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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 (sospel, po ORDAIN THIS CON-STITUTION 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.

II. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, whose duties shall be defined in Rules of Decorum.

III. 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, postoffice, and the amount contributed and the object of the donatiou; and in no case shall the association appropriate money for any purpose but that designed by the donor.

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

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

VI. This association may withdraw from any church in this Union for unchristian conduct.

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

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

IX. The association shall hold a session annually with one of the churches of the union, on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September of each year.

X. 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 a part of this constitution.

PROCEEDINGS.

ANNIEVILLE, ARK., Sept. 23, 1899.

SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened, in its thirty-first annual session, with Pleasant Grove Church, No. 1, near Annieville, Lawrence County, Arkansas, on Saturday, the 23rdday of September, A. D., 1899.

At 11 o'clock, a, m, pursuant to previous election, Elder G. B. Borah preached the introductory sermon from the text, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward 'Exodus, 14:15. The theme of this discourse was 'Progression;' and the minister, in applying it to the duty of our people in reference to the great work of spreading the gospel, made an earnest appeal to the messengers and visitors assembled that they might become more consecrated in respect of their time, their talents and their means, in the cause of missions. Dr. N. R. Townsend followed, in a few words, urging the adoption of the theme of this discourse as the watch word of the pending session and the ensuing associational year.

At the close of the services, the attention of the audience was directed briefly to the unfortunate situation of Elder H. C. Moore, of Portia, Arkansas, and his dependent family, as an object of public charity A collection was taken for the benefit of these unfortunates, amounting to about eight dollars.

RECESS.

A recess was taken for refreshments, which were served in great profusion to the assembled multitudes on the grounds.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., the congregation re-assembled in response to singing. Moderator R B. Bellamy repeated the 125th division of the Psalms, after which Elder T. C. Mahan petitioned the Throne of Grace on behalf of the assembly The audience joined the local choir in rendering "What a Friend We Have in Jesus;" and then the body was formally called to order by Moderator Bellamy.

The reading of letters from the various churches was announced, as the first order of business Elder M. D. Bowers and Dr. N. R. Borrowed Return to W. E. McLeod Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL® SESSION

SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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WHEN CONVENED WITH

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, NO. 1, Near Annieville, Lawrence County, Ark.,

September 23=26, 1899.

OFFICERS:

Elder M. D. BOWERS, floderator, Pocahontas, Ark.; J. H. TOWNSEND, Clerk, Black Rock, Ark.

Next session to be held with Calamine Church, Sharp County, Arkansas, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900

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Townsend were, by the Moderator, appointed as reading clerks; and the body proceeded to hear the reading of letters from all the churches, twenty-seven in number, that on roll call responded by the presentation of letters; and the names of the various messengers and alternates were enrolled (See Appendix I.)

The business next in order being the election of officers to serve the body for the ensuing associational year, Brother Bellamy announced that, owing to certain unexplained circumstances of the occasion, he was, in no sense, a candidate for re-election to the office of Moderator. Brethren T, C Mahan and Γ . J. Moore were, by the Moderator, appointed to take the vote in the pending election, which resulted in the choice of Elder M D, Bowers as Moderator, and J. H. Townsend as Clerk. After thanking the body for the confidence thus reposed in them, the officers-elect immediately entered on the duties of their respective positions.

The reception of messengers from corresponding sister associations was announced as the next order of business, and on call, the following brethren responded to an invitation to sit with the body in its deliberations, and their names were enrolled, to-wit:

From State Line Association, Elder E. T. Lincoln; and from Current River Association, Elder S. W. Abernathy. (See Appendix II.)

On call for visiting brethren, the following responded, accepted seats with the body, and their names were enrolled, to-wit:

Elder S. Motris, of Mississippi; Elder C. P. Miles, of Judsonia, Arkansas; Elder W. B. Peeples, of Conway, Arkansas; and Prof. J. W. Conger, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. (See Appendix III)

Moderator M D. Bowers announced as the next order of business the reception of churches asking for admission to membership in the body. A letter and petition from the First Baptist Church, of Pocahontas, Arkansas, asking for membership, was presented and read, and on motion, the church was received into the membership of the association; and the names of her messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.)

According to previous election, Brother Hugh Spotts presented, and by special request, Dr. N. R. Townsend read to the body, a short, pointed, practical paper, as the annual circular letter, entitled. "Duty of Church Members to Attend Church." On motion, the letter was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes. (See Appendix XI.)

