

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Fifty-Third Session of the New Organization

OF THE

WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Wise Chapel Church, Cross Roads, Ark.

Izard County, Arkansas.

September 3, 4, 5, 1920.

OFFICERS:

Rev. H. D. Morton, Moderator, : : : Mountain Home, Ark.

Eugene Horton, Clerk, : : : : : Gassville, Ark.

T. O. Horn, Treasurer, : : : : : Mountain Home, Ark.

MINUTES

FRIDAY MORNING.

According to previous arrangement the White River Baptist Association convened with Wise Chapel church at Cross Roads, Ark., Friday, September 3, 1920 at 10:00 a. m.

The Moderator being absent the Association was called to order by Eugene Horton.

Prayer by Rev. R. M. Hiveley.

Rev. W. B. O'Neal with his alternate, J. M. Gibbs, being absent, Rev. H. D. Morton preached the Introductory sermon.

Moderator appointed Eld. J. L. Lynn and Bro. T. O. Horn as reading clerks.

Letters read and received.

Moderator appointed Rev. J. G. Walker, Sister O. Howerton and J. H. Porterfield to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, respectively, resulting as follows: Eld. H. D. Morton, Moderator; Eugene Horton, Clerk; T. O. Horn, Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until 3:00.

Prayer by Eld. J. G. Walker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. M. Burton.

Call for petitionary letters made. None.

Call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Rocky Bayou Association represented by J. H. Porterfield, M. Burton. O. Howerton from Independence Association.

Call for report of messengers to corresponding bodies. None.

Appointment of messengers to corresponding bodies as follows:

Rocky Bayou—Robt. Hiveley.

Crooked Creek—A. M. Reed.

Independence Association—J. M. Gibbs.

Appointment of committees.

Committee on Finance—T. O. Horn, H. Firestone and Erwin Reed.

Committee on Divine Service—Deacons of Wise Chapel church with J. E. Eubank.

Committee on Destitution—J. L. Lynn, S. F. Tucker and Ina Goff.

Committee on Sabbath School—T. O. Horn, Jesse Powell and Albert Stafford.

Committee on Home Missions—W. H. McCulstion, J. H. Johnson and Geo. Horner.

Committee on State Missions—A. D. Jordan, J. T. Hiveley and A. P. White.

Committee on Foreign Missions—J. E. Eubank, Eria Keeter and Jeff Wayland.

Committee on Associational Missions—J. L. Lynn, T. O. Horn, and Virgil Horner.

Committee on Woman's Work—Mrs. T. D. Thatch, Mrs. Eubank, Miss O. Howerton.

Committee on Deceased Ministers.

Committee on Resolutions.

Committee on Baptist Literature—Misses Eubank, Stella Black and Jesse Powell.

Committee on Christian Education—Eugene Horton, Jim Heron and J. F. Huges.

Committee on Temperance—J. W. Heron, S. F. Tucker and Henry Comp.

Committee on Orphans Home—S. F. Tucker, Edwin Reed and Eria Keeter.

Committee on Obituaries—A. P. White, T. O. Horn and J. F. Hiveley.

Committee on Ministerial Relief—W. H. McCuiston, J. L. Lynn and Geo. Horner.

Motion carried to select the next place of holding the Association.

Motion carried to meet with Pilgrims Rest church.

Motion carried to consolidate committees on Associational Mission and Destitution.

Report of Associational Missionary as follows:

To the White River Baptist Association when convened at Wise Chapel Baptist church, Sept. 3, 1920.—Following is a report of my work from February 1 to September 1, 1920.

Sermons preached	110
Religious visits	177
Books sold	37
Tracts distributed	1000
Professions of Faith	74
Additions to churches by baptism	57
By letter	4
Assisted in organizing S. S.	2
Church houses repaired	1

Money Collected as follows:—

75 Million Campaign	\$115.00
State Missions	39.00
Pastor's salaries	65.00

TOTAL 219.00

Submitted with much appreciation of the hearty co-operation of loyal souls that have sustained me with their prayers and means and we pray for the growth and development of the Association.

J. L. LYNN, Missionary.

Report on Foreign Missions. See Report No. 1.

Association stood in a body and sang "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow," after which the body was led in prayer by Eld. J. G. Walker.

Report on State Missions. See Report No. 2.

Report on Sunday Schools. See Report No. 3.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 a. m.

Prayer by Eld. D. A. Hively.

