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Spring River Baptist Association convened in its twenty-first annual session with Clear Spring Church, Lawrence county, Arkansas, Saturday, September 21, 1889.

According to election of last session, Eld. M. D. Bowers preached the introductory sermon from 1 Cor. 3, 9: "Ye are God's building." His theme was the establishment and perpetuity of the Church of Jesus Christ and was presented in a masterly manner. Bro. Bowers was followed by Bro. D. E. Hunt in a few logical and scriptural remarks.

After an intermission for rest and refreshments, the messengers of the various Churches reassembled and engaged in singing and prayer by Eld. B. F. Holdford. The moderator, Eld. M. D. Bowers, then called the body to order, and Eld. R. B. Bellamy was elected clerk, PRO TEM. The moderator proceeded to call the names of the Churches and letters were presented and read by Bro's W. G. Pickett and C. O. Meacham and the messengers' names were enrolled. (See Statistics.)

The Association then went into the election of a moderator and clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld. M. D. Bowers, moderator, and R. B. Bellamy, clerk. The moderator made some appropriate remarks, thanking the body for the honor conferred, and the Association proceeded to business, as follows:

1. Moved and seconded that the regular order of business be suspended and that further consideration of Union Church, No. 1, be tabled until Monday. Motion prevailed.

2. Under further suspension of the rules, the moderator appointed the following committee on preaching: Messengers of Clear Spring Church.

3. Called for correspondence from sister Associations; when Elders J. W. Wicker and E. T. Lincoln, of State Line, Eld. J. J. Martin, of Independence, and Bro. A. J. Ledford of Eleven Points River, had their names enrolled and accepted seats with the body.

4. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us; whereupon, Dr. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, Elder B. F. Farmer, of Tennessee and Bro. B. Grizzell, of Independence Association, accepted seats with us.

5. Called for Petitionary Letters; When Centerville, Harmony and Aztus 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.

6. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING:

Dr. W. A. Clark, Saturday night; Text, Jon. 5, 24. Eld. J. J. Martin, Saturday night, at Masonic Hall; appointment filled by Eld. M. D. East; Text; ——. Eld. B. F. Holdford, Sunday, at 11 o'clock; Text, Isa. 34, 16. Eld. D. E. Hunt, Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m.; Text, Matt. 28. 19-20. Bro. W. L. Edrington, Sunday night; Text, ——. Eld. R. B. Bellamy, Monday at 11 o'clock; Text, Acts 10, 30-33. Eld. J. J. Martin, Monday night; Text, —.

The moderator appointed the following Committees, which were announced after adjournment:

1. ON FINANCE:—J. W. Tibbles, J. P. Simmons and P. M. Lewis.

2. ON STATE OF CHURCHES:-T. J. Wilson, Eli Huffman and B. F. Holdford.

3. ON DESTITUTION:-C. J. Andrews, W. L. Edrington and C. O. Meacham.

4. ON MISSIONS:-J. O. Durham, G. B. Borah and D. E. Hunt.

5. ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS:-L. A. Bain, T. J. Thorn and H. B. Wayland.

6. ON CORRESPONDENCE:-H. B. Farmer, T. J. Moore and J. T. Clements.

7. ON BAPTIST LITERATURE:-Jasper Justus, B. F. Holdford and E. T. Glenn.

8. ON EDUCATION:-W. G. Pickett, R. B. Bellamy and W. L. Edrington.

Moved and carried, the Association adjourn until Monday morning, 8½ o'clock. Prayer by R. B. Bellamy.

NOTE: The preaching by Dr. W. A. Clark, Saturday night, Eld B. F. Holdford, Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Eld. D. E. Hunt at 3 o'clock p. m., we trust will bring forth fruit to the glory of the Master.

CLERK.

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. R. J. Penn. The moderator declared the body in order for business. The clerk called the roll and noted absentees.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Visiting brethren invited to seats with us;

whereupon, Brethren A. A. Andrus, A. C. Prentice and G. H. Jackson had their names enrolled and accepted seats with us.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended in order that the clerk of last year might make his report, which was as follows:

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To Bal. on hand from the year 1888.....	\$ 3 35.
" Amt. received from Committee on Finance.....	20 00.
" Bal. due Clerk.....	3 55.
	\$ 26 90

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To Clerk's fees.....	\$ 6 00
" Bal. due clerk.....	3 55

Respectfully Submitted,

H. W. TOWNSEND, Clerk.

Moved and carried that the question of Union Church, No 1, be taken up.

