

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH SESSION
of the
STATE LINE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
WITT'S CHAPEL CHURCH

At Maynard, Ark., on
September 12-13, 1902

J. F. ROEX, Moderator.

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, Clerk.
LIBRARY

Next meeting to be held with Poynor Church at Poynor, Mo., beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1903.

MINUTES OF

State Line Baptist Association

State Line Baptist Association met on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1902. Annual sermon by Eld. J. F. Rorex. After which the Association was called to order by former clerk. R. F. Carroll was chosen Moderator pro tem.

J. F. Rorex and D. H. Sharp were appointed reading clerks, and the letters from the various churches were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—D. A. Presley and W. S. Looney.

Witt's Chapel—R. V. Parker, W. A. Hurley, D. H. Hawkins.

New Home—E. Thomas and W. J. Moore.

Concord—Not represented.

Union—Gidd Pettitt and J. G. Moore.

Oak Grove—D. R. Tyler, John Haulcroft, and Tobias Chastain.

New Hope, No. 1—Not represented.

New Hope, No. 2—Letter, no Messenger.

Bethany—Not represented.

Mud Creek—J. N. Carroll.

Flat Woods—Not represented.

Poynor—John Cole, Sol. Henson and B. A. Legate.

The Association was then Permanently Organized by electing J. F. Rorex, Moderator, and Tobias Chastain, Clerk.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

Evening Session

The Association met as per adjournment, and, after prayer, called for new churches. None reported.

Call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations, when the names of I. J. Looney of Elevenpoints River; G. A. Fowler and B. H. Wright from Current River, and V. Hinton from Spring River Associations.

Call for visiting brethren, and the name of R. C. Medaris, State Missionary, was enrolled.

Appointment of Committees

Preaching—Messengers Witt's Chapel Church.

Publication—E. T. Lincoln and E. Thomas.

Destitution—I. J. Looney and J. N. Carroll.

Temperance—B. A. Legate and J. A. Wheatley.

Sunday Schools—W. J. Moore and L. F. Maynard.

Obituaries—J. G. Moore and R. J. M. Wyatt.

Education—L. F. Maynard and Sol. Hinson.

State of Churches—W. S. Looney and John Cole.

Foreign Mission—R. F. Carroll and John Haulcroft.

State of Home Missions—E. T. Lincoln and W. S. Looney.

Finance—R. V. Parker, D. H. Hawkins and H. M. Bishop.

Orphans Home—Milton McNabb, J. G. Pettitt and D. H. Sharp.

Resolutions—L. F. Maynard and R. F. Carroll.

Report of Committee on State of Churches

We, your committee, would report as follows: That we find that some of our churches are in a prosperous condition, and have had some glorious meetings. While some of our churches are in a cold, inactive state, we would recommend that all of our churches hold their revival meetings before the meeting of the Association.

W. S. LOONEY, } Committee
J. W. COLE, }

Committee on Destitution

We, your committee on Destitution, report as follows: We have many destitute places in our bounds. Warm Springs, Ricetown and West of Elevenpoints river are almost without Baptist preaching and also several weak churches. We would recommend that we take up as many of these as we can, and supply them with the gospel and educate them to give as they have received. And as soon as these are self-supporting then take up other destitute places as there is always work to do.

I. J. LOONEY, } Committee
J. N. CARROLL, }

A collection of \$14.06 was taken for the benefit of Warm Springs and Ricetown.

Sunday Schools

We, your committee, beg to report only three Sunday Schools in our bounds, namely: Witt's Chapel, Poynor and Union. Which are doing excellent work in strengthening the church from their classes. Realizing the great help a Sunday school is to the church we recommend that every congregation in our bounds organize and maintain an evergreen Sunday school. And that we feel grateful to Bro. G. J. Doyle for the assistance he has given the schools of the State in the way of free literature.

L. F. MAYNARD, } Committee
W. J. MOORE, }

Obituaries

We, your committee on Obituaries, report that we find the death angel has visited us and taken from us our beloved Bros. Joseph Knotts of Oak Grove, and T. C. Albritton of Witt's Chapel, and sisters Malinda A. Brown of Antioch, and Eugie M. Throgmorton of Witt's Chapel churches.

J. G. MOORE, } Committee.
R. J. M. WYATT, }

Orphans' Home

We, your committee, report that the Orphans' Home is one of the best institutions in the State, and that it is the duty of the Baptists of Arkansas to see that it is well provided for. It being a charitable institution and that we should support it with the means that God has intrusted to our care. We would further recommend that each and every church in the Association devote as one day in taking collections for this institution, and have their pastor to deliver a discourse on this work.

MILTON McNABB, } Committee.
J. G. PETTITT, }
DAVID H. SHARP, }

A collection of \$5.84 was taken for Orphans' Home.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock at night.

Met as per adjournment. Devotional services by R. C. Medaris. Preaching by I. J. Looney. Adjourned till 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Proceedings

Met as per adjournment. Opening services conducted by D. A. Presley.

