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....MINUTES....

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**MUD CREEK MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH

**LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH,
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALA.**

OCTOBER 14 and 15, 1898.

The next Session will be held with Oak Grove Church, commencing on Friday
Before the Third Sunday in October, 1899.

BIRMINGHAM:
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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

G. H. BEAN	Ezra, Ala.
A. J. BATSON	Earnest, "
J. H. MAULDIN	Quinton, "
J. D. MARTIN	Bessemer, "
W. H. SNOW	Snow, "
E. H. TUGGLE	Palos, "
G. B. VINES	Short Creek, "
A. WHITE	Toadvine, "
J. M. WRIGHT	

MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty-Seventh Annual Session
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Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SHORT CREEK, ALA., October 14, 1898.

The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association met this day in its twenty-seventh annual session, in the meeting house of Liberty Baptist Church at 11:00 a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. B. Vines, from I Corinthians xii: 27; followed by Elder J. D. Martin, of the Birmingham Association. After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

After prayer by Elder J. D. Martin, the names of the churches were called, and letters were laid on the table. Elder J. D. Martin and I. V. Salter were appointed to read the names of the delegates from the churches, which were as follows:

CONCORD—J. M. Waldrop, M. C. Dabbs, D. G. Knight.

CONNELLSVILLE—G. W. Herring, J. Higdon, P. Gilbert.

FREEWILL—Elder J. H. Mauldin, Elder E. H. Tuggle, D. Morris.

HOPEWELL—Elder A. White, J. B. Sanford, J. W. Snow.

LIBERTY—S. P. Vines, I. V. Salter, F. M. Vines.

MUD CREEK—S. A. Parsons, J. K. P. Laird, W. L. Rainey.

MT. IDA—A. P. Waldrop, W. E. Hall, S. J. Robertson.

NEW BETHEL—B. N. Salter, T. J. Trice, J. C. Hood.

OAK GROVE—J. O. Wilkey, E. D. Hyche, M. M. Gwin.

PLEASANT HILL—John Short, Pink Vines, Jack Glaze.

ROCK CREEK—J. R. Reeves, J. T. McMicken, J. J. Waldrop.

SMITHVILLE—J. H. Snow, E. C. Smith, John Glaze.

UNION GROVE—J. M. Gilbert, W. P. Taff, J. C. Hyche.

The following churches were not represented: Big Creek and Sardis.

The election of officers being declared in order, Rev. A. White was elected Moderator, and J. J. Waldrop, Clerk.

An invitation was offered newly constituted churches and churches with petitionary letters. Received Adger by letter from the Birmingham Association. Delegates, Rev. J. D. Martin, B. F. Boston, S. L. Watts.

The following committees were appointed:

DEVOTION—E. D. Hyche, J. H. Snow, T. J. Trice.

DOCUMENTS—J. R. Reeves, E. C. Smith, J. W. Snow.

NOMINATIONS—S. A. Parsons, G. W. Herring, M. C. Dabbs.

FINANCE—J. K. P. Laird, A. P. Waldrop, F. M. Vine.

DECEASED MEMBERS—J. M. Waldrop, B. F. Boston, J. M. Gilbert.

Called for correspondence.

Received Revs. O. J. Waldrop and B. M. Waldrop, from the Birmingham Association, and Rev. T. P. Vandiver and A. R. Parker, from Sulphur Springs.

The following report on education was received:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

“ We feel and realize a very great need for a better education among the Christian workers, and especially among those of this Association, and we are very glad to say that there are better advantages now for the education of our people who work in the vineyard of the Lord than ever before. Brethren, our ministers need a better education, that they might understand God’s word better, and be more able to rightly divide the word of truth. There are good schools almost in our midst, offering good

inducements to aid in educating those who are called to preach God's word. Brethren, we ought not let these opportunities pass by and not be benefitted by them. Brethren, we are, to a great extent, responsible for the pure preaching of the gospel, and the success of our denomination in the future. In our Association we cannot afford to be careless on this subject any longer. We must do our duty in educating our ministers and aiding them by every means possible to preach the gospel. We believe that God calls and qualifies men to preach the gospel, so far as the spiritual man is concerned. We believe that He endows them with gifts, but He requires them to improve those gifts. How can a man preach the gospel without an understanding knowledge of the same? and how can he have that knowledge unless he is able to read God's Word correctly and understand the English language also. Brethren, our ministers fall short of these requirements, and whose fault is it? It is a fact that they do not do what they could do if they only had our help. When we ordain men to preach God's Word they are our servants for Christ's sake, and it is our duty to aid them in every way we can. If they have not an education sufficient and are not able to obtain it, then we should help them. We should give them work to do, and in this way aid them in overcoming the trouble of negligence of duty. Let us seriously think upon this subject, and not only think, but let us act promptly and vigorously. Respectfully submitted,

"A. J. BATSON, Committee."