Moved and carried that the letters from Union Church, No 1, be returned to the messengers.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

The resurrection of Christ, by New Testament writers. Acts 2, 24: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Verse 32: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses." 3, 26: "Unto you first God having raised up His son Jesus, sent Him to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities." 4, 33: "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all." 5, 30: "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree" 13, 30: "But God raised him from the dead." Rom. 1, 4: "And de-

clared to be the Son of God, with power according to the spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead." 1, 1; "But if the spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His spirit that dwelleth in you." 1 Cor., 6, 1: "And God hath both raised up our Lord and will also raise up us by His own power." Phil 3, 10: "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings." 2 Tim, 2, 8: "Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel."

Yours in the faith of the gospel,

R. B. BELLAMY.

CALLED FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Moved and carried that the Committee on Finance have further time to make their report.

The Committee on Destitution made their report which, after being adopted, was reconsidered and amended to read as follows:

"We, the Committee on Destitution, beg leave to submit the following report: We find that on the outskirts of this Association there is great destitution as regards preaching and ministerial work."

O. O. MEACHAM, Ch'mn.

The report was adopted.

2. The Committee on Missions made their report, which was rejected.

3. The Committee on State of Churches, made their report, which was adopted after being amended to read as follows:

"We, your Committee on State of Churches,

would report as follows: We find that most of the Churches are well supplied with preaching and report precious revivals, but we regret that a few do not have regular preaching and that Evening Shade Church has none. We also regret that Union Church No. 1, is in trouble and recommend that this body, as an advisory body, recommend that the Church settle the trouble within herself if possible, and if not, that she call a council from her sister Churches. We would recommend that Mount Olive Church be dropped from the list of Churches comprising this body." T. J. WILSON, Ch'mn.

4. Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

"We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows: Received of the Churches of this Association as a fund for printing minutes, \$27.17.

J. P. SIMMONS, Ch'mn.

5. On Sunday-schools: "We, the Committee on Sunday-schools, report as follows: In most localities within the bounds of this Association, we learn that Sunday schools are not in a very prosperous condition; and we are sorry to say that many localities are destitute of Sunday-schools, as we think the Sunday-school is a grand work, it is our duty to keep it up, and we recommend that every Minister of the Gospel impress the Sunday-school work on the minds of his hearers."

T. J. THORNTON, Ch'mn.

The report was adopted.

6. The Committee on Correspondence made their report, which was amended and adopted:

"We, your Committee on Correspondence, recommend that we continue correspondence with all Associations with whom we are now in correspondence, by sending messengers with letters or minutes; and that we also correspond with Eleven Points River Association."

T. J. MOORE,
Ch'mn.

7. On Baptist Literature: "We, your Committee on Baptist Literature, make the following report: We recommend all sound Baptist Literature, and especially the Arkansas and American Baptists. We recommend that pastors encourage the circulation of our papers, and good Baptist books, for thereby we may grow stronger in the faith."

B. F. HOLDFORD, Ch'mn.

The report was adopted.

8. On Education: "We, your Committee on Education, make the following report: 1st. That it is our imperative duty as Baptists and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, to foster and encourage the common schools of our country, that our children may secure a business education 2nd That we patronize and encourage our denominational schools; that we give the Baptist institutions of our own State the preference. 3d That this Association make a united effort to educate a man, either young or middle aged, thoroughly for the Ministry, that Baptist principles may be defended from the assaults of false teachers."

W. G. PICKETT,
Ch'mn.

The report was adopted

Moved and carried to reconsider the report on Destitution.

Moved and carried to amend said report by striking out that part relating to missions.

Moved and carried that a special committee of three be appointed on Missions. The moderator appointed Brethren D. E. Hunt, J. O. Durham and T. J. Moore on said committee.

The Association adjourned until Tuesday morning, 8½ o'clock.

Prayer by the moderator.

TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Holdford. Minutes of Monday read and approved.

