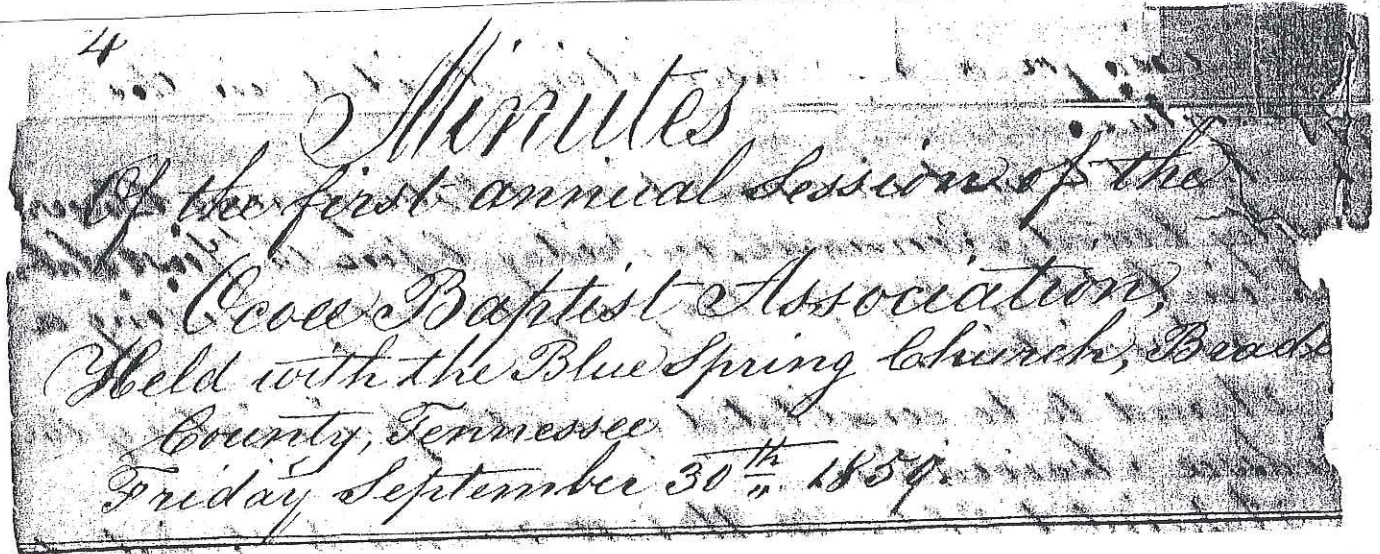


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HISTORY REPORT

Several Bradley Baptist churches celebrated milestones this year. They were Blue Springs (150th), Macedonia (150th), Michigan Avenue (75th), and Washington Avenue (50th). This fall, Candies Creek (175th), Galilee (50th), and Mt. Carmel (125th) will be recognized. In actuality, Blue Springs and Macedonia were celebrating the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Ocoee Baptist Association, and their charter membership in that body.



The Ocoee association continued until 1949. At that time, it was divided into the Hamilton County and the Bradley County Baptist Associations. Also, some member churches of the Ocoee association had joined the Polk County Baptist Association at its 1921 Organization. The Macedonia church dates from 1843. The Blue Springs church split with the Cleveland church in 1836, and moved from Cleveland to her present location in 1844.

First Baptist, Cleveland, has continued her "Every Church Has A History" monthly card series.

Your association historian has printed a 28-page booklet, titled "Sweetwater Baptist Seminary for Young Ladies, 1886-1916". An edited version appears in this year's Tennessee Baptist History Journal. This year's journal tells the stories of several early Tennessee Baptist schools. Copies of the journal will be available at the Tennessee Baptist History booth at the TBC annual meeting. Copies of the complete booklet are also available

If you need any help with your church's history, contact me by calling the association office.

Submitted for your approval,

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