Discussed by S. A. Parsons, Revs. O. J. Waldrop, J. D. Martin, and adopted after prayer by Rev. T. P. Vandiver.

Adjourned to meet 9:30 Saturday morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by S. A. Parsons.

Called for report on Sabbath Schools.

Called for report on Temperance.

Report on Missions called for and submitted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"I, your Committee on Missions, am of the opinion that every regenerated person is a missionary at heart, not limited by county, state or national lines, but with a spirit as broad as the extension of the human family. In order to bring the same properly before this body, I refer to the Scriptures so kindly furnished us by Christ and the apostles: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Mark v: 19. The commission as given by Mark: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark xvi: 15. This is missionary, and also the commission by Matthew xxviii: 19: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The first Baptist, when he went out on his mission, said: "Repent ye." Matthew iii: 2. And the Lord Jesus began his mission: "Repent ye and believe the gospel." Mark i: 15. And neither John nor Jesus conferred to flesh and blood, but at once began the work assigned them; and so will all missionaries when it pleases God to reveal his Son in us that we may preach Him to the people without conferring to flesh and blood. To enable us to carry out that mission well, obey the commission as Paul did where he said: "When it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace to reveal his Son in me that I might preach him among the heathen immediately, I conferred not with flesh and blood." Galatians i:15-16. Paul went at once preaching Jesus to the people, and may we follow his instructions. Respectfully submitted,

"J. H. MAULDIN, Chairman."

Discussed by S. A. Parsons, Revs. J. D. Martin, O. J. Waldrop, B. M. Waldrop, and G. W. Herring, and adopted.

After prayer by Rev. J. D. Martin, adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. B. M. Waldrop.

On motion of S. A. Parsons, the following committees were appointed:

TEMPERANCE—G. W. Herring.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—S. A. Parsons.

EDUCATION—Rev. J. D. Martin.

MISSIONS—J. R. Reeves.

The report of Committee on Documents called for and submitted.

DOCUMENTS.

“We, your Committee, after examining the letters from the various churches, find that two churches request the next session of this body, viz: Freewill and Oak Grove.

“Respectfully submitted,

“J. R. REEVES, Chairman.”

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

“We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Oak Grove Church, to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. A. White, at 11:00 a. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. D. Martin, on Sunday.

“Respectfully submitted,

“S. A. PARSONS, Chairman.”

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

“We, your Committee on Deceased Members, report with sorrow and sad hearts the names of several of our loved members who have been called to their heavenly homes above since our last meeting. Those that are at rest with Christ in glory are: Rev. P. A. Wilkey, Margaret Crooks, Amanda Riley, and M. A. McFalls, of Oak Grove Church; Sister West, of Smithville Church; M. J. Wilkey, of Rock Creek Church; Dollie Nelson and Neice Treese, of Union Grove Church; and Luler Robertson, of Mt. Ida Church. As we know our loss is their eternal gain, let us pray, brethren, that our aching void hearts be filled with the rich glories of our glorious Lord.

“Respectfully submitted,

“J. M. WALDROP, Chairman.”

FINANCE REPORT.

“We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

For Associational purposes.....	\$ 9 50
“ Minutes.....	12 05
“ State Missions.....	6 36
“ Home Missions.....	3 90
“ Foreign Missions.....	9 69
“ Orphans Home.....	3 20
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Total.....	\$ 44 70

“We urge the churches of this Association to contribute to the missionary cause more in the future than they have in the past.

“Respectfully submitted,

“J. K. P. LAIRD, Chairman.”

J. K. P. Laird was appointed treasurer.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visiting brethren of the various churches, do return a vote of thanks to the kind and good people of this place for their kind hospitality and kind treatment we have received while sojourning with them.

On motion of J. K. P. Laird, the Clerk was ordered to have \$10.00 worth of Minutes printed, \$7.00 for his services, and the Moderator to have the balance of the Minute and Associational funds.

Resolved, that each church in this Association ask its pastors to preach at least one sermon on Missions during the next year.

After prayer by Rev. O. J. Waldrop, the Association adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899.

A. WHITE, Moderator.

J. J. WALDRUP, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Sunday, 11:00 a. m. the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Martin, from St. Mark xiv: 8. A collection was taken up for Missions, amounting to \$5.36.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be formed of delegates from all the churches which may connect themselves with this body.

ART. 3. Any church may be admitted into this body by general consent of the members present at any regular session.

ART. 4. Any church may withdraw from this body at its own discretion, on proper application for dismissal.

ART. 5. This body shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe on any of their internal rights, but merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal affairs.

ART. 6. The churches in the union shall transmit each annual session of the Association with a written communication specifying the names of their messengers, and the state of their churches since last session.

ART. 7. Every church in our union shall be entitled to three delegates. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 8. Newly constituted churches shall be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon due examination, they be found orderly and orthodox, their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 9. The Association, when convening, shall be governed by a regular and proper rule of decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend according to her own views.

