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MINUTES.

LEAD HILL, ARK., September 19, 1884.

The delegates representing the churches comprising the White River Baptist Association met with the church at Lead Hill, Boone County Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1884, according to adjournment, when, as by previous appointment, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. H. Mayfield, text: John 17th chapter and latter clause of the 4th verse, "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." The important truths presented during the discourse were received with marked attention by the delegates and the congregation present.

Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings, after which the Moderator, Elder H. H. Hilton, called the Association to order.

The former clerk being absent, Bro. W. A. Collis was appointed clerk, pro tem.

Letters from the different churches were called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

On motion the Association held the annual election by acclamation for Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing Associational year, which resulted in the election of Elder H. H. Hilton, Moderator: and Wm. A. Collis, Clerk.

Called for letters petitioning membership, when Bro. I. B. Lovell came forward and presented a letter from the church at Fairview, asking for membership in this Association, and sending as their delegates Brethren I. B. Lovell and T. J. Lockhart.

The church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Then J. H. McEntire presented a letter from Shady Grove

Church, Searcy County, Ark. This church was received and right hand of fellowship extended to her delegate by the Moderator. Also a letter was sent up from Oak Grove Church, Baxter County, Ark., and was received by the Association.

On motion the Association adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M., with prayer by the Moderator.

3 o'clock, P. M. Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator presiding. Prayer by Eld. H. Sasser.

Called and corrected roll of delegates and marked absentees. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations, when Elders J. W. Hurd, I Davis and W. H. Raly presented a minute of Crooked Creek Association and were received as corresponding messengers from that body.

Elders N. Barnett, W. F. Cantrell and Brother James Baker presented a minute from Union Association, (Mo.) and were received as corresponding messengers from that body.

Elder A. R. Steveson presented a minute of Blue Mountain Association and was received as corresponding messenger from that body.

Elder W. D. Jennings presented a minute from Big Creek Association which was received.

Visiting ministers of the same faith and order were invited to seats with us. Eld. H. Sasser accepted the invitation and took his seat to participate in our deliberations.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service: Brethren J. M. Casey, T. M. Ray and H. C. Cook.

On Finance: Brethren J. E. Eubank, W. P. Cantrell and Wm. Eoff.

On Deceased Ministers: Elders W. D. Jennings, W. M. Horn and Brother I. B. Lovell.

On Sabbath Schools: Elders Wm. Denton, C. H. Mayfield and J. B. Davis.

On Baptist Literature: Elders E. A. Barker, W. M. Horn and J. M. Stone to which was added by resolution Elders H. H. Hilton and Wm. Denton.

On Destitution: Elder C. H. Mayfield and Brother D. H. Carroll, J. E. Eubank, John Auston and J. L. Brightwell.

On Ways and Means: Elders Wm. Denton, G. H. Mayfield, J. B. Davis, W. D. Jennings and Brother J. M. Casey.

Messengers were appointed to sister Associations as follows:

To Crooked Creek: J. T. Thornton and J. A. Austin.

To Big Creek: J. T. Hand.

To Union (Mo.): Elders H. H. Hilton, L. A. Barker, H. Sasser, W. D. Jennings and Bro. T. H. Horn.

To Blue Mountain: Elders G. H. Mayfield, Wm. Denton and Brother I. B. Lovell and J. H. McEntire.

On motion the act of dropping correspondence with Union Association (Ark.) was rescinded; and on motion it was resolved that we renew correspondence with said Association. Whereupon the Moderator appointed Elders W. M. Horn, H. Sasser and Brother W. B. Cantrell as corresponding messengers to said Association.

Reports of ministers called for. On motion the rules were suspended granting them further time to make their reports.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock, A. M., Saturday. Prayer by Elder Wm. Denton.

On Friday evening at candle lighting Elder Wm. Denton preached in the Hall, text: "Now if any man hath not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Followed by Elder H. Sasser.

Saturday morning, 8 o'clock, September 20th, 1884. Association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator present and presiding. Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings.

Friday's minutes read and approved. Called the roll, all delinquent present.

Call for petitionary letters renewed.

Call for corresponding messengers renewed.

Call for visiting ministers renewed, when Elder J. H. Farmer accepted and took his seat with us to take part in our deliberations.

Call for report of ministers renewed, when the following ministers made their report.

Elder W. M. Horn's report is as follows: Attended one

church regular once a month; another one five months; baptized six; amount received for services, \$5.00.

Elder L. A. Barker's report is as follows: Preached thirty sermons; baptized six; assisted in the ordination of one minister and deacon; amount received for labor, 14.25.

