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OF THE NORTH MISSOURI

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

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The Association met with the Union Third Fork Church, at Kearns' Chapel, Buchanan county, Mo., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, before the second Sabbath in September, the 8th, 1882.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Wm. Leek. Text: "And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother, and he said, I know not, am I my brother's keeper?"—Genesis 4th chapter, 9th verse.

Moved that Elder Wm Leek be appointed Moderator, pro tem. Carried.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and the following committees were appointed, to-wit:

To Care for Visiting Brethren—Elder S. H. Kerns, David Hawkins, Allen Stroud, Wm. Kerns, Abraham Kerns.

Committee on Arrangements—Elder Blakely, Bros. C. C. White and J. S. Sullivan.

Moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Blakely.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder S. H. Kerns. The body was called to order by the moderator, the other committees were appointed: On finance, Brother John D. Green and C. C. White; on religious exercises, the pastor and delegates from the Union Third Fork Church, to-wit: Elder W. Leek, Roby Pennington, David Hawkins, Allen Stroud, Abraham Kerns, Reuben Williams and J. S. Sullivan. Moved that the committee on arrangements report. Report was received and the committee retained.

Moved that we call for letters from the different churches comprising this body. Carried.

A letter was read and received from Philadelphia church and delegate's name enrolled. Sister Emma Pennington, from Philadelphia church was invited to a seat in council and name enrolled as a delegate.

Moved that Brothers Nash and McKowen and Sisters Nash and McKowen, from the Castile church be invited to seats in the council and names enrolled as delegates. Carried.

• Union church, Harrison county—Verbal report by Elder Leek.

Letter from Union Third Fork church read and received—Delegate's names enrolled.

Grand Valley Church—Verbal report by Elder M. P. Glenn.

Athens Church—Verbal report by Brother Joseph Brown. The report was received and name enrolled as a delegate.

Center Point Church—Delegates, but no letter. Brothers Sylvester Lewis and James Blankinship were invited to seats in council.

Lot's Grove Church—Verbal report by Elder M. P. Glenn. The report was received, and Brother J. S. Cowen and Sister Glenn invited to take seats as delegates.

New Lebanon Church—Verbal report by Elder Leek. Report received. Moved that the committee to visit the Providence St. Joseph church report. The report was received and committee discharged.

Middle Fork Church—Letter but no delegates. Letter received and read. Moved to adjourn until 9 A. M., Saturday. Prayer by Bro. S. Lewis.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday, September 9th, 1882. Prayer by Elder F. M. Miller.

The body was called to order by the moderator.

Pioneer Church—No intelligence.

Pleasant Ridge—No intelligence.

Shilo Church—No intelligence.

Lewiston Church—No intelligence.

Moved that we appoint a committee to wait upon the Shilo church, and report at the next Association, and Elder J. H. Watson be said committee. Carried.

Friendship Church—No intelligence.

Alanthus Grove Church—No intelligence.

Moved the Alanthus Grove Church be dropped from minutes. Carried.

Rockford Church—Verbal report by Brother McMaster. Report received and the Brother invited to a seat as delegate.

Moved that we elect a moderator for the ensuing year, and a clerk. Carried.

Elder M. P. Glenn was elected moderator and J. S. Sullivan, clerk.

The Rules of Decorum were then read.

Moved that we invite all visiting brethren to seats with us in council.

Elder F. M. Miller, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Elder James Sharock, of the M. E. church, and Brother J. W. Ford, of the Sandy Creek Association of Illinois, were invited to seats with us in council.

Moved that we call for the circular letter. Carried.

The committee that were appointed to write the circular letter failed to report.

Moved that we have a circular letter for the next Association, and that Elder Wm. Leek write the same.

Moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder Leek.

The stand was then ably filled by the Rev. F. M. Miller: Text, "There Remaineth, therefore a rest for the people of God."—Heb. 4th c. 9th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Elder Blakely.

The body was called to order by the moderator.

