

MINUTES

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~~THIRTY-SEVENTH~~ ANNUAL

State Line Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Oak Grove Church

ATTICA, ARK.

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 1913

LIBRARY

W. S. LOONEY, Moderator.

GEO. LOONEY, Clerk.

Next session to be held with Rich-
woods Church, beginning on Thursday
night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1914

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STATE LINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

State line Association of Missionary Baptists met with Oak Grove church on Thursday night on September 11, 1913, and the introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. James Christian, text 8th chapter of the gospel of Matthews, led in prayer by Bro. Tracy. After a good service adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday morning session September 12, 1913, the Association was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m., led by the moderator and led in prayer by Bro. E. T. Lincoln. The moderator then appointed Bros. T. B. Roberson and Tobe Chastain reading clerks. Roll for churches was called for showing the following messengers whose names were enrolled as follows:

Antioch—W. S. Looney, J. W. Tyer and W. M. Jackson.

Poynor—T. B. Roberson, J. W. Cole and M. L. Winters.

Oak Grove—Tobe Chastain, D. R. Tyler and Jim Hibbard

Witt's Chapel—J. D. Kerley, J. H. Hill and W. R. Bowlen

New Hope No. 2—Leu Rickard, J. L. Smith and W. I. Hill

Bethany—Elmer Davis and George Looney.

Ravenden Springs—T. J. Moore.

Solid Rock—Tom Alfred and Ben Hawkins.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization which resulted in the election of Bro. W. S. Looney as moderator and George Looney, clerk.

The moderator now called for new churches, when Harmony was presented and received.

Harmony—L. D. Brown and B. C. Peas, messengers, who presented themselves and were invited to seat with us in the council.

A short lecture by Bro. Tracy.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., by Bro. Compear. Text 2nd, Timothy 2 Chapt. and 2nd Verse. Led in prayer by Bro. T. B. Roberson. After service a talk on State mission by Dr. Christian. Motion prevailed that the Association adjourn until 3 o'clock p. m. Led in prayer by Bro. John Allison.

The afternoon session was rained out. The association was called to order at 8:30 Saturday morning by moderator and led in prayer by Bro. James Sconce.

Privilege extended for any church wishing to join our Association. When Richwoods Church of Christ, presented themselves, and was received and their messengers, J. W. Allison and J. C. Allison were invited to seat with us in council.

Called for members of gaining Association, when Bro. John Allison of Spring River Association presented himself and was received and invited to seat with us in council.

Called for report on Publication.

We your committee on Publication, would recommend that in addition to the study of the Bible, that we read good Baptist literature such as the Arkansas Baptist, Baptist Advance and Baptist Flag, together with good books by our great writers.

T. R. ROBERSON
TOBE CHASTAIN,
Committee.

Called for report on Destitution.

We, your committee on Destitution, beg to make the following report, we find within the bounds of our Association, there is a great field of destitution, such as Manson, Shannon, Oconee, Vernon, Dalton and others that might be mentioned. We pray that this Association take some steps to develope this field.

J. A. ALLISON
J. W. SCONCE
Committee.

Called for report on Obituaries.

We your committee on Obituaries would report that the death angel has visited our Association and called home Bro. J. C. Hill of New Hope No. 2. Bro. Hill died Oct 18th 1912 Bro. Hill had been a member of the Baptist church a long time and had lived a consistant Christian life. He died as he lived, trusting in God.

And Sister Martha Collier of Antioch Baptist church, who was born in the year of 1846 and joined the Missionary Baptist church at Antioch in the year of 1873, and died December 3, 1912. She lived a consistant life until death.

And Bro. R. J. M. Wyatt, Sister Lily Presley, Sister Mattie Bemis and Bro. Tommie Spikes all members of Witt's Chapel church. And Sister Martha Morris of Poynor church. B'lessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

A. M. JACKSON
J. L. SMITH
Committee.

Called for report of Committee on Orphans Home.

We your committee on Orphans Home, report as follows: We feel very thankful to the giver of all gifts, and for the

great progress made in Orphan's Home work, which our father's have been carrying on in this State. We now have two Orphans Home in this State, both of which need your help. We recommend that our churches spend more time and money in caring for the little ones, for Christ said "For such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

W. I. HILL
J. C. ALLISON
Committee.

Called for report of committee on Sunday School.

