

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
State Line Baptist Association

HELD WITH

NEW HOME CHURCH

Kingsville, Ark.

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1909.

E. T. LINCOLN, Moderator.

TOBE GHASTAIN, Clerk.

Next Session to be held with New Hope No 2,
Church, Wirth, Ark., (10 miles northeast
of Hardy,) beginning on Thursday night,
before the Second Sunday in September 1910.

MINUTES

OF THE

State Line Baptist Association



State Line Association of Missionary Baptist met with Kingsville Church on Thursday night, September 9, 1909, and found the church in a good revival and the Introductory sermon by Bro. Lincoln was omitted, after a good service adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday morning session, met Friday morning with former moderator and clerk present. After devotional exercises the Association was called to order by E. T. Lincoln moderator, and the letters from the following churches were presented and messengers enrolled as follows:

Poynor—J. W. Cole, B. F. Magruder.

Bethany—Jake Smith, R. T. Gann, Wesley James.

Antioch—W. S. Looney, J. W. Tyer, J. T. Brown.

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

Oak Grove—Tobe Chastain, D. R. Shockley.

New Home—A. Dixon, J. B. Reynolds, J. D. Hepler.

Witt's Chapel—J. D. Kerley, A. S. Johnson.

Next proceeded to elect moderator and clerk which resulted in the choice of E. T. Lincoln moderator and Tobe Chastain clerk.

Appointment of committees:

Preaching—Messengers of New Home church.

Publication—J. D. Kerley, Wesley James.

Destitution—W. B. Ladd, W. S. Looney.

Obituaries—J. C. Hill, R. T. Gann.

Temperance—A. S. Johnson, J. W. Tyer.

Orphans Home—A. Dixon, J. B. Reynolds.

Education—J. D. Hepler, W. H. Smith.

Sunday Schools—J. C. Hill, J. W. Cole.

Finance—J. T. Brown, D. R. Shockley.

State of churches—B. F. Magruder, Jake Smith.

Foreign Mission—J. D. Kerley, A. S. Johnson.

State and Home Missions—R. T. Gann, W. B. Ladd.

Resolutions—J. W. Tyer, W. H. Smith.

Adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by E. T. Lincoln.

Met at 2:30 as per adjournment.

Call for corresponding messengers from Sister Associations when Elevenpoints River Association presented her minutes by her messengers A. C. Fosbury and Sister Fosbury.

Report of Committee on Obituaries read and approved. See No. 1.

Report of Committee on State of the Churches adopted. See No. 2.

Report of Committee on Destitution read and adopted. See No. 3.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and approved. See No. 4.

Letters from Manson church received and her messengers.

R C HOLMES,

OTTO KEEL,

T L ELLIOTT, were seated.

Adjourned till 9:30 Saturday morning

Saturday morning session met at 9:30 o'clock as per adjournment, and after Devotional exercises the report of committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. See No. 5.

Report of Committee on Orphans Home read and adopted. See No. 6.

Report of Committee on Education read and approved. See No. 7.

Report of Committee on Publications read and approved. See No. 8.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted. See No. 9.

Report of Committee on State and Home Missions read and adopted. See No. 10.

Report of Committee on Finance. See No. 11.

Adjourned till 2:30.

Met at 2:30 as per adjournment.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted. See No. 12.

The Executive Committee to have charge of the missionary work were appointed as follows:

TOBE CHASTAIN, Chairman.

A S JOHNSON,

J D KERLEY, Secretary.

W S LOONEY,

J W TYER.

The next Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with Antioch Church the 5th Sunday in October.

Volunteers to Sister Associations:
 Current River—D. C. Bunton, J. D. Kerley.
 Spring River—A. Dixon, E. T. Lincoln.
 Cane Creek—D. C. Bunton.

Report of Clerk and Treasurer

Received of Finance Committee last session.....	\$20.06
Received of this body.....	.46
Total.....	\$20.52
Paid for printing minutes	\$15.00
Paid for postage... ..	.50
Clerks Fees	5.00
Total	\$20.50
Balance due Association	\$.02

I, as Treasurer of your executive committee report that I have on hand for Associational Missions \$29.72.

TOBE CHASTAIN, Treasurer.

The next session of this body will be held with New Hope Church No. 2, near Wirth, Sharp county, Ark., and 10 miles northeast of Hardy on the Frisco railroad.

The introductory sermon will be preached by Eld. J. C. Diceton, E. T. Lincoln alternate.

List of Ordained Ministers

I note by a careful examination of the letters from the churches that no church has reported an Ordained Minister. But I give below a list of a year ago. CLERK.

List of Ordained Ministers 1908:

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

Sunday School Report

	<i>Scholars</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
Witt's Chapel	125	\$48.18
Poynor		2.50
New Home	50	1.05

Expenses of Churches

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Orphans Home</i>	<i>Missions</i>
Witt's Chapel	\$192.65		
Poynor	44.05		\$50.50
Oak Grove	16.00		
New Home	60.00	\$2.50	12 50
Bethany	60.00	5.00	1.60
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	\$372.70	\$7.50	\$64.60

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 No 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 reprovod 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 Assembly may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	Value of Church property
						Increase			Decrease				
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	Excluded		
New Hope No. 2	1900	3	J H C Sconce	L Rickard	Wirth, Ark.					1		24	\$200
Bethany	1874		H M Bunyard	J C Allison	Yadkin, "				1	1			300
Antioch	1873	4	J C Diceton	W S Looney	Hamil, "	10		1	2	2	3	72	400
New Home	1890		E T Lincoln	A Dixon	Ravenden Spr "	2	4		2				
Oak Grove	1867	2	J C Diceton	B F Chastain	Attica, "	3			4			53	400
Manson	1904	1	Knox Belew	Otto Keel	Manna, "	38				2	3	70	
Poynor	1887		C A Fowler	Tom Johnson	Poynor, Missouri							50	400
Witt's Chapel	1888	2	J A Wheatley	J D Kerley	Maynard, Ark.	3	1	1			2	197	
Union		4	Not										
New Hope No. 1			Repre-										
Concord			sented										
Total						56	8	2	9	6	8	466	1700

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 upon them.

