

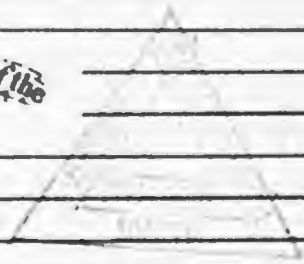
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**MINUTES**

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*Spring River*

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**Spring River  
Baptist Association**

**1915**

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**FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING**

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**Spring River  
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

**PORTIA BAPTIST CHURCH**

**LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARK.**

**September 25-27, 1915.**

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**Moderator, J. D. BUTLER, Denton, Ark.  
Clerk, J. E. MOORE, Smithville, Ark.**

**Paragon printery, Smithville, Ark.**

## MINUTES

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The Spring River Baptist Association met at Portia, Saturday, September 25, 1915, in its 47th annual session. The body was called to order by the Clerk, and after reading and prayer, Bro. J. A. Justus, was elected temporary moderator. Bros. G. G. Dent and M. E. Butler were appointed reading clerks, and the following churches were represented by the following messengers.

Big Creek—W. A. Watkins, E. J. Russell and B. Watkins.

Clear Springs—G. T. Anderson, J. D. Butler and R. S. Anderson.

Corinth—J. F. Butler, M. McGinness and Mealy McGinness.

Centerville—W. H. Goatcher, W. A. Stoner and W. H. Reid.

Clover Bend—J. H. Morgan, S. B. Bell and H. G. Brady.

Lebanon—James Thompkins, J. R. Norman and E. Milligan.

Lone Oak—J. A. Justus, W. F. Picket and W. A. Helm.

Fair View—C. W. McCarroll and R. B. McLaughlin.

Mammoth Spring—J. M. Mauldin and R. S. Bull.

Mt Zion—S. H. Clements, G. W. Roark and C. D. Wade.

New Hope—W. J. Field, H. A. Moore and J. T. Winchester.

Portia—S. M. Prince, G. H. Ballard and Sister Wilcoxon.

Pleasant Grove—E. N. Campbell, J. W. Pickett and T. F. Buchanan.

Pleasant Hill—J. T. Osborne, J. H. Box and James Goodwin.

Rings Chapel—P. M. Christenberry, J. R. Goodman and T. C. McLeod.

Smithville—J. E. Moore. Lacy Bilbrey and Robt. Taylor.

Union—B. H. Wilson, Lewis Coake and Albert Boyer.

Walnut Grove —J. R. Pope, J. M. Buster, and J. H. Davis.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. D. Butler—Subject, "The opening of the Books".

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The congregation was called to order by singing. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Smith. The Association went into the election of a moderator and clerk, which resulted in the election of Eld. J. D. Butler, mederator and J. E. Moore, clerk. The Moderator appointed the Messengers of Portia Church and the Pastor as Committee on Divine Service. The following Brethren were enrolled as visitors: Bro. Allen Box, Okla.; J. W. Gaines and Elder Ben M. Bogard, Texarkana; Elder J. A. Smith, Little Rock. By motion and second the regular order of business was suspended and an election was held for a place to hold the next association and some one to preach the introductory sermon. Smithville was chosen as the place and Bro. W. A. Watkins to preach the sermon.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report: Bro. Ben M. Bogard to preach at 7:30 P. M., Bro. J. A. Smith at 11 o'clock, Sunday. Bro. Elam Hall at 3 o'clock, P. M. and Bro. Bogard at 7:30, P. M.

The following committees were appointed:-  
Sunday School—P. M. Christenberry, James Goodwin and W. A. Field.

State of Churches—W. H. Vance and J. A. Justus.

Destitution—James Goodwin, S. H. Clements and S. M. Prince.

State Missions—J. A. Justus.

Associational Missions—S. H. Clements and C. D. Wade.

Home and Foreign Missions—C. W. McCarroll and R. B. McLaughlin.

Prohibition—W. A. Watkins and James Goodwin.

Correspondence—Whit McCarroll, J. F. Butler and W. J. Field.

Finance—J. A. Justus, S. H. Clements and J. M. Buster.

Orphan's Home—H. J. Brady, J. E. Milligan and Newt Campbell.

On the Dead—S. M. Prince and S. H. Clements.

Baptist Literature—P. M. Christenberry, James Goodwin and J. M. Buster.

Education—J. F. Butler, G. Anderson and T. J. Buchanan.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30, P. M. Bro. Bogard preached a fine sermon on the Characteristics of the true Church.

