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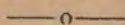
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MINUTES.



Spring River Baptist Association convened in its twenty-second annual session, with Ash Flat church, Sharp County, Arkansas, on Saturday, September 27th, 1890.

According to previous election Elder R. B. Bellamy preached the Introductory Sermon from II. Timothy, 2:5-6. His theme, "The Power of God Manifested in Christ," he ably presented.

The body then took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m., when it was called to order by the Moderator, Elder M. D. Bowers, by singing, reading the 23rd Psalm and prayer.

Letters from the various churches were received, read and messengers' names enrolled. [See statistics.]

The body then went into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of W. G. Picket for moderator and H. W. Townsend for clerk.

On call, the following corresponding messengers came forward and accepted seats with us, viz; J. L. Bowling, and Elder W. H. Bowling, from Big Creek Association, and L. A. Jenkins, from Rocky Bayou.

On call, the following visiting brethren accepted seats with

us, viz: Elder J. E. Duran, from Rocky Bayou Association; Professor J. W. Conger, President of Ouachita Baptist College, and Elder M. D. East, J. J. Helms, Robert Hammock and J. T. Sparks.

On call, Enterprise and Willow Spring churches presented petitionary letters. On motion, Enterprise church was received, and, after discussion as to the reception of Willow Spring church, the question was tabled until Monday morning.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

ON PREACHING—Simon McLeod, Elder R. B. Bellamy, and the messengers from Ash Flat church.

ON FINANCE—H. B. Farmer, A. H. Vance and Ham. B. Wayland.

By suspension of the regular order of business, W. G. Pickett read the Circular Letter, which on motion, was adopted as follows:

THE DUTY OF CHRISTIAN GIVING.

1st. For charitable or benevolent purposes. We are taught to lay by us, in store, on the first day of the week, as God has prospered us.—I Cor. 16:2. We also learn from the 1st verse of this chapter that the Churches of Galatia had received the same instruction. So we learn from these Scriptures that the primitive plan was to have or keep a fund on hand, to be at all times ready for benevolent purposes.

2nd. The Church must preach the Gospel as taught in the commission—Matt. 28: 19-20—through the Ministers of the Gospel. It is through the preaching of the Word that the world is to be saved.—Jno. 17: 20; Rom. 10:14-15. The preaching of the Gospel is a work.—I Tim. 3:1. The laborer is worthy of his

hire.—Matt. 10:9-10. The Church at Philippi was mindful of Paul's necessities, and did communicate in giving to relieve the same, by sending to Thessalonica more than once for this purpose. The apostle, Paul, asked the Church at Corinth to forgive him the wrong he had done them in preaching the Gospel to them without burdening them for the same.—II Cor. 12:13. We are made rich through the poverty of Christ.—II Cor. 8:9. If we have a willing mind our gifts are accepted according to our ability, but we must give according to our means.—II Cor. 8:11-12. We should share the burden equally.—ver. 13.

Dear brethren: In view of these and other Scriptures, are we discharging the duty enjoined upon us in this matter? Are we caring for the ministers as we are commanded? Are we caring for those around us who demand our attention and our means? If we have failed to do these things, brethren, can we expect to be blessed? It is more blessed to give than to receive. Yours in hope of immortality. W. G. PICKETT

Committee on preaching reported the following appointments, viz:

Elder W. H. Bowling, Saturday night.; Text, Isa., 28:16.

Elder M. D. Bowers, Sunday, 11, a. m.; Text, Acts, 3:19-21.

Elder B. F. Holford, Sunday, 3 p. m.; Text, II Cor. 5-17.

Elder W. P. Kime, Sunday night.; Text, Matthew 18:3.

Elder G. B. Borah, Monday night.; Text, Matt. 6:9-13.

The Moderator then appointed committees as follows:

ON STATE OF CHURCHES—C. J. Andrews, Elder B. F. Holford and Elder H. B. Wayland.

ON DESTITUTION—A. H. Vance, J. T. French and Waddle Standiford.

ON MISSIONS—A. C. Printice, S. J. Park and Elder R. P. Bain.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Elder G. B. Borah, J. L. Brown and H. W. Townsend.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—T. Ward, Bethel Parsley and J. N. Sparks.

