

PROCEEDINGS
— OF —
UNION ASSOCIATION NO. 2,
— OF —
(1911)
MISSIONARY BAPTIST.

The Thirty Second Annual Session of Union Association No. 2 of Missionary Baptists convened with Shiloh Church, Searcy county, Ark., September 15, 16, 17, A. D. 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. Branscum, followed by Eld. Jno. Chadwick. The reason that Eld. Branscum preached the introductory was on account of the absence of the brother who was appointed to preach it. Text: 1st Cor., 1:10.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. Met at 3 o'clock, but on account of there not being enough delegates and ministers present, we adjourned until 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, September 16.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. Branscum. The Association then appointed Eld. John Chadwick, Moderator pro tem, and E. Sutterfield, Clerk pro tem, and called for Statistical Letters. Elvin Woodcock and W. A. McEntire were appointed Reading Clerks. Enrolled the Messengers' names of the several churches as follows:

Walnut Grove—Natie Sutterfield, A. R. Stephenson, J. L. Haggard; Willie Haggard, alternate.

Shady Grove No. 1.—J. F. Chadwick, W. W. Goodman, J. W. Passmore; C. M. Chadwick, alternate.

Shiloh—D. B. Taylor, J. E. Woodcock, H. H. Woodcock; Ed Watts, alternate:

Pleasant Valley—D. M. Baker, George James; Jno.

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McKinney, alternate.

Pleasant Hill—S. J. Stills, Albert Arnold, J. F. Yarbrough.

Shady Grove No. 2.—J. Tudor, W. A. McEntire, J. W. Bowman; H. C. McEntire, alternate.

Evening Shade—W. M. Fox, J. B. Smith, James Branscum; W. P. Ramsey, alternate.

Timbo—A. J. McGee, J. M. Gammill.

Bethlehem—J. E. Branscum, E. Sutterfield, S. Branscum; M. C. Branscum, alternate.

The Association then went into permanent organization by electing Eld. J. F. Chadwick, Moderator, and W. A. McEntire, Clerk, and E. Sutterfield, Treasurer.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Called for visiting ministers, when Bro. J. N. Smith came forward, and the Moderator extended to him the hand of fellowship.

Committees Appointed.

Devotional Exercises—Bro. Nattie Sutterfield and W. M. Fox with delegates of Shiloh Church.

Sabbath Schools—G. T. James and J. M. Gammill.

Obituaries—E. Sutterfield and J. F. McKinney.

Destitution—Bro. N. Sutterfield and J. E. Branscum.

Home and Foreign Missions—J. E. Woodcock and W. M. Fox.

State Missions—J. E. Woodcock, J. E. Branscum, D. B. Taylor.

Associational Missions—E. Sutterfield and J. M. Gammill.

Finance—Bro. G. T. James and N. Sutterfield.

Arrangements—W. M. Fox and J. F. McKinney.

Literature—Bros. W. M. Fox and J. M. Gammill.

Orphans Home—N. Sutterfield and E. Sutterfield.

Temperance—Bro. J. E. Branscum and J. E. Woodcock.

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Called for report of Committee on Devotional. Report received and adopted.

Sabbath School report received and adopted.

Obituaries report received and adopted.

Home and Foreign Mission report received and adopted. Destitution report received and adopted.

State Missions report received and adopted.

Associational Missions report received and adopted.

Finance report received and adopted.

Arrangements report received and adopted.

Literature report received and adopted.

Orphans Home report received and adopted.

Temperance report received and adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met on time. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Gammill.

Corresponding Messengers were appointed to sister associations as follows:

Blue Mountain—J. M. Gammill.

Pec Dee—W. M. Fox.

Rocky Bayou—J. E. Branscum.

Trace Ridge—W. A. McEntire.

On motion, the minute funds were turned over to the Clerk, he receipting the Treasurer for the same.

The next Association will be held with Shady Grove Church No. 2, Searcy County, Arkansas, beginning on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the third Sunday in September A. D. 1912. Eld. James Tudor was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon followed by Eld. Chas. Yarbrough.

Called for Resolutions. No. 1 received and adopted.

