

ARKANSAS

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-sixth Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Forty-first of the New Organization

OF THE

WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Church, Marion County Arkansas,

September 3, 4, and 6, 1908.

OFFICERS:

ELDER W. D. WHITE, Moderator,	- - -	Gassville, Ark.
F. M. ANGEL, Clerk,	- - -	Bruno, Ark.
J. G. DILLAHUNTY, Treasurer,	- - -	Adams, Ark.

Minutes.

The White River Missionary Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church at Bruno, Marion County, Arkansas, on Friday, Sept. 4, 1908, at 10 a. m.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

Prayer by Brethern J. H. Marler and W. D. White.

Welcome address by Eld. W. B. Collin.

The Moderator being absent and the Clerk present, a motion prevailed to appoint Eld. W. D. White moderator pro tempore.

The introductory sermon was delivered by H. C. Lamb from John 13: 34-35. He was followed by Eld. H. H. Hilton.

After preaching W. D. White, moderator pro tem called the Association to order. A call was made for church letters. Eld. J. A. Smith and F. M. Angel were appointed reading clerks. The letters being read, the Association entered into an election of officers. Brethern J. L. Paul, C. J. Horn and J. C. Copeland were appointed to take the votes for moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively.

The election resulted as follows: For moderator, W. D. White; for clerk, F. M. Angel; for treasurer, J. G. Dillahunty.

Call for petitionary letters. One presented by the Sardis Baptist Church of Pontiac, Mo. By action of the body it was received. Call for corresponding letters. None.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Divine service—J. H. Nanny, F. Z. Pulliam, M. H. Wolf and F. M. Angel.

Resolutions—E. Dennington, J. C. Cooper and M. M. Jenkins.

Finance—J. W. Pierce, L. E. Tucker and J. M. Randall.

Home missions—J. W. Pierce, James Findley and J. G. Dillahunty.

State missions—J. A. Smith, L. M. Rea and J. B. Crane.

Foriegn missions—H. H. Hilton, J. L. Paul and J. F. Martin.

Deceased ministers—Henry Horn, J. H. Marler and E. M. McCarty.

Sunday Schools—C. J. Horn, J. L. Paul and Wm. Tucker.

Temperance—J. W. Pierce, H. C. Lamb and C. F. Stone.

Baptist literature—J. A. Smith, Willie Brady and Tim Mere-

dith.

Education—J. A. Smith, J. L. Paul and Lawrence Knight.

Woman's work—L. E. Tucker, James Finley and J. C. Copeland.

Destitution—B. L. Bayless, J. H. Marler and H. C. Lamb.

Orphans' Home—Henry Horn, Roy Jenkins and C. F. Stone.

Obitparies—J. L. Gilleland, J. A. Keeter and J. N. Mohney.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 2 p. m. Prayer by H. L. Stanley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association was called to order by the moderator. The rules of order and the constitution of this Association were read by Brother Lee Paul,

By action of the body the clerk was given till 10 a. m. the following day to prepare roll.

Call for report of messengers to corresponding bodies. None responded.

Call for corresponding messengers to other bodies results in volunteers as follows, to wit:

Crooked Creek—L. E. Tucker, H. C. Lamb, J. C. Cooper and T. Rea.

Rocky Bayou—J. C. Copeland, T. M. Horn and G. W. Anglin.

Appointments by the moderator as follows, to wit:

Big Creek—Lee Paul and James Finley.

Blue Mountain—J. C. Horn and C. L. Wolf.

County Line—J. M. Randall and Barton Bayless.

Report of committees was called for. The report on foreign missions was read and, after some discussion, adopted. (See Report I)

Upon request made by the committee on Obituaries, Brother J. H. Marler was placed on that committee.

Reports on Baptist Literature and Education were read by Elder J. A. Smith and unanimously endorsed by the body. (See Report II and III)

The report on Orphans' Home was presented and adopted, and contributions taken to the amount of \$9.70. On motion, it was agreed to divide this amount equally between the Homes at Monti-

Oello and Texarkana. (See Report IV)

The committee on Temperance hand in their report. After some discussion the report, together with a supplement by Elder W. B. Collins, was adopted. (See Report V.)