Moved that this body advise the different churches composing the same to keep up the ordinance of feet washing. Carried.

Moved that we encourage Union Sabbath Schools. Carried.

Moved that we regulate the names of the ministers of this body. Carried.

Moved that the name of Elder James Hummer be dropped from the minutes. Motion was lost.

Moved that the name of Elder W. E. Dalbey be dropped from the minutes. Carried.

Moved that we drop the name of Elder F. W. Johnson. Motion was lost.

Moved that a committee on resolutions be appointed. Carried. Elders Leek and Blakely and Bro. J. S. Sullivan were appointed said committee.

Moved that the committee to visit the Worth county quarterly meeting report. The report was received and committee discharged.

Moved that we hold our next Association with the Castile Church. Carried.

Moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M., Monday, September 11th.

Prayer by Elder S. H. Kerns.

The stand was filled at early lamp-light by Elders Sharock and Blakely. Text: Isaiah, 40th chapter 1st and 2d verses.

On Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M., September 10th, the stand was filled by Elders M. P. Glenn and Leek. Text, "That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie we have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set for us, which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil."—Hebrews, 6th chapter, 18th and 19th verses.

After the services the ordinances of communion were attended to.

At 3 o'clock P. M., the stand was filled by Elder T. H. Hawkins on funeral observance. Text, "And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Nabath, the Jezreelite, had spoken to him, for he said: I will not give thee the inheritance of my father. And he laid him down upon his bed and turned away his face and would eat no bread."—1st Kings, 21st chapter, 4th verse.

The stand was occupied by Elder Leek at early lamp-lighting. Text, "And there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."—Revelations, 4th chapter, 3d verse.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock A. M., Monday, September 11th, 1882. Prayer by Brother Joseph Stapp.

The body was called to order by the moderator, pro-tem.

Moved that the committee on arrangements report.

The report was received and the committee discharged.

Moved that the finance committee report.

The committee reported \$14 25 and was retained.

Moved that we have the minutes of this Association printed, and Bro. J. S. Sullivan to superintend the same, and we allow him \$5 for his services. Carried.

Moved that the committee on resolutions report.

The following report was received:

RESOLVED, That we deeply feel the loss of our esteemed Brother, Elder J. E. SAFFER, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

Moved that we hold the next Association in the Castile Church, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1883, and Elder William Leek preach the introductory sermon, Elder T. H. Hawkins his alternate.

Moved that the finance committee report. The committee reported \$18 25 and was discharged.

Moved that we change the fourteenth article of our rules of decorum so as to read as follows: "We advise the churches to make arrangements at their last meeting before the Association, for their pastor for the ensuing year." Carried.

Moved that if any minister of this body fail to report for two successive years to the Association he or them shall be waited upon. Carried.

Moved that we hear the minutes read. Carried.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Moved that we return a vote of thanks to this community for hospitalities while attending this Association. Carried.

Moved to adjourn to meet with the Castile Church at Mt. Zion, Clinton county, Mo., seven miles north of Plattsburg, at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1883, and hold over until Monday. Carried.

ELDER WM. LEEK, Moderator pro-tem.

J. S. SULLIVAN, CLERK.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that "To us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him."—Cor. viii, 6. And the Holy Ghost is that which proceedeth from the Father and the Son, and is the comforter of the Church and the reprovcr of the world.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the intalible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we also have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

ART. 4. We believe in the perseverance of the saints in grace to glory. He that endure to the end the same shall be saved.

ART. 5. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general and universal judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 6. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to their Lord and to one another, and having agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

ART. 7. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, and that government thereof is with the body.

ART. 8. We believe that water baptism, that the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet are ordinances of the Lord, and to be continued by the Church, until his second coming.

ART. 9. We believe that water baptism is the immersion of a believer in Christ, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 10. We believe that none have a right to commune at the Lord's Table only such as have the Spirit of God to bear witness with their spirit that they are his children.

