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MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTY-SEVENTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
SPENCER ASSOCIATION  
OF OLD  
PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

HELD WITH  
CLEAR BRANCH CHURCH  
NADA, POWELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1938

ELDER J. F. POWELL ----- Moderator  
J. J. ADAMS ----- Clerk  
G. W. WILHOIT ----- Assistant Clerk



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
SPENCER ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1938

The Spencer Association of Old Regular Primitive Baptists in Christ met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing, and prayer by Elder Jasper Creech, Elder Noah Creech preached the introductory from Heb. 3;4, "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." After which the messengers assembled at the church house to transact the business of the Association.

After singing, and prayer by Elder Jack Wheeler of Burning Spring Association, the Association was called to order by the moderator.

Called for letters of correspondence from the several churches that compose the Association.

Spencer Church came forward with letters and messengers to-wit: T. J. Spencer, G. W. Wilhoit and S. T. Whisman.

Naomi Church came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: J. J. Adams, W. D. Carroll, W. B. Caudill, J. C. Bryant and Samp Spencer.

Meat Scaffold Church came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: Elder J. M. Walters.

Mud Lick Church came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: J. L. Sewell, John Dunn and Mitchell Brewer.

Mount Chapel Church sent no letter or messengers.

Clear Branch Church came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: W. M. Dawson, Marion Mullins, James Mullins and Elder J. F. Powell.

Baptist Union Church came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: Elder Noah Creech, Elder S. B. Creech and John Creech.

The letters from the above named churches were read and received and delegates seated.

The Association was permanently organized by electing Elder J. F. Powell moderator, J. J. Adams clerk, and G. W. Wilhoit assistant clerk.

By motion and seconded, we called for transient ministers to aid in counsel and otherwise. Elder Jasper Creech came forward.

By motion and seconded, we called for new church correspondence. None responded.

By motion and second, we called for letters of correspondence from other associations of the same faith and in order.

Burning Spring Association came forward with letter and messengers to-wit: W. W. Elam, Wheeler Ratliff, Isaac Skaggs, E. N. Burton, Emory Furgeson, Roby Furgeson, Jack Wheeler, Hager Arnett and Elder T. J. Burton. Letter read and received and delegates seated by giving them the right hand of fellowship.

By motion and seconded, we called for letters of correspondence from Big Sandy Valley Association. No letter received or delegates present.

By motion and seconded, we called for new associations of the same faith and in order, desiring to raise correspondence. None responded.

By motion and seconded, we wrote a letter of correspondence to Burning Spring Association. Elder Noah Creech was appointed to write the letter.

By motion and seconded, we write letter to Big Sandy Valley Association. G. W. Wilhoit was appointed to write the letter.

By motion and seconded, the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

The committee on arrangements and preaching were as follows: G. W. Wilhoit, Samp Spencer, J. M. Walters, Mitchell Brewer, Marion Mullins and Noah Creech.

The Committee on Finance—Clerk and assistant.

Resolved that we hold our next association with Spencer Church of Wolfe County, Kentucky, beginning Friday

## SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 1938

before the third Saturday in September, 1939, and the two following days.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing, and prayer by Elder W. B. Caudill, proceeded to business.

Roll called and delegates were present.

By motion and seconded, we called for report of committee on arrangements.

The committee selected to preach on Saturday, Elder Jack Wheeler of Burning Spring Association, first; Elder J. M. Walters second; Elder W. B. Caudill, third.

By motion and seconded, we received the report of the committee and committee be discharged.

By motion and seconded, we called for report of finance committee. The report was as follows:

Donations for printing minutes:

Spencer Church -----	\$ 3.15
Naomi Church -----	5.20
Meat Scaffold Church -----	2.91
Mud Lick Church -----	2.25
Mount Chapel Church -----	0.00
Clear Branch Church -----	1.70
Baptist Union Church -----	1.50
Carry over from 1937 -----	3.00
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Total -----	\$19.71

By motion and second, we receive the report of the committee and committee be discharged.

By motion and second, we called for letters of correspondence to be read. The clerk read a letter to the Burning Spring Association which was received. The following brethren: Elder S. B. Creech, Elder J. F. Powell, Mitchell Brewer, Samp Spencer, Elder Ira Dunn, John Dunn, J. J. Adams, Elder Noah Creech, J. C. Bryant and John Creech agree to bear the same when convened with Bethel Chapel

Church, Morgan County, Ky., 1939. The letter was delivered to Elder S. B. Creech.

