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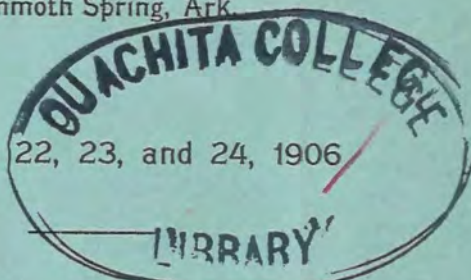
Spring River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Mammoth Spring, Ark.

September 22, 23, and 24, 1906



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OF

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WHEN CONVENED WITH

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Mammoth Spring, Ark., Sept. 22-24, 1906

OFFICERS

Elder G. B. Boroh, Moderator, Denton, Ark.

Elder Chas. T. Arnett, Clerk, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

Next Session to be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Lynn,
Ark., commencing on Saturday before the
Fourth Sunday in Sept. 1907,

Minutes

Mammoth Spring, Ark., Sept. 22, 1906.

At 9 a. m. the messengers, ministers, visiting brethren, members of Ebenezer church and citizens of Mammoth Spring, assembled at the church house of Ebenezer Baptist Church and were, in a few well chosen remarks, welcomed on the part of the church by the pastor, Chas. T. Arnett; after which, the mayor of the town, Dr. C. W. Culp, in behalf of the city, in a short and pleasing address, extended a very cordial welcome to the hearts and homes of the city and was followed by Rev. Dr. Nugent, with an excellent address, in behalf of the churches of the city. To both of which Dr. J. H. Peay responded in his happy style for the Association.

At 10 o'clock, the Association was called to order by Bro. G. B. Boroh, the moderator, the soul stirring hymn, "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" was then sung. Bro. G. B. Boroh read the 133 Psalm and prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. Robertson. Bros. Owens and Robertson were appointed reading clerks.

On call of churches, the following responded by letters and messengers to wit:

Big Creek, N. A. Vance, W. A. Watkins, E. J. Russell and Alt. J. S. Johnson.

Black Rock, I. A. B. Minner and J. N. Robertson.

Bold Spring, S. R. Erwin, J. F. Butler, Mollie Shaver.

Calamine, Jas. Maxwell, A. W. King, J. H. Cocke, Alt. G. King and Joe Miller.

Centerville, W. H. Goatcher, J. W. Henly and C. C. Hall.

Clear Spring, C. H. Wayland, W. P. Dent and N. E. Dent.

Clover Bend, H. Little, S. B. Bell, H. E. Suddith, Alt. E. R. Turner and E. R. Evans.

Ebenezer, Chas. T. Arnett, W. H. Thomas and A. Emerson.

Hardy, Sisters, Cope and Gilliland and Bro. Campbell, Alt. Sisters—Jackson, Hatsings and Gilliland.

Imboden, Sisters, Mitchell and Herring.

Jerusalem, V. C. Erwin, J. C. Penn, W. R. Mize, Alt. R. E. Penn, H. Little and H. G. Penn.

Lebanon, J. L. Hill, J. P. Goff, J. E. Miller, Alt. H. Croom and Dean Thompkins.

Little Spring, Sister Thompkins, Robb Thompkins, J. C. Dinton, Alt. H. D. Taylor, F. M. Biggs and G. W. Smith.

Lone Oak, C. B. Lee, J. A. Justus, G. T. Pickett, S. F. Clements, M. F. Pickett and W. A. Helms.

Mt. View, L. A. Baun, G. C. Jernigan, C. L. Bowers, Alt. Jas. Stephens and W. A. Clark.

New Hope, G. B. Boroh, Jos Winchester and H. A. Moore.

Pocahontas, V. G. Hinton and G. W. Owens

Portia Not represented.

Pleasant Grove, T. F. Buchanan, H. G. Brady and Ray Pickett.

Pleasant Hill, J. S. Adams, S. W. Prince, Joe Goodwin, Alt. W. G. Dewson.

Rings Chapel, P. M. Chrisenbery, W. T. Brashear.

Shiloh, M. D. Bowers, J. D. Haynes and R. L. Haynes.

Smithville, Sister J. E. Moore present but not messenger.

Tuckerman, W. M. Tims, J. R. Cleveland.

Union, Willie Wilson, John Helms and Miss Virginia Panley.

Walnut Grove, W. T. Smith, W. A. Deaton.

Walnut Ridge, Mrs Guss McCarroll, Miss Duffy Gooch, Mrs. Story and Miss Pearl Pane.

