

OF THE

Sixty-fifth Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Fortieth of the New Organization

OF THE

WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Mountain Grove Church, Marion County, Arkansas

August 30, 31, September 2, 1907.

OFFICERS:

ELDER L. S. BALLARD,	Moderator,	-	Mountain Home, Ark.
W. L. LOMAN,	Clerk,	- - - - -	Gassville, Ark.
J. G. DILLAHUNTY,	Treasurer,	- - - - -	Bruno, Ark.

MINUTES.

The White River Missionary Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Mountain Grove Baptist church, Marion county, Arkansas, Friday, August 30th, 1907, 10 o'clock a. m.

The moderator and clerk present. Song: "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Elder L. S. Ballard. Elder J. H. Marler preached the introductory sermon. His text was Acts 16:30, followed by Elder L. S. Ballard. After preaching the association was called to order by the moderator, Elder J. G. Walker. Church letters of the various churches were called for. Brothers J. L. Paul and H. L. Stanley were appointed reading clerks by the moderator. After reading of the letters the association went into the election of the officers. Brothers E. F. Hand, J. E. Powell and W. L. Loman were appointed to take the votes for moderator, clerk and treasurer respectively. The choice fell on Elder L. S. Ballard for moderator, and Brother W. L. Loman for clerk, and Brother J. G. Dillabuntz for treasurer.

Call for petitionary letters. None presented.

Call for corresponding messengers. None responded.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE—Bros. William Denton, J. N. Mohny, M. M. Jenkins, W. M. Hillhouse.

FINANCE—Bros. J. E. Powell, N. A. Tucker, J. G. Dillabuntz. Motion prevailed to take recess until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder J. G. Walker.

RESOLUTIONS—Elders J. Baker, H. C. Lamb, Bros. T. A. Johnson, H. M. Horn.

HOME MISSIONS—Elder R. L. Barnett, Bros. D. C. Gregory, C. J. Horn.

STATE MISSIONS—Elders J. H. Marler, J. G. Walker, Bros. W. H. Douglass, J. L. Paul.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Elders H. H. Hilton, W. D. Jennings, Bro. A. Johnson.

DECEASED MINISTERS—Elder H. H. Hilton, Bros. N. A. Tucker, B. C. Hayes.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder H. C. Lamb, Bros. J. M. Randall, H. L. Stanley, J. E. Powell.

TEMPERANCE—Elder J. Baker, Bros. W. H. Douglass, J. A. Pasco, J. B. Marler.

BAPTIST LITERATURE—Elders J. G. Walker, H. H. Hilton, R. L. Barnett, Bro. G. W. Bayless.

EDUCATION—Bros. W. H. Douglass, T. M. Rea, C. F. Stone, L. E. Tucker.

WOMAN'S WORK—Bros. L. E. Tucker, R. R. Roberts, J. L. Gilliland, J. G. Dillahunt, J. L. Paul

DESTITUTION—Elder B. L. Bayless, Bros. L. E. Tucker, J. N. Mohny, C. J. Horn.

ORPHAN'S HOME—Elder J. C. Cooper, Bros. T. J. Meredeth, William Brady, M. M. Jenkins.

OBITUARIES—Elders H. H. Hilton, J. G. Walker, Bros. T. A. Johnson, H. M. Horn, W. F. Hillhouse.

The moderator appointed J. L. Paul to read the constitution of this association.

A motion prevailed to seat Bro. E. F. Hand from the Yellville church as a messenger.

A motion prevailed to give the clerk further time to prepare the roll.

Call for report of messengers to corresponding associations. No report made.

Call for corresponding messengers to sister associations. Rocky Bayou—Elder L. S. Ballard and Bro. N. A. Tucker. Crooked Creek—Elders J. G. Walker, J. C. Cooper, Bros. L. E. Tucker, H. L. Stanley. Big Creek—Elders L. S. Ballard and W. D. Jennings. Blue Mountain—Elder J. H. Marler. County Line—Elder J. Baker.

Call for reports of committees and the following were made:

DECEASED MINISTERS—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report. We find from the reading of the letters that God has preserved the lives of all our ministers and we recommend that we bow in humble thanks to Him that doeth all things well.

