

# MINUTES

OF THE  
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,  
HELD WITH

## LIBERTY CHURCH,

*WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARK.,*

ON THE 23RD, 24TH AND 26TH DAYS OF SEPT., 1881.

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## OFFICERS:

ELDER J. DUNAGIN,	- - - -	MODERATOR.
S. S. GRAHAM,	- - - -	CLERK.

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## BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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FRIDAY BEFORE THE 4TH SABBATH IN SEPTEMBER, 1881, 11 A. M. The association met with Liberty church, Washington county, Arkansas, according to appointment, and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder I. R. Hall, from 1st Timothy, 4th chapter, 16th verse.

The former moderator being absent, the association was called to order by the clerk. Elder I. R. Hall was chosen temporary moderator. Letters from the different churches called for and read by Elder S. S. Graham and J. R. Campbell; and messengers' names enrolled as by the annexed table of statistics. The association then organized by re-electing Elder J. Dunagin moderator, and Elder S. S. Graham clerk.

New churches called for, and received one—Walnut Hill. Finding them correct in faith, the hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator, and their messengers' names enrolled.

Visiting ministers invited to seats and accepted by Elder M. D. Earley, as agent for the Home Mission Board, and visitor from the Caroline association; and Elder O. D. Slaughter, of Springdale.

Correspondence from other Associations was called for, which was responded to by Elders James Isaac, C. P. Tupper, Brothers N. Sims, and H. P. Green, Fayetteville Association; and by Elders J. C. Robertson, J. H. Hogan, and Brother John Givens, Jr., Springtown Association.

The following committees were appointed:—

ON DIVINE SERVICE: Brothers John Hall, G. M. Mays, and the messengers of Liberty church.

ON FINANCE: Brothers F. M. Seamster, Jacob Roller, and D. D. Hopkins.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS: Brothers J. P. Duckworth, G. P. Rogers, and J. R. Campbell.

ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS: Elders I. R. Hall and S. S. Graham, and Brother Paul F. Lewis.

ON EDUCATION— Elder G. Bryant, and Brothers W. H. Villiard and J. T. Boyd.

ON OBITUARIES: Brothers T. T. Black, Adam Hurd, and Hall Patterson.

ON TEMPERANCE: Brothers Paul F. Lewis, A. Kennon, and J. P. Duckworth.

The Association then appointed Elder J. C. Robertson, of the Springtown Association, to preach, on Sabbath, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the subject of missions. On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother J. R. Campbell.

\* SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 8 O'CLOCK.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by Elder J. C. Robertson, business was resumed.

Elders G. Bryant, I. R. Hall, J. Dunagin, and W. F. Green, and Brothers J. R. Campbell, R. W. Graham, and J. P. Duckworth, were appointed corresponding messengers to the Fayetteville Association, which meets with the Little Elm Spring church near Farmington, Washington county Arkansas, Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1882.

Elders I. R. Hall, J. Dunagin, F. M. Seamster, and G. P.

Rogers, and Brothers J. P. Duckworth, John Begley and J. F. Carden, were appointed corresponding messengers to the Springtown Association, which meets with Temperance Hill church, near Osage Mills, Benton county, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1882.

Elder G. Bryant and Brothers J. F. Carden, A. Hurd, and Jacob Roiler were appointed corresponding messengers to the Shoal Creek Association, which meets with the Big Spring church, five miles southeast of Newtonia, Mo., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in September, 1882.

The association then took recess until after preaching by Elder M. D. Earley. He addressed a large congregation, which seemed to be full of the love of God.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.**—The Association again assembled for business.

Elders J. Dunagin, S. S. Graham and I. R. Hall were appointed delegates to the State Baptist Convention, which meets at Little Rock on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1881.

After a short, but very interesting talk by Elder M. D. Earley, in which he explained the purposes and the workings of the convention, and asked the co-operation of the different Associations, this association made up and turned over to him the sum of twelve dollars and ten cents, (\$12.10), for the use of the convention, and to aid in the noble work in which it is engaged.

On motion, offered correspondence with the Cherokee Baptist Association, which meets with Long Prairie church, in the Nation, fifteen miles west of Bloomfield, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1881; and appointed Elders G. Bryant, J. R. Campbell, and T. T. Black as messengers.

Elder C. P. Tupper was appointed to preach at 2 o'clock on Sabbath.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Sims.

## SABBATH EXERCISES.

Elder J. C. Robertson preached on Sunday, 25th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m., to a large and attentive congregation, and considerable interest was manifested. A collection was then taken up for Home and Foreign Missions, with the following result: For Foreign Missions, seven dollars, (\$7), to which was added two dollars, (\$2), sent by the hands of Elder G. Bryant, from Richland church, making a total of \$9. For Home Missions, twelve dollars, (\$12).

Elder C. P. Tupper preached at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and acquitted himself as a faithful servant of God.

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MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 8 O'CLOCK.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the moderator; after which business was resumed.

On motion it was decided that the next Association be held with Pea Ridge church, about nine miles north of Bentonville, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1882, and that Elder J. Dunagin preach the introductory sermon—Elder I. R. Hall, alternate.

Ordered that five hundred copies of these minutes be printed—the clerk to superintend and distribute the same, and to have five dollars, (\$5), for his services.

On motion, the following reports and resolutions were adopted:

### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Sent up from the different churches, nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents, (\$19.75); in hands of the treasurer, fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents, (\$14.75); total, \$34.50.