Elder C. H. Mayfield's report is as follows: Preached sixty-five sermons; prayed 81 public prayers; baptized twelve; traveled seven hundred and seventy-nine miles; assisted in the ordination of one minister and one deacon; sold 7575 pages of Baptist literature; amount received from churches, \$4.45; amount received from friend on Orcut Flat, \$5.40; ferage expense, 3.25.

Elder H. Sasser's report is as follows: Preached to two churches until July; baptized 17; received in produce and money, \$60.00.

Eld. W. D. Jennings reports: Preached 98 sermons; baptized 24; traveled 456 miles; assisted in the ordination of one minister and one deacon; amount received for labor, \$16.40.

Called for the reports of the different committees, when the Committee on Baptist literature begged further time to make their report, which was granted them.

Committee Deceased Ministers made their report.

The report received and adopted and committee discharged. Report is as follows:

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report. We have made diligent inquiry, and find that none of our ministers of this Association have died during the Associational year, and we feel it our duty to sincerely thank and praise our heavenly father for the preservation of the lives of our ministry, and pray the continuation of his goodness towards us.

D. W. JENNINGS, Chairman.

The report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have received from Delegates for printing the minutes, \$28.40, and for Associational Missions, \$27.40.

J. E. EUBANK, Chairman.

The Committee on destitution reported. The report was received and adopted, and Committee discharged. Report was as follows:

We, your Committee on destitution beg leave to submit the following

report, that the destitution in reference to Baptist preaching, and Baptist literature within the bounds of the White River Association, is fearful, and should be supplied with Baptist literature and baptist preaching.

C. H. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was received and adopted and Committee discharged. The report was as follows:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report: Being fully convinced of the great necessity of properly educating and training the young for future usefulness, and happiness, in reference to the perpetuation of our pleasant institutions, as well as the church, it is an indispensable necessity to educate the young not only mentally, but morally and religiously. Therefore we most earnestly request that some means be suggested by the Association to put on foot some system of operation by which Sabbath Schools can be most successfully carried out.

WM. DENTON, Chairman.

Moved that the Clerk be appointed Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year.

Elder J. H. Parmer, our corresponding messenger to Crooked Creek Association, reported that he had visited that body and was cordially received and kindly treated by the brethren.

Elder C. H. Mayfield, our corresponding messenger to Blue Mountain Association, reported he had visited that body, and was received and so kindly treated by the brethren that he felt himself at home.

Moved that Elder N. Barnett fill the stand on Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M.

Moved that Elder H. H. Hilton fill the stand at 10 o'clock A. M., on Sabbath.

Moved the Elder I. Davis fill the stand on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock P. M., but by request of Bro. Davis, Elder A. R. Steveson filled his place.

Committee on ways and means, reported. The report received and adopted, and Committee discharged. The report was as follows:

We, your Committee appointed to devise ways and means by which Sabbath Schools may be established and their success promoted, would respectfully recommend the following, that the Deacons

be advised and admonished to organize and superintend Sabbath schools in their respective churches, composing White River Association, and that they obtain the lesson helps of the International Series of Sunday schools, published by the St. Louis branch of the American Baptist Publication Society, and that Pastors be urged to present the vast importance of Sunday schools. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DENTON, Chairman.

C. H. MAYFIELD.

J. B. DAVIS.

W. D. JENNINGS.

J. M. CASHE.

Committee on divine services reported that Elder N. Barnett occupy the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. followed by Elder W. F. Cantrell.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M. Prayer by the Moderator.

Saturday evening: The Association met at 8 o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment; and after prayer, by Bro. I. B. Lovell, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Call for letters from different churches renewed when there was presented letters from Lees Mountain and Zion Hill, by Elder J. B. Davis, and the delegates names enrolled. Committee on Baptist literature reported. The report was received and adopted and Committee discharged. The report was as follows:

We, your Committee on Baptist literature, beg leave to submit the following report: First, we, for reason of the very highest importance, would recommend the careful reading of the Bible. Second, the *Evangelist*, because it is our own State paper, and the only religious periodical of Baptist faith in the State, and because it is an able and sound paper. Third, out side of our State we can heartily endorse the *American Baptist Flag* published by Dr. B. Ray, St. Louis, Mo. Fourth the *Ford's Christian Repository* by Ford, St. Louis, Mo. Fifth, the *Baptist*, J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.

