

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SPRINGTOWN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

—HELD WITH THE—

BAPTIST CHURCH

IN

SILOAM SPRINGS,

Commencing on Friday, September 14th, 1883.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. H. HOGAN,
ELDER J. C. ROBERTSON,

MODERATOR.
CLERK.

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The Association met according to previous appointment, with church at Siloam Springs, and the introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. S. C. Robertson, from 1st Peter 5-10: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you."

The former moderator being absent, Bro. P. R. Johnson was chosen moderator *pro tem*. Elders A. J. Estes and J. H. Hogan were appointed reading clerks, and the letters from the churches were called for, read and the delegates names enrolled.

Bros. R. A. Rhodes and C. W. Walker were appointed tellers, and the Association went into permanent organization, electing J. H. Hogan Moderator, and J. C. Robertson Clerk.

Petitions called for, when letters were presented from the church at Council Grove, and the church at Pleasant Valley, which were received, the messengers names enrolled and the hand of fellowship extended by the moderator.

Correspondence called for and responded to by Bro. J. A. Stone, bearing a letter from the Fayetteville Association.

Visiting ministers invited to seats, and responded to by Elder S. Corneilus, D. D., State Sunday School Missionary, of the American Baptist Publication Society, Elder G. B. Mitchell, of the Green County (Missouri) Association, also Eld. Wm. Cunningham, of Siloam Springs church and Eld. B. Moore, of the Zion Hill Church. The following committees were then appointed:

ON DIVINE SERVICE:—The delegates of the Siloam Springs church, A. E. Bright and W. G. Brown.

FINANCE:—P. R. Johnson and Elder J. M. Harris.

EDUCATION:—A. J. Estes, J. A. Willis and John M. Harris.

TEMPERANCE:—E. J. Gibbs and W. M. Gholson.

OBITUARIES:—L. H. Palmer, P. Brayhill and J. A. Ware.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:—P. R. Johnson, H. H. Hodge and B. F. Cooper.

HOME MISSIONS:—A. J. Estes, James Williams and Calvin Say.

PUBLICATIONS:—Wm. Davis, W. M. Murphy and O. T. Hulse.

QUERIES:—A. E. Bright, J. M. Abercrombie J. C. Robertson and L. L. Chastine.

On motion it was ordered, that a committee on Digest of Letters be

appointed. E. J. Gibbs and Eld. J. M. Harris were appointed on said committee.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning; prayer by Elder G. B. Mitchell.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT., 15th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. L. H. Palmer and others.

After calling the roll of delegates, the minutes of Friday were read and approved.

Appointing of correspondence deferred until some future time.

It was ordered that the caption of the Associational letter blank be changed to read: "The Baptist Church at &c."

Reports of committees called for, when the committee on Education submitted their report, which was read and adopted.

Took recess for preaching, after which, resumed business.

The following correspondence to sister Associations was appointed: To the Bentonville, to meet with the church at Pleasant Hill, on next Friday, the 21st inst., P. R. Johnson, J. H. Hogan and J. M. Abercrombie.

To the Cherokee, J. H. Hogan, A. J. Estes and P. R. Johnson.

To the Fayetteville, deferred until the next meeting of the body.

It was determined to elect by ballot three messengers to represent this body in the Baptist State Convention, to meet at Fayetteville in November. The following Brethern were elected: Elds. A. J. Estes, J. H. Hogan and J. C. Robertson.

The committee on Obituaries made their report, which was read and adopted.

The committee on Home Missions made their report, which was read and adopted.

The committee on Finance made their report, which was read and adopted.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted.

The Association adjourned until Monday at 8.1-2 o'clock, A. M.; prayer by Eld. Bradford Moore.

SABBATH EXERCISES:—Missionary sermon preached by Eld. A. J. Estes at the Baptist church, followed by a collection for missionary purposes. Also a Sunday School mass meeting in the morning, at which a collection was taken for the Sunday School missionary. Also preaching at the M. E. church, by Dr. S. Cornelius, after which a collection was taken for Sunday School missionary, Total amount of all collections, \$28.00.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT., 17th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Cooper.

After the call of the roll, the minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read and after some discussion was adopted with amendments.

The report of the committee on Publications was read and adopted.

