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MINUTES

OF THE

Nineteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Spencer Association of Primitive Baptists

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of Primitive Baptists
1920*

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
Naomi, Pine Ridge, Ky.

Elder P. R. HOBBS, Moderator

L. C. CALHOUN, Clerk

JASPER CREECH, Assistant Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Spencer Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

Friday morning, September 17, 1920, the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. A. Amburga, of the Red River Association.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Walters, from Rev. the 22nd chapter and 14th verse. "Blessed are they that do his commandments," etc.

The messengers composing the Association were called to order by the moderator.

Letters from the churches were called for, read and received as shown in the stataistical table, which gives the standing of each church.

Then the Association was permanently organized by electing Elder P. R. Hobbs, moderator; L. C. Calhoun, clerk, and Jasper Creech, assistant clerk.

Called for new churches; none responded.

On motion, letters from corresponding associations called for. Burning Spring, letter by the hand of W. W. Elem, letter received and messengers seated by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Rock Spring—Letter by the hands of Elders G. W. Hall, I. N. Caudill, L. Conway, and Brothers W. R. Stegall, Jarvy Brown. Letter received and the messengers seated by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

New Liberty—Letter by the hands of Elders B. F. Robertson and M. S. Moor. Letter received and mesengers seated by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Red River—Letter by the hands of Elders Jeff Brewer, W. M. Combs, S. A. Amburga, David Adams, W. H. Chambers, Jeff Edwards, Brothers S. H. Kash and D. H. Kash. Letter received and the mesengers seated by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

On motion, the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

The Moderator wrote letters of correspondence to be read tomorrow (Saturday.)

Appointed the following committees:

Committee on Arrangements—G. W. Wilhoit, W. M. Spencer, Irvin Craft and J. J. Adams, with the moderator and clerk.
Committee on Finance—Joseph Barker and J. F. Carroll.

Committee on Preaching—J. D. Carroll, Charlie Spencer, Irvin Craft and B. F. Miller.

The committee on preaching appoints Elders I. N. Caudill and Jeff Brewer for Friday morning; Elders W. M. Combs, and others for night service; I. N. Caudill and G. W. Hall for Saturday morning; W. H. Chambers and M. S. Moor for evening service.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder M. S. Moor, of the New Liberty Association of West Virginia.

Roll call; most all present.

On motion, called for report of committee on arrangements. Report read, received and committee discharged.

Called for report of Committee on Finance. Report read, received and committee discharged.

Spencer Church	\$5.00
Lick Spring Church	3.70
Meat Scaffold Church	6.00
Naomi Church	6.00
Left from laast year	2.00
Jeff Edwards50

Total\$23.20

Called for letters of correspondence.

The clerk read a letter to Burning Spring Association, when convened with the Mt. Olivet church, Menifee county, Ky., Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1921. The letter was received and the following brethren agree to bear the same: Elders P. R. Hobbs, J. M. Walters, Brothers Irvin Craft, Henry Back, Joseph Barker; G. W. Wilhoit; J. F. Carroll; and Elder Levy Collins. Letter delivered to J. M. Walters.

Clerk read letter to the Rock Spring Association, when convened with the Cold Spring church, Elliott county, Ky., Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1921. Letter received. The following brethren agree to bear the same: Elders P. R. Hobbs, J. M. Walters, Brothers Irvin Craft, J. D. Carroll, B. F. Miller, G. W. Wilhoit. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs.

Clerk read letter to the New Liberty Association of W. Va.: when convened with the Little Zion church, Kanawa county, West Virginia, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1921. Letter received and the following brethren agree to bear the same: Elders P. R. Hobbs, J. M. Walters, Levi Collins, Brothers W. M. Spencer and G. W. Wilhoit. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs.

Clerk read letter to the Red River Association, when convened with the Clear Branch church, Powel County, Ky., Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1921. Letter read and received. The following brethren agree to bear the same: P. R. Hobbs, J. M. Walters, Levi Collins, W. M. Spencer, W. D. Carroll, Irvin Craaft, Joseph Barker, W. R. Brewer, B. F. Miller and G. W. Wilhoit. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs.

By agreement we will hold our next Association with the Meat Scaffold church; Breathitt county; Ky.; Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1921. Nearest R. R. station, Jackson, Ky.