Elder W. Denton reported as follows:

I have preached to three churches a part of my time; my home church, Mt. Pleasant, Palestine and George's Creek. For about three months I have aided in the Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant, also a prayer meeting at same. I have visited Magness Church, held a meeting of days in connection with her loved Pastor, W. H. Horn; also meeting of days at New Liberty. As to the fruits of my labors the statistics of the above named churches will show.

Called for report of a standing Committee that was appointed by the Moderator, at the last Association, to visit New Prospect, Rehoboth, and Macedonia churches. Elders J. B. Davis and H. Basser said they did not visit New Prospect. It was moved that said brethren be granted another year to comply with the request. Elder H. H. Hilton stated that Elder W. D. White did visit Rehoboth Church, and found it in a good condition, and preached to the church during the year; also Elder H. H. Hilton stated that Elder A. J. Copeland had visited Macedonia Church, and preached to it.

On motion it was resolved that we adopt the Missionary plan, as laid down in the minutes of the Association held in 1880.

Volunteers to constitute the General Missionary Board, J. G. Brightwell, Pleasant Hill; J. M. Stone, Friendship; W. J. Paxton, Lee's Mountain; Wm. A. Collis, Pilgrim's Rest; W. D. Denton and C. H. Mayfield, Mt. Pleasant; J. H. Parmer, Rehoboth; J. A. Austin and J. T. Thornton, Big Springs; H. A. McEntire, Shady Grove; D. H. Carroll, New Harmony; H. C. Cook, Mt. Horn; T. J. Lockhart, Fairview; A. B. Hampton, New Liberty; J. G. Dillahunt, New Hope; E. F. Hand, Pleasant Grove; J. E. Eubank, Palestine; S. E. Honeycut, Confidence, and A. L. Fitts, Harmony. The brethren that volunteered as General Missionary Board were granted leave to retire for the purpose of organizing. In a short time, they returned and reported as follows:

We, the General Missionary Board, beg leave to report that we have organized the Central Board, by appointing Bro. E. F. Hand as Chairman; Wm. A. Collis, Secretary, and J. E. Eubank, Treasurer; and appointed the first meeting to be held at Gassville, Baxter County, Ark., Saturday before the third Sabbath in December, 1884.

E. F. HAND, Chairman.

T. H. Horn, Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following report:

Received of finance committee.....	\$28.05
Paid for printing minutes, and clerk's fee.....	28 05
Amount on hand for traveling expence.....	5 00
Collection on Sabbath last year.....	13 00

Still in treasury.....	\$18 00
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J. H. HORN, Treasurer.

The Finance Committee further reported \$2.75 for missionary purposes.

On motion it was resolved that the corresponding delegates write their own letters.

Resolved, that we hold our next Association with Pleasant Hill Church, Marion County, Ark.

Report of Elder H. Sasser, Traveling Missionary for the White River Baptist Association in the year 1884, is as follows:

Sermons and exhortations delivered twenty, baptised eight, traveled two hundred miles, organized one church, preached to one destitute church. They both adopted our articles of faith, and become members of this Association. Total membership of both churches, twenty-eight. Received of Central Board, twenty dollars.

ELDER H. SASSER.

On motion it was resolved that this Association tender their thanks to the citizens of Lead Hill and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality shown to this Association, and it is the prayers of this body, that these people may continue to prosper, both spiritually and temporally.

Elder L. A. Barker was elected to preach the introductory sermon at our next meeting of the Association, and Elder W. M. Horn as his alternate; also Elder Wm. Denton, was elected to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elder H. H. Hilton his alternate.

On motion it was resolved that we have our minutes printed by a Baptist Publishing Company.

Resolved, that the clerk be allowed \$10 for his services and superintending the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association.

Committee on divine service reported that Elder I. Davis preaches at the Hall at early candle light, followed by Elder H. H. Hilton.

Adjourned with prayer, by the Moderator, until Monday morning, 8 o'clock, A. M.

On Sabbath at 10 A. M. Elder H. H. Hilton, preached in the Grove near town, Text 2nd Chapter of the Acts and 37th verse; also at 11 A. M. Elder N. Barnett preached an interesting sermon, Text 3rd Chapter and 21st verse of Romans. After services a public collection was taken up, amounting to \$13.55, to be used by the Association as it sees proper.

Sunday evening 3 o'clock, P. M., Elder A. R. Steveson preached an interesting sermon to a large audience in the grove near town; also at early candle light, Elder W. F. Cantrel preached, followed by Elder H. Sasser.

