

MINUTES

OF THE

Springtown Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FLINT CREEK CHURCH,

BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION COMMENCING FRIDAY

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Friday, September 5th, 1873.

The Association met. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder M. Tate, from II Corinthians, 16 chapter, 13th and 14th verses, to-wit:

"Watch ye; stand fast in the faith; quit you like men; be strong; let all your things be done with charity."

After a short intermission the delegates re-assembled.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. K. Reddell. Elder J. F. Mitchell and M. Tate were appointed Reading Clerks. Letters were called for, read, and the Delegates' names enrolled. Called for petitionary letters.

Pleasant Church, through her Delegates, presented a letter which was read, received, and the right hand of fellowship given to their Delegates by the Moderator.

Permanent organization being in order, Elder A. J. Estes and B. Putnam were appointed Tellers. The Tellers reported J. F. Mitchell Moderator, and Brother J. T. Mason, Clerk. Correspondence was called for and received.

Elder J. H. Hogan, B. Putnam, and A. J. Estes, on invitation, accepted seats with the body.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Divine Services—Brethren J. Netherton, A. M. Rodgers, J. M. Peek, A. J. Nelson, and D. Meadows.

On Finance—J. Givens, Jr., and J. A. Ware.

On Sabbath Schools—A. M. Wigington, A. A. Ellis, and J. Harris.

On Missions—J. K. Reddell, R. Duckworth, and S. H. McCurley.

On Temperance—M. Tate, J. A. Ware, and B. Putnam.

On Education—J. M. Peek, and A. J. Estes.

On Books and Periodicals—E. T. Willingham, C. Calvin, and Isaac Reed.

On Deceased Members—J. Brim, J. Givens, Sr., and J. H. Hogan.

On motion, deferred reading the rules of decorum until to-morrow morning.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. Givens. Stand occupied, at candle-light, by Elder J. Givens.

Saturday, September 6th, 9 o'clock, A.M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder I. Reed. A petitionary letter was read from Roundgrove Church, which, on motion, was received, and the right hand of fellowship given to her Delegates by the Moderator. On motion, Elder Isaac Reed accepted a seat with the body. On motion, granted the Flint Creek Church permission to re-appoint delegates to represent them in the Association, which resulted in the appointment of R. Duckworth and W. J. Collins.

On motion, agreed to open correspondence with Bentonville and Fayetteville Associations. On motion, the Moderator appointed Elders J. Givens, J. Brim, and Brother J. T. Mason, Corresponding Delegates with Bentonville Association, and that J. K. Reddell write the Corresponding Letter; and A. J. Estes, and J. K. Reddell, as Corresponding Delegates to Fayetteville Association, and that A. J. Estes write the Corresponding Letter.

On motion, suspended the rules of order as to preaching, for the time being.

On motion, agreed to answer the query from Butler's Creek Church.

QUERY—Is it right to invite a member of another denomination to the sacrament table, though he might have been lawfully baptized?

ANSWER—No.

2d—Agreed to have three sermons preached on Sabbath, and that Elders A. J. Estes and B. Putnam occupy the stand in the forenoon, and Isaac Reed in the afternoon.

3d—Agreed to change the name of the Association from State Corner to Spring Town Baptist Association.

4th—Requested the Delegates of the several Churches to furnish the Clerk with the names of all the ordained and licensed Ministers belonging to their Churches, together with the post-office.

5th—Dispensed with order of taking up a collection on the Sabbath.

6th—Received and adopted the report of the Committee on deceased members.

7th—Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

8th—Received and adopted the report of Committee on Education.

9th—Agreed that each Church comprising this body be entitled to three Delegates to represent them in the Association.

10th—Agreed to change the time of holding the Association from the first of September to the Friday before the third Sabbath, to commence at 10 o'clock A.M., and that next Association be held with the Butler's Creek Church, in Benton County, Arkansas.

11th—That Elder A. J. Estes preach the Introductory Sermon, and J. F. Mitchell, Alternate.

12th—Adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder B. Putnam.

SABBATH DAY—Occupied in preaching, as arranged on yesterday by the Association. A very large and attentive congregation in attendance; able and eloquent sermons preached. Stand filled at candle-light by Elder J. Givens.

Monday, September 8th, 9 o'clock A.M.

The Association met pursuant to a journeyment. Prayer by Elder A. R. Wigington.

1st—Received and adopted the report of Committee on Temperance.

2d—Received and adopted the report of the Committee on Home Missions, and agreed to appoint a Board of three on Home Missions; whereupon the Moderator appointed J. M. Peek, A. M. Rodgers and J. A. Ware.

3d—Received the report on Foreign Missions.

4th—Agreed to lay the report on the table.

5th—Received and adopted the report of Committee on Publication.

6th—Received and adopted the report of Committee on Finance.

7th—Directed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he send them to the Editor of the Central Baptist, at St. Louis, Mo., for publication, and that he be allowed \$5.75 for his services.

8th—*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the members of Flint Creek Church and the citizens in the vicinity thereof, for their kind and liberal entertainment during the sitting of this body.

9th—Adjourned until the time and place above mentioned. Prayer by Elder J. Givens.

