

MINUTES

NORTH MISSOURI FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Grand River Church

CENTRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, SEPTEMBER 8, 1886

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MINUTES

Of the North Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Association met with the Grand River Church in Gentry County, Mo., Sept. 6th, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m. Brother S. M. Johnson read the first chapter of Paul's Letter to the Hebrews; prayer by Elder S. B. Lewis.

The introductory sermon was then preached by Elder S. M. Johnson—text, 2d chapter and 1st verse Heb.

The Association then organized for business, S. L. Redman in the chair, Elder F. P. Farber clerk pro tem.

The following committees were then appointed: On arrangements, Brothers Geo. Farley, J. B. Carpenter, Elder S. M. Johnson, J. Green, J. Blankenship. On religious exercises, Brothers C. L. Crosswhite, H. Newby, C. Cain. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.; prayer by Brother C. L. Crosswhite.

2 o'clock p. m.—Association met pursuant to adjournment; reading of the 37th Psalm by the Moderator; prayer by Elder A. J. Johnson; minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Visiting brethren were then invited to a seat in council with us.

Motion to call for report of Committee on Arrangements carried. Report received and Committee retained.

Motion to call for letters from churches belonging to this body carried, when the following letters were received and delegates' names enrolled:

- 1.—Center Point, Brothers J. M. Blankenship, I. J. Sturgis, C. Cain, J. B. Carpenter.
- 2.—Castile, Brothers J. B. Shanon, Jas. Belk.
- 3.—Grand River, not ready to report.
- 4.—Middle Fork, no intelligence.
- 5.—Athens, no intelligence.
- 6.—Lots Grove, no intelligence.
- 7.—New Lebanon, no intelligence.
- 8.—Pioneer, no intelligence.
- 9.—Rockford, no intelligence.
- 10.—Union Third Fork, no intelligence.

On motion, call for churches desiring admission into the Association carried, when a letter was read from the Philadelphia church asking admission.

On motion the church was received and delegates' names enrolled. Brothers James Simpson, Willis Burton, Geo. W. Hayes. Z. Stout, C. W. Rhodes, were the delegates.

Moved that we elect a Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Elder C. S. Williamson for Moderator, and Elder F. P. Farber for Clerk.

The Moderator then appointed a committee on caring for visitors. Brothers Jas. Miller, Nathaniel Perry, P. McColloch and Wm. Pittsenbarger were the committee.

Correspondence called for from other Associations and churches not belonging to this body. Response from Elders A. J. Johnson, of the First Union Baptist Association of Kansas; S. W. Spainhower and Jas. Kennedy, Free Baptists of Albany, Mo.; Rev. J. Webster, of Santa Rosa, United Brethren in Christ; Albert Peltz, U. B., Santa Rosa.—All invited to seats in council. Correspondence from above named brethren invited.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m., Sept. 7th. Thanks by Rev. Webster.

The stand was filled at lamp-lighting by Elders Spainhower and Kennedy. Text: "Come, for all things are now ready."

Met pursuant to adjournment, Sept. 7th, at 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder B. Wheeler.

Report of Committee on Arrangements called for. Report read and adopted, and Committee retained.

Called for reports from churches not heard from yesterday. Letter from Grand River church received and delegates' names enrolled. Brothers J. J. Hardin, H. Newby, S. O. Weller, C. L. Crosswhite and Sister N. J. Hecker were the delegates.

On motion, we enroll the name of Stony Point in our list of churches. Verbal report from said church by Elder S. M. Johnson.

Called for churches desiring admission into the Association. None received.

Called for report of Home Missionary. Report received and Missionary discharged. and \$10.25, balance due him for labor, paid.

On motion, we will have a Home Missionary the ensuing year, and Elder A. J. Johnson was elected to be our Missionary.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a Home Mission Board, which resulted in the appointment of the following named brethren: Elder F. P. Farber, Brothers John Shanon, of Castile church; G. A. Farley, of Grand River Church; James Simpson, of Philadelphia church; James Blankenship, of Center Point church.