The next order of business being called, viz:

The election of officers, Bro. G. B. Boroh was unanimously re-elected moderator and Bro Chas. T. Arnett was, again for the sixth time, elected Clerk

On call for corresponding messengers, Bro G. W. Owen from Mt. Zion Association responded and was accorded a seat with us.

The following visiting brethren were given seats with us, viz:

J. H. Peay, representing the Baptist Advance

C. R. Powell, representing the Arkansas Baptist.

Bro. Finch, representing Orphans Home.

Bro J. M. Milburn representing the American Baptist Flag.

E. T. Lincoln. State Line Association colporter wagon No. 3, of the Sunday School board.

J. L. Manley, Elevenpoints Association of Missouri.

W. T. Jackson from Illinois.

H. B. Williams, Thayer, Mo

The Moderator then appointed the following committees to-
wit:

On Divine Service, Chas. T. Arnett, Benj Jones, V. G. Hinton, J. T. Helmes and Mrs Effie Manken.

State of churches: H. G. Brady, H. Croom and Lilly Mitchel.
Sunday Schools, Mrs. Chas T. Arnett, Miss Guss McCarroll
and J. H. Peavy.

Foreign Missions, J. P. Goff, J. S. Adams and Mrs. E. Thompkins.

Foreign Missions, W. M. Tims, J. D. Haynes, and Virginia Panly.

State Missions, M. D. Bowers, C. D. Lee, Miss Cope.

Associational Missions, I. A. B. Misner, J. N. Robertson and
Mrs. Guss McCarroll.

Education, J. F. Helms, Dean Thompkins, Mrs. Herring.

Baptist Literature, W. H. Goatcher, H. Little, Miss Duffy
Gooch.

Prohibition, Chas. T. Arnett, J. T. Helms, and Mrs. W. Story.

Correspondence, N. E. Dent, Willie Wilson, Miss Duffy Gooch.

Finance, S. B. Bell, J. P. Goff, M. H. Croom.

Ministeral Directory, C. L. Bowen, R. E. Penn, Jas. Maxwell

Orphans Home, H. G. Penn, S. H. Clements, W. T. Smith.

The Dead, J. H. Smith, Rob Thompkins, W. H. Thomas.

11 a m — This being the hour for the Introductory Sermon,
and Bros J. F. Butler and R. B. Bellamy, being absent, Bro.
M. D. Bowers was chosen by the Association, after a short de-
votional service, the brother preached a very impressive sermon,
recess was taken until 2 p. m.

2 P. M. — On reassembling the circular letter as written by
Bro. J. E. Moore, was read by the Clerk, on motion it was or-
dered printed in the Minutes, (see appendix "R".)

A petitionary letter from Mt Zion church sending Bros. S.
H. Clements, Geo W. Roark and Geo. L. Hooker to sit with us,
was received, and on motion, it was received into our union.

The committee on Divine Worship reported that Bro. J. N. Robertson would preach at 7:30 p. m.—The devotional service to be led by Bro. G. B. Boroh. On motion, the order of business was suspended and the following resolution from Black Rock church, was offered to-wit: (See appendix "A ") The resolution was unanimously adopted and Mission Board composed of the following brethren, were appointed viz, I. A. B. Minner, Ed Moore, W. A. Skillen, G. B. Boroh and J. C. Penn.—I. A. B. Minner, Chairman. The report of the clerk was read as follows: (See appendix "B ") On motion, it was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Associational Mission Board was read and adopted. (See appendix "C.")

Recess was taken until Sunday morning at 8:30

7:30 P. M.—Devotional exercises, led by Bro. Peay. The sermon was preached by Bro. J. N. Robertson, the subject was, "God is Love," and the text, Ephesians; 3, 15, 16, 17. The sermon was touching, tender and uplifting.

The committee on Divine Worship announced that Bro. R. G. Bowers, secretary of State Missions and Sunday School Board, would preach at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Baptist church, and Bro. J. H. Peay, would preach at the Presbyterian church. At 7:30 p. m. Bro. W. G. Owens would preach at the Baptist church and Bro. Powell, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, would preach at the Presbyterian church. Recess was then taken until 9 a. m. Sunday, when a Sunday School rally would be held.

9 A. M. Sunday 23rd—The Association was opened by prayer and song service, Bro. Boroh presiding. The committee on Sunday schools reported and after, very beautiful, impressive and uplifting talks by Brethren, Peay, Hinton, Milburn, Owens, Robertson and Jackson it was unanimously adopted. (See appendix "D.")

