MINUTES

#### OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

## OLD ORGANIZATION

24TH OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION

OF THE

AND THE

# WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

#### HELD WITH

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH, BAXTER COUNTY, ARK.

SEPTEMBER 4th and 5th, 1891.

OFFICERS:

ELD. H. H. HILTON, MODERATOR, Gassville, Ark. ELD. WM. 'A. COLLIS, CLERK, Mt. Home, Ark. T. H. HORN, TREASURER, Mt. Home, Ark.

> ST. LOUIS. MO.: AMERICAN BAPTIST PRINT. 1801.

# Dinutes

## FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The White River Baptist Association convened with Mount Pleasant Church, Baxter county, Ark., on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1891. The Introductory Sermon was deferred until early candle light at night. The Moderator, Eld. H. H. Hilton present and presiding. Eld. W. A. Collis, Clerk, being present and at his post the roll of churches was called, the letters presented and read by Bro. P. A. Cox and H. T. Dilbeck, and the names of the messengers enrolled. The Moderator appointed Bro. G. A. Mc-Pherson and Eld. T. G. Thompson to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted in the re-election of Eld. H. H. Hilton, Moderator; Eld. W. A. Collis, Clerk; and Bro. T. H. Horn, Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters, whereupon a letter from New Athens Church, Baxter county, Ark., was presented. On motion the church was received into the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations, whereupon Elds. A. Merchant and Thos. Farthing, from Rocky Bayou, presented themselves and received right hand of fellowship by the Moderator. On motion Eld. T. G. Thompson was received as a corresponding messenger from Blue Mountain Association. The Moderator appointed the following committees, to-wit:

On Divine Service .- P. A. Cox, N. Lamb and J. C. Coffee.

On Finance .--- A. Johnson, A. C. Messick and E. F. Hand.

On motion the body take a recess until two P. M. Prayer by Eld. H. H. Hilton.

#### Afternoon Session.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. C. Thorn. The regular order of business taken up.

On Sunday-schools .- J. T. Prior, P. A. Cox and J. T. Hand.

On Destitution.-W. A. Collis, Wm. Osborn and J. W. Talbert.

On Woman's Work.-R. C. Paul, N. Lamb and T. F. Whittaker.

On Associational Missions.-J. H. Douglass, D. B. Beavers and J. T. Stuart.

On Baptist Literature.—J. H. Wade, J. C. Cooper and J. W. Norton.

On Foreign Missions.—Smith Matlock, A. Beachum and John Burch.

On Deceased Ministers. P. A. Cox, C. C. Hand and W. H. Roberts.

On Temperance.—W. H. Douglass, W. H. Roberts, T. F. Whittaker, P. A. Cox, W. A. Collis, J. R. Williams, J. T. Stone, C. H. Mayfield and on motion the Moderator, H. H. Hilton, was added to the committee.

Called for report of corresponding messengers. None reported. Appointment of corresponding messengers to sister Associations, Rockey Bayou, T. H. Horn, A. J. Copeland, H. H. Hilton and J. T. Prior. Independence, P. A. Cox, J. T. Prior. Big Creek, J. T. Hand, J. H. Wade, D. B. Beavers and W. D. Jennings. Crooked Creek, S. P. Downing. Union, Ark., W. A. Collis, H. Sasser. Blue Mountain, W. A. Collis. Union, Mo., H. H. Hilton, W. A. Collis, T. H. Horn. Taney, J. H. Wade.

Adjourned until 9 A. M.

Prayer by Moderator.

kins.

#### SATURDAY.

Morning Session.

and a second and a s

9 O'CLOCK A. M. Prayer by J. B. Per-

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. B. Per-

A letter was handed in from Jefferson Hall Church and also from New Liberty.