We your committee on Sunday School find in our Association only five Sunday Schools, one at Maynard, Antioch, Poynor, Harmony and Ravenden Springs. We find Sunday School neglected, and we urge that this work be looked after more in honor of our Lord and Master and growing generation.

LEN RIKARD
JOHN W. COLE
Committee.

Called for report of committee on Temperance.

We your committee on Temperance beg to report that we beleive the use of intoxicants is one of the many greatest curses of this land of ours. We believe the open saloon in this great State of ours is on the decline, but we find that the whiskey is still used to a great extent, and we beleive that through the order system, now in use, is still a great curse to our people. We would beg and pray that we as Baptists, do every thing in our power, to do way with this great evil. We would recommend to all churches to use a strict scriptural decipline in dealing with any and all church members who might use this great curse to excess, and we pray God's blessing to rest with our efforts.

J. W. TYER
T. J. MOORE
Committee.

Called for committee on Education.

We your committee on Education realizing the need of more study of the bible and religious papers and books. We would recommend the Baptist Advance and the Arkansas Baptist, and we would also urge our people to have more Sunday School, and teach our children the word of God and we believe we ought to be more careful about employing teachers to teach in our public schools, we believe they ought to be Christain. We recommend our Ouachita Maynard Academy as a place to educate our children.

D. R. TYLER
J. W. ADLISON
Committee.

Called for report of committee on Finance.

We your committee have received for various churches for clerk fees and minutes as follows:

Antioch church	\$2.70
Oak Grove	1.50
Poynor	2.75
New Hope No. 2	2.20
Richwoods	1.60
Sister Jackson	.10
Bethany	2.00
Ravenden Springs	1.25
Solid Rock	1.50
Harmony	1.00
Witt's Chapel	3.00
Colection	1.65
Total	\$21.25

JOHN D. KERLEY,
ELMER DAVIS,
Committee.

Called for report of committee on State and Home Mission.

We your committee on State and Home Mission, report that we find a good advancement has been made in State mission but that work has only begun and that new fields are being opened to us, so let us go forward and assist the work in every way we can.

J. F. HIBBARD,
TOBE CHASTAIN.
Committee.

Called for report of State of Churches.

We your committee on state of churches report as follows: We find that some of our churches seem to be in a lukewarm state and have not had any revival the past year and some seem to have no pastor. We would recommend that they pray much and call a pastor and hold revival meetings before our next meeting of the Association.

J. H. HILL,
W. R. BOWLIN.
Committee.

Called for report of committee on Resolutions.

We, your committee on resolution, beg to report as follows: That we have 250 minutes printed and that the clerk superintends the same and that he be paid \$10.00 for his service. 2nd. That we extend our thanks to Oak Grove church and friends for their kindness and hospitality while

with them. 3rd. That we also extend our thanks to moderator and clerk for their service. 4th. That each church of this Association appoint a committee on obituary from their church.

JNO. D. KERLEY,
J. W. SCONCE.
Committee.

Motion prevailed that we have no 11 o'clock service Saturday morning and go ahead with our work.

Called for report of committee on plans for mission work.

We recommend that this body elect four destitute places and that we supply these with a man and that he establishes a regular monthly appointment at these places. That we elect a missionary secretary treasurer and that each church select a representative member and send him to each fifth Sunday meeting with strong contribution for the purpose of carrying on the work, and that the said representatives have charge of the mission work.

TOBE CHASTAIN,
J. A. ALLISON,
J. W. SCONCE.
Committee.

Motion prevailed that the Association adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m. Led in prayer by Brother W. I. Hill.

Afternoon session. The Association was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by moderator and led in prayer by Brother T. B. Roberson.

Called for report on mission work.

Received from J. W. Tyer, Dec. 29, 1912.....	\$.50
Received from William Looney, Dec. 29, 1912....	.50
Received from Maynard church, Dec. 29, 1912....	12.52
Received from Maynard church, March 23, 1913..	13.00
Received from general collection, June 30, 1913..	3.00
Received from Oak Grove church, June 30, 1913..	1.75
Received from Poynor church, Aug. 12, 1913....	5.35
Received from Poynor church, Sept. 11, 1913....	3.70

Total \$41.19

Disbursement

Paid J. W. Sconce for Mission work, Mar. 13, 1913	\$13.52
Paid J. W. Sconce for Mission work, June 29, 1913	18.62
Paid J. W. Sconce for Mission work, Aug. 15, 1913	5.35
Total	

\$37.49

Balance on hand September 11, 1913..... 3.70

JNO. D. KERLEY,
Sec. and Treas.

