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MINUTES OF THE
12th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SPENCER ASSOCIATION
OF
Old Regular Baptists
ORGANIZED 1901
HELD WITH THE
MEAT SCAFFOLD CHURCH
BREATHITT COUNTY, KY.
SEPTEMBER 19, 20, and 21, 1913

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MINUTES OF

Spencer Association of Old Regular Baptists.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 19, 1913.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Hall. The Introductory Sermon preached by Eld. J. M. Walter from, Rev. 12 Ch, and 17 Verse.

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 table, which gives the standing of each Church.

The Association then permanently organized by electing Eld. P. R. Hobbs, Moderator; L. C. Calhoun, Clerk; W. S. Harris, Assistant Clerk.

Call for new Churches. None responded.

On motion letters from Corresponding Associations were then called for. Burning Spring Association came forward with letter by the hands of Elder T. J. Burton, Bro. Emery Wages, Press Crase, William Elam, Franklin Ratliff, Eli Williams and Elder J. W. Wheeler. Letter read and received, and brethren seated. Rock Spring came forward with a letter and Messengers, to-wit: Elder G. W. Hall and Bro. Jarva Brown. Letter read and received and Messengers seated. Letter and Minutes from New Liberty Association of W. Va. Letter received.

On motion Moderator authorized to make all temporary appointments. Clerk and Assistant appointed to write letters of correspondence to be read to-morrow.

Wm. Adams, Joseph Barker, J. M. Walter, with Moderator and Clerk, designated as a Committee on Arrangements. Clerk and Assistant as Committee on Finance. A. J. Carroll, W. S. Harris and Solomon Back, Committee on Preaching. Said Committee designated Elder J. M. Walter, 1st; T. J. Burton, 2nd; G. W. Hall, 3rd, for Saturday.

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

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 20.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. J. Burton. Roll Call. All present.

On motion, call for report of Committee on Arrangements to report. Report read, received, and Committee discharged.

On motion call for report of Committee on Finance. Said Committee reported as follows:

Spencer Church	\$2 50
Lick Spring Church.....	2 25
Meat Scaffold Church.....	3 45
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Total collections	\$8 20

Committee discharged.

On motion, call for letters of Correspondence to be read. Clerk read letter to Burning Spring Association, when convened with Sugar Grove Church, Lawrence County, Ky., Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1914, and two following days. Letter received and the following Brethren agree to bear the same to-wit: H. C. Back, A. J. Carroll, Irwin Craft, J. D. Carroll and P. R. Hobbs. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs. Clerk read letter to Rock Spring Association, when convened with Rock Spring Church, Elliott County, Ky., Friday before the 4th Saturday, in August, 1914, and two following days. Letter received and the following Brethren agree to bear the same, Irwin Craft, H. C. Back, A. J. Carroll, P. R. Hobbs, J. M. Walter and L. C. Calhoun. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs. Clerk read letter to New Liberty Association, when convened with Naomia Church, in Charleston, W. Va., Friday before the 1st Saturday in September, 1914. Letter received, and the following Brethren agree to bear the same, P. R. Hobbs and G. W. Wilhoit. Letter delivered to P. R. Hobbs.

We will hold our next Association with the Spencer Church, Wolfe County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1914, and two following days.

By private ballot P. R. Hobbs will preach the next Introductory Services and J. M. Walter, Alternate.

Committee on Preaching selects, Elder J. W. Wheeler, 1st, Elder G. W. Hall, 2nd; Elder T. J. Burton, 3rd; Moderator. Close for Sunday.

On motion, we have 300 copies of our Minutes printed, and Clerk attend to printing and distribution of same.

Resolve that we tender our thanks to the Meat Scaffold Church

and friends for their hospitality and kindness shown during the sitting of the Association.

On motion, we adjourned until Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1914.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21.

A large congregation assembled at the house.

Prayer by Bro. Franklin Ratliff. Elder J. W. Wheeler preached from Ezekiel 43 ch., 10 V., Thou Son of Man, Shew the House to the House of Israel &c. Elder G. W. Hall preached from Haggai 2 ch., 9 V., The Glory of this Latter House Shall be Greater Than of the Former, &c.

Elder T. J. Burton preached from Solomon's Songs, 6 ch., 3 V., I am My Beloved, and My Beloved is Mine, &c.

The Moderator closed.

The preaching was with power and in demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Many eyes were bathed in tears. The singing of the farewell song was touching and the Children of God rejoice in the hope of the Glory of God,

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELDER P. R. HOBBS, Moderator.

L. C. CALHOUN, Clerk.

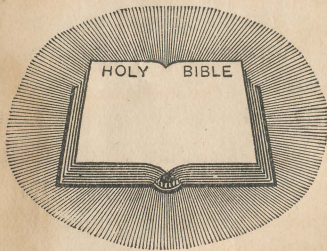
W. S. HARRIS, Ass't Clerk.

Names of Ministers and P. O. Addresses.

W. W. Caudill	Campton, Ky.
P. R. Hobbs	Whisman, Ky.
J. M. Walter	Stevenson, Ky.

Clerks and P. O. Addresses.

J. D. Carroll, of Spencer Church	Booth, Ky.
W. S. Harris, of Lick Spring Church	Fillmore, Ky.
L. C. Calhoun, of Meat Scaffold Church	Rousseau, Ky.



CONSTITUTION

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

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.

Art. 2. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the infallible word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Art. 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.

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

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

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

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

Art. 8. We believe that the visible 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 one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline; according to the rules of the Gospel.

Art. 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and that the government thereof is upon His shoulder.

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

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

Art. 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.

Art. 13. This Association shall withdraw from any church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of this Constitution.

Art. 14. No church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this Constitution.

Art. 15. All matters coming before this 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 a unanimous voice.

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

ELD. W. W. CAUDILL, Moderator.

P. R. HOBBS, Clerk.

W. S. HARRIS, Ass't. Clerk.



RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

Art. 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.

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

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

Art. 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.

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

Art. 10. No person shall arise and speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

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

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

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

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

Art. 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.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

	CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Total Membership.	Saturday of Meeting	Deceased	Excluded	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Rec. by Experience and Baptism	Licentiate	Ordnained Ministers
SPENCER	P. R. Hobbs	Wm. Adams, A. J. Carrol, W. G Wilhoit, Wm. Cornett		46	3	2	3	1	1	2	1	2
LIOK SPRING	P. R. Hobbs	W. S. Harris, Joseph Barker		20	2				1			
MEAT SCAFFOLD	J. M. Walters	Solomon Back, Lewis Back, Logan Back, Henry Back, Irvin Craft, Gill Bohm, J. M. Walters, L. C. Calhoun		43	4		2				1	1
Total				109	9	4	3	3	3	1	3	1