At this point, on motion, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of giving the Moderator further time to select the various committees, except the committee on divine service, which was immediately appointed to consist of the messengers from Pleasant Grove Church, No. 1. (See Appendix IV.)

The regular order of business was then resumed, and the consideration of queries was announced The letter from Lone Oak Church had presented the following query, viz.: "Has a deacon the scriptural right to administer the ordinance of baptism in the absence of the pastor with the consent of the church?" On motion, the consideration of this query was tabled until 9:30 o'clock, of the following morning.

At this point, by special request, on motion, the regular order of business was again suspended for the purpose of considering the petition of Egypt Church, asking for a letter of dismission from this body to unite with Mt Zion Association. On motion, the petition was granted, and the clerk of this body was instructed to prepare and furnish to the clerk of Egypt Church such letter, as soon as may be found practicable.

On motion, the regular order was further suspended for the consideration of miscellaneous business. On motion, the Moderator appointed the committee on correspondence. (See Appendix IV.) The committee immediately retired to consider of its report, which it presently submitted. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 9.) The report was read and on motion received and adopted, and the committee was discharged.

On motion, Brother Moderator appointed messengers from this body to the various sister associations with which the committee's report recommended correspondence. (See Appendix V.) On motion, the Moderator was directed to appoint five messengers, including himself, from Spring River Association to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which is to meet at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on Friday, November 17, 1899. (For list of messengers appointed, see Appendix V.) On motion, the messengers to this convention were authorized to appoint proxies.

On motion, Elder T. C Mahan was appointed as a messenger from Spring River Association to the Southern Baptist Convention, which is to meet at Hot Springs, Ark., on Friday, May 11,1900; and Dr. N. R. Townsend was appointed as alternate (See Appendix V.) On motion, Dr. N. R. Townsend was; by the Moderator, ap-

On motion, Dr. N. R. Townsend was; by the Moderator, appointed to continue as a member of the State Board of Missions, as representative of Spring River Association for the ensuing year. (See Appendix VII.) The committee on divine service made its partial report, and from time to time reported the programme of services set out at length in Appendix VIII., sub-division 1 On motion, after announcements and prayer by Elder S W Abernathy, the body then adjourned to meet at 9:30 o clock, of the following morning.

SATURDAY EVENING.

At 8 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, Elder O. P. Miles, of Judsonia, Arkansas, by appointment of the committee on divine service, preached to a large and attentive congregation from the text, "For me life is Christ." Philippians, 1:21 This discourse was one of those masterly, scholarly, convincing arguments and pleas for the higher life of devotion to Christ's service, which are so honosing to the Master and edifying to his disciples,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

At 9:30 o'clock, a. m., Sunday, September 24th, pursuant to adjournment, the body re-assembled in response to music by the choir of Pleasant Grove Church. Moderator Bowers read the IIIth Psalm as a scripture lesson and Prof. J. W. Conger invoked the divine blessing.

The consideration of the query presented by the letter from Lone Oak Church being the special order of business for this hour, the matter was taken from the table; the query was read, and a motion to answer it in the affirmative was made and seconded. The motion was discussed at some length and with considerable earnestness by brethren W. G. Pickett, O. P. Miles, T. C. Mahan and R. B. Bellamy. As a substitute for the pending motion, the body, on motion, adopted as a correct answer to the query propounded, the following, viz.: "A deacon, who is also an evangelist and a minister has a scriptural right, by the authority of the church. to administer the ordinance of baptism "

The time for divine service being at hand, there was a brief intermission, during which the seats were removed from the church to the surrounding grove, in order the more comfortably to accommodate the large congregation assembled for the services. At the hour of 11, Elder S. Morris, of Mississippi, addressed the multitudes from the text, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John, 3:3. This venerable man of God, now grown gray in the Master's service, spoke concerning his great theme, the new birth, with an earnestness and power calculated to go directly to the hearts and consciences of his hearers. The congregation listened with marked attention; and it is confidently believed that much good was accomplished by the hour's services.

RECESS.

At the conclusion of the services, the assembled multitudes partook, on the grounds, of another bountiful feast provided by a hospitable community. At the re-assembling of the body, after refreshments, Brother Moderator announced the appointments of the various committees not before appointed. (For the list of committees appointed, see Appendix IV.)

