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MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

Of the Old Organization and the
19th of the New Organization of the

WHITE RIVER

Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

Church at Palestine,

Baxter County, Ark., Sept. 17, 18, and 20, 1886.


OFFICERS:

Elder H. H. Hilton, Moderator, Gassville, Ark.


Wm. A. Collis, Clerk, Mountain Home, Ark.

T. H. Horn, Treasurer, " "





DELEGATES.

- MOUNTAIN HOME.—T. W. Wright, H. C. Condry, J. L. Elliott, L. H. 'albert.
HOPEWELL.—H. H. Hilton, T. H. Horn, J. T. Hand, J. M. Horn.
MOUNT PLEASANT.—Wm. Denton, W. D. White, C. H. Mayfield, J. B. Perkins.
PILGRIMS' REST.—W. D. Jennings, W. A. Collis, J. H. Wade, H. T. Dilbeck.
PALESTINE.—J. E. Eubank, H. L. Jones, J. L. Knight, G. M. Eubank.
NEW HARMONY.—Wm. Wilbank, J. H. Pasco.
FRIENDSHIP.—D. P. Martin, W. P. Hargrave, R. Gosbener.
OAKLAND.—J. M. Green, J. T. Stone.
OAK GROVE.—T. J. Taylor, A. H. Baxter, W. S. Gaines.
PLEASANT GROVE.—E. F. Hand, G. H. Ballard, W. L. Hand, W. A. Teadford.
REHOBOTH.—J. H. Parmer, A. S. Wood, Joseph Wood, E. M. Reynolds.
NEW HOPE.—J. G. Dillahunty.
PLEASANT HILL.—J. Angel, J. R. Pennings, J. Dodd, J. Brightwell.
SHADY GROVE.—J. A. McEntire, W. M. McEntire.
ROCKY MOUNT.—W. F. Weaver, J. F. Wallis, J. Mayfield, C. L. Featherstone.
NEW LIBERTY.—W. M. Horn,
CONFIDENCE.—Not represented.
JEFFERSON'S HALL.—Not represented
BIG SPRING.—J. A. Thornton, J. S. Looney, O. B. Austin.
ZION HILL.—J. H. Pangle.
HARMONY.—J. W. Norton.
LEAD HILL.—Not represented.
CEDAR CREEK.—J. Coward, W. M. Osburn.
ROCK SPRINGS.—R. C. Hawkins.
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MINUTES.

PALESTINE, SEPTEMBER 17, 1886.

The delegates representing the churches comprising the White River Baptist Association, met with the church at Palestine, Baxter County, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1886, according to adjournment, when as by previous appointment the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Sasser. Text; Acts, 20th chapter and 28th verse. The important truths emanated during the discourse were received with marked attention by the delegates and the congregation present.

After the sermon the Moderator, Elder H. H. Hilton, called the Association to order. Brother Wm. A. Collis, the Clerk, was present and at his post. Letters from the different churches were called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

On motion the Association held the annual election for officers by ballot which resulted in the re-election of Elder H. H. Hilton as Moderator, Brother Wm. A. Collis as Clerk, and Brother F. H. Horn as Treasurer. After which the body united in prayer with Elder A. R. Stephenson of Blue Mountain Association.

Called for petitionary letters, when Brother Wm. Ausburn presented a letter from Cedar Creek church, praying for membership in this Association and also Brother Robert C. Hawkins presented a letter from Rock Spring church praying for membership in this Association, and on motion the churches were resolved and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

Called for the corresponding delegates from sister Associations; when the following Brethren came forward: Crooked Creek, Bros. W. H. Baley and Uriah Honeycutt; Blue Mountain, Elds. A. R. Stephenson, C. P. Colbert and Bro. J. E. Webb and J. B. Smith; Union Association, Ark., Eld. Wm. Gay presented a letter, Big Creek, Elder T. J. Lovelace and Brother Lovelace presented a letter, all of which were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion the Rules of Order were suspended for the purpose of appointing the different Committees which are as follows:

Committee on Divine Service; Brothers T. H. Horn, J. G. Dillahunt and J. A. McEntire.

Committee on Finance; Brothers John Angel, J. H. Wade and J. M. Horn.

Committee on Sabbath Schools; Elders J. B. Perkins, J. H. Parmer and Wm. Denton and Brother L. H. Talbert.

Committee on Destitution; Elders W. D. Jennings, W. D. White and Brothers J. F. Wallis and A. S. Wood.