6 We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follows after justification.

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 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.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

I

We, your committee would report that the death angel has visited our Association and removed from us, Sister Minerva Starling, and Bro. G. W. Smith from Antioch church, and Sister Arthur Allison of Bethany church, and Sister Drucilla Ward of New Hope No. 2, all of whom died in a full triumph of a living faith.

R T GANN,

J C HILL,

Committee.

II

We, your committee find that most of our churches have held revival meetings and are in a prosperous condition and are ready to go forward in the work of the Lord. We recommend a continuation of same, and that all our churches report promptly to this Association.

B F MAGRUDER,

JAKE SMITH,

Committee.

III

We, your committee report as follows, that we find throughout our Association that the Destitution is very great throughout our bounds, we therefore recommend that we now make some effort to supply this Destitution.

G W LOONEY,

W B LADD,

Committee.

IV

We, your committee on Temperance, rejoice in the great temperance work that is now sweeping the country during the past few years. but we are also rejoiced to know that our own Great State of Arkansas is making a great warfare against the liquor traffic, we are aware that the saloon is an enemy to our homes and we recommend that all of our pastors preach more against the evils of strong drink, and we as Baptist should use every means possible to abolish it in the way of voting against license and by not voting for any whiskey man for any county office.

A S JOHNSON,

J M TYER,

Committee.

V

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, would report that we find Witt's Chapel, Poyner and New Home churches have Sunday Schools. Our other churches seem to be neglecting this part of the proper education of the children of our Association in the ways of the Lord. We therefore recommend that each church organize and maintain a Sunday School.

J W COLE,

J C HILL,

Committee

VI

We, your committee on Orphan's Home, report as follows: We feel duly grateful to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts for the strides of progress made in Orphanage work. For fifteen or twenty years this work of charity has been carried on under the auspices of an all-wise God. The Baptist church has been a great factor in carrying on this good work.

We now have two Orphanages in the state, both of which are doing a great and noble work in caring for these little ones of which the Savior said, "Except ye become as one of these ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." While the Baptist brethren have one of the oldest eleemosynary institutions in the state, still they are far behind other states in this respect.

We recommend our churches to spare neither time nor money in helping those little ones of which the Savior said: "Suffer them to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Respectfully submitted,

J B REYNOLDS,

A DIXON.

VII

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows: That we humbly thank God for what has been done in an Educational way in our Association. That in-as-much as the demands for a better educated citizenship are becoming more imperative we renew our interest, increase our zeal and lend our best efforts for thorough christian education, that we heartily endorse and recommend our own Ouachita-Magnard Academy, giving to this school our patronage and unqualified support, that more time be spent in the study of the Bible and Baptist literature.

W H SMITH,

J D HEPLER,

Committee.

VIII

We, your committee on publication, would recommend that we as a christian body should devote more time to the study of the

Bible and other good literature as are published and recommended by our leading Baptists and scholars. We also recommend that each of our brethren should subscribe for and read at least one of the state papers viz: The Arkansas Baptist or the Baptist Advance. We as a Baptist people do feel grateful for the culportage work that our own brother E T. Lincoln is doing throughout our boundaries, he stands ready at all times to supply his brethren with tracts, Bibles and other publications. We urge the brethren to help him in every way possible to carry on this good work.

J D KERLEY,
WESLEY JAMES,
Committee.

IX

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: Believing that the commission of our Lord was given to his churches and knowing of the millions that are dying in foreign lands without the Gospel, we therefore earnestly request that the churches throughout the Association take this matter up and take at least one collection each year for Foreign Missions and use every means possible to carry the Gospel to these dying millions.

J D KERLEY,
A S JOHNSON,
Committee.

X

We, your committee on Home and State Missions, note from the letters read that but little has been done along this line during the past year. We remember, however, that our Lord commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Have we been true to this injunction? We fear not. Then let us work while it is called today. Let us go or help go. The Lord does not intend that all of us go as missionaries to the destitute places of the state and home field but he certainly meant by the great commission that we all be real active, living missionaries in spirit, as therefore we have opportunity let us do good unto all men. Respectfully Submitted,

R T GANN,
W B LADD,
Committee.

XI

We, your committee on Finance, have received from the following churches for minute funds as follows:

New Hope No. 2	\$1.10
Oak Grove.....	1.00
Bethany.	2.01
New Home... ..	2.00
Antioch	2.50
Poynor....	2.10
Witt's Chapel	2.30
Manson.....	1.00
	<u>\$14.01</u>
From Collection	4.00
Total,	\$18.01

J B BROWN,
D R SHOCKLEY,
Committee

XII

We, your committee on Resolutions, would report as follows:

1. That this Association appoint a committee of five who shall have charge of the mission work of this Association, and they get some man or men to hold some meetings as soon as possible, especially would we recommend Oconee, Brockett and Wirth, as mission points which should have help at once.

2 That we organize our 5 Sunday meetings and we would recommend that each church in this Association appoint a messenger who will work with the mission board and that they take a collection at the next meeting to help pay missionaries who may preach.

3 We would recommend that all of our churches hold revival meetings so as to get results in the report to the Association.

4 That we have three hundred minutes printed and that the clerk superintend the same and that he be paid five dollars for service.

5 That we extend our thanks to New Home church and friends for their kind hospitality while with them.

6 That we also extend thanks to moderator and clerk for their services.

J W TYER,
W H SMITH,
Committee.