

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-eighth Meeting

OF THE

Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association

HELD WITH

VIOLA BAPTIST CHURCH

Fulton County, Ark.

September 19, 20, and 21

1912

Moderator, Eld. W. H. BOWLING

Clerk, E. F. ARMSTRONG

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BIG CREEK BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Big Creek Baptist Association met with the Baptist church of Viola, Arkansas, September 19, 1912, and was called to order by Elder W. H. Bowling the moderator of the preceding Association.

After a song service, devotional exercises were conducted by Elder R. K. Pope.

The former clerk being absent, E. F. Armstrong was appointed clerk pro tem.

Elder R. F. Hiner being absent, Bro. Bowling preached the introductory sermon. Subject, "The Reward of Faithfulness." A motion to adjourn until 2 p. m. was carried. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. K. Powell

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After devotional services, led by Bro. Hiner, the regular work of the Association was taken up. R. K. Pope and J. W. Carroll were appointed reading clerks

Letters from the following churches were read and the messengers enrolled:

Flora—Z. T. Carroll, D. Barker, H. Mize, May Belt.

Highland Park—David Wire, J. H. Briscoe, M. S. Hardin, Thos. Ezell.

Salem—W. H. Humphreys, N. E. Campbell, T. A. Goodwin.

Enterprise—Chloe Stone, Edna Grisso, Sarah Jones, Otho Ivester.

Diamond Spring—A. Wilkins, J. Fant, Henry Mize, Tom Newton.

Mt. Zion—S. W. King, J. L. Taylor, T. F. Wood, W. R. King

Union Hill—M. Langston, E. Davis, S. Almon, J. Harris.

Viola—J. W. Carroll, R. T. Hiner, J. W. Cain.

County Line—J. K. Powell, R. K. Pope, E. F. Armstrong.

Oak Grove—Fred Walker.

Spring River—W. C. Green, W. H. Green, B. F. Wise.

Elizabeth—W. B. Hodges, Isam Hodges, John Deaver.

Liberty—C. A. Rogers, M. M. Allen, Isaac Allen, G. P. Keith.

Shady Grove—R. E. Richardson, Bettie Fields, J. F. Wells, J. B. Foster.

Lost Spring—Gilberry Lawhorn.

The Association organized by electing W. H. Bowling, moderator and E. F. Armstrong, clerk.

Called for petitionary letters. None reported.

Called for corresponding messengers. No response.

J. W. Carroll, T. Goodwin and Asa Stone were appointed a committee on religious exercises and made the following report: R. K. Pope to preach at 7:00 p. m.; R. I. Hiner at 11 a. m. Friday; M. C. Williams at 7 p. m. Friday night; W. H. Bowling at 7 p. m. Saturday and R. I. Hiner Sunday at 11 a. m.

The following were appointed messengers to sister Associations: E. F. Armstrong, Union; Shelby King, Rocky Bayou.

The following committees were appointed: State missions, R. K. Pope, T. A. Goodwin, Shelby King; foreign missions, R. I. Hiner, Herbert Barker, C. F. Walker; home missions, J. H. Briscoe, Reed King, R. E. Richardson.

On motion adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

Preaching at 7:30 by R. K. Pope from Rom. 8-23 subject, "Waiting".

The moderator announced the following committees:

Orphan's Home—J. W. Carroll, W. Briscoe.

Sunday School—J. K. Powell, J. L. Taylor, M. Langston.

Associational Missions—R. K. Pope, Z. T. Carroll, Otho Ivester.

Deceased members—A. P. Stone, H. Mize, E. Hand.

Christian education—S. M. Oliver, C. A. Rogers.

Temperance—E. F. Armstrong, R. I. Hiner, Thomas Ezell

Finance—E. P. Wire, T. A. Goodwin.

Religious literature—J. W. Carroll, R. I. Hiner, R. E. Richardson.

FRIDAY MORNING

After a beautiful song service Bro. S. W. King led in prayer. -----

Call for non-represented churches renewed. None reported.

The committee on home missions made their report and after discussion by Bros. Pope and Bowling, was adopted.

Your committee on home missions submit the following: We realize the need of Gospel preaching in this home land of ours, we recommend that the churches make contributions and that each individual member give his means to support the work that is being carried on in spreading the gospel in the destitute portions of the country.

W. R. KING,
J. H. BRISCOE,
Committee.

The committee on foreign missions made the following report, and after being discussed by Bros. Pope, Rogers, Bowling and Ivie, was adopted:

We, your committee on foreign missions beg leave to report the following: We know Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and promised to be with them always even unto the end of the world, and we believe this command applies to us as it did to them. We are not all called to go in person, but it is our duty to help those that are called by the Divine Master. We recommend therefore that we give cheerfully of our means for their support, and to earnestly pray God's blessing on our missionaries and their work.

