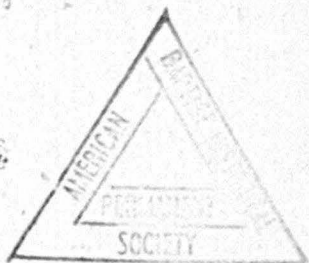


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—HELD WITH—

Shiloh Church, Randolph county, Arkansas.

September 25, 27 and 28, 1886.

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## OFFICERS:

Geo. D. Bandy, Mod.

Hugh C. C. C. C.

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Spring River Baptist Association convened in its Eighteenth Annual Session with Shiloh Church, Randolph County, Arkansas, on Saturday, the 25th day of September, A. D. 1886.

According to previous election of last session, Elder R. P. Bain preached the introductory sermon, based upon a part of the sixty-third verse of sixth chapter of John: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." And in the absence of Elder R. J. Penn, the alternate, Elder M. D. Bowers served as alternate.

The Association then took a recess for an hour, and partook of a sumptuous repast that the brethren and friends had prepared for the nourishment of the body, after which the Association re-assembled in the meeting house. Singing and prayer by Elder R. B. Bellamy.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Elder M. D. Bowers.

The moderator proceeded to call the names of churches and letters presented and read by Elders R. B. Bellamy and P. M. Pierce, and messengers names enrolled. [See statistics.]

On motion of Bro. J. A. Wilson the association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing associational year, Elder P. M. Pierce appointed tel-

ler. The election resulted in the choice of Elder G. B. Borah moderator, and Hugh Spotts clerk and treasurer.

The moderator and clerk elect made some appropriate remarks for the honor conferred, and the association proceeded with business, as follows:

1. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations, when Elder E. T. Lincoln came forward bearing a minute from State Line Association, and was welcomed to and accepted a seat with us.

2. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

3. Called for petitionary letters, when Mt. Olive, Liberty and Flat Woods churches presented letters, which were read, received, and thereupon the Moderator extended to the messengers the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them to the full immunities of the body.

4. The Moderator proceeded to the appointment of committees, to-wit:

1. ON PREACHING—Messengers of Shiloh church.

2. ON FINANCE—D. C. Lee, William Webb and Francis Hester.

3. ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES—John Webb, M. D. East and W. T. Townsly.

4. ON DESTITUTION—J. W. Wicker, J. A. Wilson and H. S. Miller.

5. ON MISSIONS—R. B. Brain, J. T. Sparks and John Webb.

6. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—John Penn, B. E. Andrews and T. L. Hindman.

7. ON CORRESPONDENCE—Allen Weaver, R. H. Coats and R. M. Pierce.

8. ON BAPTIST LITERATURE—M. D. Bowers, R. B. Bellamy and Hugh Spotts.

9. ON EDUCATION—R. P. Bain, W. A. Hughes and C. J. Andrews.

Committee on preaching reported Elds. M. D. East and J. W. Wicker to preach to-night.

Elder R. B. Bellamy proceeded to read the circular letter as per election of last session as follows:

### THE ONE FAITH.

There is one faith.—Eph. 4: 5. The one faith is the faith of the gospel—Phil. 1:17. This is the faith which was once delivered to the saints—Jude 3. By exercising faith, or believing, confiding or trusting in Christ, we have the promise of everlasting or eternal life—John 3: 16, 36; 5: 24. By believing in Christ we have the promise of remission of sins, "That through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins"—Acts 10: 43. We are justified by faith—Rom. 5:1; Acts 13: 39; Rom. 3: 28. "We are saved by grace through faith"—Eph. 2: 8, 18; Rom. 10: 9.; Acts 16: 30. Faith is produced by the Gospel. So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"—Rom. 10: 17. Faith is also a fruit of the spirit, but the "Fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith"—Gal. 5: 22. "And without faith it is impossible to please God"—Heb. 11: 6. "The just shall live by faith"—Rom. 1: 17.

Yours in the One Hope,  
R. B. BELLAMY

On motion of P. M. Pierce the letter was received and adopted.

On motion the association adjourned to meet Monday at 8 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Elder P. M. Pierce.

## MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

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The association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder G. B. Borah.

The association was called to order by the moderator and the body declared in session.

