

Minutes

OF THE

Seventy-Second Session of the Old Organization

AND THE

Forty-Seventh Session of the New Organization

OF THE

White River Baptist Association

HELD WITH

New Athens Church, Baxter County, Arkansas.

September 4-5-6 - 1914

OFFICERS:

W. H. McCUISTION, Moderator,	:	Rea Valley, Ark.
T. O. HORN, Clerk,	:	Mountain Home, Ark.
J. G. DILLAHUNTY, Treas.	:	Yellville, Ark.

MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment the White River Missionary Baptist Association convened with new Athens church at Cumi, September 4th, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The body selected Dr. R. M. Inlow of Little Rock to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The clerk being absent the moderator appointed T. O. Horn clerk pro tem.

On motion the Association proceeded with the organization. W. R. Jones and J. L. McCarty acting as reading clerks. After the reading of the letters, the moderator appointed three tellers to take the vote. Dr. R. M. Inlow, for moderator; Elder W. H. Bolin, for clerk; Mr. Frank Rea, for treasurer. The tellers reported as follows: For moderator, Elder W. H. McCuiston; for clerk, T. O. Horn; for treasurer, J. G. Dillahunt.

The moderator appointed the messenger of New Athens church the committee on Divine Service. On motion the body took recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

2:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Elder W. H. Bolin.

Call for corresponding messengers was made. Elder W. H. Bolin of Big Creek Association came forward and was seated with the body. Dr. R. M. Inlow, of Little Rock, was seated as a visiting minister.

The moderator appointed the various committees.

On motion the White River Association granted a letter of dismission to New Prospect church so they can unite with Crooked Creek Association.

Report of corresponding messengers. Elder J. P. Lovelace reported that he visited Big Creek Association and found them a loyal band of Baptists.

Corresponding messengers to Sister Associations: To Big Creek Association, Elder W. D. Jennings; Brother Henry Smith to Rocky Bayou Association; Elder J. P. Lovelace and Elder W. H. McCuiston, Crooked Creek Association.

Brothers W. R. Jones, J. G. Dillahunt and Elder Lee Carson the committee on Divine Service made a report.

Preaching Friday night by Elder G. G. Parrott, followed by

Elder W. D. Jennings.

A motion prevailed to select a place for the next meeting, and some one to preach the introductory sermon.

Pilgrim Rest church was selected as the place and Elder W. D. White was selected to preach the introductory sermon; Elder R. L. Carson his alternate.

The committee on Baptist Literature made their report which was adopted as read. See report 1.

The committee on State Missions made their report, which was adopted as read. See report 2.

The committee on Sabbath Schools made their report which was adopted as read. See report 3.

The committee on Christian Education made their report which was adopted. See report 4.

The committee on Associational Missions and Destitution made their report which was amended and adopted. See report 15.

A motion prevailed to take recess until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Association called to order by the moderator.

Prayer by Dr. R. M. Inlow.

The moderator appointed T. O. Horn, J. G. Dillahunt, W. R. Jones, D. C. Gregory and J. L. McCarty Associational Mission Board.

The committee on Schools and Colleges made their report, recommending the appointment of a full board of 12 trustees for the Mountain Home College. Report adopted. See report 5. On motion the selection of the board of trustees was deferred until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The committee on Temperance made their report which was adopted. See report 6.

On motion the body took recess until 1:30 p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Dr. R. M. Inlow.

1:30 P. M.

Body called to order by the moderator.

Prayer by Elder G. L. Sanders.

The committee on Divine Service reported.

Preaching at 8 o'clock p. m. by Elder R. L. Carson, followed by Elder J. B. Smith.

List of trustees for the Mountain Home College as follows:

Elder J. P. Lovelace, chairman: T. O. Horn, J. L. McCarty, W. R. Jones. Elder J. B. Smith, W. H. Douglass, J. L. Paul, D. C. Gregory, R. H. Russell, H. H. Goodman, Eugene Horton, S. J. Stone.

The committee on Home Missions made their report which was adopted. See report 7.

The committee on Orphan Homes made their report which was adopted. See report 8.

The committee on Finance made their report which was adopted. On motion the Finance committee was instructed to turn the money over to the treasurer. See report 9.

The committee on Woman's Work made their report which was adopted. See report 10.

The committee on Deceased Ministers made their report which was adopted. See report 11.

The committee on foreign missions made their report which was adopted. See report 12.

On motion the next Fifth Sunday meeting to be held in Yellville.

The committee on Resolutions made their report which was adopted. See report 13.

