

**MINUTES**

*of the*

**Fiftieth Meeting**

*of the*

**Spring River  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Held with the**

**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Annieville, Arkansas.**

September 21, 22 and 23, 1918.



*Officers:*

Eld. S. STRATTON, Moderator.

Bro. A. V. BELLAMY, Clerk.

## MINUTES.



THE SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its fiftieth annual session with Pleasant Grove Church, An-nieville, Lawrence County, Ark., September 21, 1918. The moderator read a part of the 14th chapter of Revelations and after prayer preached a good sermon from the 125th Psalms, Theme, "The Lost Bible".

At 2 P. M. the moderator called the body to order and after prayer by Bro. Butler, appointed Bros. J. J. Bellamy and G. G. Dent reading clerks, and called for letters from the Churches, and the following answered by letter or messenger.

Centerville—Bro. W. Stoner.

Glover Bend—Bros. J. R. Norman, A. L. Lee, Sister Norman

Jerusalem—Bros. R. E. Penn, Dan Penn.

Lebanon—Bro. I. N. Sparks.

Lone Oak—Bros. J. L. Hill, W. A. Helm.

New Hope—Bros. Hector McLeod, J. B. Smith.

Portia—Bro. S. M. Prince, Sister Mary Prince,

Pt. Hill—Bros. R. B. Penn, J. T. Osborn, W. R. Osborn.

Pt Grove—Bro. W. I. Dent, Sisters Ruby Montgomery, Nellie Dent.

Union—Bros. J. A. Miller, B. H. Wilson, Sister Rena Miller.

New Home—Bros. J. D. Butler, G. W. Helm, Herman Broad-way.

Smithville—Bros. J. T. Helm, A. V. Bellamy, Sister Paralee Bellamy.

Rings Chappel—Bro. Claud Grigler.

Fairview—Bros. G. W. McCarroll, Oscar Davis, W. S. Ward.

The Association next proceeded to elect officers for the en-suing year which resulted in the election of Eld. S. Stratton moderator and A. V. Bellamy clerk.

On call for visiting members Bro. J. H. Box and Sister Box, of Pleasant Hill Church, and Sisters Lucy Stoner and Ella Reed, from Centerville Church responded.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed, and reported that Bro. Berry Wilson would preach at 7:30 P. M.

Motion and second that Bro. R. E. Penn read the circular

letter written by him. The letter was read and adopted.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Association selected Pleasant Hill as the next meeting place; also, selected Eld. W. A. Watkins to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. J. E. Moore to write the circular letter, after which the moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday School—Bros. R. E. Penn, J. A. Miller, G. W. Helms.

Finance—Bros. Sam Clements, J. L. Hill, J. T. Helms.

On motion a recess was taken 'til 7:30 P. M.

#### (NIGHT SESSION.)

Meeting was called together by singing and after prayer by Bro. Weaver, Bro. Berry Wilson preached a fine sermon from John xv.14. (Subject, Love One Another), after which the meeting adjourned 'til 9:30 A. M., Sunday.

#### SUNDAY.

The Association convened at 9:30 A. M. Sunday, and after song service and prayer the Committee on Sunday School made its report, which after being discussed by Bros. J. W. Weaver, S. Clements, G. W. Helm and W. R. McEwin. was adopted. (see appendix) after which the committees names were announced, the names of which will be found at the close of their respective report. (see appendix).

At 11 o'clock Bro. Christenberry preached a good sermon from Rev. xxii. 13—"I Am Alpha and Omega, The Beginning and the End", after which a collection was taken for the Orohana Home which amounted to \$15.35. Intermission was taken 'til 2 P. M.

The Association convened at 2:30, by singing "Amazing Grace" and prayer by Bro. Stratton, after which Bro. McEwin preached a good sermon from 1st Peter iv. 10. (subject, Good Stewardship). The Camp Pastor Resolution was then read and adopted. Adjourned 'til 7:30 P. M.

At 7:30 Bro. Butler preached a fine sermon from Mark x.29-30, on the subject of giving.

#### MONDAY.

At 9:00 A. M. Monday, the Association was called together by singing and prayer, after which reports from the following committees were adopted: (See appendix.)

Committee on Baptist Literature.

Committee on Foreign Missions.



Committee on Prohibition.

Committee on Orphans home—report was discussed by Bros. J. T. Helms, R. E. Penn, S. M. Prince, J. J. Bellamy and R. B. Penn, and was adopted as amended.

Committee on Ministerial Directory.

Committee on State Missions—report discussed and adopted as amended.

Committee on State of Churches.

Committee on Destitution—report discussed and adopted.