A motion prevailed to adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Saturday, Sept 4. Prayer by Elder Barton Bayless.

By the direction of the committee on Divine Service, Bro. J. H. Marler filled the pulpit Friday night.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4. MORNING SESSION.

The call to order by the moderator was followed by Song. Prayer, Elder Dennington.

Call for reports renewed. Report on Finance read and adopted. (See Report VI)

The report on resolutions was read and referred back to the committee.

Report on Home Missions was read, discussed and rejected. Report on Deceased Ministers read and adopted as amended. (See Report VII)

Prayer by Elder W. B. Collins.

Sunday School report adopted. (See Report VIII)

On motion, the clerk calls the roll. A motion prevailed to take recess till 2 p. m. Prayer by L. E. Tucker.

The stand was filled at 11 a. m. by Elder W. D. White. Subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?"

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator. Prayer and Song.

Call for Association letters renewed. None to respond.

A motion that we undertake to raise \$100 to pay Bro. H. C. Lamb's expenses at the Mountain Home College for the coming year was lost.

Private subscriptions were pledged to the amount of \$45.00. The list of contributors is as follows:

Mtn. Home.....	\$10 00
Oakland	2 50
Pilgrim's Rest.....	5 00

Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Whiteville.....	5 00
G. W. Anglin.....	2 50
J. M. Randall.....	1 00
J. R. Plumlee.....	1 00
E. F. Hand.....	1 00
J. C. Copeland.....	1 00
S. F. Tucker.....	2 50
E. M. McCarty.....	1 00
Rupert Nanny.....	1 00
Roy Jenkins (Paid).....	1 00
J. H. Marler.....	1 00
J. B. Crane.....	1 00
L. B. Phillips.....	1 00
J. W. Pierce.....	1 00
Mrs. H. C. Firestone.....	1 00
Miss Josie Williams.....	1 00

Total.....45 50

The regular order of work is suspended and miscellaneous business taken up.

The church at New Hope, in Marion county, is selected as the place for the next sitting of the Association.

Call for Associational letters is renewed. Two are offered. One from the church at Cotter, the other from New Athens.

It is the action of the body that the money in the hands of the Finance Committee be delivered to Bro. Lee Paul, whose duty it shall be to settle with Elder Bayless for missionary work.

By election Elder B. L. Bayless was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the sitting of the Association in 1909. Eld. J. H. Marler was selected as alternate.

A motion prevailed authorizing the committee on Finance to turn over to the clerk all minute funds. The same to be used by him for the publication and distribution of minutes.

A motion prevailed to give the money now on hand from the State Board, \$22.00, to the contribution fund for schooling Bro. H. C. Lamb.

The report on Woman's Work was read and adopted. For

same with fiscal agents appointed by the moderator. (See Report IX)

Report of Bro. B. L. Bayless, Missionary: Days labored 24, sermons preached 26, miles traveled 214, conversions 12, baptisms 6, churches organized 1. Received payment in full.

Report of J. H. Marler, assistant missionary: Days labored 9, sermons preached 9, public addresses 5, public prayers 8, religious visits 4. Received full payment.

By election, H. C. Lamb was selected missionary and J. H. Marler assistant missionary for the ensuing year.

Report on state missions adopted. (See Report X.)

Motion for adjournment till after services at night carries. Prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith.

Preaching at night by Eld. W. B. Collins.

NIGHT SESSION.

After a spirited discussion over an amendment which was lost the report on destitution was adopted. (See Report XI.)

The committee on destitution for the past year report as follows: We, your committee, of the White River Baptist Association, beg leave to report. We have collected from the churches \$49 80. And, after having paid missionaries for the time they were employed, we have a balance of \$8.80. Signed J. L. PAUL.

A motion prevails authorizing Bro. Paul to turn over all mission money in his charge to the treasurer of the association.

Adjournment is taken until 8 a. m. Monday. Prayer by Eld. Marler.

Services were held on Sunday as follows: At 11 a. m. preaching by Elders Smith and Hilton. In the afternoon by Rev. Clipper. At night by Eld. J. A. Smith.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by M. H. Wolf. A motion prevails to employ missionary at \$1.50 per day to work so long as there is money to pay.