The Clerk read a letter to Big Sandy Valley Association which was received. It was agreed by the Spencer Association that Samp Spencer be appointed to bear the letter and investigate the doctrine of the association, and if found sound and orthodox and in order, they are to deliver the letter when convened with Friendship Church in Johnson County, Ky., 1939. The letter was delivered to Elder J. F. Powell.

By motion and second, we have three hundred copies of our minutes printed, and the clerk and his assistant see to the printing as distributing of the same.

Whos hall preach our next introductory?

By private ballot, Elder S. B. Creech was chosen to preach our next introductory, and Elder Jasper Creech his alternate.

By private ballot, the Association chose to preach on Sunday the following: Elder S. B. Creech first; Elder T. J. Burton of Burning Spring Association second; the Moderator to close.

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of this community for their friendship and hospitality shown the Association. May God bless them in basket and in store for their kindness.

By motion and second, we adjourn until Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1939.

Closing prayer by Elder Ira Dunn of Spencer Association.

ELDER J. F. POWELL, Moderator

J. J. ADAMS, Clerk

G. W. WILHOIT, Assistant Clerk

### **THIRD DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1938**

A large crowd assembled at the stand, and after singing and prayer, Elder Ira Dunn introduced the services.

Elder S. B. Creech preached first, from Isaiah 22:23, "And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he

shall be for a glorious throne in his father's house." Elder T. J. Burton preached second, from Isaiah 26:1, "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Elder J. F. Powell, moderator, closed.

The preaching throughout the Association was sound and orthodox; the doctrine of "Salvation by Grace and Grace alone."

This done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER J. F. POWELL, Moderator

J. J. ADAMS, Clerk

G. W. WILHOIT, Assistant Clerk

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND P. O. ADDRESS

Churches	Ministers	P. O. Address
Spencer -----	None -----	-----
Naomi -----	Jasper Creech -----	Fillmore, Ky.
	W. B. Caudill -----	Campton, Ky.
Meat Scaffold -----	J. M. Walter -----	Keck, Ky.
Mount Chapel -----	Perry Conway -----	Flint, Mich
Clear Branch -----	J. F. Powell -----	Slade, Ky.
	V. T. Brewer -----	Baptist, Ky.
Mud Lick -----	Ira Dunn -----	Simpson, Ky.
Baptist Union -----	S. B. Creech -----	Slade, Ky.
	Noah Creech -----	Lombard, Ky.
	Adam Creech -----	Valeria, Ky.

### CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR P.O. ADDRESS

Churches	Clerks	P. O. Address
Spencer -----	Rosa Kincaid -----	Fincastle, Ky.
Naomi -----	Joel Cox -----	Campton, Ky.
Meat Scaffold -----	L. C. Calhoun -----	Rousseau, Ky.
Mount Chapel -----	T. E. Wise -----	Pilot, Ky.
Clear Branch -----	W. M. Dawson -----	Lombard, Ky.
Mud Lick -----	J. L. Sewell -----	Hollonville, Ky.
Baptist Union -----	E. M. Culbertson -----	Valeria, Ky.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

Article 1. We believe in only one 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 true written 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 his posterity, the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or in 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 persevere in grace to glory, and not one of them shall be finally lost.

Article 7. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be 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 given themselves up to the Lord and to one another 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 shoulder.

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

Article 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of 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 opinions of men that does not comport with the principles of this constitution, and if they fail to do so, 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 this 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 correspondence with other Associations which shall be done by a unanimous vote.

Article 16. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum.

This done and signed by order of the Association.

### **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 the 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 rise and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, 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 imperfection, but shall fairly state the cause 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 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 this 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 privilege as any other member, provided the chair

is filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

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

## STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Dismissed by Letter	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Recommendation	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Saturday of Meeting
Spencer -----	J. F. Powell	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	27	2
Naomi -----	J. F. Powell	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	29	1
Meat Scaffold ---	S. B. Creech	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	34	4
Mount Chapel ---	None	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	32	4
Mud Lick -----	S. B. Creech	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	21	3
Clear Branch ---	J. F. Powell	---	---	2	---	---	1	---	22	4
Baptist Union ---	Ira Dunn	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	16	2
TOTALS		---	---	3	1	---	3	3	181.	