

MINUTES

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Fifty-sixth Session of the Old Organization

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Thirty-first of the New Organization

OF

The White River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Pleasant Grove Church, Marion Co., Ark.,

Sept. 10, 11, 13, A. D. 1898.

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OFFICERS:

ELD. W. D. JENNINGS, Moderator . . . . . Gassville, Ark.  
W. M. TUCKER, Clerk . . . . . Mountain Home, Ark.  
BRO. T. H. HORN, Treasurer . . . . . Mountain Home, Ark.

# MINUTES,

## FIRST DAY.

THE White River Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Grove church, Marion county, Ark., on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Eld. W. D. White, elected at the last Association to preach the introductory sermon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, was present but unable to preach. H. H. Hilton, alternate, preached the introductory sermon, followed by Eld. W. D. Jennings; text, Matt. 16:18.

Eld C. H. Mayfield, moderator, and the clerk being present the moderator called the Association together.

The roll of churches was called.

The annual letters from the several churches were presented by the messengers, and read by Elds. Wm. A. Collis and W. D. Jennings, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

The Association went into the election of officers. The moderator appointed three brethren to hold the election, which resulted in the election of Eld. W. D. Jennings, moderator, re-election of W. M. Tucker, clerk, and T. H. Horn, treasurer

Call for petitionary letters; none.

Call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations; none.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On divine service, Bros. J. H. Hand, C. F. Stone and J. H. Talburt.

On finance, Bros. J. M. Stone, M. M. Jenkins and Henry Smith.

On Sabbath schools, Elds. C. H. Mayfield, W. D. White and J. H. Marler.

On destitution in the bounds of White River Association, Elds. H. Sasser, W. A. Collis and J. C. Cooper.

On Baptist literature, Elds. H. H. Hilton, H. F. Vermillion, J. C. Holman and J. G. Walker.

On deceased ministers, Eld. J. A. Harrelson, W. Huddleston and J. W. Ranold.

On foreign missions, Elds. H. F. Vermillion, S. P. Downing and B. L. Bayless.

On temperance, Bros. G. W. Eddings, H. L. Stanley, S. H. Bayless and O. M. Hayes.

On home missions, Bros. L. E. Tucker, Leroy Cheek, W. M. Tucker, Elds. H. H. Hilton, C. H. Mayfield, and on motion, Eld. W. D. Jennings was added.

On state missions, Elds. S. P. Downing, J. G. Walker, H. F. Vermillion, H. H. Hilton and J. T. Hand.

On education, H. F. Vermillion, T. E. Gideon, H. Sasser and H. H. Hilton.

On woman's work, Eld. W. D. White, Bros. W. H. Roberts, I. E. Cantrel and M. M. Jenkins.

On motion, the body took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 p. m. the body resumed business.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. Whereupon a letter was presented from Morning Grove church asking for membership in our body. The body, satisfied they were sound in the faith, received them, and names of messengers were enrolled.

Call for report of committee on divine services. Report read, as follows:

Your committee on divine service would report as follows:

Friday, 7:30 p. m., Elds. J. C. Holman and B. L. Bayless; text, Matthew xi:28-29-30.

Saturday, 11 a. m., J. G. Walker and J. H. Marler; text, Hebrews ii:9. 7:30 p. m., Wm. A. Collis and W. D. Jennings; text, Acts iii:19.

Sabbath, 11 a. m., H. F. Vermillion; text, Matthew xxiv:4. 7:30 p. m., J. T. Hand and J. C. Holman; text, Job xxi:15.

J. H. HAND, Chairman.

Call for corresponding messengers. Whereupon Bro. J. A. Thornton presented himself from Crooked Creek association, and was received.

On motion, A. Wood was received as messenger from Mt. Olive church.

On motion Bros. J. S. Looney and J. A. Austin were seated as corresponding messengers from Crooked Creek Association.

Call for report of corresponding messengers: Bro. T. H. Horn reported as follows: Visited Rocky Bayou Association and found it a lively body, doing good work in the Master's cause.

Eld. W. A. Collis reported: Visited Crooked Creek As-



sociation and found it a lively body, firm in the faith and battling for the cause of Christ.

