

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY=SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Carmel Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Cedar Point Church,

MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA,

October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1898.

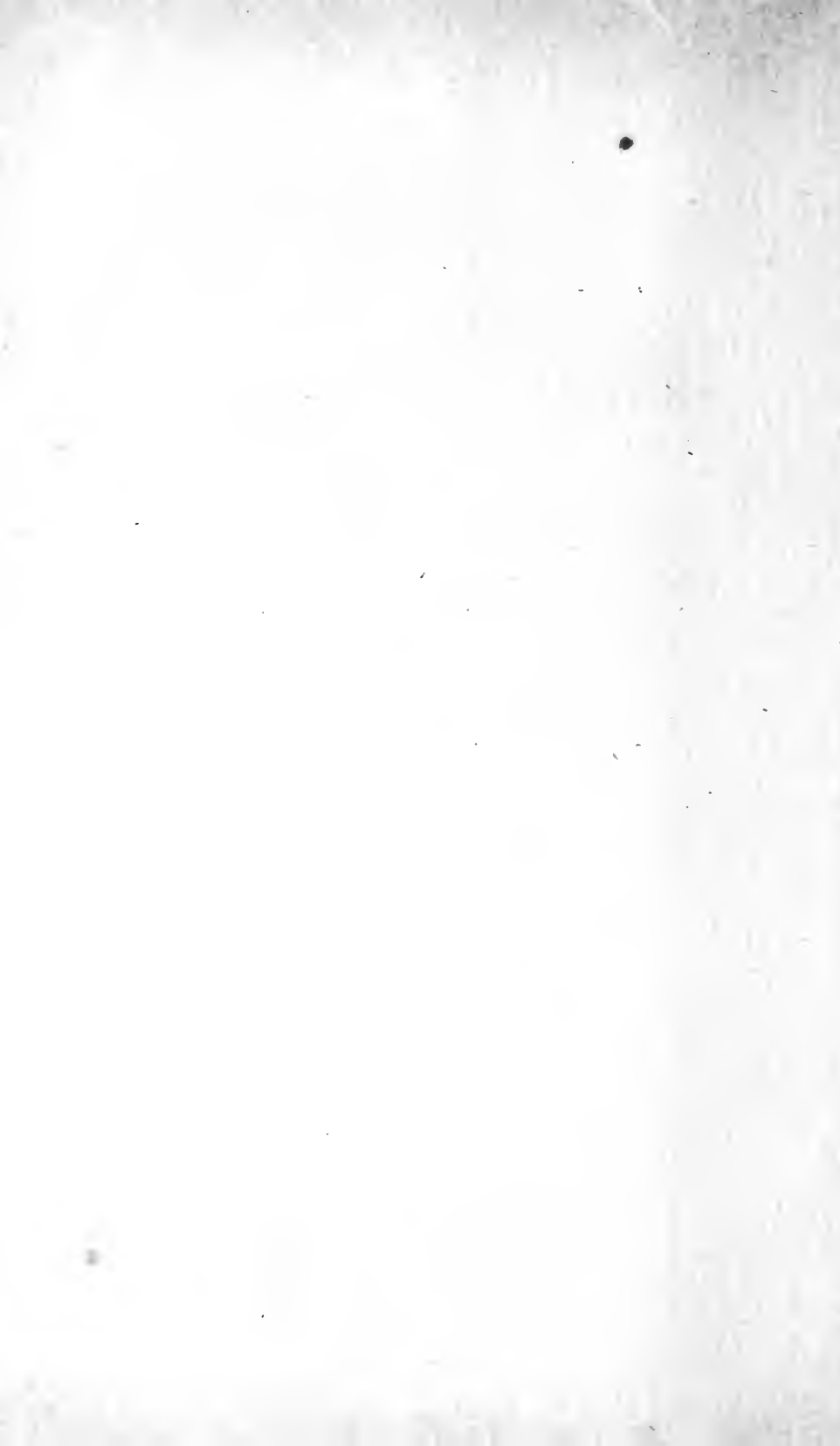
"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL."

OFFICERS:

REV. J. W. CAMPBELL,..... MODERATOR.

REV. J. H. VANN, CLERK, New Hope, Ala.

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Of the Twenty-second Session of the Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Association, held with Cedar Point Baptist Church, Madison County, October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1898.

OCTOBER 7, 1898—11 A. M.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Jones, from John 14: 16.

After which we adjourned until 1.30 o'clock for refreshments, which were prepared by the good people of Cedar Point church and community.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1898—1.30 P. M.

After rest and refreshments the Association assembled and sang "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," Rev. J. H. Vann presiding. After prayer by Rev. J. W. Campbell, the Association was declared ready for business.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Antioch—J. D. Clark.

Center—No delegate.

Cave Spring—Rev. L. D. Vann and J. L. Cowan, Orbin Paterson.

Cedar Point—J. H. Atchley, T. B. Morgan, Cobb Goss.

Cedar Grove, Sr.—Revs. J. W. Brown, R. C. Clark.

Cedar Grove, Jr.—Rev. J. W. Campbell and J. R. Campbell, R. C. Glover.