Committee on Associational Missions—report discussed and amended to show amount collected this year.

Committee on Education.

Motion and second carried to Continue the committee selected last year as Associational Committee. Bro. Stratton resigned, and after being complimented for his faithful work and urged to remain on the committee, his resignation was accepted and Bro. R. E. Penn was selected in his place.

Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted.

The Association adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the Delegates of Spring River Baptist Association extend our heartfelt thanks to Pleasant Grove Church and the people of the community for their hospitality and kind treatment during our stay with them, and

Be it Resolved, That we thank the moderator and clerk for their faithful work during our meeting, and

That the clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed, and that he have \$10 for his service.

After parting song, parting handshake, and prayer by Bro. Butler, the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant-Hill Church, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1919.

Thus the fiftieth session of the Spring River Association passed into history. The preaching was good, the membership of Pleasant Grove Church was more than kind, and we feel that the cause of Christ was upheld and God was glorified.

Perhaps the most serious failing in this association has been lack of information and co-operation. Brethren, can we not resolve to improve along this line before our next meeting?

A. V. BELLAMY, Clerkr.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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To the Messengers of the Spring River Baptist Association:

In compliance with the wish of this association when convened one year ago I submit the following:-

My subject is "Christ's Imputed Righteousness to us". In discussing this subject I want to bring out a few thoughts in reference to the difference between our righteousness and the righteousness of Christ.

First, in Mat. v.20, Christ tells the people in his sermon on the Mount that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. We find from the teaching of the bible that the Pharisees trusted in their works for salvation. Take the young man referred to in Mat. xix.20. This young man had almost reached perfection, he only lacked one thing, and the book tells us that this young man went away sorrowful. So if we depend on our own works for salvation we will fall far short of this young man, as we lack in many things. Isaiah tells us in LXIV.6, "But we are all an unclean thing and all our righteousness is as filthy rags". In Paul's letter to Titus III.5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost". Now since the Pharisees were great believers in salvation by their works of righteousness, and we can not exceed them in works; the question is, how can we exceed them in righteousness? Paul tells us in Rom. iv.4-6, "Now, to him that worketh is reward not reckoned of grace but of debt to him that worketh not but believeth in Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness; even as David also describeth blessedness of the man unto whom God imputed righteousness without works." Who is the man that God imputed righteousness without works? Rom. iv.3, "For what saith the scriptures, Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness." That being true with Abraham so it is true with us to-day, that when we believe in or accept Christ as our savior then it is that Christ's righteousness is imputed or counted to us. In Rom. iv.8, Paul says, blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. So



we see that the man that has the Imputed righteousness of Christ the Lord will not count sin-against.

But, further, as to how we obtain His righteousness, in Rom. ix.30 Paul says that the Gentiles which followed not after righteousness have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. And Paul goes on in the 31 and 32, verses of the same chapter and says "But Israel which followed after the law of righteousness hath not attained to the law of righteousness wherefore because they sought it not by faith but as it were by the works of the law, for they stumbled at that stumblingstone". There are folks even now that are stumbling over the same stumblingstone that Israel did, trying to attain to Christ's righteousness by works.

So we see how we can exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees since they only had their righteousness on good works, and the believer in Christ has Christ's righteousness imputed or counted to him. That being true, just as sure as Christ's righteousness never fails just that sure the man that has the imputed righteousness of Christ shall never fail. Because Paul says the Lord will not impute or count sin against the man that has His imputed righteousness.

With this assurance we should be inspired to greater activity along the line of good works because in Eph. ii.10 Paul says "For we are His workmanship created unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them".

R. E. PENN.

# Appendix.

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday School beg leave to submit the following: We find from the reading of the letters from the churches that a large per cent did not report any Sunday School, and we recommend that the messengers of the churches urge the work of Sunday School; as we find where there is a Sunday School there is a live church. We also recommend Landmark literature which can be had at Texarkana. Ark.

G. W. Helms, R. E. Penn.

J. A. Miller, 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 therefore recommend the most careful and prayerful reading of the bible, as it should be our standard text book. Our children should be taught its sacred truths. We also recommend that we use Landmark Baptist literature as conforms to God's word, we also recommend the Baptist and Commoner.

W. R. Osborn, F. M. Biggs,

I. N. Sparks, Committee.

### ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following: The subject of Foreign Missions is one of great importance at this time. Perhaps of more importance than at any other time on account of the world war. Many souls are being hurled into Eternity and many are going unprepared. We, your committee, urge that we use every effort to carry the gospel to those who need it.

