

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Seventh Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Thirty-Second of the New Organization

OF THE

White River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Hopewell Baptist Church,

BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

September 8, 9, 11, A. D. 1899.

OFFICERS :

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

MINUTES.

The White River Baptist Association convened with Hopewell Baptist Church, Baxter County, Arkansas, on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, A. D. 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Elder B. L. Bayless was elected at the last Association to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. G. Walker his alternate. Elder E. L. Bayless not being present, Elder J. G. Walker preached the introductory sermon at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday, followed by Elder H. H. Hilton. Text, Hebrews, 8th chapter, 5th verse.

The Moderator being present and in the chair, called the Association together.

The roll of churches was called.

The annual letters from the churches were presented by the messengers and read by Bros. John W. Hargraves and A. B. Brewster, and the names of messengers enrolled.

The Association went into the election of officers. The moderator appointed Bros. Webster Barnett, J. H. Howell and M. P. Coventon as tellers.

Said election resulted in the re-election of Elder W. D. Jennings moderator, W. M. Tucker clerk and T. H. Horn treasurer.

On motion, Bro. A. S. Wood was seated as a messenger from Mt. Olive church.

Call for petitionary letters, whereupon a letter was presented from Prairie Valley church, received and messenger seated.

On motion, this body adjourned until 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder G. C. Harris.

At 2:30 p. m. the body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. H. Wade.

Call for corresponding messengers. None.

Appointment of committees.

On Divine Service—Elder H. H. Hilton, Bros. T. H. Horn, C. J. Horn and W. M. Tucker.

On Finance—F. M. Morgan, L. E. Tucker, John W. Hargraves.

On Sabbath Schools—Elders J. H. Wade, C. H. Mayfield, H. Sasser and Bro. H. Talbert.

On Destitution—Elders H. Sasser, J. G. Walker, Bro. J. M. Randall.

On Baptist Literature—Elders H. H. Hilton, G. C. Harris, A. B. Brewster, J. Harrelson.

On Deceased Ministers—Elders H. Hayes, J. H. Marler, Bro. C. McCormac.

On Foreign Missions—Elders G. C. Harris, H. H. Hilton, C. H. Mayfield.

On Associational Mission—Bros. J. A. Thompson, I. E. Cantrel, H. L. Stanley.

On Temperance—Elders J. G. Walker, J. H. Marler, T. H. Horn.

On Home Missions—Elders W. D. White, H. H. Hilton, Bro. J. A. Coffee.

On State Missions—Elders J. H. Wade, J. H. Marler, J. G. Walker and Bro. A. B. Brewster.

On Education—Elders H. Mayfield, G. C. Harris, H. H. Hilton, A. B. Brewster.

On Woman's Work—Elder J A Harrelson, Pros. A. Johnson, J H Talbert, W. H. Roberts.

On motion, Bro. S. H. Bayless was seated as a messenger from New Harmony church, Elder H. Sasser from Bethel, Bro. James E. Cook, from Mountain Home.

Call for report of corresponding messengers to sister Associations. Whereupon Bro. T. H. Horn reported that he visited Rocky Bayou Association and found them a live and working body of Christians. Bro. N. G. Tracy visited Big Creek, and found them all right and working for the Master.

Renew call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. None.

Appointment of corresponding messengers to sister Associations.

Crooked Creek—Elder H Sasser, Bro Thos Featherston.

Rocky Bayou—A J Copeland, T H Horn, J G Walker, L E Tucker, J H Wade.

Big Creek—Elder J T Hand, N G Tracy. A. J. Copeland.

Blue Mountain Association—Elders W D Jennings and A J Copeland.

Union, Ark.—Elders H Sasser, W D Jennings, J H Wade, John Angel.

Union, Mo.—Elder A J Copeland, W M Tucker.

State Convention—Elder G C Harris.

Southern Baptist Convention—Elder G C Harris.

Call for report of committees.

Report of committee on education read, adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee on education, beg leave to report as follows: We believe it is the duty of all persons to educate and use their best efforts to give their children the best literary education they can. This Association is indeed fortunate in having the Mountain Home Baptist College within her bounds, an institution whose object is to give Christian education to the youth of this country. We do sincerely believe that all Baptists of this Association should patronize the Mountain Home Baptist College as far as they are able, and use their influence with young men and women to educate themselves. We recommend that our churches assist young ministers in obtaining an education.

A. B. BREWSTER, Chairman.

On motion, this body is adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday. Prayer by Elder C. H. Mayfield.

Saturday, at 9 a. m., body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. T. Hand.

