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Missionary Baptist Association

1899

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Proceedings.

Friday, October 6th, 1899, the Rocky Bayou Missionary Baptist Association convened in its 58th annual session with Mount Lebanon Church, IZARD county, ARKANSAS.

Eld. H. F. Vermillion who was elected at the last session to preach the introductory sermon not being present, the same was preached at 11:30 o'clock a. m. by Eld. W. L. Smith, his alternate; text, Acts 2:38. The sermon was well received and heartily endorsed by those present.

After refreshments the association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by Eld. J. P. Lovelace, Moderator. Prayer, led by Bro. J. A. Gray.

The names of the churches were called and the letters read. Big Spring, Melbourne, Pleasant Valley and Rocky Bayou petitioned for the next session. Pilgrims Rest asked for a letter of dismission to join Independence Association.

Called for petitionary letters from churches wishing to join this association. Letters from Oak Grove, Sharp county, Mount Etna, Independence county, and LaCrosse, IZARD county, were presented and read and on motion received into membership.

The association proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Bro. R. L. Landers as Moderator and W. K. Estes as Clerk. After a few remarks by the newly elected Moderator the association proceeded to business.

1. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Bros. J. B. Smith and T. J. Ferguson from Blue Mountain and Bro. T. H. Horn from White River accepted the invitation and were given the hand of fellowship by the Moderator and welcomed among us.

2. Called for visiting ministers. Accepted by Eld. I. Z. Kimbrough from Dardanelle Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

1. On Preaching—Pastor, Messengers of Mt Lebanon church,
2. On Arrangement of Business—Eld. J. P. Lovelace, John A. Gray, J. T. Shannon.
3. On Baptist Literature—Eld. W. L. Smith, A. T. Felts, P. A. Wiles.
4. On Associational Missions—G. S. Rector, Eld. W. M. Duren, J. R. Richardson.
5. On Foreign Missions—Eld. J. W. Twilley, W. P. Campbell, Eld. G. L. Foard.
6. On State Missions—R. L. Sherrell, Eld. J. P. Lovelace, P. T. Coleman.
7. On Sabbath Schools—S. P. Hite, J. H. Whiteaker, T. J. Lovelace.
8. On Finance—B. S. Stroud, H. C. Horton.
9. On Temperance—T. H. Horn, S. A. Campbell, W. L. Hightower.
10. On Destitution—V. E. Duren, J. G. Jennings, A. T. Farthing, G. R. McCance.
11. On Prayer Meetings—J. B. Smith, J. G. Jennings, G. L. Wolford.
12. On Christian Education—Elds. I. Z. Kimbrough, W. M. Duren, W. L. Smith.
13. On Obituaries—H. C. Duren, L. B. Barnes, J. W. Miller.
14. On Orphan's Home—W. H. Meers, Jason Moser, T. P. Williams.

On motion of Eld. J. P. Lovelace it was voted that the selection of a place for the meeting of the next session of this association and the election of some one to preach the introductory sermon be set tomorrow 3 o'clock p. m.

On motion the association adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer, led by Eld. W. M. Duren.

At lamplighting Eld. I. Z. Kimbrough preached an able sermon from 1st Peter 4:18.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY MORNING,

9 o'clock, October 7, 1899, Association was called to order.

Prayer was led by Eld. N. R. Townseud.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

1. Called for report of committee on arrangement of business.

Report read, corrected and adopted.

2. Called for churches not represented yesterday; none.

3. Renewed call for petitionary letters; none.

4. Renewed invitation to corresponding messengers. Accepted by Eld. N. R. Townsend of Spring River Association.

5. Renewed invitation to visiting ministers; none.

6. Called for report of committee on Baptist Literature. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows, viz:

We as a people take the Bible as our chief guide in all matters pertaining to the doctrine of Christ and the government of his churches. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist, American Baptist Flag and the Baptist Gleaner as being sound in doctrine, and urge our people to read as many of the above as possible.