And on motion Article II of our Constitution was changed and then on motion the said motion was reconsidered and tabled. Called for Reports of Committees when the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home Baptist College made their report which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Mountain Home Baptist College invoking a continuance of your counsel and aid in the great work inaugurated by your body; that of building and carrying on a Baptist College within your bounds, beg leave to submit the following report of the progress of their work since the last meeting of your body: We have continued to solicit subscriptions for the erection of a college building through our authorized agent, Eld. J. T. Prior, who has since his employment as agent by us raised the subscriptions to the college from about \$6,000 to a fraction over \$10,000. Of this amount we have collected \$1,488.92 and expended \$901,as follows:

For 10 1-2 acres of lands for college site
For one horse for use of agent 125 00
For plans and specifications for college building 181 65
For miscellaneous items, agent's wages 289 37
Still remaining in hands of Treasurer
And one horse which can be turned into some amount of cash when
deemed best.

Having previously filed adopted plans and specifications for a college building, on the 3d of last August, we contracted with Mr. Arthur Boyle, of Mammoth Springs, Ark., for the erection of a college building for the sum of \$9,450. The work to be completed and paid for as follows : Five hundred dollars to be paid when the foundation is completed; one thousand when the brick for the building is made, and burned; five hundred when the walls of the first story are up and sleepers laid for floor; one thousand when the walls for the second story are up, and all joists and sleepers laid; one thousand when the roof is completed and painted, and fifteen hundred when the doors and windows are put in their places; and the building thus endorsed, and this much of the building to be completed by the first of December, 1891. The balance \$3,950 to be paid at such times and in such installments as may be hereafter agreed upon and the balance of the work progresses. On the third of August the board deeming that two agents in the field were necessary, authorized the employment of Eld. T. G. Thompson, as an additional agent, which has been done. It will thus be seen that it is absolutely necessary that we have \$5,500 collected by the first of December, 1891; and that the

#### WHITE RIVER

Board have an arduous task before them and that our success in raising this amount will materially affect the time when we shall be able to fully complete the building and begin the college work.

W. DENTON, Chairman.

M. N. DYER, Secretary.

4

On motion the body took recess until 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met persuant to adjournment, and after prayer by Eld. W. D. White, the body resumed the regular order of business.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Made their report which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools beg to report : Whereas, under the law dispensation, the Levitical priesthood were commanded to teach the people, old and young, the word of the Lord, and did so on each Sabbath; and under the Christian era the church of Christ is instructed to feed the lambs, and Christian parents are instructed to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The Committee, therefore, recommend each church of this Association that has not already done so to organize a Sabbath school, and endeavor to keep it up, by running it all the year, and to make it as efficient as possible; as we believe upon the youths of our land depends the future welfare of the Church, we urge our preachers and pastors to encourage the organization of Sabbath schools in the churches of this Association. And should any member of the churches with the Sabbath schools desire to continue the Sunday-school convention, that we as an Association are in full sympathy with its aims and work.

J. T. PRIOR, Chairman.

Committee on Baptist Literature made their report which was read and adopted, and is as foliows:

We, your Committee submit the following, first of all we recommend the careful reading of the Bible because it is the Word of God; second, we recommend the reading of the *Arkansas Baptist*, published at Little Rock, Arkansas, third, the reading of the cheap literature published by our Baptist houses, and also the reading of the *American Baptist*, published at St. Louis, Mo.

J. H. WADE, Chairman.

#### BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Committee on Finance made their report which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your Committee; submit the following received from the various churches:

 For printing Minutes.
 \$27 30

 "Foreign Missions.
 1 00

 "Associational Missions.
 50

 Contributions by Messengers for printing Minutes.
 10 00

Total......\$38 80

#### A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your Committee submit the following: In as much as the Great Commission is to go teach all nations, we are therefore bound in duty by the commission to do our whole duty in aiding the Foreign Mission cause among the heathens, who know not our God.

SMITH MATLOCK, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution made their report which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your Committee submit the following: The destitution under our immediate notice is great. Souls are being lost, eternally lost, while we are not using the means that God has put within our reach. Considering our responsibilities and opportunities we urge and beg in the name of God that we take steps now to supply the destitution within our bounds with a preached gospel by which it has pleased God to save them that believe, and it will not be so fearful for us to live nor for them to die.

ELD. WM. A. COLLIS, Chairman.

