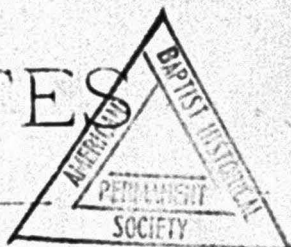


MINUTES

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THIRD :- ANNUAL :- SESSION

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Spring Valley Baptist Association.

— HELD WITH —

SMYRNA CHURCH, MADISON COUNTY, ARK., SEPT. 5 and 6, 1890.

OFFICERS :—ELDER J. BAKER, MODERATOR, HUNTSVILLE; R. H. WEAVER, CLERK, HUNTSVILLE.

The next meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove Church, three miles East of Marble, Ark. Commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1891.

REPUBLICAN JOB OFFICE, HUNTSVILLE, ARK.

PROCEEDINGS.

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Friday before the first Sunday in September 1890; the Spring Valley Association met with the Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Smyrna, Madison County, Arkansas, according to appointment and after singing and prayer the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Joshua Baker from 1 Cor., 13th ch. 13th verse: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Elder R. H. Weaver was chosen clerk pro. tem., and J. W. Brent assistant clerk.

Letters from the different churches called for and read by Bros. R. H. Weaver and J. W. Brent, and names enrolled, as per table. A spurious letter, gotten up by excluded members of Brush Creek Church, was indefinitely tabled. Received a petitionary letter from Mineral Springs desiring admission into our body, which was unanimously received.

The Association then organized by re-electing Elder Joshua Baker Moderator, and Elder R. H. Weaver, Clerk. No corresponding letters. Called for visiting ministers and Elder D. H. Barron responded and was invited to seats with us. Appointed J. H. Boatright, William Duncan and G. W. Dyer on Divine service. Adjourned.

4 o'clock p. m.

The Association resumed business. Prayer by Brother T. J. Ballard.

Report of Committee on Divine service. Appointed as committee on Sunday Schools: Elder R. H. Weaver, Brethren B. F. Tilman and J. W. Brent.

Committee on finance, L. D. Smallin, William Duncan. Committee on foreign missions, T. J. Ballard, B. F. Tilman and L. D. Smallin.

Committee on Temperance A. J. McMillin, J. H. Boatright, J. C.

Calico. Appointed R. H. Weaver and J. W. Brent a committee on obituaries.

Home Mission, V. H. Ivie, J. C. Brown and A. J. Sisemore.

Periodicals and Books J. W. Brent and B. F. Tillman.

Committee on Education, C. Mouser and William Duncan. Recess

until 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, 9 a. m.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder R. H. Weaver.

Report of committee on temperance read, and, after discussion by several of the brethren, was unanimously adopted.

Report of committee on education read and approved. Report of committee on Sunday schools read and adopted.

On motion the next Association will be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, about three miles east of Marble, Madison county, Ark., to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1891.

Ordered that we continue correspondence with the Fayetteville Association and that Elder R. H. Weaver, J. H. Boatright and T. J. Ballard be appointed corresponding messengers to the Fayetteville Association, and that the brother clerk prepare a letter of correspondence. Recess till 2 o'clock. Prayer by brother S. A. Brock.

The Association met at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday evening. Prayer by J. H. Boatright. Report of committee on finance read and received.

Ordered that we allow the brother clerk what money there is, over \$6.00 for his services.

Report on home mission read, and after discussion by Bros. S. A. Brock, T. J. Ballard, J. Baker and V. H. Ivie, was adopted.

Ordered that Brothers B. Ward, G. A. Turner and C. Mouser be

board to receive means, and hire a missionary as they get the means to labor in the destitute portions of this association and not go in debt.

On motion pledges were taken to the amount of \$52 to employ a missionary to preach in the destitute portions only.

Report on Foreign Mission read and adopted. Report on obituaries read adopted. Roll called and absentees marked.

On motion it was ordered that there be 300 copies of the minutes be printed; that the clerk have the printing done, and that he distribute the same to the different churches in proportion to the money paid by them.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator for the impartial manner in which he has conducted the business of the Association.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of this vicinity for their kindness shown us during our stay among them.

On motion the Association adjourned until its next session.

By agreement of Moderator and members there will be a ministers meeting, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1890, at Smyrna Church, Madison county, Arkansas.

ELDER JOSHUA BAKER, Moderator.