W. L. Smith,

A. T. Felts,

P. A. Wiles.

7. Called for report of missionary board. On motion the report was postponed.

8. The following brethren were elected as an associational mission board, towit: Jno. R. Richardson, J. G. Jennings, S. P. Hite, J. W. Spann and W. P. Campbell.

9. The sum of \$92.95 was pledged for associational missions for the ensuing year.

At 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. J. P. Lovelace preached an interesting and instructive sermon, after which the Association took a recess till 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association was called to order; prayer led by Eld. W. L. Smith.

10. On motion Pilgrims' Rest church was granted a letter of dismissal.

11. Called for resolution; none.

12. Called for the report of the committee on State Missions. Report read and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on State Missions, find that our State Mission Board are making an effort to carry the gospel in every destitute place in the state, but their work is greatly hindered for lack of means. We therefore recommend that the churches of this association appoint state mission agents in each church to collect funds and forward to the state mission board.

R. L. Sherrill, Chairman.

13. Called for report of committee on Destitution. Report read and adopted.

14. Selected Big Spring church as the place to hold the next session of this Association, and elected Eld. W. L. Smith to preach the introductory sermon with Bro. John A. Gray as alternate.

15. Called for report of committee on Temperance. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Temperance, report the following: 1, We consider intemperance one of the greatest, if not the greatest, evils that curses our land. We look upon it as a deadly serpent whose poisonous bite sends a great army per day to a drunkard's grave and to a drunkard's hell. As this army receives recruits from the homes of christianity in our fair land, we beg you brethren to do all in your power to save our children from this dreaded curse. We recommend that the churches discipline all their members that are known to be tipplers or dram-drinkers, and also members that are known to vote for the accursed license law.

S. A. Campbell,

T. H. Horn,

W. L. Hightower.

16. Called for report of committee on Prayer Meetings. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Prayer Meetings, submit the following: We find from reading the scriptures that men are taught to pray always, and we believe that the effectual, fervent prayer

availeth much; therefore, we recommend that each church organize and maintain a weekly prayer meeting and urge each member to attend the same.

John B. Smith,
J. G. Jennings,
G. L. Wolford.

On motion the association adjourned till next Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

At lamp-lighting Eld. W.M. Duren preached, and at 11 a. m. Sunday, Eld. N. R. Townsend preached to a large congregation from Daniel 2:44, and at lamplighting Bro. Jno. A. Gray preached from Cal. 2:6.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY MORNING,

October 9, 1899, at 9 o'clock the association was called to order by the Moderator, prayer was led by Eld. J. W. Twilley.

1. Called for the report of the committee on obituaries. Report was read, discussed and adopted, as follows, after which the association was led in prayer by Eld. J. P. Lovelace.

We, your committee on obituaries beg leave to report the following: We find that since the last report the following members have departed this life, towit: Sisters: Cordia Blevins, Vester Billingsley, Rebecca Miller, Margaret Kelley, Jane Gray, Mrs. Alley Moser. Brethren: Patric Campbell, J. M. Ford, Eld. William Hutcheson, Luke Lee. We recommend that a page of our record be set apart to their memory and that their names be printed in the minutes of this meeting as a remembrance of them.

H. C. Duren,
L. B. Barnes,
J. W. Miller.

2. Elds. W. M. Duren, J. P. Lovelace and G. L. Foard and Bros. W. P. Campbell and J. G. Jennings were elected as messengers to the Arkansas Baptist Convention and Bros. A. T. Felts and J. T. Shannon as alternates. Recommended Eld. Lovelace as a member of State Mission Board.

3. Called for report of Associational Mission Board, which was read and adopted and is as follows, to-wit:

We, the Missionary Board, report we have held three meetings and employed Bro. J. P. Lovelace to preach monthly and hold protracted meetings at Sandy Flat, and to pay \$25.00. We employed Bro. W. L. Smith to preach monthly at Franklin and Unity and to hold protracted meetings and we agreed to pay \$25.00 for same. We employed Bro. W. M. Duren to preach monthly at Sidney and to pay ten dollars for same. We also employed Bro. G. L. Ford to preach at Oak Grove, and to pay him ten dollars for same. We refer you to Missionary's report for work done and to Treasurer's report for financial statement.

