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BENTONVILLE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD WITH HONEY CREEK CHURCH,

BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

COMMENCING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1870.

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder R. L. Baker, from **1st Peter, 2 chapter and 17 verse.** "Love the brotherhood."

After a short recess the Delegates reassembled in the house. The former Moderator being absent, on motion Elder R. L. Baker, was called to the Chair. Prayer by Elder M. Tate.

Appointed Elders M. Tate and J. F. Mitchell, reading Clerks. Letters read from the Churches and the Delegates names enrolled.

On motion petitionary letters were called for and received, Baren Fork, Liberty, War Eagle, Mt. Pleasant, Corner Spring and Center Point, all newly constituted Churches, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their Delegates.

Appointed Elder J. Estus and J. L. Vaughan tellers, who reported Elder R. L. Baker, Moderator, and Elder J. F. Mitchell, Clerk.

Read rules of Order.

Invited visiting Ministers to seats. Elder J. Estus, L. Jones, W. T. Haggett, J. H. McCrley, and James Rees came forward and took seats with us.

Appointed J. Elter, David Scaggs, J. F. Black, A. Davidson and W. Shepherd a committee on divine service, and on motion agreed to record their appointments.

Appointed P. M. Owenby and W. H. Hamby, a committee on finance.

Appointed A. Brown, J. C. Renfro, J. M. McCraw and J. W. Sikes a committee on Sabbath Schools.

Appointed J. F. Mitchell, G. Bryand and M. Tate a committee on Education.

Appointed R. L. Baker, J. W. Sikes and G. D. Putnam a committee on books and periodicals.

On motion adjourned, until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, prayer by Elder Dobbs.

Friday night, the stand was filled by Elder J. Estus, followed by Elder W. M. Blakely.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder J. C. Renfro.

Called for correspondence and received none.

The report of the committee of arrangements was received and adopted.

Read rules of order.

On motion agreed to postpone the calling of the roll for one hour.

Agreed to continue correspondence with the Spring River and Dardanell Associations. And appointed Elders R. L. Baker, J. M. McCraw, W. M. Blakely, W. Roland, G. Sealey, J. Dunagin, Alfred Davidson, J. C. Renfro and John Givens corresponding messengers to the Spring River Association.

Recess until after the 11 o'clock services. The stand was filled at that

hour by Elder L. Jones, followed by A. Brown.
Half past twelve o'clock. The Association resumed business; and adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. W. Sikes.

Two o'clock. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder John Mays.

At 3 o'clock, the stand was filled by Elder J. C. Renfro, followed by Elder J. W. Sikes.

Appointed Elders R. L. Baker, J. Estus and G. Bryant, to fill the stand on Sabbath in the order of their names, and that R. L. Baker preach at 11 o'clock on the subject of missions. J. E. Estus at 3 o'clock and G. Bryant at candle-light.

Took the following pledges for missionary purposes; Bentonville \$5 00, paid. Flint Creek \$2 00, paid. Key Lodge \$5 00. Mt. Zion 50 cts. Second New Prospect \$10 00, paid. Spring Town \$5 00, paid. Individuals, John Mays \$5 00, paid. Levi Kimon 50 cts, paid. P. E. Cellis \$1 00. J. D. Dumas \$2 00. J. C. Force \$1 00. E. Dunlap \$1 00. G. D. Bucknor 50 cts. John Butry \$2 00. G. Bryant and Owenby \$5 00, paid. J. D. Black \$2 50. W. C. Shepherd \$5 00, paid. McCraw, Austin and Foster \$5 00, paid. C. Seely \$1 00, paid. Riter and Brown \$10 00. D. Hood \$1 00. J. D. Willson \$1 00, paid. J. Meek \$2 00, paid. Edwards and Bright \$1 00, paid. B. Waggon 25 cts. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. Givens.

Saturday night, the stand was filled by Elder John Mays, followed by Elder J. F. Mitchell.

SABBATH;

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Elder R. L. Baker, who preached to a very large and attentive audience, on the subject of missions, from Acts the 5th chapter and 29th verse. "We ought to obey God rather than man." After which a collection was taken for Missionary purposes, amounting to \$14 90. At 3 o'clock the stand was filled by Elder J. Estus, and at candle-light by Elder G. Bryant, and we trust much good was effected.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Roland.

On motion, postponed the reading of the minutes and calling the roll for one hour.

Appointed J. L. Vaughan, J. Riter and J. P. Duckworth an Executive Board.

Requested each Church to appoint a solicitor to solicit means for the support of a Missionary, to labor in our bounds, and that said solicitors report to J. P. Duckworth, Chairman of Executive Board, r. o. Bentonville.

On motion the query from Friendship Church, was laid on the table. Received and adopted the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools, Received and adopted the report of the committee on Finance.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

Read and adopted the report of the committee on Books and Periodicals.

Received and adopted the report of the book agents, and by their request, they were discharged, and on motion allowed the book agents the books they now have on hand as a compensation for past services.

On motion agreed to turn over the book funds, amounting to \$21 10, to the Missionary fund.

On motion received and adopted the report of committee on education.

On motion appointed J. L. Vaughan, R. L. Baker, J. W. Sikes, P. M. Owenby and J. M. McCraw a committee to select three points in the bounds of this Association, for the erection of a Baptist College, and that these points report the amount they are willing to contribute toward the

building of said College at the next Association, and that the Association take the point confronting the most. In conformity to their appointment the committee selected Spring Town, Benton county, Bloomington, Benton county and Shilo, Washington county.

Appointed the next Association to be held with the 1st, New Prospect, Church, Rolers Ridge, Benton county, 18 miles nearly east of Bentonville, commencing Friday before the first Sabbath in September 1871; and that Elder J. M. McCraw preach the introductory sermon, J. Bryant alternate, Elder J. W. Sikes, to preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Sabbath, Elder J. M. McCraw alternate.

