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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Forty-First Annual Session

OF THE

ROCKY BAYOU

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH

INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

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MINUTES

The Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association convened in its forty-first annual session with Mount Zion church, in Independence county, Arkansas, on Saturday the 7th day of October, A. D., 1882, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Eld. J. I. Martin, who was elected at the last session to preach the introductory sermon, being absent, the introductory was preached by his alternate, Eld. A. E. Nixon. Text, Hosea 8:12; "I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing." He delivered an interesting and instructive discourse, based upon this scripture.

After a short intermission, the messengers from the various churches represented, re-assembled in the meeting house.

The moderator, Eld. J. J. Vest, being presented, offered prayer, and called the body to order. The former clerk being absent, on motion, Bro. W. K. Estes was appointed clerk pro tem., till the organization of the association.

First. The names of the churches were called, the letters presented, and read by Eld. G. M. Maxwell and Bro. J. D. Benson, and the names of the messengers enrolled. (See Statistics.)

Second. The association being temporarily organized, proceeded on motion to the election of its officers for the ensuing associational year. Eld. G. B. Borah, of Spring River Association, and Bro. W. P. Betts, of Red River Association were appointed tellers.

The election resulted in the choice of Eld. Samuel Gunn as moderator, and Bro. W. K. Estes, as clerk.

After a few appropriate remarks by the newly elected moderator, the association proceeded to business.

1st. An invitation was extended to churches desiring admission into this association:

Whereupon, a petitionary letter from Spring Hill church, was presented by Eld. W. H. Vest, the messenger from said church having failed to meet with us, for cause stated by the bearer of the letter. And said petitionary letter being read by the clerk, and it appearing from the same that said church is a scriptural and gospel church of Christ, the same was received.

2nd. Called for corresponding messengers from sister association. Bro. J. R. W. Pierce from Independence Association and Bro. W. W. Crabtree from Spring River Association, came forward and presented a minute of their association, and also Bro. W. P. Betts, from Red River Association, came forward and the moderator extended to each of them the hand of fellowship and gladly welcomed them to seats with us, to aid us in our deliberations.

3rd. Visiting ministers of our faith, were invited to seats with us. Eld. G. B. Borah from Spring River Association, accepted the invitation, and the moderator extended to Bro. Borah his hand, and received him gladly.

4th. The moderator appointed the following committees:

On arrangement of business for Monday; Brethren J. W. Rec- tor and T. P. Cypert, and Eld. J. E. Duren.

On religious exercises; the moderator and deacons of Mount Zion Church.

On Baptist literature; Brethren T. C. Cypert, Jesse Riggs and W. K. Estes.

On home and foreign missions; Eld. G. M. Maxwell and Breth- ren W. B. Massey and Robert Gray.

On finance; Brethren H. Stroud and B. W. Bledsoe, and Eld. J. R. Beaver.

Voted, on motion of Eld. J. R. Beaver, that the moderator ap- point a committee on Sabbath-schools. The moderator appointed Elds. G. M. Maxwell, J. E. Duren and J. R. Beaver as said com- mittee.

On motion, the association adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. E. Duren.

MONDAY.

Monday morning 9 o'clock, October 9th, 1882, the association

met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the moderator.

1st. Called for report of committee on arrangements. The report was presented, read and received and the committee discharged. (See Appendix A.)

2nd. The roll was called and the absentees marked.

3rd. The minutes of Saturday were read and approved and received.

4th. Renewed the invitation to new churches to be admitted into the association. None presented.

5th. Renewed the invitation to corresponding messengers and visiting ministers who were not present on Saturday. Eld. T. W. Wright and Bro. F. M. Phillips, corresponding messengers from Blue Mountain Association accepted the invitation and were received cordially, also Eld. J. L. Blancett and Bro. M. M. Head from White River Valley Association presented themselves as corresponding messengers, and it appearing that the troubles heretofore existing, causing us to refuse correspondence with said association, have been removed, on a motion, it was voted that we receive the correspondents from said association; whereupon the moderator welcomed them among us. Eld. J. L. Brown, visiting minister from Independence Association was also received.