Sunday at 11, A. M., Bro. J. A. Smith preached a strong sermon on the subject, "Christ the Rock", after which a collection of \$7.75 was taken for State Missions. Adjourned to meet at 3, P. M.

Bro. Hall preached a good sermon from John 1-29, after which the Committee on Sunday School made its report, (see appendix I) which after being discussed and amended, was adopted.

At 7:30 P .M., Bro. Bogard preached a strong sermon from the text: 1 st Corrinthians XIII-13 - "And now abideth faith hope and charity; but the greatest of these is charity." After the sermon the Committee on Orphans' Home made its' report. (see appendix II) which was adopted. A collection was taken for the Texarkana Home, amounting to \$10.75. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 A. M.. Monday.

Monday, 8:30 A. M., the meeting was opened by singing, reading and prayer, after which the following committees made their reports, which after being discussed were adopted: State of Churches (see appendix III), Destitution (see appendix IV), State Missions (see appendix V), Associational Missions (see appendix VI), Home and Foreign Missions (see appendix VII), Prohibition (see appendix VIII), Baptist Literature (see appendix IX), Finance (see appendix X) and Memorials of the dead (see appendix XI).

The Committee on Correspondence made their report, and the following brethren were appointed to go to the following associations: Jonesboro, Robert Berry; Rocky Bayou, P. M. Christenberry; Eleven-points, J. E. Milligan; Current River, J. E. Woodson; State Line, M. Buster.

Acting upon the recomencation of the Committee on Associational Missions, the body proceeded to elect Bro. W. A. Watkins as missionary for the next year, and the following pledges were made for his support:-

Big Creek-Bro. W. A. Watkins-4 collections				\$2.
Clear Springs-J. D. Butler	"	"	"	2.
Lebanon-J. R. Norman	"	"	"	1.
Lone Oak-J. A. Justus	"	"	"	2.
Mam. Springs-Sister Bull	"	"	"	2.
New Hope-W. J. Field	1	"	"	2.

Portia--	{ S. M. Prince \$1 J. E. Woodson 1 }	4	"	"	2.
Smithville-	{ J. E. Moore \$2 Lacy Bilbrey 1 }	"	"	"	3.
Union-Albert Boyer		"	"	"	
Walnut Grove-J. M. Buster		"	"	"	2.
Mt. Zion-	{ S. H. Clements \$2 S. A. Payne 2 }	"	"	"	4.

The following individual amounts were pledged:

J. J. Bellamy, \$5; Sister Elder, \$1; Sister Taylor, \$1; Sister Thorn, \$1; R. B. Penn, \$1; Rev. Timberlake, \$2.50; Sister Berley Clements, \$1; J. A. Smith, \$1; Elam Hall, \$1; O. H. Gibson, \$1; Sister Scudder, 50 cts.

Bro. W. J. Field, of Denton, was elected treasurer, and the churches are requested to send money for the Association Missionary to him.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the people of Portia, and surrounding neighborhood our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and kindness during our stay, and to the Methodist people we extend our thanks for the use of their church house.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered the Moderator and Clerk for their service, kindness and patience during this session, that the Clerk have 400 copies of the minutes printed and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

After singing and giving one another the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with Smithville church, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1916.

J. D. BUTLER, Moderator.

J. E. MOORE, Clerk.

## APPENDIX

(I)

We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg leave to submit the following for your consideration:

The Sunday School has become one of the most potent agencies for the teaching of God's word, and the results are such that no church can afford to do without one. The grouping of the children in classes according to age and advancement, with consecrated teachers, gives the finest opportunities for instilling in their minds the great truths of God's word. So powerful has this training come to be that the larger per cent of the conversions are from the Sunday School. This is due to the fact that the children are reached at the most impressionable age. We urge upon each church to maintain a Sunday School. We recommend the use of Sunday school literature published by the Baptist S. S. Committee, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. Respectfully submitted.

P. M. Christenberry, James Goodwin,  
W. J. Field, Committee.

(II)

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, report the following:

We have in the Orphans' Home at Texarkana, Ark., 32 children for our support. In this home everything will be needed that is needed in any home: beds, clothing, provisions, towels, table linen, kitchen and dining room furniture and utensils. We recommend that boxes of clothing and provisions be sent to T. H. Carter, Texarkana, Ark., and that collections be taken in every church and the money sent to Eld. J. W. Sims, Malvern, Ark.

H. J. Brady, J. E. Milligan,  
Newt Campbell, Committee.

(III)

We, your Committee on State of Churches submit the following:

We notice most of the churches have pastors.



but little has been effected during this year, not much paid for the cause of Christ. Therefore, we recommend that the churches each affect a Sunday School and arrange monthly service in some way. If no other way, have prayer meetings.