W. M. Duren, Ch'n.,

A. T. Felts, Sec.

4. The respective reports of the Treasurer of the Mission Board and the Missionaries employed by the board as follows:

Treasurers' report:

Amount collected.....	\$80.55.
Paid to J. P. Lovelace.....	\$25.00.
Paid to W. L. Smith.....	25.00.
Paid to W. M. Duren.....	10.00.
Paid to G. L. Foard.....	10.00.
Paid to W. M. Duren on last year.....	3.05.
Total paid.....	\$73.05.
Amount on hand.....	\$7.50.

Some pledges yet unpaid.

S. P. Hite, Treas.

I have visited Sidney in this years' work seven times and preached twelve sermons.

W. M. Duren.

We, your Missionary that was appointed by the board to preach at Sandy Flat, submit the following report: Sermons preached, 28. We held a five days meeting, which resulted in conversions, 9; baptisms, 6. We had good congregations with growing interest in the work all the year. A church should be organized in this vicinity. Respectfully,

J. P. Lovelace.

Brethren. I was notified by one of your board that I was their choice to preach at Dry Bone school house in March. I preached 12 sermons. The results: Church organized; baptized 4; conversions 4.

G. L. Foard.

W. L. Smith, missionary report: Big Spring church—conversions, 3; baptisms, 4; sermons preached, 25. Unity church—On account of sickness we could hold no protracted meeting. Therefore, no ingathering. Sermons preached, 29.

5. Called for report of foreign mission agent. Report read and adopted as follows:

I have collected for foreign missions as follows.

Big Spring	\$1.00.
Pleasant Valley	1.00.
Philadelphia	5.00.
Sidney	1.28.
Mt. Pleasant	1.20.
Zion Hill	1.65.
Concord	1.60.
Mt. Lebanon	1.40.
Eutopia	2.45.
Pilgrims' Rest	6.17.
Total.....	\$22.75.

W. M. Duren.

6. Eld. W. M. Duren was reelected foreign mission agent.

7. Called for report of committee on Christian Education. Report adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Christian Education submit the following report: We must educate or we must perish is truer today than at any time in the past. Institutions of learning are springing up all over our land. The enemies of God and truth are making great advances in learning. We as a christian people cannot afford to fall behind them. Our people need sufficient education to detect the sophistry in the teaching of semi-infidelity as well as the errors that are being taught in the name of religion. Without education we are weak, superstitious, and easily driven about. The young must be educated or they will be weaklings.

Therefore, we recommend that parents give their children as much education as is in their power. We recommend that young men entering the ministry be helped and encouraged to secure as much education as possible. If the pulpit must stand against the world its power should not be lessened by the inefficiency of the men who fill it. As a school for higher education we recommend Mountain Home College.

I. Z. Kimbrough,
W. M. Duren.
W. L. Smith.

8. Called for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools. Report read, discussed and adopted as follows:

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, report the following: The Savior commanded us to teach and as the Sunday School is one of the best ways in which to teach the Scriptures we recommend that each church in the Association organize and support a Baptist Sunday School. We recommend that the Bible and sound Baptist literature be taught in said school,

J. T. Lovelace,
S. P. Hite,
J. H. Whiteaker.

9. Called for report of board of Ministerial Education. Report read and adopted, as follows:

We, your board on Ministerial Education, have not found any young preacher that wanted aid in going to school. We have, therefore, not attempted to collect any funds for this work.

G. L. Foard, Chairman.

10. The Finance Committee reported \$15.30 collected for printing and distributing minutes.

11. On motion of Eld. W. M. Duren it was voted and ordered that the clerk distribute the minutes of this session to the respective churches composing the same in proportion to amount contributed by each church.

