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The forty-fourth session of the Spring River Baptist Association met in annual session with Jerusalem church Saturday September 21, 1912.

The meeting convened with singing and prayer after which Eld. R. B. Bellamy preached the introductory sermon on the subject of the "Resurrection" and at the close an intermission until two o'clock was taken.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called in business session by moderator R. B. Bellamy and after reading and prayer the business was taken up as follows:

Bros. G. G. Dent and C. B. Lee were appointed reading clerks and on call for associational letters from the various churches the following responded.

Big Creek—Delegates, W. A. Watkins, Reuben Johnson and Bennett Watkins; alternate, E. J. Russel.

Calamine—Delegates, W. T. Townsley, P. A. McCrackin and J. H. Cocke; alternates, Sisters Cora Cocke and Rosa Young.

Clear Springs—Delegates, J. D. Butler, R. T. Wayland and Taylor Dent; alternates, Jim Brown, J. W. Gray and J. R. Henshaw.

Clover Bend—Delegates, D. W. Brady, J. H. Morgan and S. H. Bell; alternates, J. E. Brady, H. E. Sudduth and J. R. Berry.

Fair View—Delegates, Sherman Ward, W. M. Jarrett and Whit McCarrol; alternates, Chas. Ward, Jr., Willis Holder and R. B. McLaughlin.

Jerusalem—Delegates, R. E. Penn, J. A. Croom and J. O. Penn; alternates, W. A. Campbell and H. Little.

Lebanon—Delegates, I. N. Sparks, A. L. Croom and Emma Sparks; alternates, J. R. Norman, Willie Miller and Brittie Pickens.



Little Springs—Delegates, T. J. Norris, C. J. Norris and C. H. Justus; alternates, Sisters Ozella Norris, C. J. Norris and Essie Tomkins.

Lone Oak—Delegates, J. A. Justus, G. W. Helms and L. N. Dotson; alternates, G. F. Pickett, W. F. Pickett and J. P. Justus.

Mt. Olive—Delegates, C. B. Lee and Wife.

Mt. Zion—Delegates, S. H. Clements, George Roark and Shelby Clements; alternate, C. D. Wade.

New Hope—Delegates, Hector McLeod, J. B. Smith and A. V. Smith; Alternates, D. C. Lee, H. A. Moore and J. Y. Winchester.

Pleasant Grove—Delegates, M. L. Brady, Van B. Pickett and W. I. Dent; alternates, B. F. Pickett, J. W. Pickett and Burnus Brady.

Pleasant Hill—Delegates, John Box, Will Glenn and Sam Adams; alternates, G. W. Lewsaw, Jessie Box and Martha Goodwin.

Portia—Delegates, G. H. Ballard, Jas. Anderson and Alex Little; Alternates, Sam Prince and Jas. Weaver.

Rings Chappel—Delegates, Willie Goodman, W. P. Crigler and Virgie Curtis; alternate, J. R. Goodman.

Shiloh—Delegates, J. A. Alilson, Edgar Poe and H. L. Haines; alternates, M. D. Bowers and Jessie Pratt.

Smithville—Delegates, Chas. Tibbels, John Helms and R. B. Bellamy.

Walnut Grove—Delegates, J. M. Buster and Wife and J. R. Pope; alternate, J. H. Davis.

Union—delegates W. H. Wilson, G. M. Jones and C. M. Coak; alternate, Sister C. M. Coak.

A question of seating delegates from Portia church was discussed and the delegates presenting associational letter were seated by motion. The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the re-election of Eld. R. B. Bellamy moderator and J. J. Bellamy clerk.

Committee on divine service was appointed and reported that Eld. B. F. Holford preach at 7:30 p. m., and Eld.

W. M. Webb preach at 11 a. m., Sunday.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Association selected Fairview Church as the next place of meeting, also, selected Eld. J. D. Butler to preach the introductory sermon and J. J. Bellamy to write circular letter.

On motion a recess was taken 'til 7.30.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

Meeting was called together by singing, after which the moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance, R. E. Penn, J. A. Miller and Hector McLeod.

