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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
♦ OF THE ♦  
TWENTY-EIGHTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
♦ OF THE ♦  
Spring River  
Baptist Association,  
WHEN CONVENED WITH  
Shiloh Baptist Church,  
Randolph County, Ark.,  
September 26-29, 1896.

*Officers:*

ELDER R. P. BAIN, MODERATOR, Reed's Creek, Ark.  
N. R. TOWNSEND, CLERK, Black Rock, Ark.

# MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.



Abee, H. W.,	Smithville,	Ark.
Abernathy, S. W.,	Tuckerman,	"
Allison, J. A.,	Noland,	"
Applegate, J. M.,	Portia,	"
Bain, L. A.,	Mobley,	"
Bain, R. P.,	Reeds Creek,	"
Bellamy, R. B.,	Imboden,	"
Borah, G. B.,	Smithville,	"
Bowers, M. D.,	Maynard,	"
Busick, J. M.,	Portia,	"
Butler, J. F.,	Calamine,	"
Chisenberry, P. M.,	Grange,	"
East, M. D.,	Denton,	"
Edrington, W. L.,	Pocahontas,	"
Eskridge, B. N.,	Walnut Ridge,	"
Frezele, M. W.,	Paughkeepsie,	"
Hodge, C.,	Alicia,	"
Hughes, W. H.,	Pocahontas,	"
Hunt, D. E.,	Powhatan,	"
Jackson, W. A.,	Evening Shade,	"
Johnson, J. G.,	Maxville,	"
Johnson, W. M.,	Maxville,	"
Marshall, W. R.,	Walnut Ridge,	"
McCall, N. H.,	Hoxie,	"
Moore, H. C.,	Portia,	"
Park, S. J.,	Black Rock,	"
Penn, R. J.,	Strawberry,	"
Robinson, T. J.,	Walnut Ridge,	"
Shook, Jno. N.,	Alicia,	"
Stephens, Isaac,	Imboden,	"
Vannoy, J. C.,	Black Rock,	"
Wayland, H. B.,	Smithville,	"
White, H. B.,	Reed,	"

## PROCEEDINGS.

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**S**PRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in its twenty-eighth session with Shiloh church, Randolph county, Arkansas, on Saturday, September 26, 1896.

As per previous election, Elder R. P. Bain preached the introductory sermon from Jer., 9:3. Theme, "Valor for Truth."

After refreshments the body was called to order, the Moderator, Eld. R. P. Bain, in the chair, prayer by the moderator.

Eld. J. W. Hiatt and Bro. James H. Townsend were appointed reading clerks; and letters from the various churches were read, and messengers names enrolled. (See statistics.)

Brethren J. W. Hiatt and James H. Townsend were appointed to take the vote, and the body proceeded to the election of officers for the year, which resulted in the election of Eld. R. P. Bain for moderator, and N. R. Townsend, clerk. Bro. Bain made a short talk thanking the body for the honor conferred.

On call for corresponding messengers, the following brethren had their names enrolled and accepted seats with us, to wit: From State Line association, Eld. D. A. Presley, L. F. Maynard, J. W. Richardson and T. B. Abernathy; from Independence association, Eld. J. L. Brown; from Mount Zion association, Eld. E. P. Minton.



On call, the following visiting brethren accepted seats with us, towit: Eld. J. W. Hiatt, of Mountain Home Baptist College, and Dr. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, Ark., representing the interests of Baptist State Convention of Arkansas.

On call for petitionary letters, Houghton's Chapel Baptist church, and Egypt Baptist church each presented letters, and through their messengers asked admission into this union. On motion each was granted admission, and their messengers were given the hand of fellowship by the moderator, and accepted seats with us.

The moderator appointed a committee on divine services, consisting of the messengers of Shiloh church, towit: J. D. Haynes, I. W. Staniford and J. R. Edrington.

On call, N. R. Townsend presented and read the following circular letter, which was received and adopted by the body and ordered made a part of the minutes.

### *CIRCULAR LETTER*

To the Ministers and Messengers of Spring River Association,

DEAR BRETHREN:—

In compliance with your will, I submit the following circular letter. My theme is

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELFARE OF HIS FELLOW MAN.

When Cain killed his brother Abel, the Lord asked him, "Where is Abel, thy Brother?" and Cain replied, "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?" In recording this short conversation, God clearly teaches that we ARE our brothers' keepers. Many people claim that we are not responsible for the welfare of others. This idea is often crudely expressed by the words "Every vessel must stand on its own bottom," or words to that effect. But that sentiment was born of Satan, and not of God. It is the thought as expressed by Cain when he asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" When men make use of such language, it is always to excuse themselves for not performing some

duty which they either recognize as being such, or else know that others so consider it.

When God asks, "What hast thou done?" and says "The voice of thy brother's blood cries unto me from the ground" it don't necessarily imply that we have done anything. We are as guilty of the blood of our brother, if he died because of our failing to do a known duty, as we would be had we been directly instrumental in his destruction. A sin of OMISSION is as grievous in God's sight as one of COMMISSION.