11 A. M.—Bro. R. G. Bowers read the 46th Psalm and the latter portion of the 15th Chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians; his text was the 58th Verse, topic "Life is the Light of Christian Principles." The sermon was a grand one. The audience was greatly impressed and many felt that the Holy Spirit of God was present, and all felt that it was 'good to have been there'.

After the sermon, a collection for State Missions was taken, amounting to \$27 00, which was equally divided between the Convention and General Association. Recess until 2:30 p. m.

2:30 P. M. — On reassembling, several beautiful prohibition songs were sung, led by Sister Chas. T. Arnett. After prayer and call to order, the Prohibition report was read and discussed at length by brethren, and its adoption postponed until 8:30 a. m. Monday. Recess until 7:30.

7:30 P. M. — After devotional exercises by Bro. M. D. Bowers, Bro. G. W. Owens opened his service by an appeal in burning words, to the Christians to go to God in prayer for the unsaved. Many arose and asked the prayers of all for loved ones and friends. After a very strong sermon, an appeal was made to the unsaved, and quite an interesting service was experienced.

8:30, Monday 24. — After singing, a scripture lesson and prayer by Bro. Boroh, the body was called to order, and business resumed by discussion of the Prohibition report. After about one hour spent in its discussion, it was adopted as amended. (See appendix "E.")

A letter from Bethel church, which had not been represented in this Association since 1897, was received asking restoration which on motion was unanimously adopted. On call for reports, the following were read and adopted, to-wit:

- State of Churches, (see appendix "F.")
- Foreign Missions (see appendix "G")
- Home Missions (see appendix "H.")
- State Missions (see appendix "I.")
- Associational Missions (see appendix "J.")
- Education (see appendix "K.")
- Baptist Literature (see appendix "L.")
- Correspondence (see appendix "M.")
- Finance (see appendix "N.")
- Ministerial Directory (see appendix "O.")
- Orphans Home (see appendix "P.")

The committee on Memorials of the Dead, failing to report, the clerk was authorized to prepare and print a report with the Minutes (See appendix "Q.")

After the discussion of the State Mission report, Bro. R. G. Bowen and Bro. Finch, each, made grand talks, whereby the brethren seemed to catch the spirit of Missions and in a few minutes a collection of \$27.52 was taken, and added to that of yesterday, making altogether \$57 52, all being equally divided between the convention and general Association. Bro. Finch also asked for an offering for the Orphans' Home, \$10.00 was given, which, added to \$15 00 taken last night at the Presbyterian church made \$25 00 for the great cause.

The following Brethren were appointed corresponding messengers:

To Rocky Bayou—W. M. Rany.

To Current River—V. G. Hinton.

State Line—C D Lee.

White River Valley—W. H. Goatcher and W. M. Tims

White River—Chas. T. Arnett.

Mt. Zion—M. D Bowers

Independence—G. B. Boroh.

An election was then held for place of next session, for one to preach the Introductory sermon and to write the circular letter. Result, place—with Pleasant Hill church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in 1907.

M. D. Bowers to preach the sermon and G. B. Boroh Alt. Dr. A. L. Peacock to write the circular letter

The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted:

1st. Resolved, That the thanks of this Association, are hereby tendered, the brethren and citizens of Mammoth Spring, Arkansas for the many kindnesses and hospitalities during our stay among them and may God's blessing rest upon them.

2nd. Resolved, That that the thanks of this association are hereby tendered the Moderator and Clerk for their services, kindness and patience during this session.

3rd. Resolved, That the Clerk have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

S. H. Clements,

C. B. Lee,

J. C. Penn.

The following resolutions to change time of meeting was submitted to lie over until next session, for final action:

Resolved, That section nine of the constitutions be changed to read, Thursday instead of Saturday.

Chas. T. Arnett,
J. T. Helms.

No other business appearing, the Association closed; the best and most spiritual meeting that has been held for ten years, or perhaps ever, was the expression of many brethren. While singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again," the parting hand was given, after which the Benediction was given, and the Spring River Association closed its 38th session to meet in its 39th session, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1907.

G. B. Boroh, Moderator.
Chas. T. Arnett, Clerk.

APPENDIX

A.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION

Whereas, great destitution of gospel preaching exists within the bounds of this Association; and in view of importance of a united effort on the part of our people to supply said destitution and send God's message to every creature: Therefore,

Resolved,—First, That this Association appoint an executive board of five discreet brethren, who shall have charge of all work of missions in and by the Association, a majority of which shall constitute a quorum.

