

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-ninth Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Thirty-fourth of the New Organization

OF THE

White River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

New Harmony Church, Marion County, Arkansas,

September 6, 7, 8, A. D. 1901.

OFFICERS:

H. H. HILTON, Moderator,	-	-	Gassville, Arkansas.
C. F. STONE, Clerk,	-	-	Mountain Home, Ark.
I. H. HORN, Treasurer,	-	-	Mountain Home, Ark.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The White River Baptist Association convened with New Harmony church, Marion county, Arkansas, September 6th, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

Elder H. H. Hilton was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. H. Wade his alternate, present, preached from the text, Luke 24: 46-47.

The Moderator being present and in the chair, and the clerk, also, present, the annual letters of the churches were called for by the Moderator and presented by the messengers and read by Elder J. H. Wade and J. E. Eubanks.

The Association then went into the election of officers. The Moderator appointed Bros. N. Tucker and H. L. Stanley to take the vote. Said election resulted in the election of Elder H. H. Hilton, Moderator, C. F. Stone, Clerk, T. H. Horn, Treasurer.

Call for petitionary letters. None.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Divine Service—J. H. Pasco, J. N. Mohney, B. L. Bayless, and A. F. Bayless.

On Deceased Ministers—Elders. W. D. White, B. L. Bayless, and Bro. Baker, and by motion, Elder H. H. Hilton.

Baptist Literature—H. L. Stanley, J. H. Wade and J. E. Eubanks.

Foreign Missions—J. B. Crane, N. A. Tucker and S. P. Downing.

On Finance—J. A. Arnett, C. A. Haley, J. M. Stone and J. H. Walker.

Home Mission—J. H. Marler, J. Thompson and E. M. McCarty.

On Sunday School—J. B. Crane, L. E. Tucker and J. A. Arnett.

On Destitution—J. G. Walker, W. J. Gray and B. L. Bayless.

On Temperance—J. T. Davis, J. W. Hargraves and J. G. Walker.

On Woman's Work—L. E. Tucker, and Elders W. D. Jennings and J. G. Walker.

Call for report of Committee on Divine Service.

Report of Committee on Divine Service was as follows:

Preaching Friday night, Elder J. H. Wade; Saturday, 11 o'clock a. m., Elders Baker and J. H. Marler; Saturday night, Elder W. D. Jennings, followed by Elder R. L. Barnett; Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m., Elder W. D. White, followed by Elder H. H. Hilton.

B. L. BAYLESS, Chairman.

The messengers to corresponding bodies were appointed as follows: Rocky Bayou, W. D. Jennings, H. H. Hilton, T. H. Horn, W. J. Gray and L. E. Tucker; Big Creek Association, Brothers Baker and B. L. Bayless; Crooked Creek Association, J. H. Marler and L. E. Tucker; Blue Mountain Association, Eugene Horton; Union Association, Missouri, R. L. Barnett; Union Association, Arkansas, H. L. Stanley and L. G. Lovelady.

Adjourned until 3:30 p. m.

Body met pursuant to adjournment at 3:30 p. m. Prayer by Elder J. H. Wade.

On motion the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by Elder W. D. White.

Call for reports of committees in following order:

Committee on Deceased Ministers—Report read and adopted, and is as follows: We find by inquiry that two of our ministers have died during the past year, A. J. Copeland and J. T. Hand. Resolved, that we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

W. D. WHITE, Chairman.

Prayer by Elder Baker.

Committee on Woman's Work—We gladly recognize the beneficent influence of woman's work in the spread of the gospel, and in the instruction of our youths in the word of God, and in their noble sacrifices in the support of the gospel. We would urge our churches to organize Woman's Missionary Societies that will cooperate with our Woman's Missionary Union as auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention.

Elder J. G. WALKER, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution—The destitution under our immediate notice is great, therefore, this body should take steps to supply this destitution with Baptist preaching.

H. L. STANLEY, Chairman.

Committee on Baptist Literature—We recommend a careful reading of the Bible, after and next to the Bible, the Arkansas Baptist, our own state paper. J. H. WADE, Chairman.