Elder Levi Collins will preach the next introductory sermon and Elder J. M. Walters, alternate.

By motion we will have 400 copies of our minutes printed, and Elder P. R. Hobbs will attend to the printing and distribution of same.

Committee on preaching appointed Elders B. F. Robertson of the New Liberty Association, of West Virginia, L. Conway of the Rock Spring Association, and S. A. Amburga, of the Red River Association to preach tomorrow (Sunday).

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Naomi church and friends, for their kind hospitality shown us during the sitting of our Association; trusting that the great giver of all good will bless them in basket and in store, and with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

On motion we adjourn until Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1921.

Closing prayer by Elder B. F. Robertson, of the New Liberty Association of West Virginia.

THIRD DAY—SUNDAY MORNING

A large congregation assembled. Prayer by Elder G. W. Hall, of the Rock Spring Association.

Elder B. F. Robertson preached from Rev. xi. 1-2. "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod," etc.

Elder L. Conway preached from Isaiah lxiii. 9. "In all their afflictions he was afflicted and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old."

Elder S. A. Amburga preached from Genesis ii. 1. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them."

The preaching through the Association was orthodox. The corresponding elders come to us preaching Jesus the Way, the Truth; the Life and the Resurrection; Salvation by grace through faith.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER P. R. HOBBS, Moderator.

L. C. CALHOUN, Clerk.

JASPER CREECH, Assistant Clerk.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder P. R. Hobbs, Whismaan, Ky.
Elder J. M. Walters, Jackson, Ky.
Elder Jasper Creech, Pine Ridge, Ky.
Elder Levi Collins, Elkatawa, Ky.
Licentiate G. W. Wilhoit, Rogers, Ky.
Licentiate J. F. Carroll, Malega, Ky.

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

J. D. Carroll, Spencer Church, Whisman, Ky.
Charlie Spencer, Lick Spring Church, Fillmore, Ky.
L. C. Calhoun, Meat Scaffold Church, Rousseau, Ky.
Joel Cox, Naomi Church, Pine Ridge, Ky.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience; we; the Churches of Jesus Christ; being regularly baptized by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, and agree to keep up the rules of our Association according to the following form of government:

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory, yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to posterity; the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or whole.

Article 4. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by and through the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

Article 6. We believe that the saints will finally preserve in grace to glory and not one of them shall be finally lost.

Article 7. We believe there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked eternal.

Article 8. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline according to the rules of the gospel.

Article 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church; and that the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Article 10. We believe that the true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

Article 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be continued by the church until His second coming.

Article 12. We believe it to be the duty of the churches thus united; collectively or individually; to remonstrate against any doctrine or opinion of men that does not comport with the principles of this constitution; and if they shall fail to do so, it shall be considered a violation of this constitution.

Article 13. This Association shall withdraw from any church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of the constitution.

Article 14. No church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this constitution.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except the receiving or dismissing of churches and corresponding with other associations; which shall be done by unanimous voice.

Article 16. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum. This done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER P. R. HOBBS, Moderator.

L. C. CALHOUN, Clerk.

JASPER CREECH, Assistant Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. The Association thus formed shall be a Council of Advice, and not an authoritative body.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right; at any time; to call to order.

Article 5. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but no other time.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall arise and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

Article 8. He shall strictly adhere to the subject; and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

Article 9. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave obtained.

Article 10. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without leave of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be deemed a violation of good order for any person to laugh or whisper during a public speech.