ON BAPTIST LITERATURE—Elder R. B. Bellamy, E. O. Wolf and J. H. Taylor.

ON EDUCATION—Elder M. D. Bowers, C. E. Dent and J. O. Durham.

Prof. J. W. Conger, President of Ouachita Baptist College, requested that he be permitted to address the brethren and friends at the beginning of Saturday night services in the interest of the college. The request being granted, he, at night, gave a short history of the efforts and success of the Baptists in establishing and maintaining the institution from its beginning to the present, and asked for the prayers and co-operation of effort on the part of the brotherhood in securing its future success.

On motion the body adjourned until Monday, 8 o'clock a. m.

Prayer by Elder M. D. East.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the body was called together by singing. The 12th chapter of Romans was read by the Moderator and prayer by Elder M. D. Bowers.

The Moderator called the body to order; the clerk called the roll and noted absentees; and the minutes of Saturday's pro-

ceedings were read and adopted.

On call for churches not enrolled, Jerusalem church presented her letter and the messengers were received.

Elder W. P. Kime, from Corning, Arkansas, was then enrolled as a visiting brother.

On call for petitionary letters the First Baptist Church at Black Rock presented her letter, was received and the Moderator extended her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

On motion the discussion of the question of the reception o' Willow Spring Church was limited to one hour, after which she was received and the Moderator extended her messengers the right hand of fellowship.

On motion the committee on Finance was granted further time to report.

On motion the following reports of the following committees were received, read, adopted, and committees discharged, viz:

ON STATE OF CHURCHES—We, your committee on State of Churches, submit the following: We find that most of the churches have had regular preaching during the summer, and we are glad to find them all at peace at home and in love one with another; the most of them have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the Master's presence; and that many precious souls have been added to the household of faith during the past year.

Brethren, be encouraged, for, with a pure Gospel, as preached by the Baptists, Arkansas will, we think, in the near future belong to the Baptists; the Baptists to the blessed Christ;

and Christ is God's. Respectfully submitted.

B. F. HOLFORD, Chairman.

ON DESTITUTION—We, your committee on Destitution, report the following places destitute of Baptist preaching, viz: Alicia, Swifton, Lindsay's Switch, Clover Bend, Water Valley, Huffstedler's Mill, Evening Shade, Burke's Temple, Valley Chapel, Imboden, Powhatan, and Old Jackson.

We recommend that some steps be taken to occupy these fields. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. VANCE, Chairman.

ON MISSIONS:—We, your committee on Missions, report as follows: That this Association is a missionary body; that there is but little need for a traveling missionary within its bounds; and that there are a few points, including Evening Shade and Ravenden, that could be improved by local work.

We recommend that this body foster State and Foreign Missions, and that the churches be advised to comply with these sentiments. Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PRINTICE, Chairman.

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS:—We, your committee on Sabbath-schools, deplore the fact that this Association is almost entirely destitute of Baptist Sunday-schools, and earnestly recommend that each church within its bounds organize, and permanently sustain a Baptist Sunday-school, even if it should contain no more than eight or ten pupils.

Respectfully submitted, G. B. BORAH, Chairman.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—We, your committee on Correspondence, recommend that this body continue correspondence with all Associations with whom it is now in correspondence, by sending letters or minutes, and that we also open correspondence with Big Creek Association.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. WARD, Chairman.

ON BAPTIST LITERATURE—We, your committee on Baptist Literature, recommend: First; The Holy Bible as being superior to all other literature; Secondly, as helps to proper understanding of the Scriptures, the works of Drs. Pendleton, Ray, Dayton and others, which may be procured at reasonable rates from the Arkansas Baptist Book House, at Little Rock; Thirdly, the "Arkansas Baptist" and the "American Baptist."

Respectfully Submitted.

R. B. BELLAMY, Chairman.

On motion the body took a recess to meet at 1 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body re-assembled at 1 o'clock p. m. by singing, and the body was called to order by the Moderator; after which the reports of committees was resumed, as follows:

ON EDUCATION:—We, your committee on Education, recommend: 1st, That it is our imperative duty, as Baptists and followers of our 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 en-

courage our denominational schools, and that we give the Baptist institution of our own State—Ouachita Baptist College—the preference. 3d, That this Association make a united effort to thoroughly educate a man, either young or old, in this association, for the ministry, that Baptist principles may be defended from the assaults of false teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BOWERS, Chairman.