Motion carried to add Miss O. Howerton to the committee on Woman's Work.

NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer by Robt. Hiveley.

Report on Christian Education. See Report No. 4.

Preaching by Eld. J. G. Walker.

Motion to adjourn to meet at 8:30 Saturday.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. McCuistion.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Prayer by J. H. Porterfield.

Motion carried to defer the report on Woman's Work to the hour preceding the preaching hour Saturday night.

Committee on Home Missions. See Report No. 5.

Committee on Baptist Literature. See Report No. 6.

Renew the call for report of corresponding messengers to sister Associations. None.

Report of Committee on Finance. See Report No. 7.

Motion carried to elect Eld. J. M. Gibbs to preach the Introductory Sermon at its next session.

Motion carried to elect Eld. H. D. Morton as alternate.

Committee on Pastoral Support. See Report No. 8.

By motion the body stood adjourned until 2 p. m.

Prayer by F. A. Else.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. McCuistion.

Committee on Associational Missions. See Report No. 9.

Motion carried to take steps to raise means to pay a missionary for two months at a salary of \$125 per month.

Committee on Resolutions. See Report 10.

Committee on Obituaries. See Report No. 11.

Committee on Ministerial Relief. See Report No. 12.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Prayer by John Cochran.

Report on Woman's Work. See Report No. 13.

Motion carried to dispense with the preaching service and complete the work Saturday night.

T. O. Horn, J. T. Hiveley and W. H. McCuistion were appointed to select a Mission Board for the Association.

Committee on Temperance. See Report No. 14.

Committee on Orphan Homes. See Report No. 15.

Committee on Deceased Ministers. See Report No. 16.

The committee selected to choose a Mission Board for the Association reported the names of Eugene Horton, T. O. Horn and A. P. White of Baxter County and George Horner and G. M. Keeter of Marion County.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet with Pilgrims Rest church Friday at 10:00 o'clock before the first Sunday in September 1920.

At the suggestion of the Moderator a song was sung and the body stood adjourned by extending to each the hand of Christian Fellowship.

EUGENE HORTON,
Clerk.

H. D. MORTON,
Moderator.

REPORTS

Report on Foreign Missions. Report No. 1.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May, 1920, show we have 542 churches in foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches.

There were 6,834 baptisms during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438, about three-fourths as many as there are Baptists in Arkansas or Oklahoma.

These native churches contributed last year \$242,460.00, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good showing, when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist Convention territory.

The school work has grown wonderfully. Last year the Board had 554 schools of all grades, from kindergarten to Theological Seminary, into which were gathered 18,514 students. These schools serve especially two great ends:—They offer a fertile field for direct evangelistic effort and a training ground for the development of leaders. In these schools a very large per cent of our converts are made and, of course, from them must come the leaders. It is encouraging to note that in our ten Theological Training Schools there were enrolled 345 students.

We can hardly realize the sweep and importance of the medical work. We are astonished to know that our fourteen medical missionaries could give 205,098 treatments during 1919, but they did, and preached the Gospel to many a patient under favorable conditions and sent the message into many a home which might

have remained closed but for the effective work of the medical missionary.

The foreign missionary force rose to 341 during the year. This was not a great gain in foreign missionaries, but there was a gain of 208 in the number of native missionaries, who now number 979.

The 75 Million Campaign has brought a new day to the work of our great Board. It has helped the Board profoundly among the churches abroad. Our foreign churches were so greatly inspired by the campaign at home that similar campaigns were organized in all our fields and more than a million dollars were pledged in these foreign lands.

There have been 65 new missionaries sent out this year. A large percentage of these sailed on the 17th of August for China and Japan. This party, including a number of old missionary families returning to their work from furlough, was the largest missionary party ever sent out on one ship by any Foreign Mission Board. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign. J. E. Eubank, Jeff Wayland and Eria Keeter, Committee.

Report on State Missions. Report No. 2.

The way for a Baptist church to become a "glorious church not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice. With Arkansas Baptists one supreme expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the state under the control of Christ. Our purpose in this work is to get everybody in the state saved and into the Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

The work of State Missions is carried on by the churches through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed the following results: Workers employed for full or part time 120, days labored 21,870, sermons and addresses 15,253, conversions 3,083, baptisms 2,281, additions 3,902, subscriptions to the Baptist Advance 995, money raised by missionaries \$50,005.00.

