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Bruno, Ark.

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

Old Organization, and the Twenty-Third of the New Organization of the

*ee* **WHITE RIVER** *ed*

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

HELD WITH THE

*New Hope Church, Marion County, Arkansas,*

September 5th, and 6th, 1890.

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*OFFICERS:*

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Moderator,	-	-	-	Gassville, Ark.
ELD. Wm. A. COLLIS, Clerk,	-	-	-	Independence, Ark.
T. H. HORN, Treasurer,	-	-	-	Mountain Home, Ark.

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## MESSENGERS.

Mt'n. Home, C. P.	Talbert, W. Cranfield, J. W. McClure, J. T. Prior.
Hopewell,	T. H. Horn, H. H. Hilton, A. Harrelson, W. D. White and T. Reed.
Mt. Pleasant,	N. Lamb, J. C. Coffee, Wm. Denton, J. G. Walker, O. Bingman, A. C. Messick.
Pilgrims Rest,	W. A. Collis, J. H. Wade, C. H. Mayfield and M. L. Anglin.
Palistine,	J. M. Stephen, J. E. Eubank, B. L. Bayless.
New Harmony,	J. N. Mahoney, J. H. Pascoe.
Friendship,	(Represented by letter.)
Oa. land, —	
Oak Grove,	H. C. Condry.
Pleasant Grove,	A. S. Wood, E. F. Hand.
Rehoboth,	F. Williams, D. Beavers, R. D. Keeter.
New Hope,	J. G. Dillahunta, W. P. Cantrell, G. D. Cantrell.
Pleasant Hill,	J. Cooper, S. Cantrell, G. F. Ealem.
New Liberty,	A. B. Hampton, L. G. Lowery.
Jefferson Hall,	J. H. Stonecipher.
Zion Hill,	J. H. Pangle.
Harmony,	(Not represented.)
Cedar Creek,	A. Beachum, Wm. Auburn.
Rockey Mount,	J. K. Richardson, C. L. Featherstone.
New Prospect,	J. B. Norton, J. W. Norton, A. B. Morrow.
Bethel,	H. Sasser, E. M. McCarty, M. H. Wolf.
Mountain Grove,	J. A. Layfarlett, H. N. Bayless, S. P. Downing.
Rock Point	J. T. Thornton, J. A. Thornton.
Mount Vernon,	J. F. Hancock.
Zion Light,	F. M. Ballard, W. A. Russell.
Charity,	J. T. Williams.
Massadona,	J. M. Cammell.

# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The White River Baptist Association convened with New Hope Church, Marion County, Arkansas, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, A. D., 1890.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. T. Prior, from the V. Chapter of Romans and the 1st. and 2nd. verses.

The Moderator, H. H. Hilton, present and presiding.

Eld. W. A. Collis, Clerk, being present and at his post, the roll of churches was called, the letters presented and read by Bros. J. E. Eubank and J. T. Prior, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

The Moderator appointed Bros. G. W. Anglin and A. Johnson to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted in the re-election of Eld. H. H. Hilton, Moderator, Eld. Wm. A. Collis, Clerk, and Bro. T. H. Horn, Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters whereupon letters from Charity and Massadona churches, Marion county, Ark., and Zion Light church, Baxter County, Ark., was presented. On motion the churches were received into the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations—No one responded.

Invitation given to visiting ministers to take seats with us as advisory council.—None present.

On motion the body adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Brother J. Cooper

## Evening Session, 3 o'clock p. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.—Prayer by the Moderator. Then the Moderator appointed the following committees, to-wit:

On Divine Service—Bros. G. F. Ealem, J. C. Coffee and J. G. Dillahunta.

On Finance—J. E. Eubank, A. C. Messick and N. Lamb.

On Sunday School—J. T. Prior, W. P. Cantrell and F. Williams.

On Baptist Literature—C. H. Mayfield, W. D. White and S. P. Downing.

On Destitution—H. Sasser, W. P. Cantrell, Wm. Ausburn and J. M. Stephens.



On Woman's Work—J. W. McClure, A. S. Wood and J. H. Wade.

On Associational Missions—J. A. Harrelson, E. F. Hand and M. H. Wolf.

On Foreign Missions—J. T. Prior, Wm. Denton, J. H. Wade.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Called for the reports of Corresponding Messengers, when T. H. Horn made his report stating that he visited Rockey Bayou, Association found a noble and devoted body. W. D. White made his report, stating that he did not visit Union Association, Mo. J. H. Wade made his report, stating that he did not visit Taney Association on the account of his health. J. F. Hancock made his report, stating that he visited Union Association, Ark., and found there a good working body of brethren. Wm. Denton made his report stating that he visited Blue Mountain, Crooked creek and Rockey Bayou Associations and found them noble and good working bodies.

