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OF THE

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OF THE

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HELD WITH THE

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. R. I. Hiner. Text, 1 Cor. 9-16, after which the house was called to order by the moderator. The clerk being absent J. D. Barnes was appointed clerk protem by the moderator. Eld. W. H. Bowling and Walter Goodwin were appointed reading clerks.

Churches were called and responded to by their respective messengers. Viz. C. O, Smith, E. Galbraith, Pearl Neal, M. I. Ivester, Samp Roby, Edna Grisso, James Roper, A. D. Barker, W. C. McGinty, Sam Webb, Lee Gibson, E. Webb, David Clinton, J. Webb, G. W. Gibson, Samuel Miller, J. D. Cochran, Lafayette Taylor, J. H. Copeland, Wm. Neal, R. L. Black, Jas. Ezell, G. C. Jones, S. S. McElwee, Harley Walker, T. J. Holloway, G. A. White, John Davenport, S. M. Oliver, W. H. Bowling, J. F. Barnes, W. T. Livingston, N. M. Allen, J. D. Barnes, R. I. Hiner, Philip Hawkins, J. S. Landcaster. Elds. D. A. Allen of Independence Association and W. M. Cooper, of Rocky Bayou Association were welcomed as visiting ministers and messengers. Elds. D. A. Allen and J. E. Cargill were appointed tellers, and R. I. Hiner was re-elected moderator and J. D. Barnes clerk. Committies were appointed on divine service viz; J. D. Cochran, V. T. Woods, S. Miller, Lafayette Taylor, and G. W. Gibson.

The several committies were appointed. (see reports of committies) Highland Park Church at Lanton Mo., was selected for next annual meeting place of Big Creek Association, Eld. R. K. Pope to preach Introductory sermon, S. M. Oliver alternate.

Motions; that we continue our Fifth Sunday meetings and adopt the program for next meeting, and that a committee be selected on program at each meeting. Motion carried. That our Sunday school committee report Sunday evening and that we devote Sunday after noon to Sabbath school work. Motion carried.

Corresponding messengers to sister Associations were arranged as follows; To, Rocky Bayou, Elds. W. H. Bowling, R. I. Hiner, and Bro's S. Miller and J. D. Cochran. white River, Elds. R. I. Hiner, R. K. Pope, and Bro. J. F. Barnes. Spring River, W. T. Livingston, and walter Goodwin. State Line Eld. T. J. Holloway and Bro. W. C. McGinty

Eld. W. H. Bowling was elected as a messenger to The Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. J. E. Cargill, alternate

Constitution and rules of Decorum was read by the moderator. Adjourned to meet Sunday 2 p. m. Eld. W. M. Cooper to preach Saturday night, and Eld. D. A. Allen to preach Sunday at eleven.

Sunday 2 p. m. Association cnnvened and Sunday school committee reported, viz. Realizing the great need of our children being tought the Word of God we urge the churches to organize Sabbath schools and supply them with Baptist literature and urge parents to attend sunday school with their children thereby showing greater interest in religious education. We further urge that a collection be taken every sunday. 1st. sunday for foreign missions.

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3rd. " home missions.

4th. " sabbath school purposes.

M. I. Ivester,
Harley Walker, Committee.
G. S. Roby.

Adopted.

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Monday morning 8 o'clock.

The house was called to order by the moderator, minutes read and approved, roll called and absentees marked.

Reports called for in regular order and responded to as follows;

Foreign missions. We recommend that we pray God's blessings upon our foreign fields and freely give of our means for support of our foreign missionaries.

We realize that they are doing a noble work in carrying the gospel to the heathen in foreign lands, they are instrumental in bringing many souls to Christ and instilling baptist doctrine into their minds. Let us stand firm in the faith once delivered to the saints and do our duty, and that pastors take collections in January for foreign missions.

