

MINUTES

Of The

Seventy-Fifth Session of the Old Organization

And The

Fiftieth Session of the New Organization

Of The

White River Baptist Association

Held With

Cotter Church, Cotter,

Baxter County, Arkansas.

August 31, September 1, 2, 1917.

OFFICERS:

Rev. H. F. Vermillion, Moderator, : Mountain Home, Ark.

J. W. Barnett, Jr., Clerk, : ~~COTTER~~ ^{Basseyville} Ark.

J. M. Randell, Treasurer, : Mountain Home, Ark.

MINUTES

According to previous adjournment the White River Baptist Association convened with the Cotter Baptist church at Cotter, Ark., August 31, 1917 at 10 a. m.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. H. F. Vermillion.

Opened by prayer by Rev. J. H. Marler. Brethren B. A. Spradlin and T. O. Horn were appointed as reading clerks. Letters read.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev W. H. McCuistion

Call was made for letters arriving too late for morning reading. None presented

By motion the body proceeded with the organization by the Moderator appointing Prof. Lile, Rev. Sanders and Bro. Eugene Horton to take the votes for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, resulting as follows: Rev. H. F. Vermillion, Moderator; J. W. Barnett, Jr. Clerk; and Bro. J. M. Randall, Treasurer.

Call for petitionary letters. Baptist churches at Jordan and Shilo were admitted into this Association.

Call for corresponding Messengers and Letters. None came forth.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service—The messengers of Cotter church, Rev. J. H. Marler and J. G. Dillahunt.

Associational Missions—Brethren B. A. Spradlin, T. O. Horn, J. A. Pasco, J. W. Parnell and W. H. Wilson.

Christian Education—Rev. Fred H. Ward, Brethren W. H. Douglas, Eugene Horton, W. M. Clem and J. W. Barnett, Sr.

Moderator appointed Rev. Fred H. Ward to read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

Rev. Fred H. Ward called to the chair to act as Moderator.

Visiting ministers invited to seats as visiting members.

Prof. Lile from Ouachita College made a brief talk which was very interesting.

Motion carried to suspend the regular order of business to select the place for the next meeting of the Association. New Hope church, at Ralph, Ark., was the place selected.

Committee on Divine Service reported.

Rev. Carson and Sanders to preach Friday night.

The following committees were appointed:

Home Missions—Rev. M. F. Gathright, J. H. Marler and Bro. Walter Firestone.

Baptist Literature—Rev. M. F. Gathright, J. H. Marler, Fred H. Ward, Brethren Joe Crane and T. O. Horn

Finance—Brethren S. F. Tucker, J. H. Johnson and Herbert Messick.

Temperance—Sister Minnie Horn, Brethren Eugene Horton and Olive Carson.

Resolutions—Brethren J. W. Barnett Sr., T. O. Horn and Charles Talburt.

Woman's Work—Sisters A. D. Jordan, M. F. Gathright, Willie Kesterson, Delia Pasco, J. M. Randall, Annie Toulson and Mary Anglin.

Orphans Home—Rev. B. L. Bayless, M. F. Gathright and Bro. H. H. Goodman.

Obituaries—Brethren J. G. Dillahunt, W. H. Douglas, Sister Mary Anglin, Rev. Fred H. Ward, Brethren W. M. Clem and O. A. Martin.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Fred H. Ward, B. L. Bayless and Bro. Dave Noe.

Sunday Schools—Brethren W. H. Douglas, B. A. Spradlin, D. G. Gregory and J. W. Coventon.

State Missions—Rev. W. H. McCuiston, Brethren A. P. White, A. D. Jordan, J. M. Randall, Rev. R. L. Carson, B. L. Bayless.

Motion carried to correct the Order of Business to read calling the roll first item of business Saturday morning.

Call for report of Corresponding Messengers. Rev. H. F. Vermillion reported visiting Rocky Bayou Association. He gave a good report for the Association.

Corresponding Messengers appointed as follows:

Crooked Creek Association—Rev. R. L. Carson, J. L. Marler and W. H. McCuiston.

Big Creek Association—Rev. W. H. McCuiston.

Rocky Bayou Association—Rev. H. F. Vermillion.

By motion the committees on Destitution and State Missions were combined under the name of State Missions and the committees on Deceased Ministers and Obituaries were combined under the name of Obituaries.

Motion carried to select some one to preach the introductory

sermon next year. Rev. B. L. Bayless was selected and Rev. Fred H. Ward as alternate

Motion to take recess for 15 minutes.