ART. 10. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be chosen by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that all the rules of decorum be strictly observed, and take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be chosen in the same manner, whose duty it shall be to make correct and proper minutes of the Association.

ART. 11. The Association shall have the power to drop from her union any church which may violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 12. The Association shall furnish the churches with minutes according to the funds sent up for said purpose by the churches.

ART. 13. Queries that immediately concern the union of the churches, or introduced by a proper motion of the body, may be taken up and decided by the body.

ART. 14. The Association shall have a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive all moneys from the Finance Committee, and pay it out at the order of the Association.

ART. 15. We shall have the right to enact and carry out missionary work in all its bearings, so that giving or withholding shall not be a barrier of fellowship.

ART. 16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all the business on hand, unless it be in extraordinary cases.

ART. 17. Minutes of Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, if necessary, before the session rises.

ART. 18. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any session when two-thirds of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time; also, it shall be his duty to see that the rules of decorum are attended, and to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.

ART. 3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day that the decision is made, but at no other time.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true record of the transactions of the Association.

ART. 5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise and address the Moderator.

ART. 6. The Moderator when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming them, or otherwise.

ART. 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under consideration, or use words of personal reflection, or with a view of calling to order for some particular purpose; and any motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.

ART. 8. Every case taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall put the question, and, if necessary, the sense of the body may be taken by rising to their feet.

ART. 9. When anything is taken up by the Association it shall first be decided before another is proposed.

ART. 10. No person shall depart from the service of the Association without leave of the same.

ART. 11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in our address to each other.

ART. 12. The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.

ART. 13. No person shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in any time of public speech, or any other practices that would dishonor the Association.

ART. 14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as others, provided he appoint some member to take his seat while he is speaking, but he shall not be entitled to vote unless the Association be equally divided; then he shall have the casting vote.

ART. 15. No member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject, without first obtaining leave of the Association, unless to explain.

ART. 16. Any person breaking the Rules of Decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Moderator, but only on the day the breach is made.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, three in one.

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 in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in a man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in, by his own free will and holiness.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of truth.

6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only proper subjects, and do conscientiously believe that the true mode of Baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection and general judgment.

10. We believe the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as have been called of God, and regularly baptized and approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hand by presbytery.

12. We believe that none but believers have a right to the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

STATISTICAL TABLE MUD CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS P. O.	Membership last report	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Letter	Increase by Restoration	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Death	Present Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Pastors Salary	Incidental Exp.	Minute Fund	Associational Purposes	
Adger.....	J. D. Martin.....	B. F. Boston.....	Adger.....	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	..	..	..	\$ 1.00	..
Bug Creek.....	A. White.....	D. G. Knight.....	Earnest.....	74	18	9	1	7	1	..	94	..	..	..	\$3.20	..	..	1.55	\$1.55
Concord.....	F. D. Martin.....	W. A. Jones.....	Tombs.....	64	..	..	14	3	..	..	37	4.36	..	..	..	\$1.49	..	.40	1.50
Cornellsville.....	A. White.....	C. H. Hod.....	Falos.....	39	..	..	2	3	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	1.00
Freeville.....	A. White.....	J. W. Shaw.....	..	73	3	1	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	1.00
Hopewell.....	G. B. Wills.....	F. M. Vines.....	Short Creek.....	122	4	..	1	7	5	..	115	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.50	1.20
Liberty.....	F. D. Martin.....	S. T. Travis.....	Rasburgh.....	91	9	10	2	8	..	..	104	.90	.90	7.79	..	36.50	\$21.06	2.00	.85
Mud Creek.....	A. White.....	D. H. Knight.....	Whittington.....	37	3	5	..	4	1	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	.50
Mt. Ida.....	A. White.....	D. F. Skelton.....	Falos.....	107	38	9	2	13	3	4	136	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.00	.40
New Bethel.....	A. C. Gilmer.....	J. W. Roberts.....	Ezra.....	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	.29	1.00
Oak Grove.....	W. H. Shiner.....	J. W. Short.....	Toadvine.....	1	1	2	..	3	2	..	20	1.00	2.00	.90	..	..	..	1.00	.50
Pleasant Hill.....	B. M. Waldrop.....	J. T. McMeiken.....	Toadvine.....	49	..	..	..	1	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75	.25
Rock Creek.....	O. J. Waldrop.....	..	..	70	1	2	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.25
Southville.....	..	..	..	13	5	2	..	1	2	..	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.00
Sardis.....	J. H. Maundin.....	W. P. Taf.....	Horse Creek.....	575	1.00
Union Grove.....	13	5	2	..	1	2	..	58	1.00
Totals.....	..	..	..	719	88	45	8	55	23	9	903	\$6.36	\$3.90	\$0.69	\$3.20	\$67.39	\$21.06	\$12.03	\$9.50





