

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Carmel Baptist
Association,

HELD WITH

Mt. Pleasant Church,

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

October 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1897.

“UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.”

OFFICERS:

REV. J. W. BROWN, MODERATOR.
REV. J. H. VANN, CLERK, New Hope, Ala.

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Minutes

Of the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Association, held with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Jackson County, October 8th, 9th and 10th, 1897.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. W. McClellan, of Antioch. Text: Matthew 6th chapter and 13th verse.

We then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock for refreshments which was prepared by the good people of Mt. Pleasant community.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1897, 1:30 P. M.

After rest and refreshments the Association assembled and sang "Am I a soldier of the Cross." Scriptural Lesson: 38 Psalm, by Rev. J. L. Jones, Moderator. After Prayer by Rev. J. W. Brown the Association was declared ready for business.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Antioch—Rev. C. W. McClellan.

Center—No delegates.

Cave Spring—No delegates.

Cedar Point—J. H. Atchley, M. M. Downy, Mart Atchley.

Cedar Grove, Sr.—Revs. J. W. Brown, J. H. Vann, T. J. Vann.

Cedar Grove, Jr.—C. C. Tipton, R. C. Glover.

Mt. Pleasant—Rev. W. A. Pigg, L. Harrison, J. W. Gwathney.

Mt. Zion—J. Y. Hickman.

Mountain Grove—J. G. Blackburn, C. R. Blackburn.

New Prospects—S. B. Evans.

Nazareth—J. C. Nayman.

Oak Grove—W. J. Brewer.

Pleasant Mt.—Jno. Durham, H. W. Bell, Jno. Harbin.

Hales Cove—Rev. J. L. Jones, J. T. Keel, H. Wardsworth.

Union—S. L. Ezell, W. J. Smith, H. C. Horton.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. W. Brown, Moderator.

Rev. J. H. Vann, Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Devotional Committee.—Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Pleasant Church.

Committee on Finance—Rev. J. L. Jones, J. H. Atchley.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Rev. C. W. McClellan, J. T. Keel.

Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters—Rev. J. G. Blackburn, H. W. Bell, M. Atchley.

Committee on Missions—Rev. C. W. McClellan, J. C. Nayman.

Committee on Nomination—Rev. J. L. Jones, J. A. Durham, J. H. Atchley.

Committee on Temperance—S. L. Ezell, H. Wardsworth.

Committee on Correspondence—Rev. W. A. Pigg, C. C. Tipton.

Committee on Obituaries—C. R. Blackburn, J. T. Keel.

On motion of J. H. Vann the regular order of business was suspended and called for Petitionary Letters.

When Mountain Grove Baptist Church presented Petitionary Letters; on motion of C. W. McClellan, the above named church was received.

Also, Oak Grove Baptist Church presented a Petitionary Letter. On motion of T. J. Vann, the above named church was received, and in behalf of the Association, the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Called for Correspondence. From Tennessee River Association, J. A. Berry, W. P. Culver.

Report of Devotional Committee: That J. H. Vann preach at church to-night, and Rev. J. G. Blackburn in Hales Cove, and Rev. C. W. McClellan to-morrow at 11 a. m.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Jones, the association adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9th, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional Exercise: Song: "Do not I love thee, oh my Lord." Prayer by Rev. C. W. McClellan.

On calling the roll a full quorum being present the association resumed its work.

Reading Minutes of previous day's session. Minutes accepted as read.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—We your committee beg leave to make the following report: Bro. E. N. Maples, volunteered to preach as the Evangelist of our association, and as he departed this life, Bro. F. J. Rigney proposed to take his place and visit the churches in his stead. We hereby recommend that we have an Evangelist of our association, either by election or appointment, that our people may hear the truths of the gospel. Respectfully, J. H. Atchley, Ch'm'n.

On motion of T. J. Vann, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—We your committee beg leave to report that while we believe the modern Sunday School to be a worldly institution, yet we believe the Sunday School principle is Divinely-given doctrine, and all men are commanded to search the scriptures; therefore recommend each church to organize a Baptist Sunday School and as far as it is possible, have Baptist teachers elected. Also, we recommend that the old members attend as well the young ones. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. W. McClellan, Chairman.

