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MINUTES OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

BENTONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH VINEYARD CHURCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

Commencing Friday, Before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1875.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Barnes. Introductory sermon by Elder L. R. Barnes—subject, "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

Former Moderator being absent, the association, on motion, was called to order by Elder L. R. Barnes. Letters from the churches read and messengers' names enrolled.

Elected L. R. Barnes Moderator, and J. W. Duckworth, Clerk.

Received as correspondents: from Fayetteville association, brethren H. H. Albright, A. M. Kannon and H. P. Green; from Cherokee Baptist association, brethren S. W. Lloyd and G. F. Morris—asking correspondence with us. On motion, agreed to open said correspondence, and appointed as messengers for that purpose Elders G. Byant and W. S. Capps and brother J. W. Riddle.

On invitation, Elders J. Mays and J. Estus and brother B. F. Willson accepted seats as visitors.

Appointed brother J. McColloch, with the messengers of Vineyard church, a committee on Divine Service.

Resolved to dispense with all committees, except on Divine Service, Finance and Education.

Appointed brethren J. D. Goodman, J. N. Sharp and J. Ritter a committee on Finance; on Education, Elders B. Putman, J. R. Hall, W. S. Capps and S. S. Graham. Elders J. Mays and J. Estus requested to aid said committee.

Adjourned until Saturday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Hall.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Estus. Adopted minutes of yesterday.

Resolution dispensing with committees, except therein named, was reconsidered, when Elders B. Putman and W. S. Capps, and brother W. C. Hamby were appointed a committee on Sabbath Schools; also, Elders W. S. Capps, B. Putman, S. S. Graham and brethren J. Ritter and J. D. Goodman, a special committee on indebtedness of Shiloh College.

Resolved that we continue correspondence with all the bodies heretofore corresponded with. Correspondents to Fayetteville association, Elders B. Putman, W. S. Capps, brethren J. W. Riddle and J. W. Duckworth; to Springtown association, Elders L. R.

Barnes, H. S. Graham and brother J. W. Duckworth; to Baptist State Convention, Elders L. R. Barnes, J. R. Hall, B. Putman, S. S. Graham, W. S. Cappe, J. W. Sikes, J. Dunagin and brother J. W. Duckworth.

Instructed correspondents to Springtown association to confer with that body in reference to a union of the two bodies.

Received and adopted report of special committee on indebtedness of Shiloh College, to-wit:

"From the best information in our possession, the indebtedness of the Shiloh institute is now about \$3,500, with interest for one year. Since last association there has been raised in notes and pledges, amounting to about \$1,000. Your agent, A. J. Cox, has reported nothing, therefore we would recommend speedy action in behalf of this institute, and that arrangements be made to take grain and stock at cash prices for this purpose.

B. PUTMAN, chairman."

Recess for preaching sermon by J. R. Hall, followed by B. Putman. Text, Mark 1, and 12.

Resumed business. Appointed Elders J. R. Hall, B. Putman, S. S. Graham, W. S. Cappe and brother J. D. Goodman to devise and report a plan to liquidate the indebtedness of Shiloh College; and Elders J. Mays, J. Estus and brother B. F. Willson were requested to aid in devising said plan.

Report on Sabbath Schools received and adopted, to-wit:

"In view of the great need of early training of the young, and as we know of no better way, that all may avail themselves more easily, than that of Sabbath Schools, we therefore recommend the speedy organization of a Baptist Sabbath School in every church in this association. We would further recommend a co-operation with Fayetteville association, to be held at Farmington, embracing the 4th Sabbath in January, 1876."

Recess for refreshments.

Resumed business.

Received report on domestic missions. Not adopted.

Report of plan to liquidate the debts of Shiloh College, received and adopted, to wit:

In view of the fact that our reputation as a denomination is at stake, we therefore recommend this association to take speedy action and appoint an agent who will visit the different churches and individuals; also to impress upon them the importance of paying said indebtedness and raising means for the liquidation of the same, and that the deacons of each church be requested to act in concert with said agent."

Further, That said agent be instructed to take all kinds of marketable produce and stock.

Further, That said agent be instructed to take the field immediately and make his report to the board of trustees semi-monthly.

J. R. HALL, Chairman."

Appointed Elder B. Putman agent for Shiloh College.

Instructed correspondents to Springtown association to request that body to appoint Elder J. Givens to act in said association as agent for Shiloh College.

Elder S. S. Graham and brother J. Ritter were appointed to inform creditors of Shiloh College of the action of this body in reference to said indebtedness.

Report on education received and adopted, to-wit:

"In view of the great need of education, and especially that of the ministry, we would recommend the Shiloh institute as worthy of our patronage."