Committee on Sabbath-school's granted further time.

6th. Called for report on Baptist literature. The report was read, and on motion, received, and the committee discharged. After a few remarks by Elds. Brown and Nixon, the report was adopted. See Appendix ("B")

Committee on home and foreign missions granted further time.

Committee on finance granted further time.

7th. On motion, the moderator appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Red River; Elds. Elias Jackson and J. H. Foster, and Bro. W. J. F. Milligen.

To Blue Mountain; Eld. N. E. Nixon, Brethren J. H. Colard, F. M. Sandefur and F. C. Murphree.

To Independence; Elds. J. J. Vest, J. H. Foster, A. E. Nixon and H. B. McGuffey.

To White River Valley; Eld. J. J. Vest and Bro. Jesse Riggs. The moderator (Eld. Samuel Gunn) also volunteered to go.

To Spring River; Eld. Elias Jackson, brethren M. C. Muncy

and John Foster.

To Big Creek; Brethren Samuel Jones, James Jones, and H. B. McGuffey.

To White River; Eld. W. H. Vest, brethren S. F. Reves, J. W. Rec'or and J. D. Benson.

8th. Report of committee on Sabbath-schools was received and the committee discharged. On motion the report was adopted. (See Appendix "C").

9th. Report of committee on finance was received and the committee discharged. (See Appendix "D").

10th. On motion, it was voted by acclamation that the next session of this association be held with Mount Pleasant church, in Izard county, Arkansas.

11th. On motion, we proceeded to the election of some one to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting. The election resulted in the choice of Eld. W. H. Vest, and as his alternate J. E. Duren.

12th. The committee on home and foreign missions made their report. After some discussions on the subject of missions, by Elds. Duren, Wright, Brown and others, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged. (See Appendix "E").

13th. Bro. T. P. Cypert offered a resolution on temperance, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Appendix "F").

14th. On motion, recess for refreshments. After recess the association was called to order by the moderator, and proceeded to business.

15th. Eld. J. E. Duren presented a resolution in regard to the printing and distribution of the minutes which was adopted. (See Appendix "G").

16th. Bro. J. W. Rector presented a resolution on mission work, which was adopted. (See Appendix "H").

On motion, after prayer by Eld. T. W. Wright, while singing we took the parting hand, and adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, A. D., 1883, with Mount Pleasant church, about three miles south of La Crosse, in Izard county. Benediction by the moderator.

W. K. ESTES,

Clerk.

ELD. SAMUEL GUNN,

Moderator.

PREACHING SERVICES.

SATURDAY SERVICES.

At candle-lighting Eld. Elias Jackson preached to a large audience in the Mount Zion meeting house, followed by Eld. T. W. Wright, Text, John 19-30. "It is finished." At the same hour Eld. A. E. Nixon preached at Banner, followed by Eld. J. R. Beaver, Text, Matthew 1: 21; "Thou shalt call his name Jesus," etc., also preaching at Pine Grove, by Eld. W. H. Vest. Text, Luke 15: 18; "I will arise and go to my father," etc.

SUNDAY.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., Eld. T. W. Wright preached in the grove to a large and attentive congregation, followed by Eld. J. E. Duren, Text 1st Corinthians 15:57; "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord, Jesus Christ." At night preaching in the meeting house by Eld. J. L. Brown, followed by Eld. J. E. Duren, Text, Romans, 1: 16; "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ," etc. Preaching also at Banner by Elds. Beaver and J. J. Vest, and at Pine Grove by Elds. Maxwell and Jackson.

MONDAY.

At 11 a. m., Elds. W. H. Vest and A. E. Nixon preached in the Grove, Text, Matthew 16: 18.

At 2, p. m., Elds. J. H. Foster and J. J. Vest preached in the grove.

God bless the labors of his people during this association.

CLERK.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

APPENDIX A.

We your Committee on Arrangements beg leave to make the following report:

1. Call the roll.
2. Read and approved minutes of Saturday.
3. Call for unrepresented churches.
4. Call for visiting ministers and corresponding messengers who were not present on Saturday.