On motion, ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of one thousand copies of these minutes, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

The Executive Board agreed to meet Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in November, with the Bentonville Church.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Honey Creek Church and vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

On motion adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

R. L. BAKER, Moderator,

J. P. MITCHELL, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to recommend each Church to commence a Sabbath School, the first Sabbath in May 1871. Also a regular prayer meeting.

J. M. McCRAW, Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report, contribution for printing of minutes..... \$52 00
In the hands of the Treasurer..... \$10 55

Total..... \$62 55

Collection on Sabbath..... 14 90

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. OWENBY,
W. H. HAMBY,

ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Books and Periodicals, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to submit the following:

We believe in the dissemination of Gospel light—we would therefore recommend the constant, careful and prayerful reading of the Scriptures, also the books published at the South-west Publishing House; especially Orchards' Church History, the Baptist books of Martyrs, and Theodocia Earnest, in three volumes; also the Baptist, published by Brother Graves. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. BAKER, Chairman.

ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following:

DEAR BRETHREN—We are convinced that the time has come, when we as **BAPTISTS**, should awake from our lethargy and double our diligence in discharging the duties that God has required at our hands, in the dissemination of knowledge generally, but more especially by improving, training and cultivating the minds of the young and rising generation. Because when we are continually seeing and hearing of the assaults made upon us by our enemies; and are apprised of the energy and means they use to prepare their mighty men of war—by educating them, and placing every weapon of warfare in their hand—we are driven to see the great and important necessity of the speedy erection of a College in our bounds, that not only our ministry, but even the laity may be so educated as to be able to combat and confute error. For this purpose, we recommend the Association to appoint five agents, to solicit means for the completion of said building, and in case the Association does not select, for them to select the point for said College. And we further recommend the Association to build at the point from which they can obtain the most help. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. MITCHELL, Chairman.

Report of Book Agents.

We, your Book Agents, would beg leave to report:

Money on hand.....	\$21 10
Books on hand.....	12 35

R. I. BAKER,
J. F. MITCHELL, } Agents.

A TABLE EXHIBITING THE CONDITION OF THE DIFFERENT CHURCHES RESPECTIVELY.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Amount paid Pastor.	Meeting day.	Baptism.	Received by letter.	By reli- quies.	Dis- missed.	Excluded.	Re- stored.	Died.	Total.	Con- trib- ution.
Antioch	Bentonville	Lewis	Mitchell, Tate and Lewis	35 00	1	1	10	0	4	1	1	1	25	25 00
Bentonville	Bentonville	Baker	Sikes and Duckworth	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Bloomington	Bloomington	Baker	Baker	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Brush Creek First	Little Spring	Vaughan	Lone	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Brush Creek Second	Huntville	Renfro	Wagnon	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Butler's Creek	Maysville	Givens	Givens, Tomason and Lindsay	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Concord .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Ephesus .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Mays	Mays and Davidson	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Friendship	Fayetteville	Bryant	Renfro, Bryant and Owenby	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Fellowship .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Flint Creek	Spring Town	Burket	Duckworth, Twigs and Collins	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Hopewell .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Honey Creek	Maysville	Givens	Haley, Scaggs and Black	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Huntville .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Key Lodge .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Mt. Vernon	Fayetteville	Slaughter	Shepherd and Peck	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Mt. Enterprise	Maysville	McCraw	McCraw, Foster and Austin	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Mt. Zion	Fayetteville	Jones & Campbell	Jones	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
Middle Fork .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
New Hope .....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00
New Prospect	Sugar Creek	Rogers	Cardon	35 00	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	25	25 00

New Prospect Sec'nd	Fayetteville	Mays	Rogers and Tharp	3	10	4	20	4	30	1 50		
New Site	Bentonville	Seely	Seely and Melton	3	4	2	1	8	10	57		
Pleasant Grove	Bentonville	Brown	Neal and Hamby	3		1		6	87	1 75		
Pond Spring	Bentonville	Sikes	Riter and Putnam	43 50	1	1	3	2	1	80	2 50	
Round Prairie	Double Spring	Mitchell	Clark and Jenkins	40 00			8		2	17	1 00	
Spring Town	Spring Town	Mitchell	Mitchell, Garrett and Ellis	45 00	4	1	14	1	5	3	120	2 60
Spavanaugh	Spavanaugh	Dewit	Brim, Eperson and Ware		2	2	9		20	2	49	1 75
Spring Creek	Elm Spring	Blakely	Brown and Riter	35 70	2	1	4	3		1	64	2 50
Sugar Hill	Boonsborough	Dobbs	Hembree and Fulgham			4		4	10	4	29	1 00
St. Paul												
Twelve Corner	Pea Ridge	Dunagin	Butry, Foster and Rowland			2	4	3	5	5	82	2 50
Vineyard	Boonsville	McCurley	No Delegates				1		4		18	1 55
Valley Grove	McGuire's Store	Blakely	Hood and Shields	4	2				4		44	1 50
West Fork	West Fork	Renfro	Painter and Wolsey	3							23	1 00
White Oak	Jupiter	Ross	Ross		7	1	3		1		20	1 00
War Eagle 3, dis	War Eagle	Ross	Letter by Elder Ross	2							6	50
Baren Fork 4, dis	Boonsborough		Hembree								10	60
Corner Spring 1, dis	Spring Town	Givens	Bucknor and Abercrombie								14	1 00
Mt. Pleasant 1, dis	Spavanaugh	Seely	Edward, Baker and Bright	4							17	50
Center Point 3, dis	Fayetteville	Mays	Mathews	1							30	50
Liberty 2, dis	Fayetteville	Putnam	Blakely and Meck									50

Total.....

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