1. The clerk called the roll of messengers' names and noted absentees.

2. Minutes of Saturday's proceedings read and approved, by amending, so as to read: In the absence of Eld. R. J. Penn, alternate, to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. M. D. Bowers served.

3. Called for correspondence from sister associations.

4. Visiting Brethren invited to seats with us.

5. Called for petitionary letters, when Strangers Home messenger, O. C. Meacham, stated that the church had a petition for membership, but that the church had failed to send the letter.

On motion, the association received the church and welcomed the messenger to a seat with us, upon condition that the church send the letter to the clerk.

Cross Roads church presented a letter, which was read and enrolled.

Called for report of committees.

The committee on finance made report as follows, which was received, adopted and committee discharged :

We, your committee on finance, report amount on hand for printing minutes, \$25.70.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. C. LEE, Chairman.

The Committee on state of churches made report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.



We, your committee on state of churches, beg leave to report the following: The churches so far as we are able to ascertain are in good condition, and all of them have regular monthly pastoral services, and some of them have enjoyed refreshing seasons of revivals of religion; we, also, advise that the preachers and laity take hold of the work with more zeal and push with enthusiasm the great cause of our Master.

M. D. EAST, Chairman.

The committee on destitution made a report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

We, your committee on destitution, beg leave to make the following report: We find there is some destitution in the bounds of the Association on Elevenpoint and Spring Rivers, and in parts east of Black River. We recommend that this body take steps to supply or work up this destitution immediately with Baptist or Gospel preaching.

J. W. WICKER, Chairman.

The committee on Missions made report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

Committee on missions report that according to the scriptures of divine truth, which is our only guide, that we are successors to Christ and the Apostles, Christ first having instituted the plan, it being practiced by the Apostles, it now becomes our duty by our means to support the mission cause. After seeing the sweet benefits derived from our work, let us open our hearts in the direction of the mission cause this year, for blessed are they that do His commandments. Then let us do our duty and receive the blessing, is the prayer of your committee.

JOHN WEBB, Chairman.

The committee on Sunday schools made report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

We, committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to

report as follows: From the best information we can obtain we find that the Sunday School cause throughout the limits of the association is advancing to some extent, but not enough, we think, to justify this great cause.

We find that most of the churches where a Sunday school does exist, that it is only kept up about three months in the year, in consequence of which we recommend that each church in this association encourage a more zealous work in Sunday schools, also that the preachers lecture their churches to that effect.

I. C. PENN. Chairman.

Committee on correspondence made report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

We beg leave to report: We recommend that this body continue correspondence with Independence, State Line, Rocky Bayou and White River Valley associations by sending messengers with letters or minutes, also that we open up a correspondence with Current River association.

ALLEN WEAVER. Chairman.

The committee on Baptist literature made report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged:

We, your committee on Baptist literature, make the following report: We recommend the works of D. B. Ray, J. R. Graves, A. C. Dayton and J. M. Penelton, with the following named papers: Arkansas Evangel, American Baptist Flag, Tennessee Baptist, Western Recorder and Baptist Gleaner.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BOWERS. Chairman.

The committee on education made report which was received, adopted and committee discharged:



We, the committee on education, reports as follows :  
 We earnestly recommend the patronage of the public school system, and further request that the brotherhood use their best efforts for the better advancement of our sons and daughters in a pure and wholesome literature and earnestly request the co-operation of the association in assisting our young ministers in procuring a thorough education, if possible, which will better enable them to contend against the isms of the day, and show themselves workmen that needeth not be ashamed.

C. J. ANDREWS, Chairman.

Missionary board made report as follows, which was received and adopted:

To amount received,	- - - -	\$108,85
Amount paid Missionaries,	- - - -	\$108,85

On motion M. D. Bowers, the proposed change made at last session of Article IX of the constitution, was taken up and after some discussion pro and con, on motion of J. A. Wilson, the moderator called for a rising vote which showed the change was rejected.

The Association took recess to participate in the funeral services of sister Pratt, wife of Bro. Preston Pratt, and after a most excellent and soul-animating talk by Elder M. D. Bowers and prayer by Elder J. W. Wicker, the body of the beloved sister was consigned to the narrow limits of the tomb.

On motion, the association adjourned until Tuesday morning 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder R. B. Bellamy.

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## TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The association met pursuant to adjournment Tuesday 8 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder R. P. Bain.