Called to order by Moderator.

Committee on Sunday Schools made their report which was adopted. See report 1.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 p. m.

Two interesting sermons were preached Friday night by Rev. R. L. Carson and Rev. Sanders.

SATURDAY, 8 A. M.

Prayer by Bro. W. M. Clem.

Scripture lesson by Rev. H. F. Vermillion.

Calling of the roll.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was adopted. See report 2.

Committee on Christian Education reported and by motion suspended the discussion until night session for adoption

Committee on Temperance reported and the report was amended and adopted. See report 3.

Committee on Orphans Home made their report which was adopted. See report 4.

Cash collection taken for the Orphans Home at the ratio of 3 to 2. Pledges taken for the orphans at each home. Each church pledges to take the matter up.

Committee on Finance reported and the report was adopted. See report 4.

Sermon at 11:30 a. m. by Rev. Fred H. Ward.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Marler.

Motion prevails to postpone the reading of report on State Missions until 2:45 p. m.

Committee on Baptist Literature made their report which was adopted. See report 5.

Committee on Associational Missions made their report which was adopted. See report 6.

Associational Mission Board made their report which was adopted. See report 7.

Motion made to refer the Advisory Committee to the differ-

ent churches.

Pledges taken for Associational Missions as follows: Bro. Eugene Horton, \$25; Mountain Home Church, \$150; Cotter, \$60; New Hope, \$25; Hopewell, \$15; Pilgrims Rest, \$15; Wises Chapel, \$10; Pleasant Grove, \$10.

Committee on Woman's Work made their report which was adopted. See report 8.

Committee on State Missions made their report which was adopted. See report 9.

Motion carried to reconsider the motion to take up Christian Education at 7:30 p. m.

Motion to take up Christian Education immediately after the sermon at night.

Committee on Home Missions made their report which was adopted. See report 10.

Committee on Resolutions reported and the report was adopted. See report 11.

Committee on Obituaries made their report which was adopted. See report 12.

Motion to adjourn until 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

A very interesting sermon was delivered by Dr. J. S. Rogers.

Moderator appointed the following as Finance Committee: B. A. Spradlin, E. W. Owen, T. O. Horn, Rev. Fred H. Ward and Eugene Horton.

Report of Trustees of Mountain Home College was read by the Moderator; also the report on Christian Education was re-read and adopted. See report 13.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. M. F. Gathright.

Collection taken for Associational Missions.

Motion carries to appoint a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. H. F. Vermillion was appointed as messenger.

Motion made to take a collection for the deficiency in the Minute Fund. Ten dollars and thirty five cents collected.

Mt. Pleasant church at Gassville was selected as the next meeting place for the Fifth Sunday meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following as a committee to form a program for a Sunday School Convention to meet some time in the near future: Fred H. Ward, B. A. Spradlin and John Coventon.

Motion made to adjourn to meet with New Hope church on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1918.

J. W. Barnett, Jr., Clerk.

Rev. H. F. Vermillion, Moderator.

REPORTS

1—Sunday Schools. We your committee on Sabbath Schools reports as follows: Many of our churches have no Sabbath Schools and are losing the force that the Sabbath School always gives to the work of the church. The training of the children in Christian living and thinking is best accomplished in the Sabbath School.

The study of the word of God is essential to Christian growth and church work. We recommend that each church organize and maintain a Baptist Sunday School and that every effort be made to teach and save the community in the Sunday School.

W. H. Douglas, Chairman.

2—Foreign Missions. Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Missions. A total of \$961,970.48 was raised; 6,347 converts were baptised; 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members; 115 of these churches are self supporting. There is immediate and crying need of a large number of Missionaries for every department of the work. Only twelve men Missionaries could be sent out last year. This was not one fourth enough. Church houses and other building on the foreign field are inadequately equipped.

We must increase our gifts to Foreign Missions if we carry out our Masters command to preach the gospel to all the world. We especially urge that every church within the bounds of this Association make at least one offering each year to this cause. We recommend a personal campaign among the members of each church that our Foreign Missions funds may be increased. Fred H. Ward, Chairman.

3—Temperance. The cause of temperance has gone forward with rapid strides in recent years, and the Baptist denomination

has contributed much to this progress. For several months the people of the state of Arkansas have had complete prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes. These conditions have been a great benefit to the people of the state, and it is very gratifying to witness the improved condition of the people of the State.

The eternal hope of the better element in the state is that the liquor traffic with its evil effects will never be introduced again into our fair state. We hereby renew our former declaration of relentless hostilities to the liquor traffic in all its forms.