T. J. Holloway,
G. A. White, Committee.
W. T. Livingston.

Adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

We advise that all our churches make liberal contributions for home missions. Ye shall be witness of me in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem unto the uttermost parts of the Earth, then let us be witnesses of him throughout our home land in its destitute places.

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BAPTIST LITERATURE.

We believe the bible to be the primary means of saving souls and the only guide to man in this world a .d the only guide to heaven and we reccomend that people read some sound baptist paper especially our state papers.

We reccommend also the American Baptist or Southern Baptist Litrature in our Sunday schools.

Read by

W. L' Gibson. Report unsigned. Adopted.

ORPHANS HOME.

We reccommend that the home at Monticella is a safe and secure place where orphans may be sent educated and trained for the glory of God and to the advancement of his kingdom. 75 children are in the home and we should give it our hearty support.

C. O. Smith,
Pearl Neill,
Bettie Galbraith.
Adopted. Com.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We beg to report very little be ing done in this field. We advise that our present board system be continued and that our preachers who are not working be urged to wake up to their duty and supply the destitute points so for as possible. Organize churches, Sunday schools, prayer meetings, take collections, etc. and that our Central Board employ a missionary for solid work in the months of July, August and September, so far as our means will admit of.

J F. Barnes,
R. K. Pope,
Wm. Neal.
Adopted. Com.

TEMPERANCE.

The whiskey traffic is the great est curse the baptists have to con tend with, causes more wrecks of homes and lives than anyother sin, and we as a christian body should do all our power to discourage the sale and drinking of this poison and help enforce the laws of our state, that we make habitual dram drinking a test of fellowship. W. C. McGinty,
R. K. Pope,
S. M. Oliver.
Adopted. Com.

STATE MISSIONS.

The churches were commission ed to preach the gospel to all the world. Our State work is primary to carrying out the great com mission. Through our organic and co-operative efforts we may agitate, educate, cultivate and develope the spirit of missions that will reach unto the ends of the earth, under God our state mission forces are doing a fine work. This years work shows an advance over any previous

year in most all lines. We have 93 men at work in the state. We reccomend that the churches and members of this Association increase their efforts and contributions for state missions through our organized, tried and divinely prospered channels. Brethern, let us remember the destitution in our state and meet the emergency. D. A. Allen,

J. E. Cargill,

G. C. Jones.

Adopted. Com.

Finance

We have on hand for minute printing and clerk $13.00.

S. S. McElyea,

G. C. Jones,

W. L. Gibson.

Adopted. Com.

Deceased Members.

The letters shows 7 deaths. viz; Elizabeth Shepard, Jennie Wood, W. A. Light, Mollie Hudson, Ollie Livingston, Mary J. White and Ollie Grisso. We mourn the loss but cherish the thought that over loss is their eternal gain.

We feel the assurance that the shadow only has fallen and that they are waiting beyond the river to welcome the loved ones to their eternal home.

J. S. Landcaster,

J. F. Barnes,

J. D. Cochran.

Adopted. Com.

Central Board.

we hired Eld. R. I. Hiner as missionary paying him $1.25 per day, total $30, also T. F. Cargill to help Eld, W. H. Bowling organize a church at Elizabeth $3 and we have had 8 conversions.

Cash on hand. $26.40.

R. K. Pope, Secty.

J. D. Cochran, Treas.

Adopted. Com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Train up the children in the way they should go, keep our membership posted to successfully meet the many false doctrines and we would reccomend that parents patronize the baptist schools of the state.

J. F. Davenport,

S. M. Oliver,

S. S. McElyea.

Adopted. Com.

Motion: that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.

motion carried.

A Central board was appointed consisting of R. K. Pope, J.D. Cochran, G. C. Jones, Jno.

Davenport and M. I. Ivester, all church clerks to act as auxiliary members of said board.

Resolution.

That we tender our thanks to Mt. Zion church and the people in the vicinity of Union, for their kind hospitality and to the moderator and clerk visiting messengers, ministers, and all concerned in the Godley delibertions of this association.