The moderator called the association to order, and declared the body in session.

1. The Clerk called the roll of messengers' names and marked absentees.

2. Minutes of Monday's proceedings read and approved.

Called for resolutions.

On motion, the following resolution was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend that each church keep an account of the amount they pay their pastors the ensuing associational year, and report the same in their letters to our next association.

JOHN A. WILSON.

On motion, the following was received and adopted.

WHEREAS, We find that there is great destitution in some parts of this association; and whereas, we believe it to be the duty of the church of Jesus Christ to send the Gospel to every creature—

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take collection and subscriptions for missions and report progress.

J. W. WICKER.

The moderator appointed as such committee, Brethren F. Hester and T. L. Hindman, who reported \$31,55 in collections and subscriptions for mission purposes.

On motion, the following was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That there be a missionary board appointed, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the mission work, employ one or more missionaries, provi-

ded they can raise sufficient funds to justify such a move.

R. B. BELLAMY.

The Moderator appointed as missionary board, Brethren Wilson, Price, Bethel, Presley, T. J. Moore, Edward Gazey and W. G. Pickett.

On motion, the following was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we as a body recommend who we desire to serve us as missionary or missionaries during the ensuing associational year.

R. B. BELLAMY.

On motion, Elders J. W. Wicker and R. B. Bellamy was recommended as our missionaries for the ensuing associational year.

On motion, the following was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the clerk of this association to have 400 copies of the minutes of the proceedings, embracing the constitution and the amendment making the clerk treasurer; also, the rules of decorum printed and distributed to the churches as per amount paid by each church, and that the clerk be allowed six dollars for his labor.

R. B. BELLAMY.

On motion, the following was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we extend to the members of Shiloh church and the people generally our heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality while among them.

R. B. BELLAMY.

On motion, the following was received and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we do not think it right to practice pulpit affiliation with ministers of other denominations.

G. B. BORAH.

### PREACHING.

Elders M. D. East and J. W. Wicker, Saturday evening—Text, Isa. 34: 22. Elders R. B. Bellamy and G. B. Borah, Sunday at eleven o'clock—Text

Rev: 22: 14. At 2 o'clock p. m., Elders R. P. Bain and M. D. Bowers—Text, Psalm 61: 2. Sunday night, Elders W. A. Hughes and H. B. Wayland—Text, John 3: 16; Monday night, Elders R. B. Bellamy and M. D. East—Text—; Elder G. B. Borah at Sister Moore's—Text, Jno. 10: 28, 29.

On motion of Thomas Bray, the association refused to investigate the troubles between the excluded members and Pleasant Grove church No. 2.

On motion of M. D. East, the Association proceeded to elect a place to hold the next session of this body, some one to preach the introductory sermon, and some one to write the circular letter. The election resulted in the choice of Cross Roads Church, the place of meeting; Elder H. B. Wayland, with Elder S. A. Armstrong, alternate, to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder M. D. East to write the circular letter.

The Mod. called for volunteer messengers to sister associations.

The following brethren volunteered: Rocky Bayou—F. Hester and R. B. Bellamy; State Line—W. H. Rick, A. Weaver and J. T. Clements; White River Valley—Thomas Bray, J. A. Wilson and R. P. Bain; Current River—M. D. Bowers, W. A. Hughes and J. S. Todd; Independence—Thos. Bray, R. B. Bellamy.

On motion of J. T. Sparks, the association adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock a. m., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1887, with Cross Roads Church, 8 miles west of Walnut Ridge, Lawrence County, Arkansas.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Wicker. While singing the Messengers took the parting hand.

Benediction by the Moderator.

G. B. BORAH, Moderator.

HUGH SPOTTS, Clerk.

## CONSTITUTION.

We, the Messengers of 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.

1. The Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen by the Churches of the union and accredited by letter, and each Church shall be entitled to three Messengers.

2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, whose duties shall be defined in rules of decorum.

3. The letters of the Churches shall express the number in fellowship, received by baptism, by letter, 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.

4. The Association shall have no ecclesiastical authority over the Churches, but may give counsel and answer queries when requested.

5. Churches may be admitted into this union on petitionary letters, if scriptural in constitution, faith and practice.

6. This Association may withdraw from any Church in this union for unchristian conduct.

7. Every question shall be decided by a majority vote, except on the reception of members into this union, which must be unanimous.

