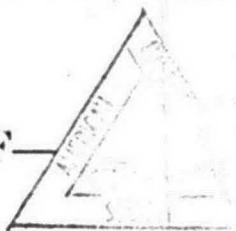


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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

❖ **SPRING RIVER** ❖

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

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—SEPTEMBER 27, 28 AND 29 1884.—

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER, 27, 1884.

The Association partially met pursuant to adjournment: with Union Church Sharp County, Arkansas. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and but few messengers being present, by agreement, the organization of the Association was deferred till night, the weather yet continuing unfavorable, it raining almost incessantly the body failed to meet. On Sunday following the messengers present, it was decided to have the introductory preached, which was accordingly delivered by Eld. M. D. East from John 10: 28, 29; to a large and attentive audience, also at 2 P. M. Eld. M. D. Bowers delivered quite an able discourse on Missions, from Rev. 22: 17, to a very attentive audience.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1884.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The body was called to order by the Moderator Eld. M. D. Bowers, prayer by Eld. David Wagster. On motion Hugh Spotts appointed clerk *pro tem*. The Moderator proceeded to call the roll of Churches, and assisted by Elds. Bellamy and Bain, read letters and enrolled messengers' names. [See Statistics.]

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder M. D. Bowers, Moderator, and Hugh Spotts Clerk and Treasurer, who having returned their thanks for the trust reposed in them proceeded with the business as follows:

FIRST. Call for correspondence--when Brethren J. R. Pratt and — Tipton came forward as Messengers from State Line Association, who were received and took seats.

SECOND. Invite visiting Ministers to seats--when Elders David Wagster and G. B. Borah, were enrolled.

THIRD. Call for petitioning letters--when Lone Oak Grove and Jerusalem Churches presented letters and were received.

FOURTH. The Moderator proceeded to appoint the following committees: 1. On Preaching--Messengers of Union Church, and Bro. F. Hester. 2. On Finance--Bethel Parsley, J. L. Watson, and R. J. Penn. 3. On State of Churches--R. B. Bellamy, F. Hester, and N. E. Judkins. 4. On Destitution--J. T. Coffman, Thomas Bray and W. R. Miller. 5. Missions--J. D. Wicker, R. P. Bain, R. J. Penn. 6. Sunday Schools--N. E. Judkins, J. T. Clements, W. C. Doss. 7. Correspondence--J. S. Darling, Joseph Miller and A. D. Taylor. 8. Baptist Literature--J. T. Coffman, A. Norman and R. B. Bellamy. 9. Education--R. P. Bain, U. S. Watson and J. D. McMillen.

On motion the business was suspended till 1 o'clock P. M. Elder David Wagster preached to a large congregation of attentive hearers.

After services the people partook of the good things of the land that

the brethren and friends had provided. After singing and prayer by Elder R. B. Bellamy, the Association resumed business. Elder R. B. Bellamy proceeded to read the circular letter, as per election of last session as follows:

REPENTANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—As I was chosen at your last annual meeting to write a circular letter, I have concluded to write on repentance. It will be my purpose to discuss this subject from a Bible stand point, and to show the relation it sustains to our salvation. 1. We understand repentance is produced by the Gospel of Christ, in connection with the quickning influence of the Holy Spirit, and that it prepares the heart to take hold of the promise by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Proof. Godly Sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of 2 Cor. 7: 10, while this text does not teach in so many words, that Godly Sorrow is repentance or that repentance is Godly Sorrow, yet it does teach that repentance is a product or fruit of Godly Sorrow it seems that repentance is closely connected with fruit, as it brings us to salvation, and salvation in scores of places in the Bible is conditioned on faith in Christ, or his Gospel. 2. The order of repentance as taught in God's word. The gospel shall first be preached in order to present Christ as an alwise and all sufficient Saviour, and in connection with this repentance should be urged as a moral duty enjoined on all men. While I know and consider repentance to be a Bible taught doctrine it will not do to place so much stress on it as to substitute it for Christ's gospel, as some men seem disposed to do, by doing this they make repentance the plan of salvation [instead of a condition of salvation] the order of repentance as connects with the gospel. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying the time is fulfilled the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent ye and believe the gospel—Mark 1: 14, 15, Suppose we preach that repentance is the gospel, we at once set it aside as a moral duty or a condition of salvation. On the day of pentecost while Peter was preaching the gospel of Christ the people were cut to the heart and cried out men and brethren what shall we do, then and not tell then did Peter present repentance as a condition of salvation or remission of sins, see Acts 2: 37, 38. 3. We understand repentance to proceed or come before faith, see Mark 1: 14, 15, Acts 20: 21, Heb. 6: 1. 4. We understand repentance as a moral duty to be enjoined upon all men. God commandeth all men everywhere to repent, Acts 17: 30.