Report of committee on Sabbath Schools read, adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows: Whereas, We believe the Sabbath School to be one of the great factors in enlightening the minds of the youth of our land, therefore we recommend the organization of Sabbath Schools in all the churches.

ELD. J. H. WADE, Chairman.

Report of committee on State Missions read, adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows: Our State Executive Board is doing a good work by employing a state evangelist to co-operate with associational boards by enlisting pastors and other ministers in volunteer work under the auspices 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 help carry on this great work.

J. H. WADE, Chairman.

Report of committee on destitution read, 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 desti-

tion at once with Baptist preaching, as it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. Therefore be it resolved, That this Association elect a missionary at its present session to serve the next year and pay him for his labor.

ELD. H. SASSER, Chairman.

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

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

Report of the Trustees of the Mountain Home Baptist College was read, approved, and is as follows:

Report of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home Baptist College.

To the White River Baptist Association, convened in annual session at Hope-well Baptist Church, Baxter county, Arkansas, September 8-9-11, 1899:

Dear Brethren—The exercises of the college were suspended soon after your last annual session, owing to the resignation of the president, Prof. M. S. Kennard. The debt on the college, amounting to about \$3,000, not having been provided for at that time, Mr. Layton, the mortgagee, took steps some months ago to foreclose the mortgage.

About the first of July the board held a meeting at Mountain Home, a majority being present, and elected Prof. J. F. Howell, late of the State University at Fayetteville, president of the college and authorized him to aid the board in raising money to suspend the mortgage. After several efforts by the board an arrangement was made to raise six hundred dollars on the debt. Several members of the board and other gentlemen signed the note for that purpose. This sum being offered the mortgagee, he consented to suspend the foreclosure of the mortgage. Thus the college has been freed from immediate pressure, and Prof. Howell has arranged to open the school on the 14th inst. with a full corps of teachers. We bespeak your earnest co-operation in aiding us to build up the college by contributing toward the liquidation of the debt and by patronizing and influencing others to patronize the school.

We hold it the solemn duty of all Baptists in this section of Arkansas, and especially of White River Association, to support most cordially this worthy child of the Association.

H. H. HILTON, President of Board.

W. N. DYER Secretary.

Renew the call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Whereupon Bro. J. H. Hand came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

Renew the call for sister churches. Whereupon a letter was presented from Oakland church, read and messengers' names enrolled.

Report of committee on deceased ministers read and approved, and is as follows:

We, your committee on deceased ministers, beg leave to report as follows: 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 hope he will continue to do so. So let us bow in prayer with Elder H. H. Hilton.

ELD. J. H. MARLER, Chairman.

Report of committee on foreign missions read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee on foreign mission, would beg leave to report as follows: We find that there are of our fellow-creatures dying daily without hearing the Gospel. 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.

ELD. G. C. HARRIS, Chairman.

Committee on finance made their report as follows:

We, your committee on finance, report as follows: Received of the messengers of the different churches \$16.35 as minutes fund, and for foreign mission \$1.75.

L. E. TUCKER, Chairman.

Report of committee on temperance read, adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report as follows: Realizing that the evil of intemperance is growing in our country and leading our young people to degradation and ruin, 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 among Baptists as a beverage, and especially by members of the church. ELD. J. G. WALKER, Ch'm'n.

Report of committee on Baptist literature read, adopted, 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 the duty of everyone to study the Bible closely. 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 people of this state. We recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board for our Sunday school. If we do not put Baptist literature into our children's hands others will put theirs into their hands and teach them false doctrines.

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

Report of committee on Woman's Work read, adopted and is as follows:

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

ELD. J. A. HARRELSON, Chairman.

On motion, Elder H. Sasser was to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m.

Report of executive board read and adopted, and is as follows:

This Association at its last annual meeting elected Elder H. Sasser to travel as missionary in destitute portions of this Association, and appointed this board to superintend the missionary work, and also appointed one fiscal agent in each church to co-operate with the executive board. Your missionary labored 70 days at \$1.00 per day, and received as remuneration for labor \$25.85, leaving a balance due of \$41.15. The fiscal agents, except four of them, failed to co-operate with your board, so this board failed to have but one meeting since its organization, and hence is powerless to liquidate the debt due our missionary without the co-operation of the fiscal agent of each church. The churches which have co-operated and paid anything to us are, Whiteville, 50 cents; Pilgrim's Rest, 50 cents; Pleasant Hill, \$5 00; Bethel, \$2.50; Friendship, \$1.25. We pray this body to take steps to pay this debt now upon us.