Committee on Baptist Literature; Elders C. H. Mayfield, W. M. Horn and Brothers J. W. Norton and W. F. Weaver.

Committee on Deceased Ministers; Brothers D. P. Martin, W. S. Gairs and Elder J. T. Hand.

Called for the reading of Constitution and Rules of Order, which were accordingly read by the Clerk. Committee on divine service reported that Elder A. R. Stephenson would preach at early candle-light followed by Elder W. D. Jennings, and also that Elder T. J. Lovelace occupy the stand at 11 o'clock Saturday, followed by Elder Wm. Gay

On motion the Association adjourned till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

4 o'clock P. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after prayer by Elder H. H. Hilton, on motion the Association resumed regular business and again call for letters from different churches renewed, when Brother J. T. Stone presented a letter from Oakland church and the names of the delegates were placed on the roll.

Called for the report of corresponding delegates to sister Associations when Elder C. H. Mayfield made his report which is as follows: "I did not visit Blue Mountain Association on account of sickness in my family." Elder H. H. Hilton who was appointed to go to Union Association, Mo., failed to go on the account of sickness.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder T. W. Wright.

9 o'clock Saturday morning. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator present and presiding, and after prayer by Brother A. S. Wood, call for letters from churches renewed, none present. Call for petitionary, none present. Call for visiting ministers to take seats with us as advisory council, whereupon Elder Q. C. Pennington came forward and took a seat. Call for corresponding delegates to sister Associations renewed when Elder W. D. White, who had been appointed to go to Blue Mountain, stated that he did not go on account of sickness. Elder W. D. Jennings, who was appointed to visit Big Creek Association, stated that he did not visit said Association on account of sickness in his family. Elder Wm. Denton who was appointed to go to Blue Mountain stated that he did not visit said Association. Elder W. M. Horn who had been appointed to visit Union Association, Ark., stated that he did not visit said Association. Elder H. Sasser and Brother J. A. McEntire, who was appointed to visit Union Association as corresponding delegates also to act as a committee to inquire into a report that said Association was holding churches in her body that had members belonging to them who had not been bap-

used by a legal authority. They stated that they found that those churches had set themselves in order. The foregoing report was received.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following standing committees to visit the following named churches to inquire into the reason why they failed to represent. The committee is as follows: Lead Hill, Elders Wm. Denton and W. M. Horn. Lee's Mountain, Brother A. S. Wood. Said committees to make their report to the next Association.

Called for corresponding delegates from sister associations, when P. P. Dobozy and J. A. Truex from Union Association, Mo., came forward and received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator and took a seat with us.

Call for visiting ministers renewed, when Elder Jesse Farmer from Union Association, Mo., came forward and took a seat with us.

Report of ministers called for, when Elder C. H. Mayfield made his report which is as follows:

Traveled 1170 miles; prayed 88 prayers; preached 78 sermons; baptized 13; sold 7194 pages of baptist literature; assisted in the ordination of one minister and 3 deacons. Received from Rocky Mount church \$17.77, from Jefferson Hall church \$8.00. ELDER C. H. MAYFIELD.

Passed this item of business at present.

Called for the report of Committees which were as follows:

Finance Committee made its report, which was received and adopted:

We, your Committee beg leave to submit the following report, received from the different churches composing this Association, for printing minutes, \$30.50. JOHN ANGEL, Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report which was received and adopted.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following resolution for your prayerful consideration, to-wit: that each and every church composing the White River Baptist Association be earnestly requested to constitute themselves into Sabbath Schools for the promotion of the glory of God, the extension of his kingdom, the salvation of souls and the storing of the minds of our youths with religious knowledge. ELDER J. B. PERKINS, Chairman.

T. M. Rea, treasurer, made his report which is as follows:

Money on hand to pay the traveling expenses of corresponding delegates, \$5.00. For foreign missions, \$2.50, T. M. REA, Treasurer.

W. A. Collis, clerk, made his report which is as follows:
Received from the treasurer for printing minutes and clerk's fees...\$33.40

Paid out for printing minutes.....	19.00
Postage and stationery.....	.50
Clerk's fee.....	10.00
Total expenditure.....	29.50

Leaving \$3.90 in my hands, belonging to the minute fund.

Wm. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

On motion the Association adjourned till 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder J. H. Parner.

3 o'clock P. M. The association met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator present and in the chair.

