

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-fourth Session

OF THE

State Line Baptist Association



Held with Antioch Church, Hamil, Ark.

Sept. 5, 6, 7, 1907.



KNOX BELEW, Moderator

TOBIAS CHASTAIN, Clerk



*Next Session to be Held with Will's Chapel Church,
Beginning Thursday Night*

Before the Second Sunday in September, 1908

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State Line Missionary Baptist Association

State Line Missionary Baptist Association met with Antioch church, Thursday night, September 5, 1907.

Introductory sermon by Knox Belew.

Adjourned till 9 a.m. Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 9 a.m., Friday morning, with former Moderator and Clerk present.

The letters from the various churches were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Witt's Chapel—C. H. Carter, J. W. Richardson, W. H. Cherry.

Bethany—Kearn Allison, T. R. Dollihan.

Union—W. J. Mathews, Josh Potter.

Antioch—D. A. Presley, W. S. Looney, J. D. Jackson.

Oak Grove—Tobe Chastain, D. R. Tyler, D. R. Shocklee.

Poynor—W. J. Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Johnson,

New Hope, No. 2—J. C. Hill, W. H. Smith.

Manson—J. M. Smelser.

The messengers were seated and the association declared open for business.

Knox Belew was re-elected moderator and Tobe Chastain clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

Preaching—D. A. Presley, W. S. Looney, J. D. Jackson.

Publication—J. W. Richardson W, J. Johnson.

Destitution—D. A. Presley, T. R. Dollihan.

Obituaries—A. C. Hill, W. H. Cherry.

Temperance—J. D. Jackson, Josh Potter.

Orphans' Home—W. S. Looney, Mrs. W. J. Johnson.

Education—C. H. Carter, Jasper Smelser.

Sunday Schools—Kern Allison, W. H. Smith.

Finance—W. J. Mathews, D. R. Shocklee.

State of Churches—D. A. Presley, Tobe Chastain.

Foreign Missions—D. R. Tyler, C. H. Carter.

State and Home Missions—W. S. Looney, W. H. Cherry.

Resolutions—Jasper Smelser, J. D. Jackson.

Adjourned, 3 p.m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by D. A. Presley.

Met at 3 p.m., Friday evening, when the reports of the following committees were received and adopted:

Report of committee on Publication. (See Appendix 1.)

Report of committee on Obituaries. (See Appendix 2.)

Report of committee on Orphans' Home. (See Appendix 3.)

Report of committee on Sunday Schools. (See Appendix 4.)

Report of committee on State of churches. (See Appendix 5.)

Report of committee on Foreign Missions. (Appendix 6.)

Report of committee on State and Home Missions. (Appendix 7.)

Adjourned till Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Met Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by H. C. Kirkpatrick.

Bros. I. J. Looney and H. C. Kirkpatrick were received as

corresponding messengers from Elevenpoint River Association.

Committee reports were received as follows:

Report of committee on Resolutions. (See Appendix 8.)

Report of committee on Destitution. (See Appendix 9.)

Preaching at 11 a.m. by H. C. Kirkpatrick.

Adjourned till 3 p.m.

Met at 3 p.m. as per adjournment, and received the reports of the committee:

On Temperance. (See Appendix 10.)

On Education. [See Appendix 11.]

On Finance. [See Appendix 12.]

Report of Treasurer. [See Appendix 13.]

Report of Executive Committee. [See Appendix 14.]

Corresponding messengers to sister associations:

Elevenpoint River—J. W. Tyer,

Spring River—D. A. Presley,

Current River—E. T. Lincoln, D. K. Foster,

Witt's Chapel church, Maynard, Ark., was chosen as the place for the next meeting, and Knox Belew to preach the introductory sermon,

Preaching Saturday night by I. J. Looney,

Preaching Sunday at 11 a.m. by Knox Belew, after which the association was dismissed to meet with Witt's Chapel Church, Maynard, Ark., Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1908.

KNOX BELEW,

Moderator.

TOBE CHASTAIN,

Clerk.

List of ordained ministers:

D A Presley, Hamil,	Arkansas.
Knox Belew, Brockett,	"
CM Myrick, Maynard,	"
E T Lincoln, Maynard,	"
D K Foster, Maynard,	"
J H C Sconce, Winstead,	"
J N Weaver, Wirth,	"

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 anyone 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 reproved 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 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 preserve 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 baptized 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 happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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

Appendix

I

We, your committee on publication, would report that we, as a Christian people, should read some literature and, above all, the Bible. As to literature we would recommend Theodoside Earnest, Little Baptist and many other good books which are furnished by the Baptist Publishing House, at Little Rock, Ark. As to papers we would recommend the Arkansas Baptist and the Baptist Flag.

W. J. Johnson,
J. W. Richardson,
Committee.

II

We, your committee, find that the death angel has taken from us this year Bro. John Early and Sister May Twiddy of Antioch Church; Anna Self of Oak Grove Church; Allen Weaver of New Hope No. 2; America Knotts and Laura Moore of Union Church.