At 3 o'clock, p. m., Elder T C. Mahan, of Black Rock, Arkansas, by appointment of the committee on divine service, delivered a very forceful and helpful discourse from the text, "And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ," I, John, 1:3.

The theme of this discourse was the relationship existing between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Lord's people, as manifested in the important work of saving men Special emphasis was given to the thought of those rewards and blessings which come to the faithful disciple, as a result of his services for the Master and loyal devotion to his cause.

At the close of this service, a collection was taken, amounting in cash and pledges to about twenty-five dollars, for the purpose of assisting the church at Imboden, Arkansas, in carrying forward the work of erecting a house of worship at that place.

At this point the courtesies of the body were extended to Prof. J. W. Conger, President of Ouachita Baptist College, of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, who presented the work of that splendid institution of learning and art.

After further announcements by the committee on divine service, and prayer by Elder E. T. Lincoln, the body, on motion, adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock, of the following morning.

SUNDAY EVENING.

At 8 o'clock, Sunday evening, Elder W B. Peeples, of Conway, Arkansas, by invitation of the committee on divine service, preached to an overflowing house from the text, "We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth," III John, 1:8. From the text selected, the speaker presented the grand theme of "Truth," and how we may be helpers to the truth.

This closed the services of the day, which, taken as a whole, was one well spent in the Master's service. The thought running through

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all these services, and indeed throughout the session, thus far, was our duty in reference to the great cause of missions. It is to be devoutly hoped that this splendid array of witnessing for the truth and the needs of the day will bear fruit in a practical demonstration of the fact that we are a body of Missionary Baptists.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

At 8:30 o'clock, a. m, Monday, September 25th, pursuant to adjournment, the association re-assembled, refreshed in body and mind, and eager to resume the work of the day. After engaging in the service of song, Moderator M. D. Bowers read the 72nd Psalm; and the audience was led in prayer by Elder S. Morris.

The roll of messengers and alternates was called, and the names of absentees noted of record. The minutes of preceedings of Saturday and Sunday preceding were read, and after some corrections were, on motion, approved and adopted.

Invitations for the reception of corresponding messengers, visiting brethren and letters petitioning for membership in the association, were renewed, but there was no response.

The reception of the reports of committees was announced as the pending order of business. The committee on missions submitted its report, which was read. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 5.) It was moved and seconded that the report be received and adopted, and the committee discharged. This motion and the report elicited a very spirited, enthusiastic discussion, the following brethren participating, viz., C, Hodge, S, Stratton, J. F. Butler, N. E. Judkins, N. R. Townsend, T. C. Mahan, E. T. Lincoln, S. Morris, W. B. Peeples and perhaps some others. Pending the discussion, a list of pledges to district missions for the ensuing associational year was taken, amouting, in the aggregate, to \$175. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 5.) At this point an intermission was taken for divine services. At

At this point an intermission was taken for divine services. At 11 o'clock, a. m., Elder J. N. Shook addressed the audience from Luke 10:30 The word Jericho, found in the citation, was the web about which in the form of an acrostic, the speaker wove the theme of his discourse, which was the Divinity of Christ.

RECESS,

The body then took a recess, during which refreshments were served on the grounds. At 2 o'clock, p. m., the work of the day was resumed. The pending motion relative to the report of the committee on missions was further considered, and then prevailed.

The committee on education submitted its report, which was read, and a motion to adopt was made and seconded. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 6.) In this connection, Elder W B. Peeples, representing Central Baptist College for the higher education of young ladies, presented to the body the claims of that splendid institution of learning. The motion to adopt the committee's report was discussed by Brethren S. Morris, J. H. Townsend, N R. Townsend and T. C, Mahan Thereupon, the motion prevailed.

The committee on Baptist literature next submitted its report, which was read and atter some discussion by Brethren E. T. Lincoln, M. D. Bowers and N. E. Judkins, was, on motion, received and adopted, and the committee was discharged. (For this report, see Appendix VIII., sub-division 7.)

Next, the report of the committee on Sunday schools was presented and read. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 4.) A motion to adopt this report was made and seconded, and was discussed by Brethren W. R Marshall, S Morris. C. Hodge and J. N Shook A promise to the body was volunteered by Miss Della Duvall, of Imboden, Arkansas, that the letter from the church at that point to the next session of the association should contain a report of the organization and maintenance of a Baptist Sunday school at that church. The motion to adopt the report prevailed.

