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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known by 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 the annual meeting 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 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 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.

PROCEEDINGS.

September 22, 1910.

The Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its 36th annual session with Oak Grove Church. Called to order by the moderator at 11 A. M. The clerk not being present, Fred Walker was appointed temporary clerk. By motion Eld. W. H. Bowling was elected to preach the introductory sermon. Text, Psalm 106:1; subject, Thanksgiving, which was well enjoyed by those present. After preaching the moderator appointed Bros. G. C. Jones and J. T. McElmurry reading clerks. Called for letters from the churches and the following reported by their respective messengers:

Enterprise—M. J. Ivester, William Grisso, William Cotter, Sister Susie Wood, Edna Grisso, Rosa Wood.

Macedonia—Frank Hodge, J. H. Copeland, C. T. Soden, D. M. Chadwick, J. A. Talley, J. C. Grisso.

Oak Grove—A. A. McElmurry, Henry Walker, G. H. Lewey, J. T. McElmurry, Geo. M. Goodwin.

Shady Grove—S. M. Oliver, R. E. Richardson, Thos. Foster, J. G. Ferguson.

Salem—Eld. W. H. Bowling, T. A. Goodwin, T. G. Hawkins, J. T. Hudson, Mrs. T. A. Goodwin.

Liberty Hill—Sam Webb, Jess Webb, W. R. Fountain, Enoch Webb.

Liberty—G. P. Keith, Isaac Allen, Glenn Clement, W. A. Williford, Isabell Keith.

Diamond Springs—W. M. Fout, Allen Wilkins, W. F. Wood, J. F. Newton, Willis Patterson.

Mt. Zion—Lee Gipson, J. L. Taylor, James Wood, Samuel Miller, Samuel Cochran, J. D. Bookout.

Union Hill—J. M. Langston, W. T. Fowler, Eya Langston, Josie Hand.

County Line—T. A. Neill, T. F. Neill, J. P. Smith, W. M. Smith.

Pleasant Grove—E. J. Bratcher, T. J. Holloway, C. L. Faust.

The Association went into permanent organization by electing Eld. W. H. Bowling moderator and C. F. Walker clerk.

Invitations were given for corresponding messengers, and accepted by Bro. Newt McElmurry of Rocky Bayou Association.

By motion the body adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Invocation by Bro. G. C. Jones.

The body reassembled at 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. P. White. The moderator appointed the messengers from Oak Grove Church committee on devotional exercise.

The call was renewed for corresponding messengers and ministers, and accepted by Elds. W. M. Cooper, J. P. White and W. H. McCuiston from Rocky Bayou Association. The moderator appointed committees on

State Missions—R. E. Richardson, W. H. McCuiston, S. M. Oliver.

Associational Missions—Geo. Goodwin, G. H. Lewey, I. Allen.

Foreign Missions—J. T. McElmurry, W. M. Cooper.

Home Missions—S. M. Oliver, C. T. Soden, T. A. Goodwin.

Religious Literature—R. E. Richardson, Glen Clement, S. M. Oliver.

Deceased Ministers and Members—A. A. McElmurry, Henry Walker, G. H. Lewey, J. T. McElmurry, Geo. Goodwin.

Christian Education—Eld. W. M. Cooper, J. P. White, W. H. McCuiston.

Orphan's Home—R. E. Richardson, — Fountain, W. T. Fowler.

Temperance—E. F. Armstrong, Joe White, W. M. Cooper.

Financial—G. C. Jones, E. Webb.

Sunday School—M. J. Ivester, Joe Bratcher, W. T. Fowler.

Committee on devotional exercise reported Eld. W. H. McCuiston to preach tonight and Eld. W. M. Cooper to preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. By motion the body adjourned till 9 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Bro. Cooper; invocation by Bro. McCuiston.

Thursday Night.—Preaching by Eld. W. H. McCuiston. Text, John 17:13.

Friday Morning Session.—The body met at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Fowler.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted. Renewed call for letters and received letters from Mt. Zion, Union Hill and Diamond Springs. Renewed call for corresponding ministers and messengers; no response. Called for reports of committees.

Report of committee on state missions read and adopted without discussion. (See report.)

Report on christian education read and moved to adopt. Discussed by Elds. R. E. Richardson, J. P. White, W. M. Cooper,

W. H. Bowling, and report adopted. (See report.)

The order of business was dispensed with and the call for letters was renewed, and County Line responded.

Report of committee on foreign missions was read and moved to adopt. Discussed by R. E. Richardson and S. M. Oliver. The discussion was suspended till 2 p. m. The body adjourned for preaching.

Eld. W. M. Cooper delivered an able sermon at 11 a. m. from the 23rd chapter and 1st verse of the Psalmist David, followed by Eld. W. H. Bowling, after which refreshments were served.

Friday Evening Session.—The body met at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Neill. Took up the discussion of foreign missions, Eld. J. P. White, Bro. Henry Walker, Eld. W. H. McCuiston, Eld. W. H. Bowling. Report adopted. (See report.)