On motion the Missionary plan of the last Association was adopted and also on motion Eld. Wm. A. Collis was elected to serve the Association as Missionary for the next Associational year and the Association agreed to give the Missssionary \$1.00 per day for all the time actually engaged in the work. Eld. H. **S** asser, Missionary for the Association last year made his report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

I beg leave to submit the following: Labored, 52 days; traveled, 621 miles; preached 50 sermons; delivered 73 public prayers; had 32 accessions; baptized 23; ordained three deacons; organized one church.

#### WHITE RIVER

Received	OD S	ubscription\$17 30
	-	The second secon
66	trom	Treasurer of Association 21 00
66	66	Central Board 11 95
66	66	Rehoboth Church 4 00
66		Rockey Mount Church
66	66	Pilgrim's Rest
66	66	E. L. Hall 14 85
66	66	Other friends
To	tal	\$88 85
~ ~ ~		

Committee on Woman's Work made their report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

We, your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, it is well known that the women of our churches do much to advance the cause of Christ by aiding in Sabbath-school work, mission cause, ladies aid societies and other branches of church work, therefore;

*Resolved*, That our churches and pastors *do give* more attention to the development of woman's efficiency in the churches.

We are glad to report that the ladies of the Mountain Home Church have raised \$125, \$50 of which was contributed to our college, \$25 to the Cuban Mission, under Diaz, and balance to various church purposes. We therefore recommend the formation of Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies in all our churches.

R. C. PAUL, Chairman.

Committee on Associational Missions made their report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

We, your Committee submit the following report, that there is great need of missionary work within the bounds of this Association; we recommend that this body take steps to employ a Missionary to travel and preach for the destitute portion of this Association.

D. B. BEAVERS, Chairman.

Your Committee on Temperance made their report which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

WAEREAS, The whisky traffic has assumed alarming proportions throughout the United States, and its supporters have influenced politics and legislation both in the general government at Washington and in the states severally, and has affected and is still affecting neighborhoods, churches, families and individuals, with their blighting influences, making penniless widows and orphans, and ruining many young men and even some of our talented professional men; and

WHEREAS, The Word of God commands us to "look not upon the wine when it sparkles red in the cup," and admonishes us that it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder; therefore,

#### BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That we advise any of our brethren that may be addicted to the habit of "tippling" to abstain therefrom lest they injure themselves and lead others into temptation; and that we urge the churches of this body to exercise a godly discipline over members who may be habitual dram drinkers; and that we believe it to be the duty of Baptists to vote when they have the opportunity in favor of means that will promote the cause of temperance and curtail the whisky traffic, W. H. DOUGLASS, Chairman.

Committee on Deceased Ministers made their report which was read and adopted and is as follows:

We, your Committee submit the following report. We learn that God has preserved the lives of the ministry of our Association during the past year, and we do sincerely thank and praise our heavenly Father for his protecting care and pray a continuation of the same upon us. P. A. Cox, Chairman.

After which the body all bowed in prayer with Eld. H. Sasser to thank God for his protecting care over the lives of our ministers during the past year.

On motion this body agreed to hold its next session with New Athens Church, on Bennett's River, Baxter County, Ark.

On motion Eld. H. H. Hilton was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting, with Eld. C. H. Mayfield as his alternate.

On motion, Eld. W. D. White was elected to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sunday, at 11 o'clock A. M., with Eld. H. Sasser as his alternate.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have our Abstract of Faith, Rules of Decorum and Order of Business printed in our Minutes this year.

On motion the Clerk was requested to superintend the printing and distribution of as many copies of our Minutes as the funds will pay for, after deducting \$10.00 out of same as his fee.

On motion the Moderator appointed two Executive Boards, one in the east side and one in the west side of the Association, to superintend the missionary cause of this Association. Said Boards are as follows: for East side, R. C. Paul, A. H. Baxter and G. W. Bayless: West side, J. C. Dillahunta, John Angel and J. C. Cooper.

The Board on the East side agreed to meet with the Mountain

Home Church on the 4th Sunday in November, 1891 : and the West Board agreed to meet with the Pleasant Hill Church on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1891.