Those precious to our hearts have gone; the voices we loved are stilled; the places made vacant in our homes can never be filled. Our Father, in His wisdom, called the boon His love

has given. And though on earth these bodies lie, their souls are safe in Heaven.

J. C. Hill,
W. H. Cherry,
Committee.

III

We, your committee on orphans' homes, report that this is one of the best institutions in the South, and that all of the churches in this association should pay more respect to same.

We recommend that each church in the association devote one service during this year to this work, and that on that day a liberal collection be taken for these homeless ones and sent immediately to the treasurer of Orphans' Homes, at Monticello and Texarkana.

Mrs. W. J. Johnson,
W. S. Looney,
Committee.

IV

We, your committee on Sunday School, find that Witt's Chapel, Poynor, Bethany, Antioch and Manson, have good Bible Sunday Schools, and would recommend that all our churches organize schools and use Baptist literature.

We also recommend that the people at every school house organize and maintain a Sunday School.

We know that eighty per cent of our church members were Sunday School scholars. We would respectfully urge it as our duty as parents to go with our children to Sunday School.

Train up your children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it.

J. C. Allison,
W. H. Smith,
Committee.

V

We, your committee, find that most of our churches have

had a fair increase this year, and seem to be in a prosperous condition; while some are not repented, and from the best we can learn have ceased to meet. It seems to your committee that now would be a good time for us to carry out that scriptural injunction for the strong to assist the weak.

D. A. Presley,
Tobe Chastain,
Committee,

VI

Our Savior said, "Go teach all nations," and we believe it is the duty of all Christian people to contribute more liberally in the future than we have in the past. It being more blessed to give than to receive.

C. H. Carter,
D. R. Tyler,
Committee.

VII

We, your committee, find that our churches have done but very little for State Missions; we would recommend that our churches do more in the future than they have in the past.

W. S. Looney,
W. H. Cherry,
Committee.

VIII

Resolved, First, That we do correspond with sister associations. 2d. That each church take collections during the year for support of the Orphans' Homes at Monticello and Texarkana. 3d. That we do have a Sunday School convention, on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1908, with Antioch church, at Hamil, Randolph county, Arkansas, and we insist that each church in this association do send three representatives to this convention. 4th. That we do appoint, as our executive committee, to take charge of our association mission work, Brethren Tobias Chastain, Knox Belew. C. H. Carter, and

that each church in this association do take two collections, one at their regular December meeting and one at their regular June meeting, and send same to the aforesaid committee, 5th. That each church take collections during the year to support home and foreign missions. 6th. That we support our Baptist school at Maynard in every way possible. 7th. That we have 500 minutes printed, and that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same, and that he be allowed five dollars for his services. 8th. That we extend our thanks to Antioch church and the people of the community for their hospitality while in their midst, and may the Lord bless you all till we meet again.

James D. Jackson,
Jasper M. Smelser,
Committee.

IX

We, your committee, report as follows: That we find throughout our association that the destitution is alarmingly great. In our bounds there is a population of 12,000 or 15,000 inhabitants, with a Baptist membership of only 457, according to the minutes of 1906.

We, therefore, recommend that we make some effort at once to supply at least a part of this vast destitution.

T. R. Dollihan,
D. A. Presley,
Committee.

X

We, your committee on temperance, report as follows: That we heartily and humbly thank God for the victory won by the friends and workers of the temperance cause throughout the entire state and other states. In as much as we know and realize that intemperance is one of the greatest evils of the day, we therefore ask and insist that our brethren and sisters use every effort in their power to suppress the use of strong drink as a beverage, and we further suggest that every Baptist church in the State Line Association take up a collection during this

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	Contributions to Missions	S. S. Teachers	S. S. Scholars	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary
						Increase		Decrease										
						Restoration Exp and Bap	Letter	Recommen- dation	Letter	Excluded	Death							
Witt's Chapel	1888	4	C. M. Myrick	C. H. Carter	Maynard, Ark.	32	1	8		8	1	185	\$35 70	90	8	\$50 00	\$1500	\$207 50
New Hope No. 2		4	J. H. C. Sconce	W. H. Smith	Wirth, "	8					1	28					100	
Manson	1904	4	Knox Belew	Eliza J. Grace	Manna, "	7						22						
Poynor	1887	1		T. E. Johnson	Poynor, Mo.	12		10				57	5 92	45	4	8 00	400	35 80
Union		3	Knox Belew	W. J. Mathews	Brockett, Ark.	14		6			1	58						
Bethany			James Sconce	T. R. Dallahan	Yadkin, "	1				1	1	53						28 00
Antioch		4		J. D. Jackson	Hamil, "	7		1			1	69		30	4	1 50	600	
Oak Grove	1867	2		B. F. Chastain	Attica, "							56					400	
New Home			Not															
Concord			Represented															
New Hope No. 1																		
Total						81	1	25	4	9	4	536	\$41 62	165	16	\$59 50	\$3000	\$270 30