The Executive board made their report, read and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by P. R. Johnson, read and adopted:

Resolved, That this body continue the missionary work, by appointing an executive board of three, whose duty it will be to take charge of the missionary work, employ a Missionary, or Missionaries, to preach to the destitute in the bounds of this Association, as the means can be collected.

The Executive board was appointed as follows: P. R. Johnson, W. M. Murphy and H. Highfill.

Pledges were then taken for the support of the missionary work, which resulted in cash \$5.50, pledged \$34.00, collection on Sunday \$19.50; total in cash and pledge \$60.00, also for Sunday School missionary about \$8.50.

The following, offered by A. J. Estes, was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend that the various churches composing this Association, take up collections, and forward the same to the executive board.

The report of the committee on Digest of Letters read and adopted.

The following resolution, offered by P. R. Johnson, was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the title page of the minutes of this Association be changed to read "The Springtown Association of Baptists" instead of "United Baptists."

It was ordered that the indebtedness of the Missionary \$1.95 be forgiven him.

It was determined that the next meeting of this Association be held with the church at Wager Mill, commencing at 11 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1884; A. J. Estes to preach the introductory sermon, J. W. West, alternate.

It was ordered that the Clerk attend to the printing and distribution of 500 copies of these minutes, and that he be paid \$5.00 for his services.

The following, offered by J. C. Robertson was adopted:

Resolved, That this body tender its thanks to the church and citizens of Siloam Springs, for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their midst.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS:—*Resolved*, That this Association request each church to state in their Associational letter the amount paid their pastor during the year, also how much raised for missionary purposes.

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches be requested to report to the Association, how much each church has paid them, as salary, during the year.

Resolved, That we advise the churches to give the names of each of their deceased members, in their Associational letter.

Resolved, That we request the churches to send up a contribution for the support of the missionary with their letters to the Association.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Association adjourned to time and place of next meeting. Prayer by Eld. G. B. Mitchell.

J. C. ROBERTSON, Clerk.

J. H. Hogan, Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON FINANCE:—Your committee on Finance find sent up from the churches for printing the minutes \$24.60. On hand with the clerk from last year 25cts. Total \$24.85. Respectfully submitted with
P. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

EDUCATION:—Your committee on Education would advise a more earnest and active move in that direction, for it is the only means we have for the developement of thought and mind, thereby enabling us to discriminate between truth and error. We know of no greater benefit that we can confer on our children than to enable them to understand and grasp the truth, and prepare them for the duties of life. As to the need of ministerial education, it is before us, and so clear and plain that all must acknowledge the necessity. Therefore we recommend an earnest move in this direction. All of which is submitted.

A. J. ESTES, Chairman.

OBITUARIES:—We your committee on Obituaries find that mortality has been unusually great in our midst during the past year. It has pleased God in His providence to remove from us by beath the following named beloved brethren and sisters: **BRETHREN:**—Wm. Harris James Campbell, C. D. Clark, L. D. Stamps and J. F. Leighton. **SISTERS:**—Jane Wilkins, Agnes Newman, Mary West, Mary E. Russel, Elizabeth Pitner, Nancy Long and Sarah Teague. All of whom died in the triumphs of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We can not mourn for them as if they had no hope, but we mourn, and deplore the loss of our loved ones. Resolved, therefore, that this Association tender its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased.

L. H. PALMER, Chairman.

HOME MISSION:—Dear brethern, we find in the bounds of our Association great destitution, and the cry is coiming up from every quarter. "Come and help us!" Shall we heed the call? We have bread, and to spare, shall we withthold that bread from our brethern and let them starve and die without extending a helping hand? We would, therefore, recommend earnest action in the glorious work of Home Missions by arousing the churches to a discharge of their duty toward

those who are in darkness. Now, brethren, we profess to have that light, and we claim to be missionary, and we claim to obey the divine injunction of our redeemer, to preach the Gospel to every creature; brethren shall we discharge that duty, and be blest of God? All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. ESTES, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:—We your committee on Sabbath School submit the following: We have great reason to thank God that the Sunday School work, in this Association, is on the increase. The churches are showing more interest, and yet there are several churches without a Sunday School. While the children are the hope of the church, and the church is the light of the world, we should inform them as is within our power. Nothing will be more successful in this than the Sunday School. Brethren, let us, as far as practicable, organize a Sunday School in every church, and supply them with suitable literature, and thus prepare them for the conflict before them. We find, out of twenty two churches, only twelve of them report Sunday Schools, and only three of them report Baptist Schools.