Mount Pleasant—Rev. W. A. Pigg, W. J. Gwathney.

Mount Zion—J. Y. Hickman, W. T. Fears, Samuel Winde.

Mountain Grove—Revs. J. H. Vann, J. G. Blackburn and J. M. Milener.

New Prospect—R. W. Winkles, A. J. Lloyd.

Nazareth—No delegates.

Oak Grove—No delegates.

Pleasant Mount—J. F. White, J. McCamey.

Hale's Cove—No delegates.

Union—Revs. J. L. Jones, G. W. Ezell and H. C. Horton, J. E. Jones, C. W. Keel.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. W. Campbell, - - - - Moderator.

Rev. J. H. Vann, - - - - Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Devotional Committee: Pastor and Deacons of Cedar Point Church.

Committee on Finance: J. H. Atchley, R. W. Winkles.

Committee on Sabbath-Schools: Revs. J. H. Vann, J. G. Blackburn and C. W. Keel.

Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters: Rev. L. D. Vann and J. E. Jones.

Committee on Missions: Revs. J. W. Brown, J. L. Jones, R. C. Clark.

Committee on Nominations: Rev. W. A. Pigg, T. B. Morgan and J. Y. Hickman.

Committee on Temperance: Rev. G. W. Ezell, W. J. Gwathney and H. C. Horton.

Committee on Correspondence: C. Goss, R. C. Glover, W. L. Fears.

Committee on Obituaries: Revs. J. W. Brown, J. L. Jones.

NEW MEMBERS.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Vann, Rev. J. W. Campbell was made a member.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. J. L. Jones was made a member.

On motion of H. E. Horton, Rev. G. W. Ezell was made a member.

Called for Correspondence: From Tennessee River Association, J. J. Coningham, J. M. Glover, L. Smith.

VISITORS.

From Liberty Association: James Kennedy, — Benson.

Report of Devotional Committee: Preaching tonight at Brother C. Goss' by Rev. W. A. Pigg; at Brother Dickson Cobbs' by Revs. L. D. Vann, G. W. Ezell.

On motion of H. C. Horton the Association adjourned until Saturday at 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Brown. Benediction by Rev. J. H. Vann.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1898—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association reassembled and sang, "Pass me not, oh gentle Savior." Scriptural lesson from 5th chapter Romans. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Swearingin.

On calling the roll, a quorum being present, the minutes of previous day's session were read and, on motion of Rev. J. L. Jones, adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—We beg leave to report as follows: We learn from God's Word that wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise; also that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, we earnestly recommend and insist that we abstain from strong drink. Again we learn that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap; and by sowing whisky we shall reap drunkards. We earnestly entreat that you will not sow whisky in your families. We are commanded to be temperate. We therefore earnestly entreat the brethren to be sober minded, chaste, virtuous, to abstain from fleshly lusts, crucifying the carnal desires, and endeavoring to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ by adding to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, to

knowledge temperance, to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. Against such there is no law.

Rev. J. W. EZELL, Chr.

On motion of J. H. Atchley, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOPSIS OF CHURCH LETTERS.—Your committee beg leave to report that we find there has been a number of revivals in many of the churches, and that the Lord has added many souls to the list of those saved. Death has been with us and claimed some of our beloved brothers and sisters. We further find that there is comparatively no interest manifested in Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings, and the same may be said about missions. Respectfully,

Rev. L. D. VANN, Chr.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Ezell, the above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION—We recommend that this body meet with Union church in 1899, and recommend that Rev. J. H. Vann preach introductory sermon; alternate, Rev. J. W. Campbell. Also recommend that Rev. J. L. Jones preach mission sermon on Sunday; alternate, Rev. L. D. Vann. Respectfully,

Rev. W. A. PIGG, Chr.

On motion of J. E. Jones, the report was adopted in full.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Vann, Association adjourned fifteen minutes.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Campbell from 2d Samuel, 5 and 24.

1:30 p. m.—The association, after rest and refreshments, re-assembled and sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Pigg.

The association resumed the regular order of business.

Report of committee on Sabbath School:—We, your committee, beg leave to report. We find but little said in respect to Sabbath Schools and fear the Sabbath School interest is trailing in the wake of its opponents. We hold that the Sabbath School doctrine is divinely given and believe the modern Sabbath School to be based upon these divinely given and biblically taught principles and acknowledge its means, simply in presenting the Word of God to the young and tender minds as well as to the old. We believe the Sabbath School to be a golden place for moral training, also a place of training and instruction, by which we may profit and be the better prepared fitted, and qualified for more efficient labor in the vineyard of the Lord when converted and brought to Jesus and for the strengthening and encouragement of those who are Christians. We therefore recommend and earnestly entreat every messenger here to make greater efforts in their respective churches to bring about a great Sabbath School interest.

Respectfully,

REV. J. H. VANN, Chairman.

After discussion by Rev. J. H. Vann, on motion of Rev. W. A. Pigg the above was adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.—We recommend correspondence with Tennessee River, Town Creek and Liberty associations.

Respectfully,
COBB DOSS, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee:—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report. We have received from the different churches for minutes \$8.35.