On motion Eld. H. H. Hilton was appointed as a messenger to the State Baptist Convention; and also Eld. J. T. Prior was appointed to go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the Clerk was requested to have Eld. D. B. Ray, of St. Louis, to print the Minutes of this body.

On motion this body returned their thanks to the Mount Pleasant church and community around it for the hospitality extended to them during the present session. Wm. A. Collis, Clerk, made his report which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

 Received of T. H. Horn, Treasurer of this body, to pay for printing the Minutes
 \$32 50

 Paid out for printing the Minutes and postage,
 22 50

 For Clerk's fees
 10 00

WM. COLLIS, Clerk.

Notice having been given at the last meeting of this body that there would be a resolution offered at this meeting to change Article 2 of our present Constitution, which was done and passed. After which there was a motion offered to reconsider said motion; it carried, and on motion was then tabled.

On motion this body adjourned to meet with New Athens Church on Bennet's River in Baxter County, Ark., on Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M., before the First Sunday in September, 1892. Prayer by the Moderator.

TABLE TO A T

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Moderator.

ELD. WM. COLLIS, Clerk.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### DECLARATION OF FAITH.

1. We believe that 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 Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; equal in every 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 sinners, 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 a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections 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 it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works 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.

#### WHITE RIVER

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 own 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 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 believe 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 only and allsufficient Savior.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates sanctifies and saves sinners; that being 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 the 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 Christain assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost dilligence.

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 believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer 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 persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a

In the second second

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 the eternal and unchangable 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 establishment of the visible church.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellow ship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural 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, in our death to sin, and resurrection to a new life; that it is a pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to 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 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 the 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; except in things opposed to 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 there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked

II

and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

18. 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 grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be judged to endless punishment, and 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 a 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 meeting, read the letters and documents, and may 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 correspondents, and these meetings shall always be opened with prayer and closed in a similar manner.

7. Every member may speak twice on any one subject in debate before the meeting, but not 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 reproved 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 traveling expenses of such members as the Association may send to other bodies.

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

# RULES OF ORDER.

I. Annual Introductory Sermon.

- 2. Call of Association to order by the Moderator, if present.
- 3. Call for Church Letters and Enroll Messengers.
- 4. Election of Officers.

5. Call for Petitionary Letters for Membership.

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 for 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.

WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

### 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. -----Present pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Day of Church meetings, \_\_\_\_\_ Number engaged in Sabbath-school \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution for Minutes \$ -----Contribution for State Missions \$ -----Contribution for Foreign Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contributions for ministerial relief \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Money expended for pastoral support \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Money expended for Church building \$ \_\_\_\_\_ By order of the Church. Date. \_\_\_\_ , Moderator. \_\_\_\_, Church Clerk. Post Office.