Amendment: We urge our sheriff and other officers to a diligent enforcement of the state wide liquor law. We hereby ask our Moderator to confer with the federal officers as to the enforcement of the federal liquor law.

We heartily endorse the present movement in Congress in favor of National Prohibition. We recommend that prayers be made for the old drinker who is now suffering for the lack of liquor because of his physical condition. Minnie Horn, Chairman.

4—Orphans Home. The Bible explicitly and abundantly teaches that it is our duty to care for the orphan children. We recognize this as a part of the great work committed to us, and to this end the Baptists of Arkansas have established an Orphanage at Monticello and at Texarkana. These institutions are doing a noble and good work and should have our liberal and regular support.

Both houses are in debt. This debt should be paid at once and all that is required to accomplish this is for our people to do their duty in making contributions. We recommend: 1st Regular monthly offerings in every Sunday School 2nd That every church at once takes as large an offering as possible for one, or both of the Homes. 3rd That every Woman's Missionary Society join in this debt paying campaign. 4th That a cash and a pledge offering be now taken for these institutions and the same to be apportioned. The pledge according to the will of the individuals making them, and the cash according to the number of children in the homes. B. L. Bayless, Chairman.

5—Baptist Literature. Your committee on Baptist Literature beg to submit the following: Recognizing the fact that the world is swayed with Literature, we your committee recommend that

we as Baptist should endeavor to (1) get God's word read and studied in every home and Sunday School and (2) that we in this Association try to get in every home good Baptist literature and good Baptist papers, books, and tracts which teach the things that Baptist believe and teach. These tracts may be had free of charge by applying to the Baptist Executive Board, 410 Donaghey Bldg. Little Rock, or from the Baptist Sunday School committee at Texarkana. Therefore we recommend that the pastors of various churches try to get some good Baptist papers and tracts into every community where he preaches. M. F. Gathright, Chairman.

6—Associational Missions. Your committee on Associational Missions reports as follows: Truly the fields within our bounds are white unto harvest and the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the fields. Behold the destitution. Across the entire county north of Mountain Home there are not more than two little Baptist churches. A large part of Marion County within our borders is without a church. That part of this county South of White River has no Baptist church. There is also a lack of spiritual power and activity among the churches. Many church houses are rotting and falling into waste. Churches are desolate and human hearts are sighing in despair. Weeds and waste and destitution in the churches and throughout the no church region.

Hark! Ye preachers of the gospel! Hear ye laymen of the church of Christ! What sayeth the word of our Lord: Look. Tarry. Preach. Make disciples. Begin at Jerusalem and go. Who is God's man for this field? Let's all go gleaning and perhaps we may become so enriched that we shall be able to help many reapers in the Lord's Harvest. Let us try the Lord's work in this Association with a good strong spiritually minded Missionary at a living wage. Let us make sacrifices for our Saviours sake, and for the saving of our neighbors in the desolate regions. Let us pledge and raise and pay \$1000 for Association Missions next year. Which is less than one dollar per member of this Association. Let us constitute an executive committee of 5 and an advisory committee of as many members as there are churches, a member from each church, to find and direct the Missionary. Let us find our neighbors with the gospel. Let us ask both of our State Boards to send men here and help to save the situation. Lord give us light and courage. B. A. Spradlin, Chairman.

7—Associational Mission Board. We your Missionary Board report as follows: Your Missionary, Bro. A. M. Crain, kept up work for half the year and left us for another field. He reports that he had been paid in full by collections on the field, donations from churches, and contributions from your board and from the State board, for his service. Your board owes about \$20 on a note made to help Bro. Crain. There are still some unpaid pledges some of which we hope are collectable. Your board was without authority to proceed to the employment of a Missionary to succeed Bro. Crain. We asked a few of our pastors to volunteer to hold meetings and a little work was done that way. B. A. Spradlin, Chairman.

8—Womans Work. We your committee on Womans Work, wish to submit the following report: We feel very much encouraged in the fact that our women are being more and more recognized, in the work of our blessed Master as the years go by. And we recommend that the Messengers of this Association educate ourselves along these lines that we prove ourselves a workman that need not be ashamed. The sister messengers of this Association covet the prayers and co operation of the entire White River Association in helping us to be willing workers in his service for the bringing in his kingdom even in these ends of the earth. Mrs. A. D. Jordan, Chairman.