Minutes read and received and the roll called and absentees marked.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. J. X. Smith.

ELD. J. F. CHADWICK, Moderator.

W. A. MCENTIRE, Clerk.

Report of Committees.

Devotional—Friday night Eld. J. X. Smith to preach, followed by Eld. J. E. Branscum. Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. J. E. Branscum, followed by Eld. J. F. Chadwick. Saturday night Eld. J. X. Smith, followed by Eld. J. E. Branscum. Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. J. X. Smith, followed by Eld. J. F. Chadwick.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Introductory Sermon. 2. Call the Association to order after prayer. 3. Call for Statistical Letters and enroll names of messengers. 4. Election of officers. 5. Call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. 6. Invite visiting ministers to seats with us when necessary. 7. Appoint committees. 8. Call the roll and mark absentees when necessary. 9. Read Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith. 10. Call for report of messengers to corresponding Associations. 11. Appoint messengers to sister Associations. 12. Call for report of committees. 13. Call for Queries. 14. Call for Resolutions. 15. Choose some brother to write a circular letter. 16. Choose time and place for the next Association. 17. Choose some brother and alternate to preach Introductory Sermon. 18. Then adjourn.

ELD. W. M. FOX, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We find that there are several churches in this Association that have good Sunday schools, and hope that other churches that have not will organize a Sunday school in their church and help in the good work.

J. M. GAMMILL, Chairman.

OBITUARIES.

We report as follows: We find in our Statistical Letters that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst three sisters from Walnut Grove, since our last Association: Sister Hiley Wilson, Sister Artiney Martin, and Sister Lucy Stephenson, whom the Church regret the loss of these beloved sisters. God in His infinite wisdom has called three from Pleasant Hill church: Bro. Len Keeling and Sister Betty Keeling, and Sister Cellie Keeling, all faithful workers for the Lord. E. SUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

DESTITUTION.

Report as follows: We find that Lower Big Creek and Tick Creek school house and Alco, are all destitute of Baptist preaching.

ELD J. E. BRANSCUM, Chairman.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following: We find that there is need of more gospel preaching at home. We advise that this body adopt a plan for doing missionary work at home, and that we do all in our power to spread the gospel at home, instead of in foreign lands so much.

J. E. WOODCOCK, Chairman.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend the Association as being the Bible plan by which to do mission work, and we recommend that our treasurer be appointed for same and he to report at the next meeting of the Association.

J. E. WOODCOCK, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We recommend that this body make a special effort to have the gospel preached in all the destitute places within her bounds.

E. SUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

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FINANCE.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find that \$10 00 has been contributed as Minute funds.

G. T. JAMES, Chairman.

LITERATURE.

We, your committee report as follows: We first recommend a careful study of the Bible Second—Any sound Baptist literature. J. M. GAMMILL, Chairman.

ORPHANS HOME.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find that the Baptists have two Homes in Arkansas, and we ask that the churches contribute liberally at their own will.

E. SUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, report as follows: Knowing that intoxicating liquor is one of the greatest evils that infest our country; that its effects is dragging many souls down to everlasting torment and is causing starvation of many families and is the cause of so much crime, we recommend that every member of our churches use their best efforts at the ballot box and all other places to prevent the manufacture and sale of the same. We further insist that it is the indispensable duty of every christian to abstain from the use of it.

J. E. BRANSCUM, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 16, 1911, I received of the Finance Committee \$10.00. E. SUTTERFIELD, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1. Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for their kindness and hospitality toward us during our stay with them. May the Lord bless and lead them in the faith of peace and happiness. ELD. J. E. BRANSCUM, Chr'm.

ELD. J. F. CHADWICK, Moderator.

W. A. McENTIRE, Clerk.

Constitution of Union Association of Missionary Baptists.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Union Association No. 2 of Missionary Baptists.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from Churches in Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several Churches before they take their seats.