Resolved, This Association advise the brethren to organize a Sunday School Association, in the bounds of this Association, to meet quarterly; the first meeting to be on Thursday before the fifth Sunday in this month, at the Flint Creek Church, and Eld. J. C. Robertson to preach a sermon on Sabbath Schools on said day. All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE:—Your committee on Temperance submit the following: As Temperance is certainly one of the christian graces, therefore, we urge upon the members of the churches that they be more temperate in all things, not only in their conversation and deportment, but that they abstain from the use of ardent spirits, as these are to distinguish us from the world. Brethren, let us be no longer an occasion for stumbling, but the light of the world. May God in his infinite wisdom and goodness help us all to strive against intemperance until we can be readily distinguished from the world. Respectfully submitted.

E. J. GIBBS, Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS:—Your committee on Publications submit the following for your consideration. We recommend that the churches, composing this Association, furnish their children with all the necessary literature, so far as they are able, to instruct them in the truths of the Bible. We also recommend the "American Baptist Flag," and the "Central Baptist," published at St. Louis, Mo. The "Arkansas Evangel," Russellville, Ark, and, the Tennessee Baptist, Memphis, Tenn.

WM. DAVIS, Chairman

DIGEST OF LETTERS:—Your committee would respectfully submit, that while the churches show a numerical increase of near two hundred members, only eight churches report money, or amounts, paid for ministerial support, and the amount is to be paid by these eight churches, which is only \$248.50. Only four churches report money

paid for missionary purposes. Not a prayer-meeting reported! But few churches report Sabbath Schools. The seeming remissness ought not so to be; and your committee would earnestly recommend a forward movement all along the line.

E. J. GIBBS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:—We your executive board contracted with your missionary, Elder J. H. Hogan, for one dollar per day. He has served 71 days; traveled 1,000 miles; preached 64 times; delivered 12 exhortations; witnessed 24 professions, and baptized 18. For which service we have paid him \$72.95.

Cash on hand from last year	- - - - -	\$8.50
In hands of the Missionary	- - - - -	1.95.
Cash collected during this meeting	- - - - -	26.00
Total amount of cash on hand	- - - - -	\$34.50

Old pledges due and unpaid from last year \$10.50. Respectfully submitted.

P. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

PREACHING EXERCISES:—Friday, introductory sermon by J. C. Robertson, from 1st Pet. 5—10: Friday night, J. H. Hogan; Saturday, Dr. S. Cornelius; Saturday night, J. C. Robertson; Sunday, Missionary sermon by A. J. Estes from Mark 16—16; Sunday, 3 o'clock, J. H. Hogan; Sunday night, G. B. Mitchell, at the M. E. Church, Sunday Dr. S. Cornelius; Sunday night, J. M. Harris.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

FLINT CREEK CHURCH:—W. Potts, H. H. Hodge, J. Willis; Siloam Springs:—A. J. Estes, E. J. Gibbs, G. W. Gorden, Wm. Davis; Spavinaw:—P. Broyhill; Temperance Hill:—A. E. Bright; Round Grove:—John M. Harris, J. A. Ware; Honey Creek:—M. R. Ware, Calvin Seay; Mt. Pleasant:—D. Jones, S. Holland, M. Bright; Mt. Enterprise:—J. M. Cowart; Butler Creek:—A. Setser, B. F. Cooper; Corner Spring:—J. H. Hogan, J. H. Buckner, J. M. Abercrombie; Springtown:—O. T. Hulse; Norwood:—C. A. Simmons, W. P. Gregg, John England; Mason Valley:—W. M. Gholson, John Duncan; Wager Mill:—J. C. Robertson, W. M. Murphy; Zion Hill:—R. L. Keith; Harmony Grove:—J. Cockran, J. C. Davidson; Cave Springs:—P. R. Johnson, L. L. Chastain; Freedom:—S. S. Brandon; Bozarth:—J. W. Harris, W. G. Brown, G. W. Broyhill; Bethel:—L. H. Palmer, M. Daniels; Council Grove:—James L. Williams, R. Smith; Pleasant Valley:—Walter Alley. Total 44.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elders John Y. Black, S. E. Baldwin, William Cunningham, B. F.