J. B. Smith, W. A. Helm,  
Committee.

### ON PROHIBITION

We, your committee on Prohibition, beg leave to report as follows: Whereas the practice of ardent drink has been greatly overcome. we therefore recommend that the churches of this



association use their utmost endeavor to keep it forever banished from our country.

J. T. Helms, C. H. Broadway,  
Paralee Bellamy, Committee.

#### ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: We feel that there is no Institute that should appeal to our sympathy more than the Orphans' Home, and places where they are taught the doctrines of the bible, clothed and fed. As we now have established at Texarkana an orphans' home we recommend that the churches of this association take regular collections for the benefit of this Institute, and that pastors be urged to take collections monthly in their churches for the home.

J. A. Miller, J. B. Smith,  
Rena Miller, Committee.

#### ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following: State Missions means missions in Arkansas. There are many destitute places in our State that needs the gospel of our Lord and Savior to be preached, and we recommend that our missionaries seek out all destitute places where they have no preaching, and preach the gospel in such places. The State Association has several missionaries in the field this year. They are doing a good work for the Lord, and we recommend that the churches contribute liberally to support the cause and that our pastors be urged to take quarterly collections for mission funds.

J. T. Osborn, R. B. Penn,  
H. McLeod, Committee.

#### ON MEMORIALS OF THE DEAD

We, your committee on Memorials of the Dead, report as follows: Again the death angel has visited some of our homes and claimed a considerable number of our dear members. We find that there has been 11 deaths in our Association this year.

W. S. Ward, G. W. McCarroll,  
Committee.

#### ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following: We find a great need of much more work throughout our association. Therefore we recommend that the present method of doing mission work be recommended for another year. We report also: (over)



Amount received from churches for mission fund..	\$94.15
Amount expended for preaching in destitute places	48.00
Amount on hand September 23, 1918.....	46.15

J. D. Butler, J. L. Hill,  
Committee.

#### ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, submit the following: We believe that education is elevating in a measure both literary and spiritually and we recommend that our members take advantage of our public schools, and where financially able take advantage of our Baptist Colleges, such as the college at Jacksonville, Tex.

W. A. Helm, Dan Penn.  
S. M. Prince, Committee.

#### ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

We, your committee on State of Churches, submit the following: We notice most of the churches have pastors, but little has been accomplished during the year, as the spirituality of the churches is very low. Some churches report good meeting, while others report no visible results. We are glad to note the fact that our churches have been awakened to the gospel of giving, since our collections have shown more than ever before. Therefore we recommend that the brethren and sisters engage much in prayer for a great outpouring of the Spirit on the work, laying themselves upon the altar of the service by supporting the ministry and other causes.

B. H. Wilson, S. H. Clements,  
R. E. Ross, Committee.

#### ON DESTITUTION.

We, your committee on Destitution beg leave to report as follows: We call attention to a few places of destitution within our bounds. Among the many places where we think effective work can be done now are Oak Leaf, Rock Creek, Ash Flat, Evening Shade, and Williford.

J. D. Butler, J. L. Hill,  
Committee.

#### ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your committee on Correspondence, recommend that we correspond with the following associations: Rocky Bayou, Red River, Jonesboro, Independence and Macedonia.

D. B. Penn, R. E. Penn,  
Committee.

Brethren to represent us in the associations mentioned:

Rocky Bayou.....Bro. J. D. Butler.  
Red River.....Bro. S. M. Prince.  
Jonesboro.....Bro. W. A. Watkins.  
Macedonia.....Bro. R. E. Penn.  
Independence.....Bro. J. T. Helm.

#### ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received of churches for minute fund.....\$20.90

Collection taken for minute fund..... 3.85

Total.....\$24.75

J. T. Helm, S. H. Clements,

J. L. Hill, Committee.

#### ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, FIELD WORK.

We, your committee on Association Missions, submit the following report:

Eld. J. D. Butler, 9 days in field, preached 9 sermons at the Norton School House in Sharp County. Conversions 1, Converted to Baptist doctrine, 3. Collected in field \$10.60, paid by committee \$15.00, total \$25.60.

Eld. W. A. Watkins, 6 days in field at Williford. Preached 10 sermons, no conversions. Collected \$2, paid by committee \$13 total \$15.

Eld. P. M. Christenberry, 6 days in field at Penn School House. Preached 8 sermons, no conversions. Collected \$6, paid by committee \$20, total \$26.