After discussion by Rev. C. W. McClellan, on motion of J. C. Naylor, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—We your committee on missions, beg leave to report: That notwithstanding this Association has from its beginning; professed to be a missionary body, yet, for many years we have done almost nothing to support the great mission work, but though we are poor in this world's goods, we have

contributed far more to satisfy our lusts, and useless vanity and pride than we have given to support the cause of our blessed Redeemer. If we refuse to believe in missions, we reject Christ and give the lie to His holy and blessed commission. If we admit its truth and inspirations and do nothing to support it, we stand before the world as knowingly and willingly refusing to obey the blessed Son of God; therefore, earnestly recommend that each church in this association make a collection at their May meetings for the support of foreign missions, and report the amount to this body at its next session. Secondly; That an able and zealous evangelist be elected to preach the leading doctrines of Christ and exhort the churches to discharge their duties, and that he be authorized to make collections for his support and set up a scriptural plan to create a permanent mission work in the association. Thirdly; That we exhort and entreat every church to see that her own pastor is fully compensated for all the time he loses in her service.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. C. W. McClellan, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. S. L. Jones, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOPSIS OF Church LETTERS.—We your committee beg leave to report: We find there has been considerable revivals in many of the churches and many souls we trust have been saved and with an everlasting salvation. At least they have been added to the church. Nothing said about missions, and but little said about Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. G. Blackburn, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Pigg, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—Your committee on Temperance beg leave to report: We find that intemperance does not consist alone in participating in intoxicating drinks, but that we should be temperate in all things as instituted by the Apostle Paul, and hereby recommend that God's children should ever shun the appearance of evil; and in all things strive to follow our Lord and Master, ever looking to him as the author and finisher of our salvation.

Respectfully submitted, S. L. Ezel, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Jones, the report was adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Vann, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m., for preaching and refreshments.

Sermon by Rev. C. W. McClellan. Text, St. James, 2d chapter, 25th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1897, 1:30 P. M.

The Association reassembled, and sang: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.—We your committee on correspondence, recommend correspondence with Liberty, Tennessee River and Town Creek associations, and further recommend that messengers be appointed to meet them at their next annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. Pigg, Chairman.

On motion of T. J. Vann, the report was adopted.

Appointment of Correspondence to the Tennessee River Association: J. M. Keel, H. C. Horton, W. J. Brewer, Rev. J. M. Brown.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report the following: To amount of minute funds sent by the churches of the Association, \$7.20.

J. H. Atchley, Chairman.

On motion of T. J. Vann, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.—We your committee beg leave to submit the following: Dear Brethren: We see from the reports of the different churches composing the Association, that the greater monster, Death, has been among us, so we see that in the midst of life we are in death, and has taken from us twelve of our beloved brethren and sisters. Among the number was Rev. E. N. Maples. Brethren this is enough to impress us with the solemn truth that we too must soon lay down in death. Let us earnestly pray that we may ever be ready when the Master calls us home.

Respectfully submitted, C. R. Blackburn, Chairman.

On motion of M. M. Downey the report was adopted.

Election of Evangelist.—Rev. C. W. McClellan was unanimously elected as Evangelist of the Mt. Carmel Association.

Selection of Place of Next Meeting.—Cedar Point was chosen as the place for the next session of the body.

Election of Brethren to preach Introductory and Missionary Sermons at next association.—Introductory, by Rev. J. L. Jones; Rev. L. D. Vann, alternate. Mission sermon on Sunday, Rev. C. W. McClellan; Rev. J. W. Campbell, alternate.

RESOLUTION No. 1.

By resolution of Hon. M. M. Downey, the article in the constitution regulating the number of messengers was amended, so as to allow only three messengers from each church,

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the good people of this church and community for their kindness and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay in their midst. Respectfully, Rev. J. H. Vann.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.—Revs. J. L. Jones and J. H. Vann, preach to night at Glover School House. Rev. C. W. McClellan at Green's Academy Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. C. W. McClellan at church Sunday at 2 p. m. Rev J. H. Vann, at church

On motion of Rev. J. H. Vann, the Association adjourned to meet with Cedar Point Church, Friday, before the Second Sunday in October A. D. 1898.

While we sang, "How Firm a Foundation," and gave each other the parting hand, a strong manifestation of Brotherly Love was shown and the Spirit and Love of Christ seemed to invade every heart

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

SUNDAY MORNING OCT. 10, 1897, 11 A. M.