12. Called for report of the committee on Associational Missions. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on associational missions submit the following: 1st. That it be the duty of the mission board to hold quarterly meetings, at which time they shall inquire into the state of destitution within the field, and seek to supply the same with preaching, either by the employment of one associational missionary for all his time or by employment of preachers for part of their time. 2nd. We recommend that one person be appointed by the pastor, in each church to collect funds for the board. 3rd. That we ask each member of the churches belonging to this association to contribute at least, ten cents as something per quarter to this work.

J. R. Richardson,
W. M. Duren,
G. S. Rector.

13. On motion, the association took a recess till 1 o'clock, at which time it was called to order, prayer led by Brother T. P. Williams.

14. Called for report of Committee on Foreign Missions, Report read and adopted as follows, to-wit:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report: The Commission "to teach all nations" was given to the churches of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ established his church chiefly for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to the lost. We recommend that every Baptist in this association contribute to Foreign Mission; that a member in each church be appointed to receive contributions and forward same to our Foreign Mission agent, Eld. W. M. Duren at Zion, Izard county, Arkansas.

J. W. Twilley, Chairman.

15. Called for report of committee on Orphans Home, Report read and adopted as follows, to-wit:

We, your committee on Orphans Home submit the following report: We learn that there are 26 children being cared for in the home, and applications have been made for others that could not be taken in for lack of room, and we learn also that they are building more room and need help to complete same.

Therefore we recommend that each church appoint an agent to collect funds for same, and that each church send a collection between this and the expiration of the year, and we recommend that this association appoint an agent to receive and forward such funds to the home.

W. H. Meers,
T. P. Williams,
Jace Moser.

16. Called for report of committee appointed at the last session to write a history of this association. A partial report was read, and on motion the committee was continued till the next session with instructions to present a complete history, showing, if possible, the statistics of each year.

17. Arranged Correspondence to Sister Associations as follows:

Little Red River: Eld. W. H. Wren, L. B. Barnes.

Blue Mountain: J. N. Haley, W. P. Campbell, Eld. W. L. Smith.

Independence: Eld. J. P. Lovelace, W. H. Meers.

White River Valley: S. P. Hite, S. E. Martin.

Spring River: Elds. G. L. Foard, W. M. Duren.

Big Creek: T. J. Lovelace, O. F. Farthing, Eld. S. A. Marchant.

White River: J. A. Gray, J. H. Whiteaker, Elds. J. W. Twilley, W. L. Smith and S. A. Campbell.

18. Elds. G. L. Foard and W. L. Smith were elected as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets next May at Hot Springs, Ark.

19. J. G. Jennings offered a resolution as to printing and distribution of minutes, as follows, which was adopted.

Resolved, that the clerk of this session superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of the same, and that he have \$5.00 for his service.

J. G. Jennings.

20. J. R. Richardson offered a resolution of thanks, which was adopted as follows:

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mt. Lebanon church and the citizens of the vicinity thereof, for the kind hospitality to us while in their midst.

J. R. Richardson,
J. G. Jennings,
S. P. Hite.

21. Dispensed with reading minutes of Saturday.

22. On motion the association adjourned to meet with Big Spring church at Franklin, Izard county, Ark. Friday, 11 o'clock a. m. before the second Lords Day in October, 1900.

After prayer led by Eld. W. M. Duren, while singing the messengers took the parting hand.

R. L. LANDERS, MODERATOR.

W. K. ESTES, Clerk.

FOREIGN MISSION AGENT.

Eld. W. M. Duren, Zion, Ark.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

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MESSENGERS.