ELDER W. D. JENNINGS,

ELDER H. H. HILTON,

N. A. TUCKER,

B. C. HAYES.

At this point the association bowed in prayer with Elder W. D. Jennings.

HOME MISSIONS—We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report. Every year brings to our minds the serious need of the mission work in our home territory. We recommend that the Baptist churches of our home land use all means in their power to have the Gospel of Christ preached in all of our destitute places.

R. L. BARNETT, Chairman.

DIVINE SERVICE—The committee on Divine Service announced that Elders J. C. Cooper and R. L. Barnett would preach Friday night at 8 o'clock.

STATE MISSIONS—Your committee on State Missions report as follows: Knowing the great destitution in the bounds of our state and pray God to inspire the Baptists of this association to open their hearts in sympathy and their pocket books in liberality to send the Gospel of Christ throughout the state. Our state is being over run with an element foreign to the Baptist faith and if the Baptists are awake to their duty we can take them for Christ. God speed it. ELDER J. H. MARLER, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dear Brethren: On hearing the letters read from the churches of this association, we do believe that foreign missions are almost neglected by us. Therefore we recommend that we arouse ourselves in this line of the Master's work. H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: That we suggest that the preachers of this association do all in their power to organize Sunday schools within the bounds of this association. H. C. LAMB, Chairman.

BAPTIST LITERATURE—Committee on Baptist Literature reports as follows: Believing the Bible to be the product of the Infinite mind and further believing that encouched within its pages is the most simple and plain declaration of Baptist faith and practice, we would urge upon all to read and study God's word carefully. ELDER J. G. WALKER, Chairman.

The association took a recess until Saturday morning, August 31, at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder H. H. Hilton.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31. MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder J. H. Marler.

The call was renewed for association letters. None offered.

The call was renewed for corresponding messengers. None responded.

Motion prevailed to seat Elder C. H. Mayfield as corresponding messenger from County Line association.

Elder H. H. Hilton and Bro. G. W. Anglin volunteered to go as corresponding messengers to County Line association.

FINANCE—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following: Received from the messengers of the various churches as minute funds, \$21.30. J. E. POWELL, Chairman.

Motion prevailed to turn the money over to the treasurer.

On motion the roll was called and absentees noted.

EDUCATION—We, your committee on Education, submit the following report. Believing that there never was a time in the history of our nation when Christian educated men and women were so greatly needed as now. We earnestly request each Baptist man and woman to give the Baptist school at Mountain Home their hearty support, as it is a creature of the White River Baptist Association. We believe that the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and Christian education of our sons and daughters will bring prosperity and safety to our nation.

W. H. DOUGLASS,
T. M. REA,
C. F. STONE,
L. E. TUCKER,
Committee.

At this time a collection was taken and \$71.00 subscribed to send Elder H. C. Lamb to the Mountain Home College, and the following are the donations:

Mountain Home church	\$10.00
Mount Pleasant church	5.00
Hopewell church	5.00
Whiteville church	10.00
Oakland church	2.50
Friendship church	2.00
S. F. Tucker	2.00
J. Baker	2.50
Mrs. V. Farmer	1.00
Mrs. C. J. Horn	1.00
Pleasant Hill church	3.00
Blooming Grove church	5.00
New Hope church	2.50
A. Johnson	(paid) 1.00
R. L. Barnett	(paid) 1.00
J. H. James	(paid) 1.00
T. M. Rea	(paid) 1.00
New Harmony church	2.50
Pilgrim's Rest church	5.00
B. P. Smothers	(paid) 1.00
Palestine church	5.00
Silver Shade church	2.00

WOMAN'S WORK—Your committee on Woman's work report: We find from the Bible that woman was created for a companion and helpmate to man. And we believe upon the mothers of our land (depend in a great measure) the spread of the Gospel, the salvation of our sons and daughters. And we recommend that the men of our land do all in their power to encourage and aid them in the work for the Lord. And we further recommend that the churches and pastors allow them to use the talents that God has given them to help.

L. E. TUCKER, Chairman.

At this time the association took a recess until 2 p. m. Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings.