Yours in the one Hope,

R. B. BELLAMY.

The letter was received and adopted.

The committee on preaching made report as follows:

To-day at 11 o'clock David Wagster, at night R. P. Bain, Tuesday at 11 o'clock J. R. Pratt.

The clerk called the roll of Messengers and marked absentees.

The Finance committee made report as follows; which was received and adopted: We, your committee on Finance report money for printing minutes \$20.05.

J. L. WATSON, Chr'n.

The committee on Destitution made the following report, which was received and adopted: We, your committee on Destitution beg leave to report the following:

We learn that there are several neighborhoods in this Association that are almost destitute of Baptist or gospel preaching. There is great destitution East of Black river, we suggest that some plan be devised to furnish those parts with the gospel of the Son of God. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. COFFMAN, Chairman.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was received and adopted: We, the Committee on Missions, submit the following: We believe the commission given to the church go preach the gospel to all the world, and we believe also that that church still exists till the present day, and we further believe that it is the duty of said church to carry out this mission, for how can we preach except we be sent, and how can we go and preach except we be supported, we believe this Association is able to support and ought to support a Missionary in her bounds this year, at least, if we do nothing for foreign Missions, for which we desist.

Yours Respectfully,

R. J. DENN.

The Committee on Sunday-schools made report which was received and adopted to-wit: We, your Committee on Sunday-schools recommend that the churches encourage Sabbath-schools in all neighborhoods in the bounds of Spring River Association.

N. E. JUELKINS, Chr'n.

The Committee on State of Churches, made report, which was received and adopted to-wit: We, your Committee on State of Churches report as follows: We learn that peace and union prevail throughout the Association and that most of the Churches have regular preaching, and we recommend that those churches that have not regular preaching, endeavor to procure the services of some Brother or Brethren to serve them as pastors.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. B. BELLAMY, Chr'n.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was received and adopted, to-wit: We, your Committee on Correspondence, recommend that this body keep up correspondence with White River Valley, Independence, State Line and Rocky Bayou Associations.

J. S. DARLING, Chr'n.

The Committee on Baptist Literature, made report as follows which

was received and adopted: We, your Committee on Baptist Literature beg leave to report the following: We recommend as helps to the Study of the holy Scriptures the works of D. B. Ray, J. R. Graves, A. C. Dayton, J. M. Pendleton, and as papers. The Evangel, American Baptist, Flag, Western Recorder, Baptist Gleaner, Tennessee Baptist and Central Baptist.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. B. BELLAMY, Chr'n.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which was received and adopted: We, your Committee on Education report the following: Education is a prerequisite to a proper understanding of the word of God, therefore we recommend that the brotherhood educate their children, for without this, our race is short from the cradle to the grave, and without Education our Ministry find it difficult to declare the whole Counsel of God, and we deem it highly necessary that our ministers should be educated that they may be able to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. BAIN, Chr'n.

On motion the Association proceeded to elect a place to hold the next session of this body which resulted in the choice of Big Creek Church, Sharp county, Arkansas.

On motion, adjourned to Tuesday at 8 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Eld. R. P. Bain.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 1884.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Eld. J. R. Pratt, the Moderator declared the body in session. The Clerk called the roll of Messengers and marked absentees.

On motion, the body proceeded to elect some one to preach the introductory sermon and some one to write the circular letter, which resulted in the choice of Eld. G. B. Borah to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. R. B. Bellamy alternate, and Eld. R. P. Bain to write the circular letter.

On motion that we discuss the subject of missions, and after a warm and lively talk on the subject and some very pertinent suggestions by some of the Brethren that we ought to show our faith by our works, or else take down our "sign" Missionary and substitute Anti-Missionary Baptist, and as usual the Mission matter proved a failure, and the following resolution was adopted.