Called for the report of Committees, when the Committee on Baptist Literature made their report which is as follows:

We, your Committee on Baptist Literature beg leave to submit the following report; 1st, we for reasons of the very highest importance would recommend the careful reading of the Bible. 2nd. The Evangel, published at Little Rock, Ark. 3rd. The American Baptist Flag, St. Louis, Mo. 4th. The Tennessee Baptist, Memphis, Tenn. 5th. The Baptist Banner, Benton, Ill. 6th. The literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society, No. 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. and 7th The Baptist Gleaner, Fulton, Ky. ELDER G. H. MAYFIELD,
Chairman.

Committee on Destitution made their report, which is as follows:

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to submit the following report, that in reference to Baptist preaching, we find the destitution to be great, and there are many calls being made for Baptist preaching within the bounds of White River Association. We therefore recommend that this destitution be supplied at as early a date as practicable by this body. ELDER W. D. WHITE, Chairman.

Called for corresponding delegates, when Brother D. P. Martin came forward and received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

Call for visiting ministers renewed when Elder A. J. Copeland accepted and took a seat with us

Committee on Deceased ministers made their report. The report received and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report, We have made inquiry and find that none of our ministers of this Association have died during the Associational year. We feel it our duty to sincerely thank and praise our Heavenly Father for the preservation of the lives of our ministry and pray the continuation of his goodness towards us. D. P. MARTIN, Chairman.

After which the Association all bowed in prayer with Elder T. W. Wright to thank God for the preservation of the lives of our ministers during the past Associational year.

On motion the resolution offered at the last Association proposing to change the 3rd Article of the Constitution was indefinitely laid on the table.

Called for resolutions when the following resolutions were offered, read and adopted.

Resolution No. 1, presented by Elder T. W. Wright. Whereas the Baptist and other denominations have been and are being continually insulted by our secular papers by being ignored by them in that they unchristianize us by calling the Campbellite society the Christian church, thus excluding all others. Therefore be it resolved that we will not encourage or patronize any

paper that continues such a course.

Resolution No. 2, offered by W. D. Jennings.

Resolved that the Clerk be requested to superintend the printing and distribution of as many minutes as the Association may direct and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

Resolution No. 3, offered by Elder W. D. Jennings.

Resolved that the clerk be ordered to have as many minutes of this Association printed as the money will pay for after deducting his fee out of said money.

Resolution No. 4, offered by Elder W. M. Horn.

1st. *Resolved* that this Association take steps to supply Yellville with Baptist preaching during this Associational year. 2nd. *Resolved* that this Association procure the labors of Elders T. W. Wright and Wm. Denton, for the benefit of Yellville and vicinity, and for the advancement of our holy cause and *Resolved* further that we take a subscription for the purpose.

Resolution No. 5, offered by Elder T. W. Wright.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this Association is hereby ordered and requested to turn over all the money in his hands for the printing of minutes, to the Clerk and take his receipt for the same.

Resolution No. 6, offered by Wm. A. Collis.

Resolved that all pastors and deacons of churches belonging to this Association be requested to earnestly press the missionary claims to their respective churches, and under the most favorable circumstances, take up a collection for same at least once a year and pay the same over to the Executive Board of this Association.

Resolution No. 7, offered by Brother Wm. A. Collis.

Resolved that this Association appoint a committee of five, who shall constitute a central board whose duty it shall be to superintend the missionary cause of the White River Baptist Association and employ a missionary or missionaries to labor in the most destitute parts of this Association and that said board be required to make a report to the next Association of their labors and all moneys that may be collected by them for the missionary cause.

Resolution No. 8, offered by Elder W. M. Horn.

Resolved that the treasurer of this Association be requested to pay out the money in his hands for foreign missions, to the proper person and take his receipt for the same.

Resolution No. 9, offered by Elder T. W. Wright.

Resolved that this body change its time of meeting unto Thursday at 10 a. m. before the 3rd Sabbath in September and continue in session until the business of the body is transacted.

Resolution No. 10, offered by Elder T. W. Wright.

Resolved that we hereby tender our thanks to our Heavenly Father for his grace in permitting us to meet again in Associational capacity, and that we hereby express our appreciation of the hospitality of this church and community during the session of this body.

On motion it was resolved that we hold the next session of this body with Rocky Mount church, Boon county, Ark.

On motion Elder T. W. Wright was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body, and Elder J. B. Perkins as his alternate.

On motion Elder Wm. Denton was elected to preach the missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock A. M. and Elder W. D. White as his alternate.

Preaching at early candle light by Elder J. H. Parmer and Elder C. P. Colbert. Text; John, 14th chapter and 6th verse.

