

MINUTES

of the

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLD ORGANIZATION

AND THE

25TH OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION

OF THE WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

NEW ATHENS CHURCH,

BAXTER COUNTY, ARK.,

SEPTEMBER 2ND AND 3RD, 1892,

OFFICERS:

ELD. W. D. WHITE,	MODERATOR,	GASSVILLE, ARK.
" W. A. COLLIS,	CLERK,	PEMBINA, "
" T. H. HORN,	TREASURER,	MT. HOME, "

MINUTES.

FIRST DAYS PROCEEDINGS.

Convened with the White River Baptist Association, New Athens Church, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1892.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. H. H. Hilton, followed by Eld. C. H. Mayfield.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Eld. H. H. Hilton. Eld. W. A. Collis, Clerk, being present and at his post, the roll of churches was called; the letters presented and read by Elders T. W. Wright and W. D. Jennings, and the names of the messengers enrolled.

The Moderator appointed J. P. Herron and G. W. Anglin to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted in the selection of Eld. W. D. White, Moderator, and the re-election of Eld. W. A. Collis, Clerk, and Bro. T. H. Horn, Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters, whereupon letters from Antioch, Whiteville; Pleasant Ridge and Pleasant Grove No. 2, Baxter County, Ark., were presented. On motion the churches were received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

On motion the body took recess until two P. M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The body was called together by singing. The regular order of business was taken up, when the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service: E. L. Hall, H. Smith and N. A. Tucker.

On Finance: J. C. Coffee, H. C. Cook and C. D. Roderick.

On Sunday Schools: T. W. Wright, W. D. Jennings and J. T.

Hand.

On Destitution; H. H. Hilton, A. Bayless and J. T. Hand.

On Woman's Work: J. A. Harrelson, H. Hayes and J. P. Herron.

On Baptist Literature: C. H. Mayfield, H. H. Hilton and A. J. Copeland.

On Foreign Missions: E. L. Hall, G. W. Bayless and J. T. Stone.

On Temperance: H. H. Hilton, T. W. Wright, C. H. Mayfield, Z. P. White, A. J. Copeland and W. D. Jennings.

On Home Missions: T. W. Wright, J. H. Wade and A. L. Bly-oth.

On Education: H. H. Hilton, W. D. Jennings, H. C. Cook and T. W. Wright.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations, whereupon Bro. J. W. Grisso from Big Creek presented himself and received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator. Reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum deferred.

Called for report of corresponding messengers. None reported.

Appointment of corresponding messengers to sister associations:

Rocky Bayou: T. H. Horn, T. W. Wright, H. H. Hilton, A. J. Copeland and G. W. Anglin.

Big Creek: J. T. Hand, W. D. Jennings, J. P. Herron and W. A. Collis.

Union, Mo.: T. W. Wright.

Crooked Creek: T. W. Wright, J. A. Harrelson, W. D. Jennings, J. H. Wade and W. A. Collis.

Independence: T. W. Wright.

Blue Mountain: T. W. Wright and W. D. White.

On motion Eld. T. W. Wright was appointed to represent this body in the State Baptist Convention and also was appointed as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the 9th article of the Rules of Decorum be changed to read as follows: "The churches may 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."

On motion the question that was laid on the table at the last meeting of this body was taken from the table and passed; 24 votes for and 5 against. From this time on each church will be allowed 4 messengers, to be chosen by the church.

On motion this body changed its time of meeting to Friday, at 10 A. M., before the 2nd Sunday in August in each year.

On motion this body agreed to hold its next annual meeting with Hopewell Church.

On motion Eld. W. D. White was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body, with Eld. J. A. Harrelson as his alternate.

On motion the body adjourned until 9 A. M. Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. C. H. Mayfield.

9 A. M. SUNDAY.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Collis.

On motion Eld. W. A. Clark, editor of *The Arkansas Baptist*, was invited to a seat with us as a member of the State Baptist Convention.

Called and corrected the roll and noted absentees.

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

In self defense and for Jesus's sake we should maintain a Bible School in every Baptist church. If we do not teach a plain Bible to our children, other denominations will capture them with error and sophistry. We need to wake up on this subject; revive the defunct Sunday School Convention and to this end we recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee on time, place and program for a Sunday School Convention, said committee to report at this session.