C. F. WALKER,
A. D. BARKER,
Committee.

The committee on state missions made their report, and after discussion by Bros. Pope, Hiner and Bowling, on motion was adopted:

We, your committee on state missions, report the following: There are many destitute places in our beloved state that the gospel is not preached in its fullness, and weak churches that must be aided by the board if they are to become strong

and efficient churches. We should become greater givers to this special phase of the work, and do what we can in a co-operative way to uphold Baptist doctrine, and give the gospel to the entire state of Arkansas.

R. K. POPE,
S. W. KING,
T. A. GOODWIN,
Committee.

On motion adjourned until 2 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Bro. R. F. Hiner, from John 14-6, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises led by Bro. Wise. Association called to order by the moderator.

Letters from Shady Grove, Liberty, Spring River and Elizabeth churches were read and names of messengers enrolled.

Lost Spring church presented a letter asking for membership in our body. On motion they were received and the right hand of fellowship extended the messengers.

Rev. M. C. Burton was recognized as a visitor from Rocky Bayou Association, and invited to a seat in council with us.

The report of the committee on associational missions was read in connection with the report of Bro. Pope, the missionary, and the missionary board. Discussed by Bros. Burton, Holloway, Hiner, Bowling, Armstrong and on motion was adopted.

Your committee on associational missions report the following: Very few of us realize the great destitution that prevails in our county. All of the county east of Salem is without effective preaching. Brethren, what are we going to do about it?

R. K. POPE,
O. H. IVESTER,
Z. T. CARROLL,
Committee

The report of the missionary is as follows:

I desire to make the following report of work as your missionary: Days of labor, 29, at the following places: Spring River, Pleasant Grove and Big Rock. The results were not as great as I desired but I do not believe the work was in vain, conversions, 2.

Report of missionary board: We employed Bro. R.K. Pope to do our mission work at \$1.25 per day. Bro. Pope has received for his services \$12.95. As our treasurer is not present, we do not know the condition of our treasury. There are some pledges yet unpaid. We have done the best we could under the circumstances.

We earnestly urge that the work be carried forward on a larger scale next year.

The following pledges were paid for the new year: C. A. Rogers, \$1.00; R. K. Pope, \$1.00 (paid); County Line \$5.00; Sister May Gray \$1.00; Sister F. G. Kieth, 50 cents; A. P. Stone, 50 cents (paid).

The following were elected members of the board for the next year: W. H. Bowling, Isaac Allen, J. W. Carroll, Fred Walker, J. D. Cochran and E. F. Armstrong.

By motion the Association decided to select a missionary. A motion to make the selection of a missionary the first order of business Saturday morning was carried. On motion the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

After a beautiful song service by the Viola class, led by Bro. Hiner, Bro. M. C. Williams preached from Phil. 1, 9-11.

SATURDAY MORNING

After devotional exercises led by Bro. Carner, the Association was called to order by the moderator.

A motion to rescind the act placing the election of a missionary in the hands of the Association was carried, and the work was left with the board.

The report of the temperance committee was read and after discussion by Bros. Carroll and Rogers was adopted. The report follows:

We rejoice that the people of Fulton county have decided to have no more alcoholic liquors sold in our midst and we want to urge the members of Big Creek Association to encourage the officers of our county to enforce the law, and thereby prevent our boys and young men from becoming victims of this great evil.

E. F. ARMSTRONG,
THOMAS EZELL,
R. I. HINER.

Committee.

Your committee on deceased members reports the following: We find that death has removed from our ranks, Bro. G. W. Gunn, of Highland Park; Bro. W. T. Livingston, of Salem; Sisters Eliza Bowling, Amanda Caruthers, Martha M'mmo, Melissa Talley, and Bro. Samuel Cochran, of Mt. Zion; Sister Dovie Williams, of Union Hill and Lou Light, of Shady Grove. We are sad to report our loss, but we believe our loss is their eternal gain.

ASA. P. STONE,
E. HAND,
HERMAN MIZE,

Committee.

The following report was made by the Sunday School committee and a thorough discussion by Bros. Hiner, Pope, Powell, Briscoe, Armstrong, Bowling and Rogers was on motion adopted: Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report. We believe the Bible teaches that all of God's children should work in his vineyard, and the Sunday School is one of the most promising fields. Therefore, we urge the organization and maintenance of a Sunday School in every church in Big Creek Association. Also, we recommend the use of Baptist literature to supplement the study of God's word.

J. L. TAYLOR,
J. M. LANGSTON,
J. K. POWELL,
Committee.

A motion to continue the fifth Sunday meeting as a Sunday School convention and that the next meeting be held with Flora church, was carried.

R. K. Pope was elected president of the convention; Fred Walker, vice president, and Otho Ivester, secretary.

Motion carried that the next convention be held beginning on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in September.