Elders J. G. Walker and W. D. Jennings preached at 11 a. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder B. L. Bayless.

MISSIONARY BOARD—To the Missionary Board of the White River Baptist Association, the following is the report of your missionary for the last associational year. I taken up the work the last week in November, 1906, and ended August 15, 1907. I labored one half of each month.

Trips made.....	40
Sermons preached.....	100
Other addresses.....	44
Miles traveled.....	1000
Conversions.....	81
Reinstations.....	6
Additions by letter.....	12
By baptism.....	62
Tracts distributed.....(pages).....	1500
Collections taken:	
Orphan's home.....	\$ 6.28
Home missions.....	5.00
State missions.....	15.00

For which I have been paid in full. ELDER N. C. DANNER,
Missionary.

We, the missionary board of the White River Baptist Association, beg leave to report as follows: We have employed Elder N. C. Danner as missionary (commencing the last week in November and ending August 15) for one-half month for which we paid him \$50 for each full month's work, the state board pays one-half, or \$25 each month, and we, your missionary board, pays one-half, or \$25 for each full month, which amounts to \$110.60, which has been paid in full. Balance on hand \$22. YOUR MISSIONARY BOARD.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report the following: To save men from physical and moral wreck is a great stride toward the salvation of souls. Intemperance is the bane of humanity, wrecking the body, blighting the morals, and damning the souls. There are thousands and thousands of our fellowmen going down to a drunkard's grave each year. We, your committee, recommend that each Christian man and woman do all in their power against the great monster strong drink, which saps the foundation of our homes and drags thousands of our youths down to a devil's hell. J. BAKER, Chairman.

At this time the association took a recess until 8 o'clock Monday morning, September 2. Prayer by Elder H. C. Lamb.

Services were held Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10 a. m. by Elders H. H. Hilton and C. H. Mayfield. At 3 p. m. by Elders L. S. Ballard and J. G. Walker. At 8 p. m. by Elders J. Baker and J. H. Marler.

SEPTEMBER 2. MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order by the moderator. After prayer the following unfinished business was taken up.

DESTITUTION—We, your committee on Destitution beg leave to report as follows: That we recognize that there is great destitution within the bounds of our association, and that this body elect a missionary during this sitting to serve as missionary within the bounds of this association during this associational year, and that the moderator appoint a committee of five to solicit means within the bounds of this association for his support. We further recommend that each pastor impress upon each church their solemn duty of giving of their means for the support of the Gospel in the destitute part of this association. **B. L. BAYLESS,**
Chairman.

The committee as suggested by the report was appointed by the moderator and the following named parties were appointed. T. A. Johnson of Mount Pleasant church, G. W. Bayless of Silver Shade church, J. B. Marler of Pilgrim's Rest church, J. L. Paul of Mountain Home church, H. L. Stanley of Pleasant Hill church.

Motion prevailed to hold the next association at the Pleasant Hill church of Marion county, Arkansas, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon by Elder H. C. Lamb, with Elder J. G. Walker alternate.

RESOLUTIONS—We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Resolved, That this body direct its clerk to leave out the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and print the full proceedings of this body.

Resolved, That the clerk of this body superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he have \$5.00 for his services. Said money to be paid out of the minute funds.

Resolved, That this body extend its thanks to the members of this church and to the good people of this vicinity for the hospitality and kindness shown us while with them. **J. BAKER,**
Chairman.

On motion the association proceeded to elect a missionary for the next associational year, which resulted in the election of Elder B. L. Bayless as missionary and Elder J. H. Marler, assistant.

Motion prevailed to pay the missionary the sum of \$40 per month and he is to begin his work on July 5, 1908. The assistant missionary is to receive the sum of \$1.00 per day during the time he is employed.

Motion prevailed that the treasurer turn over the minute money to the clerk.

Motion prevailed to divide the \$6.00 missionary fund now in the hands of L. E. Tucker, former clerk, between the association and the convention, also any amount collected that has been subscribed at a former association.

While the congregation stood and sung, brethren took the parting hand. Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings. Benediction by Elder H. H. Hilton.