The newly appointed committee on missionary work handed in their report and secured its adoption. (See Report XIII.)

By authority of the body the moderator appointed Henry Horn, J. H. Marler and J. C. Copeland a committee to arrange for

5th Sunday meetings.

The church at Powell is designated, as the meeting place for next 5th Sunday meeting. Meeting to begin on Friday night before.

A motion prevails requiring the treasurer of this association to turn over all missionary funds in his charge to the treasurer of the missionary committee.

Report on resolutions was read and adopted. (See Report XIII.)

The body adjourned to meet with the church at New Hope on Friday before the 1st Monday in September, 1909. The parting hand was taken, followed by prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith.

F. M. ANGEL,
CLERK.

ELD. W. D. WHITE,
MODERATOR.

Reports.

I—FOREIGN MISSIONS—We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows: On hearing the letters read from the churches of this association, we do believe that foreign missions are almost neglected by this association. Therefore, we would recommend that we, as the church or body of Christ, do more for the cause of foreign missions. We claim to be the church of Christ and believe the commission was given to the church to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Therefore, we would recommend that the churches of this association arouse ourselves to the Master's Cause. H. H. HILTON, CHAIRMAN.

II—We, your committee on Baptist Literature, respectfully submit the following report—The Baptist Publishing Company, located at Little Rock, Ark., is publishing a sound Baptist paper, under the title of *The Arkansas Baptist*. Its editor is C. R. Powell. This paper is set for the defense of sound Baptist doctrine. We recommend that the brethren of this association endorse and support *The Arkansas Baptist* by subscribing for it and reading same. We recommend any other sound Baptist literature that is published. We recommend above all else, the Bible, as the best Baptist literature.—J. A. SMITH, WM. BRADY, T. J. MEREDITH.

III—The day has come when the importance of education is recognized by all. The people of this country are accepting the truth of an old writer who said: "We must educate or we must perish." Education forms the chief distinction between savage and civilized nations. We have the very best opportunities now to educate our children. Public schools, high schools, colleges and universities open their doors and invite young men and young ladies, boys and girls to enter and prepare themselves for lives of usefulness. Mountain Home Baptist College should be more nearer to the hearts of the Baptists of North Arkansas than any other school, because it is a child of this association. It belongs to you brethren. Mountain Home Baptist College was founded by the White River Baptist Association in 1892. It was endorsed by adjacent associations in North Arkansas and South Missouri. It is here that our preachers may be educated without paying tuition.

Brethren, we need an educated ministry. Let us help young preachers to enter our school and prepare themselves to do better work. Our college is now on a good working basis. It has a competent faculty of energetic teachers. The prospects are bright for a successful term this year. We earnestly recommend that this association pledge itself to support this college with its means and by sending students there for instruction.—J. A. SMITH, J. L. PAUL, LAWRENCE KNIGHT.

IV—We, your committee, beg to report as follows: We suggest that our associational missionaries and the pastors of this association urge the baptist people to give of their means to the support of the Orphans Home.—COMMITTEE.

V—We, the committee on temperance, submit the following report: Realizing that tipping and dram drinking are among the greatest curses known to our day and time, knowing that it breaks down the full work of public protection and counteracts the safeguards of the home and certainly destroys the manhood and the individual usefulness of everyone that partakes of it. Therefore, we earnestly recommend that the churches of this association carefully discipline their members who are addicted to drinking or who deal in any way with intoxicating liquor. Further still, we desire to recommend that every baptist voter withhold his support from all individuals for political preference who drink or deal in intoxicants in any way.—H. C. LAMB, C. F. STONE, J. W. PIERCE.

SUPPLEMENT—Resolved, that each one on returning home go to work to accomplish the suppression of the sale and use of intoxicants in every form.—W. B. COLLINS.

VI—We, your committee on finances, report as follows: Received for minute fund, \$22.30; received for Orphans Home, \$1.00; received for associational missions, \$29.80—L. E. TUCKER, J. W. PIERCE, J. M. RANDALL.

VII—Your committee report as follows: We find that God has preserved the lives of all ministers of White River Association and we recommend that we bow in humble thanks to Him that doeth all things well.—H. M. HORN, J. H. MARLER, E. M. MCCARTY.