For the first six months of this year the following are some of the items of State and Association Mission work: Workers for full or part time 262, days of labor 16,703, institutes and conferences 285, sermons and addresses, 6,605, conversions 1,381, additions 1,421, volunteers for the ministry and mission work 90.

Surely these wonderful reports set out facts and figures that will stir the churches in our association to pay up subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign in order that State Missions may have all obligations paid December 1st. All over the State there is sore

destitution. If the destitute sections are to be cared for next year by State Mission workers, if associational boards are to be aided in paying their missionaries, and if weak churches are to be helped in paying their pastors, we must take care of our State Mission obligations. It will take thousands upon thousands of dollars to do this. The Association urges all our pastors and churches to do their utmost. Send all money for the 75 Million Campaign (except for Association Missions) to J. S. Rogers, 405 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock. God bless State Missions. A. P. White, A. D. Jordan and J. T. Hively, Chairman.

Report on Sunday School. Report No. 3.

God's Word clearly commands that His laws and statutes should be taught. Clearly the church teaching force of God and the Sunday School is the teaching arm of the church. This teaching factor is sadly neglected in the White River Association. Many of our churches maintain no Sunday School at all. There is also a great lack of trained teachers. We urgently recommend that our Association take steps toward the organization of more Sunday Schools and for the training of more teachers.

We also recommend that the Sunday Schools of this Association use Baptist literature. The scriptures say for us "to study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. Frances E. Thatch, T. O. Horn, Jesse Powell and Albert Stafford, Committee.

Report on Christian Education. Report No. 4.

We are what we are very largely, almost entirely because of the teaching we have had. If we had been brought up in homes of infidels and taught by infidel parents and infidel teachers, not many of us would now be serving the Lord Jesus Christ. In every school in the land we should have Christian teachers. If we are concerned about the spiritual welfare of our children, it is our purpose to help our young people to become useful Christian men and women, we must stand loyally for our Baptist schools and support them with our means and our patronage.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of our educational institutions.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds, and equipment, worth about \$250,000.00. The endowment is about \$112,000.00. New buildings to cost about \$250,000.00 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$125,000.00, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000.00 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth \$60,000.00 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, and Hagarville, average about \$12,000.00 for each school.

A Baptist college is to be built at Jonesboro soon and Baptist academies open their first sessions this fall in Montgomery and Union Counties.

Our colleges and schools are all well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small percentage of our boys and girls are attending Baptist schools. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our schools and colleges.

Never has there been greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help Ouachita College and in our mountain schools. Let us call out the called and encourage them and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin. Several good friends have recently remembered Ouachita College in their wills, a splendid way to bless mankind.

Let us pray for our schools and support them. Committee.

Report on Home Missions. Report No. 5.

Following the World War and in the midst of Reconstruction problems, thousands of our young people have made a new dedication of themselves to this Christian Americanism, and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. They purpose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in America a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless peoples who grope in darkness.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five percent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its evangelists have average 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far outstripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its inlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its annual meeting in Atlanta in June, after long painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000.00 was necessary for work of the present year.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Home Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superin-

tendents, mission society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Home Board gladly furnishes on request. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign. W. H. McCuistion, J. H. Johnson and G. H. Horner, Committee.

Report on Baptist Literature. Report No. 6.

We your committee on Baptist Literature beg to submit the following: Realizing the fact that the world is swaying with literature, we your committee recommend that we, as Baptists, should endeavor to (1) get God's Word read and studied in every home; (2) that we in this Association try to get in every home good Baptist literature and good Baptist papers, books and tracts, especially the Baptist Advance. These tracts may be had free of charge by applying to the Baptist Executive Board, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

Then we recommend that every pastor of various churches try to get some good Baptist papers and tracts into every community where he preaches. G. E. Eubank, Chairman; Ella Powell, Stella Black, Committee.

Report on Finance. Report No. 7.

We your committee on Finance submit the following report: Paid in by the various churches for printing the minutes, \$37.95, and \$10.00 paid by the church at Norfork on State Missions. T. O. Horn, Erwin Reed and H. Firestone, Committee.

Report on Pastor's Support. Report No. 8.

