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MINUTES.

THE SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting with Smithville Church, Saturday, September 23, 1916. Bro. W. A. Watkins read the 21st chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Brown.

Bro. W. A. Watkins preached the introductory sermon; Subject, "The Church the Lord's Wife".

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 P. M.—After reading and prayer by Bro. S. Stratton, the moderator being absent, the clerk called the body in session and organized by electing Bro. J. A. Justus temporary moderator. Bros. G. G. Dent and John Abee were appointed reading clerks, and the following churches were represented by letter or messenger:

Big Creek—W. A. Watkins.

Bold Springs—J. F. Butler.

Calamine—James Maxville, T. W. Brasher and Sister Mary Street.

Clover Bend—A. L. Lee.

Corinth—J. F. Butler.

Lone Oak—Henry Clements and J. A. Justus.

Lebanon—G. B. Freeman.

Mt. Zion—S. H. Clements and Sister Berly Clements.

New Hope—H. A. Moore, Hector McLeod and J. N. Borah.

Pt. Grove—Ray Pickett.

Pt. Hill—O. F. Rider, R. B. Penn and W. R. Osborn.

Smithville—J. J. Bellamy, John Helm and J. E. Moore.

Union—B. H. Wilson, J. A. Miller and J. R. Wilson.

Little Spring—G. W. Smith, M. A. Thompkins and W. S. Morris.

Mt. View—Chas. L. Bowers and Sister Hattie Bowers.

Rings Chappel—Berry Curtis and Sister Virgie Curtis.

Portia—By letter.

Centerville—By letter.

The body then went into the election of moderator and clerk. Bro. J. J. Bellamy was elected moderator and J. E. Moore was re-elected clerk.

The following were enrolled as visiting Brethren and Sisters: Bros. J. L. Brown, J. A. Smith, E. W. James, J. C. Penn, Wm Lewsaw, Wm Raney, Wm Helm, W. J. Field, W. R. McEwin; Sister Luna Watson. By motion and second Bro. W. A. Watkins was seated as a messenger from Big Creek Church.

Committee on divine service, Bros. Ray Pickett, John Helm and H. A. Moore.

Motion and second carried to go into the selection of a place to hold the next meeting, to elect some one to preach the introductory sermon, and some one to write the circular letter. Lebanon was selected as the place to hold the meeting, Bro. George Helm to preach the sermon and Bro. John Abree to write the circular letter. Bros. R. B. Penn, S. H. Clements and H. McLeod were appointed committee on Sunday Schools, and Bros. J. H. Justus, I. N. Sparks and O. F. Rider were appointed on finance committee.

The committee on divine service reported that Bro. J. A. Smith preach at 7:30, and Dr. N. R. Townsend preach at 11 A. M., Sunday.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M.—Bro. J. A. Smith preached a fine sermon from the 20th verse of the 12th chapter of Matthew. A collection was taken for the Texarkana Orphan's Home which amounted to \$7.60.

Adjourned to meet at 10 A. M., Sunday.

Sunday, 10 A. M.—Prayer by Bro. Wm Raney. The committee on Sunday School made its report which, after being discussed, was adopted. (See appendix I.)

The following committees were appointed:

Orphan's Home—Ray Pickett, B. H. Wilson, and A. L. Lee.

State of Churches—W. R. Osborne, W. S. Norris and J. T. Freeman.

Correspondence—John Borah, O. F. Rider and W. R. Osborn.

Education—J. E. Moore, Berry Curtis and Sister Mary Street.

Destitution—W. A. Watkins, J. A. Miller and Henry Clements.

State Missions—J. R. Wilson, A. J. McGinnis and James Maxville.

Associational Missions—S. H. Clements, W. A. Watkins and B. H. Wilson.

Foreign Missions—J. T. Helm, Hattie Bowers and G. B. Freeman.

Literature—H. A. Moore, R. B. Penn and J. A. Miller.

Memorials of the Dead—C. L. Bowers, Hattie Bowers and Berley Clements.

