

MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment the White River Missionary Baptist Association met with Whiteville Baptist Church, Gassville, Baxter County Arkansas, September 2nd, 1910, at 10 a. m.

Association opened with song and prayer.

The introductory sermon, a very strong discourse, was delivered by Elder H. H. Hilton.

The Clerk being absent the Moderator appointed Bro. Wilson Angel as Clerk pro tem.

The church letters were read by Brethren J. G. Walker and J. L. Paul. who were appointed by the Moderator for that duty.

In the election of officers for the ensuing year, Brethren Dennington, L. T. Marler and C. D. Pitchford were appointed to take the votes for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer respectively. The result was as follows: For Moderator, Elder J. P. Lovelace; for Clerk, W. B. Easley; for Treasurer, J. G. Dillahunty.

Call made for petitionary letter. One presented by Yellville church, Yellville, Ark. By motion and second was received. Quality Ridge church, Mountain Home, Ark., also presented a letter and by action of the body was received.

Recess taken until 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by Bro. Dennington.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. H. Marler. Renewed the call for petitionary letters. Whereupon the Jimmie Creek church, post office Kingdon Springs, Ark., presented a letter and by motion and second was received.

Called for corresponding messengers who attended other Associations.

Whereupon Bro. H. H. Hilton reported that he had visited Backy Bayou Association, and found them strong in the faith and doing good work. Bro. Uris Firestone and Bro. Wilson Angel also reported that they had visited Crooked Creek Association and found them strong in the faith and doing a good work.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—J. G. Walker, J. G. Dillahunt, Jesse Powell and B. F. Lamb.

RESOLUTIONS—R. F. Nanny, T. O. Horn and J. M. Randall.

FINANCE—J. W. Pierce, B. H. Marler and Claud Stone.

HOME MISSIONS—W. H. Douglass, L. E. Tucker and Henry Horn.

STATE MISSIONS—W. R. Jones, H. C. Lamb and J. L. Paul.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. G. Walker, Eugene Horton and R. L. Barnett.

DECEASED MINISTERS—J. H. Marler, John Horner and W. M. Jenkins.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. D. White, A. J. Copeland and W. H. Douglass.

TEMPERANCE—Barten Bayless, E. M. McCartv and D. Wolf.

BAPTIST LITERATURE—H. C. Lamb, Ullis Firestone and Will Brady.

EDUCATION—C. Hodge, W. R. Jones and J. L. Paul.

WOMAN'S WORK—J. B. Smith, Allen Arnett and H. L. Stanley.

DESTITUTION—H. H. Hilton, Fred Farmer and W. R. Pierce.

ORPHANS' HOME—J. G. Walker, Alex James and Wilson Angel.

OBITUARIES—W. D. Jennings, Joe Eubank and J. H. Nanny.

"Motion and second to appoint a committee on the History of the White River Association. Said committee to report at the next session. The committee follows: W. R. Jones, chairman; H. H. Hilton, Roy Tramell, T. O. Horn, A. S. Woods, J. M. Casey and W. D. White.

The constitution and rules of order were read by Bro. Wilson Angel.

By motion and second the Clerk was given until 9 o'clock Saturday morning to complete the roll.

Appointment of messengers to Sister Associations:

ROCKY BAYOU—J. P. Lovelace, R. D. Cooper and L. E. Tucker.

BLUE MOUNTAIN—J. A. Copeland, R. F. Nanny and Eugene Horton.

CROOKED CREEK—J. H. Marler, C. Hodge, H. C. Lamb, Ulis Firestone, H. H. Hilton, H. L. Stanley and W. R. Jones.

BIG CREEK—W. R. Pierce, W. B. Easley and W. D. Jennings.

UNION No. 2—W. R. Jones, George Horner, Ulis Firestone and Alex James.

INDEPENDENCE—J. A. Copeland, E. M. Smothers and J. P. Lovelace.

COUNTY LINE—W. D. Jennings, J. M. Randall, C. M. Brantley, J. H. Marler and J. B. Smith.

CAROL COUNTY—Wilson Angel, R. F. Nanny and Ulis Firestone.

Motion and second to send Bro. W. R. Jones as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. Carried.

Motion and second that we suspend the regular order of business and take up miscellaneous business. Carried.

By motion and second this Association will hold its next annual meeting with the Hopewell Baptist church, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Carried.

By motion and second it was agreed to elect by private ballot some one to preach the introductory sermon. The next highest to be alternate. Carried.