The Association, on motion', after prayer by Elder C. Hodge, then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, of the following morning.

MONDAY EVENING.

At'8 o'clock, p. m., by appointment of the committee on divine service, Elder J. F. Butler spoke to a crowded house from the text, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John. 12:24 This was one of those genuine gospel sermons which are calculated to arouse the unsaved to a sense of their lost estate, and quicken interest in the hope of the gospel. At the close of the services, on special invitation, several in the audience manifested an interest in the prayers of the assembled saints.

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Thus ended another pleasant and profitable day in the thirty-first annual session of Spring River Association.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

At 9 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, September 26th. pursuant to adjournment, the association re-convened in response to singing. Brother Moderator read, as a Scripture lesson, the 150th division of the Psalms, after which Elder L. A. Bain invoked the divine blessing.

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Pleasant Hill	D. E. Hunt	G. W. Casper	Lynn
Pleasant Valley	See minutes of '94		
Pocahontas.	M. D. Bowers	J. S. Anderson	Pocahontas
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Smithville	G. B. Borah	Hugh Spotts	Smithville
Union	J. F. Butler	Bethel Parsley	Calamine
Walnut Grove	G. B. Borah	A.S. Parrish	Walnut Ridge
Walnut Ridge	T. C. Mahan	Mary W. Smith	Walnut Ridge
Wells Grove	See minutes of '98	1	
Willow Spring	R. B. Bellamy	H. E. Brock	Smithville

APPENDAX XIII.

Name of School.	Name of Sup't.	Sup't's Address
Alicia Black Rock (entreville Evergreen Pleasant Hill Reed's Creek Shiloh Walnut Grove Walnut Grove	A. Pettyjohn C. J. Bowden W. R. Marshall J.S. Adams S. R. Irwin M. D. Bowers 	Alicia Black Rock Kenyon Walnut Ridge Lynn Strawberry Pocahontas Walnut Ridge Walnut Ridge

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

II. 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.

III. 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.

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

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

VI. No member shall address auother by any appellation other than "Brother".

VIL The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates these rules of decorum.

VIII. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the association.

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

X. Any member violating these rules may be reproved.

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

XII. We agree to observe the following regular order of business (adopted in 1894 and amended in I898.- Clerk.) viz:

- Introductory sermon. 1.
- Opening prayer.
 Reading letters of churches.
- Election of officers.
 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
the churches; [c] on destitution; [d] on Sunday schools; [e] ou missions; [f] on education; [g] on
Baptist literature. [h] on prohibition; [I] on correspondence; [j] on finance; [k] on ministerial
directory; [l] on orphans' home.

Queries.
 Reports of secretaries and treasurers of boards.

- 12. Report of Missionary Board. 13. Reports of committees.
- 14. Miscellany.
- 15. Adjournment.

Mountain Home College,

Mountain Nome, Baxter County, Ærk.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OPENED SEPTEMBER 14, 1899, AND WILL CLOSE JUNE 14, 1900,

HISTORY.

Established by the White River Baptist Association in 1893; adopted by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in 1894.

LOCATION AND BUILDING.

Mountain Home, the county seat of Baxter county, is noted for its intelligent and cultured people, its church privileges, and its freedom from temptations to distract the minds of students from school work.

The building is a handsome brick structure large enough to accommodate 300 students.

THE FACULTY AND DEPARTMENTS.

The president was a professor in the University of Arkansas for thirteen years, and has had superior advantages in studying in some of the most renowned universities of the United states. The is assisted by able teachers in the various departments. Extensive and advanced courses are offered in English, French. German, spanish, Greek, Latin, History, Economics, Mathematics, Natural Science, Pedagogics, Philosophy. Music and Elocution. Special help is offered to young teachers and to persons preparing for civil service; also to young men wishing to prepare for the examinations required for entrance to the United States

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The degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Philosophy will be given on the satisfactory completion of prescribed courses. Students of exceptional application and ability will be awarded Honor Certificates. Medals for excellence in various forms of effort will also be given.

EXPENSES.

We make no boast of cheapness; first-closs work always demands reasonable pay. Board-costs from \$8,00 to \$10 00 per month; tuition, from \$2.00 to \$5,00 a month, according to advance-ment: Music and Elocution from \$1.00 to \$4,00 a month; Matriculation fee, \$2.00.

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