To one whom God had made a "watchman unto the house of Israel," he said, Ezek. 3:17-19, "Hear the word of my mouth and give them warning from me when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THY HAND. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked ways, he shall die in his iniquity; but THOU HAST DELIVERED THY SOUL."

Failing to teach our fellow man the consequences of sin, is as evil in God's sight, as leading him into sin. If we have the power to keep him from self-destruction, and fail to do so, it is as sinful as though we had been instrumental in his destruction. We are a party to the crime, not only before the law, but also before God. Brethren let us be sure that like Paul we can say, "I am pure from the blood of all men" Acts 20-26.

God says, (Ezek. 33:6) "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; BUT HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THE WATCHMAN'S HAND." Brethren, we are set as a "watchman." Have we been true to our trust? Will the blood of any one "taken away in his iniquity" be required at our hand?

When Solomon says to the parent, (Prov. 22:6) "Train up the child in the way he should go," and the parent fails to try to do so, it is a sin, and God will require the parent to give a strict account for his neglect. The voice of many a child's blood is crying unto God



against its parents for failing to teach it aright at the proper time.

When Christ says, (Mark 16:15.) "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and we fail to help in carrying out this heaven-born commission, the voice of the blood of the dying heathen will cry out unto God against us. Men often excuse themselves from helping send the gospel to others by saying "Charity begins at home." But the thought intended to be conveyed by those words is wholly foreign to the spirit of Christianity.

When God says, (Heb. 2:15.) "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him." and men deceive themselves by thinking those words apply only to him who SELLS intoxicants, they utterly miss the essence of this scripture. The man who votes to license the sale of whiskey, is as guilty of putting the bottle to his neighbor's lips as the one who stands behind the bar; and he who fails to vote against the traffic, is equally guilty with the one who votes for it. Refusing to co-operate with those who are fighting an evil, is as sinful as to co-operate with the evil-doers.

Brethren, let each ask himself the question, "Have I been instrumental in the destruction of any immortal soul?" Or has anyone gone into eternity unprepared, who might have been prepared, had I only sounded the note of warning?" Ah, let us be careful lest at the judgment day, God will say unto us, "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

Your brother in Christ,

N. R. TOWNSEND.

The following committees were appointed:

On state of the churches, i. W. Standiford, W. T. Cook, John W. Richardson.

On destitution, G. H. Ballard, J. D. Haynes, C. G. Bowden.

On Sunday schools, John P. Webb, Jesse N. Teats, Henry Bearden.

On missions, C. L. Byers, Bethel Parley, Robt A. Arnold.

On education, Elds. R. B. Bellamy, P. M. Christenberry; W. A. Henry.

On Baptist literature, Eld. Isaac Stevens, Joe E. Wilson, J. N. Norman

On temperance, Simon McLeod, J. T. McCullough, Eld. J. F. Butler.

On correspondence, John A. Wilson. J. J. Bowers, Eld. Wm. Raney.

On Finance, S. R. Erwin, J. T. Helm, J. R. Madison.

The committee on divine service, from time to time reported as follows:

Eld. J. W. Hiett, Saturday at 8 p. m.

Eld. W. A. Clark, Sunday at 11 a. m.

Eld. J. L. Brown, Sunday at 2 p. m.

Eld. E. P. Minton, Sunday at 8 p. m.

Dr. N. R. Townsend, Monday at 11 a. m.

Eld. R. B. Bellamy, Monday at 8 p. m.

Eld. J. F. Butler, Tuesday at 11 a. m.

On motion the body adjourned until 7:30 p. m. Saturday. Dismissed with prayer.

#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

At 7:20 p. m. the body was called together by singing, scripture reading, and prayer by Elder J. W. Hiett; Moderator Bain in the chair. The committee on education reported and at their own request, the report was recommitted to the committee and made to read as follows:

On Education:—

We, your committee on education make the following report: A good education is one of the pre-requisites to a proper development of man's intellectual and moral qualifications, and to a true understanding of God's revealed will. We recommend that the brotherhood of this association patronize our denominational schools located at Arkadelphia, Mountain Home and Conway. Let us use every effort to build up these institutions of learning within the borders of our own state. Especially should we encourage our young brethren who contemplate a life work in the gospel ministry, to attend one of these home institutions, and we name Jesse N. Teats as an associational beneficiary.

R. B. BELLAMY, Ch'm.



Dr. W. A. Clark made an excellent speech indorsing the report, after which Elder J. W. Hiatt preached from Is. 30:10, the clause which reads "Speak unto us smooth things." At the close of the sermon Brother Hiatt made a short talk to the above report and presented the claims of Mountain Home Baptist college. On motion, body adjourned till Monday at 8 a. m., September 28, 1896.

[Sunday, 11 a. m. Dr. W. A. Clark read for a lesson Gal. 1:1-9 and 2nd John 1. He used for texts, Gal. 1:8 and 2nd John 10. He called attention to various heresies commonly taught by those claiming to be gospel ministers, and explained the importance of avoiding even an apparent indorsement of them.