Dr. N. R. Townsend did not arrive in time to preach at 11 o'clock, and Bro. W. R. McEwin preached at the Baptist Church. Bro. McEwin read the 2nd chapter of Daniel, and preached a good sermon from the 14th verse of the 5th chapter of Matt.—Subject: "Baptist Opportunities". Bro. J. L. Brown preached at the Methodist Church at the same hour, to a large and attentive congregation, and is said to have preached a splendid sermon. In the afternoon Dr. N. R. Townsend preached a very feeling, and highly appreciated sermon from Bro. A. D. Taylor's porch to a yard full of attentive hearers.

7:30 P. M.—Dr. N. R. Townsend preached to a large congregation on the subject of "Jonah and the Whale". The report of the committee on prohibition was read and adopted, (See appendix II.) A collection was taken for state missions, which amounted to \$12.71.

Adjourned to meet at 8 A. M., Monday.

8 A. M. Monday—The body was called to order by the moderator and after singing and prayer, proceeded to the transmissioe of businsss. The fo'llowing committees made their reports which were adopted: State of Churches, (see appendix III.), Destitution, (see appendix IV.), Associational Missions, (see appendix V.), State Missions, (see appendix VI.), Foreign Missions, (see appendix VII.), Education, (see appendix VIII.), Baptist Literature, (see appendix IX.) and Orphans' Home,

(see appendix X.)

The following messengers were appointed to attend the following Associations: Rocky Bayou—Bro. Geo. Helm, Current River—Bro. J. A. Justus, State Line—Bro. J. D. Butler, Little Red River—Bro. J. E. Moore, Jonesboro—Bro. J. J. Bellamy, Independence—Bro. J. T. Helm, Big Creek—Bro. John Abée, Macedonia—Bros. S. Stratton, J. D. Butler and Sister Dora White. The finance committee made its report, which was adopted, (see appendix XI.) Committee on ministerial directory made its report, (see appendix XII.) The committee on the dead reported, (see appendix XIII.)

In order to carry out the report of the committee on associational missions, the following committee was appointed: H. A. Moore, J. J. Bellamy, John Helm, John Abée and J. E. Moore.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the people of Smithville and surrounding community for their kindness and hospitality, and that we tender our thanks to the moderator and clerk for their kindness and patience during the session, and that the clerk have 400 copies of the minutes printed.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again", adjourned to meet with Labanon church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917. Thus ended one of the most harmonious sessions we have had in several years.

J. E. MOORE, clerk.

APPENDIX.

(I.)

We, your committee on Sunday-schools, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe that it is our duty to teach the word of God, and in order to do this we recommend that each church organize and maintain a Sunday-school. We recommend that they use the Bible for their guide, and use any sound Baptist literature, such as Landmark Literature.

Committee { R. B. Penn,
Hector McLeod,
Sam Clements.

(II.)

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe the liquor traffic to be the most nefarious and injurious business that the American people have to deal with; and we note with great satisfaction the growing sentiment in favor of, not local option, but, state and nation-wide prohibition.

Statistics show that the results of the State Prohibition Law, as enacted by our last legislature, has proven entirely satisfactory to all the people of the state except the liquorites who are now seeking the repeal of, not only the state-wide prohibition law, but all the laws passed against this evil within the last forty years, by what is known as the Ben Griffin Act No. 2.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that every voter in the state will be called upon to vote for or against this act in the coming November election, and we urge that the Baptist of the state, and indeed every one who is opposed to this traffic, vote and work against Act No. 2.

Committee { J. E. Moore,
G. L. Bowers,
J. N. Borah.

(III.)

We your committee on state of churches submit the follow-

ing: We notice most of the churches have pastors, but little has been accomplished during the year, not much paid for the cause of Christ, therefore we recommend that the churches each effect a Sunday-school and arrange monthly service in some way. If in no other way, have prayer meeting.

Committee, { W. R. Osborn,
J. T. Freeman,
W. S. Norris.

(IV.)

We, your committee on destitution, beg leave to submit the following:

That territory lying north of Evening Shade to the state line embracing that territory west from Williford to Mammoth Spring. Also, we notice great destitution west of Black river in the South-east boundary of Spring River Association.

