

—※— MINUTES —※—  
OF THE  
# FIFTY-FOURTH • ANNUAL • SESSION #  
OF THE  
OLD ORGANIZATION  
AND THE  
TWENTY-NINTH OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION  
OF THE  
—※— WHITE RIVER —※—  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH  
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,  
MARION • COUNTY, • ARKANSAS,  
OCTOBER 2nd, 3rd, and 5th, 1896.

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OFFICERS:

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ELD. H. SASSER, Moderator, Bruno, Ark.  
W. M. TUCKER, Clerk, Gassville, Ark.  
BRO. N. LAMB, Treasurer, Gassville, Ark.

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## FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THE White River Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Marion county, Arkansas, on Friday before the First Sabbath in October, A. D., 1896, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day.

The Introductory sermon set for 10 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, and Eld. J. A. Copeland elected at previous Association to preach the same, and Eld. W. D. Jennings elected his alternate. Eld. Copeland not being present, Eld. W. D. Jennings preached the Introductory sermon, followed by Eld. H. H. Hilton; Text, Hebrews 10 Chapter and 25th verse.

The Moderator, Eld. W. D. White being present and presiding W. M. Tucker, Clerk, being present, the Moderator called the Association together.

The roll of churches was called.

The annual letters were presented by the Messengers and read by Bro. C. F. Stone and Eld. Wm. A. Collis, and the names of Messengers enrolled.

The Association went into the election of officers. The Moderator appointed Bros. G. W. Bayless and J. A. Thompson as tellers and resulted in the election of Eld. H. Sasser, Moderator and the re-election of W. M. Tucker, Clerk, and N. Lamb, Treasurer.

Call for petitionary letters, none.

Call for corresponding Messengers from sister Associations.

Moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m., carried.

Prayer by Eld. Wm. A. Collis.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. J. T. Hand

Renewed the call for corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, none.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine service, A. S. Wood, H. L. Stanley, N. Lamb.

On Finance, Bros. J. A. Thompson, J. F. Horner, and T.

A. Sasser.

On Sabbath School, Eld. W. D. Jennings, A. J. Sasser, Eld. Wm. A. Collis

On Destitution, Elds H. H. Hilton, B. D. Bayless, and J. T. Hand.

On Baptist Literature, Elds. J. W. Heitt, J. H. Wade, and Bro. G. W. Callahan.

On Deceased Ministers, Elds H. H. Hilton, C. H. Mayfield, and J. G. Walker.

On Foreign Missions, W. A. Collis, C. H. Mayfield, N. A. Tucker, and W. S. Young.

On Temperance, Eld. C. H. Mayfield, N. A. Tucker and J. G. Dillahunty.

On Home Mission, Elds. J. T. Hand, J. H. Wade, L. E. Tucker.

On State Mission, Elds. W. D. White, H. H. Hilton and C. F. Stone.

On Education, Elds A. D. Stull, J. W. Heitt, W. D. Jennings.

On Woman's Work, Elds. J. A. Harrelson, J. T. Hand, and Bro J. H. Marler.

Reading of Constitution and by laws.

Moved to suspend reading of same until a future time, carried. Call the roll, mark absentees and correct errors.

Call for Corresponding Messengers

Report of Corresponding Messengers as follows: Eld. J. W. Heitt reported that he visited the Southern Baptist State Convention and found them laboring earnestly for the cause of Christ and doing a good work in the cause of our Master.

Report of the Committee on Divine Services read and is as follows: Preaching Friday night by Eld. J. G. Walker, followed by Eld B. L. Bayless: Text, 1st Tim 3rd Chapter, and 15th verse. Saturday 11 a. m., Eld. J. H. Wade, and J. A. Harrelson: Text, Eph. 6th chapter and 11th verse. Saturday, 3 p. m., Eld W. D. White and Eld. A. D. Stull: Text, John 3rd chapter and 18th verse. Saturday, 7 p. m., Elds H. Sasser and W. D. Jennings: Text, Hebr 10th chapter and 18th verse. Sabbath, 10 a. m., Eld J. W. Heitt: Text, Matthew 28th chapter, 19th & 20th verses, at Baptist Church. Sabbath, 10 a. m., Elds. H. H. Hilton and C. H. Mayfield: Text, 1st John, 3rd chapter, and 1st & 2nd verses, at M. E. Church. Sabbath, 3 p. m., (Baptist Church), Elds. H. H. Hilton, and W. A. Collis: Text, Romans, 10th chap., 1st & 2nd verses. Sabbath, 7 p. m., Elds J. T. Hand and W. D. White: Text, Acts, 3rd chapter, 19th & 20th verses. Monday, 11 a. m., Eld. J. W. Heitt: Text, Isaiah, 30 chapter, 10th verse.