Article 3. The Delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot of the members of the Association at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the Churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government and shall act only as an advisory council assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or is evidently implied by the nature of this compact. It nevertheless claims the authority over its own members, the Delegates from the Churches, and the right to withdraw from and disown all Churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice. It shall, therefore, regard all united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good and endeavor to extend the kingdom of Christ on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel and cultivate a close fellowship with all the Churches of Christ, especially those united in this Constitution.

Article 5. Newly constituted Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union on sending

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their delegates to any annual meeting of this Association with a petition for admission, and by their Delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles herein.

Article 6. The Churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this association a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, restored, deceased, number of licentiates and ordained ministers since our last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 7. This association may have a fund supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the finance committee to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association, and shall present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Article 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Article 9. This association shall take cognizance of no query sent to it by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions given in the 8th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to solve them, when this association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members pres-

ent, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing the association.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise on his feet and obtain permission and proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or unless words of personal reflection are used. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by this association shall be decided or withdrawn, before another can be offered.

9. When a question is up, after allowing time for a debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats, and those in the negative retain theirs.

10. The moderator shall announce the decision before those standing resume their seats.

11. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.

12. No member shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission of the asso-

ciation, nor more than once until every member that wishes to speak shall have spoken.

13. The application of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in addressing one another.

14. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

15. The Moderator must not permit any practice which tends to interruption of speaking.

16. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but he shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating these rules may be re-proved by the Moderator at his discretion; but only on the day that the breach is made.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in the one only true and living God, the Father, Word and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments are of divine authority, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that man cannot, by his own free will or ability, recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.

4. We believe in original sin.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification unto obedience of the Spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Christ.

6. We believe the saints will be preserved in grace and never fall away.

7. We believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that Baptism by immersion is the only Apostolic mode, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that wash-

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ing the Saints feet is a duty.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

9. We believe that the joys of the Saints and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

10. We believe no minister has the right to administer the Ordinances except those who have been regularly baptized and called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

11. We believe it to be our indispensable duty to do all we can for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel.

12. We believe that the Missionary Baptist Church of Christ was established during his personal Ministry and has a complete chain of succession from then until now.

ELD. J. F. CHADWICK, Moderator.

W. A. McENTIRE, Clerk.



Minute Fund.

The minute fund is \$10.00 and it cost me \$10 00 to get them printed without postage to send them to the different churches.

W. A. McENTIRE, Clerk.

Statistical Table.

Walnut Grove Church, Campbell; J. J. Goodman, pastor; A. R. Stephenson, clerk; days of meeting, 4; died, 3; minute fund, \$1 00.

Shady Grove Church No. 1, Elba; W. T. Passmore, pastor; L. H. Dodson, clerk; days of meeting, 3; received by baptism, 2; restored, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; total membership, 57; minute fund, \$1 86.

Shiloh Church, Loretta; J. F. Chadwick, pastor; J. E. Woodcock, clerk; days of meeting, 3; received by baptism, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 2; total membership, 33; minute fund, 60c.

Pleasant Valley Church, Tomahawk; W. M. Lay, pastor; H. T. Holland, clerk; days of meeting, 2; dismissed by letter, 10; excluded, 1; total membership, 26; minute fund, \$1 00

Pleasant Hill Church, Tomahawk; J. F. Strunk, clerk; days of meeting, 2; received by baptism, 4; restored, 1; excluded, 5; died, 3; total membership, 33; minute fund, \$1.50.

Shady Grove Church No. 2, St. Joe; C. F. Yarbrough, pastor; W. A. McEntire, clerk; days of meeting, 2; restored, 2; received by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; excluded, 4; total membership, 32; minute fund, 25c.

Evening Shade Church, Flag; T. Harness, pastor; J. B. Smith, clerk; days of meeting, 1; received by baptism, 2; received by letter, 4; dismissed by letter, 2; total membership, 35; minute fund, \$1.00.

Timbo Church, Timbo; J. D. Taylor, pastor; Della Farris, clerk; days of meeting, 1; total membership, 49; minute fund, \$1.50.

Bethlehem Church, Landis; J. F. Chadwick, pastor; E. Sutterfield, clerk; days of meeting, 2; excluded, 2; total membership, 54; minute fund, \$1.25.