8. A minute of the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded; and, if the Churches furnish the means, printed.

9. The Association shall hold a session annually, with one of the Churches of the union on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September of each year.

10. 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.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH DIRECTORY STATISTICAL TABLE.					Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Rec. by Letter.	Rec. by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Day of meeting.
CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	PASTORS	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.									
1. Ash Flat.	No Intelligence.	M. M. Burge.	L. A. Barker.	Maxville	5	2	2	2	1		40	1.00	4
2. Big Creek.	Thomas Bray and Thos. Mobley.	S. A. Armstrong.	J. J. Casey.	Portia	9	5		1	3		71	2.00	8
3. Cross Roads.	H. B. Farmer and M. D. East.	H. M. Price.	Jasper Justus.	Calamine	5	2		1	1	1	60	1.00	1
4. Calamine	W. T. Townsley and Granvil King.	S. A. Armstrong.	W. B. Hudson.	Powhatan	3			1			32	1.25	2
5. Clear Spring.	W. Y. Webb.	H. M. Price.	F. M. Stewart.	Evening Shade.	6	1		2			24	1.00	2
6. Evening Shade.	F. Hester, C. J. Andrews, E. B. Andrews.										6		1
7. Flat Woods.	U. H. Rikard.	R. B. Bellamy.	Hugh Spotts.	Smithville							20	1.00	2
8. Hill's Chapel.	Hugh Spotts and J. T. Sparks.	G. B. Borah.	J. C. Penn.	Strawberry		2					20		
9. Jerusalem.	J. C. Penn.												
10. Little Spring.	No intelligence.	H. M. Price.	W. R. Miller.	Smithville		5					23	1.00	3
11. Lebanon.	J. W. Wicker and J. M. Johnson.	J. W. Wicker.	J. A. Justus.	Smithville.	5	2					36	1.00	2
12. Loan Oak.	J. T. Clements and S. J. Hardin.	J. W. Wicker.	J. E. Richardson.	Hardy.	2						11	45	3
13. Liberty No. 1.	Allen Weaver and R. H. Coats.	W. A. Hughes.	A. T. Weatherford	O'Kean.	10	8	3				21	1.35	1
14. Liberty No. 2.	C. Q. Campbell and W. W. Buckner.	J. L. Brown.	J. L. Brown, Sr.	Rud's Creek.	6	1	4	4			82	2.00	4
15. Mount View.	R. P. Bain and T. L. Hindman.												
16. Macedonia.	No intelligence.												
17. Mount Olive.	B. R. Songer.		B. R. Songer.	Imboden.	2		1				18	50	2
18. New Hope.	G. B. Borah, H. B. Wayland and D. C. Lee.	D. E. Hunt.	T. J. Moore.	Smithville	2	12		2	1	1	19	1.60	2
19. Pleasant Hill.	John P. Webb.	R. B. Bellamy	G. W. Goodwin.	Smithville	4	2	1	1	1		62	2.15	1
20. Pleasant Grove No. 1.	R. B. Bellamy and P. M. Pierce.	R. B. Bellamy.	W. G. Pickett.	Smithville	1			9		1	83	1.20	4
21. Pleasant Grove No. 2.	J. S. Todd, W. A. Hughes and John Morgan.	W. A. Hughes.	W. F. Bridges.	Pocahontas.	17	5	4		14	4	132	3.00	
22. Pine Hill.	No intelligence.												
23. Smithville.	Wilson Price and H. S. Miller.	G. B. Borah.	J. P. Goodwin.	Smithville	1	1		3			24	1.00	3
24. Shiloh.	M. D. Bowers, J. S. Lynch and J. Land.	M. D. Bowers.	J. D. Haynes.	Pocahontas	1	1		3	2	4	95	2.00	1
25. Stranger's Home.	C. O. Meacham.	B. F. Hildford.	A. B. Hogard.	Alicia							11		
26. Union.	J. A. Wilson.	G. B. Borah.	D. G. Brock.	Calamine						1	54	1.00	2
					79	49	11	27	22	14	1,152	\$25.50	

Received of Hugh Spotts \$10.00 for printing 400 copies of these Minutes.—J. N. BOLEN, Publisher.