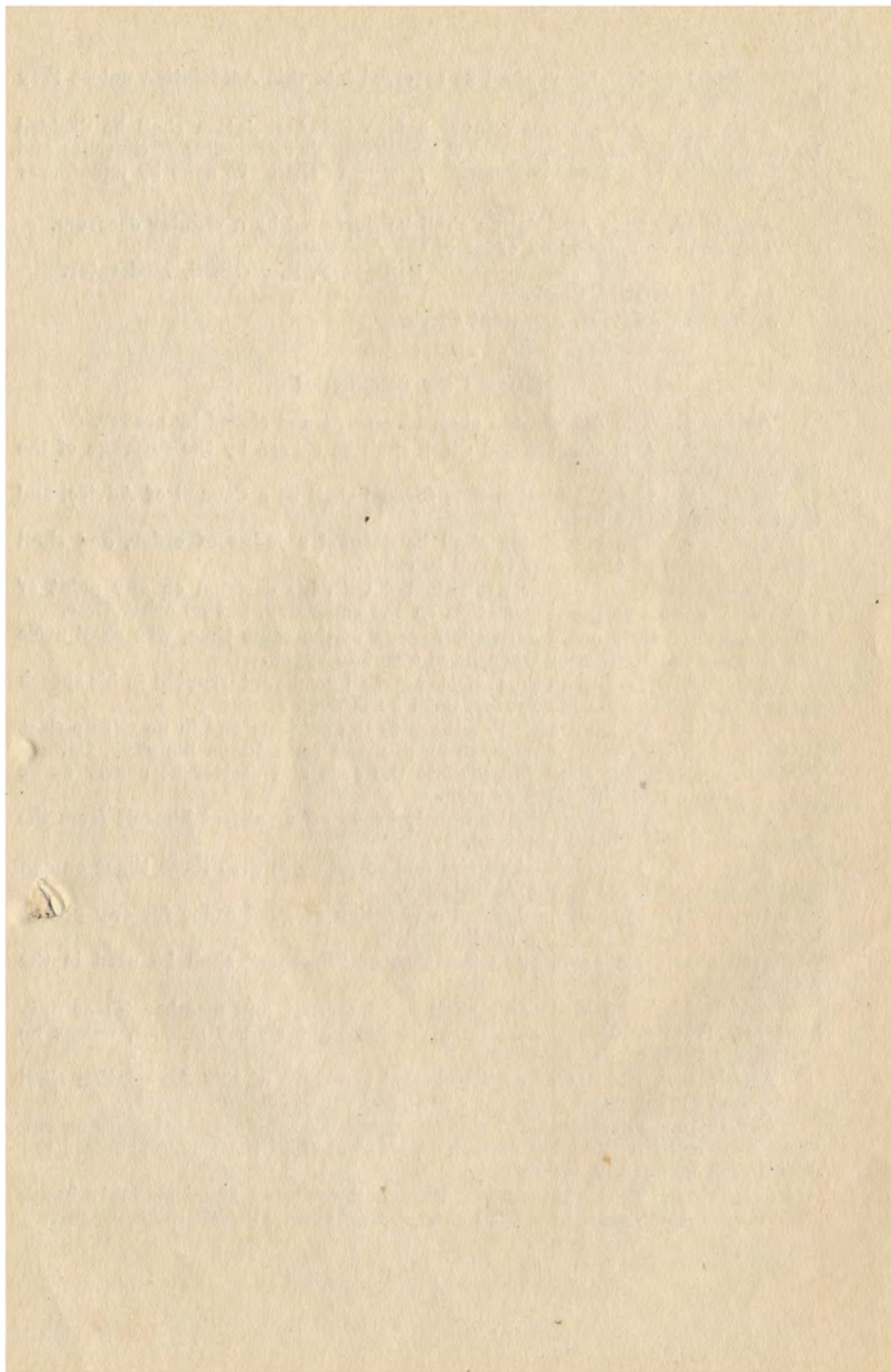
Article 12. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used in the Association.

Article 13. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in; or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks the rules of the decorum.

Article 14. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as the Association begins.

Article 15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member; provided the chair be filled; but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.

Article 16. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these laws, shall be reprov'd as the Association shall think proper.



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	PASTORS	Messengers names	Contributions.....	Sat. of meeting.....	Total Membership.....	Deceased.....	Excluded.....	Recommendation.....	Rec by ex and bap..
Spencer	P. R. Hobbs	J. D. Carroll, G. W. Wilhoit, P. R. Hobbs.....	8\$ 5.00	2	2	2	1	1	1
Lick Spring	W. L. Kash	Charlie Spencer, Joseph Barker, W. M. Spencer.....	8.70	18	18	18	2	1	2
Meat Scaffold	P. R. Hobbs	L. C. Cahoun, Irvin Cralt, J. M. Walters.....	6.00	46	46	46	2	1	2
Naomi	Levi Collins	Joel Cox, J. J. Adams, B. F. Miller, W. D. Carroll, Jasper Oreech, W. R. Brewer.....	5.00	33	33	33	2	1	1
Totals.....			\$19.70	81	214	138	8	2	2

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