

Springtown Association

OF UNITED BAPTIST

HELD WITH THE

SPRINGTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH,

Friday, October 4, 1878.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. J. Estes, from 116th Psalm, 12th verse: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me." The former moderator not being present, it was moved and carried that Elder A. J. Estes act as moderator pro tem. Appointed brethren J. M. Peak and Elder J. F. Mitchell reading clerks. Letters from the different churches read and delegates names enrolled. (See table.) Permanent organization being in order, J. F. Mayfield and Elder B. Mathes were appointed as tellers, who reported Elder A. J. Estes moderator, and A. Foster clerk. Called for petitionary letters, when letters from Fairmount church and Norwoods Prairie were read, received and the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. Called for correspondence whereas Elders T. P. Boone and James Isaac came forward from the Fayetteville association and were invited to seats with us. Brethren D. King and H. M. Sharp from the Bentonville association were invited to seats. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us, when Elders B. Mathes and S. C. Benfro came forward and took seats. The following were appointed a committee on divine service: Elders J. F. Mitchell, W. A. Pogue, J. A. Nelson, Wm. Smith.

On finance, J. W. Netherton and J. Ware.

On education, J. M. Peak, Elder H. D. Duggan and Elder J. Givens.

On publication, H. F. Reynolds, Wm. Hogan and W. A. Fort.

On temperance, L. B. Mallory, J. W. Shields and Elder Wm. Edwards.

On obituaries, Elder J. Givens, H. D. Duggan, T. P. Boone and J. A. Nelson.

On Sabbath schools, W. A. Pogue, H. F. Reynolds and L. B. Mallory.

On destitution or home mission, Elder J. F. Mitchell, L. B. Mallory and H. B.

Woodridge.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. Givens.

Saturday October 5, 1878, 8 o'clock, a. m. The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder James Isaac. Minutes of yesterday read and approved. Deferred calling the roll until afternoon and adjourned till after preaching. Stand filled by Elder S. C. Benfro, and after preaching the association resumed business, and the reports on Sabbath schools, home mission, publication and temperance were read and adopted. A committee appointed to visit Butler Creek Baptist church Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1878, for the purpose of advising and settling a difficulty and to report to our next association, consisting of Brethren L. B. Mallory, Wm. Collins, Elder J. H. Hogan, H. F. Reynolds, M. Tate, A. J. Estes and Elder T. P. Boone are requested to assist. Brethren Elder C. Seely and J. W. Osborn have leave of absence. Adjourned until Monday morning at 8 o'clock, with prayer by Elder B. Mathes. Stand filled on Sabbath at 10 o'clock a. m., by T. B. Boone, and at 2 o'clock p. m. by Elder Henry Vernon. There was quite a large and attentive congregation.

Monday, October 7th, A. D. 1878. The association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. H. Hogan. Report on education read and adopted. Report on obituaries read and adopted. Report on finance read and adopted. Ordered that the association go into a committee of the whole and answer queries. Adjourned until after preaching. Stand filled by Elder J. Givens. After preaching the association resumed business. Query from Flint Creek Baptist church taken up and discussed. A resolution offered by Elder J. H. Hogan and adopted; moved and carried that we appoint as delegates to the general association 10

Temperance Hill, Friday
fourth Sabbath in October,
Brethren J. F. Mitchell, H.
H. H. Hogan, J. W.
A. J. Nelson and J. M.
Moved and carried that a com-
mittee be appointed as an executive board
composed of Brethren I. B. Mallory,
J. W. Netherton and H. B. Wooldridge.
Ordered that the clerk have 600 copies of
the proceedings of this meeting printed
and see to distributing them, and for his
services retain five dollars. Report as to
returning thanks to the Springtown
Baptist church and surrounding neigh-
borhood read and adopted. Moved and
carried that the next association be held
with the Southwest City Baptist church,
McDonald county, Mo., to commence
Friday before the first Sabbath in Sep-
tember, A. D. 1879, Elder J. H. Hogan
preach the introductory sermon, and J.
F. Mitchell alternate.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on finance beg leave
to report as follows: 1st. That there is
in nearly all the churches a lamentable
failure to meet with promptness and
fidelity the financial responsibilities that
devolve upon them. 2nd. That no
greater or more prolific cause of ineffi-
ciency in pulpit and dissatisfaction in the
membership exists than the constant
monetary strain and pressure to which
ministers and members are subjected.
3rd. And therefore, we believe that if
an effectual remedy could be provided
whereby this pressure could be relieved
our churches would at once be so invig-
orated with new life that great and hap-
py results would immediately be appar-
ent. 4th. We report money in the
treasury, \$1.20; amount contributed by
the various churches for associational
purposes, \$17.25; total amount, \$21.45.