On motion we adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Q. C. Pennington.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Elder W. D. White preached the missionary sermon at 11 A. M. followed by Elder A. R. Stephenson, after which a public collection was taken up for Associational purposes amounting to \$14. Elder T. W. Wright preached at 3 o'clock P. M. Text, Math. 19th chapter and 15th verse, followed by J. B. Perkins, Text; John, 3rd chapter and 16th verse. Elder W. D. Jennings preached at early candle-light followed by Wm Denton.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair, and after prayer by the Moderator, the body resumed regular business.

On motion it was resolved that we strike the name of Pine Grove and Fairview churches from our minutes, for failing to represent for the last two years.

On motion the Moderator appointed the Central Board of this body, which is as follows: Elder C. H. Mayfield and Brothers Wm. Wilbank, A. S. Wood, J. M. Horn and S. H. Talbert.

On motion this body passed a resolution requesting each church within her bounds to appoint a fiscal agent whose duty it shall be to bring the missionary cause before their respective churches and take up a collection for the same.

On motion the Moderator appointed two general agents for this Association, one for the west side of White River and the other on the east side of White River, whose duty shall be to visit each church of their respective territory and bring the missionary cause before them and take up a collection for same and pay the money collected by them over to the treasurer of the Central Board of this body taking his receipt for same. The appointments are as follows; for east side of White River, Elder J,

T. Hand, for west side of White River, Elder W. M. Horn. The Central Board asked leave to retire for the purpose of organizing said board, which was granted and after a few minutes they returned and reported as follows:

We, your Executive Board beg leave to submit the following report; We organized by electing L. H. Talbert, chairman, Elder C. H. Mayfield, secretary, and J. M. Horn, treasurer and appointed the first meeting of the Board to be with the Mount Pleasant church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in December 1886 at 2 P. M. on said day.

Brother C. H. MAYFIELD, Secretary. L. H. TALBERT, Chairman.
On motion Elder T. W. Wright and Wm. Denton were elected to preach one fourth of their time at Yellville.

On motion the Moderator appointed Elder W. M. Horn to correspond with the State Board and ask them to help pay Elders Wright and Denton for their services at Yellville. The Association confirmed the appointment.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following corresponding delegates: Blue Mountain, Elders A J Copeland, J. T. Hand and Brother Wm A. Collis; Crooked Creek Association, Elders C. H. Mayfield, Wm. Denton, W. D. White and Brother J. W. Norton; Big Creek, Elder J. T. Hand, and Brother T. H. Horn; Rocky Bayou, Brothers G. M. Eubank and T. H. Horn. Canton Association Ark., Elders H. Sasser and W. M. Horn and Brother J. A. McEntire; Union Association, Mo., Elders T. W. Wright, H. H. Hilton, Wm. Denton, W. D. White, J. T. Hand, and Brothers Wm. A. Collis and J. M. Green.

On motion the Moderator appointed Elder T. W. Wright as a delegate to go to the State Baptist Convention and on motion Elder H. H. Hilton was elected to go with him as a delegate.

On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay over the five dollars that he has in his possession to pay the traveling expenses of corresponding delegates, to Elder T. W. Wright and H. H. Hilton to help defray their expenses to the State Baptist Convention.

Called for the report of the Missionaries, when Elders W. D. White and W. D. Jennings made their report which is as follows:

We, the missionaries of the White River Baptist Association beg leave to submit the following report; we traveled 718 miles, preached 30 sermons, delivered 90 exhortations, prayed 100 public prayers, witnessed 21 conversions, baptized 10, labored 89 days. Elder T. W. Wright assisted us 6 days which was very acceptable. We received \$89.00 from the Central Board for our labors as such missionaries.

W. D. WHITE.

W. D. JENNINGS.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee to draft a set of New Rules of Order for this body and to present them at the next meeting of this body. The Committee is as follows: Brothers J. M. Horn, T. H. Horn and Elder C. H. May-

field. Elder H. H. Hilton was by motion added to the Committee.

On motion \$10.35 of the collection taken up on Sabbath, was appropriated to finish paying the missionaries of this Association.

On motion Elder A. R. Stephenson was elected to occupy the stand at 11 A. M. on Monday.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Rocky Mount church, Boon county, Ark., on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1887, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Prayer by the Moderator, then sang a hymn and took a parting hand.

Wm. A. COLLIS, Clerk,
Mountain Home,
Baxter co., Ark.

ELDER H. HILTON, Moderator,
Gassville,
Baxter co., Ark.





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