The religious literature committee made the following report, and after being spoken to by Bros. Carroll and Bowling, was adopted: We recommend that each Baptist's home should not only be supplied with the Holy Bible (the Baptist discipline) but should contain a safe and sound periodical of our faith and order. We recommend the Baptist Advance, our own state paper, as one of the best papers of our denomination.

J. W. CARROLL,
R. I. HINER.
Committee.

The committee on Christian education made the following report, which was adopted after discussion by Bros. Hiner and Bowling.

As education is the training of our youths for duties of life, and parents are responsible for the early training of the children, we recommend the schools of Arkansas that are controlled

by the Baptists, and we urge our young preachers to attend one of our schools. We also recommend that our preachers preach one sermon on this year and take a collection for the work.

S. M. OLIVER,
C. A. ROGERS,
Committee.

Highland Park was chosen as the next place of meeting. Elder R. K. Pope was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Shelby King, alternate.

The finance committee made their report which was adopted: We have received from the churches \$14.60 for printing minutes.

D. WIRE,
T. A. GOODWIN,
Committee.

On motion the report on orphan's home of last year was adopted after discussion by Bro. Bowling: We have about 135 orphans in the home at Monticello, that are cared for by Baptists. We recommend that each church make a contribution in October for orphan's home.

S. M. OLIVER,
C. T. SODEN,
JOHN GOODWIN,
Committee.

A collection of \$4.40 was taken for the home.

The following resolution was read and adopted: Resolved that we tender to the church and people of Viola, our thanks for their kind hospitality in entertaining the association.

FRED WALKER, Committee.

On motion adjourned to meet at Highland Park, Lanton, Mo., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1913.

After singing and shaking of hands the Association was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Williams.

ELDER W. H. BOWLING, Moderator,
E. F. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

William Fouts	Hand, Ark.
R. K. Pope	County Line, Ark.
J. F. Cox	Viola, Ark.
R. I. Hiner	Viola, Ark.
W. H. Bowling	Viola, Ark.
R. E. Richardson	Viola, Ark.
Claude Rogers	Bexer, Ark.
J. L. Bowling	Union, Ark.
S. W. King	Wheeling, Ark.
T. G. Hawkins	Salem, Ark.
S. M. Oliver	Salem, Ark.
T. J. Holloway	Moko, Ark.
B. F. Wise	Hardy, Ark.
W. C. Williams	Hardy, Ark.
T. F. Cargill	Viola, Ark.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Association shall be known by the name of Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association, and shall be for the purpose of creating a stronger bond of love and fellowship among the members of the churches composing it. (as amended in 1910).

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

Article 3.—The messengers sent by the churches to the annual meeting shall not exceed four from each church.

Article 4.—The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have previously been appointed.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

CHURCHES	Pastors -----	Clerks -----	Postoffice -----	Days of meeting ---	Baptism -----	Increase Letter -----	Decrease Letter -----	Membership total -	Value of church property -----	Paid Pastor -----	Paid Minutes -----	Pd. Orphan's Home	Pupils in S. S. -----	Pupils enrolled -----	Paid Missions -----	S. S. Expenses -----
Oak Grove -----	W. H. Bowling	J. T. McElmurry	Moody	2				111	\$20				30	60		
County Line -----	R. K. Pope	E. F. Armstrong	Bakersfield	3	4	1	3	85	\$300	58.82	\$1.50		56	90	\$5.	\$10.50
Shady Grove -----	Joe White	H. H. Floid	Viola	2				45	200		.75					
Liberty -----	C. A. Rogers	I. Allen	Viola	3				25	250		1.					
Macedonia -----		S. T. Snoden	Wheeling					46	100							
Viola -----		J. W. Carroll	Viola		2			44								
Union Hill -----	J. H. Porterfield	J. M. Langston	Hand		19	1		45		22.60	.75					
Highland Park ---	M. C. Burton	Lola Briscoe	Lanton,	3	18	2	8	112	600	32.37	1.65		71	109		10.00
Mt. Zion -----	W. M. Cooper	Sam Miller	Union	3		1		94	400	75	1.50					
Salem -----	R. I. Hiner	W. W. Humphries		2	4			98	750	1	1.				4.32	
Flora -----	R. I. Hiner	B. Foster	Viola		24	8	1	67	325	18	1.25				19.75	
Enterprise -----	R. I. Hiner	Edna Grisso	Viola	4	1	1		44	300	30	1.				2.	
Pleasant Grove		E. J. Bratcher	Lanton,					12	200	2						
Liberty Hill -----																
Diamond Spring ---		J. R. Fout	Henderson	4	12			52			.85			50		
Spring River -----	B. F. Wise	Cora Burrough	Hardy					12		15.						2.
Lost Spring -----	M. C. Burton	W. F. Godberry	Moody		6			15								
Elizabeth -----	W. H. Bowling	T. J. Copeland	Elizabeth	1	13	1		25		36.20	.50					
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