On motion, we will have quarterly meetings this year.

On motion, each church composing this body shall be allowed to receive members according to its own rules.

On motion, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock p.m. Thanks by ———

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. On motion, we call for report from Ministers of this Association concerning their labors the past year. Response from Elders S. B. Lewis, A. M. Johnson, F. P. Farber and C. S. Williamson.

On motion, we take up names of our Ministers and pass on their character and standing. The name of Elder J. H. Watson being called; J. Green was appointed to enquire the cause of his absence. S. H. Kernes, deceased, a committee appointed to draft resolutions, and the following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That in the death of Silas H. Kernes our body has lost the oldest and one of the most worthy of our preaching brethren, and one of the pioneers of the State of Missouri; that many of us have been saved under his preaching Jesus and Salvation, and we hereby show our respect to his memory by this simple resolution.

Elder W. E. Dalby.—On motion we drop his name, he having joined another denomination. Elder S. L. Redman's name called and passed favorable. Elder John W. Revels' name called.—Motion to drop his name lost. Elder A. D. Williamson's name called.—Name dropped, he having joined another denomination. Elder C. S. Williamson's name called and passed favorable.

On motion, Elder J. W. Merrifield be reinstated and his name placed on the list of ministers.

On motion, Elder T. Hawkins be placed on our roll, it having been left out by mistake.

On motion, the names of Elders S. M. Johnson, Isaiah Collins, S. B. Lewis and F. P. Farber be placed on our roll.

On motion, we regulate names of our churches. The name of Middle Fork called. Elder S. M. Johnson appointed to wait on said church. Rockford called. Elder A. J. Johnson appointed to visit same.

The following churches were dropped from our list, they having become extinct: Athens, Lots Grove, New Lebanon, Pioneer, Union.

On motion, we hold our first quarterly meeting with the Center Point church, commencing Friday before the third Sunday in November, 1889.

On motion, we tender a vote of thanks to the Grand River church and surrounding community for their hospitality during our session.

Called for report of Committee on Finance. They report \$17.55 for printing minutes. Report received and Committee discharged. On motion we discharge the Committee on Arrangements.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Castile church, Clinton county, Mo., on Friday before the full Moon in September, 1890, at 10 o'clock, a. m., Elder A. J. Johnson to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder S. B. Lewis his alternate.

C. S. WILLIAMSON,
Moderator.

F. P. FARBER,
Clerk.

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 Elder members of this body in good standing.

3. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by a majority of all present in the 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 bended knees.

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 cases of corruption of principles 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 twelve members or under, is entitled to three delegates to the Association, and one 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 to speak more than twice upon any subject, except by leave of the Moderator.

11. No member shall absent himself in time of business without leave of 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 he was 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 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 enquire whether the church has been faithful in the discharge of its duty.

Moved that any church failing to report to the Association for two years successively, shall be waited on.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe "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."—1st 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 reprover of the world.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible 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 also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."—Romans v, 1, 2.

ART. 4. We believe in the perseverance of the saints in grace to glory. He that endureth 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 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's House, and to be continued 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.

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Names of Ministers.

Pastors of Churches marked with P.

Postoffice Address.

C. S. WILLIAMSON, P	Santa Rosa, Mo
THOMAS HAWKINS	Easton, Mo
JAMES WATSON	Watkins, Mo
JOHN REVELS	Unknown
S. L. REDMAN	McFall, Mo
S. M. JOHNSON, P	Gallatin, Mo
J. W. MONSHOWER	Cameron, Mo
ISAIAH COLLINS	Pattonsburg, Mo
S. B. LEWIS, P	Pattonsburg, Mo
F. P. FARBER	Santa Rosa, Mo
J. W. MERRIFIELD	Pattonsburg, Mo
A. J. JOHNSON	Home Missionary