

MINUTES

OF THE



FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

SPRINGTOWN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENED

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER THE 15th, 1875.

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ADVANCE PRINT,  
BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS,  
1875.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory was preached by Elder E. T. Willingham, from Matthew 16th chapter 18th and 19th verses, "and I say also unto thee," &c.

The letters from the churches were then read, which presented the following statistics:

1. Butler's Creek, Elder J. Givens, J. J. Whitwell and F. J. Linzee, received by Baptism 3, by letter 1, dismissed by letter 5, excluded 3, died 1—total 41. Minute fund \$1 30.

2. Flint Creek, Elder Jehu Hogan and Miller, received by baptism none, by letter none, dismissed by letter 2, excluded 6, dead 1, total 58. Minute fund \$1 50.

3. Newsite, Elder C. Seely and L. A. Jameson, received by baptism none, by letter none, excluded 8, dismissed by letter 3—total 24. Minute fund 55 cents.

4. Mount Enterprise, A. Foster, received by baptism nine, by letter 7, dismissed by letter, 15, restored 1, expelled 1, dead 1—total 50. Minute fund \$1 10.

5. Honey Creek, J. W. Netherton, M. R. Ware, received by baptism 2, by letter 2, dismissed by letter 10, excluded 2, reinstated 1, dead none—total 65. Minute fund \$1 70.

6. Mount Pleasant, W. M. Edwards, M. Bright, received by baptism 1, by letter none, dismissed by letter 1, excluded 1, died 1—total 31. Minute fund \$1 25.

Spavinaw, A. Ware, received by baptism 2, by letter 4, dismissed by letter 2, excluded 3, died 4—total 44. Minute fund \$2.

8. Corner Springs, J. M. Peek, received by baptism 9, by relation 2, letter 7, dismissed by letter 4, excluded none, dead 2—total 32. Minute fund \$1.

9. Zion Hill, R. L. Keith—total 17. Minute fund 30 cents.

10. Temperance Hill, Elders E. T. Willingham, M. Tate and J. H. Baker, received by baptism 3, by letter 6, dismissed by letter 2, excluded none, died none—total 61. Minute fund \$2.

11. Round Grove, H. Roark, W. J. Thomson, Hiram Colvin, received by baptism 10, by letter 2, by relation 1, dismissed by letter none, excluded none, died none—total 34. Minute fund \$2

12. Hico, Elder A. J. Estes, received by baptism 8, by letter none, excluded none, died none—total 21. Minute fund \$1.

Springtown, total 86. Minute fund 60 cents.

Grand total, by baptism 47, by relation 3, restored 3, dismissed by letter 44, excluded 24, died 9—total membership 566. Minute fund \$16 30.

Petitionary letters were called for, and received Zion Hill, a newly constituted church, and Hico church, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Permanent organization being in order,

Elders A. M. T. Zook and J. J. Shorthill were appointed tellers, who reported Elder M. Tate Moderator and J. M. Peek clerk.

Correspondence called for and received from A. M. T. Zook and J. J. Shorthill of Shoal Creek and L. R. Barnes and L. Jones from Bentonville association. Visitors, Elder J. D. Shelton.

Committee on Divine services, H. Roark, W. Thornton, S. Miller, H. Colvin, M. Ware and P. Millstead. On motion committee have entire control of Divine service.

On motion the association have recess from day to day during Divine services.

On motion adjourn till Saturday morning the 16th, at 8 o'clock.

Saturday morning association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Givens; resumed labors, moderator in the chair.

Committee on finance, E. T. Willingham and A. Foster.

On motion the following committees were appointed, to-wit:

On education, A. J. Estes, J. Givens, and J. H. Baker.

Committee to visit Springtown church, Elders A. J. Estes, J. Givens, C. Celey, E. T. Willingham and J. W. Netherton.

Committee to visit Maysville church consisting of Elders J. Given, A. J. Estes, J. Hogan and brethren J. A. Wear and H. Rourk.

Committee to draft resolutions on church letter, A. J. Estes, J. Givens.

The association took recess. During divine services the stand was filled by elder J. Shelton and J. Baker after which the association was called to order, moderator in the chair.

On motion dispense with committees on books, periodicals, domestic missions and Sabbath schools.

On motion Fairmount church was dropped from the roll.

On motion elder J. Givens was appointed Agent for the Springtown association to raise funds in bounds of the same to pay off the indebtedness of Shiloh school.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning 18th, at eight o'clock.

Sabbath morning the stand was filled by Elders L. R. Barns and A. J. Estes subject "you must be born again."

Two o'clock p. m. the stand was filled by Elders J. J. Shorthill and J. Hogan subject "He shall be called wonderful."

Eight o'clock Monday morning

the association met pursuant to adjournment prayer by the moderator.

On motion the churches are requested to take the subject of consideration with the Bentonville association under advisement, and report through letters at the next meeting of this body.

On motion reports of committees called for.

Report of committee on education: "We your committee wish to say that in view of the great and growing necessity for an educated people and ministry recommend our people to avail themselves of all opportunities that may be offered for mental culture and especially recommend the patronage of our school at Springdale. All of which is submitted.

J. GIVENS, Chairman."

Report received and adopted.

The committee on church letters report "in view of the fact that many of our members are in the habit of changing their places of residence without taking letters from their respective churches, we the association recommend that the pastors of the several churches do urge upon their members that propose to remove to first take letters of recommendation from their churches.

J. GIVENS, Chairman."

Report received and adopted.

The query from mount Zion church was referred back with recommendations to study the law of God and decide by the same.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report, received from the churches \$16.30 for the printing of the minutes.

Report received and adopted.

On motion the clerk shall have \$5 for his services. Adopted.

On motion the clerk retains 50 copies of the minutes for distribution to correspondents. Adopted.

On motion the next association to be held with Temperance Hill Church near Osage Mills, Benton County, Arkansas and A. J. Estes to preach the introductory sermon, and elder M. Tate alternate. Adopted.

On motion the churches are requested to send up to the next meeting of this body the names of all their ordained and licensed ministers, and their addresses in their letters.

On motion the minutes were called for read and adopted.

On motion the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Round Grove church and the citizens in the vicinity for their kind and hospitable entertainment.

On motion the association adjourned to meet with the Temperance Hill Church on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Prayer and benediction by elder J. H. Baker.

M. TATE, Moderator.

J. M. PEEK, Clerk.

## FORM OF LETTER

Recommended, from the Churches to the Association.

The following is a desirable form, and the churches are requested hereafter to follow it in addressing letters to the association:

Corner Spring Church, }  
Sept. 15, 1875. }

To the Springtown Baptist Association convened at Temperance Hill Church.

Brethren: We have chosen and do hereby recommend Elder J. Hogan and Brethren J. M. Peek and M. C. Mitchell as delegates to represent us in your body. We have to report for the past year, received by baptism 9, by relation 2, by letter 7; dismissed by letter 4, excluded none, dead 2—total 32. Minute fund \$1. Our ordained ministers are ———, and licentiates———.

By order of the church,

JEHU HOGAN, Moderator.

J. M. PEEK, Clerk.

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