Sermon, by Rev. C. W. McClellan, from Romans 1st chapter, 16th verse.

2 P. M. sermon, by Rev. J. H. Vann, from Joshua 24th chapter, 15th verse.

A collection was taken in behalf of Rev. C. W. McClellan the Evangelist. Received \$3.17.

The next session of the union meeting will be held with Union Church, commencing Friday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1898, Rev. W. A. Pigg to preach introductory sermon, Rev. J. H. Vann, Alternate.

J. W. BROWN, Moderator.

J. H. VANN, Clerk.



ORDAINED MINISTERS.

C. W. McClellan	Crowton, Ala.
J. W. Brown	New Hope, "
J. H. Vann	" " "
R. C. Clark	" " "
J. W. Campbell	Molder, "
L. D. Vann	Owen X Roads, "
F. J. Rigney	Berkley, "
D. F. Treece	New Hope, "
W. A. Pigg	Garth, "
J. L. Jones	" "
G. W. Ezzel	" "
S. P. Wilson	Swearingin, "

LICENTIATES.

J. J. Swearingin	Marigold, "
D. A. Derrick	" "
Jas. Lee	Gurley, "
A. Moring	" "
J. G. Blackburn	New Hope, "

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the New and Old Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all, for all have sinned.

4. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man and through His meritorious death, the way of salvation is possible for God to have mercy upon all that come unto Him upon gospel terms.

5. We believe that being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. We believe the saint shall persevere in grace, and that none of them shall finally be lost.

7. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general and universal Judgement and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship of each other and given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to gospel rules.

9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government thereof, is with the body.

10. We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances of the gospel, to be continued until His second coming.

11. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects for baptism, and that immersion is the only gospel mode.

12. We believe that none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

13. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed and set apart for the worship of God and that no work should be done thereon, except works of piety.

Statistics of Mt. Carmel Baptist Association, 1897.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last Report	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Present Membership	For Minutes.	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports	Revivals
Antioch																
Cedar Grove, Sr.	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. E. Crow	Crowthon	56	1	1	2	1	1	1	38	50	3rd	1	1
Cedar Grove, Jr.	Madison	J. H. Yann	J. B. Brown	New Hope	185	1	5	4	12	1	5	127	80	2nd	1	1
Center	"	J. W. Campbell	C. C. Tipton	Molder	28	2	1	1	1	2	2	31	50		1	1
Cave Spring	Marshall	J. H. Yann	J. F. Jenkins	Owens X Roads	140	5	1	1	5	3	3	120	25	1st	1	1
Cedar Point	"	J. L. Jones	M. M. Downey	Poplar Ridge	34	12	4	4	4	1	46	46	50	2nd	1	1
Mt. Pleasant	Jackson	W. A. Pigg	W. J. Gwathney	Paint Rock	24		1	1	3	1	20	20	60			
Mt. Zion	Madison	W. A. Pigg	W. T. Fears	"	28	5	1	1			20	25	4th		1	
Mountain Grove	"	J. H. Yann	C. R. Blackburn	New Hope	43		1	1	5	8	18	30	50	3rd		
New Prospect	Marshall	J. L. Jones	S. B. Evans	Swearingin	16		1	1			16	16	20	2nd		
Nazareth	Madison	W. A. Pigg	J. C. Nayman	Molder	11		1	1			7	7	50	1st		
Oak Grove	Jackson	J. L. Jones	J. T. Sisk	Trenton	75	4	1	1	11	1	2	70	80	1st		1
Hale's Cove	Jackson	L. W. Sloan	H. W. Berry	Paint Rock	77	2	2	2	4	1	78	78	75	3rd		1
Pleasant Mt.	Madison	J. L. Jones	W. J. Smith	Gurley	34		6	1	2	3	36	36	70	4th		1
Union	Jackson															
Total					431	48	23	9	43	17	15	677	\$7	45		

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Order of Business.



1. Reading Letters from Churches and recording the names of the messengers.
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondence, and Inviting Visiting Brethren to seats.
6. Report of Standing Committees.
7. Report of Executive Committee.
8. Report of Evangelist.
9. Report of Committees appointed at this Session.
10. Election of Evangelist and Executive Committee.
11. Appointment of Correspondence.
12. Appointment of time and place of Holding next Session.
13. Appointment of a Brother to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
14. Miscellaneous Business.