Sunday School, Jno. C. Penn, Sam Adams and J. D. Butler.

Bro. B. T. Holdford preached on the subject of "fellowship" after which meeting adjourned 'til 10 a. m. Sunday.

Association convened at 10:40, Sunday, and after song service and prayer Eld. W. M. Webb preached from John 3-5, after which intermission was taken 'til 3 p. m., when Eld. J. I. Martin preached from Jeremiah 6-16. At the close of sermon the committees' names were announced the names of which will be found at the close of their respective reports.

A collection was taken by Eld. J. L. Brown for Texarkana Orphans, Home, \$11.00 was contributed.

A beautiful song service, led by Eld. V. C. Erwin, was rendered on convening at 7:30 p. m., after which Eld. J. L. Brown preached on the subject of "the Word and the Spirit". Meeting adjourned to meet at 8 a. m., Monday.

#### MONDAY'S SESSION.

Association came together by singing and prayer.

The Committee on State of Churches made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report which was discussed and adopted.

Committee on Destitution made their report which was discussed and adopted.



Committee on Orphans' Homes made their report which was discussed and adopted.

Committee on Education made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Correspondence made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Baptist Literature made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Prohibition made their report which was adopted.

Committee's report on Ministerial Directory was read and adopted.

Committee on Memorials of the Dead made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Associational Missions made their report which was adopted.

Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted.

Clerk's report was read and adopted.

Motion of thanks was extended Moderator and Clerk.

Motion of thanks tendered Jerusalem church and vicinity for their courtesy and kindness, shown the delegates of the Association.

By motion the clerk was authorized to have printed 400 copies of the minutes of the meeting, and, if there be a balance of funds that it go to the clerk for his service.

#### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Eld's J. I. Martin and J. L. Brown represented Independence Association.

Following were appointed corresponding messengers:

Jonesboro, C. B. Lee;

Rocky Bayou, I. N. Sparks and W.M. Raney;

State Line, C. B. Lee;

Independence, J. D. Butler and R. B. Bellamy.

After prayer, parting song and parting handshake the Association adjourned to meet with Fair View church, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1913.

Thus the forty-fourth session of the Spring River Baptist Association passed into history. Peace and harmony had prevailed. A more liberal spirit was manifest among those having different views on the mission question than usually prevails. The preaching was grand, the fraternal spirit was warm, the membership of Jerusalem church was more than kind and we feel that the cause of Christ was upheld and God was glorified.—Clerk.



## -- -APPENDIX- --

### Committees' Reports.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We believe from the several letters sent to this Association that they are in fairly good condition as most of them have pastors and meet regularly to worship their blessed King. Peace and harmony seem to prevail, with one exception. While, doubtless, there is neglect on the part of some in calling and remunerating pastors, yet we are looking to a time, and trust it will be in the near future, when all the churches represented in this body will be united in love and praise to Christ.

S. B. Bell, Chm.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This means the carrying of the gospel to the people in heathen's darkness, in foreign lands; and as the world-wide commission was given to His churches by our Risen Lord—"Go and Diciple all nations"—we recomend that the pastors and churches live more prayerfully attentive to this matter and show "our faith by our works". We would recomend that each church raise a fund for this work and send it in any way they may choose to our brethren who are giving their lives to this work. We further recomend that each member of the several churches of this Association contribute 10 cents to this God honoring work.

I. N. Sparks  
H. L. Haynes  
S. H. Clements, Com.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution, realize there is quite a lot of teritory destitute of Baptist preaching, and call your attention to the following, where we believe the most effective work can be done: between Pleasant Hill and Black River; Imboden and Shiloh; Eveningshade, Bengay



and Grange.

W. A. Watkins  
J. H. Cocke  
W. H. Wilson, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN'S HOMES.

We, your Cemmittee on Orphans' Homes, report as follows: there is no institution that should appeal to our sympathies and care more than the Orphans' Homes; and as we have two such institutions in the state, one at Texarkana and the other at Monticello, where the orphans may be educated and taught the doctrines of the Bible, clothed and fed; therefore, we recomend that the churches of this Association aid these institutions all that they feel it is possible for them to do.

