

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

1874 Twenty-eighth Anniversary 1902

OF THE

BIG CREEK

Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Pleasant Grove Church

MOKO, ARK.

September 27, 28, and 29

1902

Moderator, Eld. W. H. BOWLING, Salem, Ark.

Clerk, JAMES F. BARNES, Union, Ark.

Next session with Salem Church, September 26, 1903
at eleven o'clock A. M.

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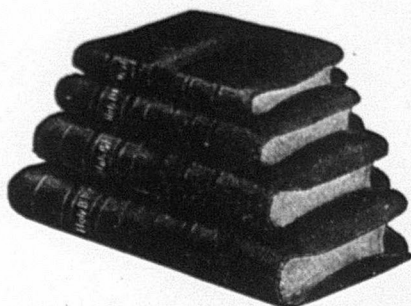
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened its 28th annual session with Pleasant Grove Church Saturday, September 27, 1902. Moderator and Clerk being present, after prayer by Eld. Deaver, the Association proceeded to business. Bros. E. J. Bratcher and R. I. Hiner were appointed reading clerks.

Names of churches were called, letters read and messengers' names enrolled, viz:

Emeans—Bro. R. H. Mask, Sister Vastine Mask, Sister C. L. Howerton, Bro. F. A. Dunham.

Enterprise—Henry Dixon, Zack Grisso.

Liberty Hill—Eld. J. H. Porterfield, Bro. J. H. Clinton.

Liberty—G. P. Keith.

Mt. Zion—Eld. H. B. Clinton, J. F. Barnes, J. D. Cochran, Perry Prewitt.

Macedonia—J. T. Ezell.

New Prospect—John M. Barnes.

Oak Grove—Henry McElmurry, G. C. Jones, Sister M. J. Jones.

Pleasant Grove—E. J. Bratcher, J. H. Brisco, T. J. Holloway, J. F. Cristy.

Pleasant Ridge—W. H. McCuistion, Elonzo Gray.

Plumb Grove—Frank Patterson, A. J. Jones.

Shady Grove—A. A. Tollison, Sister M. E. Tollison, J. M. Devenport, Eld. J. C. Holeman.

Salem—Eld. W. H. Bowling, J. W. C. Gardner, T. A. Goodwin, Sister Daisy Livingston.

Union Hill—A. J. Hand.

Viola—J. G. Carroll, Eld. T. F. Cargill, Sister Ollie Carroll, Eld. J. E. Cargill.

J. C. Holeman, T. F. Cargill and Bro. J. D. Cochran. Eld. W. H. Bowling was selected as a member of the board. Collection taken for Associational Missions, \$3.20, and for Orphan's Home \$2.44. Adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Resumed business. Song and prayer by Eld. R. I. Hiner. Called for report of Central Board, which was made, viz:

We, your Central Board, would submit the following: We employed Eld. W. H. Bowling to hold a meeting of 5 days at Taylor School House, which resulted in 2 conversions. We paid him \$1 per day. We also employed Eld. J. E. Cargill at \$1 per day to preach at Wild Cherry. He only filled one appointment, 2 days, \$2.

Total moneys received\$18.40.

Total amount paid out..... 7.00.

Balance on hand.....\$11.40.

Adopted. * J. F. Barnes, Sec. and Treas. A. C. M. B.

Motion that we pay Eld. T. F. Cargill \$8.00 for preaching services done at Emeans Church out of the Sundays' collection of \$4.39 and balance out of money on hand, carried. Eld. W. L. Smith contributed 50 cents. Motion also that we pay Eld. J. L. Bowling \$5 for work done at Taylor School House meeting. Motions carried, leaving \$3.29 cents in treasury of Central Board.

E. J. Bratcher, Thos. Holloway, G. C. Jones, Thos. Godwin and Henry Dixon were elected Associational Mission Central Board, and an auxiliary board was appointed, consisting of one member from each church, viz:

Emeans, Sister V. Mask; Enterprise, Sister Ida Grisso; Liberty, Sister Keith; Liberty Hill, Sister Minnie Clinton; Macedonia, Sister Ether Watkins; New Prospect, Sister Mary Dillard; Oak Grove, Sister M. J. Jones; Pleasant Ridge, Sister McCuiston; Plumb Grove, Sister Walker; Salem, Sister Daisy Livingston; Shady Grove, Sister Holeman; Union Hill, Sister Hand; Viola, Sister Ollie Carroll; Diamond Springs, Sister Bill Fout; Mt. Zion, Sister Maggie Cochran.

Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations:

Rocky Bayou: Henry McElmurry, Green C Jones, Henry Dixon, R. I. Hiner, J. L. Bowling, Wm. McCuiston.

Union: E. J. Bratcher, R. I. Hiner, T. J. Holloway, Pink Keith.

White River: Elds. J. C. Holeman and J. L. Bowling.

Finance committee reported for minute fund \$15.

Resolved, that Clerk superintend printing and distribution of minutes and retain \$5 for his services. Carried.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to Pleasant Grove Church and its surrounding friends for their kind hospitality and to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful discharge of duty; also to the visiting ministers for their presence, assistance and sermons. Adopted.

R. I. Hiner.

Eld. J. E. Cargill was elected to preach introductory sermon of next meeting, Eld. J. L. Bowling alternate.

After prayer while singing "God be with you till we meet again" the messengers took the parting hand and the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Salem Saturday before 4th Sunday in September at 11 o'clock a. m., 1903.

ELD. W. H. BOWLING, Mod.

JAMES F. BARNES, Clerk.

Reports of Committees.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Savior commands us to teach, and the Sabbath School is one of the best ways in which to teach the Bible and is a place which affords an opportunity for obtaining a knowledge of the scriptures. It wields an influence over the rising generation that will result in much good. We recommend that each church in this Association organize a Baptist Sunday School; also that the Bible and other sound Baptist literature be taught in our Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted.

Adopted.

R. I. Hiner
A. J. Hand,
J. H. Clinton. } Com.

BAPTIST LITERATURE.

The Bible is a Baptist book and contains our rule of faith and practice. We believe teaching intelligently without knowledge impossible. Therefore, we recommend and urge a thorough study of the Bible as the true guide promoting denominational knowledge, and that Baptist Sunday Schools use the Bible and literature of the Southern Baptist Convention and American Baptist Publication Society.

Adopted.

W. H. McCuistion,
T. J. Holloway,
T. F. Cargill. } Com.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find the north and southern portion of our Association well supplied with gospel preaching. In the west our churches and ministers are few, and in the eastern portion the destitution is great. Therefore we recommend a continuation of the present board system vigorously executed and perfected in all its parts until there is a church and pastor in every community in the bounds of our Association.

Adopted.

G. C. Jones,
R. H. Mask,
A. J. Jones } Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions this year are carried on through the workings of the Arkansas State Convention and General Association. The reports show 54 baptisms for State Convention and 90 for General Association, a claim of both 144 baptisms. When we compare this number with our sister state, Missouri, who claim 1651 baptisms for the first three quarters we decide at once that our state mission work is not really prosperous. We advise that Big Creek Association appoint its messengers and board member as heretofore to state convention and that same cast their votes carefully and prayerfully for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the state, and reasonable wages to those employed. We urge our churches to raise funds and put in the hands of our board member for proper transmission to state board.

Adopted.

J. F. Barnes,
H. B. Clinton,
E. J. Bratcher. } Com.

HOME MISSIONS.

Whereas, Christ said to the church, Go preach the gospel to every creature, we recommend that all our brethren give for this cause as the Lord hath prospered them, to this, our home mission work.

Adopted.

J. L. Bowling,
J. D. Cochran,
J. E. Cargill. } Com.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We find the foreign mission work is being wonderfully blessed, and that some of the foreign fields are more accessible than some of the American states. God calls on us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. He taught us to pray, Thy kingdom come thy will be done. Can we pray thus and not do anything to forward his kingdom. We urge our churches and pastors to take collections for this work.

Adopted.

J. C. Holeman,
John M. Barnes,
J. H. Porterfield, } Com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education is that development of mind and heart which prepares one for complete living. Millions of dollars are spent annually by the different denominations to thus prepare the youths of our land in this work. The Baptists are not behind, but have in our state a number of Baptist schools, all of which are doing good work and should receive our hearty support. We recommend that all Baptist parents patronize Baptist schools when wishing higher education for their children. Also recommend that if there are any young men in the churches of this Association who are called of God to preach, that they be looked after, and if his church is satisfied that he is called of God, steps should be taken to send him to school.

Adopted.