- 1, Antioch—G. L. Foard, T. P. Williams, W. L. Hightower.
- 2, Bellvue—J. W. Spann, Eld. W. L. Smith, G. S Rector,
S. A. Campbell.
- 3, Big Spring—H. B. Sharrack, S. P. Hite.
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- 5, Fairview—H. C. Duren.
- 6, LaCrossse—P. A. Wiles.
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- 11, Mt. Pleasant—Henry Taylor, Alex Shell, A. T. Felts,
- 12, Oak Grove—James Ward.
- 13, Philadelphia—E. F. Parker, B. A. Spradlin.
- 14, Pilgrims Rest—R. L Sherrill.
- 15, Pleasant Valley—O. F. Farthing, J. H. Whiteaker, B. F.
Smith, James Marchant.
- 16, Rocky Bayou—J. W. Twilley, G. R. McCance, Samuel

Majors, J. N. Haley.

17. Saints' Rest—W. B. Mayfield, J. P. Head.
18. Table Rock—J. L. Massey, S. Smith.
19. Unity—Wallace Walker.
20. Wise's Chapel—T. J. Lovelace, Sam Staggs.
21. Zion Hill—Eld. W. M. Duren, V. E. Duren, J. G. Jennings, J. W. Miller.

Besides what is reported in the statistical table, I find from the church letters that the following amounts were paid for State Missions: Antioch Church, \$1.65; Bellevue Church, \$4.80; Melbourne Church, \$12.80; Pleasant Valley Church, 25 cents, and Zion Hill Church, \$1.15; Pleasant Valley Church also paid 25 cents to Home Missions. As to amount paid for Foreign Missions see report of Foreign Mission Agent, and as to Associational Missions see report of Treasurer of Board. I do not give amounts for Minute Fund because the amounts reported in the letters and the amount collected by Finance Committee do not agree. I would suggest that hereafter the Treasurer of the Associational Board show in his report the amount paid by each Church and individual; also that the report of the Finance Committee show amount paid by each Church.—CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	P. O.	PASTORS	CLERKS	Increase			Deer's			Membersh	Pastors salary	Value of Church prop'y	Days of meet'g	
				By Baptism	By Letter	Restorat'n	By Letter	By Excom'n	By Death					
Antioch	Zion	G L Foard	J J Lawson	2	1	1		1	1	121	\$	\$250	1	
Bellvue	Melbourne	H F Vermillion	D J Smith	..	1			1	1	95	100	450	3	
Big Spring	Franklin	W L Smith	S P Hite	4						22			4	
Concord	Stella	J P Lovelace	W R King	5			2	1		79	30	250	4	
Cushman	Not rep't'd									40				
Fairview	Violet Hill	W L Smith	H C Duren	3					2	45			2	
LaCrosse	LaCrosse	W M Duren	P A Wiles	..						8				
Melbourne	Melbourne	H F Vermillion	R L Landers	9	3					71	175	450	1	
Mt. Etna	Barren Fork	J P Lovelace	L D Barnes	..			1			14				
Mt. Lebanon	Gid	G L Foard	H C Horton	9			5		2	91	30	300	3	
Mt. Nebo No 1	Not rep't'd									20				
Mt. Nebo No 2	Barren Fork		B A Sipe	13				2	1	55			2	
Mt. Pleasant	Sage	W M Duren	R E Shell	..	1			1	1	45		150	2	
Newhope	Not rep't'd									10				
Oak Grove	Eve'ngSh'de	G L Foard	J F Howell	4	6		4			14				
Philadelphia	Gulley	W M Duren	B W Bledsoe	..	1			2		16	35		1	
Pilgrims' Rest	Victor	J L Brown	J H Sanders	2				3	2	130	50	400	1	
Pleasant valley	Pineville	S A Marchant	J H Whiteaker	16	3		3	4	1	62			4	
Rocky Bayou	Lunenburg	J P Lovelace	Sam'l Majors	7				1		53	30	100	2	
Saint's Rest	Jumbo	W L Smith	J R Wood	2				7	1	50		200	1	
Table Rock	Culp	R T Farthing	J E Galloway	8	2			8		21			3	
Unity	Newburg	W L Smith	R T Sherrill	..						21		100		
Wise's Chapel	Pineville	S A Marchant	T J Lovelace	5				3		35				
Zion Hill	Zion	J P Lovelace	J G Jennings	..				1		97	40	200	3	
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