J. G. WALKER, Secretary.

The report of the Associational missionary read, approved, and is as follows:

Days labored 70, traveled 721 miles, preached 56 sermons, prayed 88 public prayers, delivered 45 exhortations, witnessed 34 conversions, witnessed 43 accessions to the church, baptized 24, organized one church, and ordained one preacher. At the beginning of this year I had on hand \$2.35 unexpended. Received from Western Grove, \$2 65; Bro. John W. Reed, \$5.00; Bethel church, \$2.50; John Thompson, \$1 00; Pleasant Hill, \$5.00. Total amount received up to association, \$18.50. Received of Elder Hilton, \$2.00; J. G. Dillahunty, 10 cents; Treasurer of Central Board, \$5.25; New Harmony church, \$2.00; balance due, \$42.15. Whereupon a collection was taken up and said debt is fully paid.

ELD. H. SASSER, Missionary.

Report of committee on divine service: Elders J. A. Harrelson and J. H. Marler, 7:30 p. m. Friday; Elder G. C. Harris, 11 a. m. Saturday; Elders J. H. Wade and J. T. Hand, 7:30 p. m. Saturday; Elder H. H. Hilton, 10 a. m. Sunday; Elder H. Sasser, 11 a. m. Sunday; Elder C. H. Mayfield, 3 p. m. Sunday; Elder W. D. Jennings, 7:30 p. m. Elder Jennings not being present, the stand was filled at 7:30 by Elder J. T. Hand.

T. H. HORN, Chairman.

On motion, this body adjourned until 9 a. m. on Monday. Prayer by Elder C. H. Mayfield.

At 9 o'clock a. m. Monday, this body resumed business pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. A. S. Wood.

Report of committee on home mission read, adopted and is as follows:

Whereas, the Lord demands that the Gospel be preached to every creature, 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 missions.

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

On motion, this body proceeded to elect Elder J. G. Walker as missionary for the next Associational year.

On motion, Elder A. J. Copeland and Bro. J. C. Copeland were seated as messengers from Oak Grove church,

Call for outstanding committees. Whereupon the committee appointed at the last Association to visit New Hope church was not ready to make a report and asked for time, and, on motion, they were granted further time, and, on motion, Elder J. H. Wade was added to the committee.

Clerk's report read, approved, and is as follows:

Received of your treasurer \$17.25; expended for printing minutes, postage and stationery \$13.85, leaving for clerk's fees \$3.60.

W. M. TUCKER, Clerk.

On motion, the finance committee turned over all money for printing minutes to the treasurer.

On motion, this body is to hold its next annual meeting with Pilgrim's Rest church, Baxter county, Arkansas, on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Elder H. Sasser was elected by this body to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder W. D. White as his alternate.

Resolution offered by Elder H. Sasser read, adopted, and is as follows:

We, the members of this Association, extend our heartfelt thanks to this church and community for their brotherly kindness shown them during the sitting of this body.

ELD. H. SASSER.

On motion, the moderator appointed an executive board, composed of W. M. Tucker, Elders J. H. Wade, J. H. Marler, H. H. Hilton, J. T. Hand, H. H. Hanner and John Angel.

On motion, the clerk is to superintend the printing of the minutes and have as many copies printed as the money will pay for, after deducting \$5.00 as clerk's fees. Postage and stationery reserved.

On motion, the treasurer paid the minute fund to the clerk.

Report of executive board read and approved, and is as follows:

We met and organized by electing Elder H. H. Hilton chairman, W. M. Tucker secretary, and J. T. Hand treasurer, and will meet at Onset on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

W. M. TUCKER, Secretary.

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

On motion, the moderator appointed the following named brethren to serve as fiscal agents in the churches of which they are members, viz:

J. W. Barnett, M. P. Coventon, J. M. Randall, Eld. G. C. Harris, William Johnson, C. F. Stone, J. H. Marler, Mansal Jenkins, Eld. J. A. Harrelson, John Thompson, John Burch, Theodore Johnson, S. H. Bayless, N. A. Tucker, E. M. McCarty, George Smith, J. C. Copeland, T. L. Whitaker, Wm. Latch, O. L. Wilson, A. S. Wood, John Angel, S. J. Dodd, H. A. Taylor, T. J. Copeland.

On motion, the executive board is to have the right to collect the money as donated by the state board for missionary purposes in this Association and the clerk to correspond with the state board.

On motion, this body adjourned, to meet with Pilgrim's Rest church on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Prayer by Elder H. Sasser.

ELD. W. D. JENNINGS, Moderator.