A. S. WOOD,

H. L. STANLEY,

N. LAMB,

Committee.



Eld. H. Sasser, Moderator, was called to attend a funeral and Eld. H. H. Hilton was made temporary Moderator.

Report of committee on Deceased Ministers read and adopted and is as follows: We mourn the loss of our dearly beloved Bro. Eld. Wm Denton, and realize the fact that that we have lost an humble Minister of the Gospel, and recommend that we bow in prayer with Eld. C. H. Mayfield.

H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

The appointing of the following named brethren to Sister Associations: Rocky Bayou, Eld. J. W. Heitt; Crooked Creek, Elds. H. H. Hilton, J. W. Heitt, W. A. Collis, L. S. Schogen, H. Sasser, W. D. White and W. M. Tucker; Union, Ark., L. S. Schogen; Blue Mountain, Eld. W. A. Collis; Big Creek, Elds. W. D. Jennings, J. T. Hand and F. M. Ballard.

Report of the committee appointed by the last Association to investigate the supposed trouble in Rehobath church was made and adopted and is as follows: We are credibly informed by the brethren of Rehobath church that reconciliation is made in said church.

ELDS. W. A. COLLIS and W. D. WHITE.

Miscellaneous business.—Moved that the next meeting of the White River Baptist Association be held with Friendship Church, 9 miles North of Gassville, Baxter county, Arkansas, to convene at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, A. D., 1897. Carried.

Moved that Eld. A. D. Stull preach the Introductory sermon and Eld. W. A. Collis be his alternate. Moved to adjourned until 8:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. A. D. Stull.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 8:30.

Body met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. W. D. White.

Renewed the call for letters from Sister churches, whereupon a letter was presented by messenger from Mountain Grove church and read, and Messengers names enrolled, and a letter presented by Messengers from New Athens read and Messengers enrolled.

Recall for corresponding Messengers whereupon Eld. E. Keelan came forward and received the right-hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Renewed the call for the reports of committees.

Report of committee on Education read and adopted, and is as follows: White River Association, by her action years ago, in establishing Mountain Home college took high grounds on the subject of christian education. No new utterance is needed to show where the Association stands on the subject. They have in the most positive manner declared their conviction that Christian Education is

an essential part of the work committed to the church of Christ for spreading the gospel and advancing the cause of the Redeemer. Having distinguished itself among the Baptist organization of Arkansas by undertaking a work of such magnitude, it is of the highest importance that the Association take no backward step, but that it give the Institution that hearty support that is becoming to this body. A sufficient subscription was raised to pay off the \$6000 debt, and has been paid in except about \$1200. We urge upon those indebted to the College by subscription, note, or otherwise to forward the amount to Cap. M. N. Dyer, Mountain Home, Ark.

A. D. STULL, Chairman.

Moved to take recess for preaching at 11 a. m.

Committee on Finance made report as follows: We have received the sum of \$23.55 from the Messengers of the various churches to defray the expenses of printing Minutes of the Association and pay Clerk's fees.

T. A. SASSER,	}	Committee.
J. A. THOMPSON,		
J. T. HORNER,		

Moved the committee to pay the money to the Treasurer and take his receipt for the same. After preaching by Eld J. H. Wade, moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. E. Keelan.

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SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

2 p. m. Body met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld S. P. Downing.

Report in Sabbath schools read, adopted, and is as follows: Believing as we do in the training of the minds of the youths of our land in the belief of the gospel, we therefore request each church in this Association to organize a Baptist Sunday school and maintain the same, and we further recommend that they use none other than pure Baptist literature. W. D. JENNING, Chairman.

Moved to take recess to hear preaching by Eld. W. D. White at 3 o'clock p. m., after which the body resumed general business. On a recall for corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, Eld Delk came forward and received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Report of committee on Destitution read and a motion was made to postpone the adoption of the same until the report of the Missionary was made.

Report of the committee on Foreign Mission was made, and after some discussion. moved to postpone said report until 11 o'clock, a. m., on Monday. Moved to adjourn until 8:30 a. m. on Monday. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Wade.