Sunday, 2 p. m., Elder J. L. Brown preached from the 10th chapter of Acts, calling attention to Cornelius as a model citizen; the congregation at his house as a model congregation: Peter, a model preacher and his sermon a model sermon:

Sunday, 8 p. m., Elder E. P. Minton preached from 1 Thes. 2:18, "Satan hindered us." The clerk was absent, but a number who heard the sermon expressed themselves as being pleased and helped by it.

The congregation during the day was necessarily small on account of the inclement weather, but we feel sure much good will result from these three sermons.

Clerk.]

#### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Body called together by singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Moderator Bain read Romans 12; prayer by Elder J. C. Vannoy. Body called to order by moderator. On call, Willow Springs church presented letter, and messengers' names were enrolled.

Roll was called and absentees noted. Minutes read and approved.

On call, for corresponding messengers and visiting brethren, none responded.

The following special committees were appointed:

On ministerial directory, Elder H. W. Abee, W. M. Odom, E. Monroe.

On nominations of boards of ministerial educators, and of District missions, Elders R. B. Bellamy, W. R. Marshall and J. T. Gatlin



The report on education was again called up, and a number of pledges taken to defray the expenses of Jesse N. Teats at school for the current term. These brethren pledged that their respective churches would pay when called on, small amounts, the brethren pledging, becoming responsible personally for amounts pledged. Total pledged, \$62 50.

On motion report was adopted and committee discharged.

On call for reports of committees, the following committees made their reports which were read, and on motion were received and adopted and committees discharged:

On state of churches,

We, your committee on state of churches, ask leave to make the following report: By investigation we find that in some portions of this association, the need of that spiritual activity necessary in order to have Christain prosperity. Yet we are informed that in the greater part of our association there is Christain work and prosperity; that most of the churches have pastors; and that there has been considerable revival work during the past year; and as God will not bless the indolent, we, your committee, advise that those who are not up and doing, heed the admonition of God and go to work.

M. D. EAST, Ch'm.

On destitution,

We, your committee on destitution, report as follows: The points destitute of gospel preaching situated within the bounds of this association are Pocahontas, Huffman's Mill, Imboden, and a territory along Caney creek. We suggest that this body devise some plan of supplying those destitute points.

G. H. BALLARD, Ch'm.

Elder J. L. Brown, J. W. Richardson and others made on this report

On missions,

Your committee on missions respectfully make the following report: We note with sadness that the cause of state and district missions is lagging in our association; but rejoice to see that the cause of home and foreign missions is still advancing as shown by the

reports of the home and foreign mission boards Brethren, let's see to it that we do our duty in this association along all lines of mission work. Recognizing that the Lord has made it obligatory on his people to carry the gospel into all the world, we urge the churches of this association to be zealous in carrying out this commission. We claim to be Missionary Baptists; we very earnestly contend for that feature of our doctrine from which we receive our name Baptists; should we not be equally zealous in contending for and sustaining that feature of our doctrine from which we receive our descriptive title, Missionary?

L. C. BYERS, Chairman,  
B. PARSLEY,  
R. A. ARNOLD.

To this report Elder J. L. Brown, Jas. H. Townsend, Elder R. P. Bain and others made short speeches; and Bro. Brown was asked to take a list of pledges to association mission work, which amounted to \$70.25 in pledges.

Committee on Divine services reported Dr. N. R. Townsend to preach at 11 a. m., and on motion business was suspended until 1:30 p. m.

[Monday, 11 a. m., the Clerk, N. R. Townsend, preached from Rev 14:13. We humbly pray God's blessing to rest on what we said at that time.—Clerk.]

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Body called together by singing. Called to order by Moderator Bain, and regular order of business was resumed by calling for report

On Sunday School:—

The committee made an excellent report, but recommended that a man be selected to take the field as Sunday School Missionary. After discussion, at their own request the report was re-committed to the committee, and made to read:

"We, your committee on Sunday schools, report as follows: We find from the reading of the letters, that but few churches report any Sunday schools; and there has been so much said, and so little done, that your committee is at a loss to know what to say. Therefore, as the pastors have been urged from time to



time to organize Sunday schools in their churches; and as they have, to a great extent, failed to comply with this request; we would recommend that the first lay members appointed as messengers from each of the churches of this association, be authorized to organize a Sunday school in their respective churches, and to report the result at the next annual meeting of the association. We believe that the thing for Baptists to do, is to give their children a Bible education, and then we will have Baptist men and women when they grow up. The old adage, "Give me the child, and you may have the adult;" is as applicable to Baptists as it is to Catholics.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. WEBB, Ch'm.

To this report Elder W. L. Edrington, Elder J. F. Butler, Jno. E. Wilson, W. A. Henry, and others made excellent speeches.