J. F. MITCHELL,

J. T. MASON, *Clerk*.

Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Whereas, Springdale College is a denominational institution;

Therefore, *Resolved*, That we recommend that institution to the favorable consideration of the Spring Town Association, and pledge it our patronage and prayers.

J. M. PEEK, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:—Since our Convention, it has pleased God to take from us several of our members, among whom was our beloved brother, J. W. Kellam, who was one of our beloved members and Deacon of the Round Prairie Church, we feel thankful to God that He has spared all of our ministering brethren.

J. BRIM, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-Schools, having had the same under

consideration, would advise the Churches to organize Sabbath Schools as early as the first of April, and continue until cold weather; and that the Old and New Testament be taught in preference to any other book.

A. R. WIGINGTON, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, would beg leave to report that we are sorry to know that the Bible is read so little, and that so few Baptist papers are taken and read by us as a denomination; we, therefore, recommend the several Churches composing this Association to take into consideration the great necessity of taking and reading some literature, and would further recommend *The Baptist*, *The Standard*, and *The Western Baptist*, published at Searcy, Arkansas, as being sound.

E. T. WILLINGHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report that we should obey the Divine injunction, and be temperate in all things, and especially not to use spirituous liquors except as a medicine; we would, therefore, recommend the churches not to indulge their members in visiting drinking parties and participating with them.

M. TATE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Whereas, There are localities, within our Association, destitute of the word and ordinances; Therefore, we recommend that we appoint a board of three, to be called a Board of Home Missions, whose duty it shall be to employ the necessary labor and devise ways and means to aid in the same.

J. K. REDDELL, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report: Received from the different churches, for the purpose of defraying the expense of printing and distributing *The Minutes*, \$22.50; balance due the Clerk for his services at the Convention, \$1.75.

J. A. WARE, *Chairman.*

Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

Ministers.	Post-Office.	Ministers.	Post-Office.
J. F. Mitchell.....	Springtown...	E. E. Burket.....	Springtown...
M. Tate.....	Osage Mills...	S. H. McCurley....	Springtown...
E. T. Willingham..	Osage Mills...	Joseph Winfield...	Springtown...
Wm. Miller.....	Springtown...	J. Givens.....	Givensville...
David Meadows....	Springtown...	J. Brim.....	Dixson.....
J. H. Hogan.....	Springtown...	E. McAbee.....	Hico.....

Licensed Ministers and their Post-Offices.

W. Edwards.....	Dixson.....	J. Eperson.....	Spavinaw....
E. Givens.....	Givensville...	A. Wigington....	Maysville...

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Names of Delegates.	M ^g days	Baptis'd	R'd, Let.	R'd, Rel.	Disin'd.	Exclu'd.	Restor'd	Died...	Total...	Contri..
Antioch.....	Osage Mills	E. T. Willingham..	E. T. Willingham, M. Tate.....	1 ..	3 ..	2 ..	1 ..	85	\$2 75				
Butler's Creek...	Givensville	J. Givens.....	J. Givens, J. Harris.....	4 3	12 ..	3 ..	..	45	3 00				
Corner Springs...	Double Springs...	S. H. McCurley.....	J. M. Peek.....	3 ..	1 ..	2 1	..	26	1 00				
Flint Creek.....	Spring Town.....	D. D. Meadows.....	J. A. Nelson, W. J. Collins, R. Duckworth.	1 1	5 3	2 ..	..	67	2 15				
Fairmount.....	Spring Town.....	McCurley & McAbee	S. H. McCurley, A. A. Ellis, J. T. Chastain	2 12	13 2	..	..	1 55	1 50				
Honey Creek.....	Maysville.....	H. Haley.....	J. K. Reddell, J. W. Netherton, C. Seay....	1 3	1 ..	10 1	..	73	2 30				
Mt. Enterprise....	Maysville.....	J. Epperson.....	A. R. Wigington.....	4 7	16 ..	3 ..	..	1 49	1 10				
Mt. Pleasant.....	Dixson	J. Givens.....	J. Brim, M. Bright, D. Edwards.....	1 1	..	..	1 ..	33	1 20				
Newcite.....	Bentonville.....	C. Seeley.....	J. W. Ausborn.....	3 ..	..	4 ..	..	26	1 00				
Pleasant Hill.....	Spring Town.....	M. Tate	J. Givehs, Jr.....	3 ..	7 ..	7 1	..	28	1 50				
Pleasant Valley...	Hico .....	.....	C. Calvin, R. Calvin.....	2 ..	1 ..	..	..	11	50				
Round Prairie....	Double Springs...	J. H. Hogan.....	H. R. Wooldridge, W. J. Taylor.....	2 2	1 ..	8 ..	..	1 20	75				
Round Grove.....	Southwest City...	J. Givens.....	H. Roark, H. Colvin.....	.. 4	15 1	5 ..	..	1 14	50				
Spring Town.....	Spring Town.....	D. D. Meadows.....	J. F. Mitchell, J. T. Mason, G. C. Lichlyter	4 8	4 ..	14 1	..	75	1 00				
Spavinaw.....	Spavinaw.....	J. Givens.....	A. M. Rodger, J. A. Ware.....	2 1	..	9 1	..	1 41	2 25				
Maysville.....	Maysville.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..