

MINUTES

—OF THE—

✻TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION✻

—OF THE—

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH, Jr.,
MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA,

OCTOBER 9th, 10th and 11th, 1896.

.....
"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL."
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OFFICERS:

REV. J. L. JONES, MODERATOR.
REV. J. H. VANN, CLERK, New Hope, Ala.

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.

MINUTES

Of the Twentieth Session of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Association, held with Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Jr., October 9th, 10th and 11th, 1896.

Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. H. H. Bridges, of New Prospect. Text: Acts 19th chapter and 8th verse.

We then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock for refreshments, which was prepared and spread by the good people of Cedar Grove community.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1896, 1:30 P. M.

After rest and refreshments the Association assembled and sang "Oh, for a Heart to Praise my God." After Prayer by E. N. Maples, Moderator, the Association was declared ready for business.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Antioch—Rev. C. W. McClellan.

Beech Spring—By Letter.

Center—R. J. J. Swearingin.

Cave Spring—Rev. E. N. Maples, J. E. Maples, W. J. Lacy.

Cedar Point—J. H. Atchly, M. Achly, F. J. Rigney, Jr.

Cedar Grove, Sr.—Revs. L. D. Vann, J. H. Vann, J. G. Blackburn.

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

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

Mt. Zion.—Samuel Winn.

New Prospect—Rev. H. H. Bridges, S. B. Evans, R. Winkels.

Nazereth—H. J. Sutton.

Pleasant Mt.—Jno. Boys, D. W. Duskins, H. W. Bell.

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

Union—S. L. Ezell, N. D. Smith.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. J. L. Jones, Moderator.

Rev. J. H. Vann, Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Devotional Committee.—Pastor and Deacons of Cedar Grove Church.

Committee on Finance—J. H. Atchley, R. Winkels, W. J. Lacy.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Revs. H. H. Bridges, W. A. Pigg, L. D. Vann.

Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters—Revs. C. M. McClellan, J. G. Blackburn

Committee on Missions—Revs. E. N. Maples, J. T. Keel, J. J. Swearingin.

Committee on Nominations—Revs. H. H. Bridges, J. W. Campbell, S. L. Ezell.

Committee on Temperance—J. E. Maples, N. D. Smith, J. H. Gaughney.

Committee on Correspondence—J. G. Blackburn, S. B. Evans, H. J. Sutton.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE.

From State Mission Board, Rev. W. L. White.

From Tennessee River Association, Rev. W. L. White, E. J. D. Kennedy.

From William Cary Association, Rev. E. B. Kennedy.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Rev. E. B. Kennedy to-night at church. Rev. W. L. White to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion of C. W. McClellan, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 10, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional Exercises: Scriptural Lesson, Ps. 108. Song: "Oh for a Closer Walk with God". Prayer by Rev. J. W. Brown.

On calling the roll a full attendance being present, the Association resumed its work.

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

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Jesus Christ applied for membership. By unanimous vote of the Association the church was received and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the messenger.

On motion of C. W. McClellan the Moderator appointed an Executive Committee, composed of Rev. W. A. Pigg, J. H. Atchley.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOPSIS OF CHURCH LETTERS.—Your Committee finds that there has been considerable revivals in many of the churches. Many souls saved and a goodly number added to the church; but nothing said of mission work and but little of Sabbath schools. Respectfully submitted, J. G. BLACKBURN, Chairman.

Without opposition the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.—Your Committee recommends correspondence with Liberty, Tennessee River, Town Creek and Gilliam Springs Associations. J. G. BLACKBURN, Omn.

On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Your Committee submits the following: We look upon Sabbath schools as being an auxiliary to the church through which they should work for the instructions of the rising generations, and for the salvation of souls. We therefore recommend that each and every church of this Associa-

tion establish a Sabbath school where there is none, and see to it, that it is carried on to the propagation of the true gospel of Jesus.

H. H. BRIDGES, Chairman.

After discussion by Revs. H. H. Bridges, C. W. McClellan and W. L. White, report was adopted.

On motion of C. W. McClellan, Rev. W. L. White was granted one hour for a lecture. Bro. White was introduced and ably represented the State Board of Missions and outlined their line of work.

The Association then adjourned for preaching. Sermon by Rev. W. L. White. Text: Revelations 2nd chapter, 1st verse. Dismissed for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M., OCTOBER 10, 1896.