R. H. WEAVER, Clerk.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance would say that drunkenness is a great evil, and that it is condemned by the scriptures; and as dram-drinking is the forerunner of drunkenness, and also the covenants usually adopted by the churches of this association condemn it as a beverage; Resolved, therefore that we, as an association, will not retain in fellowship any church that allows any of her members to parti-

cipate in the manufacture, sale, or use as a beverage, of intoxicants.

A. J. McMILLIAN, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would recommend a greater earnestness in the Sunday School work; that each church should foster a Sunday School; that where a church can be sustained, a Sunday School could be. We as Baptists should double our energy in this direction. The Bible says "Train up your children, etc," how could we better train them than in Sunday School?

R. H. WEAVER, Chairman

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on home missions would report great destitution in the bounds of this association, and recommend that this body appoint a board for the purpose of collecting means and employing a missionary to preach in the destitute parts of this association.

V. H. IVIE, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSION.

Your committee would recommend Foreign Mission as a Bible doctrine. Jesus said: "Go into all the world," and as this applies to the Church of Christ it would seem that it is the duty of each one of us to give to the Lord's cause as we are able. The work is almost everywhere advancing and still the Macedonian cry is, "Come over and help us." There are thousands of conversions every year in the foreign fields, and yet the cry is, more men and more money. The Christian work is progressing in China, Japan, Italy, Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, &c. Brethren let's obey the injunction and go by our means to the aid of the poor heathen.

B. F. TILMAN, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

Your committee on education would report that it is the duty of the churches to foster a liberal system of education; that we should be thoroughly acquainted with the Word of God; that the Bible is the book of books; that we should secure for ourselves and families good, sound Baptist literature. We further recommend the American Baptist and the Arkansas Baptist.

J. W. BRENT, Chairman.

FINANCE.

Your committee on finance report that we have received from the different churches \$8.70, and \$1.40 made up by the brethren. Amount \$9.50.

L. D. SMALLIN, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Your committee on obituary report with sadness the loss of several of our dear brethren and sisters who have been called on before us, to-wit: John W. Pumphrey, of Smyrna, died April 2nd, 1890; Bro. James Jones, of Brush Creek Church, July 30th, 1890; Sister Mary E. Keeney, of Hindsville, —1890; Sister Tempa Lord, of New Zion, Jan. 1st, 1891. We trust our great loss is their eternal gain. May the Lord help us to so live that we may be ready to go when called, which will likely be in the next twelve months, with many of us.

R. H. WEAVER, Chairman.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.	'MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Days of meeting	Baptised	Received by letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total number	Am't. expenses	Home mission
Spring Valley.	J. Baker	Washington	Spring Valley	B. F. Tillman	3	0	0	6	0	0	81	1 25	10 00
Hindsville	D. H. Barron	Madison	Hindsville	T. J. Ballard	1	0	0	0	0	1	16	50	5 00
New Zion	D. H. Barron	"	Huntsville	C. Mouser, W. L. Whitmore	1	1	1	5	0	1	41	85	10 00
Brush Creek	J. Baker	"	Hindsville	J. Baker, S. A. Brock, L. D. Smallin,	2	3	3	6	17	1	50	1 00	10 00
Mountain springs		"	Wesley	I. Calico, J. R. Boatright	2	0	0	2	5	0	18	35	3 00
Liberty	A. J. McMillian	"	Aurora	A. J. McMillian	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	40	5 00
White River		"	Dutton	A. J. Sisemore	3	0	1	0	0	0	28	50	2 00
Smyrna	J. Baker	"	Huntsville	G. W. Dyer, W. Duncan; G. B. Canady	3	3	0	1	1	1	42	1 50	10 00
Lake		"	Alabama	B. E. Ward, J. W. Brent, V. H. Ivie	4	0	0	0	5	0	16	50	5 00
Antioch	C. J. Lester	"	Aurora	Larkin Ford, J. Russell	2	1	0	2	0	0	26		2 00
Pleasant Grove	R. S. Bartlett	"	Marble	L. R. Guthrie, J. C. Bower		0	4	5	0		12	60	2 00
Mineral Springs	C. J. Lester	"	Marble	No messengers	1		0				0		1 00
Pilgrims' Rest	Z. Z. Graham	Washington	Spring Valley	Not represented	4	0	0		0		30	10	3 00
Southern Grove	Z. Z. Graham	Washington	Springdale	Not represented	2	0	0	0			86		10 00
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