#### On Baptist Literature:

We, your committee on Baptist literature, ask leave to submit the following report. As the world is flooded with literature of different kinds, and the rising generation is being educated to a great extent by this literature, whether truth or falsehood; and as we believe that Baptists hold the truth unmixed with error; therefore we urge upon Baptist parents to see that their children read Baptist literature. We would recommend as literature to be used: first, the Bible; second, the Arkansas Baptist and any other that will correspond with the above mentioned

ISAAC STEVENS,

J. E. WILSON,

J. W. NORMAN.

#### On Temperance:

We, your committee on temperance, respectfully submit the following report: We congratulate the members of Shiloh church and the citizens of Randolph county, that they have been able to defeat the efforts of the saloon element to continue inflicting upon the citizens of the county the blighting evils growing out of the licensed saloons; but it is with sincere regret that we note that the most of the territory occupied by the

churches of this association has recently, by the votes of the people, been again subjected to the curse of the grog shop. We are constrained to ask ourselves whether it is not possible that this result be not due to the carelessness or indifference of many of the members of the churches comprising this union. We urge the brethren of the districts where the saloons are likely to be located to use their every influence to prevent them being located in their midst, by circulating and signing petitions to the county courts not to license them. Brethren, as we value our obligations to our communities, to ourselves, to our children, and to our God, let us combat this monster evil in every way in our power. We earnestly urge every pastor to preach to each church under his care at least one sermon, or more, if he thinks needful, against the evil of dram-drinking; and we urge the churches to labor with their members, pleading with them not to be guilty of visiting grog shops, and not to sign petitions favoring them; and if necessary to prevent this, that they discipline their members, if those members persist in doing these things.

SIMON MCLEOD,

J. F. BUTLER,

J. T. MCCULLOUGH.

To this report brethren W. L. Edrington, Jno A. Wilson, Jno. P. Webb, S. W. Abernathy, J. L. Brown and others made excellent speeches.

#### On Correspondence:

"We your committee on correspondence recommend that we correspond with the following associations: Current River, Big Creek, Mount Zion, Rocky Bayou, Independence, White River Valley, White River, Eleven Points River, State Line, and Little Red River.

JNO. A. WILSON, Chairman.

On call for report of boards, Eld. R. B. Bellamy, treasurer of Board of Ministerial Education, reported as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. B. Bellamy, treasurer Ministerial Education Board, in account with Spring River Association.



To am't on hand Sept., 1894-----	\$54.55	\$
By am't sent Prof Conger, Oct., '94--		20.00
By am't sent Dr. Miller, Jan., '95---		5.00
By am't sent Dr. Miller, Dec., '95---		15.00
By am't sent Dr. Miller, Feb., '96---		14.55
To am't rec'd during this meeting---	17.55	

In addition to this report Bro. Jesse N. Teats submitted a report of his collections and expenses during the past summer.

Jesse N. Teats, in account with Spring River Association:

To total am't collected on field, as per itemized report,-----	\$26.29	\$
By expenses as per itemized rep---		14.00
By am't sent Dr. Miller to apply on last year's board bill-----		12.29

[Association Mission Board was unable to report on account of absence of its chairman, Eld. G. B. Borah, who had been chosen as missionary to collect funds, and was unable to attend the meeting of Association —CLERK.]

On call for report of special committees, the committee on Nominations of Boards reported as follows:

Associational Mission board—Dr. F. Kirkpatrick, Dr. C. E. Witt, Dr. G. P. Henry, Eld. G. B. Borah and N. E. Judkins.

Ministerial Education board---Dr. N. R. Townsend, W. G. Pickett, H. W. Townsend, Eld. G. B. Borah, Jno P. Webb.

The committee on Ministerial Directory made their report. (See frontispiece )

On motion regular order of business was suspended and the following corresponding messengers were appointed:

To Independence association, Elder R. P. Bain, B. Parsley, Elder P. M. Chrisenberry.

To White River Valley, Elder S. W. Abernathy, Elder H. W. Abee, C. G. Bowden

To State Line, Elder Isaac Stevens, Elder M. D. Bowers, Elder W. R. Marshall.

To Eleven Points River, J. D. Haynes, J. R. Edrington, R. L. Haynes.

To Big Creek, Elders R. B. Bellamy, W. B. White, H. W. Abbee.

To Mount Zion, Dr. C. E. Witt, Elders W. L. Edrington, W. R. Marshall.

To Rocky Bayou, John A. Wilson, Elders H. W. Abbee, Wm. Raney.

To Current River, Elder W. L. Edrington, S. J. Johnson, C. G. Bowden.

To Little Red River, Elders R. B. Bellamy, P. M. Chrisenberry, L. A. Bain.

To White River, Elder G. B. Borah, G. H. Ballard, Jesse N. Teats.

On motion, the body adjourned until 8 a m Tuesday.

[On Monday night Elder R. B. Bellamy preached from I Pet 1:22-25. This was one of the clearest, most logical and scriptural exegeses of the plan of salvation we ever heard. Clerk.]

#### TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator read II Tim. 3. Prayer by Elder Isaac Stevens. Body called to order by Moderator Bain.

On motion roll call and reading of minutes were omitted. On call committee on finance reported as follows:

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

Rec'd of N. R. Townsend, clerk, 1895, .....	\$16 50
" Minute fund, 1896, .....	30 43
" State missions, 1896, .....	20
" Associational missions, 1896, .....	5 86
" Foreign missions, 1896, .....	2 15
Total .....	55 14

J. R. MADISON, Ch'm,

[In addition Smithville church paid \$1.00 for minute fund direct. Letters show \$28.78, minute fund. Rec'd \$31.43. Clerk]



Dr. C. E. Witt was appointed to represent Spring River association as member of state mission board. Elder M. D. Bowers was appointed messenger from this body to the Southern Baptist convention, and the following brethren were appointed messengers to the Arkansas Baptist state convention, to-wit: Elders Jesse N. Teats, R. P. Bain, J. M. Applegate and brethren W. A. Henry and W. Williams.