After all had eaten a bountiful supply of refreshments which was spread by the good people of Cedar Grove and community, the Association reassembled and sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," and was led in prayer by Bro. White.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

Your committee finds the following amounts sent by the churches for minute funds, as follows: Antioch, 75¢; Center, 50¢; Cave Spring, \$1.90; Cedar Point, \$1.40; Cedar Grove, Sr., \$2.00; Cedar Grove, Jr., 75¢; New Prospect, \$1.00; Nazereth, 20¢; Pleasant Mt., \$1.25; Mt. Pleasant, 55¢; Hales Cove, 80¢; Union, 80¢; Mt. Zion, 25¢. Total, \$12.05. Respectfully submitted, J. H. ATCHLEY, Chm.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee recommends that the next session of this body be held with Mt. Pleasant church, and that Rev. C. W. McClellan preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. L. D. Vann, as alternate. Also, that Rev. J. W. Brown preach Mission Sermon, Rev. J. W. Campbell as alternate. H. H. BRIDGES, Chm.

The recommendation of the Committee was approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—Your Committee does not believe that Temperance consists alone in intoxicating drinks, but that we should be Temperate in all things and shun every appearance of evil and follow in the footsteps of our blessed Savior. Respectfully submitted, J. E. MAPLES, Chm.

Adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—Jesus says, "Go teach all nations." This was given to the Eleven Disciples before Jesus left the earth. Who is this responsibility resting upon? Is it not upon the church, it being the body of Christ that was to occupy until he comes? Brethren, let us unite in this great work in the Master's cause, for in union there is strength. Let us throw our strength together, Brethren, for which the nations will be ruled as with a rod of iron, and those that are strangers to grace, may be brought to

Christ. Brethren, let us awake to this great and noble cause. Let us throw our means together as well as our persons. Let us not rob God as did some of old, and come short of the glory of God. Brethren, let us awake from our sleeping lethargy and Christ will give us light to forward us on in this work. Respectfully submitted,

E. N. MAPLES, Chm.

Unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

Your Evangelist submits the following: Preached at two points regular, Pine Grove and Gravit School House. At Rock Dale and Barclay's School House part of the time. Attended protracted meetings as follows: New Prospect, Cedar Point, Cave Spring, Cedar Grove, Sr., New Hope and Owens X Roads; also neighborhood services. Receipts as follows: Jas. Branum, \$1.00; W. Craft, 75 cents; Dr. Haden, 50 cents; Jas. Baker, 30 cents; Owens X Roads by public collection at Pine Grove, \$1.50; J. F. Murders, 60 cents; John Bird, 30 cents; Jas. Hughes, 60 cents; W. Honey, 50 cents; A. B. Cowen, 60 cents; Zach Maples, 25 cents; J. E. Maples, 30 cents; E. Worley, 25 cents; Gravits School House, Will Friar, 30 cents; at New Hope, A. Whited, 25 cents; G. N. Butler, 25 cents; at New Prospect, H. H. Bridges, 25 cents; Jas. Wilson, 25 cents; S. B. Evans, 25 cents; Sister Winkles, 25 cents; at Cedar Point, by public collection 30 cents; Barclay's School House, 45 cents; at Rockdale, 20 cents, by Willis Hodges; W. J. Lacy, 5 cents; Joe Kilgore, 5 cents; by public collection at last Association 50 cents; J. H. Atchley, 50 cents; J. G. Blackburn, 25 cents; M. M. Downey, 50 cents; by collection at Association, \$2.11; total, \$13.66. Traveled 300 miles, preached 47 sermons.

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. MAPLES, Evangelist.

Adopted as read.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows: Revs. L. D. and J. H. Vann to preach at church to-night at early candlelight, and E. B. Kennedy, at Pleasant Mt. J. W. Campbell, Chairman.

The Association decided on the recommendation of Rev. E. N. Maples, to elect one man as Evangelist to occupy the field in bounds of this Association, as such, and that all Ministers of the Association devote their spare time to preaching in places of destitution and report to the Association.

RESOLUTION BY J. H. VANN.

Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended as to fix the ratio of representation as follows: Each church be allowed three Messengers, and one Messenger for every additional twenty members, over sixty, or fraction thereof, Provided said fraction shall exceed ten.

Resolution adopted without a dissenting voice.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Cedar Grove Church, Jr., and good people of this community for their kindness and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

H. H. BRIDGES.

May God bestow his richest blessings on these good people.—CLERK.