W. H. Vance. J. A. Justus,  
Committee.

(IV)

We, your Committee on Destitution, submit the following:

We find there is great destitution between Imboden and Mammoth Spring, and from Mammoth Spring south to the south line of our association; and also there is destitution along the bottom country on the west side of Black river.

James Goodwin. S. H. Clements  
S. M. Prince, Committee.

(V)

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following:

State Missions to us means missions in Arkansas. There are many fields of destitution in our beloved state. It is our duty, as Baptist, to preach the gospel to the people in these destitute places. The State Association of Baptist Churches has eight missionaries in Arkansas this year. They are doing a great work and the Lord is abundantly blessing their labors. We recommend that the churches comprising this Association inform themselves about the work, and that they contribute of their means to the support of these missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Justus.

(VI)

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report:

There is much destitution in Spring River Baptist Association and it is the duty of the churches to supply those destitute places with the gospel. We.

therefore, recomerd that a missionary be elected by the messengers present, and that the churches be urged to contribute sufficient funds to support him in the field.

S. H. Clements. C. D. Wade.  
Committee.

(VII)

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows:

Having heard something of the great need in foreign fields, we commend and urge the importance of increased efforts in this line, and that our pastors preach at least one sermon on this subject and inform our Baptist brotherhood on the work in foreign fields, and take collection for same.

G. W. McCarroll, R. B. McLaughlin,  
Committee.

(VIII)

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, the practice of dram drinking is the greatest curse on earth, and by it more sorrow, more crime and more souls damned because of its practice. Therefore we recomend that each church of Spring River Association use utmost means to put this one evil down. Further, we recomend that if one or more than one church have in its borders members who practice this evil and who will not reform, as Paul says, put him from among you; company not with such.

W. A. Watkins, James Goodwin,  
Committee.

(IX)

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature, submit the following report:

We recognize the bible as the pure word of God. We recommend the prayerful reading and study of the same and its being taught our children in Sunday School. We further recommend all baptist literature that conforms to the teachings of God's word.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. Christenberry, James Goodwin,  
J. M. Buster, Committee.

(X)

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

Received for minutes . . . . .	\$15.20.
Collection taken for minutes . . . . .	1.67.
State Missions . . . . .	7.75.
Orphans' Home . . . . .	10.75.

J. A. Justus, S. H. Clements  
J. M. Buster, Committee.

(XI)

We, your Committee on Memorials of the Dead, beg leave to submit the following report in memory of the dead:

We find 8 deaths in this Association.

S. M. Prince, S. H. Clements,  
Committee.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE
Big Creek		M. B. Watkins	Maxville, Ark.
Centerville	J. L. Brown	J. W. C. Gardner	Centerville, Ark.
Corinth	G. W. James	M. McGinness	Grange, Ark.
Clear Springs	J. D. Butler	J. K. Brown	Denton, Ark.
Clover Bend		S. B. Bell	Clover Bend, Ark.
Fair View	G. B. Borah	R. B. McLaughlin	Imboden, Ark.
Lebanon	G. L. Ford	W. H. Croom	Nelsonville, Ark.
Lone Oak		W. A. Helm	Frisbee, Ark.
Mammoth Spring		Belle Elder	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Mt. Zion	J. D. Butler	C. D. Wade	Worrel, Ark.
New Hope	F. C. Neely	W. J. Field	Denton, Ark.
Portia	E'am Hall	Mrs. S. E. Thorn	Portia, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	E. W. James	Ray Pickett	Annieville, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	G. W. James	James Goodwin	Lynn, Ark.
Rings Chapel	J. T. Jones	Claude Crigler	Emery, Ark.
Smithville	J. L. Brown	Mrs. Dora White	Smithville, Ark.
Union	G. W. James	J. R. Wilson	Jesup, Ark.
Walnut Grove	T. B. Alison	J. R. Pope	Walnut Ridge, Ark.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDANT	SECRETARY	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	Contributions	POST OFFICE
Fair View	W. S. Ward	Edna McCarroll			5 \$1.50	Imboden, A. k.
Portia	W. P. Mason	Myrtle Mason	4	68	10.00	Portia, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	W. F. Penn	James Goodwin		70	6.00	Lynn, Ark.
Smithville	C. D. Tibbe's	Mary White	4			Smithville, Ark.
Union	B. H. Wilson	Lizzie Wilson	6	65	3.50	Calamine, Ark.

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