W. L. Smith,	} Com.
C. M. Deaver,	
Daisy Livingston,	

ORPHANS HOME.

We recommend the Orphans Home at Monticello, Ark., to all of our people. We believe this institution should receive the voluntary support of all the churches in our Association to help support the same. We advise frequent collections for that purpose.

Adopted.

J. E. Cargill,	} Com.
J. C. Holeman,	

TEMPERANCE.

We advise that Baptists take a definite stand against the making, furnishing or drinking of intoxicating spirits, and that churches make this a test of fellowship.

Adopted.

T. F. Cargill,	} Com.
J. G. Carroll,	
J. L. Bowling.	

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Pastors P. O.	CLERKS.	Clerks P. O.	Rec by baptism Day of meeting	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.....	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded	Deaths.....	Membership...	Val. Church Property.....	Pastors' Salary.	Paid for Missions.	Minute Fund..	San. Schools No....
Cross Roads..	Not repres'd..				.	.	.	.	.	.	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Diamond Spgs.	R. I. Hiner....	Viola.....	Allen Wilkins,	Wake, Ark	4	.	.	.	.	1	13	.....	.....	.....	50	..
Emeans.....	T. F. Cargill..	Viola.....	J S Landcaster	Camp, "	4	3	1	1	.	1	11	.....	16	.....	50	..
Enterprise....	T. F. Cargill..	Viola.....	Fay Pope.....	Beall, "	1	4	.	2	3	1	56	300	25	.....	1 00	50
Liberty Hill..	L. S. Ballard..	Huron.....	J. H. Clinton..	Oxford, "	1	5	.	.	.	1	68	100	20	4 12	80	..
Liberty.....	J. C. Holeman.	Wheeling...	M. Alderson..	Viola, "	3	.	.	.	.	2	39	250	6	.....	1 00	41
Mt. Zion.....	H. B. Clinton.	Union.....	S. W. Cochran	Union, "	3	5	.	1	1	1	111	600	50	10 00	1 00	..
Macedonia....	W H Porterfield	Oxford.....	B. M. Talley..	Byron, "	.	2	.	1	1	1	28	100	7	.....	50	..
New Prospect.	J. W. Copeland	Pineville...	S. G. Dillard..	Oxford, "	2	1	.	4	.	2	48	400	.....	.....	80	..
Oak Grove....	J. C. Holeman.	Wheeling...	G. C. Jones...	Moody, Mo.	2	6	.	5	.	.	17	.....	15	.....	80	..
PleasantGrove	J. C. Holeman.	Wheeling...	J. M. Lamons.	Lanton, Mo.	1	3	.	.	2	.	55	300	.....	1 00	1 20	..
Plumb Grove.	W. H. Bowling	Salem.....	J. L. Jones....	Pilot, Ark	2	4	.	1	.	.	14	.....	.....	.....	75	..
Pleasant Ridge	L. S. Ballard..	Pineville...	W H McCuistion	Oxford, "	3	5	5	.	4	1	50	50	15	.....	75	..
Salem.....	W. H. Bowling	Salem.....	J. W. C. Gardner	Salem, "	3	10	12	.	4	1	41	500	50	9 88	1 45	52
Shady Grove.	J. C. Holeman	Wheeling...	Geo. Goodwin.	Salem, "	4	.	.	1	5	.	79	300	.....	.....	1 65	20
Union Hill....	R. I. Hiner....	Viola.....	W. T. Fowler.	Wake, "	1	1	1	.	4	.	30	.....	.....	.....	50	..
Viola.....	J. E. Cargill..	Viola.....	Ollie Carroll..	Viola, "	4	9	5	1	2	1	80	.....	15	.....	1 00	..
Totals.....					58	24	9	26	11	9	772	\$2900	\$219	\$25 00	\$14 20	163

TOTAL STATISTICS FOR 3 YEARS AS REPORTED.

Minute Fund.	Paid for Missions.	Pastors' Salary.	Val. Church Property.....	Total Membership..	Deaths.....	Excluded	Dis. by Letter.	Restored.....	Rec. by Letter.	Baptisms
1900.....	\$43.50	\$378	\$3315	670	16	15	25	5	24	43
1901.....	30.95	195	2700	721	11	12	21	7	30	53
1902.....	25.00	219	2900	772	9	11	27	9	24	58

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