Appointment of corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

Crooked Creek, Elds. W. A. Collis, H. Sasser; Rocky Bayou, Bro. T. H. Horn, Elds. A. J. Copeland, H. F. Vermillion; Blue Mountain, Eld. H. F. Vermillion, J. C. Cooper; Big Creek, Elds. J. T. Hand, H. H. Hilton, J. C. Holman, W. D. Jennings, Bro. N. G. Tracy; Union (Mo.), Elds. H. H. Hilton, W. D. Jennings, Bro. T. H. Horn; Union (Ark.), on motion Eld. W. D. Jennings was elected to attend in person or by letter. The brethren are requested to write to these sister associations should they fail to visit them in person.

On motion the body adjourned to 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday, with prayer by Eld. H. F. Vermillion.

## SECOND DAY.

Body met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. W. Collis.

Committees reported as follows:

Committee on deceased ministry made their report. Read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: Inasmuch as it has pleased the great Head of the Church to preserve the lives of all the ministers of this association, we feel very grateful to God for the same, and bow in prayer for a continuation of His blessings.

J. M. RANDALL, Chairman.

Your committee on Sabbath schools beg leave to submit the following report: That, whereas, we believe the Sabbath school to be the great factor in enlightening the minds of the youth of our land, therefore we recommend the organization of Sabbath schools in all our churches.

C. H. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

We, your committee on state missions, beg leave to report as follows: Our state executive board are doing a good work, by employing a state evangelist, by co-operating with associational boards, and by enlisting pastors and other ministers in volunteer work under the auspices of the state board. We heartily commend the self-sacrificing labors of the president and other members of the state board. We recommend that this association select one of its members to be a member of the state board, and that the churches of this association contribute of their means

to the support of the state mission work.

ELD. S. P. DOWNING, Chairman.

Report of committee on destitution read and adopted, and is as follows: We, your committee on destitution, beg leave to report as follows: The destitution under our immediate notice is great in the bounds of this association. Therefore we recommend that this body take steps to supply this destitution at once with Baptist preaching. Therefore be it resolved that this association elect a missionary at its present session to serve the next year.

ELD. H. SASSER, Chairman.

On motion, the body elected Eld. H. Sasser as missionary for the next year, and, on motion, a committee of three, consisting of J. A. Harrelson, J. B. Biggers and John Angel, was appointed to confer with Elder Sasser.

The committee reported as follows: "We agree to allow and pay Eld. H. Sasser the sum of one dollar and expenses for each day engaged in the work as missionary in the bounds of White River Association."

On motion, Eld. H. Sasser is to have time to preach for his home church.

On motion, this body took recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. this body resumed business.

Finance committee made its report as follows: We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit the following: Received from the messengers of the several churches, for minutes fund, \$17.25; for foreign missions, 50 cents.

J. M. STONE, Chairman.

On motion, the committee paid the money to the treasurer.

Committee on foreign missions made its report. Read, adopted, and is as follows: We, your committee on foreign missions, would beg leave to submit the following: We find that there are thousands of our fellow-creatures dying daily without hearing the Gospel. Foreign mission work is a grand and important work, in which Baptists have ever been engaged. And inasmuch as Christ said to the Church "Go," we urge upon the churches to be more active in this part of the Master's work, so that the foreign mission may be able to do more work in the future than it has done in the past.

H. F. VERMILLION, Chairman.

Report of committee on temperance read and approved, and is as follows: We, your committee on temperance,



beg leave to submit the following report: Realizing the fact that the evils of intemperance are growing in our country, and leading many of our young people to ruin, and filling our prisons with human wrecks, and many graves with drunkards, therefore we as a denomination condemn the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and recommend a strict discipline against the patronage and use of the same as a beverage by members of the Baptist church.

H. L. STANLEY, Chairman.

Report of committee on Baptist literature read and approved, and is as follows: We, your committee on Baptist literature, beg leave to report as follows: We believe the Bible to be the best Baptist book on earth. We think it is every person's duty to read and study at least one chapter of the Bible each day. We recommend that our people read the Bible and teach it to their children. We think The Arkansas Baptist is the best paper for the Baptists of this state, and that our people should subscribe for it, read and pay for it. We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board for our Sunday schools. If we do not put Baptist literature into our children's hands others will put theirs in their hands and teach them false doctrines.