MINISTERS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE
Antioch	Henry Wood, A. Johnson		A. Johnson	Flippin
Blooming Grove	William Clem, Jasper Casey	H. C. Lamb	J. W. Reed	Comal
Friendship	J. M. Randall, C. H. Bingaman	J. H. Marler	J. M. Randall	Benville
Hopewell	H. M. Horn, C. J. Horn, N. A. Tucker	J. G. Walker	T. O. Horn	Mountain Home
Mount Pleasant	H. H. Hilton, T. A. Johnson, B. C. Hayes, W. L. Loman	J. G. Walker	L. W. Barnett	Gassville
Mountain Grove	J. Baker, W. F. Hillhouse, M. M. Jenkins, J. H. Owens	B. L. Bayless	M. M. Jenkins	Oakland
Mountain Home	L. S. Ballard, J. L. Paul, W. H. Douglass	L. S. Ballard	J. L. Paul	Mountain Home
New Prospect	S. L. Sharp, William Brady	J. C. Cooper	William Brady	Pyatt
New Harmony	B. L. Bayless, D. C. Gregory, J. N. Mohney, W. W. Bayless	B. L. Bayless	J. R. Plumlee	Oakland
New Hope	J. G. Dillahunty, John James	J. C. Cooper	J. G. Dillahunty	Adams
New Athens		R. I. Hiner	W. H. Wilson	Vidette
Oak Grove		J. H. Marler	C. F. Copeland	Mountain Home
Oakland	C. F. Stone, T. J. Meredeth, W. D. Jennings	J. B. Smith	C. F. Stone	Mountain Home
Pilgrim's Rest	J. H. Marler, R. L. Barnett, J. E. Powell, J. B. Marler	J. G. Walker	J. F. Martin	Independence
Pleasant Grove	T. M. Rea, Liza Rea		John Bunch	Onset
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Cooper, H. L. Stanley	J. W. Coker	A. D. Morgan	Bruno
Palestine	J. G. Gilliland, R. R. Roberts		J. E. Eubank	Buford
Silver Shade	William Denton, J. A. Pasco, G. W. Bayless	B. L. Bayless	J. A. Pasco	Oakland
Whiteville	J. G. Walker, H. C. Lamb, L. E. Tucker	J. G. Walker	L. E. Tucker	Gassville
Yellville	C. F. Hand			Yellville

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called and known by the name of the "White River Baptist Association."

ARTICLE II. The members composing the annual meeting of the association shall consist of the messengers sent by the churches.

ARTICLE III. The messengers sent by the churches to the annual meetings shall not exceed four from each church.

ARTICLE IV. The association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have been previously appointed.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority of the messengers, annually, at the annual meetings of the body.

ARTICLE VI. This association will have no power to control or regulate the internal affairs or discipline of any church, but it may adopt and recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to produce the harmony and prosperity of the churches, and to advance the Redeemer's kingdom, and advise and consult upon such matters as the churches may at any time present for their consideration and advice. And it may receive churches into this association or dismiss churches from the body, inquire into the state of religion in its bounds, and suggest measures for its advancement, and be a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power over the churches.

ARTICLE VII. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Annual introductory sermon.
2. Call of association to order by moderator. if present.
8. Call for church letters and enroll messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters and messengers.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Read constitution and rules of order.
9. Call and correct the roll and note absentees.
10. Call report of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of association.
16. Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon.
17. Adjournment.

FORM FOR CHURCH LETTER.

The Baptist Church of Christ at.....

To the White River Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren: We send as messengers: Elder
and Brethren.....

Increase by baptism.....

Increase by letter.....

Increase by restoration.....

Decrease by letter.....

Decrease by exclusion.....

Decrease by death.....

Total membership.....

Constituted in the year 190.....

Present pastor.....

Day of church meeting.....

Number engaged in Sunday school.....

Contribution for minutes \$.....

Contribution for associational missions \$.....

Contribution for state missions \$.....

Contribution for foreign missions \$.....

Contribution for ministerial relief \$.....

Money expended for pastoral support \$.....

Money expended for church building \$.....

Money expended for incidental expenses \$.....

By order of the church.

Date..... 190.....

Moderator.

Church Clerk.

Postoffice.....