Next in order was the appointment of corresponding Messengers to sister Associations. They are as follows: Blue Mountain, J. T. Prior; Crooked Creek, J. T. Prior; Rockey Bayou, J. T. Prior and T. H. Horn; Big Creek, J. T. Prior and J. H. Wade; Independence, T. H. Horn.

Next in order, the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home Baptist College, made their report which was read, received and adopted. They are as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Mountain Home Baptist College beg leave to submit the following report of their work to the Moderator and Brethren composing the White River Baptist Association.

At an early date after the last meeting of your body, acting under instructions then given us, we met and organized by electing Elder William Denton as President of the Board of Trustees, M. N. Dyer Secretary and Elder H. H. Hilton Treasurer, and proceeded to raise a subscription for purchasing a site and erecting suitable buildings for the College. After raising something over \$6,100, all of it except about \$1100 of which was subscribed by Mountain Home and its friends, as a local bid for the College to be located at Mountain Home, we proceeded to locate the College at Mountain Home and to adopt articles of incorporation and by-laws by which the Board were to be governed, and to apply for a charter, by filing with the Clerk of the Circuit court and Recorder for Baxter county, a copy of our articles of Association and a list of all our members, together with a petition for a certificate of incorporation. But before the meeting of the next Circuit court of said county, and its action on said petition, the court house of Baxter county was burned destroying all of said papers and also burning the office of our Secretary and list of subscription. Owing to the failure in the crops and the consequent hard times and scarcity of money, the Board had already decided to defer work on the College building until after another crop was made, and in the mean

time to take the necessary steps to increase the amount of subscription as much as possible, and consequently took no further steps until the 4th of July 1890, when the Board again met. Dr. J. D. Simpson who had been previously elected to serve in place of J. R. Cotton, deceased, to complete the number to nine, meeting with us, when we determined to select and purchase a site and put an agent in the field to obtain further subscriptions. At this meeting we selected J. T. Prior as our Agent and instructed him to go to work as early as practical. Subsequently we have selected and contracted for ten acres of woodland a short distance north east of the public square and re-adopted articles of incorporation, filed them with a petition for a charter with the clerk of the Baxter Circuit court and have also sent a copy of them to the Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction for a charter, under that chapter of our laws which prescribes this latter method of obtaining a charter, and will no doubt soon have a charter by these two methods, and close the contract for the site and begin to fence and improve the same. In order to have the money to do this the Board have made a call for ten per cent of all subscriptions and have determined to call for 50 per cent more in December next so as to be ready in the ensuing spring to begin work on the College building.

#### AGENTS' WORK.

Elder William Denton was our first agent and traveled not only in Baxter county but in adjoining counties soliciting subscriptions and presenting the matter to sister Associations and had collected the sum of \$24.50 on cards and subscriptions all of which has either been paid out for printing and agents' wages, by approval of the board or turned over to his successor and he has been paid for his services. The board takes pleasure in stating that his work was highly successful and it greatly regrets his failure in health and consequent retirement from the work.

Eld. J. T. Prior begun work on the 15th of July and has renewed the old subscriptions to the amount of \$6090.50 and added thereto of new subscriptions \$627.50, making now a total subscription of \$6718.00. From the success of Elder Prior we hope the coming fall and winter to very considerably increase this amount. Our Agent has been instructed to take subscriptions one half payable in December next, and the other half in September 1891.

The Board have not thought proper to open any school until the building for the College is completed and have consequently taken no steps towards securing teachers or soliciting patronage, as yet.

The Board begs leave to conclude their report by saying that they are greatly encouraged by the success of their agents in securing subscription, to hope that your wishes to establish a College in your bounds will be completely successful, and that within one year from present meeting they will be able to report to you that they are ready to start the work of teaching and to call on the brethren and friends of



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the institution for students. But would remind you that we have as yet obtained but a small subscription outside of Baxter county and to express our earnest hope that your Body will take steps to aid us in securing the co-operation of as many Churches, Associations and Baptist as possible, in contributing to this noble enterprise so auspiciously begun by you.

Respectfully Submitted, { Wm. DENTON, Pres.,  
H. H. HILTON, Treas.,  
M. N. DYER, Secretary,  
J. M. CASEY,  
J. B. SIMPSON,  
P. A. COX,  
W. D. WHITE,  
W. D. JENNINGS.

On motion the Body adjourned until 8½ o'clock Saturday morning.  
Prayer by the Moderator.

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

**Saturday Morning, 8 o'clock a. m.**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. W. D. White.

Called and corrected roll of Messengers and marked absentees.

Called for the report of Committees in the following order:

Committee on Baptist Literature made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following report:

FIRST of all we would recommend the careful reading of the Bible because it is the word of God.