J. W. NETHERTON Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg
leave to report as follows: We believe
it to be the duty of our denomination in
this state to maintain a college or uni-
versity affording to our youth facilities
for obtaining any and all desirable
classes of education. Until the limit of
possible attainment has been reached,
we have not met our reasonable respon-
sibilities. The object of the Divine
mind in dealing with our race is to reach
the perfection of developed manhood for
the glory of God. Without moral,
physical and intellectual education, it is
impossible for us to rightly appreciate
our Creator and render unto Him that
which is His. The first of our time, the
best use of our talents, the first fruits of
our increase belong to God, and He must

be honored in this way or the purpose
for which man was created is almost an
entire failure. As a deduction from
which we see no means of escape, we
believe a most solemn obligation rests
upon every one of us, so far as Provi-
dence shall permit, to see that our own
children are educated in our own schools.
We believe that a rich and lasting bless-
ing awaits every one of our sons and
daughters who shall be permitted to en-
joy the privilege of the mental and moral
culture now offered in the Springdale
college, in Washington county, Arkan-
sas, as our beloved institution of Baptist
training.

Respectfully submitted.

H. D. DUGGAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

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

First. That we recommend the read-
ing of the Holy Bible in preference to all
other books. We also recommend the
reading of religious literature, specially
recommending the Western Baptist,
published at Little Rock, the Tennessee
Baptist, published by J. R. Graves, and
the Baptist Flag. We recommend the
support of our own state paper first.
Brethren, let us keep sound literature be-
fore our children, something that talks
about Jesus.

Respectfully submitte I.

ELDER H. F. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance sub-
mit the following:

The term temperance is a very compre-
hensive one, embracing as it does every-
thing with which man has to do. There-
fore the injunction, "Be ye temperate in
all things." But we suppose that your
committee was appointed to report on
the subject of intemperance in the use of
intoxicating liquors. That intemperance
in this direction is one of the leading
vices of the day, any results in more
evils to society and the church than any
other, is evident to all, but we would not
for a moment admit that Baptists are
any more the subjects of this vice than
other religious bodies, yet are compelled
to acknowledge that there are some
bearing the name Baptist who are guilty
of this crime, and we would therefore
recommend the churches to exercise a
strict discipline over her members. We
are sorry to learn that there is a non-
fellowship existing in this association
between certain brethren on account of
some having joined temperance organi-
zations, and a sister association, the
Shoal Creek, with whom we have been in
correspondence, has declared that she

will not correspond with any association that holds a church which excludes members for joining temperance organizations. We therefore recommend the appointing of a committee to investigate this matter and recommend means for settling this unpleasant condition of affairs. L. B. MALLORY, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath schools submit the following:

Having had the same under consideration, we find with the light before us, that there has been but little interest taken in this direction. Feeling the great responsibilities of teaching our children the truth, we should bring them up in the Sabbath schools; therefore we recommend that each church sustain a Baptist Sabbath school until your influence may be realized in bringing your children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELDER H. F. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on home missions beg leave to report that the principal part of the fertile valleys of Osage and Illinois are destitute of Baptist preaching, also Cherokee City and Maysville, besides many other portions which we regard as important, while we regret to have to say that nothing has been done for the last several years to supply the destitute with the gospel except what sacrifices have been made by the ministry. Brethren, this is shameful and a disgrace to the Springtown Baptist association, and your committee would earnestly recommend the association to take steps to raise a sufficient amount to keep a missionary in the field at least three months, and that we ask the co-operation of the Northwest Arkansas, for we are convinced that what is not done during the association will not be done.