Committee, { W. A. Watkins,
Henry Clements.

(V.)

We, your committee on associational missions, beg leave to submit the following thoughts for your consideration:

We understand from the reading of the holy scriptures that Jesus Christ our Lord, when he organized the church, commissioned it to preach the gospel to all the world. We also recommend that each and every church composing Spring River Association adopt the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ in laying by yourselves in store on the first day of the week.

We recommend that an associational mission committee of five be elected to take up the associational mission work with the churches and do such mission work as in their wisdom seems best.

Committee, { S. H. Clements,
W. A. Watkins.

(VI.)

We, your committee on state missions, submit the following: State missions to us means missions in Arkansas. There

Are many fields of destitution in our state and it is our duty as Baptist to preach the gospel to the people in these destitute places. The State Association churches have six missionaries in Arkansas this year. They are doing a good work and the Lord is blessing their labors. We recommend that the churches comprising this association inform themselves about the work and that they contribute of their means to the support of these missionaries. Respectfully submitted.

Committee, { J. R. Wilson,
J. M. Maxwell.

(VII.)

The subject of foreign missions has never been stirred very much in our association. It is a subject of great importance and should be considered in the light of God's word and given the attention which it justly deserves. Whether it is taught and commanded in the bible is not the question, but where and how much will we undertake to do. We believe the spirit of the commission is to begin at home and then to reach out unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Committee, { Jno. Helm,
G. B. Freeman.

(VIII.)

We, your committee on education, beg leave to submit the following report:

We believe that education is a potent factor against vice and immorality, and we believe that it is the duty of every parent to do all in their power to give their children the proper training in our public schools, and to send them to the higher schools of our state, and especially to our denominational schools where they can receive the proper training of the head and heart, and be prepared to enter upon a useful career in life.

Respectfully submitted, { J. E. Moore,
Committee, { Berry Curtis,
Mary A. Street.

(IX.)

We, your committee on Baptist literature submit the following: We believe the reading of the bible is neglected more

than it should be; therefore we urge a more careful study of the bible in connection with our Sunday-schools.

We further recommend all Baptist literature that is sound in the faith and doctrine of the bible.

Committee, { H. A. Moore,
J. R. Wilson,
R. B. Penn.

(X.)

We, your committee on orphans' home, report the following:

We have in the orphans' home at Texarkana, Ark. about 40 children for our support. In this home everything will be needed that is needed in any home—beds, clothing, provisions, and anything you would need in supporting your own family. We recommend that boxes of clothing and provisions be sent to T. H. Carter, Texarkana, Ark., and that collections be taken in every church in the Spring River Association and the money sent to J. W. Sims, Malvern, Ark.

Committee, { J. F. Butler,
Henry Clements,
G. H. Justus.

(XI.)

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Minute fund from churches	\$17.15.
Rec'd from public collection for minutes	7.45.
Total	\$24.60.

Committee, { O. F. Rider,
J. A. Justus,
I. N. Sparks.

(XII.)

We, your committee on ministerial directory, beg leave to make the following report:

Bain, L. A.	Cave City, Ark.
Buck, R. M.	Hardy, "
Butler, J. F.	Grange, "
Butler, J. D.	Denton, "

Clements, S. H.	Frisbee, Ark.
Christenberry, P. M.	Cave City, "
Gibson, O. H.	Swifton, "
Hall, Elam	Portia, "
Helm, George	Smithville, "
Hill, J. G.	Frisbee, "
Jones, Riley	Denton, "
Raney, Wm	Strawberry, "
Stratton, Sam	Smithville, "
Watkins, W. A.	Bengay, "

Committee, { C. H. Justus,
W. S. Norris,
A. L. Lee.

(XIII.)

We, your committee on memorials of the dead, beg leave to report as follows:

Again the death angel has visited some of our homes and plucked flowers of earth to plant in the garden of Heaven.

We find there has been 14 deaths in our association the past year.