Second: That each church in this Association be requested to send one messenger to meet with said board, bearing the missionary contributions from said church.

Third: That such messenger be considered a part of the mission board for the transaction of all business coming before the meeting of the board.

Fourth: That in the absence of such messengers, or on a failure of the churches to send a messenger, the mission board of five members appointed by this Association in pursuance of this resolution, or a majority of them shall have authority to transact any and all business coming before them.

Fifth: That said board be requested to meet at a place of their choice on or about October 27th, 1906, and that said board and the messengers from the churches be requested to meet for the transaction of business on Saturday before each fifth Sunday of the ensuing associational year, or oftener if necessary.

Sixth: That the pastors of the several churches be requested to urge the churches over which God hath made them overseers to take up collections for the work of supplying the destitution in the bounds of this Association

Submitted by Black Rock church; I. A. B. Minner, Messenger.

The above having been adopted, and Board appointed, October 27th, was set for first meeting with Black Rock church. Free entertainment has been made for messengers. All churches are requested to send messengers.

B.

Report of Clerk of Spring River Association, September 1905:

To Balance on hand.....	\$ 1 15
Minute fund from Committee.....	28 90
Collection for Minute fund.....	6 35
Amount for Associational Missions.....	9 00
Amount for Ministerial Education.....	1 50
For Sunday School colportage.....	3 50
For State Missions.....	10 00
For Orphans Home.....	25
For Orphans Home, collection.....	5 20
Collections for State Missions.....	6 97
Collection for Bro. Moore.....	3 08
Amount from Bro. Sharpe for Missions.....	1 25
	<u>\$77 15</u>

Credits—September 25.

By paid N. E. Judkins Associational Missions.....	\$ 9 00
Paid Bro. Moore.....	3 08
Paid Bro. J. I. Martin.....	3 48
Paid J. F. Love, Secretary.....	23 93
Printing of Minutes.....	21 25
Expense on books.....	75
Postage and Expenses.....	4 50
Preparing Minutes.....	10 00
	<u>\$75 99</u>

To Balance on hand..... \$ 1.16

Chas. T. Arnett, Clerk

Report of Treasurer of Associational Mission Board:

Received the following amounts:

From N. E. Judkins, former treasurer, balance from last year,	\$25 00
From N. E. Judkins, for New Hope church.....	1 65
From N. E. Judkins for Smithville church.....	2 00
From N. E. Judkins for Pleasant Grove church.....	3 40
From J. H. Townsend for Centerville church.....	5 00
From C. T. Arnett for Ebenezer church	2 00
From J. P. Goff for Lebanon church.....	2 50
From Samie Stratton for Lone Oak church.....	2 50
From J. D. Haynes for Shiloh church.....	5 00
From W. A. Deaton for Walnut Ridge church.....	4 50
From W. S. Wasson, (Individual pledge).....	10 00
From sale of one bible to N. E. Judkins.....	25
Total Receipts	\$63.80
To J. F. Butler, missionary, for one month's services..	25 00
Balance on hand	\$38 80

Respectively Submitted,
H. W. Townsend, Treasurer

D.

Sunday School Report—Your Committee reports as follows:

Children are the recruits of this commonwealth; they are to take our plans when we are called from labor to refreshments, therefore, incumbent upon us as Baptist parents, to train them in the way the Lord would have them go. The Sunday School is a proper place to teach them the way of truth and to train them for church work.

No Baptist should send his children to Sunday School. Baptist's should take them to Sunday School. Largely from the Sunday School is the church to receive its growth and as such should be nourished and cherished by all true lovers of our Master's cause.

So, brethren, under God let us endeavor to establish and maintain good live Sunday Schools in all our churches and in destitute places.

J. H. Peay,
Mrs. Chas. T. Arnett.

E.

Report of Committee on Prohibition:

All Christian people should have their hearts filled with love and gratefulness, to our loving, Heavenly Father, for the great and glorious victory for righteousness and manhood in our recent State elections in voting down license for sale of liquor in about four fifths of the counties in the State. It is with great pleasure that we have watched the progress made in our State in the creation of public demand for better officers, for law enforcement, and for prohibition. This has been accomplished by the faithful teaching of God's word, in the homes and in the pulpit demanding that Christian men and women embody the bible teaching in their lives—practically, it is to our religious teachers that we are indebted for our growth.