5. Call for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.
6. Call for report of Committee on Baptist Literature.
7. Call for report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.
8. Call for report of Committee on Finance.
9. Arrange Correspondents to Sister Associations.
10. Select a place for the next meeting of the Association.
11. Elect some one to preach the Introductory sermon.
12. Miscellaneous business.

J. W. RECTOR.
Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

We, your committee on Baptist literature, herewith submit the following report:

First. We recommend the brethren to carefully read and search the Work of God, believing it to be the best Baptist literature extant. We also take pleasure in recommending "Baptist Doctrine," edited by C. A. Jenkins, for which Eld. Samuel Gunn is agent, and also, the works of J. M. Pendleton, J. R. Graves, D. B. Ray, and A. Carson. We recommend the following papers as sound in doctrine and worthy our support:

American Baptist Flag, edited by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo.; *Tennessee Baptist*, edited by J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.; and *Banner and Gleaner*, edited by W. P. Throgmorton and J. N. Hall, Benton, Ill. We believe the *Arkansas Evangel* is a good medium of communication among the Baptists of Arkansas. We also believe the Baptists of Arkansas greatly need a sound Baptist paper; therefore, we would gladly recommend the *Evangel*, but are not warranted in saying it is a sound Baptist paper.

T. P. CYPERT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We, your committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

In as much as the mind is susceptible of early impressions, an effort should be made to imprint upon the mind, good scriptural impressions. No place, perhaps is superior to that of Sabbath schools, and whereas in a former resolution requesting pastors to

see to this important matter with their respective churches in this association, and also for the churches to report the number of schools, scholars and progress, etc., we notice but little has been done in this most important work, or at least but few churches have any report at all. We therefore, beg leave to call the attention of both pastor and churches to this resolution again, and would recommend that the work be prosecuted, and the churches report in their next letters to the next session of this body. Submitted.

G. M. MAXWELL,
Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We, your committee on finance, report amount on hand for printing minutes, \$23.00.

H. STROUD,
Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We your committee on home (domestic) and foreign missions, beg leave to report as follows: In taking into consideration home or domestic missions, we find that the field requires the attention of your committee first of all. Having considered this matter we have failed to find a sufficient destitution to demand a field missionary. At the same time, we regard the home mission work as a prime work, with the respective churches of our "Faith and Order." Therefore, we say, in reply to our sister petitionary churches to this body, that if the expediency demands it, that they send forth their pastor, or supply a pastor's help to meet the demands of destitution in their bounds, to be paid out of their church funds. And furthermore, that each church composing this body, take into consideration the demands more direct and report at the next session in their letters. In regard to foreign missions, we can only say, that the subject is argued with Baptists; our positions are fully known. We can but recommend to the churches to make some effort to sustain these positions. And as we have no reports from this body on foreign missions, we therefore realize no further demand on us as a committee in regard to this matter. Respectfully submitted.

G. M. MAXWELL,
Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

Whereas, we learn from the reports of the last election in our State that we are, as a people, retreating before the soul-destroying enemy—King Alcohol. Be it resolved by this association, that we request and urge all our brethren to rally to the temperance cause, in every honorably way, on all occasions.

2nd. That we recommend our churches to adhere to a strict discipline in all cases of drunkenness

F. P. CYPERT.

APPENDIX G.

Resolved, That W. K. Estes, the clerk of this association, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of this session, and that he have five dollars for his services.

ELD. J. E. DUREN.

APPENDIX H.

Resolved, that the moderator of this association appoint an Associational Mission Board, of seven energetic, discreet brethren, whose duty it shall be to hold meetings in different parts of this association, to collect funds for missionary purposes; and said board shall have power to employ some minister, to preach in the destitute portions, where the board may direct him, and to aid weak churches in main'aining the pastors. Also that each church be requested to appoint a fiscal agent to collect funds and pay to the Board; said agent will be, by virtue of his appointment, a member of the board, when he meets with it. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Resolved further, that the fiscal agents be required to account to the board for all monies received by them, and that the Board be required to account to this association, at each annual meeting, for monies received and how expended.