SECOND we would recommend the reading of the Ark., Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark.

THIRD the reading of the cheap literature published by our Baptist Publishing Houses in the U. S.

ELD. C. H. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

The Destitution under our immediate notice is great. Souls are being lost, eternally lost, while we are not using the means that God has put within our reach. Considering our responsibilities and opportunities we urge and beg in the name of God, that we take steps now to supply the Destitute within our bounds with a Preached Gospel, by which it has pleased God to save them that believe, and it will not be so fearful for us to live nor for them to die.

H. SASSER, Chairman.

Committee on deceased Ministers made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We learn that God has preserved the lives of the Ministry of our Association during the past Associational year and we do sincerely thank and praise our Heavenly Father for his protecting care and pray a continuation of the same upon us.

ELD. H. SASSER, Chairman.

After which the Association all bowed in prayer with Eld. H. Sasser, to thank God for the preservation of the lives of our Ministers during the past Associational year.

Committee on Woman's work made their report which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

WEREAS, The Master's cause seems to be languishing on the account of means and as Moses' sister aided him, we recommend that each Church select two sisters to organize the sisters of their Churches into societies, to raise means for the Master's cause in the bounds of this Body.

J. W. McCLUBE, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday School made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

That we believe it to be a duty enjoined upon us by the Word of God, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We also believe that the members of our Churches are under obligation to their Master to provide religious instruction for their children and that this can best be done by organizing and maintaining Sunday Schools, to be conducted under the care of our Churches. Hence there should be a live Sunday School the year round, in each and all of our Churches. We believe that each Church should meet at its place of worship every Sabbath, as was the custom of the early Christians in the days of Christ and his Apostles, and if they deem it best not have preaching every Lord's day, they should teach the children in the Word of God at least once a week in a Christian Sunday School. We hope that all of the Churches of this Association will remember the next meeting of S. S., Convention and send Messengers to the same, which meets with Hopewell Church, Baxter county, Ark., on Friday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1891.

J. T. PRIOR, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

RESOLVED, That we as Missionary Baptist Churches believe it to be our bounden duty to send the Gospel to the Heathens throughout the world, and in order to do this is to contribute of our means. We recommend that the Pastors and Messengers of this Body present the claims of Foreign Missions to their respective Churches and take up collection for same and send it up to the Association.

J. T. PRIOR, Chairman.

Committee on Association Missions, made their report, which was



read, and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

That in view of the great need of Missionary work within the bounds of this Association we do earnestly recommend that this Body take steps to employ a Missionary or Missionaries, to work in the bounds of the Association.

M. H. WOLF, Chairman.

In keeping with the foregoing report, the Association elected Eld. Henry Sasser, to travel as a Missionary for the ensuing Associational year, to preach to the destitute part of this Association and to aid Pastors in holding meetings with their Churches, where his help is needed.

On motion the Body taken recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

### **Evening Session, 2 o'clock p. m.**

The Body was called to order by the Moderator.

Committee on Finance made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

Received from the Churches \$32.40 to pay for the printing of the minutes.

N. LAMB, Chairman

Wm. A. Collis, Clerk, made his report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Received of T. H. Horn, Treasurer, of this Body, \$31.90 to pay for the printing of the minutes. Paid out for Clerk's fee, postage and printing minutes \$33.40, leaving the Association in debt to the amount of \$1.50.

W. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

The Executive Board made their report, which was read and adopted and is as follows:

Received during the year for Missionary purposes \$16.40. This being all that could be procured, we could not employ a Missionary.

J. M. CASEY, Chairman.

W. H. THORN, Secretary.

On motion a committee was appointed to confer with Eld. H. Sasser, our Missionary, and after conference with him he agreed to travel for \$2.00 per day, taking what money was on hand and agreeing to take the field for the balance of his pay, and should he fail to raise money enough to pay himself, he would stop work, and in the event that he should collect more money than it would take to pay him for his services, he is required to turn it over to the Executive board of this Body.

On motion the following brethren were appointed as an Executive board to serve for the next ensuing Associational year, to-wit:

W. P. Cantrell, E. F. Hand and J. G. Dillahunta.

On motion the Treasurer of this Body was requested to pay over all the money in his hands, to pay for printing the minutes, to the Clerk of this Body.

On motion Eld. J. T. Prior, was elected to preach the Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock p. m.



On motion this Body agreed to hold its next session with Mount Pleasant Church at Gassville, Baxter county, Ark.

On motion Eld. H. Sasser was elected to preach the Introductory sermon at our next meeting.

On motion the Clerk was requested to superintend the printing and distribution of as many copies of our minutes as the fund will pay for after deducting \$10.00 out of same as his fee.