VIII—We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find from the

reading of the letters that there has been little done in the Sunday School work within the bounds of White River association and we suggest that the pastors of the churches and our missionary and also the fathers and mothers take more interest in the Sunday School, for the Lord commands us to train up the child in the way it should go.—C. J. HORN, CHAIRMAN.

IX—Your committee on Woman's Work report:—We find from the Bible that woman was created for a companion and help-mate to man, and we believe upon the Christian mothers and sisters of our land depend, in a great measure, the spread of the gospel of Christ. We recommend that the moderator appoint one brother from each church of this association to assist the sisters of their churches to compose themselves into a committee to do all in their power in collecting means for the spread of the gospel in the bounds of White River association.—J. C. COPELAND, CHAIRMAN.

The following were appointed by the moderator: Antioch, Eugene Johnson; Blooming Grove, Alex James; Friendship, C. H. Bingman; Hopewell, Henry Horn; Mt. Pleasant, J. C. Copeland; Mt. Grove, M. M. Jenkins; Mtn. Home, Lee Paul; New Prospect, Will Thompson; New Harmony; D. C. Gregory; New Hope, Ulis Firestone; New Athens, Henry Smith; Oak Grove, Frank Copeland; Oakland, Jacob Skiver; Pilgrims Rest, J. F. Martin; Pleasant Grove, T. M. Rea; Pleasant Hill, F. M. Angel; Palestine, Joe Eubank; Whiteville, A. B. Walton.

X—We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: The State Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas has eight missionaries in the field. These missionaries have been sent out by the churches. They are doing excellent work. There has been a large number of conversions and baptisms in connection with their work.

We would respectfully recommend that the churches in this Association co-operate with the State Association in supporting these missionaries.—J. A. SMITH, T. M. REA, J. B. CRANE.

XI—We, your committee on Destitution, beg leave to report as follows: We realize that there is great destitution within the

bounds of our Association and we recommend that this body elect a missionary to supply the destitution within its bounds with Baptist preaching during this associational year; and we further recommend that the moderator appoint a committee of one from each church to solicit means for his support. We recommend that the pastors of the churches of this Association impress upon each church the solemn duty of giving of their means for the support of the gospel in the destitute part of this Association. — ELDERS B. L. BAYLESS, J. H. MARLER, H. C. LAMB.

Appointment same as in Woman's Work.

XII—We, your committee on the Missionary Work, beg to report that we have met and elected Brother J. L. Paul, chairman; Brother J. C. Copeland, secretary; Brother H. M. Horn, treasurer.

Three members of this committee constitute a quorum.

Our first meeting will be with the Fifth Sunday Meeting at 2 p. m.—J. C. COPELAND, SECRETARY.

XIII—We, your committee on Resolutions submit: Resolved, That this body direct its clerk to have the articles of faith, rules of decorum, and full proceedings of this body, printed. Resolved, That the clerk of this body, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; and that he have \$5.25 for his services, said money to be paid out of minute fund. 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.—M. M. JENKINS, CHAIRMAN.