The committee on Obituaries made their report which was adopted. See report 14.

The committee on Divine Service reported. Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by W. H. McCuiston, followed by Elder W. D. White.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pilgrim Rest church, six miles north of Gassville, Baxter County, Arkansas, on Friday before the first Sunday in September 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Closing prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings.

T. O. HORN,
Clerk.

ELDER W. H. McCUISTION,
Moderator.

REPORTS.

1—Your committee on Baptist Literature would respectfully submit the following: We urge upon the membership of our church first of all to read the Bible, and that every Baptist family subscribe for and read at least one good sound Baptist paper. J. P. Lovelace, Sidney Stone, G. R. Sanders, Committee.

2—We your committee on State Missions respectfully submit the following: State Missions are a vital part of our denominational work, the unit from which all mission work is launched must forever be the local church and the local churches of Jesus Christ, must forever be left free to carry on his missionary work as they see fit and proper, so long as they do no violence to New Testament principles in the choice of executives for the purpose of carrying on state mission work. The matter is entirely in the hands of the churches affiliating themselves together for the purpose of doing mission work but we feel that it is the duty of every church to take more interest in state mission work than has heretofore been the case within the bounds of this Association and we urge that each one take up a collection for state missions at least once each year and transmit same to whatever board or community they may feel will best advance the cause of Jesus Christ in our beloved state, and we recommend that the state mission be carried on in a spirit of love and not of strife. C. J. Horn, Elder G. G. Parrott, T. J. Meredith, Committee.

3—We your committee on Sabbath Schools find from the reading of the letters that there are but few Sunday Schools in churches of this Association. The Bible teaches us to train our children in the way they should go, and believing that there is no better way, we recommend to organize a Sunday School in each church and not only send our children but go with them. We further recommend that each superintendent be elected by the church and the teachers be appointed by the superintendent. Jacob Skiver, W. H. Douglass, Elder R. L. Carson, Committee.

4—We your committee on Christian Education submit the following report: We urge the education of our children under Christian influences so far as practicable. We believe that every teacher, even in our public schools, should be a Christian man or

woman. Prof. B. A. Spradlin, J. C. Carry, Eugene Horton, Committee.

5—We your committee on Schools and Colleges report as follows: For the education of our boys and girls we recommend Ouachita College and Bodcaw College, and for our girls Central College. We believe these schools deserve the confidence and patronage of every Baptist in the state who has a boy or girl to educate. We believe in higher education and in elementary education under the most wholesome moral and religious influences. The boys and girls of this Association are entitled to Christian education at home. To this end we urge the establishment of a Baptist school at Mountain Home at the earliest date practicable. We further recommend that a full board of trustees be elected by this body to proceed constitutionally and soon to the restoration of this important institution to the Baptist cause and authority. We urge that every Baptist in this Association give this school their prayerful consideration and loyal support and patronage. J. P. Lovelace, D. C. Gregory, J. W. Barnett, B. A. Spradlin, J. B. Smith, Committee.

6 We your committee on temperance report as follows: Realizing the evils of intemperance in our Association and throughout our state we would urge upon every Baptist of this Association to take a stand for state wide prohibition. We also recommend that every Baptist voter in our Association vote against license and voté for state wide prohibition. J. B. Smith, E. W. Owens, J. B. Crane, Committee.

7—We your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following: The Home Board is one of the great agencies employed by a large number of our Southern churches in carrying forward the work of the Kingdom. Its business is, not to do pioneer work in the places where the same can not be well covered by the Associational State Agencies, but to do work supplementary to them as well. The Home Board is also doing missionary work in Cuba and other countries over which our country is at present exercising some kind of authority. It is not only sending out missionaries, and organizing and maintaining schools, but is also assisting in building church houses in desolate places throughout the Southland. We believe that it has done and is doing much good, and feel that our churches should learn more of

the work that is being done by our Home Board. We also hope that our churches will take up at least one collection each year toward carrying on this great work, and recommend that our pastors preach at least one sermon each year on the question of Home missions. W. D. White, W. R. Jones, T. J. Lovelace, Committee.

8—Jesus was fond of little children. The helpless of all classes appealed to him. He has taught us the ministry of mercy. Baptists are forward to show mercy to orphan children. There are two orphan homes in Arkansas under Baptist control. One at Monticello with 180 children and splendid equipment, and one at Texarkana with some 30 children, and buildings now under construction. We urge our people to support this work more heartily. An orphan can be supported one day for 10c or one month for \$3. We recommend that our Sunday Schools and our womens organizations and all of our churches as well make generous contributions for the support of these helpless children. All money for the home of the convention located at Monticello should be sent to R. M. Inlow, Little Rock, and the funds for the Texarkana home should be sent to J. W. Simes, Marvel, Ark. Elder J. P. Lovelace, J. G. Dillahunt, Albert Walker, Committee.