D. D. HOPKINS, Chairman.

### ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We earnestly recommend the careful reading of the scriptures as the great center of Baptist faith. We recommend the *Arkansas Evangel*, published at Dardanelle; also the *American*

*Baptist Flag*, published at St. Louis, and *The Baptist*, published at Memphis, Tenn. For Sunday Schools, *Kind Words*.

I. R. HALL, Chairman.

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#### ON OBITUARIES

In the Providence of God, it has pleased Him to call from our midst our brother, Elder J. F. Fairchild, of Mount Pleasant church.

*Resolved.* That this Association tender its sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

T. T. BLACK, Chairman.

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#### ON DESTITUTION.

We, your committee on destitution, recommend, as the best system looking to missionary enterprise, that the Association appoint a board of three, who shall be authorized to appoint an agent in each church in the Association to solicit and collect means, and forward the same to the chairman of said board. Further, that this board be instructed to employ an efficient missionary when in their judgment they shall have collected sufficient means—said missionary to report to the board quarterly, and the board to report to the next annual meeting of this body. Also, that the means now on hand shall be turned over to said board, to be used in this work.

I. R. HALL, Chairman.

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#### ON TEMPERANCE.

*Resolved*,—By the Bentonville Baptist Association, that we recommend total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, as indulgence in their use is disastrous to both soul and body.

PAUL F. LEWIS, Chairman.

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*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of the Liberty church for their abundant and hospitable attention to us while among them.

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the moderator, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided.

*Resolved*,—That the delegates from the different churches be instructed to urge upon their respective churches to organize each a Sunday school, and at the next meeting of this body to report the workings of the same.

*Resolved*,—That the clerk be instructed to turn over all the money in his hands, (after paying the expenses of printing and distributing the minutes), to the Home Mission Board, in case a missionary be employed.

On motion, the moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of three, to collect means and employ a missionary for the ensuing year. Brothers J. P. Duckworth, H. N. Sharp, and John Deason were appointed such committee.

On motion, these minutes were adopted, and ordered signed by the moderator and clerk.

The Association then adjourned, to the time and place agreed upon.

Prayer by Elder J. C. Robertson.

J. DUNAGIN, Moderator.

S. S. GRAHAM, Clerk.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand,	- - - - -	\$14 75
" amount sent from churches,	- - - - -	19 75

Total,	- - - - -	\$34 50
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By amount paid for printing minutes,	- - - - -	\$15 00
" postage, &c.,	- - - - -	1 00
" paper, pens, ink, &c.,	- - - - -	1 00
" amount allowed for services as clerk,	- - - - -	5 00
		\$22 00

Balance on hand,	- - - - -	\$12 50
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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Meeting days	Baptised	Dis'd by letter	Rec'd by letter	Excluded	Dead	Total	Restored	Contribution
Southern Grove	Benton -	Lowell - - -	S. S. Graham	S. S. Graham, A. Stephens, W. C. Phillips.	3	8	1	1			52		80.
Bentonville - -	" - -	Bentonville -	I. R. Hall	J. P. Duckworth, John Begley.	4	1	8				40	1	00
Pea Ridge - - -	" - -	Avoca - - -	J. Dunagin	John Hall, D. D. Hopkins, Hall Patterson.	4		1				52	1	00
Hickory Creek -	" - -	Lowell - - -	S. S. Graham	A. Sigman.	2								40
1st Brush Creek	Madison	Spring Valley -	A. J. Vaughn	T. T. Black, John Webb.	1	24	6	12	1	1	120	2	50
Twelve Corner -	Benton -	Avoca - - -	J. N. Brooks	W. L. Carden, J. Buttry.	1	12		1			88	1	00
Richland - - -	Madison	Geshen - - -	C. P. Tupper	G. Bryant, J. R. Campbell, W. H. Villyard.	2	4	6	6	2			51	1 00
Pleasant Grove -	Benton - -	Lowell - - -		I. R. Hall, G. M. Mays, J. Robbins.	3		8	6			77	1	1 50
Bloomington - -	" - - -	Lowell - - -	W. F. Green	P. F. Lewis, Wm. Martin.	1		8				28		1 35
New Salem - -	" - - -	Avoca - - -	F. M. Seamster	F. M. Seamster.	1	1	1	1	2		28	1	50
Pleasant Hill - -	" - - -	Rogers - - -	J. Dunagin	J. Dunagin.	2	12					47		1 10
Spring Creek - -	" - - -	Elm Springs -	J. C. Robertson	F. Williamson, L. B. Downum.	2	31	10	5		1	94		1 50
Mount Pleasant	Barry, Mo.	Seligman - - -	G. P. Rogers	J. F. Carden.	2			2		1	28		75
Shady Grove - -	Washington	Springdale - -	A. Huckleby	J. B. Vernon.	2			9	1		88		75
New Prospect - -	Barry, Mo.	Seligman - - -	G. P. Rogers	G. P. Rogers, Adam Hurd, Jacob Roller.	3		1	1			95		1 50
Liberty - - -	Washington	Springdale - -	W. F. Green	A. Kennon, B. C. Fitzgerald.	3		3	5		1	48		1 50
Friendship - - -	" - - -	Springdale - -	C. P. Tupper	J. T. Boyd, G. Moneyhoor	6	18	4	1	2		114		1 00
Walnut Hill - -	Benton - -	Seligman, Mo. -	G. P. Rogers	J. F. Price, D. D. Rogers.	4	5	8	2			17		1 00



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Received of S. S. Graham fifteen dollars, (\$15.00), for  
publishing five hundred copies of these minutes.

ED. PORTER THOMPSON.