The following resolutions were presented, read and ordered made a part of the minutes:

RESOLVED, that the clerk of this session be authorized to have seven hundred (700) copies of the minutes of this session printed and distributed as per amount paid by each church for minute fund, and that he be allowed eight dollars (\$8.00) for his services.

R B. BELLAMY.

RESOLVED, that we hereby express our sincere thanks to the brethren and friends of Shiloh church and vicinity, for their hospitable treatment of us in their homes and for their presence with us in the meetings of this body, while in their midst. Resp'y,

W A. HENRY.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of this body be hereby instructed to publish in the minutes the constitution and rules of decorum governing the body. J. T. HELM.

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the association be instructed to purchase blank letters to the association, and that he pay for them out of the minute and incidental fund, and that he be required to furnish each church of the association with a copy of the blank letter.

J. N. TEATS.

RESOLVED, that we, as messengers of the twenty-eighth annual session of this association hereby tender the moderator and clerk our earnest thanks for their faithful work in dispatching the business of this session.

J. P. WEBB.

WHEREAS, it appears that Dr. W. H. Whitsett, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Kentucky, has been expressing false and pernicious doctrines, and

WHEREAS, we believe he is not in accord with sound Baptist principles, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we denounce Dr Whitsett as a traitor to Baptist principles, and that we withhold our support from said seminary until said Dr Whitsett be removed from the faculty. JESSE N. TEATS.

To this resolution Elders J. L. Brown, R. P. Bain and others made short, pointed speeches of indorsement.

Elder R. B. Bellamy introduced the following:

WHEREAS, a report comes to us that certain members belonging to some of the churches of this union, have lately imbibed the doctrine known as Modern Sanctification, and

WHEREAS, we know upon the authority of God's word that said doctrine is antichrist, and is a reproach upon the general tenor of the Bible, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this association in convention assembled, ask those churches to discipline those members in the spirit of meekness; and if they persist in said doctrine, our advice is that said churches withdraw their fellowship from them.

Respectfully, R. B. BELLAMY.

In support of this resolution, Elders J. L. Brown and R. B. Bellamy made excellent speeches giving their reasons for supporting it from a scriptural standpoint.

On motion, the body proceeded to elect a place to hold the next Association, some one to preach the introductory sermon, and some one to write circular letter.

On motion, the body elected by acclamation, Walnut Grove church the place of next meeting, Eld. J. N. Shook to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. R. B. Bellamy to write the circular letter.

The committee on Divine services announced Eld. J. F. Butler to preach at 11 a. m., and the body suspended business for preaching.

[Eld. J. F. Butler preached from 1st Tim. 4:8, a warm stirring sermon. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the preaching services as a whole were above the average during the entire session of the



body. May God's blessing rest on the words spoken, to the strengthening of saints and conversion of sinners.—Clerk.]

After the close of the sermon, the moderator made a short talk, when on motion the body adjourned, to meet with Walnut Grove church, Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1897.

While singing "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was given.

ELD. R. P. BAIN, Moderator.

N. R. TOWNSEND, Clerk.

### ADDENDA.

[The District Mission Board employed Eld. G. B. Borah to visit the churches and collect funds for district missions, allowing him 25 per cent. for his trouble. Owing to sickness at home Bro. Borah was unable to attend the Association at Shiloh, but sends the statement as below and asks that it be inserted.]

Eld. G. B. Borah, soliciting agent for Board of District Missions, in account with Spring River, Baptist Association:

To am't coll.	Little Springs church	-----	\$0 25
" "	Lebanon	-----	3 40
" "	Cross Roads	-----	1 50
" "	Richwoods	-----	1 00
" "	Walnut Grove	-----	1 00
" "	Clear Springs	-----	65
" "	Willow Springs	-----	95
" "	Smithville	-----	95
" "	Pleasant Grove No. II	-----	1 80
" "	New Hope	-----	4 00
" "	Lone Oak	-----	1 05
" "	Cross Roads (M. M. M.)	-----	3 10
" "	Powhatan	-----	1 56
" "	Pleasant Hill	-----	3 31
" "	Antioch	-----	75
" "	Jerusalem (M. M. M.)	-----	3 12
" "	Union No. I	-----	2 70
Total			-----
			\$51 09

Cr. by 25 per cent of above .....	\$ 7 77
By am't paid Eld. T. J. Robinson .....	15 18
By balance paid Mission Board .....	8 14
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	\$31 09

Eld. T. J. Robinson presented statement to the Association as follows:

Rec'd from Eld. G. B. Borah, chairman	
Mission Board .....	\$15 18
From G. W. Williams .....	1 50
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Total .....	\$16 68

These were not inserted in regular minutes because at the time we had only a partial report. Clerk.]