Bro. Jno D. Kerley was elected by acclamation to serve as our secretary and treasurer of mission work.

Motion prevailed that we defer our selecting our missionary until our next Fifth Sunday meeting.

Poynor church called for a letter from this Association.

Motion prevailed that this Association grant Poynor church of Christ a letter from this Association and that the clerk write the letter.

Our next Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Antioch church beginning on Friday night, Nov. 28, before the Fifth Sunday in November 1913.

Report of clerk and treasurer received of Finance committee this session.

From various churches or messengers	\$19.60
Collection	1.65

Total \$21.25

I, as treasurer of your executive committee, report that I have on hand for minute funds, \$10.25.

GEO. LOONEY,
Clerk.

A motion now prevailed that we select a place for our next Association. It was decided by vote that we meet with Richwoods church near Richwoods store, Ark.

A motion prevailed that we elect some one to preach the next annual introductory sermon which resulted in the election of Bro. J. A. Allison.

A motion made and duly seconded that in conclusion the Association stand adjourned to meet with Richwoods church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in Sept. 1914. Song "God be With you 'til we Meet Again."

Benediction was now pronounced by Bro. J. W. Sconce

W. S. LOONEY, Moderator.
GEO. LOONEY, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that man was made upright, but by voluntary transgressions violated God's law and became a sinner.
4. We believe that by the voluntary transgressions of one man sin entered into the world, and so death by sin, thereby death passed upon all men, for all men have sinned.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by righteousness of Christ being imputed upon them.
6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification.
7. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and not one of them will be lost.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that they should be continued until the second coming of Christ.
9. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the only Gospel mode and true believers are 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 one has a right to administer that ordinance of the Gospel except he be legally called and qualified.
11. We believe in revealed religion by the operations of the spirit agreeable to the word of God, and that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.
12. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
13. We believe that the Lord's day should be set apart for the worship of God, and no work of a worldly nature transacted therein—works of necessity excepted.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The association will be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by member making it.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator before proceeding with remarks.
4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by anyone except the moderator, until he has finished his speech.
5. The person speaking shall continue himself strictly to the subject under discussion, and in no wise reflect on, or make any unfriendly remarks of anyone who may precede him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his idea as concisely as possible.
6. No member of this association shall absent himself in time of business without permission of the association.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the association.
8. No member of the association shall address another by any other appellation than that of "Brother."
9. The moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking unless he violates the rules of the association.
10. Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the association shall be reprov'd by the association in such a manner, as a majority of the members present may direct.
11. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled and the roll called as often as the association thinks proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	When Organized	Day of Meeting	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	Value of Church Prop	Pastors Salary	Sun-day School Ex.	Home Mission Funds
						Increase			Decrease							
						By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Death	Excluded					
Witts Chapel	1888		J W Sconce	Jno D Kerley	Maynard, Ark	10	6	00	9	4	7	177		135	47.27	48.02
Harmony	1912	24	M D Bowers	Sergen Peas	Pocahontas "	4	00	00	00	00	00	9				
Oak Grove	1867	2	J A Allison	Tobe Chastain	Attica "	00	00	00	1	00	00	55	\$400			
Poynor	1887	1	C W Penrod	S S Mizell	Poynor Mo	12	3	1	00	00	00	81	400	75	16.00	535
Bethany	1874	2	J W Sconce	John Looney	Yadkin Ark	00	00	00	9	00	00	90	450	50		
Ravenden Spg	1912	1	J A Wheatley	Lelia Reynold	Ravend Spgs "	5	16	1	2	00	00	62	800	150	15.00	
Richwoods	1912		Bro Bridges	Alex Martin	Walnut Ridge "		00	00	00	1	00	17		26.95		
Antioch	1873	2	J A Allison	Nancy Looney	Hamil "	24	1	00	00	1	1	83	450	34.25		1.00
New Hope No2	1900	3	Frank Wise	W I Hill	Winstead "	2	00	00	00	1	1	29	400			
Solid Rock	1910		J W Sconce	Elsie West	Dalton "	00	00	00	2	00	00	22		14.72		