ON BOUNDARY LINES—(Appointed during session of 1889.)
We, your committee on Boundary Lines of this Association, submit the following. That as the Association is composed of churches, and that each church is free to act for herself in placing her membership in whatever association she chooses, it follows that no fixed boundary lines can be given.

Respectfully Submitted.

B. F. HOLFORD, Chairman.

ON FINANCE—We, your committee on Finance report as follows:

Received for Minute Fund:

From various churches, as per Statistics	\$27 05.
From former Clerk as per Report	3 90.
	\$30 95.

For Home and Foreign Missions:

From various churches as per Statistics	\$19 15.
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Respectfully submitted,

H. B. FARMER, Chairman.

On motion, the body recommended Elder G. B. Borah, as an applicant for aid to obtain Ministerial Education, to the Board on Ministerial Education.

On motion, T. J. Thorn was dropped from the Board on Ministerial Education, for the reason that he has been excluded from his church.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That an opportunity be given to all messengers present to obligate themselves and their respective churches, on their own responsibility, to give to the board of Ministerial Education, for the purpose of educating Bro. Borah, any sums they may deem proper. Conditioned that Bro. Borah shall be ready to enter school by the first of November, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BOWERS.

A collection was then taken, amounting to \$16.70 cash, and \$59.50 pledges.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Association be requested to furnish this body, at its next annual session, with a chain record of its proceedings from the date of its origin down to the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BOWERS.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the clerk to have 500 copies of the minutes of the proceedings of this session printed and distributed among the churches as per amount con-

tributed by each church, and that he be allowed six dollars for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. BELLAMY.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to Ash Flat Church and the surrounding community for their kind hospitality towards us while we have been among them.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. BELLAMY.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks and approval to the Moderator and Clerk for the manner in which they have conducted the business of this session.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BOWERS.

On motion, the Association proceeded to elect a place to hold its next session, some one to preach the introductory sermon, and some one to write the circular letter. The election resulted in the choice of the First Baptist Church at Black Rock as the place of meeting, Elder G. B. Borah, with Elder M. D. Bowers, alternate to preach the introductory sermon, and H. W. Townsend to write the circular letter.

The Moderator then appointed corresponding messengers to the following Associations, viz:

INDEPENDENCE:—Jesse Croom, Bethel Parsley, and J. L. Brown.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY:—Elders B. F. Holford, M. D. Bowers, and G. B. Borah.

ROCKY BAYOU:—Elder R. B. Bellamy, J. H. Taylor, and P. M. Chrisenberry.

STATE LINE:—Elder M. D. Bowers, Waddle Standiford, and H. W. Townsend.

ELEVENPOINTS:—S. J. Park, J. T. Clements, and J. A. Solomon.

BIG CREEK:—E. O. Wolf, Eli Huffman, and Elder R. B. Bellamy,

On motion, Elder W. P. Kime was made custodian of the funds in the hands of the treasurer for State missions, and intrusted to convey the same to the State board and represent our interests at the State Convention.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church at Black Rock on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1891.

Prayer by Elder J. E. Duran. While singing the messengers and brethren gave one another the parting hand.

H. W. TOWNSEND, Clerk.

W. G. PICKETT, Moderator.

CLERK'S REPORT, 1889.

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To amount received from Committee on Finance.... \$27 15.

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By amount paid for printing and distributing minutes, including postage.....	\$17 25.	
By Clerk's Fees.....	6 00.	23 25.
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Balance on hand.....		3 90.
Respectfully submitted,		R. B. BELLAMY, Clerk.

Church Directory and Statistical Table.