## CONSTITUTION.

We, the messengers of Baptist Churches of Christ, in convention assembled, in order to perpetuate Union, foster Education and aid in the extension of the Gospel, do ordain this Constitution for this Union to be called Spring River Baptist Association.

1. The Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen by the churches of the Union and accredited by letter, and each church shall be entitled to three Messengers.

2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk whose duties shall be defined in Rules of Decorum.

3. The letters of the churches shall express the number in fellowship, received by baptism, by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead during the associational year; the name of the pastor, post-office, and the amount contributed and the object of the donation; and in no case shall the Association appropriate money for any purpose but that designed by the donor.

4. The Association shall have no ecclesiastical authority over the Churches, but may give counsel and answer queries when requested.

5. Churches may be admitted into this union on petitionary letters, if scriptural in constitution, faith and



practice.

6. This Association may withdraw from any church in this union for unchristian conduct.

7. Every question shall be decided by a majority vote, except on the reception of members into this union, which must be unanimous.

8. A minute of the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded; and, if the churches furnish the means, printed.

9. The Association shall hold a session annually, with one of the churches of the union on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September of each year.

10. This constitution may be amended by proposal made in writing and entered of record at one session, and if a majority vote for such amendment, it shall become part of this Constitution.

### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

1. Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by the Association, who shall continue in office one year, or until their successors are elected.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the association is adjourned, and after prayer, proceed to business. He shall keep order, and may speak, provided he calls a chairman. He shall have no vote, except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not depart from the subject under consideration, nor indulge in personal reflections.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the association.

5. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member shall address another by any appellation other than "Brother."

7. The moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking unless he violates these rules of decorum.

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY.

NAME OF CHURCH.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.
Alicia	Alicia	J N Shook	W J McCullough	W J McCullough, E Monroe, Jas Farley No intelligence (statistics 1893)
Ash Flat	Ash Flat			J S Johnson, J W Norman, W A Watkins
Big Creek	Maxville	George James	J H Boles	J E Wilson, N R Townsend, Jesse N Teats
Black Rock	Black Rock	None	Dr C E Witt	H Fletcher, Wm Watson, S R Erwin
Bold Springs	Grange	R. P. Bain	J F Wilkerson	J F Mayes, Wesley Gray, P B Allison
Bristo	Portia	J A Allison	J F Mayes	Jno A Wilson, J F Butler, Wm Townsley
Calamine	Calamine	J F Butler	L A Chaney	C G Bowden, Henry Bearden, Frank Garrison
Centreville	Kenyon	R P Bain	Mrs L Craige	Isaac Stephens, W P Dent, C H Wayland
Clear Springs	Black Rock	G B Borah	A E Dent	E Goza, S W Lee, H C Moore
Cross Roads	Portia	C Hodge	B F Chandler	No intelligence (statistics 1895)
Evening Shade	Evening Shade	J L Brown	W G Neeley	Wm G Neeley, M L Norman
Egypt	Egypt	C Hodge	J T Gatlin	J T Gatlin, W T Cook, W R Marshall
Evergreen	Walnut Ridge	W F Bridges		No intelligence (statistics 1895)
Friendship	Cave City			No intelligence (statistics 1894)
Harmony	Hoxie			S D Dye, T W Kendrick
Houghton Chapel	Alicia	C Hodge	T W Kendrick	No intelligence (statistics 1895)
Imboden	Imboden			G H Ballard, Wm Raney, T O James
Jerusalem	Strawberry	J L Brown	J C Penn	Jno Willett, J R Madison, W B Arnold
Lebaron	Reed	J F Butler	W B Arnold	No intelligence (statistics 1895)
Little Springs	Poughkeepsie	"		No intelligence (statistics 1894)
Little Vine	Evening Shade			J L Moyers, Wm Winfrey, J H Gee
Lone Oak	Smithville	R B Bellamy	J A Justus	No intelligence (statistics 1894)
Macedonia	Hardy			R P Bain, J J Bowers, J Richardson
Mt. View	Mobley	J D Crabtree	A W Jernigan	G B Borah, J N Wasson, Simon McLeod
New Hope	Denton	D E Hunt	H A Moore	R B Bellamy, A V Smith, Eli Brady
Pleasant Grove	Annieville	H W Abee	W G Pickett	Sisters Lawrence, Josie Conditt, and Roe Tims
Pleasant Grove No 2	Tuckerman	G B Borah	Roe Tims	J S Adams, J P Webb, John Ramsey
Pleasant Hill	Lynn		S M Prince	No intelligence (statistics 1894)
Pleasant Valley	Sedgwick			M D East, W C Helm
Powhatan	Powhatan	Isaac Stephens	T E Helm	R A Arnold, F E Trimble, Joseph Arnold
Richwoods	Walnut Ridge	J A Allison	J F Mayes	P M Chrisenberry, Thos Mobley, J R Goodman
Ring's Chapel	Bengay	J F Butler	W P Crigler	No intelligence (statistics 1894)
Sedgwick	Sedgwick			J D Haynes, M D Bowers, I Standiford
Shiloh	Pocahontas	M D Bowers	J D Haynes	L C Byers, Hugh Spotts, J H Morgan
Smithville	Smithville	R B Bain	Hugh Spotts	Nathaniel Prince, T A Ponder, M Adam
Tuckerman	Tuckerman	S W Abernathy	T A Ponder	J T Helm, Bethel Parsley, Filmore McCarroll
Union No 1	Calamine	S J Park	Bethel Parsley	J J Manning, Thos Whitaker, Chas Manning
Union No 2	Sedgwick	W R Marshall	J J Manning	W A Henry, C L Thorn, J H Pope
Walnut Grove	Walnut Ridge	G B Borah	W A Henry	Allen Pearce, T J McCullough
Walnut Ridge	Walnut Ridge	None	G W Anderson	A N McPike, J Land, J M Hatfield
Wells' Grove	Lauratown	J M Applegate	J M Hatfield	H W Abee, H B White, James Lasley.
Willow Springs	Smithville	H W Abee	H W Abee	