9—State Missions. Your committee on State Missions make the following report: The way for a Baptist church to become a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing is for it to be entirely Missionary in doctrine and practice. State Missions may be defined as the united efforts of Arkansas Baptists to get every person in Arkansas saved and into Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God both for Arkansas and to all the world. We believe the great commission was given to the Baptist church.

There is great destitution in all the sections of the State. There are a million lost souls in Arkansas. It is safe to say that sixteen thousand souls go to hell from Arkansas every year. We reach them if we will. What an opportunity this presents to Arkansas Baptists. They will listen to our preaching. When we send the Messenger they do listen and the obligation rests upon the people of Arkansas to give them the gospel, no other will or can do this work.

Last year the churches co-operating with the State Convention put towards State Missions the following: 65 Missionaries and other workers; 3,134 conversions; 2,281 baptisms; 3,010 additions to the church, and \$25,598 raised for State Missions. The present year gives promises of being far better than last year. The amount of money that we need to raise to put us out of debt at the Convention at Jonesboro Dec. 5 is at least \$30,000.

So your committee urges the following: 1st that all pastors get all possible information about State Missions to his people and endeavor to secure an offering from every church member and every organization in his church. 2nd that the pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and organize themselves and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering for State Missions before Dec. 1. 3rd that the churches of this Association do their best to raise at least the amount asked them by the executive board.

Amendment. We urge the churches and members of churches in the White River Association who co-operate with the State Association to heartily support the State Mission work as carried on by the State Association. Rev. W. H. McCuiston, Chairman.

10—Home Missions. We your committee on Home Missions beg to submit the following: Our Home Boards have had the greatest year's work in its history. The report for last year is as follows: Baptisms, 37,724; 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operating agencies. The receipts for Home Missions were \$474,792. While the cost to handle this money was \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in the Administration. Of 3,000,000 Baptists, the greater part of whom live in the country with one fourth time preaching. The great world war is challenging every heart to moral and spiritual effort for the Master.

Realizing the new and heavier burdens through this crisis must be borne by Baptists of the South in Home Mission fields. The Home Boards work is the evangelization of the South including Cuba and Panama. Also church building and Mountain schools, such as Mountain Home College.

We recommend 1st that earnest prayer be made for the work of Home Missions. That pastors be asked to preach at least once each year on this subject. 2nd that our churches be encouraged

to form Mission classes in Baptist Missions in the South. Books may be had at a very small cost and thousands of tracts may be had for the asking.

Amendment. The General Association also does a considerable amount of Home Mission work and we commend the work to the sympathy and support of churches who prefer to co-operate through that agency. Rev. M. F. Gathright, Chairman.

11—Resolutions. We your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following report: Resolved that we thank the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and faithful service.

Resolved that we thank the Cotter church and community for their kindness while with them. And also that the clerk be allowed to take \$5.00 from the Minute funds as his fee, for writing and superintending the printing of the Minutes J. W. Barnett Sr. Chairman.

12—Obituaries. We your committee find that it has pleased our Heavenly Father, since the last sitting of this body, to call to their eternal reward seventeen of our members. Among them were Elders R. L. Finley, W. D. Jennings, and Jacob Skiver. While we feel a great loss in the home going of these servants, and commend the great work done by these deceased preachers, we humbly submit to the will of him who doeth all things well. J. G. Dilahunty, Chairman.

13—Christian Education. Without well equipped Baptist Schools our work would suffer and come to a stand still. We look to our Baptist Schools for the strongest defenders of Baptist Principles, therefore Christian Education should be fostered and encouraged by our Baptist churches.

We therefore recommend all of our Christian schools to the Baptists but in a special way encourage those in this part of the State to avail themselves of the opportunities held out by our Baptist school at Mountain Home. It is hereby recommended that our churches take systematic offerings for the denominational schools. Rev. Fred H. Ward, Chairman.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE.

The Charter of Mountain Home College stipulates that the trustees have full control of the Institution subject only to the duty of reporting to the annual session of White River Association.

For several years until 1916 there had been no Baptist School conducted in the property. In that year by the generous

aid of the Home Mission Board, the State Executive Board and other friends, provision was made to re-open the College as one of the Mountain Schools of the Southern Baptist Convention.

H. F. Vermillion was engaged to conduct the school. He came responsible for the employment for teachers and for the entire management of the College. The first session under his management was successful although conducted at a personal financial loss to the president. The teachers were paid in full and the institution was put upon a good financial basis. Six teachers were employed for that session and eighty four pupils were enrolled.