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MONDAY, 8:30 A. M

8:30 o'clock, a. m. Body met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer by Eld H. H. Hilton the body resumed the business of the body.

Under the head of reports the Missionary made his report and is as follows: I worked 50 days at \$1 25 per day; preached 41 sermons, prayed 18 public prayers, delivered 8 exhortations, witnessed 7 baptisms. Traveled 922 miles. Received \$29 27. Amount due the Missionary is \$33 23.

ELD. J. H. WADE, Associational Missionary.

The report on Destitution after being raised and discussed in connection with the report of the Associational Missionary the same was adopted and is as follows: The destitution in the bounds of our Association in the Southern, Western, and Northern boundaries needs Baptist preaching and we recommend that this body take steps to supply these Destitutions with Baptist preaching by employing two Missionaries if a sufficient amount of means can be raised and to commence at as early a period as in the judgment of the executive committee will be of the greatest benefit to the Baptist denomination and continue until the sitting of this body again.

J. T. HAND, Chairman.

Whereupon a collection was taken up to raise means to pay a Missionary or Missionaries for their work in A. D. 1897, and received in money and pledges \$58.00 and the sum of \$12 60 to pay the amount now due the Missionary, J. H. Wade.

Moved to appoint an executive committee; carried, and the following named persons were appointed: N. Lamb, G. W. Hayless E. F. Hand, W. M. Tucker and J. G. Dillahunt.

Moved that the above named board meet and organize and report to this body during its present session, carried.

Whereas the report on Foreign Missions was postponed until 11 o'clock, a. m., on Monday. The time having arrived on motion, the same was raised and a substitute for the original was offered, read and adopted, and is as follows: We regret to see from the reports that so little has been done by the churches of the White River Association for Foreign Missions. This is a great and important work, a work in which Baptists have ever led the world. Christ said to the church "go". We urge upon the church to be more active in this part of the Master's work. Brethren, shall it be said of us that our claim to be Missionaries is an empty claim, or shall we prove our faith by our works?

• H. H. HILTON.

Report of committee on Temperance read and adopted and is as follows:

WHEREAS, Intemperance is an evil that tends to grow in some sections of our country, we as a denomination, strictly condemn the use of ardent spirits as a beverage and would recommend a strict discipline against it as a beverage. C. H. Mayfield, J. G. Dilla-hunta, N. A. Tucker.

Report of committee on Home Mission read and adopted and is as follows: We realize that the conversion of our own land for Christ is the pressing demand upon us to-day. The character and destiny of America for all future time is now being framed. We have many different classes of people that should be influenced by the gospel, and these influences must be met with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We recommend that this Association contribute liberally to the support of these Missionaries who are laboring in that part of the field which constitutes our home Mission field

J. T. HAND,	} Committee.
J. H. WADE,	
L. E. TUCKER,	

Report of committee on Woman's Work read and adopted and is as follows: Recognizing the christian influence of women on our young and aged, we can scarcely estimate the potency of woman's influence. It is seen and felt wherever woman's habitation is found. She is a great factor in evangelizing the world. We therefore recommend that pastors use their influence in encouraging them in their work.

J. T. HAND, Chairman.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted and is as follows: We met after some two or three attempts and employed Eld. J. H. Wade at \$1.25 per each day engaged in the work as Missionary, and have used reasonable means to raise money to pay said Missionary for his work, and received but a small amount; but the board did not meet in a body to transact business after that meeting. There not being means placed in our hands to pay the Missionary, there remains due and unpaid \$33.23, and we pray this body to try to raise means while session to pay the same.

N. A. TUCKER, Chairman

Report of committee on Baptist Literature read and adopted and is as follows: Knowing the Bible to be the Book of books and presents to us the moral character of the true God as no other book, we do earnestly insist that our people read it and give it prayerful study. Therefore we believe the press to be a most powerful factor for both good and evil, and seeing that the enemy of God is utilizing its power in disseminating pernicious doctrines to the morals and souls of men, we recommend that our pastors, S. S., and churches take great care to have an abundance of good and wholesome religious literature circulated in their communities. We



recommend the publication of the Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn., with T. B. Bell, Secretary. The Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Ark

J. W. HEITT,	} Committee.
J. H. WADE,	
G. W. CALLAHAN.	

Report on State Mission read and adopted and is follows: In view of the great need of Mission work in our State we recommend that the pastors be requested to urge their churches to contribute liberally to State Mission. W. D. WHITE, Chairman.