## RULES OF DECORUM, CONTINUED.

8. Any member may appeal from the decision of the moderator to the association.

9. The Clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings of the association and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

10. Any member violating these rules may be reproved.

11. The sessions of the association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

12. We agree to observe the following regular order of business (as adopted in 1894,---Clerk.) viz:

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Reading letters of churches.
4. Election of officers.
5. Reception of corresponding messengers.
6. Invitation to visiting brethren.
7. Reception of churches.
8. Reading of circular letter.

9. Appointing of committees viz: (a) on divine service; (b) on state of churches; (c) on destitution; (d) on Sunday schools; (e) on missions; (f) on education; (g) on Baptist literature; (h) on temperance; (i) on correspondence; (j) on finance.

10. Queries.

11. Reports of secretaries and treasurers of boards.

12. Report of Missionary board.

13. Reports of committees.

14. Miscellany.

15. Adjournment.

CHURCHES	Baptized. Rec by Letter	Rec. by relation	By restoration	Total Accessions	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Diminution	Total Membership	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions	Pastor's Salary	Minute and Incidental	Fund	Contributions	Value of Church Property	SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS	No. of S. S's.	No. Off. & Tea.	Number of Scholars	Total in S. S	Cost of Literature	Paid for Ministerial Education								
Alicia	5			5	1		2	3	24			1	82	59	30					1	6	30	36	9	52	3	00						
Ash Flat									46																								
Big Creek	1	1		2	2			2	53					6	10	1	00	300	00	Fourth													
Black Rock	5	6	1	12	3	2	5	10	83		4	07	3	86	200	00	1	25	178	00	1500	00	1	15	72	87	36	15	5	00			
Bold Springs		1		1	1		2	3	48											First													
Bristo	8	8		16					22				15							"													
Calamine	1	2		3	1			1	51											"													
Centerville					1	6	7	14	31					50	00	1	70			Fourth													
Clear Springs									62									400	00	Second	1	7	30	37									
Cross Roads	2	1		3	1	1	4	3	23				4	00	10	25	1	00	500	00	Third	1	8	50	58	2	25	2	00				
Evening Shade									8																								
Egypt									11											First													
Evergreen	4		2	6		1	2	3	35				50	12	40	50	4	90		Fourth	1	5	35	40	1	00							
Friendship									23																								
Harmony									26																								
Houghton's Ch.		1		1	7	4	1	12	31					24	00		15	00		Second	1	3	20	23	4	50							
Imboden									11																								
Jerusalem	8	8		16			2	2	41							1	00	2	80	300	00					5	35						
Lebanon	3			3					74		3	00		25	00	1	35	100	00	Fourth													
Little Springs									58											"													
Little Vine									45																								
Lone Oak	10		1	11		1		1	51			1	05			1	00			Second	1												
Macedonia									29																								
Mt. View	7	2		9	17			17	90					50	00	1	00	250	00	Fourth	1	8	65	73	2	70							
New Hope	2	4		6	3		7	10	140							1	10			Second													
Pleasant Grove	3	1	1	5	1			1	102							1	50			Fourth													
Pl. Grove No 2	1			1		1		1	18					70	00	50				"	1	4	30	33	4	25							
Pleasant Hill		2		2	3	2	3	8	63				3	00	27	00	1	93	29	50	600	00				4	25						
Pleasant Valley									27																	4	25						
Powhatan	5	1		6		2	3	5	27		2	70		21	65	50				First													
Richwoods	4			4	11	2		13	41				1	00		75				Fourth													
Rings Chapel	1			1	1	1		2	32							50				Third													
Sedgwick									21																								
Shiloh	4		1	5	5	4	1	10	112					49	90	3	00	1200	00	First	1	5	60	65									
Smithville	4			4		1		1	60					50	00	1	00	300	00	Third													
Tuckerman	1	5	4	10	2			2	28					30	00	1	00			Second													
Union No. 1	2	1		3	3			3	46			2	00			75				"													
Union No. 2	2	3	1	6	3		3	6	55					6	65	50				"													
Walnut Grove	2	2		4	5	5		10	76					28	75	75	3	45	800	00	First	1	8	61	69	4	00	8	70				
Walnut Ridge									36											Third	1	3	30	33	10	00							
Wells Grove	1	3	6	10	3		2	5	36					15	40	75				Second													
Willow Springs	2			2	3		1	4	34							50				Third													
Totals	70	70	5	12	157	77	33	4	152	1030	9	77	8	73	13	57	736	40	28	78	300	65	7600	00		12	72	483	554	74	27	28	10