J. D. Butler  
J. A. Croom  
H. McLeod, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your Committee on Correspondence, recomend that we correspond with the following Associations: Rocky Bayou, State Line, Independence, Eleven Points, Jonesboro and Big Creek.

A. L. Croom  
C. J. Norris  
John Box, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature report as follows: we recognize the press as one of the strongest powers we have for good or bad. We recomend the most careful and prayerful study of the Bible, as it should be our standard text-book. Our children should be taught its sacred truths. We, also recomend such literature as our state papers, the Baptist, the Flag and the Land Mark, Baptist literature.

J. H. Cocke  
P. A. McCrackin, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROHIBITION.

Be it known to the world that we, the Spring River

Baptist Association, regard the liquor traffic as an enemy to the great temperance move that is sweeping our country during the past few years. We further recomend that the Baptists of this Association use all the means in their power to remove from our midst and from the entire state the curse of the whisky traffic.

We, also, recomend the admonition of Paul to the Ephesians, that we withdraw our fellowship from a brotber who persists in engaging in this curse.

J. S. Adams  
W. M. Glenn  
Edgar Poe, Com.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We your Committee on education, wish to submit the following as our report: We note with great pleasure that the Baptist is one of the leading denominations in the world in establishing schools and colleges. Believing, as we do, that the correct teaching of the bible depends upon the Baptist, we feel that it is our duty to so educate our boys and girls that they may be able to read and properly understand the bible, that they may be able to defend the Baptist doctrine, which we believe to be the bible doctrine, at any time or place. We recomend that we patronize our denominational schools and render them all the assistance possible.

R. E. Penn, Chm.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: we, as Christians, cannot make the development that is essential to the development of our children, the efficiency in the Lord's Kingdom here on earth and their reward and happiness hereafter without a faithful and constant study of the bible, and as there is no better place to study God's word than in the Sunday School, we, therefore, recomend that the greatest effort be made to maintain a Sunday School in every church.

J. C. Penn  
J. S. Adams  
J. D. Butler, Com.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report as follows: realizing the necessity for mission work in the destitute portions of the association, we recomend Eld's. C. B. Lee and J. D. Butler, or any other worthy minister who may do mission work to the churches composing their Association and urge that they aid in the support of whatever work may be done along this line.

We further recomend that each church endeavor to contribute 25 cents per member to this work.

Substituted for Committee report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Collected for minute fund. \$19.50

For the Orphans' Home at Texarkana. \$11.00

R. E. Penn

H. McLeod, Com.

CLERK'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committe, 1911	\$24.45
Paid for printing minutes	\$16.75
Postage	2.25
Clerk's fees	5.45

Total	<u>\$24.45</u>	\$24.45
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J. J. Bellamy, Clerk.



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON

MEMORIALS *of the* DEAD

In memory of our beloved Brothers and Sisters  
who have outstripped in the Race for that Eternal  
Home—

Given as follows:

Calamine	Sister M. A. Wilson
Clover Bend	Bro. John Gillock
Fair View	Bro. Marvin Puckett
Little Springs	{ Bro. Tom Gay Bro. Tillman Diceton Sister Luna Gay Sister May Norris
New Hope	Bro. J. H. Wasson
Pleasant Hill	{ Bro. Monroe Erwin Sister Brannon
Union	Sister Mary J. Helms

May we meet beyond the river  
Where dark shadows never come;  
Oh the joy of parting never  
In the Soul's Eternal Home.