H. F. VERMILLION,

J. C. HOLMAN,

J. G. WALKER,

Committee.

Report of committee on woman's work read and approved, and is as follows: We, your committee on woman's work, beg leave to submit the following: That, in view of the fact that we realize the great importance of woman's work in our churches, and that woman, being last at the crucifixion and first at the tomb of Jesus, and first to proclaim the resurrection, and that she seems to be more interested and more devoted than her brethren, therefore we recommend and encourage woman's work in our churches.

W. D. WHITE, Chairman.

On motion, the next sitting of this body will be held with Hopewell Baptist church, Baxter county, Arkansas, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in September, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Renew call for letters to the association. The letter from New Athens was presented. Names of messengers enrolled.

On motion, this body authorized the moderator to appoint one brother from each church, who shall constitute an executive board to superintend the missionary cause of

this association and to co-operate with the central board appointed by this body, and thereby raise means to pay our missionary; which resulted in the appointment of Bros. W. H. Douglass, Laura Martin, H. H. Hilton, J. H. Marler, J. E. Eubanks, B. L. Bayless, James Randall, C. F. Stone, A. J. Copeland, Jesse Horner, James Pearce, J. G. Dillahunty, H. L. Stanley, James Benton, Bro. Hampton, E. M. McCarty, S. P. Downing, W. D. Jennings, N. G. Tracy, Denny Smith, and Wm. Latch, each to serve in his own church.

Report of committee on education read, approved, and is as follows: We, your committee on education, would beg leave to report as follows: We believe that it is the duty of all parents to give their children the best literary education and Christian training possible. This association is fortunate in having within her bounds Mountain Home Baptist College, an institution whose object is to give Christian education to the youth of this section of our country. We think it the duty of the Baptists of the association to patronize this school. We urge upon our young ministers to prepare themselves for their work by obtaining the best education possible. We recommend that our churches assist worthy young ministers to get an education.

ELD. H. H. HILTON,

ELD. H. SASSER,

ELD. H. F. VERMILLION,  
Committee.

On motion, this body adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., on Monday. Prayer by Eld. J. T. Hand.

### THIRD DAY.

Monday, 9 o'clock a. m. The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Harrelson.

Report of committee on home missions was read, approved, and is as follows: We, your committee on home missions, would beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, the Lord demands that the Gospel be preached to every creature, and as we believe wherever it has been or will be preached it tends to civilize and Christianize many that hear it, therefore we recommend that the churches composing this association contribute of their means liberally for home mission work.

L. E. TUCKER, Chairman.

On motion, the money raised by the Sabbath collection (amounting to \$6.01) was equally divided between Elders J. T. Hand and B. L. Bayless, the missionaries for last



year, on the amount the association was due them for their work.

Report of Eld. H. Sasser, missionary, read and approved, and is as follows: According to arrangements made with the board I began work Nov. 12, 1897. I visited some of the churches in the interest of the board, and received some donations in cash and subscriptions. I also performed other missionary work, as the annexed table will show: Labored 44 days; traveled 395 miles; preached 33 sermons; delivered 40 public prayers and 9 exhortations; organized one church; witnessed 14 accessions to the church; baptized 2. The pastor of the church did the baptizing, principally. Money received by me to date is \$44.00. I have a balance on hand, in subscriptions that are due, amounting to \$16.00. Total, \$60.00. The people of Western Grove paid \$11.95 of said amount. I have \$2.35 in money on hand now, unexpended, for missionary purposes.

H. SASSER, Missionary.

Report of central board read, and is as follows: The central board begs leave to submit the following report: We made arrangements with Eld. H. Sasser, Nov. 12, 1897, to visit some of the churches as fiscal agent and do other missionary labor, at \$1.00 per day. He has labored 44 days and received \$44.00 from the churches and other sources in cash, and pledges unpaid \$16.00. Total amount in cash, and pledges unpaid, \$60.00.

H. L. STANLEY, Chairman.

Clerk's report read and approved: Your clerk would beg leave to submit the following report: I received \$22.80 from the treasurer. After deducting \$10.00 as clerk's fees, laid out and expended \$12.55 for minutes, stationery and postage, leaving in my hands unexpended 25 cents.