Monday morning 8 o'clock A. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair. After prayer by Elder A. R. Steveson, the Association called to order and the regular order of business taken up. By request of Egypt church it was resolved that we strike the name Egypt from our minutes and insert Pine Grove instead.

On motion it was resolved that we drop the name Macedonia, from our minutes.

On motion it was resolved that we have as many copies of the minutes of this Association printed as the money will permit.

Moved that this Association supply Lead Hill church with a preacher for the next ensuing year. By a unanimous vote it was agreed that Elder Wm. Denton preach to Lead Hill Church. On motion it was resolved that each Pastor of their respective churches preach at least one Missionary sermon to their churches, and take up a public collection after the same. Moved that this Association advise each church in its bounds, who have no house of their own to worship in, to build one of their own, independent of school house. On motion it was resolved that we hold four minister's and deacon's meetings during the next Associational year. On motion it was resolved that we hold the first minister's and deacon's meeting with the Hopewell church, commencing on Saturday before the first Lord's day, in December, 1884. On motion it was resolved that we hold our second minister's and deacon's meeting with New Liberty Church. On motion it was resolved that we hold our third minister's and deacon's meeting with New Harmony church. On motion it was resolved that we hold our fourth minister's and deacons meeting with New Hope church. Moved that Elder J. B. Davis preach the introductory sermon, at the minister's and deacons meeting at Hopewell. Bro. R. D. Casey was appointed to represent us in the state convention. Moved that we adjourn to meet with the Baptist church at Pleasant Hill, on Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M., before the third Sabbath in September, A. D 1885.

ELDER H. H. HILTON, Moderator.

WM. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Recommendation.	Decreased by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Constituted.	Days of Meeting.	For Minutes.
Confidence	A J Butler	R R Scribner		S F Honeycutt, I Ingle	2	2					1	23	1882	3	\$ 85
Mountain Home	R P Davant	J M Casey	Mountain Home	J M Casey, H C Cook	11	2		1	2	1	1	115	1868	4	3 45
Mount Pleasant	W Denton	J W Barnett	Gassville	C H Mayfield, W Denton		4		2	1	2		138	1868	3	2 00
Pilgrim's Rest	W D White	Wm A Collis	Mountain Home	W D Jennings, W R Collis	21	2		5	2	2		75	1871	2	2 00
Pleasant Hill	H Sasser	Wm McEntire	Yellville	T W Deprest, J G Brightwell	7	8		1				33	1871	1	1 00
Pine Grove	L A Barker	E T Conley	Mountain Home									16	1879	3	1 00
Lead Hill		J M Cook	Lead Hill	J M Cook			1					12		1	50
New Liberty	W W Seward & W M Horn	J Dobbs	Yellville	J B Davis, W M Horn, A B Hampton	4	1	1		1		1	64		1	2 00
Pleasant Grove	C H Mayfield	E F Hand	Onset	T M Rea, E F Hand	12		2		3			39		2	1 00
New Harmony	W D Jennings	J H Pasco	Noes	D H Carroll, W H Milbank	14					3		51		4	1 00
Big Spring	J B Davis	J T Thornton	Lead Hill	W Eoff, J T Thornton, J Austin	4	4		1	7	1		42			1 40
Friendship	W D Jennings	G Mooney	Mountain Home	J M Stone		2				8		24	1882		25
Rehoboth	J H Parmer	F Williams	Elipin								1	13		3	1 00
Harmony	W M Horn	J B Taylor	Clear Creek	S L Fitts, J P White	5			1				39	1878	4	2 00
New Hope	H Sasser	W P Cantrell	Yellville	W P Cantrell, J G Dillahunty	8	3				1		43	1881	2	1 50
Palestine	W Denton	J E Eubank	Mountain Home	J E Eubank, J W Walker	4					3	1	33	1871	2	2 00
Hopewell	H H Hilton	J M Horn	Mountain Home	H H Hilton, L A Barker	8	10	1		8	2	1	113	1874	1	3 00
Jefferson Hall				Not Represented											
Lees Mountain	Wm Paxton	J S Cull	Yellville	Wm Paxton	5	26		3	3	4	1	33	1880	3	50
Fair View		I B Lovell		T J Lockhart	1							6	1884	2	1 00
Oak Grove	A J Copeland	J S Barton	Mountain Home									5	1884	2	50
Shady Grove	H Sasser.	H A McEntire	St Joe	J H McEntire, I B Lovell	7	1		1				22		4	1 00
Zion Hill	William Paxton	J W Gary	Yellville			1	1					12	1876	2	
New Prospect					113	66	6	9	33	22	10	949			\$28 95