J. F. MITCHELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries beg leave to report that, from the last information we have been enabled to gather there has but one of our ministers died during the past associational year, viz: Elder J. Shorthill. All the rest of our ministers have been spared for which we feel thankful to God.

Resolved, That we, the Springtown association, deplore our loss in Brother Shorthill, a valued friend and beloved brother in the ministry, and that certainly it was a deprivation of extraordinary severity. Being thus acquainted with our loss we unite in lamenting the providence of God in removing from our

midst such an able minister of the gospel. And further resolved, That his precious little family have our sincere sympathy and prayers. Respectfully submitted.

H. D. DUGGAN, Chairman.

Received a resolution upon a query from Flint Creek Baptist church. We recommend that each church examine her own membership and if her members are guilty of an offence and he or she fails to make reconciliation, deal with him, and if there is no ground for charges, retain him. ELDER J. H. HOGAN.

Received a resolution offered by H. F. Reynolds and adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend that the pastors of each church lay the claims of the destitute and the cause of Jesus before their churches and raise what they can and put the same into the hands of the board appointed for the support of missionary in the field, and try to have a supply on hand by the first of August, 1879, and let the board select a competent man and put him in the field for the time he can be supported.

ELDER H. F. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

Resolved, That we, the ministers and delegates, return our most sincere thanks to the Springtown Baptist church and surrounding neighborhood for their very kind and generous entertainment during the session of the association.

ELDER J. GIVENS.

A. FOSTER, Clerk.

A. J. ESTES, Moderator.

Received of A. Foster \$12.00 for printing 600 minutes.

Tabular Statement.

CHURCHES.		POSTOFFICE.	DELEGATES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	Days meeting.	Baptized.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Religion.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.	Ord. ministers.
Flint Creek	Bloomfield		William A. Hogan H. H. Dodge Dennis Chastine	J. H. Hogan.	2	1	5	1			260	125		
Hico	Hico		A. J. Estes C. Moore P. Edmundson	A. J. Estes			6	2			30	125		
Spavinaw	Spavinaw		Paulk Broyles J. A. Ware C. Seely	Elder J. H. Hogan	4	2		4	1	1	36	100		
Newsite	Dickson		J. W. Osborn T. B. Mallory B. H. Weller B. A. Gambell	C. Seely M. Tate J. H. Hogan Elder Chapman				1	3		135	65	1	
Temperance Hill	Osaage Mills				17	13		9	2	2	115	225	1	1
Round Grove	Southwest City				3			1	1		24			
Honey Creek	Southwest City		J. W. Netherton A. Foster George W. Russell	H. D. Duggan B. F. Cooper	1	1	6	2	1	2	44	100	2	
Mt. Enterprise	Maysville		Wm. Edwards John L. Mundler		4	4		5			1	75		1
Mt. Pleasant	Dickson		Elder Givens G. B. Jones Elder J. H. Hogan M. C. Mitchell J. M. Peak J. F. Mitchell	C. Seely Elder J. Givens. J. H. Hogan	1	1		2			125	100		
Butler Creek	Sulphur Springs		William A. Pogue William Smith H. B. Wooldridge Thomas M. Wood W. J. Taylor	H. F. Reynolds A. J. Estes	4	3	2	17			1	38	125	1
Corner Spring	Bloomfield		T. Hauey Ambers England John Evans		3	3	4				37	100	1	
Springtown	Springtown		B. M. Clark, S. Dean, H. D. Duggan, W. A. Fort, J. W. Shields, J. F. Mayfield	H. D. Duggan H. F. Reynolds	4	4	3	1	5	2	43	150	2	
Bloomfield	Bloomfield		H. H. England John England		1	2	5	1			27	50		
Wager's mills	Elm Spring													
Greenwood	Elk mills, Mo.													
Southwest City	Southwest City													
Fairmount	Springtown													
Norwood Prairie														
	Ark		Meredith Cook	H. F. Reynolds	1	21	19				41	44	100	