We your committee on Pastorial Support submit the following: After hearing the letters from the various churches of the Association we are forced to concede that our pastors are paid less than any other class of laborers. Therefore we recommend that the pastors of different churches in this Association teach their people that a "laborer is worthy of his hire." And we also recommend that the pastors have contracts with their churches and then the members fulfill all pledges. Putting business into their religion and religion into their business. We further recommend that every individual take the Bible plan of tithing, not as a duty but as a Christian privilege. Frances E. Thatch and Virgil Horner, Committee.

Report on Association Missions and Destitution. Report No. 9.

The Mission Board of Baxter and Marion Counties employed Rev. J. L. Lynn at a salary of \$125 to be payed through the State Board. Bro. Lynn began work the first of February and has continued the work to date. His salary has been paid up to the first of August. We will let the report of the missionary which is attached here speak as to the wisdom of the Boards in the selection of a missionary. We are glad to report that most of the active churches

have had pastors the past year which has enabled the missionary to give the greater part of his time to the weak churches and mission points.

All of the fourteen churches represented have pastors. There are eleven churches not represented and only one of this number have pastors.

There are only two W. M. U. and four B. Y. P. U. in the Association. There are eight or 10 important points that need meetings now.

We recommend that one board of five members be elected instead of the two employed in our present plan and that a missionary be employed at a salary of \$125 per month, and that the Association pay the salary until the State Convention meets the first of December and the State Board be asked to supplement the salary \$750 for the year. Signed, J. L. Lynn, Ina Goff, S. F. Tucker and T. O. Horn, Committee.

Report on Resolutions. Report No. 10.

Committee on Resolutions beg to report: Resolved that we thank the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and careful service and resolved further that we thank the Wise Chapel church and community for their hospitality in entertaining the body. Also we recommend that the Clerk be paid \$5.00 for his services as Clerk of this session of the body. Committee.

Report on Obituaries. Report No. 11.

We your committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following: We find that God in his wisdom has seen fit to call to their eternal home eleven of our members. While we feel a great loss in their home going, we humbly submit to the will of Him who doeth all things well. T. O. Horn, A. P. White and J. T. Hively, Committee.

Report on Ministerial Relief. Report No. 12.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief, beg to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer, and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and his cause, in the midst of the greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation, for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate other Christian and worldly institutions, but we should furnish these old heroes of our faith the support they so richly deserve.

The following convention board, located in Dallas, Texas, known of the Relief and Annuity Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, has taken over the work formerly done in our state, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the beneficiaries, were increased 25 per cent May, 1919.

There are quite a number of beneficiaries on the Board from the State of Arkansas, receiving at least \$10.00 per month. The Board hopes and expects to again increase the monthly allowance of Arkansas beneficiaries at least 25 per cent. This will be done as soon as our financial condition will allow the same. The association would urge the pastors and churches to send in their pledges on the 75 Million Campaign so that this worthy cause may be taken care of. J. L. Lynn, W. H. McCuiston and G. H. Horner, Committee.

Report on Woman's Work. Report No. 13.

We your committee on Woman's Work wish to submit the following report:

The past year has been filled with joyous responsibility and activity. When the call came for workers in the 75 Million Campaign the women gladly joined hands with the brethren and accepted one-fifth of the entire 75 million. Women from all over the Southland were called into service as W. M. U. idirectors, and organizers, for the Southland, the states, districts, Associations and churches. So faithfully did they work that they went beyond the 15 million apportionment and reported 22 millions. Much more was raised by the women that was not reported to the W. M. U. This glorious achievement of the women merited and received the commendation of the leaders among the brethren and the blessing of the Lord that comes from joyful service.

Six women in addition to the corresponding secretary were appointed as district organizers in Arkansas and each county had a W. M. U. organizer. These women succeeded in enlisting women of the various churches and securing their co-operation in the work of the campaign.

At the close of the campaign three district W. M. U. missionaries were appointed in Arkansas to give their entire time to enlisting and organizing the women all over the state. These three workers have been on their various fields since the first of the year and many new organizations have been reported as a result of their efforts. At this time, however, on account of financial condition of the State Board two have been withdrawn and only one remains on the field.

Only four churches in White River Association have had Woman's organizations, Mountain Home, Yellville, Gassville and New Hope; Blooming Grove has just had a W. M. S. organized.

God's Word endorses and supports women's work and therefore we, your committee recommend that the pastors and laymen and

women of this Association make a study of the working of the W. M. U. using the W. M. U. manual and our missionary magazines as a basis for study and that they put forth a mighty and prayerful effort to perfect woman's missionary organizations in every church in the Association. Ora May Howerton, Mrs. Frances E. Thatch and Mrs. S. E. Eubank, Committee.