Report of Executive Board read and adopted and is as follows: In obedience to the request of the Association, we have met and organized, elected N. Lamb Chairman, J. G. Dillahunty assistant Chairman, G. W. Bayless, Secretary, and E. F. Hand, Treasurer, and set the first meeting of our Board on Saturday at 3 o'clock, a. m., before the 3rd Sabbath in Nov., 1896, at Mount Pleasant Church, Gassville, Baxter county, Ark. We, your board, would recommend that the Association request each pastor of the several churches composing this Association, to preach at least one Missionary sermon as early as convenient and take up a collection to raise means to pay the Missionaries that this board may employ hereafter, and also to request the several Deacons of their churches to present said claim to the churches of which they are members, and forward any and all moneys and amounts of pledges to the Treasurer of this Board. N. LAMB, Chairman.

Report of the Clerk read and adopted and is as follows: Received of the Treasurer \$23.10; paid out \$13.00 for printing minutes of Association. After deducting \$10.00 for clerk's fees, there remains in my hands 10 cents unexpended. The clerk's report being accompanied by the printers receipt is as follows: Received of W. M. Tucker, the Clerk of White River Baptist Association the sum of \$13.00 for printing 500 copies of the minutes of the Association, when convened at Mountain Home, Ark., on the 20th, 26th, and 28th days of October, A. D., 1895.

H. T. PATTERSON, Printer.

Moved that the Treasurer pay to the Clerk all money in his hand as minute funds and take the Clerk's receipt for the same.

Moved that the Clerk superentend the printing of the Minutes and have as many Minutes printed as the money will pay for after deducting \$10.00 as Clerk's fees.

Moved to take recess for one hour, after which the body resumed general business.

Resolution offered by Eld. J. G. Walker read, adopted, and



is as follows: Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has written Articles both in an anti-Baptist paper and in an Encyclopedia, just as an enemy of Baptists would write, with no sympathy for our recognition of their sufferings, their heroism, and fidelity through ages, to the principles and practice which has ever distinguished them, but on the other hand has by perusing historic statements endeavored to show that they have borrowed and practiced their inventions of Rome, in using sprinkling for baptism, and

Whereas, The scriptures say. An heretic after the first and second admonition reject, and

Whereas, Dr. Whitsitt has been faithfully admonished of his wrong, and he still persists in teaching his erroneous ideas; and

Whereas, The trustees of said Institution still reclaims Dr. Whitsitt as president, contrary to the wishes of the great Baptist brotherhood at large, therefore be it

Resolved, That we withdraw all encouragement from said institution by way of encouraging of preachers to attend said Seminary as long as he is there, and

Resolved, Further, that we urge Dr. Whitsitt to resign as president, should he fail to resign of his own accord we urge the trustees to request him to resign.

ELD J. G. WALKER,

Resolution offered by Eld. Wm. A. Collis, read and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved that we, the Messengers of White River Baptist Association, return our sincere thanks to the members of Pleasant Hill church and citizens of the surrounding neighborhood for their kind treatment and hospitality while in their midst.

ELD. W. A. COLLIS.

Moved to adjourn this body to meet with Friendship church in Baxter county, Arkansas, on Friday at 10 o'clock, a. m. before the 2nd Sabbath in September, A. D., 1897.

Prayer by Eld. H. H. Hilton.

ELD. H. SASSER, Moderator.