Report on home missions read and moved to adopt. Discussed by R. E. Richardson, W. H. Bowling and S. M. Oliver. Report adopted. (See report.)

Report on associational missions read and moved to adopt. Discussed by S. M. Oliver, Geo. Goodwin and W. H. Bowling. Report adopted. (See report.) A collection was taken for associational missions and the following churches subscribed: Shady Grove, \$5.00; Salem, \$5.00; Oak Grove, \$5.00; County Line, \$5.00; Macedonia, \$5.00; Pleasant Grove, \$2.50; Liberty, \$2.50; Diamond Springs, \$2.50; Enterprise, \$5.00; Liberty Hill, \$2.50; Union Hill, \$2.50.

The moderator appointed as a central board Bro. G. C. Jones, chairman, Geo. Goodwin, secretary, J. D. Cochran, treasurer, T. A. Goodwin, S. S. McElwee and clerks of the different churches.

The body adjourned till 9 o'clock tomorrow. Invocation by Bro. McCuiston.

Friday Night, 7.30.—Preaching by Eld. J. P. White. Text, Matthew 6:20.

Saturday Morning Session.—The body met at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Henry Walker. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday's session read and adopted.

Report on deceased ministers and members read and adopted. Report on religious literature read and moved to adopt. Discussed by W. H. Bowling, R. E. Richardson and S. M. Oliver. Report adopted. (See report.)

Report on temperance read and moved to adopt. Discussed by W. H. Bowling, S. M. Oliver and Geo. Goodwin. Report adopted. (See report.)

Report on Orphan's home read and moved to adopt. Discussed by R. E. Richardson, Geo. Goodwin and W. H. Bowling. Report adopted and a collection was taken for orphan's home amounting to \$3.50, and was sent to F. P. Turner at Little Rock and receipted for.

Report on finance read and adopted.

Report on Sabbath schools read and moved to adopt. Discussed by G. P. Keith and W. H. Bowling. Adopted. (See report.)

A committee was appointed to report at next Association the state and condition of the churches spiritually and destitution. Committee as follows: George Goodwin, W. T. Foster, W. T. Fowler, Thos. Neill, J. T. Cochran, R. E. Richardson and T. A. Goodwin.

Arranged correspondence to sister Associations, viz: Rocky Bayou, Bro. T. A. Goodwin and wife, Bro. G. C. Jones and wife, Thos. Foster and Bro. Henry McElmurry. White River, Bros. J. W. Patterson and W. T. Fowler.

Adjourned for preaching. Bro. S. M. Oliver preached at 11 a. m. Subject, the flesh and Spirit.

Saturday Evening Session.—The body reassembled at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. S. S. McElwee.

First taken up the selecting of the place for the next Association, and Macedonia church was selected.

Motion made to change articles 1 of constitution to read as follows: (See Article 1 of constitution.) Carried.

Motion made to organize S. S. convention and elect officers. Carried. Officers as follows; Bro. E. F. Armstrong, president, Geo. M. Goodwin, vice-president, Fred Walker, secretary. The convention will be held at Liberty church, two miles south of Viola, on the 5th Sunday in October, 1910.

Resolution: To the brethren and sisters of Oak Grove church and vicinity we tender our thanks for their hospitality, and to the moderator and clerk for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Macedonia church, 3 miles north of Union, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1911, at 10 o'clock, a. m., Bro. S. M. Oliver to preach the introductory sermon, with R. E. Richardson, alternate. Carried.

While singing "God be with you till we meet again" the brethren and sisters took the parting hand.

ELD. W. H. BOWLING, Moderator.

FRED WALKER, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

State Missions: We, your committee on state missions, make the following report: Our state convention is doing a great work in preaching the gospel to the lost of the state. We recommend that Baptists of Big Creek Association contribute liberally to state missions through the state convention. We recommend that each individual member give something through this channel.—Elds. W. H. McCuistion, R. E. Richardson, Committee.

Christian Education: We, your committee on christian education, beg leave to submit the following: We believe that education consists in training the mind and heart for the duties of life. We believe the best place to commence educating the child is at home. We believe the first impressions are the most lasting and that it better prepares the child for the schools and colleges, and we recommend the schools that are controlled by the Baptists of Arkansas, and that we, as Baptists, should urge our young preachers to attend one of our Baptist colleges.—W. H. McCuistion, W. M. Cooper, J. P. White, Committee.

Foreign Missions: We, your committee on foreign missions, would say: As Jesus commanded to preach and baptize and promised to be with his disciples all the way, even to the end of the world; as we believe this has been perpetuated by the church, it is binding on the church to send the gospel to all nations. Therefore, we ought to give of our means in support of the gospel.—W. M. Cooper, J. T. McElmurry, Committee.