Respectfully,
J. H. Alehly, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Obituaries:—We, your committee beg leave to report. Beloved brethren we see from the letters of the several churches of this association that great monster Death has been among us. So we see that in the midst of life, we too must die and meet our Creator. God has taken to himself five of our beloved brethren and sisters during the past associational year. Yet we hope that while it is to our loss, we trust it is to their great gain. May the Lord in his kind mercy aid and assist the bereaved relatives and prepare us all to meet beyond this vale of tears in the sweet beyond where we shall ever vie around the throne and bask in the sunlight of a Savior's love forevermore.

Respectfully,
REV. J. W. BROWN, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. L. D. Vann the report was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the good people of Cedar Point Church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay in their midst. May the blessing of God still remain with them.

Respectfully,
REV. J. H. VANN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—We, your committee on missions, beg leave to report that we are in favor of missions and mission work but not according to the system by which it has been carried on by our churches prior to this time. First, we do sincerely hope that this honorable may come to time, that every member may become interested to that extent that they will give of their means as the Lord has prospered them, that the truths of the Gospel may be prorogated to the destitutions of this association, and if there is any surplus that it should be appropriated to the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. Second. That we exhort our churches that they should remember their pastors' necessities to that extent, that while he gives them his time declaring the Gospel and the Power thereof through the word of God to his children and poor dying and judgment bound sinners that they should reasonably remunerate him for his services. Third. As the word of God directs by the Apostle Paul that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, again he says if I have administered to spiritual things, is it not reasonable that I should partake of your carnal things; again, so let a man give as he purposes in

his own heart, and let him give freely as unto the Lord and not unto men.

Respectfully,
REV. J. W. BROWN, Chairman.

After discussion by Rev. G. W. Ezell, on motion of Rev L. D. Vann the report was adopted.

Appointment of correspondence to Tennessee River association for the year 1899—Revs. J. H. Vann, J. W. Campbell, L. D. Vann and J. G. Blackburn.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Pigg, each church is requested to report the names of their deceased and the date thereof to each session of the association.

Place of next session of this body—Union Church, Jackson county, Ala. Time—Friday, 11 a. m. before the second Sunday in October, 1899. To preach introductory sermon—Rev. J. H. Vann, Alternate, Rev. J. W. Campbell Mission sermon on Sunday—Rev. J. L. Jones, Alternate, Rev. L. D. Vann. We then sang "How firm a foundation." and took the parting hand with brotherly love. Prayer by Rev. R. C. Clark. Benediction by Rev. J. W. Brown.

Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m.—Sermon at church by Rev. W. A. Pigg.—Text, St. John, 3 and 16. At Brother Dickson Cobbs, sermon by Rev. G. W. Ezell followed by Rev. J. J. Swearingin.

Sunday, 11 a. m., Oct. 9, 1898—Rev. J. W. Brown preached to a large and appreciative congregation. Text—Corinthians 13:11, followed by Rev. J. H. Vann. At the close of which we took collection in favor of home missions. Received \$3.77.

REV. J. W. CAMPBELL, Moderator.

REV. J. H. VANN, Clerk, New Hope, Ala.

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	Nat. "
J. L. Jones	Garth, "
G. W. Ezell	" "
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 Judgment 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 fits subjects for baptism, and that immersion is the only gospel mode.
12. We believe that none but regular baptized 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.

 ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters from Churches and recording the names of the messengers.
2. Election 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.

Statistics of Mt. Carmel Baptist Association, 1898.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last Report	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restoration by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deaths.	Present Membership.	For Minutes.	Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Revolvs
Antioch	Morgan	J. L. Stockton	J. E. Crow	Crowton	58							40	\$ 60		
Cedar Grove, Sr.	Madison	J. H. Vann	J. B. Brown	New Hope	127	1			14		2	112		55 2nd	
Cedar Grove, Jr.	"	J. W. Campbell	C. C. Tipton	Molder	81	8				1	1	86		50	1
Center	Marshall														
Cave Spring	Madison	J. H. Vann	J. F. Jenkins	Owens X Roads	140	7	1	2	2		2	127		1 40 1st	1
Cedar Point	"	J. L. Jones	V. M. Downey	Poplar Ridge	46	3			5			39		95 2nd	
Mt. Pleasant	Jackson	W. A. Pigg	W. J. Gwatney	Paint Rock	20	3	2		1			23		75 3rd	1
Mr. Zion	Madison	F. J. Rigney	W. T. Fears	"	20							19		25 1st	
Mountain Grove	"	J. H. Vann	C. R. Blackburn	New Hope	13	9	10				1	88		1 00 3rd	1
New Prospect	Marshall	W. A. Pigg		Swearingin	30			1				28		1 00 4th	
Nazareth	Madison				16							16			
Oak Grove	Jackson				7							7			
Hale's Cove	"				70							70			
Pleasant Mt.	Madison	J. L. Jones		Gurley	78		1		2			77		1 00 1st	1
Union	Jackson	J. L. Jones	J. W. Kell	Gaith	36	1	9	2	3	3		49		1 15 4th	1
Total					677	22	29	5	25	7	5	675	\$8 55		6



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