The special Committee on Missions made their report which was adopted:

"We, your Committee on Missions, report as follows: That this, Spring River Baptist Association, is a Missionary body; we further state that there is not much cause for a traveling Missionary, but we have several points that could be improved by local work including Evening Shade, Black Rock and Walnut Ridge. We also recommend that we foster Foreign and State Missions, and that we recommend that the Churches of this body be advised to comply with these sentiments as far as they are able." D. E. HUNT, Ch'mn.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to ascertain the boundary of this Association. Brethren B. F. Holdford, M. D. East, D. E. Hunt, W. G. Pickett and L. A. Bain were appointed on said committee.

Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed on Statistics, to report at our next Association. Brethren G. B. Borah, T. J. Moore and R. B. Bellamy were appointed on said committee.

Moved and carried that we represent in our next Baptist State Convention. Elders G. B. Borah, M. D. East and Bro. C. O. Meacham were appointed delegates to said convention.

Moved and carried that the Foreign Missionary Society formed by Bro. R. J. Penn and others during our last Associational year, be endorsed as a laudable method of raising money for Foreign Missions.

Moved and carried that Shiloh Church be granted a letter of dismissal from this Association.

R. B. Bellamy, Treasurer of Board of Education, reported the amount on hand to be \$49.95.

A collection amounting to \$7.65 was taken for the benefit of Bro. John Weathersbee, now attending Ouchita Baptist College.

Moved and carried that said money be forwarded to him by the clerk at once.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, to-wit:

1. Resolved, That we ask the Churches of this Association to report to the next session of this body the amount they will pay respectively for Home and Foreign Missions. Resp Sub.

W. G. PICKETT.

2 Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to drop the names of those Churches that have attached themselves to State Line Association.

Resp Sub., W. G. PICKETT.

3. Resolved, That it be duty of the clerk to have five hundred copies of the minutes of this session printed and distributed among the Churches as per amount contributed by each Church and that he be allowed six dollars for his labor.

Resp. Sub., B. F. HOLDFORD.

4. Resolved, That the Board on Ministerial Education be continued during the next Associational year.

Resp. Sub., T. J. MOORE.

5. Resolved, That our messengers to the Baptist State Convention be instructed to favor the plan of a State Evangelist by the State Board

Resp. Sub., W. G. PICKETT.

6. Resolved, That we tender to Clear Spring Church and community our humble thanks for their kind hospitality during the present session of this Association.

Resp. Sub., D. E. HUNT.

On motion the Association proceeded to elect a place to hold the next session of this body and some one to preach the introductory sermon and some one to write the circular letter, which resulted in the choice of Ash Flat Church as the place of meeting, and Eld. R. B. Bellamy, with Eld. G. B. Borah his alternate, to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. W. G. Pickett to write the circular letter.

The moderator appointed the following named brethren as corresponding messengers to sister Associations: Independence, D. E. Hunt, G. H. Jackson, and L. A. Bain; White River Valley: G. B. Borah, R. J. Penn and Jesse Croom. Rocky Bayou, Eli Huffman, J. O. Durham and C. J. Andrews. State Line, R. B. Bellamy, S. J. Park and J. T. Clements. Eleven Points River, M. D. East and R. B. Bellamy.

Minutes of Tuesday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Ash Flat Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1890.

Prayer by Eld. D. E. Hunt. The brethren then engaged in singing and extending to one another the parting hand. Benediction by R. B. Bellamy.



MINISTERIAL EDUCATION BOARD.

Eld. R. J. Penn, Ch'mn ,.....	Strawberry, Ark.
Eld. R. B. Bellamy, Treas ,.....	Smithville, Ark.
Bro. H. W. Townsend, Sec'ty.....	Ravenden, Ark.
Eld. D. E. Hunt, Sect'y.....	Taylor, Ark.
Eld. M. D Bowers, Sect'y,.....	Imboden, Ark.
Eld. B. F. Holdford, Sect'y.....	Kenyon, Ark.
Eld. G. B. Borah, Sect'y.....	Smithville, Ark.
Bro. T. J. Thorn, Sect'y.....	Portia, Ark.
Bro. J. T. French, Sect'y.....	Clover Bend, Ark.
Bro. O. O. Meacham, Sect'y.....	Alicia, Ark.
Bro. A. H. Vance, Sect'y.....	Maxville, Ark.