The same arrangements have been made for running the school another session. Eight teachers have been employed and a considerable canvass has been made for pupils. The outlook for a good session is very encouraging.

The Dormitory building which had been lost to us, has been bought back and the money provided to pay for it. The main building has had about \$900 worth of repairs and improvements made in it and has the study hall and laboratory re-furnished. Furniture has been purchased for the dormitory and electric lights installed throughout both buildings.

Much money has been secured to assist in this work including the following gifts and appropriations:

1916 Home Mission Board for Maintenance	\$1000.00
1917 Home Mission Board for Maintenance	1000.00
1917 Home Mission Board for improvements	1000 00
1916 State Executive Board for Maintenance	400.00
1917 State Executive Board for Maintenance	1200.00
1917 State Executive Board, Furniture for Dormitory ..	500.00
1917 Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, purchase of Dormitory	1000.00
1917 State Executive Board	
Ministerial Students for Board	300.00
1916 Collections from various sources for	
Maintenance	500.00
1916 Piano Donated by State W. M. U.	400.00
1916 People of Mountain Home for repairs	600.00
1917 People of Mountain Home, Purchase of Dormitory	
and improvements	800.00
1916 H. F. Vermillion for improvements	80 00

Brother W. T. King, Office Light	6.50
1916 Bro. W. T. King, gift to a student	25.00
1916 Brother M. Culp, Ministerial Students fund	25.00
Calico Rock Church, Maintenance 1916	9.00
Ft. Smith Y. W. A. used to purchase telephone for office	15 00
1917 W. M. U. Newport Church Maintenance	5.00
1916-1917 Traveling expenses donated by various people.	50.00
Books Donated in 1916 and 1917.	
Ft. Smith Y. W. A. 35 volumes estimated value	10.00
Mr. Sherwin of Cotter. 100 volumes	20.00
Pulaski Heights Church 50 volumes estimated	35.00
D. A. Sutton on purchase of New International Encycl.	42 00
Other friends for same purpose	48.00
Jno. Q. Wolf, New Encyclopedia Brittanica	65.00
W. R. Jones, Lord's Beacon Lights of History	65.00
Dr S. E. Arp, Ridpaths History of the world	30.00
H. F. Vermillion Websters Dictionary	11.00
H. F. Vermillion Other Books	20.00
Other books variously donated	10.00
Newspaper and Magazine subscriptions donated	10.00
Total Gifts in Money	\$10,081.00

We request our Baptist people every where to help us to make this College a school that will help our young people to become intelligent, sound, aggressive workers in God's Kingdom. We request the prayers, sympathy and forbearance of all our people for us in the responsible position that we occupy.