W. M. TUCKER.

On motion, the clerk is to superintend the printing of the minutes, and is to have as many minutes printed as the money will pay for, after taking out \$10 for clerk's fee.

On motion, a central board was appointed to superintend the mission work in this association, as follows: Elds. Wm. A. Collis, J. G. Walker, J. A. Harrelson, J. C. Holman, and Bros. H. L. Stanley, A. P. White and Henry Smith.

On motion, Elds. Wm. A. Collis, H. F. Vermillion and H. Sasser were appointed as messengers to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, Elder Henry F. Vermillion was appointed as a member of the State Baptist Convention.

On motion, Elder H. F. Vermillion was authorized to ask



the State Board to contribute the sum of \$50 to help defray the expenses of a missionary in the bounds of our association.

Be it resolved, That we, the messengers composing this association, extend our heartfelt thanks to the people of this community and church for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay among them. [Resolution offered by W. A. Collis. Carried.]

By Eld. Wm. A. Collis: Whereas, There are several churches in the bounds of this association that are pastorless, and need to be revived up and put in working order; therefore: Be it resolved, That it is the wish and advice of this body that the missionary of this body be allowed to visit said churches, hold a meeting with each church, and assist them in securing pastors for the ensuing year.

On motion, a committee of seven members was appointed to meet the missionary at New Hope church, Marion county, Ark., and try to bring about a reconciliation between the members of said church. Whereupon the following named brethren were appointed: Elds. H. H. Hilton, J. T. Hand, J. C. Holman, J. A. Harrelson, A. Wood, W. M. Tucker. On motion, Eld. W. D. Jennings was added to the committee.

Report of central board was made, read and approved, and is as follows: We, your central board, beg leave to submit the following: We have met and organized by electing H. L. Stanley chairman, Wm. A. Collis secretary, and A. P. White treasurer, and agreed to meet with Pilgrim's Rest church, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day.

H. L. STANLEY, Chairman.

WM. A. COLLIS, Secretary.

On motion, Eld. B. L. Bayless was elected to preach the introductory sermon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, of the next sitting of this body, and Elder J. G. Walker as his alternate.

On motion, the \$2.35 now in the hands of Eld. H. Sasser was ordered to be applied to payment for his work the ensuing year as missionary.

On motion, this body adjourned to meet with Hopewell Baptist church, on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Prayer by Eld. W. D. White.

ELD. W. D. JENNINGS, Moderator.

W. M. TUCKER, Clerk.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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ELDER H. H. HILTON.....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER C. H. MAYFIELD .....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER W. D. JENNINGS .....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER J. T. HAND.....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER J. G. WALKER.....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER J. A. HARRELSON .....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER S. P. DOWNING .....	Oakland, Ark
ELDER B. L. BAYLESS.....	Oakland, Ark
ELDER J. C. HOLMAN.....	Bakersfield, Mo
ELDER JOHN SMITH.....	Mountain Home, Ark
ELDER J. C. COOPER.....	Bruno, Ark
ELDER HENRY SASSER.....	Bruno, Ark
ELDER WM. A. COLLIS .....	Independence, Ark
ELDER H. F. VERMILLION.....	Mountain Home, Ark
ELDER J. H. MARLER .....	Gassville, Ark
ELDER A. J. COPELAND.....	Mountain Home, Ark
ELDER J. A. COPELAND.....	Mountain Home, Ark
ELDER H. HAYES.....	Buford, Ark



CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Mount Pleasant.....	W D White, O M Hayes, J A White.....	H H Hilton .....	Z W Barnett....	Gassville, Ark.
Friendship.....	J M Randall, D L Stone, J M Stone, J R Carter .....	W D Jennings.....	F M Morgan....	Pembina, Ark.
Mountain Home.....	H F Vermillion .....	H F Vermillion .....	A B Brewster....	Mountain Home, Ark
New Harmony .....	B L Bayless, Leroy Cheek.....	W D Jennings.....	J M Mohney.....	Oakland, Ark.
Antioch.....	J H Talburt, A Johnson, W B Huddleston, James Davis.....	W D Jennings.....	A Johnson .....	Flippin, Ark.
Oakland.....	J Biggers, J C Stone, C F Stone .....	J C Holman.....	C F Stone.....	Mountain Home, Ark
Pilgrim's Rest.....	Elds C H Mayfield, W A Collis, J H Marler, A P White .....	W D White .....	L T Marler.....	Independence, Ark.
Mountain Grove.....	S P Downing, M M Jenkins .....	B L Bayless .....	M M Jenkins.....	Oakland, Ark.
Mount Olive.....	A Wood .....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell .....	Elds H H Hilton, J T Hand, J H Horn, W M Tucker .....	H H Hilton .....	W M Tucker....	Mountain Home, Ark
Whiteville .....	Elds W D Jennings, J G Walker, J A Harrelson, L E Tucker .....	J G Walker.....	L E Tucker.....	Gassville, Ark.
Oak Grove.....	Geo Eddings .....	J B Smith .....	N D Fuller.....	Mountain Home, Ark
Pleasant Hill.....	H L Stanley, J C Cooper, T W Depriest, W F Weaver .....	H Sasser .....	H L Stanley....	Bruno, Ark.
Pleasant Grove .....	J H Hand .....	W D Jennings.....	J W Reed.....	Onset, Ark.
Rehobeth .....	J H Burch .....	J H Marler .....	J H Burch .....	Flippin, Ark.
Union.....	N G Tracy, T A Johnson .....	H Hayes .....	J M Parks.....	Tracy, Ark.
Bethel .....	H Sasser, J G McCarty .....	H Sasser .....	E M McCarty....	Yellville, Ark.
Palestine .....	W H Roberds .....	J B Smith.....	J E Eubank .....	Buford, Ark.
New Athens .....	.....	J C Holman.....	W B Easley.....	Bennett, Ark.
Morning Grove.....	W T Hurd, Lee Willis.....	J C Cooper.....	W P Herd .....	Eross, Ark.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Statement.	Decreased by Letter.	Excluded.	Total Members.	Constituted.	Days Meet.	For Minutes	Pastoral Support.	Association Mission.	No. engaged in S. S.	Decreased by Death.	Incidental Expenses.	State Mission.	S. S. Literature.	Foreign Mission.
Mount Pleasant....	00	0 0	00	17 1	100	00	0	\$ 70	\$	00	\$ 00	00	1	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 00	\$ 50	
Friendship .....	1	4 1	00	4 1	69	1882	1	55	13 25	75	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Mountain Home....	1	3 0	12	00 0	88	1868	1	2 00	300 00	7 37	60	0	10 00	7 69	24 00	8 38		
Antioch .....	00	0 2	1	00 0	38	00	1	1 00	12 65	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Oakland. ....	00	1 0	00	6 0	52	1881	3	65	25 00	00	00	0	10 00	00	00	00	00	
Pilgrim's Rest....	15	1 0	00	9 7	138	1872	2	1 40	00	4 05	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Mountain Grove ...	00	0 0	00	00 0	29	1890	3	1 00	29 60	1 00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Whiteville .....	12	7 0	00	2 0	63	1892	4	1 00	14 95	00	00	0	1 70	00	00	00	00	
Pleasant Grove ....	1	0 0	00	6 1	81	1882	2	1 00	00	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Rehobeth.....	00	0 0	00	00 0	34	1885	3	50	4 75	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Union .....	1	0 0	00	8 0	21	00	2	50	7 90	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
New Harmony....	00	2 0	00	3 3	96	1872	3	1 57	00	22 40	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Hopewell .....	1	0 0	00	00 0	63	1874	1	1 00	00	00	30	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Bethel.....	00	0 0	00	00 0	40	1889	2	25	00	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Palestine .....	00	2 0	00	00 0	30	1871	3	75	5 00	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Oak Grove.....	2	5 0	00	5 2	60	00	2	95	10 05	00	00	2	00	00	00	00	00	
New Athens.....	00	1 0	00	00 2	41	1890	4	65	2 70	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Morning Grove ....	9	0 0	00	00 0	11	1897	4	60	00	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	
Mount Olive* .....																		
Pleasant Hill .....	1	1 0	00	00 0	147	1871	1	1 55	52 85	00	00	0	00	00	00	00	00	

\*No Letter to Association.