Resulted in the election of Elder J. H. Marler, and Elder H. C. Lamb, alternate

Report of committee on Divine Service:

Elder R. F. Nanny to preach at 7:30 p. m., followed by Elder C. M. Brantley.

By motion and second to apply the Sunday collections of the Association of 1909 to Associational Mission Work. Carried.

Motion and second to take recess until Saturday morning at 9 a. m. Carried. Prayer by Elder J. B. Smith.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. D. White. Roll call.

Renewed the call for corresponding messengers.

Motion and second that the Moderator appoint a committee on associational missions. Carried.

Committee as follows:

A. Johnson, T. O. Horn and J. E. Eubank.

Call for report of committees:

The report on Destitution read and adopted. (See report 1.)

The report on State Missions read and adopted. (See report 2.)

The report on Deceased ministers read and adopted. (See report 3.)

Prayer by Elder W. D. White.

Motion and second to take recess until 2 o'clock p. m. Carried.

Prayer by W. D. White.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elder Barten Bayless and Elder W. D. Jennings.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

2 P. M.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder F. P. Turner.

Called for report of committees.

The report on Home Missions read and adopted. (See report 4.)

The report on Orphans' Home read and adopted. (See report 5.)

The report on Foreign Missions read and adopted. (See report 6.)

The report on Obituaries read and adopted. (See report 7.)

Motion and second that the Clerk insert in the minutes the number and names of the dead. Carried.

The report of committee on Woman's Work read and adopted. (See report 8.)

The report of committee on Finance read and adopted. (See report 9.)

The report of committee on Associational Missions read and adopted. (See report 10.)

The Moderator appointed a board of five to superintend the mission work in the White River Association. Following is the board: W. H. Douglass, Chairman; W. R. Jones, Secretary; J. G.

Dillahunty, Treasurer; J. M. Pierce and T. O. Horn. Said committee selected Elder H. C. Lamb, as Missionary; Elder J. B. Smith was elected as Associational Missionary for the next year.

The report of the Associational Missionary read and adopted. (See report 11.)

Motion and second that the Finance committee turn over the money to the Treasurer. Carried.

The report of committee on education read. (See report 12.)

Motion and second to lay over the report on Education until Monday morning at 8 a. m. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn until Monday morning at 8 a. m. Carried.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Smith.

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Elder C. Hodge, followed by Eugene Horn.

SUNDAY MORNING

10:30 A. M.

Preaching by Elder J. S. Rodgers, Corresponding Secretary for the Arkansas State Convention. After which a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to \$41.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2 P. M.

Preaching by Elder F. P. Turner, Manager of the Orphans' Home, Monticello, Ark. Collection for Orphans' Home, \$30; cash pledged \$12.

SUNDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M.

Preaching by Elder J. P. Lovelace.

MONDAY MORNING.

8 A. M.

The Moderator called the house to order.

Prayer by Bro. W. R. Pierce.

Report on Education taken up and adopted.

Motion and second that the treasurer pay over the money to the Associational Committee. Carried.

The report of committee on Resolutions read and adopted.
(See report 13.)

The report of committee on Baptist Literature read and adopted.
(See report 14.)

The report of committee on Sunday Schools read and adopted.
(See report 15.)

Motion and second that the Treasurer pay over the Minute Funds to the Clerk. Carried.

The committee on Temperance submitted a report, which was read and adopted. (See report 16.)

Moderator appointed Elder J. B. Smith and H. C. Lamb to organize Sunday Schools, in accordance with report on Resolutions.

The Moderator appointed a committee of five to correspond with Southern Baptist Convention in regard to taking charge of Mountain Home College. Committee as follows: W. R. Jones, J. G. Walker, W. H. Douglass, H. H. Hilton and W. D. White.

Motion and second that we adjourn to meet with the Hopewell Baptist church on Friday at 10 a. m. before the first Sunday in September, 1911.

The parting hand was taken, followed by prayer by Elder R. L. Barnett.

ELDER J. P. LOVELACE,

W. B. EASLEY, CLERK.

MODERATOR.

REPORTS.

1. We your committee on Destitution beg leave to report as follows: We realize that there is still great destitution within the bounds of this Association, and we recommend that this body continue the work already begun by again electing a Missionary to supply the destitution within its bounds during this Associational year; and we further recommend that the pastors and deacons of the various churches do all in their power to raise means for the support of such Missionary.