Owing to the shorty response of the churches in support of the cause of Mission.

Resolved, That we do not send a Missionary to preach in the bounds of this Association during this Associational year for want of means to support him.

The Moderator appointed the following messengers to corresponding Associations: To White River Valley, R. P. Bain and C. F. Harris. Independence, F. Hester, Thos. Bray and James Anderson. State Line, R. J. Penn, M. D. Bowers and R. B. Bellamy. Rocky Bayou, R. B. Bellamy, G. B. Borah and Hugh Spotts.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Clerk to have the minutes printed and distributed, and that he have all money over fifteen dollars for his services.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS.

The following was offered by Prother Bellamy and was received and adopted.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the members of Union Church and people generally for their kind hospitality while among them.

R. B. BELLAMY.

The Association suspended business till after preaching, when Eld. M. D. Bowers preached at 11 o'clock to a large and orderly congregation, from Matt. 25:30, When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, &c., followed by Elds. Borah and Wagster.

After preaching the body resumed business.

On motion the session adjourned to meet with Big Creek Church, Sharp county, Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1885.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Wicker.

M. D. BOWERS, Moderator.

HUGH SPOTTS, Clerk.

~~RE~~ Received of H. Spotts \$15.00 for printing and distributing 500 copies minutes.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Messengers' Names.	Pastors	Clerks	Post Offices	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Total in Fellowship	Minute Funds
Ash Flat	No Intelligence.	W. M. Johnson,								
Big Creek	Thos. Bray, Jas. Anderson, W. C. Doss,	W. M. Johnson,	A. H. Vance,	Maxville,	1	1			29	\$1.00
Cross Roads	John T. Coffman, John D. McMillon,	M. D. East, ✓	J. J. Casey,	Portia,	14	14			42	1.00
Calamine	A. N. McPike, Joseph Miller,	H. M. Price, ✓	R. S. Handy,	Calamine,	17				44	1.00
Evening Shade	P. Hester, A. D. Taylor,		Leroy Smith,	Evening Shade						1.00
Friendship	No Intelligence.									
Hill's Chapel	J. D. Lasley, Hugh Spotts,	R. B. Bellamy,	Hugh Spotts,	Smithville,			17		24	1.00
Jackson	No Intelligence.									
Jerusalem	R. J. Pura, J. M. Erwin, A. Norman,	G. B. Borah, ✓	J. M. Erwin,	Smithville,	1	2			10	50
Little Spring	Letter, no messengers.		J. G. Brandon,	Pough Keypole					14	80
Lebanon	J. W. Wicker, W. M. Miller,	R. B. Bellamy,	W. R. Miller,	Smithville,	4	4		1	18	1.00
Lone Oak	J. T. Clements,	R. B. Bellamy,	J. A. Justus,	Smithville,					11	1.00
Mount View	R. P. Bain, C. F. Harris,	R. B. Bellamy,	G. S. Jernigan,	Reeds Creek,	1	2	3	1	38	2.00
Macedonia	J. S. Darling, O. S. Dickerson,	J. W. Wicker,	O. S. Dickerson,	Canton,	2	2	2	4	29	75
Mount Olive	H. A. Shelton,	S. A. Armstrong,	W. T. Webb,	Powhatan,			1	1	13	50
New Hope	S. E. Judkins, W. E. Moore,	M. D. Bowers,	T. J. Moore,	Smithville,	1	1	4	3	94	1.80
Pleasant Hill	W. G. Lewsaw,	G. B. Borah,	G. W. Goodwin,	Smithville,	12	2	6	1	64	1.00
Pleasant Grove	R. B. Bellamy, J. P. Simmons,	M. D. Bowers,	W. G. Pickett,	Smithville,	1		1		111	2.00
Point Pleasant	No Intelligence.									
Smithville	W. L. Watson,	G. B. Borah,	J. P. Goodwin,	Smithville,		1	4		20	1.00
Thilash	M. D. Bowers,	M. D. Bowers,	J. D. Haynes,	Pocahuntas,	1	1			81	2.00
Union	Bethel Pursley, H. W. Abbe, W. S. Wasson,	G. B. Borah,	Bethel Pursley,	Calamine,			1		28	1.25