On motion the Treasurer of this body was requested to pay over the funds in his hands belonging to Association Missions to Eld. H. Sasser, taking his receipt for same.

On motion this Body returned their thanks to the New Hope Church and the community around it for the hospitality extended to them during the present session.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of this Body, a resolution will be offered to changed Article 2nd, of our Constitution so as to read as follows:

The annual meetings of this Body shall consist of Messengers sent by the Churches.

E. F. HAND.

Notice is hereby given that at the next session of this Body a resolution will be offered to change Article 2nd, of our Constitution so as to read as follows:

That none but lay members can be sent as Messengers to this Body.

H. H. HILTON.

On motion this Body adjourned to meet with Mount Pleasant Church at Gassville, Baxter county, Ark., on Friday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., before the 1st Sunday in September, A. D. 1891. Prayer by the Moderator.

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Moderator.

ELD. WM. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Recommendation	Decreased by Let'r	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Constituted	Days of Meeting	For Minutes	Pastoral Support
Mt'n. Home	J. T. Prior	J. M. Casey	Mt'n. Home	4	3			8	2	1	105	1868	4th	\$3.00	\$102.00
Hopewell	W. D. Jinnings	W. E. Newman	Mt'n. Home	19	3			4	10	1	89		1st		
Mount Pleasant	W. D. White	J. W. Reed	Gassville	5	5			3	8	2	194	1869	3rd	4.50	
Pilgrims Rest	W. D. White	H. T. Dilbeck	Independence	17	4	1	1	12	6	1	123	1872	2nd	2.00	.50
Palistine	H. H. Hilton	J. E. Eubank	Buford	6	2	1		1	2		43	1871	2nd	.80	20.00
New Harmony	W. D. Jinnings	J. D. Noe	Oakland	6	4		1	4	1		101	1872	3rd	1.50	13.90
Friendship	W. D. Jinnings	J. M. Stone	Mt'n. Home	29	3		2		1		68	1872	4th	1.00	
Oakland	J. T. Hand		Mt'n. Home												
Oak Grove	J. B. Perkins	W. H. Thorn	Mt'n. Home	8	6	1		3			45			1.00	16.50
Pleasant Grove	W. D. Jinnings	E. F. Hand	Onset	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	43		2nd	1.50	11.50
Rehoboth	C. H. Mayfield	A. Johnston	Flippin	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	64		4th	1.50	23.00
New Hope	C. H. Mayfield	J. G. Dillahunta	Yellville	7	0	2	3	3	6	0	56		2nd	26.75	
Pleasant Hill		T. W. Depriest	Bruno	4	2	0	2	3	3	1	100	1871	1st	2.00	39.00
New Liberty	J. H. Farmer	J. S. Hudson	Georges Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39			1.50	
Jefferson Hall	C. H. Mayfield	J. F. Stonecipher	Powell	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	21			1.00	18.00
Zion Hill	Wm. Paxton	J. H. Pangle	Yellville	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	8		3rd	.50	1.00
Harmony—															
Cedar Creek	J. H. Wade	A. Beachum	Mt'n. Home	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	1886	3rd	.50	13.00
Rocky Mount	John Coker	C. L. Featherston	Valley Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26		3rd	1.00	32.00
New Prospect	L. Thornton	J. B. Norton	Powell	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	20	1887	3rd	.75	
Bethel	W. A. Collis	J. L. McCarty	Rush	10	0	1	0	0	2	0	37	1887		1.25	19.25
Mountain Grove	B. L. Bayless	W. A. Dunbar	Oakland	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	17	1889		2.00	13.00
Rock Point	J. M. Rally	J. T. Thornton	Lead Hill	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	22	1888	1st	1.00	8.00
Mount Vernon	S. D. Ferren	J. F. Hancock	St. Joe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1888	3rd	.75	
Zion Light	J. G. Walker	W. A. Russell	Viney	3	6	0	3	0	0	0	12	1890	1st	.35	
Charity	J. C. Cooper	G. A. Oquin		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8			.25	9.05
Massadona	J. A. Thornton	M. Thornton	Protem	5	3	0	8	2	0	0	18	1889	2nd	.75	
Total:				138	43	6	22	64	52	8	1291			30.40	375.40

NOTE—Mt'n. Home paid \$27 and New Hope \$14 for church building. Pilgrims Rest paid \$3.00, New Harmony \$7.65, Oak Grove \$1.50, Rock Mount \$2, Bethel \$0.30 and Mountain Grove \$1.00 for Associational missions, and Mountain Home paid \$30 and Rehoboth \$1.75 for incidental expenses. Mt'n Home reports 25, Mt. Pleasant 37 and Bethel 40 engaged in Sunday School.