W. H. Douglas, President of Board.

R. H. Russell, Secretary.

MINISTERS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Cotter	B Spradlin, H. H. Goodman, Willie Kesterson, Mrs. H. Gathright	M. E. Gathright	Floyd H. Goodman	Cotter, Ark.
Friendship	Eld J. H. Marler, J. M. and Sister Hattie Randall	J. H. Marler	J. M. Randall	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Howpewell	J. W. Coventon, T. O. Horn, and Sister Minnie Horn	Fred H. Ward	J. W. Coventon	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Mt. Pleasant	J. B. Crane, S. F. Tucker, J. W. Barnett, Sr., J. W. Barnett, Jr.	W. H. McCuiston	J. W. Barnett, Sr.	Gassville, Ark.
Mtn. Home	Elds. Vermillion, and F. H. Ward, A. D. Jordan, W. H. Douglas	H. F. Vermillion	J. L. Paul	Mtn. Home, Ark.
New Hope	Oliver Carson, J. A. Pasco, Walter Firestone, Sister Della Pasco	Fred H. Ward	Walter Firestone	Ralph, Ark.
New Harmony	Eld B. L. Bayless and Dave Noe	B. L. Bayless	J. M. Mohney	Oakland, Ark.
Norfolk	Eugene Horton	W. H. McCuiston	Eugene Horton	Norfolk, Ark.
New Athens	Charles Talburt and W. H. Wilson	C. W. Hill	Charles Talburt	Cum, Ark.
Pilgrims Rest	A. D. White, O. A. Martin and Herbert Messick	B. L. Bayless	O. A. Martin	Gassville, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	Eld. W. H. McCuiston, J. W. Parnell and Sister J. L. W. Toulson	W. H. McCuiston	J. W. Parnell	Rea Valley, Ark.
Blooming Grove	W. M. Clem	R. L. Carson	L. D. West	Yellville, Ark.
Antioch	Asbury Johnson	Not mentioned	A. Johnson	Flippin, Ark.
Yellville	By Letter	H. F. Vermillion	T. G. Angel	Yellville, Ark.
Buford	J. H. Johnson, Sisters J. E. Eubanks, and Della Johnson	W. B. Cheal	J. E. Eubanks	Buford, Ark.
Wise's Chapel	T. J. Lovelace and R. M. Hively	J. M. Langston	R. D. Hively	Cross Roads, Ark.
Sardia	By Letter	Fred H. Ward	Mrs. Emma Mahan	Pontiac, Mo.
Whiteville	J. G. Dillahunt, W. W. Lamb, Sisters Mary Anglin, Myrtle West	W. H. McCuiston	A. G. West	Gassville, Ark.
Mt. Zion	D. C. Gregory	C. W. Hill	Serepta Smith	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Jordan	By Letter	W. B. Cheal	Guy Hargraves	Mtn. Home, Ark.
Shilo	Sisters Tilda Endaman and Lula A. Long	J. W. Rector	Tilda Endeman	Shilo, Ark.
Salesville	Lawrence Leonheart	J. B. Smith	Thos. Wilson	Arkana, Ark.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Increase by Letter	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Restoration	Increase by Letter	Increase by Exclusion	Increase by Death	Total Membership	The Year Constituted	Days of Church Meeting	Home Missions	No. in Sun. School	Contributed for Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastoral Support	Church Building	Incidental Expenses	Orphans Home	Sunday School	Ministerial Relief	Christian Education	Value of Church Property	
Cotter	6	2		6		1	87	1904	Every Sunday	\$42 50	68	\$1 50	\$21 00	\$66 85		\$250 00	\$97 00	\$20 00	\$60 83			\$17		
Friendship	3	4		1			20	1874	3rd Sunday and Saturday		35	75				10 00								
Howpewell				5	1	1	42	1874	1st Saturday and Sunday		20	1 50	5 00	3 75	\$ 2 50	20 00		2 00	1 00					
Mt. Pleasant	1			8			132	1868	3rd Saturday and Sunday		30	1 50				31 00	41 00							
Mtn. Home	21	3		8			96	1868	Every Sunday	84 06	3	00	134 00	145 00	36 00	423 45		45 00	60 00	\$45	\$155 00	\$143		
New Hope	4	11		3			81	1881	3rd Saturday and Sunday	5 25	25	2 00	8 85	6 25	5 25	65 00			7 00	4 50				
New Harmony	2	13		4			80	1872	1st Sunday and Saturday		1	50	10 00	5 00		24 00								
Norfolk	1	3		1			28	1912	4th Sunday		40	1 30	5 00	12 00	4 00	62 68	140 00							
New Athens	2	9		1	4		62	1891	2nd Sunday and Saturday		35	1 30	2 00			26 27		1 33		4 30				
Pilgrims Rest				6		4	137	1872	2nd Sunday and Saturday		1	25				35 00		28 00						
Pleasant Grove		1		2			22	1882	2nd Sunday			50			2 00	30 00				10 25				
Blooming Grove				3		1	50	1904	3rd Sunday			50	6 00			46 75								
Antioch				105	1891		37	1913				1 25												
Yellville	2	2		1			34	1871	1st Sunday	14 15	35	1 50				233 00			40 50	8 00				
Buford				2		1	34	1871	2nd Saturday and Sunday		36	50	7 20	3 25		37 11			6 00	\$10	3 40			
Wises Chapel	1	21		1		1	92	1892	4th Saturday and Sunday		60	1 00	10 00			50 00					10 00			
Sardia		4					30	1908				75	12 35			20 00			2 50	8 50				
Whiteville				4		4	50	1892	4th Saturday and Sunday		1	00		3 00		10 42		41 58						
Mt. Zion							20	1911	4th Saturday and Sunday			50				26 10								
Jordan	11						11	1916	3rd Sunday			80	13 85			48 00					7 35			
Shilo	1	5					13	1917	2nd Sunday and Saturday			50				9 80								
Salesville				2			33	1913	1st Sunday			1 00				25 00	5 00	2 00			2 00			

B. Y. P. U. Mountain Home, Expenses \$21.

Cotter Foreign Missions included in Home Missions.

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 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 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 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 or the God head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, 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 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 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 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 so is 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 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 the 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 perserving 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 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, our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and 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 preceeded 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 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 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 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 correspondent, 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 expense 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 the Moderator if present.
3. Call for church letters and enrolling 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.

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 _____