talley; Pleasant Grove, W. A. Holeway, C. L. Fouts; Mt. Pleasant, J. B. Hackett; Mt. Lebanon, H. Edwards, E. W. Goodwin; Liberty, W. M. Butler, A. D. Barker; New Hope, J. D. Bratcher; Diamond Spring, F. M. Ballard; Viola, J. G. Carrol, Thos. Mastin, Z. T. Carrol, J. R. Ellis; Salem, Wm. Grisso, W. T. Livingston.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

Elders H. B. Clinton, J. H. Seden, M. A. Chadwick, ✕ G. W. Suggs, ✕ J. R. Cooper, J. P. Lovelace, ✕ J. E. Cargill, T. F. Cargill, W. H. Bowling, J. L. Bowling, B. Taylor, ✕ S. M. Oliver, B. L. Chadwick, N. T. Chadwick, J. C. Haywood, ✕ R. T. Farthing, T. G. Hawkins.

The above names marked x were absent.

## CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This association shall be known by the name of Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. The members composing the annual meetings of the association shall consist of the messengers sent by the churches.

ART. 3. The messengers sent by the churches to the annual meetings, shall not exceed four from each church.

ART. 4. The association shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have previously been appointed.

ART. 5. The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority of the Messengers annually, at the annual meeting of the body.

ART. 6. This association shall have no power to control or regulate the internal affairs or discipline of any church, but it may adopt or recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the churches, and advise and consult upon the matters as the churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice. It may receive churches in this association, or dismiss churches from the body, inquire into the religion in its bounds, and suggest measures for its advancement, and be a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power over the churches.

ART. 7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

# Statistical Table.

Churches,	Pastors	Clerks.	Postoffices.	Days of meeting.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Received by letter.	Rec'd by recommendation.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Val. of church property	Paid Pastors.
New Prospect...	J P Lovelace....	W L Reid.....	Thomasville.....	4				2	1	2			5		47	1.00		
Liberty Hill....	J H Soden.....		Oxford, Ark	1				3	1		1	1	2		68	60	\$150	
Enterprise.....	J C Holeman....	L C Wood	Vidette "	1				9	3	2	1	1		1	43	1.50		
Oak Grove.....	J R Cooper.....	Jas Johns	Moody, Mo.	3									1		12	50		
Cross Roads....	Jas Henley.....	M A Chadwick	Oxford, Ark	4				4	3	3		4			35	50		
Mammoth Spring	W T Wright....	G W Book	Mam. Sp'g Ark	24	\$13.65			3				2	1		37	2.00	1700	\$148.58
Pleasant Ridge..	R T Farthing....	J N Shelton	Wild Cherry "	1				1	1	1	1				36	75		
Mt. Zion.....	J P Lovelace....	S W Cochran	Thomasville "	3		23.00		1	3			6			108	1.50	600	50.00
Mt. Olive.....	J R Cooper.....	W L Wood	Salem "	1									2		8	50		
Shady Grove....	J H Soden.....	W T Seaton	" "	4				13	9			7	1		110	1.50	250	
Macedonia.....	B L Chadwick....	J H Copland	Byron "	2				6	12			1	5		36	1.00	75	
Pleasant Grove..	T F Cargill....	T J Halloway	Ten Mile "	1				4	1				4		62	1.00	350	25.00
Mt Pleasant....		J B Hackett	Afton "										1		10			
Mt Lebanon....	J L Bowling....	B A Couch	Ash Flat "	1				2	2	1				1	21	35		
Liberty.....	R T Farthing....	Mary Alderson	Viola "	3				4	11		2	10			46	75		
New Hope.....	J R Cooper.....	J D Bratcher	Salem "	4				2							8			
Diamond Springs	John Williams...	A S Wilkens	Wake, Baxter Co					20	10							90		
Viola.....	R T Farthing....	P Keith	Viola, Ark	4				3					1	1	57	1.00		
Salem.....	J E Cargill....	W T Livingston	Salem "									9		1	12	75		12.00
Bethlehem.....	Not represented																	
Spring River....																		
Totals.						\$13.65	23.00	72	60	6	5	41	23	4	750	16.20	3,125	336.54