We cannot too highly commend that great non-political, undenominational, American, anti-saloon leagues, methods which have furnished a medium for the best work and leadership, without too close denominational connections. Its system has developed local leadership and responsibility with general co-operative and helpfulness. Especially is this true in the work in developing the right of good citizens to control the issuance of license, the right of County Judge to insert conditions in the license and to cancel for their violations. We also note the development made in the destruction of gambling houses and devices. In all of this the Anti-saloon League has demonstrated its safe leadership and effective work, and it is our duty, as good citizens and Christian men and women, to encourage in every way possible, this great organization of man where all can work together for the riddance of the whisky curse from our land.

Chas. T. Arnett,

John T. Helm,

Sister W. Story.

F.

We, your committee, on State of Churches, find that the most of our churches have had spiritual outpourings during the past year, resulting in the birth of many souls into the kingdom. There has been 148 baptisms and our people are awakening to

the destitution in our borders, and we believe that the next year will betray the greatest work that has ever been done in our midst. During the year, 22 of our Brothers and Sisters have been taken to the Home above.

H. G. Brady,
Henry Croom,
Mrs. Lee A. Brady.

G.

Committee on Foreign Missions:

We are pleased to note the progress made in the work on foreign fields. We need trained men and women to work their own people. Theological schools have been established and about one hundred men are being trained for the work. May the Lord help us to send more laborers into the vineyard.

In the year of 1904—5, Arkansas contributed\$4988.65

In 1905—6, contributed..... 5764.44

An increase of.....\$778 71

The numerous Missionary Societies have contributed \$874.47

Opposition, both at home and abroad, has, to a certain extent, been removed. Barriers have been swept away. Our God leads us on, at home and abroad. His blessings have been manifold; while we review the past with thanksgiving and praise, let us remember the blessings bestowed, only call us to higher and holier service. Let us enter upon another year with higher purpose to make it better than any of the past for the glory of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. P. Goff,
A. E. Thompkins,
I. S. Adams.

H.

Report of committee on Home Mission:

We would respectfully state, that from available data, we find that the Home Mission Board of the S.C.B. have very materially increased their work for the past year, both in soul-saving and in increasing interest on the part of our people for this great work. Some of our large cities are as destitute of the preaching of God's word as is darkest Africa, and here is where the greatest work is being done. We find that during the life of the Home Board, over 4,000 churches have been established; over 3,000

meeting houses have been built; over 200,000 additions to the churches have been the results of the labors of the missionaries. For this year there has been great increase in workers, Last year there was 718 missionaries; this year there is 880; last year there was 10,557 baptisms; this year 15,436. The contributions have been increased over \$30,000. The board has asked for \$250,000 this year. Brethren, when we realize our individual responsibility, there will be no lack of funds for carrying on God's work. Let our motto be—"Work, Pray and Give.

W. M. Tims,
J. D. Haynes,
Virginia Parsley.

I.

State Missions:

Arkansas is a great Mission field. There is destitution in every county, and in almost every community. The people are dependent upon the Baptists for the pure gospel. It is our duty to send the gospel into every community in the state, and, into all the world. There are two State bodies seeking the co-operation of our churches in State Missions. We understand they are both doing excellent work, and since the sentiment of this body is somewhat divided, we recommend the greatest liberality through what ever body the churches may select. You are referred to the Minutes and papers of both bodies for data concerning the work.

M. D. Bowers,
Chas. B. Lee,
W. E. Lampary.

J.

We, your committee, on Associational Missions, beg leave to report. For the past year we have done almost nothing along Missionary lines. In fact, we have done but little Missionary work for some years, and yet the demands become greater year by year and our responsibilities to preach the gospel at our own doors, is first of all. Brethren, let us make this year the crowning of all passed years.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. N. Robertson,
I. A. B. Minner,
Sister Gusie McCarroll.

K.

We, your committee, on Education, respectfully report that we are pleased to note the increased interest in the cause of Christian education it is a source of satisfaction to know that as a denominational, we stand in the front rank as to institution equipments and instructory We recommend that our people patronize our own schools which are second to our Ouachita-Central System consists of Ouachita College for girls only. Academies are located as follows:

Maynard, Mountain Home, Bentonville and Magazine, Alw.
Huckner College at Witchnerville

Jno. T. Helms,
W. H. Goatcher,
Dean Thompkins.