H. H. HILTON, CHAIRMAN.

FRED FARMER,

W. R. PIERCE, COMMITTEE.

2. We your committee on State Missions respectfully submit the following report: State Missions are a very vital part of our denominational work. If Baptists are strong in this department of work every other interest of the denomination is certain to be taken care of and developed in time. It is the rallying ground and the field of discipline for every other denominational battle.

State Missions furnish the fullest and freest and nearest outlet for the energy of our churches. A vigorous State Mission policy means that our churches are clearing the field for world-wide action. Let no Baptist church in the White River Association fail to press this interest to the lost member.

There are two bodies of Baptists in Arkansas doing State Mission work. One is called the State Association and the other the Baptist State Convention. Immortal souls are being saved and added to the Baptist churches through the efforts of each of these organizations.

Your committee has not complete statistics at hand, but has enough to show the good work that is being done. Last year the State Association brethren employed seven missionaries to do evangelical work in this State. They reported 360 conversions, 273 baptisms and about 400 additions in all. We have not at hand the amount of funds raised to carry on this work.

The State Convention brethren had 83 State men employed, and they reported 4156 conversions, 3202 baptisms and 4638 additions in all. So far this year the report for State Mission work is exceedingly gratifying.

Your committee recognizes the perfect freedom of every Baptist church, and of any member of any Baptist church, to contribute to either of these bodies as conscience may direct; but we urge upon every Baptist church, and every member of every Baptist church, within the bounds of this Association, to support one or the other of these mission bodies, or both if they see fit, and let us do our part in the White River Association toward saving lost souls in Arkansas.

Your committee would also urge that every Baptist in this Association strive to obtain all the facts possible concerning State Mission work. We would also urge upon every pastor within the Association to preach to each church of which he is pastor at least one sermon during the year on State Mission work, and that he obtain and give his charge all the information possible on this important work; and that he take up a collection for State Mission purposes before the next meetings of the two bodies mentioned.

Send all money as collected, or donated by zealous brethren, for the State Association to G. R. Roebuck, Haynes, Ark., and all money collected or donated for the benefit of the State Convention to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, Ark.

Let us praise our Heavenly Father for his gracious blessings

on this department of our work and let us pray God to help us do double the work for State Missions next year than we have done this year. And may our Baptist churches, while conducting this work, stand for old-time Baptist doctrines and declare our faith with no uncertain sound, and thus help make Arkansas a mighty Baptist stronghold and an integral part of the great world-soul-saving force that is marching on to victory.

W. R. JONES, CHAIRMAN.

3. We, your committee on Deceased Ministers, report as follows: Realizing that God has seen fit in his wisdom to spare the lives of all the ministers of this Association, for which we are glad,

Resolved, That this Association bow in humble prayer and ask the Lord to spare the lives of all the ministers of this Association during this Associational year. Prayer-led by Elder W. D. White.

J. H. MARLER, CHAIRMAN.

4. We, your committee on Home Missions, report as follows:

Believing, as we do, in the preached Word of God, and as the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who hear and believe it, we urge the churches to give liberally of their means to supply the destitution of our home fields. We urge this Association to do Home Mission work through either the Southern Baptist Convention or General Association.

L. E. TUCKER, H. M. HORN, W. H. DOUGLASS, COMMITTEE.

5. We, your committee on Orphanage Work, respectfully submit the following:

We now have two Orphans' Homes in Arkansas—one at Monticello and the other at Texarkana. The Home at Monticello is under the management of the State Convention; the one at Texarkana is under the management of the State Association. There are about 125 in the Home at Monticello, and about 20 in the Home at Texarkana. Bro. Carter is superintendent and his wife is matron at Texarkana. Bro. J. N. Williams is superintendent and his wife is matron at Monticello. Both of these institutions are in need of money to take care of the children. We recommend therefore that this Association take an offering in cash and pledges for the orphans and that each individual and church be permitted to give or pledge to the Home of his choice.

We further recommend that all our churches and Sunday schools take an offering for the orphans some time during the next Associational year. Send all money intended for the Orphans'

Home at Monticello to F. P. Turner, Box 832, Little Rock, Ark. Send all money intended for Texarkana to J. W. Sims, Marvell, Ark. Respectfully submitted. COMMITTEE.

6. We, your committee on Foreign Missions, report as follows: We deplore the sad state of affairs in regard to Foreign Missions in our Association. But few churches are giving anything to this cause. We would urge our brethren to think more on this cause and do more in propagating the gospel in heathern lands. Christ's command, "Go into all the world," is as urgent today as it ever was in the past.