Report on Temperance. Report No. 14.

We your committee on Temperance, report as follows:

It is a matter of satisfaction and rejoicing that this great government of ours has awakened to a world wide prohibition. It is also gratifying to see the people of Arkansas as well as the other states to stand for the removal of whiskey from among us. Let us urge our law makers both in the state and nation to stand firm for prohibition. Furthermore, we urge our officers to do their duty in the enforcement of all temperance laws. No greater steps can be taken than those to defend our young men from the liquor traffic. J. W. Herron, Chairman, Henry Camp and S. F. Tucker, Committee.

Report on Orphans' Home. Report No. 15.

Your committee on Orphans' home report as follows:

We Baptists have two orphans' homes in this state. One at Monticello under the care of the State Convention and one at Texarkana under the care of the State Association. We urge upon all Baptists in this Association to support one or both of these homes. We urge our Pastors to encourage this work in the churches and that our Sunday Schools contribute quarterly to this cause. E. S. Reel, S. F. Tucker and Eria Keeter, Committee.

Report on Deceased Ministers. Report No. 16.

We your committee on Deceased Ministers, report the following:

Only one of our ministers has been called since our last session. The blessed Lord called Bro. W. D. White from service to his reward. Bro. White was a pioneer preacher, having served the churches of this Association as pastor and the Association as Moderator. Let us thank God for his life and bow in humble submission to God's will. Signed by Committee. W. H. McCuistion, G. H. Horner and F. A. Else.

MINISTERS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERK	ADDRESS
Mt. Pleasant	W. H. McCuiston, Eugene Horton, S. F. Tucker, T. A. Johnson	W. H. McCuiston	J. W. Barnett	Gassville, Ark.
Antioch	G. W. Pangle, Dennis Lee, Ina Goff, Stella Black	T. D. Thatch	A. Johnson	Flippin, Ark.
Buford	I. H. Johnson, J. E. Eubank, Della Johnson	T. E. Lawrence	J. E. Eubank	Buford, Ark.
Hopewell	T. O. Horn, Myrtle Brown, Minnie Horn, Margaret Perkins	T. E. Lawrence	Myrtle Brown	Gassville, Ark.
Mtn. Home	H. D. Morton, Frances E. Thatch, A. D. Jordon, Mrs. A. D. Jordon	J. M. Gibbs	T. E. Lawrence	Mountain Home, Ark.
New Hope	Henry Comp, George Horner, Hez Firestone, Inez Horner	W. B. Oneal	Mary James	Ralph, Ark.
Norfolk	Represented by letter	W. A. Baker	T. E. Lawrence	Norfolk, Ark.
Pilgrims Rest	J. C. Marler, A. P. White, Roy Trammel, Albert Stafford	W. H. McCuiston	L. T. Marler	Gassville, Ark.
Blooming Grove	Erwin Reed, Denver Cunningham, Eria Keeter, Clara Wolf	W. H. McCuiston	L. D. Wolf	Yellville, Ark.
Yellville	A. M. Reed, J. L. Lynn, J. D. Dillihunt, Mrs. W. B. Oneal	W. B. Oneal	T. G. Angel	Yellville, Ark.
Whiteville	Jesse Powell, Mrs. Jesse Powell, J. W. Herron, Noel Morris	W. H. McCuiston	W. E. Newman	Gassville, Ark.
Wise Chapel	J. F. Hudgens, J. T. Hiveley, Jeff Wayland, Jacob Sanders	C. T. Soden	Ethel Hiveley	Cross Roads, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	Tollie Adkins, W. J. Gray, Claud Nannie, Mattie Adkins	W. B. Oneal	Oscar Gray	Bruno, Ark.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Increased by Letter	Increased by Baptism	Increased by Restoration	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Exclusion	Decreased by Death	Total Membership	Year Constituted	Days of Church Meetings	Number in Sunday School	Contributed for Minutes	Associational Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastoral Support	Incidental expenses and Church Building	Orphans	Home Ministerial	Relief Christian Education	75 Million Campaign
Antioch	7	45		1	1	1	162		Third Sunday	50	\$2.00				\$10.00	\$80.00					
Buford	1	9					40	1871	Third Sunday	45	2.00					112.00	\$15.00				
Mt. Pleasant	4				1		69	1868	Third Sunday	45	2.70		\$32.71			100.00	8.00				
Hopewell						1	41	1874	First Sunday	25	1.00						400.00				
Mtn. Home	32	15			1	1	156	1868	Every Sunday	100	10.00					600.00	58.00				\$1,249.50
New Hope		11		2			68		Second Sunday	45	2.12			16.30			20.00				120.00
Norfolk											1.00			10.00					\$5.71		
Pilgrims Rest				1		8	160	1872	Second Sunday		2.05					76.56					
Blooming Grove		2		1			63		Fourth Sunday	50	2.05					84.00			12.85		92.00
Pleasant Hill	2	15		2	12		102		Fourth Sunday	50	2.20			50.00			20.00				66.00
Yellville	14	4		3			41	1913	First and Third Sundays	50	2.00					255.00		\$11.00	63.00		455.00
Whiteville	1	9	1	1			70	1887	Fourth Sunday		3.00					64.86			6.00		
Wise Chapel		10			5		107		Fourth Sunday	86	1.50					60.00					