L

Baptist Literature:

Your committee on Baptist Literature respectfully offer the following:

First, that the study of God's word be earnestly recommended to the Baptist within the bounds of this body, especially, and that they prayerfully endeavor under the guidance of the holy spirit to follow it. Second: Every Baptist home should be supplied with as many Baptist periodicals and papers as they are able to pay for.

W. H. Goatcher,
A. Little.

M.

We, the committee, on Correspondence, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that this Association correspond with the following Associations: Rocky Bayou, Current River, State Line, White River Valley, Mt Zion, and Indendence and Elevenpoints Associations in Missouri.

A. E. Dent,
W. H. Wilson.

N.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received for Minute fund.....	\$32.65
Received for Associational Mission	27.55
Received for State Missions.....	3.00
Received for Foreign Missions.....	2.00

Received for Home Missions.....	.50
	<u>\$66.20</u>
Paid to Clerk.....	66.20

S. B. Bell,
J. P. Goff,
H. M. Croom.

O.

We, your committee on Ministerial Directory, beg leave to report the following ordained Ministers of the different churches in our Association:

W. H. Abee, Smithville, Ark.
Chas. T. Arnett, Mammoth Spring, Ark.
J. M. Appelgate, Portia, Ark.
M. D. Bowers, Pocahontas, Ark.
R. B. Bellamy, Smithville, Ark.
L. A. Bain, Mobley, Ark.
G. B. Boroh, Imboden, Ark.
J. F. Butler, Shelbyville, Ark.
P. M. Ckritstenberry, Bengay, Ark.
S. H. Clements, Williford, Ark.
J. C. Diceton, Poughkeepsive, Ark.
E. R. Evans, Laura Town, Ark.
M. W. Frizzell, Black Rock, Ark.
H. C. Moore, Portia, Ark.
W. Watkins, Maxville, Ark.
H. B. Williams, Imboden, Ark.
Sam Stratten, Smithville, Ark.
James Winchester, Denton, Ark.
C. B. Lee, Williford, Ark.

C. L. Bowers,
R. E. Penn,
J. M. Maxwell.
Committee.

P.

Orphans Home Report:

We, your committee, on Orphans Home, at Monticello, are glad to report that the past year has been a most successful one in every respect, while we have had scores of children in the Home there has been but little sickness and no deaths.

The Home has been refurnished from top to bottom both

rooms and electric lights added and many other badly needed improvements have been made

Your Committee regards this a most blessed work and has perhaps been neglected in some of our churches. We therefore recommend that each pastor in the Association devote at least one service during the year to this glorious work and close by taking a good, liberal collection for the support of the 70 fatherless, helpless ones, dependent upon us for bread. Send all contributions to O. T. Finch, Box 276, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectively Submitted,

J. C. Penn,
W. T. Smith,
S. H. Clements.

Q.

Memorial of the Dead:

This committee failing to make report, I herewith submit the following: Upon examination of the church letters, I find that the Master has called thirty-five of our Brothers and Sisters to the Home on High. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, who shall at the last day arise again in the likeness of the Lord.

Chas. T. Arnett, Clerk.

R.

Circular Letter:

There have been many theories concerning the highest good and the supreme rule of right. One of the most common ideas, is, that advanced so long ago by Epicurus; that "Happiness is our beings end and aim." This does away with right altogether and leaves nothing but expediency to be considered. The question is no longer, "Is it right?" but, "Will it pay?" I believe that the greatest amount of happiness, will, in the end, at least, always flow from right action. But to make pleasure our aim, and bend all things to it, is to crown selfishness king of life, and to stifle many of the noblest impulses of our nature. Our very charity would proceed, not from any desire to better our fellowmen, but simply from the pain of living in contact with people in distress. Another very common idea is, that the intuitive knowledge of right and wrong, commonly called conscience, is the highest law of right. But the conscience is not an infallible guide, it depends

too much upon the education. The Hindoo mother throws her infant into the Ganges river to appease her God. Paul verily believed that he was doing God service when he was persecuting the church. He was following the dictates of a misguided conscience. The scripture says that we may believe a lie and be damned. So let us train our conscience in the light of God's word and not be satisfied with anything that is not sanctioned by Him, and in so doing we shall avoid many pitfalls and dangers in this life.

Faternally,
J. E. Moore

CONSTITUTION

We, the messengers of the Baptist Churches of Christ, in convention assembled, in order to perpetuate Union, foster Education and aid in the extension of the Gospel, do ordain this constitution for this Union to be called Spring River Baptist Association.