Rules of Decorum.

1. We agree to meet annually at the time and place designated by the Association.
 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates and Elders, members of this body in good standing.
 3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by a majority of all present in Association. It is the duty of the Moderator to keep order and put all subjects to vote, and to give the casting vote when the Association is equally divided, and extend the right hand of fellowship to Churches received into the Union. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Annual Meetings, preserve all papers and deliver them to his successor.
 4. All meetings shall be opened by prayer, and closed by returning thanks on the bended knee.
 5. This body, when assembled, shall be considered an advisory council, and shall acknowledge the power and independence of the Churches, and in no case exercise any authority over the Churches, except in case of corruption in principle or practice contrary to the Word of God.
 6. All ordained Ministers, members of Churches forming this body, shall be members of the same by virtue of their office.
 7. Any Church containing twenty members and under is entitled to three delegates to the Association and one additional delegate for every additional twenty members.
 8. Visiting brethren to be invited to a seat to discuss all subjects, but not to vote.
 9. No subject shall be taken up and voted upon but by a motion and second.
 10. The members of this Association are not allowed to speak more than twice upon one subject, except by leave of the Moderator, ten minutes being the time allowed to speak.
 11. No member shall absent himself in time of business without leave of the Moderator.
 12. We advise that no Church receive into fellowship an excluded member from a sister Church until satisfaction be made to the Church from which they were excluded.
 13. Any question containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any brother, and the vote taken on each point separately.
 14. We advise the Churches composing this body to make arrangements for their pastor for the ensuing year, at their last meeting before the next Association.
 15. Each Church shall report to Association at each annual meeting by letter and delegates, who has been their Pastor, and whether he has been faithful in the discharge of his duty.
 16. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to inquire whether the Church have been faithful in the discharge of their duty.
- Moved, that any Church failing to report to the Association for two years, successively, shall be waited on.

Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES ABSENTEES MARKED THUS (*)	NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Philadelphia.....*	Howard James*.....		
"	Margaret James*.....		
"	Cynthia Pennington..		
"	Emma Pennington..	J. H. James.....	Civil Bend, Mo...
Castile	N. L. Reed.....		
"	John McKown, Sr...		
"	Margaret McKown..		
"	John McKown, Jr...		
"	Andrew Curtis.....		
"	Sallie McKown.....		
"	C. C. White.....		
"	John Shannon.....		
"	Samuel Nash.....	J. Dodson, pro tem	Plattsburg, Mo..
Grand River.....	J. W. Redman.....		
"	Willis Green.....		
"	J. D. Green.....	John Groomer....	McFall, Mo.....
Union Third Fork...	D. L. Hawkins.....		
"	Roby Pennington....		
"	Abraham Kerns....		
"	J. S. Sullivan		
"	Reuben Williams....		
"	Allen Stroud.....	Allen Stroud.....	Easton, Mo
Middle Fork.....	M. P. Glenn.....	James Howell....	Grant City, Mo...
Grand Valley.....	Verbal report by...		
"	Elder M. P. Glenn...		
Center Point.....	Sylvester Lewis....		
"	James Blankinship...	J. H. Simpson....	Santa Rosa.....
Athens.....	Joseph Brown.....	R. T. Gilky.....	McFall, Mo.....
Lot's Grove.....	J. S. Cowen.....		
"	Sister Glenn.....	J. K. Cowen....	Allendale, Mo....
New Lebanon.....	Verbal report by...		
"	Elder Leek.....		
Pioneer.....	No intelligence.....		
Pleasant Ridge.....	No intelligence		
Shilo.....	No intelligence.....		
Friendship.....	No intelligence.....		
Rockford.....	Bro. McMaster		
Lewtston.....	No intelligence.....		
Providence (St. Joe)	Verbal report by...		
"	J. S. Sullivan.....	Samuel Creal.....	St. Joseph, Mo..
Union.....	Verbal report by...		
"	Elder Wm. Leek.....		