We would ask that every church take up a collection for Foreign Missions some time during the year and forward to the mission field, and thus be a helper in the world's redemption.

J. G. WALKER, CHAIRMAN; R. L. BARNETT, EUGENE HORTON, COMMITTEE.

7. We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

We find that the Lord in His wisdom has called from among us by death fifteen of our brethren and sisters. While it is sad to part with our loved ones, yet we know that the good Lord doeth all things well. Therefore we bow in humble submission to his will.

W. D. JENNINGS, CHAIRMAN.

8. We, your committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to report the following:

We find by reading the Bible that woman was created for man's companion and helpmate, and woman's work and influence in the joys of Christ and the apostles were great, and have been in the history of the church in all ages. Therefore we recommend that the brethren of this Association aid and encourage the sisters in this noble work that they may do more for the Master's cause.

J. B. SMITH, CHAIRMAN.

9. We, your committee on Finance beg to make the following report: There have been paid by the churches of the White River Association for minutes \$29.75. J. W. PIERCE, CHAIRMAN.

10. We, your committee on Associational Missions would respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, there is great destitution in our bounds, we therefore recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee consisting of five brethren to solicit funds from any legitimate source that they may choose and employ one man for full time or two men for half time as missionaries to preach in the bounds of this Association. We urge upon all our churches to contribute liberally for support of this work.

A. JOHNSON, T. O. HORN, JOE EUBANK, COMMITTEE.

11. The following is a report of my mission work ending September 2, 1910: I gave one-half time for ten months, with the following results: Twenty-four conversions where there was no church and 32 among the churches, total 56. Baptisms 34, additions 45, churches organized 1, Sunday schools organized 3, homes visited 47, miles traveled 725, for which I have been paid in full.

H. C. LAMB, MISSIONARY, YELLVILLE, ARK.

12. We, your committee on Education submit the following report:

It is with sad forebodings that we state that our free public schools are not in all cases meeting with the requirements for which they were intended; that while a constantly higher scholastic attainment is required of public school teachers, no particular stress is being laid on moral and religious qualifications, either for our teachers or school directors. As a result of this fatal negligence many of our school teachers smoke cigarettes, use intoxicating liquors and openly take the name of God in vain. The baleful influence of such teachers over the minds and souls of our children can not be estimated. It can only be measured by eternity.

We therefore recommend that our Baptist people wake up to the fearful situation into which we are drifting. We cannot afford at the present time to oppose our free school system, as our people throughout the history of this county have led in favoring it.

The time has come when Baptist people should see that none but Christian men hold the position of County Examiner and that they demand of him not to license any teacher whose moral qualifications are in doubt, and that they also see that only Christian men, or at least those of established moral character, serve as School Directors and demand of such directors a high moral standard for the men and women who are to teach our precious children. We also regret the distance in sentiment between the Mountain Home Baptist College and our Baptist boys and girls who so sadly need a Christian education. We feel that it is the duty of this body to find out who is to blame for this situation. The good people of Mountain Home, who have almost bankrupted themselves to secure this institution, claim, and with justice we believe, that the Baptist people of this Association have not properly patronized this school. We would therefore urge the Baptists of this Association to give us a more hearty co-operation in the management and upbuilding of this Christian school, both finan-

dially and by your patronage. The sacrifice and prayers and tears that this institution has cost should not pass by without notice or in vain.

We also recommend the Ouachita Baptist College and urge our young men whom God has called to preach to enter this splendid school and complete a full course and be better prepared for the Master's work. This school is also badly in need of your financial aid. Let us rally to its support and honor our Heavenly Father with our support.

We also recommend Central Baptist College at Conway for young ladies as a training school for our daughters that they may be developed into strong useful Christian ladies.

C. HODGE, W. R. JONES, J. L. PAUL, COMMITTEE.

13. We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

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 to be paid out of the minutes funds.

Resolved, That this body extend its thanks to the members of this church and to the good people of this vicinity for the hospitality, kindness and Christian courtesy received while with them.

Resolved, That a committee of three members of this Association be appointed by the Moderator to investigate and report to this Association, at its next meeting, the condition of affairs regarding the Mountain Home Baptist College, to the end that it may be taken charge of by the Home Board at Atlanta and made one of our Southern Baptist Mountain Schools as soon as may be deemed practical. It being understood that no action shall be taken effecting the present statutes of the school before the next meeting of this Association; but in the meantime let the committee be urged to take the matter up with the Home Board, and urge that body to be ready at the proper time to take charge of the school, finance it and make it the first Mountain Baptist school west of the Mississippi River.