I. The Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen by the church 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 letters, 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 donation, 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 council and answer queries, when requested.

V. Churches may be admitted to the Union on petitionary letters, if Scriptural in Constitutional, 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 part of this Constitution.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. A moderator and Clerk shall be elected by the Association who shall continue in office one year or until their successors are elected.

2. 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 voice except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his feet and address the Moderator. He shall not depart from the subject under consideration, nor indulge in personal reflections.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association.

5. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6. No member shall address another by any appellation other than "Brother."

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

8. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association.

9. The clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings of the Association, and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

10. Any member violating the rules may be reported.

11. The session of the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

12. Resolved, That order of business be amended to read as follows:

1. Call to order by the Moderator.
2. Reading a chapter from the Bible, and prayer.
3. Appointing reading clerks.
4. Calling roll of Churches, and reading letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Introductory sermon.
7. Reception of corresponding messengers.
8. Invitation to visiting brethren.
9. Reception of Churches.
10. Appointment of committees, viz: On divine service; State of Churches; Destitution; Sunday Schools; Missions; Education, Baptist Literature; Prohibition, Correspondence; Finance; Ministerial Directory; Orphans' Home; Memorials of Dead.
11. Queries.
12. Report of Secretaries and treasurers of boards.
13. Report of associational mission board.
14. Report of committees.
15. Miscellany.
16. Adjournment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	CLERK	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Contributions	ADDRESS
Big Creek	J S Johnson	B F Johnson	4	50	\$ 75	Maxville, Ark.
Bold Spring	Mollie Shaver		5	25		Strawberry, "
Black Rock	W A Skillen	Miss E Matthews	8	90	31 38	Black Rock, "
Centerville	C A Clark		5	35	3 00	Kenyon, "
Clear Spring	C H Wayland	Jennie Hollabaugh	6	63	3 40	Denton, "
Ebenezer	John Shetron	Mrs C T Arnett	8	159	24 00	Mammoth Spr "
Imboden	J J Estes	Miss Mobel Owen	6	60	25 00	Imboden, "
Jerusalem	V O Erwin	J L Penn	7	35	4 75	Strawberry, "
Lone Oak	G W Helms	Jessie Jodes	5	38	60	Matthews, "
Mt. View	R M Jernigan		4	26	90	Moble, "
Pleasant Grove	Ray Pickett	Bedford Pickett	5	25	8 70	Annieville, "
Pleasant Hill	S M Prince	Jas Goodwin Jr.	6	74	7 90	Lynn, "
Pocahontas	V G Hinton	Sudie Hinton	7	93	10 81	Pocahontas, "
New Hope	John McLeod	John Garrett	6	40		Denton, "
Ring's Chapel	P M Chrisenbery	G W Brashear	5	55	1 00	Emory, "
Shiloh	D Bowen	Mrs Drew Wiley	5	35	4 00	Pocahontas, "
Tuckerman	H S Hill	Elmer Clair	6	54	10 00	Tuckerman, "
Union	W P Mason	J R Wilson	4	40	5 00	Jessup, "
Walnut Ridge	W A Henry	Mrs Gus McCarroll	8	72	60 00	Walnut Ridge
Totals,			100	1069	\$201 14	

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
Alicia		Mr McCullough	Alicia, Ark.
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Bold Spring	J F Butler	W M Watson	Strawberry,
Black Rock	J N Robertson	H W Townsend	Black Rock,
Centerville, ...	G B Boroh	C C Hall	Kenyon,
Calamine	R B Bellamy	John H Coeke	Calamine,
Clear Spring	G B Boroh	C H Wayland	Denton,
Clover Bend	W R Marshal	S B Bell	Clover Bend,
Ebenezer	Chas T Arnet, 3d S	Myrtle Conway	Mamm.th Spring
	H B Williams, 1 S		
Hardy	H B Williams	Mrs M A Cooper	Hardy, Ark.
Inboden	J W Robertson	Mrs C C Bacon	Inboden,
Jerusalem	G W James	R E Penn	Strawberry,
Lebanon	M P Jackson	J P Goff	Smithville,
Little Spring	J C Diceton	G T Diceton	Poughkeepsie
Lone Oak	J C Diceton	W A Helms	Clements,
Macondia	C B Lee	J S Goff	Hardy,
Mt. View	G W James	J E Dawson	Mobley,
New Hope	G B Boroh	T J Moore	Denton,
Pleasant Grove ..	R B Bellamy	H G Brady	Annieville,
Pleasant Hill	J F Butler	S M Prince	Lynn,
Pocahontas	W G Owens	J W Presley	Pocahontas,
Portia	G B Boroh	E B Ivie	Portia,
Mt. Zion	S H Clements	Geo L Fooker	Matthews,
King's Chapel	P M Chrisenbery	G W Brasher	Emery,
Shiloh	M D Bowers	J D Haynes	Pocahontas,
Smithville	G B Boroh	Mrs Dora White	Smithville,
Tuckerman	Oscar Reynolds	Anna Condit	Tuckerman,
Union	G W James	J R Wilson	Jessup,
Walnut Grove ...	W F Bridges	W A Deaton	Wa'nut Ridge
Walnut Ridge ..	J H Peay	J E Gooch	Walnut Ridge