# Church Directory and Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS NAMES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by letter	Rec'd by restoration	Rec'd by re-nomination	Dismissed by leave	Excommunicated	Dead	Total membership	Home & For. missions	Minute fund	Associational missions	Pastors salary	Day of meeting
Ash Flat	No Intelligence (Statistics 1890)											42	1 57	17 52	63 52		1
Azotus	J H Pope, R L Elkins	J W Wicker	Rob't Wicker	walnut ridge	6						2	62	75	15 00			2-4
Black Rock	W P Kime, N R Townsend, S C Teats	A W King	S C Teats	black rock								50					
Brown's Chapel	Henry Gazer	N H McCall	Henry Gazer	sedgwick								66	1 50				
Big Creek	A H Vance, W A Jackson, W H Vance	J F Butler	B Watkins	maxville	2							66	1 00				1
Cross Roads	H B Farmer, E M Goza, John Phillips	G B Borah	G L Armstrong	Portia	14	4						45	1 00				4
Clear Springs	M D East, H B Wayland, J W Gray	G B Borah	A E Dent	Powhatan	1							44	1 00	10 00			
Centerville	Mrs. L Craige	W P Kime	L Craige	Kenyon		1						26	00				1
Calamine	Wm Townsley, J A Wilson, Jasper Justus	Geo. James	Jasper Justus	calamine	13							21					
Evergreen Chapel	No Intelligence (Statistics 1887)											14	75				
Enterprise	M L Key, Thos Mobbley	M N Johnson	P M chisenbrey	Bengav	2							1					1
Harmony	T J Robinson	T J Robinson	David outlet	roxie								18					
Hill's Chapel	No Intelligence (Statistics 1887)											31	15				
Imboden	A N Roberts, J P Anderson, F M Drake	M I Bowers	A M Roberts	imboden	1							37	10		30		4
Jerusalem	R J Penn, J C Penn, G H Ballard	R P Bain	G H Ballard		1							64	15 9 50				4
Lebenon	W N Simpson, J M Hill, T J Norris		J I Hill									59					
Little Vine	No Intelligence (Statistics 1890)			smithville	3							20	2 00	15			4
Lonoke	J T Clements, J T Trafford, J T Justus	H B Wayland	J A Justus	roughkepsie								85	50				2
Little Springs	J C Dicerton, G W Burrell, W A Mane	W A Jackson	J C Dicerton									76	2 70		80		
Macedonia	No Intelligence (Statistics 1890)			smithville	2	1						147	2 0				
Mount View	C F Harris, J W Tibbles, R P Bain	J L Brown	G W Harris	imboden								87	1 50	1 15			
New Zoze	G B Borah, D C Lee, H A Moore	G B Borah	W G Pickett	smithville	19	1						13	85	1 0			2
Pleasant Grove	R B Bellamy, Jas. Tate W G Pickett	R B Bellamy	J B Winfield	smithville								12	0				4
Pleasant Hill	D E Hunt, J P Webb, J G Wells	Geo. ark	Leroy Smith	smithville	1							11	1 0				3
Powhatan	W C Pickett, David Helm, Quince Grissin	S J F	Hughes	Pocahontas	1	1						29			27 50		3
Smithville	H W Townsend, W S Nowlin, H Spotts	G B Bowers	J D Haynes	calamine	6	8						46	1 5				1
Shiloh	M D owers, J L Park, J R Edrington	M D	Bethel Parsley	green robe	8							42	3 00	5			2
Strangers Home	No Intelligence (Statistics 1890)			smithville								21					
Union No. 1	W G Wasson, Allen Smith, Bethel Parsley	S J F	A Abce	walnut Ridge	6	8						21	1 00	1 0			3
Union No. 2	Wm. Manning, C Z McCall	T M	M W Smith	Portia								11	2 50				2
Wilson's Grove	No Intelligence (Statistics 1889)											18					
Willow Springs	1 D Lasley, A Reed, J A Abce	H B	J H K									21	1 00	1 0			
Walnut Ridge	A Pierce, Sister Van Camp—Kellow	M D										21	1 00	1 0			
Well's Grove	R B McMullen	M D										11	2 50				2

N. B.—Only \$5.50 was received from Finance. Com. for Home & Foreign Missions. Walnut Ridge \$2.50, Union No. 1, \$3.00. Rest was sent direct to the proper boards. N. R. T.

Minutes of Spring River  
Baptist Association

This Association has been  
Organized 24 years I remember  
very well when it was changed  
from Rocky Bayou, to

Spring River Association.

W. L. M. Townsend assisted.

Richard Penn was also one  
of the number. So many  
followers of Jesus gone  
rewards during the 24 years

Emma  
member  
Harlem  
daughter  
one of its leaders

Emma was a faithful  
member of New Hope Church  
withville Ark. a  
one of its leaders

Emma Lane.