J. F. Barnes, R. K. Pope.

Motion that we adjourn to meet with Highland Park church at Lanton, Mo., Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in Sept. 1908.

Motion carried.

After singing and prayer, adjourned.

Eld. R. I. Hiner, mod.

J. D. Barnes, clerk.

DIRECTORY.

R. I. Hiner, moderator,
Viola, Ark.
J. D. Barnes clerk,
Salem, Ark.

Central Board.

R. K. Pope, J. D. Cochran, G. C. Jones John Davenport and M. I. Ivester.

Auxiliary Board.

The clerks of the several churches.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This Association shall have the name of Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The members composing the annual meeting of the Association shall consist of the messengers sent by the churches.

Art. 3. The messengers sent by the churches to 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 reccommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to produce the harmony and prosperity of the churches, and advise and consult upon the matter as the churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice. It may receive churches into this association, or dismiss churches from the body, inquire into 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 legisative power over the churchs

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.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The associati n shall commence witn religious exercises and a sermon from some preacher, who shall have been previously appointed unless the association shall other wise direct.

2. The moderator of the session shall preside and the former clerk shall act (provided they attend) until the letters from the churches connected with the body shall have been read and a moderator and clerk appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the meeting during it's session, and appoint committeis (unless the association shall other-wise direct) preserve orders, reprove im proprieties, (except an appeal is made to the meeting by two members.) He shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair, and examine and correct the minutes, if necessary.

4. The clerk shall keep a correct copy of the proceedings of meetings and shall read the letters and documents, and may call any member to assist him at the close of the meeting. He shall take charge of the letters and documents, unless other-wise directed.

5. The churches shall designate their messengers, and report their condition by letter.

6. Preachers in good standing in other baptist churches or associations with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meetings shall be invited to a seat as correspondents, and these meetings shall always open and close with prayer.

7. Every member may speak twice on one sbuject in debate before the meeting, but no more without leave, and when speaking stand and adress the moderator, and use decorous and christian language: and no member shall absent himself from the association during the session with out leave, and any person who shall violate these rules or constitution shall be reproved as the association shall think proper.

8. These rules may be amended by a majoriety of the members present at any regular meeting.

9. The churches shall contribute funds for ordinary expenses of the body, such as printing the minutes and paying the traveling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other bodies.

10. A public collection shall be taken up at each session and applied to such benevolent purposes as the Association may direct.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Days of meeting	Baptisms	Rec'by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total membership	Minute Funds
County Line	Bakersfield Mo.		E. F. Armstrong	9	4	0	0	0	0	38		75
Eameus	Camp Ark	wm. Miner	Laura Landcaster	4	0	0	0	4	0	12		50
Enterprise	Viola	R. I. Hiner	M. I. Ivester	3	1	0	3	0	0	47		125
Flora	Viola	J. F. Cox	H. S. Tally	0	0	0	0	0	0	29		125
Highland Park	Lanton Mo	T. F. Cargill	W. C. McGinty	0	0	0	0	1	0	63		100
Liberty	Viola Ark.	R. I. Hiner	Ed Cargill	5	1	0	0	0	0	54		125
Liberty Hill	Oxford	W. H. McCuistin	W. L. Gibson	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	29	50
Mt. Zion	Union	R. I. Hiner	S. Miller	3	2	4	0	1	0	1	79	150
Macedonia	Byron	N. T. Chadwick	J. H. Copeland	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	31	75
Oak Grove	Moody Mo	T. F. Cargill	Owen Jones		0	4	0	0	3	0	53	100
Pleasant Grove	Moko Ark	T. J. Holloway	G. A. White	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	66	75
Shady Grove	Salem	S. M Oliver	H. H. Floyd		7	7	0	4	0	4	91	100
Salem	Salem	R. I Hiner	J. D. Barnes	2	3	7	0	6	1	2	75	150
			Total	37	40	14	9	7		667		1300

Diamond Spring, Mt. Pleasant and Union Hill, not represented.