NOTE—Correction of omission in statistical table. Pocahontas church paid for state mission \$1 00, home missions 50c, foreign missions \$4 65 and to the Orphans Home \$23.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP										Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS			Orphans' Home	Other Charities	Minute Fund	Improvement on Church Property	Miscellaneous Contributions	Total Contributions
	Ordained Ministers	Licensed	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Total Accessions	Discharged, Letter	Excluded	Total Present Membership	Total Diminution			Associational	Stete	Home						
Bethel													\$ 2 40						\$ 2 40		
Big Creek	1	2				1	1		1	52	\$ 300 00	\$ 30 00					\$ 75		35 75		
Bold Spring	1	1	4			7	1	3	4	36	400 00		\$ 4 15				1 00		5 15		
Black Rock	1		1	10	1	12	5		6	132	300 00	300 00			\$15 40		1 45	\$131 00	459 60		
Calamine						6	2		8	35	300 00	40 00	2 00				1 00		43 00		
Centerville				1	1	2	2	7	11	124	800 00	119 00				\$ 9 00	1 25	3 00	123 25		
Clear Spring			5			5	5	13	13	54	400 00	18 65					1 00		19 65		
Clover Bend			5			10		1	4	34							50		50		
Ebenezer	1		32	5		37		10	10	82	2000 00	43 00	5 00			15 00	1 00	15 00	60 00	163 00	
Hardy			13	5		18	2	1	3	28	375 00		2 05	\$24 90			1 00		33 50	63 25	
Imboden				4		4	8		8	40	1250 00						1 50	60 00	4 00	64 00	
Jerusalem								1	1	50	600 00	50 00		3 10			1 00			54 10	
Lebanon			5	3		8	1	1	3	83	25 00	18 45	5 00				1 00			24 45	
Little Spring	1	2	3			3	2	1	4	121	25 00						1 50	100 00	5 00	106 50	
Lone Oak	1		6	1		7	19	2	1	4	64		8 00	5 00			80			13 80	
Macedonia			5	1		6	1		1	2	31						75			75	
Mt. View			2	1		3		2	1	3	60	42 00		1 75	1 50		75			4 00	
Mt. Zion			14	21	1	36	4	1	5	32							75			75	
New Hope	2	1	1	3		4	8	3	14	25	189	1200 00	86 15				1 00	60 00		61 00	
Pleasant Grove			5	7	2	14	5	2	9	83	600 00						1 00		33 70	34 90	
Pleasant Hill			3	3		3	4	1	4	9	110	860 00	34 90	3 25	5 45		2 10			10 80	
Pocahontas			3	2		5	10		1	11	71	3600 00	97 25				1 00	100 00	72 81	324 96	
Portia	2			1		1			26		600 00	50 45				53 61	1 00			57 45	
Ring's Chapel	1		4			4		1	3	4	41	30 00					1 00		2 00	3 00	
Shileh	2	1	20	3	2	25		1	1	150	1000 00	50 00	5 00			7 69	2 00		13 45	78 14	
Tuckerman			2	4		6	3	1	1	5	70	1500 00	150 00				1 50		190 00	341 30	
Smithville	2			1		1			33		600 00	53 90					1 00			54 90	
Union			2			2	2		2	54	400 00	42 00					75			42 75	
Walnut Grove						6	5	2	13	60	1000 00	75 00	4 50				1 50			81 00	
Walnut Ridge			15	12		27	4		4	66	2500 00	300 00	25 50			6 00	1 50		140 00	473 00	

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