Committee on State Mission—Whereas, we find there are many places in our state, destitute of the gospel, and inasmuch as we understand that the Bible teaches that it pleased God that by the preaching of the gospel, to save them that believe, we recommend that the churches give of their means for the promulgation of the same. W. D. JENNINGS, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions—In compliance with the Saviour's command: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We would urge that this be done by the churches by the giving of their time and means for this purpose. J. B. CRANE, Chairman.

Committee on Home Mission—Inasmuch as the Lord said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" when he gave the commission to the church, and believing that this responsibility rests upon us as the church, Resolved, that this body take steps to supply the much needed Baptist preaching in our Home fields. We earnestly request our churches to give of their means to supply the destitution at home.

ELD. J. H. MARLER, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday Schools—In self defense and for Jesus' sake, we as Baptist people and the true church of Christ, should urge our church to organize Baptist Sabbath schools in every church as early as possible, and instruct young folks in the true way of the Lord before they are captured by other so-called churches. L. E. TUCKER, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance—Believing the evil of intemperance and its soul destroying effects on the increase in our land, we would urge our brethern to use all the means that God places in our hands in destroying this awful deamon, drink, and strict discipline of every member found engaged in the sale or manufacturing or drinking of intoxicants. ELD. J. G. WALKER, Chairman.

Motion to adjourn untill 8:30 Saturday.

Body met pursuant to adjournment, 8:30 a. m., Saturday.
Prayer by Elder J. G. Walker.

On motion the Clerk made his report, was adopted and is as follows: Received \$20.20 from Treasurer, after deducting \$5.00 as Clerk's fees, paid out \$12.50 for printing five hundred copies of the Minutes of the Association; paid for stationary, \$2.58, there still remains in my hands, unexpended, 9 cents.

C. F. STONE, Clerk.

On motion the roll was called and absentees marked.

On motion the rules of order were suspended for the purpose of selecting a place for the next Association, when Pleasant Hill church, Marion county, Arkansas, was selected, and Elder W. D. White appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder B. L. Bayless his alternate.

Motion to have a history of the White River Baptist Association published, carried, and the Moderator appointed the following committee to superintend the getting up and publishing said history: T. H. Horn, Elders H. C. Mayfield, J. G. Walker, W. D. White, B. L. Bayless, and by motion, Elder H. H. Hilton.

Report of Missionary Board is as follows: We employed Brother B. L. Bayless and paid him for the work done, also we employed Brother J. G. Walker and paid him for work done.

ELDER J. H. WADE, Chairman.

Report of Elder B. L. Bayless, Missionary. Labored 12 days, traveled 110 miles, witnessed 1 conversion, received \$12.

Report of Elder J. G. Walker, Missionary. Went to Bethel church, at the request of the Board, and was greatly blessed by the awakening of the church to a sense of duty, and secured for them a pastor. Labored 11 days, preached 20 sermons, prayed 14 prayers, exhorted 9 times, traveled 103 miles, baptized 1, received 5 additions, received \$18. ELDER J. G. WALKER, Missionary.

By motion a committee consisting of J. G. Walker, J. H. Wade, J. H. Marler and B. L. Bayless was appointed to draft a resolution expressive of the attitude of this Association toward the present Board system.

Report of said committee read and adopted and is as follows: Your committee, to whom was referred the matter to draft a resolution regarding the present attitude of this Association, on the

matter of whether we favor the present Board system of Missions, as the Gospel Mission plan, report as follows: Resolved that we oppose the present, high saleried Board system of Missions, and urge that the Mission work be carried on by the churches, inasmuch as the church is the highest authority on earth.

ELDER J. H. WADE, Chairman.

A committee was appointed by the Moderator to superintend the Mission work consisting of J. B. Crane, E. M. Mooney and N. A. Tucker.

Report of committee on Finance. Received from messengers for printing minutes, \$14.76. W. J. ARNETT, Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Association, read and adopted, and is as follows: Paid over to the Clerk \$17.16. On motion the Clerk is appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes, after deducting \$5 for his fee.

Call for report of Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, when J. G. Walker having been appointed to visit Rocky Bayou reported as follows: I am glad to say that I visited that Association and found them alive and working for Christ.

ELDER J. G. WALKER.

On motion it was ordered that the messengers of the several churches and their pastors be appointed to attend the collection of means to have missionary work done, in bounds of this Association. On motion, Elder J. G. Walker, was elected Missionary for the ensuing year.