Publication

We, your committee, report that we are a nation of readers, and because of this good Literature stands pre-eminent as a means by which knowledge is disseminated. And as knowledge is power and as every order has its literature and thereby its interest is fostered. We see the awful effect of yellow-back-ism in society. And if we do not expect to have our young as well as our old carried away by its evil influence we must put something better in the hands of the people. Therefore we would recommend a more thorough study of the Bible, and good wholesome literature. Good books are a power for good. Also good papers. But as they are private institutions we hardly think it fair to recommend any one to the exclusion of others. So we are willing that the

people be judges of what they want.

E. T. LINCOLN, } Committee.
E. THOMAS, }

Foreign Missions

We, your committee, report that the past year there were 1,439 baptisms in the foreign fields; and that there was \$173,437.49 paid for the work, of which this association paid \$100. The Lord said carry his gospel to all the world. Let us arise and go forth and obey his commands.

JOHN HAULCROFT, } Committee.
J. N. CARROLL, }

A collection of \$5.00 was taken for foreign missions.

Adjourned till 2 p. m. Preaching at 11 by R. C. Medaris.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by J. N. Weaver.

Report of Committee on State and Home Missions

We, your committee, report as follows: While we all make mistakes, and should profit by them and do better in the future. We need our stronger churches and brethren to help us; and the 41 missionaries of the state convention have done a good work. And was a wonderful success last year and has been so this year up to July the 31st. We therefore recommend that we co-operate with the State board in her work of love, and that we ask God to direct us in all of our work. And as to home missions we need the help of the home board, and as they have helped us when we could not help ourselves, and as they are still helping us to carry on our work, and as we could not get along well without their help, and as God's richest blessings has been upon them in their work and as we believe it is of God we therefore recommend that we should not only pray for but that we help them with our means.

E. T. LINCOLN, } Committee
W. S. LOONEY, }

Report of Committee on Finance

Minute Fund received from various churches,	-	-	\$11.71
Received of Congregation,	-	-	4.72
Total,	-	-	\$16.43

R. V. PARKER, } Committee
H. M. BISHOP, }
D. H. HAWKINS, }

Temperance

We, your committee, report that we believe that intemperance is the greatest evil of the day and we therefore recommend that our people should pray for its obliteration. And in order to be consistent with our prayers, we believe that we should first teach and practice temperance in our homes; and in our Sunday schools and pulpits, and at the ballot box. That is to say we should teach temperance; practice temperance and vote temperance

B. A. LEGATE, } Committee.
J. A. WHEETLEY }

Education

We, your committee, report that, in as much as this is an age of progress, especially in the line of education, it is, and should be our motto, "Educate." To the end that superstition and intolerance, the twin demon of which ignorance is the mother, shall be driven from the land and intelligence enthroned to shed lustre and light where darkness once held sway. We would impress that an education without moral, intellectual and physical training is inadequate and undesirable. To educate the intellectual and physical, leaving undeveloped the moral man, thereby dwarfing the principles of christianity, is but to prepare material for dark deeds. Christian education is the only education for a rounded-out, symmetrical man or woman. We have our school at Maynard, under the efficient management of Bro. J. F. Rorex, where our people can receive christian training, and our beloved Ouachita and Central Colleges where higher learning can be had. We, as an Association, recommend the above schools as being thorough and christian.

L. F. MAYNARD, } Committee.
SOL. HENSON, }

Resolutions

We, your committee, report as follows:

RESOLVED, First—That each church send a list of the names and date of death of all members that die during the year to the next Association.

Second—That we continue our Mission board, and that said board have control of the Mission work in the bounds of this Association.

Third—That we correspond with sister Associations.

Fourth—That this body select 5 representatives to the Arkansas State Convention, and one representative to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fifth—That we support our school at Maynard in every way possible.

Sixth—That each pastor take up at least one collection during the year for the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

Seventh—That we have 300 minutes printed and that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same, and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.

Eighth—That we tender the people of Maynard and vicinity our thanks for kindness shown us during our stay among them.

L. F. MAYNARD, } Committee
R. F. CARROLL, }

Report of Treasurer

I, your Treasurer, report as follows:

Received of Finance Committee,	-	-	-	-	\$18.31
Paid former Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	\$ 2.50
Paid for printing 300 Minutes,	-	-	-	-	10.00
Paid postage on Minutes,	-	-	-	-	.50
Clerk's fees,	-	-	-	-	5.00
Total Expenditures,	-	-	-	-	\$18.00
Balance in Treasury,	-	-	-	-	.31

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, Clerk and Treasurer.

Report of Secretary of Mission Board

Balance on hand at last report,	-	-	-	\$ 2.77
Received by J. W. Tyer,	-	-	-	5.00
Received by Oak Grove church,	-	-	-	.25
Received by Collection, present Association,	-	-	-	14.06
				\$22.08
Paid J. A. Wheatley, as balance due him last report,				\$ 9.00
Amount on hands for mission purposes,	-	-	-	\$13.08

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, Sec'ty Mission Board.

Call for volunteers to Sister Associations

Spring River—E. T. Lincoln, J. G. Moore and D. A. Presley.