9—We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: We find that the various churches have contributed \$23.55 for printing minutes. C. F. Stone, W. H. Wilson, C. A. Perry, Committee.

10—We your committee on Woman's Work submit the following report: Realizing the noble work done by our Woman's Missionary Union, Ladies Aid and similar organizations, we heartily commend these as worthy of the cares, prayers, and co operation of all our people. We recommend that all our churches, wherever practicable endeavor to organize and maintain some phase of of our Baptist women's work. R. L. Carson, J. W. Barnett, R. D. Cooper, Committee.

11—We your committee on Deceased Ministers beg to submit the following report: After investigation we find that God in his mercy has spared the lives of all the ministers in White River Association. Resolved that we bow in prayer led by Elder W. D. Jennings. Elder J. C. Marler, W. B. Easley, A. D. Jordan, Committee.

12—We your committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit

the following report; There is a great work being done by our missionaries in foreign fields. There never was a time when a dollar given to our foreign missions counted for as much, nor was there a time that there was so little opposition to missionary work on foreign fields as now. We therefore urge that our pastors take collections in all their churches at least once a year. W. H. Wilson, W D Jennings, W H. Douglas, Committee.

13—We your committee on resolutions beg to report as follows: Resolved that this body direct the Clerk to have the Minutes printed and distributed to them in proportion to each church's contributions, and receive for his services five dollars from the Minute funds. Resolved that this body return thanks to this church and community for the kindness they have shown us while with them. J L. McCarty, Eugene Horton, S F. Tucker, Committee

14—We your committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following report; By careful investigation we find that since our last meeting God in his wisdom has seen fit to call from labor to rest seven of the members of this association. Resolved that we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Led by J. C. Marler S. F. Tucker, J B Crane, C J Horn, Committee

15—We your committee on Associational Missions make the following report: We feel that the necessity for missionary work within the bounds of this Association is most urgent. We have a large number of weak churches that are struggling to continue their work, but they need strengthening. We also have quite a number of dormant Baptist organizations that might be vitalized with proper missionary effort. There are also a number of places where Baptist churches could be organized if the proper missionary work were done, and these new churches might be built up into great agencies for good in the salvation of souls.

And we recommend that the usual Associational Board be appointed by the Moderator, and that said Board do what it can in carrying on Associational work within the bounds of the Association. T. J. Lovelace, W. R. Jones, G. G. Parrott, Committee