Home Missions: We, your committee on home missions, beg leave to report the following: We advise that all the churches make liberal contributions for home missions. We believe it is our duty to preach the gospel in this great land of ours and that it is a part of the commission, and we also urge that every member do all in his power to spread the gospel in our own beloved land. We also would ask the ministers of this Association to urge upon the several churches to do their duty concerning home missions.—Chas. T. Soden, Thomas A. Goodwin, S. M. Oliver, Committee.

Associational Missions: We, your committee on associational missions, beg leave to report the following: We recommend that Big Creek Association supply the destitution of this association with preaching, and that each church make contributions for associational missions. We find that there is preaching in all parts of the county except the eastern and a portion of the west.—J. B. Allen, Eld. W. H. McCuistion, Geo. H. Lewey, Geo. M. Goodwin, Committee.

Deceased Ministers and Members: We, your committee on deceased ministers and members, beg leave to submit the following: In this year providence has seen fit to call from our ranks Bro. E. R. Treadaway, who died April 13, 1910, Sister Mira Treadaway, died March 27, 1910, both of Oak Grove, Sister Singleton of Mt. Zion, Bro. Mike Wilkins, Bro. J. R. Light and Sister S. E. Bowling of Salem, Sister S. M. E. Collins of Pleasant Grove.—George Goodwin, A. A. McElmurry, J. T. McElmurry, G. H. Lewey, Committee.

Religious Literature: We, your committee on Baptist literature, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend, first, the careful and prayerful study of God's word; second, the patronage of our publishing houses, and especially the Baptist Advance and Foreign Mission Journal.—S. M. Oliver, R. E. Richardson, N. G. Clement, Committee.

Temperance: We, your committee on temperance, would make the following report: Dear brethren, we are all agreed that the use of intoxicating drinks is one of our Savior's worst enemies and the devil's best friend. Therefore, we believe it is the duty of the church to do all in its power to put down the intoxicating drinks, and to urge the members to abstain from the same.—Elds. J. P. White and W. M. Cooper, Committee.

Orphan's Home: We, your committee on orphan's home, make the following report. We find that our orphan's home at Monticello, supported and maintained by Baptists throughout Arkansas, where children of our deceased brothers and sisters, and any other orphans that are worthy, are cared for and educated, is an institution that every member of the Baptist family in our state should be proud of, for which we should all praise God in the highest. But by an earnest effort on our part much could be accomplished in this line. Therefore, let us contribute liberally.—W. R. Fountain, R. E. Richardson, W. T. Fowler, committee.

Sabbath Schools: We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to submit the following: Realizing the great need of our children being taught the word of God, we urge the churches to organize Sunday schools and supply Baptist literature, and urge parents to attend Sunday school with their children, thereby showing greater interest in religious education. We further urge that collections be taken in Sunday schools for the following causes: 1st Sunday, foreign missions; 2nd Sunday, orphan's home; 3rd Sunday, home missions; 4th Sunday, school purposes. We see some of the churches have Sunday schools while others have none. Therefore, we urge that the pastor of each church in this Association urge their churches to organize and maintain a Sunday school this next year.—G. P. Keith, M. I. Ivester, W. T. Fowler.

Finance: We, your committee on finance, received \$10.80 from the churches and 78 cents public collection.—J. D. Cochran, G. C. Jones, Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES	Day of Meeting	Baptisms	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Membership.	Minutes Fund	Value Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Paid Missions
Enterprise		Rose Wood	Viola, Ark		1			1		41	\$1 00	\$300			
Macedonia	W. M. Cooper	C. T. Soden	Union, Ark	4	2	2				46	1 00			\$35	
Oak Grove	R. K. Pope	Fred Walker	Moody, Mo	2	7	3			3	2 99	1 50			60	\$11 85
Shady Grove	W. H. McCuistion	Van Richardson	Viola, Ark		3	1	1	2	1	59	50	300	30		
Salem	W. M. Cooper	H. A. Goatcher	Salem, Ark	22	6					2 91	1 50			60	112 58
Liberty Hill	W. B. Mason	S. W. Webb	Oxford, Ark	1	1	1		1		1 35	50	100	15		
Liberty	W. H. McCuistion	G. P. Keith	Byron, Ark			4		1		48	50	300			
Diamond Springs	George Sanders	Allen Wilkins	Henderson, Ark	4	7	2				1 83	70		15		
Mt. Zion	J. F. Cox	Samuel Miller	Union, Ark	3		2				1 81	1 50	400	60		
Union Hill	J. H. Porterfield	Maudie Hand	Hand, Ark	3	2	1				28	50				
County Line	R. K. Pope	E. F. Armstrong	Bakersfield, Mo	33	5			1		77	2 00	400	73	2 13	
Pleasant Grove	S. M. Oliver	E. J. Bratcher	Lanton, Mo	1						1 14	50	200			

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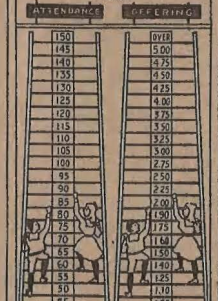
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