CHURCH.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	PASTORS.	CHURCH CL'K.	POSTOFFICE.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restoration.	Religion.	By Recommendation.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership	Amount contributed to Home and Foreign M's'n	Amount contributed to Minute Fund.	Day of Meeting.
Ash Flat.....	E. O. Wolf, Eli Huffman and J. O. Durham	G. L. Ford	J. O. Durham	Ash Flat....									42		\$2.00	2
Azotus.....	L. B. Pope and T. M. Crain	J. W. Wicker	R. Warren	Walnut Ridge	27	9		1	1	1			54		1.25	1
Black Rock 1st.	W. A. Campbell, J. A. Solomon, J. H. Baker	W. P. Kime	Chas. F. Skillen	Black Rock..	17	3	7						42		1.60	1
Big Creek.....	A. H. Vance	W. M. Johnson	Bennett Watkins	Maxville.....	7	1			1	1	1		46		1.50	4
Cross Roads....	H. B. Farmer and Jno. T. French	J. W. Wicker	G. L. Armstrong	Portia.....	8				7	4			34		1.00	2
Olear Springs..	S. J. Park, Ham B. Wayland, C. E. Dent	"	W. H. Park	Black Rock..	3	6			1	1	1		51		1.00	4
Centerville....	Elder B. F. Holford and Sister L. Craig	B. F. Holford	Sister L. Craig		8	3	1		2				32		1.00	1
Calamine.....	A. N. McPike	H. B. Wayland	Jasper Justus	Calamine....	1							1	53		70	1
Evergreen Ch'pl	No Intelligence (Statistics 1887.)												25			
Enterprise.....	P. M. Chrisenberry and M. C. Ring	M. M. Burgess	M. C. Ring	Bellgay.....	9	2						1	20		50	3
Harmony.....	No Intelligence (Statistics 1889.)												12			
Hills Chapel...	No Intelligence (Statistics of 1887.)												16			
Jerusalem.....	Jesse Crooms	D. E. Hunt	A. A. Andrews	Strawberry..	5	8		1	2	2	1		31		1.00	4
Lebanon.....	J. N. Sparks, G. Stewart and J. R. Madison	G. L. Foard	J. T. Sparks	Smithville...	1	5			2	1	1		53		1.25	4
Little Vine....	B. F. Vanzant, T. J. Moore and C. S. Ford	"	B. F. Vanzant	Even'ng Sade		1			10		1		54		50	3
Lonoke.....	J. T. Clements and J. T. Trafford	H. B. Wayland	J. A. Justus	Smithville..	21	2	1	4	4	1	1		61		1.20	2
Little Spring...	No Intelligence (Statistics 1888.)												16			
Macedonia....	John Taylor, I. W. Horsley, W. J. Sullivan	R. B. Bellamy	I. W. Horsley	Hardy.....								1	35		55	1
Mt. View.....	R. P. Bain, J. L. Brown, C. J. Andrews	H. B. Wayland	G. S. Jernigan	Grange.....	2	1		3	3		1		66		1.50	4
New Hope.....	S. Meleod, Elds. G. B. Borah, H. B. Wayland	G. B. Borah	J. H. Morgan	Powhatan...	3	3			4	1	5		110	\$14.15	2.00	2
Pleasant Grove.	W. G. Pickett and Elder R. B. Bellamy	R. B. Bellamy	W. G. Pickett	Imboden....	2				3		1		91		1.25	4
Pleasant Hill..	No Intelligence (Statistics 1889.)												122			
Smithville....	H. W. Townsend and A. Printice	G. B. Borah	Jno P. Goodwin	Smithville..	3	1			4	2		57	5.00	2.00	3	
Shloh.....	Waddle Standiford and Eld. M. D. Bowers	M. D. Bowers	J. D. Haynes	Pocahontas..	4	1	2		2	1	5		123		2.25	1
Strangers Home	T. Ward and T. J. Hogard	D. E. Hunt	A. B. Hogard	St'g's Home		4	1						29		1.00	
Union No. 1....	Bethel Parsley and S. H. Clements	"	Bethel Parsley	Calamine...	4	3	4		1	27			26		1.00	2
Union No. 2....	No Intelligence (Statistics 1889.)												26			
Wilsons Grove..	No Intelligence (Statistics 1889.)												21			
Willow Springs.	D. A. Shoup, J. P. Holland, J. D. Lasley	R. B. Bellamy		Smithville..	4	1					1		23		1.00	3
					121	62	9	11	5	48	41	24	1371	\$19.15	\$27.05	

Received of H. W. Townsend \$16.50, for printing 500 copies of these minutes.—ANDERSON & KING.