J. W. RECTOR.

The moderator appointed, as such board, Elds. J. E. Duren and A. E. Nixon, and brethren J. W. Rector, Jesse Riggs, Robert Gray, S. F. Reves and W. K. Estes.

MESSENGERS.

Antioch; M. C. Muncy, John Foster, Marion Lawson.

Batesville; Eld. Elias Jackson.

Cedar Grove; Eld. G. M. Maxwell, W. B. Massey, W. J. F. Milligen, G. H. Bayless.

Concord; Eld. Samuel Gunn, Robert Gray, H. Stroud.

Fairview; R. F. Wilson, Jesse Riggs.

La Crosse; Not represented.

Melbourne; J. D. Benson, W. K. Estes, H. B. McGuffey.

Macedonia; Not represented.

Mt. Nebo No 1; James Jones, Samuel Jones.

Mt. Nebo No. 2; S. F. Reves.

Mt. Joy; Eld. J. H. Foster, F. C. Murphree.

Mt. Pleasant; P. L. Stroud.

Mt. Zion; F. M. Sandefur, L. Deloch, T. J. Brown, J. H. Collard.

Newburg; J. W. Rector, J. C. Stockard.

Philadelphia; Eld. J. R. Beaver, B. F. Spradlin, B. W. Bledsoe, W. B. Clem.

Pilgrim's Rest; Eld. E. A. Nixon.

Rocky Bayou; T. R. Cypert, W. W. Bruce.

Strawberry; Not represented.

Saints' Rest; Elds. J. J. Vest, W. H. Vest.

Table Rock; W. H. Hankins, G. W. Adrian, James Wyatt.

Zion Hill; Eld. J. E. Duren, W. M. Felts, Wm. Walker, A. L. Felts.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	By Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Minute Fund		Sabbaths of Meeting.
											Total		
Antioch.....	J. W. Miller....	S. J. James.....	La Crosse.....	3				15		1	63	1.00	1st
Cedar Grove....	G. M. Maxwell.	J. W. Sims	Jamestown....	20	3			5		2	105	2.00	1st
Concord.....	Samuel Gunn...	B. S. Stroud....	Barren Fork....		3		1	2			44	1.50	4th
Fairview.....	Samuel Gunn...	W. M. Duren...	Violet Hill....	4	2			1			34	1.00	1st
Melbourne.....	G. S. Kennard..	W. K. Estes....	Melbourne.....	1	7		1	6			38	1.50	1st
Mt. Nebo No. 1.	J. H. Soden....	A. R. Brantly...	Franklin.....	1	4			5	2		39	1.00	2d
Mt. Nebo No. 2.	J. J. Vest.....	W. L. Branblett	Barren Fork...	4		2			4		54	1.50	3d
Mt. Joy.....	J. H. Foster....	Taply Murphree	Buck Horn....							1	35	1.00	3d
Mt. Pleasant...	Samuel Gunn...	W. R. Campbell	La Crosse.....						1	1	31	1.00	2d
Mt. Zion.....	J. L. Brown....	T. J. Brown....	Banner.....	29	1	3		2	1	2	66	1.50	2d
Newburg.....	J. J. Vest.....	J. W. Rector...	Newburg.....	4	1			6		2	25	1.00	d2
Philadelphia...	A. J. Whaley...	J. W. C. Gardner	La Crosse.....	1	1						20	1.00	4th
Pilgrim's Rest..	J. J. Martin....	T. A. Danner...	Victor.....	12	3	2	1	2		3	64	1.40	1st
Rocky Bayou...	J. E. Duren....	T. P. Cypert...	Lunenburg....	1	4		1	2		1	38	1.50	4th
Saints' Rest....	W. H. Vest....	A. H. Vest.....	Melbourne.....	7			3		3		64	1.50	4th
Spring Hill....	W. H. Vest....	J. D. Lawrence	Melbourne.....	4	13						17	.75	3d
Table Rock....	J. J. Vest.....	D. Dozier.....	Calico Rock...	1					3	1	35	1.00	1st
Zion Hill.....	A. J. Whaley...	L. Jennings....	La Crosse.....	7	6			2		1	60	2.00	3d
				96	51	7	7	48	14	15	832		

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