R. F. NANNY, CHAIRMAN.

14 We your committee on Baptist Literature, beg to make the following report:

First, we recommend the reading and careful studying of the

Bible. Second, we recommend the reading of all sound Baptist literature.

H. C. LAMB, CHAIRMAN.

15. We your committee on Sunday School beg to make the following report:

We find from reading the letters from different churches, that there is but little interest being manifested in Sunday School work in the bounds of the White River Association.

Therefore we suggest that the Moderator appoint someone in each of the destitute localities to organize and carry on the Sunday School work in their respective churches. W. D. WHITE,

CHAIRMAN.

16. We your committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Realizing that tippling and dram drinking are among the greatest curses known to our day and time, and knowing that it breaks down the full work of public protection and conteracts the safe guards of the home and certainly destroys the manhood and 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 liquors. Further still we recommend that every Baptist voter withhold his support from all individuals for political preference who deal in intoxicants in any way. And what we urge as regards intoxicants we would also urge regarding cigaretts.

B. L. BAYLESS, CHAIRMAN,

E. M. McCARTY, DOW WOLF.

We your committee appointed at your last session to solocit funds from the churches and other sources to support a Missionary submit as follows:

We have paid our Missionary in full and have on hand the balance of \$17.04.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Num. in Organiza'tion	Recd. by Baptism	Recd. by Letter	Received by Res- toration	Rec'd by Statement	Decreased by Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decreased by Death	Present Mem'ship	The Year Constitut'd	Days of Meeting	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building & Repair	Asstional Missions	State Missions	Orphan's Home	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Relief	Sun. Sch'l Literature	Mem's in Sun. Sch'l	Home Missions	
Antioch	14	2	1			3	1	3	77		3rd Sunday	\$2 30	\$ 22 50			\$10 00	\$ 5 95							
Bethel										1904	4th "	50	15 00											
Blooming Grove		11	3			3	1		51		3rd "	75	30 00			5 50						53		
Cotter			3			7			49		2nd and 4th "	1 50	150 00	\$12 00		5 25	59 00	\$15 00	\$40 00			38		
Friendship			2				1		15	1882	1st "	50												
Hopewell			1		1	3	1	4	1	1874		2 05	41 60	53 75		5 50	3 25			3 04			60	
Mount Pleasant		4	5			7	7		1	125	1868	3rd "	1 25	14 00										
Mountain Grove									1	20	1890	1st "	35	7 50										
Mountain Home		3	5		1		4		2	63	1868		2 00		46 00		13 50	77 61	55 15	18 00		\$30 00	50	\$17 00
Jimmie Creek										14	1910													
New Athens									1	65	1891	2nd "	1 00	18 00			2 50							
New Harmony		3	1		1		1			67	1872	3rd "	1 50	14 75									20	
New Hope		20	5			5				77		2nd "	2 00	100 00	3 00		5 42			10 00	\$72 18	2 85	85	12 60
New Prospect		2				2	2			52	1888	4th "	1 25	22 70			4 07						35	
Oakland									27	1881	3rd "	1 00	13 00	1 00					3 25	4 25				
Palastine	4	1			8	1	1	3	68	1871	"	1 00	12 55	2 50			11 12			79 00	7 50			
Pilgrim's Rest				2		1	2	1	158	1872	2nd "	1 50	8 25	1 00		1 95						64		
Pleasant Grove			1						15	1883	2nd "	50												
Pleasant Hill	1				1	2	1		119	1871	"	2 00	120 00			31			3 35			3 30		
Quality Ridge	2	8							15	1909	4th "	50	3 50											
Sardis	9	5					1		27	1908	2nd "	1 00	16 77											
Whiteville	6	2					1		97	1892	4th "	1 50	13 05	1 70		8 90								
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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 advice. And it may receive churches into this Association or dismiss churches from the body, inquire into the state of religion in its bounds, and suggest measures for its advancement, and be a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power over the churches.

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

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 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; 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 Savior with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite 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 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 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 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 messengers.
6. Call for corresponding letters and messengers.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Read constitution and rules of order.
9. Call and correct the roll and note absentees.
10. Call report of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of Association.
16. Appoint 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 letter.....

Decrease by exclusion.....

Decrease by death.....

Total membership.....

Constituted in the year 19.....

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.....19.....

.....Moderator

.....Church Clerk.

Postoffice.....