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This Association shall be called and known by the name of the "White River Baptist Association."

Article 11.—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 the Association shall consists 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 shall 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 bonds, 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 meetings.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us: and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, equal in ever divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sin-

ners not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made full atonement for our sins; having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be an all sufficient Savior.

5. We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

7. We believe, that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or be born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is affected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with the divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, faith and newness of life.

8. We repeat that repentance and faith are sacred duties and inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ. We turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the all-sufficient Savior.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purposes of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners, that doing so is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being perfectly free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes

boasting, and promotes humility, love; prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages to use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance and to that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

10. We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of the believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Healer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.

11. We believe that such only are true believers as endure to the end; that their preserving attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that the law of God is eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishments of the visible church.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ, governed by his laws and exercising the gifts and privileges invested in them by His Word; that its only spiritual officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications and claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior with its effect, our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and that it is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation, by the devout observance of all the means of Grace, both of private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

16. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed in things except in things opposed by the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the prince of the kings of the earth.

17. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ shall descend from heaven and raise the dead from the graves to final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be judged to endless punishment; and that the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall commence with religious exercises and a sermon from some preacher, who shall have been previously appointed, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

2. The Moderator of the session shall preside, and the former Clerk shall act (provided they attend) until the letters from the churches connected with the body shall have been read and a Moderator and Clerk appointed.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meeting during its session and appoint committees (unless the Association shall otherwise direct) preserve order, reprove improprieties (except an appeal is made to the meeting by two members.) He shall have the right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair, and examine and correct the minutes if necessary.

4. The Clerk shall keep a correct copy of the proceedings of the meetings, read the letters and documents and call any member to assist him at the close of the meeting. He shall take charge of the papers and documents unless otherwise directed.

5. The churches shall designate their messengers and report their condition by letter.

6. Preachers in good standing in other Baptist churches or Associations with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meeting shall be invited to a seat as correspondent and these meetings shall always be opened with a prayer and closed in a similar manner.

7. Every member may speak twice on any one subject in debate before the meeting, but no more without leave; and when speaking shall stand and address the Moderator and use decorous and Christian language; and no member shall absent himself from the Association during the session without leave; and any person who shall violate these rules, or the constitution, shall be reprovved as the Association shall think proper.

8. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members

present at any regular meeting.

9. The churches shall contribute funds for the ordinary expenses of the body, such as printing the minutes and paying the travelling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other bodies.

10. A public collection shall be taken by the Moderator at each session and applied to such benevolent purposes as the Association may direct.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Annual introductory sermon.
2. Call of Association to order by Moderator.
3. Call for church letters and enrolling messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters and messengers.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint the following committees: Divine service; associational missions, state missions, home missions, foreign missions, destitution, Sunday Schools, Baptist literature, christian education, finance, temperance, woman's work, orphan homes, obituaries deceased ministers, resolutions.
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 someone 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.....

..... Brethren

Increase by baptism

Increase by letter

Increase by restoration

Decrease by exclusion

Decrease by death

Total membership

Constituted in the year

Present pastor

Day of church meeting

Number engaged in Sabbath School.....

Contributions for Minutes

Orphans Home \$.....

Contribution for associational missions \$.....

Contribution for state missions \$.....

Contribution for foreign missions \$.....

Contribution for home 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.....19.....

.....Moderator

.....Church Clerk

Postoffice