MINISTERS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERK.	ADDRESS
Antioch	Elder G. G. Parrott	G. G. Parrott	A. Johnson	Plippin. Ark.
Blooming Grove	By Letter	R. L. Carson	L. D. Wolf	Yellville, Ark.
Cotter	W. H. McCuiston, J. P. Lovelace, J. D. Cooper, B. A. Spradlin	J. P. Lovelace	Minnie Clinton	Cotter, Ark.
Hopewell	C. J. Horn, J. B. Crane, T. O. Horn	W. H. McCuiston	T. O. Horn	Mountain Home, Ark.
Mountain Home	W. D. Jennings, A. D. Jordan, D. C. Gregory, W. H. Douglass	R. L. Carson	J. L. Paul	Mountain Home, Ark.
Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Barnett, E. W. Owen, S. F. Tucker	W. D. White	J. W. Barnett	Gassville, Ark.
Mt. Zion	J. B. Smith, J. L. Gilland, Charlie Perry, J. C. Cary	J. B. Smith	S. Carey	Arkana, Arkansas
New Athens	Albert Walker, W. H. Wilson, W. B. Easley, John Williams	W. M. Faut	Charlie Talburt	Cumi, Arkansas
New Hope	By Letter	R. L. Carson	Tennie Watts	Ralph, Arkansas
New Prospect	By Letter	R. W. Bailey	Will Brady	Pyatt, Ark.
Norfolk	Eugene Horton	W. H. McCuiston	E. Horton	Norfolk, Ark.
Oakland	T. J. Meredith, C. F. Stone, S. J. Stone, Jacob Skiver	J. C. Marler	C. F. Stone	Mountain Home, Ark.
Pilgrim Rest	W. D. White, J. C. Marler	W. H. McCuiston	L. T. Marler	Gassville, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	By Letter	R. M. Ballard	J. T. Parnell	Rea Valley, Ark.
Salesville	R. M. Ballard, T. J. Jones	C. G. Parrott	Addy Wilson	Norfolk, Ark.
Whiteville	J. G. Dillahunty	J. B. Smith	A. G. West	Gassville, Ark.
Wise's Chapel	G. R. Sanders, T. J. Lovelace, J. F. Wayland	J. P. Lovelace	J. T. Dockin	Cross Roads, Ark.
Yellville	R. L. Carson, J. L. McCarty, W. R. Jones	Jacob Skiver	J. M. Park	Yellville, Ark.
Union	C. R. Doak, James Parks, M. Holland, Sister M. Holland	B. L. Bayless	John Pruitt	Mountain Home, Ark.
Mt. Grove	By Letter	W. H. McCuiston	F. M. Angle	Oakland, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	By Letter			Bruno, Ark.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Increase By Letter	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Restoration	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Death	Total Members	The Year Constituted	Days of Church Meeting	No in School	Pastoral Support	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan Homes	Ministerial Relief	Contribution for Minutes	Church Building	Incidental Expenses	Christian Education
Antioch				2			112		3rd Sun. each month	\$ 68 10								95			
Blooming Grove							50	1903	4th Sunday	15 15								75			
Cotter	13	16		2			79	1904	2nd and 4th Sunday	79 175 00			\$96 50	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$3 75		\$60 00			
Hopewell				4	6		56	1874	1st Sunday	35 18 80	\$ 8 00							\$1 45		\$35 00	
Mountain Home	4	3		2	1		90	1868	1st and 3rd Sunday	35 200 00	20 00		37 00	18 50	16 65	19 00		2 00		100 00	
Mt. Pleasant		3		3		1	124	1868	3rd Sunday	50 3 25								2 00			
Mt. Zion							24	1911	2nd Sunday	18 6 60								60			
New Athens					4		78	1891	1st Sunday	25 22 50	5 00							1 00			
New Hope				8			52	1872	1st Sunday		30 00		4 50			2 50		1 40			
New Prospect	3	7				1	61	1888	4th Sunday									1 00			
Norfolk	1	6					16	1913	4th Sunday		35 00		5 00				\$ 9 00	1 50			
Oakland				14			16	1881	3rd Sunday								5 00		2 50		
Pilgrim Rest				5	1		180	1872	2nd Sunday									1 25			
Pleasant Grove							10	1882	2nd Sunday									1 00			
Salesville	3	6					25	1913	1st Sunday	35 5 00	2 50					6 00		50			
Whiteville				2	7	1	72	1892	4th Sunday	75 20 25	2 50							85			
Wise's Chapel	1	2	6	6	1		67		4th Sunday	75 72 00	2 50							1 00			
Yellville	4						31	1913	1st and 3rd Sunday	45 125 00	13 00	50 00	3 00	3 00	6 75		1 50	170 00	12 00		
Union	4	14	3	1			21	1912	1st Sunday									75			
Mt. Grove								1890	4th Sunday		3 22							50			
Pleasant Hill				1			108	1871	3rd Sunday	50	6 40					2 05		1 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 meeting of the Association shall consist of the messengers sent by the churches.

Article III.—The messengers sent by the churches to annual meetings shall not exceed four from each church.

Article IV.—The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall have been previously appointed.

Article V.—The officers of the Association shall 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 bonds, and suggest measures for its advancement, and be a common bond of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legislative power over the churches.

Articles 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 the 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 is 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 be born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected 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 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 doing perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being perfectly free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages to use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demand 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

persevering

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 baptised believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ, governed by his laws and exercising the gifts and privileges invested in them by His word: that its only 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, ~~to~~ our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privilege 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 it is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation, by the devout observance of all the means of Grace, both of private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

16. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and

obeyed, 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 solem separation will then take place; that the wicked shall 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.

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

5. The churches 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 a 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.

Order of Business.

1. Annual introductory sermon.
2. Call of Association to order by 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 the following committees: Divine service, associational missions, state missions, home missions, foreign missions, destitution, Sunday schools, Baptist literature, christian education, finance, temperance, woman's work, orphan homes, obituaries, deceased ministers. resolutions.
8. Read constitution and rules of order.
9. Call and correct the roll and note absentees.
10. Call report of messengers to corresponding bodies.
11. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
12. Call for report of committees in order.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Resolutions.
15. Appoint place for next meeting of Association.
16. Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon.
17. Adjournment.