S. Stratton, J. E. Moore, J. T. Helm,

H. A. Moore, J. A. Abee, Committee.



## SUNDAY-SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

CHURCH.	SUPT.	SEC'Y.	Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Contributions	P. O.
Jerusalem	R. E. Penn	J. R. Penn jr	4	47	\$7.13	Strawberry
New Home	H. F. Black	J. W. Daily	4	56	.....	Smithville
Centerville	Geo. Boles	Lora Reid	4	66	.....	Tuckerman
Fair View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Imboden
Union	B. H. Wilson	Louis Coak	4	50	2 00	Calamine
Portia	S. R. Prince	P. Watson	3	40	16.00	Portia
Pt. Hill	J.R. Winford	Carson Rider	3	40	10.40	Lynn
			22	299	35.53	

## MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

S. H. Clements,.....	Frisbee, Ark.
G. W. Helm,.....	Sitka, Ark.
S. A. Pane,.....	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
B. H. Wilson,.....	Calamine, Ark.
J. F. Butler,.....	Grange, Ark.
J. D. Butler,.....	Smithville, Ark.
W. R. Jones,.....	Emery, Ark.
J. L. Hill,.....	Worl, Ark.
O. H. Gibson,.....	Minturn, Ark.
W. A. Watkins,.....	Bengay, Ark.
M. D. East,.....	Denton, Ark.
W. M. Raney,.....	Strawberry, Ark.
Eld. Williams,.....	Portia, Ark.
Sam Stratton,.....	Smithville, Ark.

### LICENTATES.

Dr. C. D. Tibbels,.....	Smithville, Ark.
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## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	P. O.
Centerville	J. N. Weaver	J.W.M'Loughlin	Tuckerman,
Clover Bend	.....	S. B Bell	Alicia,
Fair View	.....	R.B.M'Loughlin	Imboden,
Jerusalem	J. L. Brown	W. A. Campbell	Strawberry,
Lebanon	J. L. Hill	C. D. Miller	Nelsonville,
Lone Oak	G. W. Helm	Nellie Clements	Frisbee,
Mt. Zion	W. A. Watkins	C. D. Wade	Williford,
New Hope	G. W. James	W. H. McLeod	Denton,
New Home	G. W. Helm	R. R. Taylor	Smithville,
Pleasant Grove	J. D. Butler	Ray Pickett	Ravenden,
Portia	J. J. Matthews	S. M. Prince	Portia,
Pleasant Hill	J. L. Brown	Jas. Goodwin	Lynn,
Union	G. W. James	J. R. Wilson	Jesup,
Rings Chappel	J. S. Johnson	Claud Grigler	Bengay,
Smithville	J. N. Weaver	Dora White	Smithville
Little Spring	S. Stratton	G. W. Smith	Poughkeepsie,



# GENERAL TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCH.	Ordained Ministers	Licentates	MEMBERSHIP							Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS		Orphans' Home	Minute Fund	Miscellaneous Contributions	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals
			Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Total Admissions	Dis'd by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Diminutions	Total Membership	Home	Associational					
CENTERVILLE	---	1	4	---	---	4	3	---	---	3	44	---	---	\$ 7.00	\$2.00	---	56.00	---
CLOVER BEND	---	---	1	2	---	3	1	2	---	3	60	---	---	---	1.00	---	---	---
FAIR VIEW	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	---	---	---	---	.70	---	---	---
JERUSALEM	---	---	---	1	---	1	2	---	---	2	---	---	\$ 10.00	11.53	1.50	---	4.00	---
LEBANON	---	---	7	---	---	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	6.50	---	1.05	---	---	---
LONE OAK	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	1	4	54	---	5.00	---	1.50	3.20	---	---
MT. ZION	2	---	---	4	---	4	1	---	---	1	31	---	5.00	---	1.00	---	---	---
NEW HOPE	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	---	4	123	---	10.00	---	1.50	---	---	---
NEW HOME	2	---	7	7	---	14	2	---	1	3	62	---	10.00	---	1.25	---	---	---
PT. GROVE	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	80	---	11.50	---	1.25	---	---	---
PORTIA	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1	4	31	---	---	9.00	1.00	---	65.00	10.00
PT. HILL	1	---	3	---	---	3	2	---	---	2	141	---	20.00	21.79	2.00	---	---	13.00
UNION	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	2	---	3	63	---	6.75	---	1.00	---	---	---
RINGS CHAPPEL	1	---	---	2	---	2	4	1	---	5	41	---	---	6.00	.75	125.00	---	4.00
SMITHVILLE	1	1	9	---	---	9	---	1	---	1	57	---	---	4.00	1.50	---	---	---
LITTLE SPRING	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.00	---	---	---
Total	12	2	41	16	---	47	20	15	6	49	787	---	99.65	6.00	56.82	21.00	127.20	---