W. M. TUCKER, Clerk.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Oakland	C F Stone, R L Stone.....	J C Holman.....	C F Stone.....	Mountain Home, Ark.
Friendship	J W Hargraves, J M Randall, F M Morgan, M B Powell	J H Marler	F M Morgan	Pembina, Ark.
Palestine	Eld H Hayes, W H Roberds, L F Smith.....	J B Smith	J E Eubank	Buford, Ark.
Rocky Mount	T B Featherston, J J Benton	J C Cooper	T B Featherston	Valley Spring, Ark.
Morning Grove	O L Wilson	J C Cooper	Otis Wilson.....	Rally Hill, Ark.
Union	N G Tracy, Theodore Johnson.....	H Hayes	J M Parks	Wake, Ark.
Pleasant Ridge	P J Copeland	J T Hand	G W Brooks.....	Henderson, Ark.
Pleasant Hill.....	H L Stanley, James Keeler, J Sasser, John Angel	H Sasser	H L Stanley.....	Bruno, Ark.
Whiteville	J G Walker, W D Jennings, L E Tucker, J A Harrelson	J G Walker	L E Tucker.....	Gassville, Ark.
Mt. Pleasant	J A Coffee, W D White, O M Hayes	W D White	J W Barnett	Gassville, Ark.
New Harmony	W L Bayless, L Cheek, S H Payless	W D Jennings	J N Mahney.....	Oakland, Ark.
Antioch	Eug Horton, A Johnson, J H Talbert	W D Jennings	A Johnson	Flippin, Ark.
New Athens	T F Whittaker	J E Cargle	E L Hall	Bennetts, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	J A Thompson, I E Cantrel, W R Hare	C H Mayfield (tem)	J W Reed	Onset, Ark.
Hopewell	H H Hilton, T H Horn, C J Horn, W M Tucker	H H Hilton	C J Horn	Mountain Home, Ark.
Mountain Home	G C Harris, A B Brewster, C McCormac, J M Cook	G C Harris	A B Brewster.....	Mountain Home, Ark.
Oak Grove	J L Gilliland, A J Copeland, J C Copeland	J T Hand	J L Gilliland	Mountain Home, Ark.
Pilgrim's Rest	C H Mayfield, J H Wade, J H Marler	W D White	L C Marler.....	Independence, Ark.
Mt. Oliver	A S Wood (not represented by letter)			
Prairie Valley	L G Lowery, Samuel Dodd, R Angel.....	H Sasser	S L Cantrel	Eros, Ark.

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.	Pastoral Support.	Associational Mission.	No. Engaged in S. S.	Decreased by Death.	Incidental Expense.	S. S. Literature.	Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	State Mission.
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	1	53	1881	3	\$ 60	\$ 2 00	\$ 00	0	0	\$1 00	\$ 00	\$1 75	\$ 00	\$ 00
Friendship	1	0	1	0	2	5	64		1	65		2 75	0	0	..	..	..	..	..
Palestine	3	5	0	0	0	0	40	1871		70	11 00	00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Rocky Mount	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	1885	3	50	15 37	50	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Morning Grove	2	6	0	0	0	0	20	1897	4	50	10 10	00	0	0	..	2 60	..	5	00
Union	4	0	0	0	4	0	22		12	00	00	00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Pleasant Ridge	0	0	0	0	8	1	20			65	00	00	0	1	..	..	..	..	00
Pleasant Hill	16	1	1	0	15	1	138	1871	1	1 50	51 82	5 00	0	3	..	..	..	..	00
Whiteville	2	0	1	0	2	2	63	1892	4	1 00	11 15	00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Mt. Pleasant	0	0	0	0	4	1	73		3	1 00	00	00	0	3	..	..	..	..	00
New Harmony	0	0	0	0	0	1	93	1872	3	1 00	17 45	2 00	0	1	..	..	..	..	00
Antioch	0	5	0	0	1	0	37		4	1 00	13 50	00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
New Athens	1	1	0	0	0	2	34	1891	2	75	21 82	00	45	0	..	..	..	..	00
Pleasant Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	1882	2	1 00	00	9 00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Hopewell	0	2	1	0	2	1	67	1874	1	1 00	2 00	00	30	0	..	..	..	..	00
Mountain Home	5	4	0	0	6	0	75	1868	2	1 75	00	00	0	2	7 50	25 05	1 00	1 00	1 00
Oak Grove	0	2	0	0	0	0	70		2	80	00	00	0	0	..	..	..	..	00
Pilgrim's Rest	0	0	0	0	6	2	124	1872	2	80	00	00	70	3	..	..	..	..	00
Mt. Olive* .....															..	..	..	..
Prairie Valley	1	3	0	0	0	0	19	1899	3	1 00	00	00	00	0	..	..	..	..	00

*Not represented by Letter