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Big Creek Missionary

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HELD WITH

Highland Park Baptist Church

Lanton, Missouri

September 25, 26, 27

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Elder W. H. Bowling, Moderator

R. A. Holloway, Clerk

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Big Creek Missionary Baptist Association met with the Highland Park Missionary Baptist Church at Lanton, Mo., on September 25, 1913. House called to order by Rev. W. H. Bowling, the moderator of the preceding Association.

After a beautiful and soul stirring song service, opening prayers by Rev. W. H. McCuistian and Rev. J. P. Lovelace.

The former clerk being absent, R. A. Holloway was appointed clerk pro tem. Motion to adjourn until 2:30 p. m., for preaching. Rev. R. K. Pope preached the introductory sermon. Subject, "The Decline in the Churches of the Big Creek Association."

EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by the moderator. Song service led by Bro. Fred Walker and prayer by Rev. M. C. Burton. The regular work of the Association was taken up. Bro. Fred Walker and Rev. T. J. Holloway were appointed reading clerks. Letters from the following churches were read and the messengers enrolled:

Oak Grove Church—Fred Walker, P. C. Collins, and J. T. McElmurry.

Enterprise Church—R. L. Thompson.

Pleasant Grove Church—T. J. Holloway, R. A. Holloway, Mrs. R. A. Holloway and E. J. Bratcher.

Flora Church—Glen Clemmons.

Salem Church—T. A. Goodwin, Mrs. Ed Cargill and Mrs. M. Campbell.

Mt. Zion Church—J. D. Cochran.

County Line Church—Rev. R. K. Pope and Mrs. R. K. Pope.

Macedonia Church—Oscar Talley and John Jones.

Highland Park Church—Dr. H. A. Thompson, E. Kackley and Mrs. A. B. Harding.

Liberty Church—W. A. Willeford.

Next in order was to elect a moderator and clerk for the

next Associational year. The vote was taken by Rev. W. H. McCuistion and Rev. J. P. Lovelace. Rev. W. H. Bowling was elected moderator and R. A. Holloway clerk for the next Associational year.

Next called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Rev. J. P. Lovelace introduced himself as a corresponding messenger and Rev. W. H. McCuistion as visiting minister from the White River Association. After extending to them the right hand of fellowship, they were invited to seats in the body by the moderator. Rev. M. C. Burton introduced himself as a corresponding messenger from Rocky Bayou Association. After extending to him the right hand of fellowship he was invited to a seat in the body by the Moderator. Motion made and seconded that the moderator appoint the different committees R. L. Thompson, Ed Kackley and E. J. Bratcher were appointed committees on Devotional exercises.

We, your committee on devotional exercises respectfully report the following: Rev. J. P. Lovelace to preach Thursday night at 7:30; Rev. W. H. McCuistion at 11:00 a. m., Friday; Rev. W. H. Bowling at 7:30 p. m., Friday, and Rev. W. H. McCuistion at 11:00 a. m., Saturday.

The following were appointed messengers to Sister Associations:

Rev. R. K. Pope, Rev. W. H. Bowling and R. L. Thompson were appointed as messengers to the White River Association.

Rev. T. J. Holloway and E. J. Bratcher were appointed messengers to the Rocky Bayou Association.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30; motion carried.

Preaching by Rev. J. P. Lovelace at 7:30 p. m., text 1st Cor., II-2.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

House called to order by the moderator. After a beautiful song service, led by Bro. Fred Walker, and the reading of the 23rd Psalm by the Moderator, the body was called to prayer by Bro. John Cochran.

Call for the report of the committee on Orphans' Home. "We, your committee on Orphans' Home respectfully submit the following: We find that was once appointed unto man to die and that God often sends the death angel to take children's parents away, leaving them for some one to look after their interest. And the Creator has said to remember the widow and the orphan, and it is our duty to do so. We have a home situated at Monticello, Ark., where they can be cared for and

have the proper training in all the avocation of life and also spiritual training, and it belongs to the Baptists of Arkansas. It is our duty to give of our means to its support. There is now in the home about 150 children and others still asking admittance. Brethren, let us remember the Lord has said; as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me. And if we give a cupfull of cold water in His name we will be rewarded."

REV. T. J. HOLLOWAY,
E. J. BRATCHER,

Committee.

After being read in the hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. R. K. Pope, Rev. J. P. Lovelace, Rev. W. H. McCuiston, Rev. M. C. Burton and Rev. W. H. Bowling, was adopted.

Next called for the report of the committee on Sunday School, which reported as follows:

"We, your committee on Sunday School submit the following report: "We believe that the Bible teaches that all God's people should work in the 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 Baptist literature to supplant the study of God's Word.

DR. H. A. THOMPSON,
FRED WALKER,

Committee.

After being read in hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. M. C. Burton, Fred Walker and Rev. R. K. Pope, was adopted.

Next called for the report of the committee on Associational missions:

"Your committee on Associational Missions would respectfully submit the following: "Whereas, there is great destitution in our bounds, we would therefore recommend that this Association take steps to occupy the field by the appointment of an executive board, whose duty it is to appoint a missionary for a part or all of his time to labor in our bounds next Associational year, and ask all the churches to contribute to his support, and that they ask the State board to help pay him for his labors."

R. L. THOMPSON,
J. T. McELMURRY,

Committee.

After being read in hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. J. P. Lovelace, Rev. W. H. McCuiston, Rev. R. K. Pope and Rev. M. C. Burton, was adopted.