B. PUTMAN, Chairman."

Adopted the following resolution, to wit:

"In view of the fact that reports have gone out that the trustees of Shiloh institute desire to repudiate or avoid the payment of the indebtedness incurred by said institute, therefore resolved by this body that we have no desire to avoid the payment of said debts, but on the contrary are resolved to pay every dollar of said indebtedness as soon as possible."

Report on domestic missions reconsidered and adopted, to wit:

"In view of the destitution in our association we would recommend that a missionary be appointed to supply said destitution for at least six months this as-

sociational year, and that the churches be urged to lay up in store, on the first day of the week, means as God has prospered them, for that purpose.

J. R. HALL, Chairman."

Appointed Elder B. Putman missionary for this association.

Resolved to take up a collection on Sabbath for foreign missions.

Resolved, that our agent and missionary be authorized to receive any means contributed to his support as such, and that he make report of same to our executive board.

Elder J. R. Hall, S. S. Graham and brother J. D. Goodman were appointed an executive board to immediately employ a missionary for the association in case of failure of Elder B. Putman.

Committee on divine service directed to fill the stand on Sabbath.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Putman.

Preaching at night by brethren H. H. Albright and J. W. Duckworth. Text. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

SABBATH MORNING, 8 o'clock. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Hall. On motion requested each church, of this association to appoint one of her members a member of the executive board appointed by this association.

Adopted the minutes of yesterday.

On motion requested Fayetteville and Springtown associations to appoint their pro rata of trustees for Shiloh College.

Resolved, that the trustees of Shiloh College take the necessary steps to become a corporate body.

Adjourned till seven and half o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder Mays.

Preaching by Elder J. Estus, at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder Barnes. Subject, "Qualifications for membership in the church of Christ."

Collection for foreign missions taken up. Received \$8.05.

Preaching at night by Elders Mays and Putman.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock. 7 1-2—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Hall.

Empowerd executive board to contract with agent of Shiloh College in reference to salary as such.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to co-operate heartily with Elder B. Putman, in his labors as agent for Shiloh College.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the moderator and clerk, for the able manner in which they have discharged their duties as such.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of Vineyard church and citizens of the vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during the session of this body.

Committee on finance reported contributions for printing minutes, \$14.75.

Clerk instructed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with Bentonville church commencing on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in Sept. 1876.

Appointed Elder L. R. Barnes to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. W. Sikes, alternate.

Directed the clerk to forward the collection of Sabbath for Foreign missions to the proper agent.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned until the time and to the place above named. Prayer by Elder Barnes.

(Signed)

LEWIS R. BARNES, Moderator.

J. W. DUCKWORTH, Clerk.

Statistical Table of the Several Churches.

CHURCHES.	POST-OFFICES.	PASTORS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	DAYS OF MEETING.	BAPTISMS.	RECEIVED BY LETTER.	DISMISSED BY LETTER.	EXCLUDED.	RESTORED.	DIED.	TOTAL NUMBER.	CONTRIBUTION.....
Bentonville	Bentonville	L. R. Barnes.....	J. McCulloch, A. P. Vernon, J. W. Duckworth.	4	5	18		1	45	\$ 1 50		
Bloomington.....	Bloomington.....	S. S. Graham.....	Elder S. S. Graham, R. Phillips.....	1	2	1		1	54	1 10		
1st Brush Creek....	Little Springs.....		Elder W. S. Capps.....	3	4	8	8	1	82	2 00		
Friendship.....	Springdale	O. D. Slaughter....	J. D. Goodman, James Henry.....	4	1	2	9	5	90	1 50		
Liberty.....	Springdale	B Putman.....	Elders B. Putman, L. R. Barnes.....	3		4			43	1 25		
New Prospect.....	Sugar Creek.....	J. Sims.....	No Delegates.....	2	1	2		1	91	1 90		
Pleasant Grove....	Cross Hollows.....	J. R. Hall.....	Elder J. R. Hall, J. M. Sharp, G. W. Hamby.	3	4	7	7	1	78	1 50		
Pea Ridge.....	Aroca	J. Dunagin.....	D. Hopkins	4	4	2		1	41	1 50		
Round Mountain,			J. W. Riddle, J. Townson.....		12	15		1	81	1 00		
Spring Creek...&...		J. R. Hall.....	Joel Ritter, W. C. Hamby.....	2	1	1	4	2	54	1 50		
Vineyard.....		J. Estus.....	B. T. Denton, V. Vestal, B. P. Fields.....		12	15		1	68	1 00		
Hopewell.....			Not represented....									
Hickory Creek.....			do									
Pond Spring.....			do									
Richland.....			do									
Stanley's Branch...			do									
Twelve Corner.....			do									
Total.....				40	51	44	12	2	6	677	\$14 75	

Received by petitionary letter.