Committee

{ A. L. Croom  
Emma Sparks  
C. J. Norris

We, your Committee on Ministerial Directory, report the following ordained ministers and licentates:

Applegate J. M.	Portia,	Ark.
Allison J. A.	Alicia,	"
Bowers M. D.	Pocahontas,	"
Bellamy R. B.	Smithville,	"
Borah G. B.	Imboden,	"
Butler, J. F.	Shelbyville,	"
Butler J. D.	Denton,	"
Bain L. A.	Mobley,	"
Clements S. H.	Williford,	"
Evans E. R.	Minturn,	"
East M. D.	Black Rock,	"
Erwin V. C.	Strawberry,	"
Frizzell M. W.	Black Rock,	"
Hill Jas. L.	Matthews,	"
Jackson, W. T.	Hoxie,	"
Lee C. B.	Williford,	"
Rutherford—	Black Rock,	"
Winchester J. T.	Denton,	"
Weaver J. W.	Hardy,	"

LICENTATES

Byrd A. J.	Birdell,	"
Raney Wm.	Strawberry,	"
Watkins G. W.	Grange,	"

Substituted for committee report.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE
Big Creek		M. A. Watkins	Maxville, Ark.
Calamine	J. L. Hill	J. H. Cocke	Calamine, "
Clear Springs	J. D. Butler	W. P. Mason	Black Rock, "
Clover Bend	E. W. James	S. B. Bell	Clover Bend, "
Fair View	J. D. Butler	R. B. McLoughlin	Imboden, "
Jerusalem	G. W. James	H. Little	Strawberry, "
Lebanon	G. L. Ford	W. H. Croom	Nelsonville, "
Little Springs		C. J. Norris	Poughkeepsie, "
Lone Oak	R. B. Bellamy	J. A. Justus	Matthews, "
Mt. Zion	Chas. B. Lee	C. D. Wade	Worill, "
Mt. Olive		C. B. Lee	Williford, "
New Hope	J. D. Butler	C. J. Montgomery	Denton, "
Pleasant Grove	R. B. Bellamy	B. F. Pickett	Annieville, "
Pleasant Hill	R. B. Bellamy	R. B. Penn	Lynn, "
Portia	W. E. Sherrels	G. H. Ballard	Portia, "
Rings Chappel	J. T. Jones	Virgie Curtis	Emery, "
Shiloh	J. A. Allison	J. D. Haynes	Lorine, "
Smithville	G. B. Borah	Mrs. Dora White	Smithville, "
Union	J. L. Hill	J. R. Wilson	Jesup, "
Walnut Grove	W. F. Bridges	J. B. Buster	Walnut Ridge "



# GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Ordained Ministers Licentates		MEMBERSHIP							Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS		Orphans' Home	Mtnute Fund	Miscellaneous Contributions	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals	
			Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Total Accessions	Dis'm's'd by Letter	Died	Excluded			Total Decrease	Present Membership						Sunday School Expense
Big Creek	1	1				2			2	24	\$300.00				.50				
Calamine						1			1	49					.55				
Clear Springs	2		6		6	1	2	3	132	400.00	\$40.00				1.05				
Clover Bend			1	4	5	9	1	10	60		93.70				1.00		11.16		
Fair View			5		5		1	1	66		42.80				.50		3.35		
Jerusalem	1	1	5		5		1	1	73	600.00	75.00		\$5.00	\$5.40	1.25		50.25		
Lebanon	1		9	2	11	1	1	2	93		50.00				1.00				
Little Springs			21	1	22		4	4	78	400.00					1.00				
Lone Oak									51		30.00				1.00				
Mt. Zion	2		7	1	8		4	4	28		12.00				.75		8.00		
Mt. Olive	1		2	1	3				15						.25				
New Hope	1		13	4	17		1	2	140	800.00	76.00				1.70				
Pleasant Grove									84	500.00	33.00				1.05				
Pleasant Hill			9		9	1		1	125		60.00	\$1.26		1.00	1.50	12.00	86.75	12.25	
Portia				7	7		7	7	44	800.00	150.00		25.70		1.00				
Rings Chappel									43	500.00	33.50				.80				
Shiloh			2	6	8	1		1	178	1000.00	60.00				1.50				
Smithville	2					1		1	51	600.00	60.00		5.00		1.00				
Union							1	1	60	400.00					.60				
Walnut Grove									43	1000.00	75.00	6.00		5.00	1.52				
Totals	11	2	74	32	106	16	10	16	42	1532	\$7300.00	\$891.00	\$7.26	\$35.70	\$11.40	\$19.52	\$12.00	\$159.51	\$12.25