Motion and seconded that the body adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Preaching at 10:00 a. m., by Rev. W. H. McCuiston, text Matt. 28-20.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

House called to order by the Moderator. After a short song service and prayer led by Rev. T. J. Holloway, the body proceeded to work by electing a home missionary board. The election resulted in the election of Fred Walker, John Armstrong, John Cochran, Green Jones and J. T. McElmurry for the next Associational year. Next called for the report of the committee on Christian Education, as follows:

"In order to keep the pulpit abreast with educated, public and proper training of the youth, we should always send our children to Baptist colleges and schools and give them our hearty support.

R. K. POPE,
M. C. BURTON,

Committee.

After being read in hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. J. P. Lovelace, was adopted.

Next called for the report of the committee on temperance: "We your committee on temperance beg leave to report the following: We rejoice to know that the good people of Fulton County, Ark., and of Howell County, Mo., are doing all they can to prohibit the sale of intoxicant drinks in their respective counties, and we urge that the Baptists of Big Creek Association do all in their power to suppress the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that our church discipline their members from dram drinking and that we help our officers to enforce the laws in the prosecution of blind tigers."

W. H. McCUISTION,
J. M. LAMONS,

Committee.

After being read in hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. W. H. McCuistion, was adopted.

Next called for the report of the committee on Religious Literature:

Your committee on religious literature would beg leave to submit the following: We would recommend, first of all, the reading of God's Word, and secondarily, the Baptist Advance, published at Little Rock, Ark., or some other religious paper that is in harmony with our organized work.

J. P. LOVELACE,
W. A. WILLFORD,

Committee.

Discussed by Rev. J. P. Lovelace and Rev. T. F. Cargill and adopted.

Next called for the report of the committee on State Missions.

"Your committee on State Missions would respectfully submit the following: Whereas, our state convention is doing a great work in occupying destitute fields and helping weak churches to support their pastors. Having more than seventy missionaries and missionary pastors who reported more than 5,000 conversions and more than 3,000 baptisms in the State. And, whereas, the State board is greatly in need of funds, we therefore recommend that all our churches take a collection this fall for State missions and forward to John F. Christian, Little Rock, Ark.

J. P. LOVELACE,
C. A. ROGERS,

Committee.

Discussed by Rev. R. K. Pope, Rev. J. P. Lovelace, Rev. T. F. Cargill and Rev. W. H. Bowling, and adopted.

Sunday, October 13th, was set by the Association for collection day for State Mission funds.

Motion to adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

At 7:30 p. m., Friday, Rev. W. H. Bowling being on the program to preach, he gave way to Rev. J. P. Lovelace, who preached from Matthew 13-38. After preaching a collection was taken for State missions, which resulted in the collection of \$4.31 for State missions.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

After a song by the body and prayer by Rev. J. P. Lovelace, called for the report of the committee on home mission. We your committee on home mission beg leave to report as follows: In obedience to the command of our blessed master, who said, go teach all nations, and as our home land is included in that commission, we urge all our churches do all that they can for the great cause of missions, and we urge that all our pastors preach at least twice a year on missions. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McCUISTION,
M. C. BURTON,

Committee.

After being read in presence of the body and discussed by Rev. R. K. Pope, Rev. W. H. McCuiston and Rev. T. F. Cargill, was adopted.

Next called for report of committee on foreign mission: We, your committee on foreign mission, beg leave to submit the following: We find that the Lord has commanded the gospel be sent to all the world, and that it is the duty of the church to send it. We find that there are millions of people without the gospel. We would advise that we as churches of Lord Jesus Christ, do all we can to lead those benighted people to the light and truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

R. K. POPE,

T. J. HOLLOWAY,

Committee.

After being read in hearing of the body and discussed by Rev. W. H. McCuiston and Rev. T. F. Cargill, was adopted.

Next called for resolutions: We hereby give notice that we change days of meeting of the Association.

R. K. POPE,

DR. H. A. THOMPSON,

Committee.

Resolution of thanks: Resolved that we tender our thanks to the people of Lantion and surrounding country for their kind hospitality during our stay with them, and to our moderator and clerk for their faithful discharge of their duties.

J. T. McELMURRY,

FRED WALKER,

Committee.

Rev. J. F. Cox was elected by the association to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the Association, which will be with County Line Church on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1914.

Motion to adjourn to meet with County Line Church at County Line, Ark., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1914. After a song and parting hand-shake the body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. P. Lovelace.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. W. H. McCuiston preached a soul-stirring sermon from James 4:14.

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 this 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 among 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE BIG CREEK ASSOCIATION

NAMES OF CHURCHES	NAMES OF PASTORS	CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	Days of Meeting	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Exclusion	Letter	Death	Total	Membership	Value of Property	Paid Pastor	Paid For Minutes	Paid For Orphans' Home	No. Pupils in Sunday School	No. Pupils Enrolled	Paid Mission	Sunday School Expense
Flora	J. F. Cox	H. Mize Viola	2				1			62	\$325	60	\$1 00						
Mt. Zion	W. M. Cooper	Union	3		1				2	400			1 50						
Pleasant Grove	M. C. Burton	E. J. Bratcher Moko								14	200		1 00						
Macedonia	J. H. Porterfield	J. Copeland Byron					1			58			1 00						
Highland Park	M. C. Burton	H. A. Thompson Lanton								112	600	35	1 25				10 50		
Enterprise	J. P. Lovelace	Edna Grisso Viola		4			2	1		48	300		1 00						
Liberty	J. P. White	Isaac Allen Viola	3				1	4		20	250		50						
Salem	M. C. Burton	Ed Cargill Salem						1		80		60	1 30			40	60		
County Line	R. K. Pope	E. F. Armstrong Bakersfield	3				1	5	1	83		75	1 28			57	80		11 60
Oak Grove	M. C. Burton	J. T. McElmurry Moody	2					8		103	500		1 50	1 35	60	75	2 33	2 25	
				8	5		0	10	3	580	2575	\$230	11 33	135	157	215	12 83	13 85	