W. M. TUCKER, Clerk.



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Statement.	Decreased by Letter.	Excluded.	Total Membership.	Constituted.	Days of Meeting. For Minutes.	Pastorial Support.	Association Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Incidental Expense.	No. Engaged in S. S.	Decreased by Death.	State Mission.	Home Mission.
Mount Pleasant.	3	0	0	0	4	0	123	1866	3	2.25	0.00			00	4		
Pleasant Grove.	14	2	2	1	0	0	74		2	.75	35.00				00		
Union.	1	6	0	0	0	0	29		3	.55	19.00				1		
Mountain Grove.	2	2	0	0	2	0	29		1	1.00	16.15	1.35			1		
Pleasant Ridge.	16	1	1	0	6	1	57		2	1.00	0.00	4.41	60		0		
Hopewell.	0	3	0	0	3	0	65	1874	1	1.00	7.75	9.20		00	2		
Whiteville.	1	2	0	0	3	2	50	1892	4	.85	9.50						
New Hope.	0	0	0	0	0	3	49		4	.75	18.32				1		
Oak Grove.	11	11	0	0	10	0	74		2	.90	30.00						
Antioch.	0	0	0	0	0	2	34		4	1.00	30.00						
New Prospect.	1	2	0	0	0	0	36	1887	1	1.00	0.00				1		
Rocky Mount.	1	2	0	0	0	0	34	1885	3	.65	4.00						
Pilgrim's Rest.	7	4	0	0	0	0	144	1872	2	2.00	0.00						
Oak Land.	7	3	1	0	0	1	55	1881	1	.85	25.00						
Pleasant Hill.	11	2	2	0	0	0	144	1871	1	2.00	85.00	5.00			1		
New Harmony.	0	1	0	0	2	2	107	1872	3	2.00	20.00	8.45			2		
Friendship.	1	0	0	0	4	0	71		1	.75	7.50				3		
Mount Olive.	0	7	0	0	4	0	43		0	0.00	.00						
Bethel.	6	1	1	0	0	3	44		0	1.00	11.80						
Rehobeth.	0	0	0	0	0	0	42		3	1.00	.00				1		
New Athens.	1	2	0	0	4	2	47	1891	2	.75	40.00	.45	.45		.45	.65	
Mountain Home	2	15	0	0	11	2	112	1868	1	1.50	\$300		11.10	\$60	00	34.80	8.43



CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Mount Pleasant	Eld W D White, N Lamb	Eld W A Collis	W L Lomon	Gassville, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	J A Thompson, J F Horner, W S Young	Eld H Sasser	J A Thompson	Onset, Ark.
Union.....	F M Ballard	Eld J T Hand	J M Parks	Tracy, Ark.
Mountain Grove.	Eld S P Downing.	Eld B L Bayless.	w w Jenkins	Oakland, Ark.
Pleasant Ridge	W J Arnett	Eld J T Hand.	Don J Alley.	Henderson, Ark.
Hopewell	Elds H H Hilton, J T Hand, W M Tucker, N A Tucker	Eld H H Hilton.	w M Tucker	Gassville, Ark.
Whiteville.....	L E Tucker, Elds W D Jennings, J A Harrelson, J G Walker	Eld J G Walker	L E Tucker	Gassville, Ark.
New Hope.	J G Dillahunty, J H Horner, G W Callahan, W H Keeter.	Eld H Sasser	J G Dillahunty	Bruno, Ark.
Oak Grove.	Eld J R Williams	Eld W D Jennings..	N D Fuller.	Mtn Home, Ark
Antioch.....	Joseph Wood	Eld W D Jennings..	C C A Johnson	Flippin, Ark.
New Prospect	J J Parmer, W F Chatman, W M Compton, P G Sullivan	Eld J H Parmer	L Casey	Fowell, Ark.
Rockey Mount.	Levi Schoggen	Eld W I Paxton	T B Featherston	Valley Spgs Ark
Pilgrim's Rest.	Elds C H Mapfield, J H Marler, W A Collis, J H Wade	Eld W D White	L C Marler	Independence "
Oak Land.....	C F Stone, T J Merideth	Eld W D Jennings	C F Stone	Mtn. Home, "
Pleasant Hill.....	H L Stanley, J S Fooke, L G Lowery, A J Sasser	Eld H Sasser	H L Stanley.	Bruno, Ark.
New Harmony.	G W Bayless, J N Mohney, Eld B L Bayless	Eld W D Jennings.	J F Covington	Oakland, Ark.
Friendship.	W M Osborn.	Eld W A Collis	F M Morgan	Pembina, Ark.
Mount Olive.....	A S Wood	Eld J H Wade	J Edelman	Yellville, Ark.
Bethel	Eld H Sasser, T A Sasser	Eld H Sasser	T A Sasser	Yellville, Ark.
Rehobeth.....	J J Messick, J I T Holland, Eld J H Parmer	Eld J A Harrelson	J W Pierce	Flippin, Ark.
New Athens.....	A H Smith, A S Galbreth	Eld J E Cargle.	E L Hall.	Henderson, "
Mountain Home.	Elds J W Heitt, A D Stull, D B Beavers	Eld J W Heitt.....	J M Casey	Mtn. Home, "