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

Tennessee River Association—Revs. W. A. Pigg and J. W. Brown.
 Liberty Association—Rev. J. W. Campbell and D. W. Doskin.
 Town Creek Association—Revs. E. N. Maples and J. L. Jones.
 Gilliam Springs Association—Revs. H. H. Bridges, E. N. Maples
 and J. G. Blackburn.

On motion of H. H. Bridges, the Moderator appointed messengers to correspond with State Convention as follows: H. H. Bridges, L. D. Vann and J. G. Blackburn.

The minutes were called for and read by the clerk and unanimously adopted by the Association.

The clerk was authorized to use the money paid to him in printing and distributing minutes to the several churches, in proportion to money paid by each church.

Beech Spring church at her own request was granted a letter of dismissal.

BY REV. E. N. MAPLES.

Resolved, That Association now adjourn to meet with Mt. Pleasant church, Friday, before the Second Lord's Day in October, 1897.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 11, 1896, 11 O'CLOCK.

Owing to the fact that the house was too small, or the congregation was too large, and the incessant rainfall, a goodly number repaired to a dwelling to hear preaching, and sermons were heard as follows: Rev. C. W. McClellan, at church, text Matthew 13th chapter, 33rd verse. Rev. J. W. Brown, text, 1st Corinthians 15th chapter, 58th verse. Collected for Mission purposes, \$2.11.

Bretheren, we see that death has called to their reward, seven of our members, but as we deposit their mortal remains to the narrow limits of the tomb, let us bury with them all their human imperfections and cherish a fond recollection of their virtues and piety, and endeavor to imitate their good examples, and bow in gratitude and humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, and to His Divine Purposes.—CLERK.

The next session of the union meeting will be held with Cedar Grove Church, Sr., Friday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1897, three miles west of New Hope.

J. L. JONES, Moderator.

J. H. VANN, Clerk.

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 saints 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 the 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 dicipline 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

C. W. McClellan.....	Crowton, Ala.
E. N. Maples.....	Owen X Roads, „
J. W. Campbell.....	Molder, „
F. J. Rigney.....	Berkley, „
D. F. Treece.....	Lowe, „
H. H. Bridges.....	Hornet, „
S. Wilson.....	Marigold, „
W. A. Pigg.....	Garth, „
J. L. Jones.....	Paint Rock, „
G. W. Ezell.....	Garth, „
L. D. Vann.....	Owen X Roads, „
J. W. Brown.....	New Hope, „
R. C. Clark.....	„ „ „

LICENTIATES.

J. J. Swearingin.....	Marigold, Ala
R. Sisk.....	„ „
D. A. Derrick.....	„ „
Jas. Lee.....	Gurley, „
A. Morring.....	„ „
J. G. Blackburn.....	New Hope, „
J. H. Vann.....	„ „ „

Statistics of Mount Carmel Baptist Association, 1896.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiate.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restoration by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	For Minutes.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Revivals.
Antioch	Morgan	J. I. Stockton	J. E. Crow	Crowton	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	.86	75	3rd	1
Cedar Grove, Sr.,	Madison	J. H. Vann	J. B. Brown	New Hope	3	2	11	3	1	2	2	2	135	2	00	2
Cedar Grove, Jr.,	"	J. W. Campbell	C. C. Tipton	Bolder	1	1	4	1	2	3	1	1	28	75	2	3
Center	Marshal	R. Sisk	D. A. Derrick	Woodville	1	3	1	1	2	3	4	2	.27	75	50	1st
Cave Spring	Madison	L. D. Vann	W. J. Laey	Lowe	1	12	1	1	1	4	1	1	146	1	90	1st
Cedar Point	"	J. L. Jones	M. M. Downy	Poplar Ridge	2	4	4	4	1	4	1	1	.34	1	40	2nd
Mount Pleasant	Jackson	W. A. Pigg	W. J. Gaughney	Paint Rock	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	.23	55	3rd	1
Mount Zion	Madison	J. L. Jones	S. B. Evans	Swearingin	1	1	2	2	1	5	3	1	42	1	00	1
New Prospect	Marshal	J. L. Jones	J. C. Nayman	Molder	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	20	2nd	1
Nazareth	Jackson	W. A. Pigg	J. E. Jones	Paint Rock	1	10	3	3	1	11	6	1	75	80	1st	1
Hales Cove	Madison	L. W. Sloan	H. W. Bell	Garley	1	132	4	7	7	1	1	1	77	1	25	3rd
Pleasant Mt.	Jackson	J. L. Jones	H. A. Rowden	Garth	1	6	6	5	2	2	2	1	80	4th	1	1