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SEPTEMBER 24th, 1889:

Received of messengers and friends, at the Spring River Association, \$5.85, as funds to go to the State Convention. G. B. BORAH.

Received of R. B. Bellamy \$17.00 for printing and distributing 500 copies of these minutes.

GEO. THORNBURGH, PRB. TELEPHONE.

Church Directory

and Statistical . . . Table.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Received by Letter.	Received by Resignation.	Received by Restoration.	Received by Transfer.	Received by Ex. and Disp.	Excluded.	Discontinued by Letter.	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Days of Meeting
Little Vine	C. S. Ford	G. L. Ford	B. F. Vanzant	Evening Shade	2							2	1 00	2
Macedonia	J. W. Harsley, W. J. Sullins	G. L. Ford	J. W. Harsley	Highland	1	1						2	70	1
Mount View	J. W. Tibbels, P. A. Bain	D. E. Hunt	G. W. Harris	Grange	6	1						7	1 00	4
New Hope	G. B. Borah, H. B. Wayland and T. J. Moore	G. B. Borah	J. H. Morgan	Powhatan	11	1						12	2 00	2
Pleasant Hill	D. E. Hunt and E. T. Glenn	D. E. Hunt	G. W. Goodwin	Smithville	7	4						11	2 15	1
Pleasant Grove	R. B. Bellamy, W. G. Pickett and J. P. Simmons	R. B. Bellamy	W. G. Pickett	Smithville			1				2	2	1 50	4
Smithville	H. W. Abow, H. W. Townsend and T. J. Wilson	G. B. Borah	J. P. Goodwin	Smithville	17	11					1	28	2 25	3
Shiloh	M. D. Bowers, W. L. Edrlington and P. M. Lewis	M. D. Bowers	J. D. Haynes	Pocahontas							3	4	1 22	1
Strangers Home	C. O. Meacham, J. N. Meacham and T. Ward	D. E. Hunt	A. B. Hogart	Strangers Home							12	1	37	1 00
Union No. 1	Letters returned to messengers on account of trouble in the Church													
Union No. 2	N. H. McCall, and Z. Manning	T. J. Robison	N. H. McCall	Hoxie	1								26	50
Wilson's Grove	H. T. Snow and John Henderson	B. F. Holdford	A. W. Colquet	Walnut Ridge	3	2					2	6	21	50
Ash Flat	Ell Huffman and J. O. Durham	G. L. Ford	Samuel C. Estes	Ash Flat	5	2					1	8	42	1 07
Big Creek	W. H. Vance	W. M. Johnson	B. Watkins	Maxville	11						5	1	31	1 50
Cross Roads	H. B. Farmer and T. J. Thorn	B. F. Holdford	J. W. Thorn	Portia							15	1	61	1 00
Catawbin	Jasper Justus and A. N. McPike	H. B. Wayland	Jasper Justus	Catawbin	1						2		52	1 00
Clear Spring	S. J. Park, M. D. East and A. McLaughlin	J. W. Wicker	S. J. Park	Black Rock	11	4							45	1 05
Clover Bend	G. H. Keener, G. L. Armstrong and J. T. French	H. C. Moore	G. L. Armstrong	Clover Bend							3	1	22	1 00
Evening Shade	No intelligence													
Evergreen Chapel	No intelligence													
Hill's Chapel	No intelligence													
Jerusalem	R. J. Penn and Jesse Croom	G. B. Borah	J. C. Penn	Strawberry							1	5	19	50
Little Spring	No intelligence													
Lebanon	J. T. Sparks and J. N. Sparks	G. L. Ford	J. T. Sparks	Smithville	10	2	3						51	1 00
Lonoke	J. A. Justus and J. T. Clements	H. B. Wayland	J. A. Justus	Smithville	13	1	4	1			3		42	1 00
Aztus	David Weak	J. W. Wicker	B. F. Gene	Walnut Ridge	9	2					1	1	20	75
Centerville	B. F. Holdford	B. F. Holdford	J. F. Gardner	Keuyon	2	3	3						22	1 00
Harmony	T. J. Robison and J. R. Cooper	T. J. Robison	J. R. Cooper	Hoxie	3	2		1					12	1 00
Total					113	40	17	2	2	61	14	25	1167	27 15