Cooper, W. B. Collins, A. J. Estes, Wm Edwards, John Givens, Sr., G. W. Gordon, J. M. Harris, J. H. Hogan, J. F. Mitchell, J. M. McCraw, L. H. Palmer, J. C. Robertson, W. H. Mapes, B. Moore, C. Seely, Joseph Winfield and J. W. West. Total 20.

LICENTIATES:—Wm. Davis, H. H. England, D. Jones, H. B. Lewis, Geo. Mathews, J. W. Netherton, G. W. Setser, Joseph Setser, J. F. Staten and B. H. Weller. Total 10.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with decision on any point of order may appeal to the association on the same day, but no other time.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and obtaining leave proceed.
6. The moderator when addressed for leave of speech shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except withdrawn by the member who made it.
8. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another is offered.
9. When anything is taken up by the association, after allowing a reasonable time for debate, the moderator shall take the question and those in favor of the proposition shall rise to their feet, and those against it shall keep their seats.
10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers take their seats.
11. No person shall depart from the service of the association without leave.
12. The appellation of brother shall be used in addressing one another.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as the association may direct.
14. No member shall be countenanced in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of public speech.
15. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoint some other member to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not be allowed to vote unless the association be equally divided.
16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the association but only on the day the breach is made.



TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTOR.	Day of Meeting.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Contributions print Minutes.
Flint Creek, -	S. A. Miller, -	Bloomfield, -	W. B. Collins, -	2	13	1	1				15	1	1	1 00
Siloam Springs, -	Wm. H. Cravens, -	Siloam, -	A. J. Estes, -	3	6	26					35	1	1	9 90
Spavinaw, -	T. P. Shelly, -	Nebo, -	G. W. Kehedy, -	4	1	10	1	6			17	1	1	2 00
Temperance Hill, -	B. S. Beach, -	Osege Mills, -	I. R. Hall, -	1	17	5	3	7			25	1	1	1 00
Round Grove, -	T. J. Roark, -	Saratoga, Mo., -	J. H. Hogan, -	2	7	10					17	1	1	1 30
Honey Creek, -	B. K. Netherton, -	Maysville, -	J. H. Hogan, -	1	1	1					2	1	1	1 00
Mt. Pleasant, -	J. L. Mondier, -	Nebo, -		1	7	3					10	1	1	1 00
Mt. Enterprise, -	J. M. Cowart, -	Pactolus, -	Wm. Edwards, -	4	2	3		3			5	1	1	1 00
Butler Creek, -	F. J. Lindsey, -	Sulphur Springs, -	J. W. West, -	2	4	4	1	1			9	1	1	1 00
Corner Springs, -	J. M. Abercrombie, -	Springtown, -	W. B. Collins, -	3			2				2	3	2	2 00
Springtown, -	H. Highfill, -	Springtown, -	John Y. Black, -	4	28	1	4	6			39	1	1	1 25
Norwood Prairie, -	Wm. P. Greggs, -	Wedington, -	L. H. Palmer, -	1							1	1	1	1 15
Mason Valley, -	W. M. Gholson, -	Mason Valley, -	J. W. West, -	3							3	1	1	1 15
Wager Mill, -	Mrs. S. V. Robertson, -	Elm Springs, -	J. C. Robertson, -	1	14	3		2		1	18	1	1	1 00
Zion Hill, -	A. F. Keith, -	Cherokee City, -	Bradford Moore, -	2	12	5		1			17	1	1	1 25
Harmony Grove, -	J. M. Milstead, -	Nebo, -	Wm. Edwards, -	3	8	2		4		2	12	1	1	1 00
Cave Springs, -	E. L. Allen, -	Elm Springs, -	J. C. Robertson, -	4	2	3	1	1		1	7	1	1	1 00
Freedom, -	E. J. Briscoe, -	Mason Valley, -	S. E. Baldwin, -	1	1	1					2	1	1	1 00
Bozarth, -	T. M. Wood, -	Bloomfield, -	J. W. West, -	1	6	1		6			13	1	1	1 00
Bethel, -	Marcus Daniels, -	Siloam Springs, -	G. W. Gordon, -	4	16			15			31	1	1	1 00
Council Grove, -	J. L. Williams, -		G. W. Gordon, -	1	1						2	1	1	1 00
Pleasant Valley, -	Walter Alley, -	Siloam Springs, -	L. H. Palmer, -	1							1	1	1	1 00
Totals				14	103	15	70	11	12	11	70	10	10	24.00.