## CHURCH RECORD.

			1	and the second s
	-	-		-
CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
				0
Mt. Home	J T Prior, M N Dyer, R C Paul, W H Douglass.	J T Prior	J M Casey	Mt. Home.
Mr. 1 Icasano	J C Coffee, P A Cox, N Lamb, W D White, Wm. Denton, T Reed H H Hilton, T H Horn, J T Hand, J A Harrel- son, J M Horn	T L Thompson	J W Reed	Gassviile.
Hopewell	H H Hilton, T H Horn, J T Hand, J A Harrel-	U U Uilton	W E Manman	Mt. Home
Fildrime' Roat	Wm A Lollis W D Jonnings L H Maynold J			
	H Wade, C D Rodrick, A C Messick, H T Dilbeck, A B Magee. W H Roberts. J T Covenion, G W Bayless, J D Dilbeck, S H	W D Ionning	H / Dilback	Indanandanaa
Palestine	W H Roberts	C H Mayfield	J E Eubank	Buford.
New Harmony	J T Coventon, G W Bayless, J D Dilbeck, S H	W D Jannings	ID Nol'	Onkland
Friendship	W P Conley	W D Jennings	A H Wise	Mt. Home.
Oakland	Bayless. W P Conley. J T Stone, J W Talbert. W C Thorn, A H Baxter, J B Williams.	J T Hand	C F Stone	Mt. Home.
Pleasant Grove	E F Hand, T M Rea.	A J whatey	E H Hand	Onset.
Rehoboth	A Johnson, D B Beavers, John Burch	II Cassan	A Johnson	Flipin.
Pleasant Hill	J C Cooper, John Angel.	T L Thompson	W D Depriest	Bruno.
New Liberty	A Johnson, D B Beavers, John Burch J G Dillahunta, R D Keeter, W H Keeter J C Cooper, John Angel. W J Paxton. L G Lowry, J H Stonecipher.	WJ Paxton, and J H Parmer	J S Hudson	Yellville.
Zion Hill	(Not Represented)	CH Mayneia	J H Stonecipher	Powell.
		T TI WAR	1 Thomas Times	Deside
Rocky Mount	C C Ray	John Coker	C L Featherstone	Preston. Valley Springs.
New Prospect	J W Norton	J H Parmer	L P Casey	Powell.
Mt. Grove	W A Dunbar, E H Hogan, S P Downing	B L Bayless	W A Dunbar	Rush. Oakland.
Rock Point	(Not Represented) A Beachum, Wm Ousborn		*	
	1 HOTHOR	r m runoy	JI Inormon	Leau HIII.
Zion Light	(Not Represented) F M Ballard G A Oquin	L G Walker	F M Ballard	Vivedette.
Massadona	G A Oquin	L F Kich	G A Oquin	Dugger's Mills.
New Athens	(Not Represented) T F Whitaker C C Hand, J T Stuart		Wm Ferrell	Bennetts'.
HOCE Spring	CO Hand, J T Stuart	J T Hand	J T Stuart	Lone Rock.

### STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Deer'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Constituted.	Days of Meeting.	For Minutes.	Pastoral Support.	Association Missions.		State Missions.	Foreign Mission.	Church Building and Incidental.	No. Engaged in S. S.
Mt. Home Mt. Pleasant Hopewell Pilgrims' Best. Palestine New Harmony Friendship Oakland Oak Grove Pleasant Grove. Rehoboth New Hope Pleasant Hill. New Liberty Jefferson Hall Zion Hill.	1 11 12 8 15 13 10 1 6 2 19	11 2 2 4 4 3 6 4 1	100	11	34 3 12 51	1111	$170 \\ 97 \\ 133 \\ 43 \\ 107 \\ 85 \\ 51 \\ 59 \\ 40 \\ 69 \\ 56 \\ 107 \\ $	1868 1869 1874 1872 1871 1872 1882 1872 1872	43 223132234112		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6		250	50e	\$ 30 400	
Harmony. Cedar Greek Rocky Mouni New Prospect Bethel. Mt. Grove Rock Point Zion Light Charity *Massadona New Springs Rock Spring	33577 78	2 1 12 2 1 3	2 1 1 1 5	2453 21	1	1	$27 \\ 20 \\ 42 \\ 26 \\ 26 \\ 14 \\ 13 \\ 8$	1885 1895 1887 1889 1884 1884 1889 1891	33321431 21	5 1 0 5 7 1 0 1 0 5 3 1 0	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 42 \\ 0 & 7 \\ 0 & 25 \\ 0 & 12 \\ 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 8 \end{array}$	2	00				25
	138	55	17	61	21	6	1418	1.	1	\$28 3	\$391	\$15	50	25c	50c	\$430	95

\*Last year's report.

# AMERICAPTIST

#### D. B. RAY, Editor and Proprietor.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST is a large eight-page religious newspaper, devoted to the interests of Baptists all over the country. It has the

### LARGEST CIRCULATION

of any Baptist paper west of New York. THE AMERICAN BAPTIST is an excellent advertising medium. Let us have your subscription.

#### Terms:

One year, in advance	\$1.50.
If not paid within three months	
To ministers, in advance	\$1.00.
If not paid in three months	\$1.50

Address

D. B. RAY, 1310 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

## National Baptist Publishing Gompany

PUBLISHERS AND DEALERS IN

**BAPTIST BOOKS** 

AND

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Send for Catalogue.

SAMPLES OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPPLIES FREE.

1310 Olive st., St. Louis, Mo.