Committee, { Hector McLeod,
J. R. Wilson,
Berly Clements,

CLERK'S REPORT.

J. E. Moore in account with Spring River Baptist Association, Sept. 27, 1916.

Received of Finance Committee	\$15.20
Paid for minutes	10.00
Paid postage80
Clerk's fees	10.00
Balance due Clerk	5.60
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	\$20.80 \$20.80

J. E. Moore, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As treasurer of associational missions I beg leave to submit the following report:

I have received for the missionary, . . . \$21.96.

I have paid the missionary . . . \$21.96.

W. J. Field.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Work done:	Sermons preached	27
	Lectures on temperance	3
	Churches organized	00
	Sunday-schools organized	3
	Miles traveled	217
	Homes visited	37
	Money received	\$23.75
	Money spent	3.85

The results of service:

So far as could be stated, 7 conversions.

W. A. Watkins, Associational Missionary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDANT	SECRETARY	No. Officers	No. Pupils	Contributions	POST OFFICE
Mt. View	D. W. Puckett		5	45		
Portia	S. M. Prince	Ruth Frazer	5	35	\$27.14	Portia, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	O. F. Rider	Chas. Osborn	5	50	6.00	Lynn, Ark.
Smithville	S. Stratton	Marie White	2	32	7.34	Smithville, Ark.
Union			5	45		Jesup, Ark.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE
Bold Springs		S. R. Erwin	Shelbyville, Ark
Calamine			
Centerville	J. L. Brown	J. W. C. Gardner	Kenyon, "
Glover Bend	J. D. Butler	S. B. Bell	Glover Bend, "
Gorinth	J. W. Jones	M. McGinnis	Grange "
Lebanon	G. W. Helm	R. L. Grooms	Nelsonville "
Lone Oak	J. D. Butler	W. F. Pickett	Worill, "
Little Spring		G. H. Justus	Poughkeepsie, "
Mt. View	J. T. Jones	Hattie Bowers	Mobley, "
Mt. Zion	James Hill	C. D. Wade	Worill, "
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Pt Grove	G. B. Borah	Ray Pickett	Annieville, "
Portia	J. E. Sherrell	Mrs. S. E. Thorn	Portia, "
Pt Hill	J. E. Sherrell	Jas. Goodwin	Lynn, "
Rings Chapel		Chas. McLeod	Emery, "
Smithville	J. L. Brown	Dora White	Smithville, "
Union	G. W. James	J. R. Wilson	Jesup, "

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	Ordained Ministers	Licentates	MEMBERSHIP							Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS		Orphans' Home	Other Charities	Minute Fund	Improvement on Church Property	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total Contributions
			Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Total Accessions	Died	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Total Diminutions	Total Membership	Home	Associational						
BOLD SPRING										32						\$.50			\$.50
CALAMINE				4		4				35						.60		\$ 17.50	18.10
CENTERVILLE		3				3	3	2		5	39		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.65	\$ 5.00	\$ 2	1.50	24.50	132.60
GLOVER BEND			1			1	1			1	57					.75			.75
CORINTH		1						7	1	8	30		40			.50			40.50
LEBANON										90						1.50			1.50
LONE OAK	3		20	4		24	2		1	3	81	\$ 325	50	\$ 2.00		1.00			53.00
LITTLE SPRINGS			1			1		2		2	54	400				.75			.75
MT. VIEW				2		2					35	300	36			1.15			37.15
MT. ZION	2						1	1		2		36				1.00			37.00
NEW HOPE			4			4	4	11		15	146	1000	166			1.25		11.90	179.15
PT. GROVE							1			1	90	500	60			1.00			61.00
PT. HILL			1	2	1	4					33	700	140			1.00			145.00
PORTIA	1						3	6		9	125	600	150		5.00	1.35		2.18	158.53
RINGS CHAPEL							2			2	58	400		11.00	10.35	.90		2.00	24.25
SMITHVILLE	1		5	1	2	8		4		4	50	600	120	3.00		1.50	\$.75	21.00	145.50
UNION			1			1					66	400	78			1.00			79.00

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