Current River—J. A. Wheatley, E. Ramsey, D. H. Hawkins.

Elevenpoint River—E. T. Lincoln.

Cane Creek—R. F. Carroll and B. A. Legate.

Representatives to State Convention

The following were selected as representatives to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: R. F. Carroll, to be member of State Board; E. T. Lincoln; D. A. Presley; J. A. Wheatley and Tobias Chastain. Alternates, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rorer.

The Association next proceeded to select the place of the next meeting, and one to preach the annual sermon which resulted in the choice of Poynor, Mo., as the place of meeting, and Eld. J. A. Wheelley to preach the introductory sermon; R. F. Carroll, alternate.

The next fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Poynor church beginning Friday night before the 5th Sunday in November, C. A. Fowler and B. A. Legate to prepare program.

Adjourned till 7:30 at night.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer by R. F. Carroll. Preaching by R. C. Medaris. Collection of \$8.00 was taken for State Missions.

The Moderator announced the following as Mission Board for the coming year: Tobias Chastain, R. J. M. Wyatt, B. A. Legate, L. F. Maynard and E. T. Lincoln.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Poynor church at Poynor, Mo., on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1903.

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, Clerk.

J. F. ROEX, Moderator.



List of Ordained Ministers

J. F. Rorex, Maynard, Ark.	E. T. Lincoln, Maynard, Ark.
J. A. Wheatley, Maynard, Ark.	R. F. Carroll, Maynard, Ark.
J. N. Weaver, Reyno, Ark.	D. A. Presley, Hamil, Ark.
Isaac Stephens, Kingsville, Ark.	Knox Belew, Brockett, Ark.
James Rutlege, Poynor, Mo.	Sol Henson, Poynor, Mo.

Rules of Decorum

1—The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2—Every motion made by a member of the Association and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by the member making it.

3—Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator before proceeding with his remarks.

4—The person speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he has finished his remarks.

5—The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no wise reflect on or make unfriendly remarks about any one who has preceded him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his ideas as concisely as possible.

6—No member of the Association shall absent himself in time of business without permission from the Association.

7—No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of brother.

8—The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates the rules of the Association.

9—Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the Association shall be reprovved by the Association in such a manner as a majority of the members may direct.

10—The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and the roll called as often as the Association may think proper.

Articles of Faith

1—We believe in one true and living God, the Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2—We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.

3—We believe that man was made upright, but by a voluntary transgression violated God's law and became a sinner.

4—We believe that by voluntary transgression of the man, sin entered the world, and death by sin; thereby death passed upon all men for all have sinned.

5—We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them.

6—We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justifications.

7—We believe that saints will persevere in grace and not one of them be lost.

8—We believe that baptism and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church, and that they shall be continued until the second coming of Christ.

9—We believe that baptism by immersion is the only gospel mode, and true believers the only fit subjects for it.

10—We believe that none but legally baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table, and that no person has a right to administer that ordinance of the Church unless he is legally called and qualified.

11—We believe in revealed religion by the operation of the Spirit, agreeable to the word of God; that Jesus Christ is the Great Head of the Church, and the government thereof is with the body.

12—We believe there will be a resurrection from the dead, both of the just and unjust, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

13—We believe that the Lord's Day should be set apart for the worship of God, and no work of a worldly nature transacted thereon—that of necessity excepted.

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CHURCHES	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTORS	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP			Present Membership	Last Report	Contributed to Missions	Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Minute Fund				
						INCR	DECR													
							By Baptism	By Restoration									By Letter	By Death		
Antioch	1873	4	Knox Belew,	J. W. Tyer,	Foster, Ark.			3	1	56	60	48	\$21 66	400	\$20 75	\$ 1 50				
Bethany	1874			*A. J. Byrd,	Yadkin, Ark.					45										
Union	1898	3		R. M. Belew,	Pocahontas, Ark.	2				37	35									
Flatwoods	1886			*A. C. Fosbury,	Wirth, Ark.					6										
Witt's Chapel	1888	4	M. D. Bowers,	Milton McNabb	Maynard, Ark.	3	9	2	3	2	101	95	70	4	400	3 00				
New Home	1890	3	J. A. Wheetley,	W. J. Moore,	Kingsville, Ark.	1	1	2	2	41	42				\$20 75	1 00				
Oak Grove	1867	2	J. W. Cunningham	John Haulcroft	Attica, Ark.	2			1	66	65	25			18 20	1 50				
Concord	1884			*C. H. Tyler	Lima, Ark.					19				400						
Mud Creek			D. H. Sharp,			3		1		30	28					60				
Poynor		1	C. A. Fowler,	B. A. Legate,	Poynor, Mo.	8	1	1		30	28	5 00			36 50	2 36				
New Hope, No. 1	1899			*F. M. Starling,	Oconee, Ark.					19										
New Hope, No. 2	1900			W. A. Smith,	Winstead, Ark.					16	18			100		50				
Totals						14	15	1	5	9	4	378	404	\$10 25	118	4	\$21 66	\$1300	\$75 45	11 71

* From Last Report