On motion the preachers, in connection with the churches raise means to pay this missionary. On motion, Brother Eugene Horton, was appointed to collect amounts pledged to support or pay the missionary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the messengers, of the White River Baptist Association, tender to the New Harmony Church and surrounding community, our thanks for the kind, hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained said Association.

C. F. STONE, Clerk.

On motion this body adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, at Bruno, Marion county, Arkansas, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1902.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Wade.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Oakland	C. A. Haley, C. T. Stone...	W. D. Jennings..	C. F. Stone.....	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Whiteville	J. G. Walker, L. E. Tucker, E. W. Mooney, J. E. Culverhouse.....	W. D. White....	L. E. Tucker....	Gassville, Arkansas.
Mountain Grove	J. Baker, S. P. Dowling, W. F. Hillhouse.....	B. L. Bayless....	M. M. Jenkins...	Oakland, Arkansas.
New Athen.....	W. J. Arnett, C. E. Judkins	J. F. Cox	T. F. Whitaker	Bennetts, Arkansas.
Hopewell.....	H. H. Hilton, T. H. Horn, J. B. Crane, N. A. Tucker	H. Hays.....	C. J. Horn	Mtn. Home, Ark.
New Harmony..	J. H. Pasco, J. N. Mohney, B. L. Bayless, A. F. Bayless.....	B. L. Bayless....	J. N. Mohney....	Oakland, Arkansas.
Oak Grove	W. D. Jennings, Levi Gilland, S. R. Jones.....	J. A. Harrelson	J. C. Copeland...	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Friendship	J. M. Stone, J. W. Hargraves	J. H. Marler.....	J. W. Hargraves	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Rocky Mount....	By Letter.			
Pleasant Hill....	H. L. Stanley, W. J. Gray	H. Sasser.....	T. W. DePriest..	Bruno, Arkansas.
Bethel	E. N. McCarty	J. G. Walker	J. G. McCarty...	
Palestine.....	J. E. Eubanks	H. Hays	J. E. Eubanks...	Buford, Arkansas.
Mount Pleasant	W. D. White, J. C. Coffee	W. D. White....	J. W. Barnett....	Gassville, Arkansas.
Pilgrim's Rest..	R. L. Barnett	W. D. White	L. T. Marler	Independence, Ark.
Pleasant Grove..	J. A. Thompson	H. H. Hilton	J. A. Thompson.	Onset, Arkansas.
Prarie Valley...	L. G. Lowery.....	H. Sasser.....	S. L. Cantrell....	Eros, Arkansas.
Antioch	T. J. Davis	J. A. Harrelson..	A. Johnson	Flippin, Arkansas.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Received by Statement.	Decreased by Letter.	Excluded.	Total Members.	Constituted.	Days of Meeting.	For Minutes.	Pastoral Support.	Association Missions.	No. Engaged in S. Schools.	Decreased by Death.	Incidental Expenses.	State Missions.	Sunday School Literature.	Foreign Missions.
Oakland	2						57 1881	3		\$ 90	\$ 15 00				\$ 2 00			
Whiteville				4			50 1892	4		1 00	4 50	\$ 3 00						
Mountain Grove		2		2			27 1890	1		1 00	11 40							
New Athen	17	3	1	3	1		45 1891	2		1 00	2 00					5 00		
Hopewell		2		8			1874	1		70	12 00		60	2			3 50	
New Harmony	7			1			94	3		1 50	22 55	5 50		3				
Oak Grove		1	2	5			68	2		85	4 50			1				
Friendship				8			56	1		25				2				
Rocky Mount				3			27 1885	3					30					
Pleasant Hill	6	3	1				136 1871	1		1 50	36 45		50	2				
Bethel	1	1		2			29			75		5 96						
Palestine	2			2	1		40			75	2 25	3 16		1				
Mount Pleasant				9			65			70								
Pilgrim's Rest	10	1	1	1			147 1872	2		1 57	8 25	3 50	38			2 45		
Pleasant Grove	1						52 1882	2		65	20 00	2 20		1				
Prairie Valley	3	1					23 1899	3		70	35 00							
Antioch				2			34	4		1 00	2 00	2 65						