MINISTERS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	ADDRESSES.
Antich	J. W. Pierce	B. L. Bayless	A. Johnson	Flippin, Ark.
Bethel	E. M. McCarty, A. B. Morrow	H. C. Lamb	J. G. McCarty	Yellville, Ark.
Blooming Grove	J. A. Keeter, C. L. Wolf	H. C. Lamb	L. D. Wolf	Comal, Ark.
Cotter	By Letter	J. P. Loveless	P. M. Danner	Cotter, Ark.
Friendship	J. M. Randall	J. L. Marler	J. Randall	Benville, Ark.
Hopewell	H. M. Horn, W. M. Tucker, J. B. Crane, C. J. Horn	J. G. Walker	T. O. Horn	Mountain Home, Ark.
Mount Pleasant	H. H. Hilton, E. Denington, J. C. Copeland, W. L. Loman	J. G. Walker	I. W. Barnett	Gassville, Ark.
Mountain Grove	M. M. Jenkins	B. L. Bayless	M. Jenkins	Oakland, Ark.
Mountain Home	J. L. Paul, J. A. Smith, Jas. Finley	J. A. Smith	J. L. Paul	Mountain Home, Ark.
New Athens	By Letter	W. D. Jennings	W. H. Wilson	Vidette, Ark.
New Harmony	B. L. Bayless, J. N. Mohny, J. R. Plumlee	B. L. Bayless	J. R. Plumlee	Oakland, Ark.
New Hope	H. C. Lamb, J. G. Dillahunty, R. Jenkins, R. Nanny	H. C. Lamb	J. G. Dillahunty	Adams, Ark.
New Prospect	Frank Casey, A. W. Casey, S. L. Sharp, Win Brady	J. C. Cooper	Wm. Brady	Pyatt, Ark.
Oakland	T. J. Meredith, C. F. Stone	W. D. Jennings	C. F. Stone	Mountain Home, Ark.
Palestine	J. L. Gilleland, L. Knight	J. A. Copeland	J. E. Eubank	Huford, Ark.
Pilgrims' Rest	J. F. Martin, W. D. White, J. H. Marler	W. D. White	J. F. Martin	Independence, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	T. M. Rea, Franklin Bench	W. J. Barnett	Franklin Bench	Onset, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	F. Z. Pulliam, J. H. Nanny, M. H. Wolf, F. M. Angel	W. B. Collins	A. D. Morgan	Bruno, Ark.
Sardin	By Letter	B. L. Bayless	J. R. Willbank	Pontiac, Mo.
Whiteville	L. E. Tucker, A. B. Walton, W. A. Tucker	W. D. White	L. E. Tucker	Gassville, Ark.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Number in Organization	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Received by Statement	Decreased by Letter	Decreased by Exclusion	Decreased by Death	Present Membership	The Year Constituted	Days of week - Incl. Sundays	Minute Fund	Pastors' Salary	Incidental Expenses	Buildings and Repairs	Associational Missions	State Missions	Orphan's Home	Foreign Miss	Ministerial Relief	Sunday School Literature	Num. in School	Yellville, Siverslade and Oak Grove not represented
Antich			4						41			1 25	27 15										
Bethel								1	31	1887	4th	60										43	
Blooming Grove	7							1	34	1914	1st	75	23 35				16 40			1 50		60	
Cotter		5							36		1st	1 00	180 00					6 75	4 50		40 00	60	
Friendship	1								19	1882	1st	80	7 25			1 50	25				6 00	75	
Hopewell	2			1	1			1	87	1874	1st	2 00	7 50								6 00	85	
Mount Pleasant	10								105	1864	3rd	2 00	14 35										
Mountain Grove	1							2	22	1890	4th	1 00	17 50	4 00		4 85							
Mountain Home	1	5						2	61	1864	Full Time	2 00	140 00	24 00		17 00	20 00	5 00		10 00	28 00	50	
New Athens	1								65	1891	1st	1 00	38 00										
New Harmony	6	14						2	64	1872	3rd	1 50	18 50		5 00								
New Hope	19	6							48		2nd	1 35	12 25				19 50						
New Prospect	18	1			13			2	56	1887	4th	1 50	27 00				6 00						
Oakland	1								45	1881	3rd	1 00	16 00	4 00									
Palestine	1	2						4	43	1871	3rd	1 00	5 00	5 00	160 00							50	
Pilgrims' Rest									151	1872	2nd	2 00	8 64			2 04						41	
Pleasant Grove									18	1863	1st	1 00	21 75									40	
Pleasant Hill	7	1						1	107	1871	1st	1 50	100 00					1 00					
Sardin		2							10	1904	1st	1 65											
Whiteville	10	2						4	84	1892	4th	1 40	5 40	85	19 50					2 55			

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 meetings 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 advise. 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.

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 su-

preme 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, 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 appointments 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 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 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 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 only all-sufficient 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 agents 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 discourages 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 christian assurance, and 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 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 reserving 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 into salvation.

12. We believe that the law of God is the 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 establishment of the visible church.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the 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 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 Saviour 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 in 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 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 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 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 conditions 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 reprov'd 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 by the moderator at each session, and applied to such benevolent purposes as the association may direct.

Rules of Order.

1. 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 and mesengers.
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 Brethern: We send as messengers: Elder.....
and Brethern.....

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 Sabbath 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.....