T. W. WRIGHT,
W. D. JENNINGS,
J. T. HAND.

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

We, your committee, submit the following: First of all we recommend the careful reading of the Bible because it is the Word of God; second, we recommend the reading of the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Arkansas; third, the reading of the cheap literature published by our Baptist houses, and also the reading of the Arkansas Herald, published at Mtn. Home, Ark.

C. H. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

Committee on Finance made its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following received from the various churches:

For printing Minutes.....	\$19.85
“ Foreign Missions.....	5.00
Total.....	\$24.85

H. C. Cook, Chairman.

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

We, your committee, submit the following: Inasmuch as the Great Commission is to go teach all nations, we are therefore bound in duty by the commission to do our whole duty in aiding the Foreign Mission cause among the heathens, who know not our God.

E. L. HALL, Chairman.

Committee on Destitution made its report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following: 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 destitution 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.

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Chairman.

Committee on Woman's Work made its report, which was read and adopted and is as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, It is well known that the women of our churches do much to advance the cause of Christ by aiding in Sabbath School work, mission cause, ladies' aid societies and other branches of church work, therefore

Resolved, That our churches and pastors do give more attention to the development of woman's efficiency in the churches.

J. P. HERRON, Chairman.

Committee on Deceased Ministers made its report which was read and adopted, and 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 year, and we do sincerely thank and praise our Heavenly Father for his protecting care and pray a continuation of the same upon us.

G. W. ANGLIN, Chairman.

After which the body all bowed in prayer with Eld. H. H. Hilton to thank God for his protecting care over the lives of our ministers during the past year.

On motion the body took recess until 2 P. M.

2 P. M.

The body was called together with singing.

Committee on Temperance made its report, which was read and

adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee, submit the following: When we consider the moral evils that are prevailing in these "perilous times" and invading our homes, we must confess that there is none so great as those resulting from the liquor traffic. It is the issue of the day and demands the prayerful consideration of all Christian people.

Its evil influences are so numerous and so baneful that no human mind can comprehend them. Its victims are hundreds of thousands, while its sufferers can only be computed by millions. There is scarcely a government to-day but what is controlled by rum. But while this is true, we rejoice to see the hosts of the Lord arraying themselves against it. There is not a protestant denomination in this country but what has spoken against the liquor traffic, and it is with no little degree of pleasure that your committee reports that no man who uses rum as a beverage is considered a respectable member of a Baptist church.

Therefore, as the messengers of the churches of Christ, we recommend that all our churches take a decided position upon all occasions and under all circumstances against the iniquitous traffic. Furthermore we recommend that all members of the churches use their best efforts to abolish the traffic from our land, and that we all labor to hasten the day when we all shall "vote as we pray."

H. H. HILTON,	} Com.
T. W. WRIGHT,	
A. J. COPELAND,	
W. D. JENNINGS,	
C. H. MAYFIELD,	

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

Your committee on Home Missions would call the attention of the churches to the importance of considering the work of our Home Mission Boards at Atlanta, Ga., and Philadelphia, Pa. The field of this Board is composed of the United States, Indian Territory, Cuba, three provinces of Canada and six states in Mexico. The work of this Board last year was as follows:

Baptisms	9,609
Bibles distributed	12,421
Sabbath Schools organized	342
Sermons preached.....	124,948
Churches organized.....	298
Prayer meetings.....	63,354
Visits.....	276,448
Missionaries.....	1,418
Weeks of labor.....	25,415
Nationalities.....	9
Pages tracts distributed.....	1,855,552
Expenses.....	\$580,786.06

This work shows itself to be in a prosperous condition. It calls to us to join in the great work, and asks us to join the marching hosts of consecrated workers. We commend this work especially to our churches.

T. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Committee on S. S. Convention made its report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Program for S. S. Convention to be held at Palestine Church on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in July, 1893:

- "The Relation of the Churches to the S. S." P. A. Cox, M. N. Dyer.
- "The Relation of the Pastor to the S. S." W. D. White, W. D. Jennings.
- "The Design of S. S. Teaching." Wm. Denton, Z. M. Horton.
- "The best Method of Teaching." J. M. Casey, Wiley Dyer.
- "Importance of Baptist Helps." C. H. Mayfield, W. A. Collis.
- "How Can We Best Increase the Interests of S. S.s in White River Association." By the Body.

T. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Committee on Education made its report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Educational interests are foundational to moral, religious and political up-

building. The nearer the home hearth-stone we educate our children, the better for them. Educated Christians are needed to meet a cultivated infidelity. All the phases of departure from "the old paths" of the Bible are expressions of latent skepticism. To meet it Baptists should train their children in Baptist schools; therefore Mountain Home Baptist College, Central Female Baptist College at Conway, and Ouachita College, should have the hearty support of Arkansas Baptists.

W. D. JENNINGS, Chairman.

On motion Eld. J. C. Holman and Bro. Jas. Baker, of Union Association, Mo., and Jas. Herron, of Big Creek Association, were seated as messengers from their respective associations.

On motion a committee consisting of W. D. Jennings, J. A. Harrelson and J. H. Wade was appointed to arrange a program for the Ministers and Members' Meeting, and select a place for the body to meet.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to distribute the minutes of this body to each church in proportion to the money sent in by them.

On motion the 1st article in the Rules of Order was placed as No. 4, and the 8th was stricken out.

On motion a Missionary Board was appointed, to-wit: J. P. Herron, G. W. Anglin, Sen., C. F. Stone, N. A. Tucker and J. H. Parks, whose duty is to superintend the missionary cause of this body and employ a missionary, or missionaries, to travel within the bounds of this Association.

On motion the Sunday's collection was ordered to be paid over to Eld. W. A. Collis, our missionary.

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

Received of T. H. Horn, Treasurer of this body, to pay for the printing of the minutes.....	\$37.30
Paid out for printing minutes and for postage.....	28.00
For Clerk's fees.....	10.00

W. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

Eld. W. A. Collis, Missionary for the Association for 1892, made his report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows:

Labored 63 days; traveled 700 miles; preached 8 sermons; had 30 accessions; witnessed 20 confessions; assisted in the organization of one church.

Received from the Executive Board.....	\$ 7 50
Received from the field.....	40.15

\$47.65

Balance due and unpaid	\$16.35
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W. A. COLLIS, Missionary.

On motion the Clerk was requested to superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have as many copies printed as the funds will pay for, after deducting \$10.00 from same as his fee.

On motion this body returned thanks to the New Athens Church and community for the hospitality extended it during the present session.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Hopewell Church, Baxter County, Ark., on Friday at 10 o'clock A. M., before the second Sunday in August, 1893. Prayer by the Moderator.

ELD. W. D. WHITE, MODERATOR.

ELD. W. A. COLLIS, Clerk.

CHURCH RECORD.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE
Mt. Home.....	T. W. Wright.....	None	J M Casey. ..	Mt Home.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. C. Coffee, W. D. White.....	None	John Blancet..	Gassville.....
Hopewell.....	H. Hays, T. H. Horn, H. H. Hilton, J. T. Hand, N. A. Tucker.....	H H Hilton....	W E Newman..	Gassville.....
Pilgrims' Rest....	H. C. Cook, J. H. Wade, C. H. Mayfield	W D White....	H T Dilbeck..	Independence..
Rehoboth.....	D. B. Beavers.....	J T Hand	J Burch.....	Flippin.....
New Harmony.....	G. W. Bayless, A. Bayless.	W D Jennings	G W Bayless..	Oakland.....
Oak Grove.....	A. J. Copeland, J. H. Parks.....	None	W C Thorn....	Mt Home.....
Friendship.....	W. A. Collis, G. W. Hargrave, J. Carter	W D Jennings	G W Hargrave.	Mt Home.....
Oakland.....	J. T. Stone, C. F. Stone, G. W. Eddings	J B Perkins....	C F Stone	Mt Home.....
Mt. Grove.....	Represented by letter	B L Bayless....	W A Dunbar..	Oakland.....
Cedar Creek.....	Wm. Osborn.....	W A Collis....	A Beachum....	Mt Home.....
New Athens.....	E. L. Hall, H. Smith.....	None	W H Wilson..	Bennett's.....
Pleasant Grove No. 1.	A. L. Blyeth, Wm. Newton.....	C H Mayfield..	E F Hand.....	Onset.....
Antioch.....	J. Irwin.....	J B Perkins....	A Johnson....	Flippin
Whiteville.....	W. D. Jennings, Z. P. White, G. W. An- glin, A. Harrelson.....	W J Jennings..	Z P White.....	Gassville
Pleasant Grove No. 2.	C. D. Rodrick.....	A J Copeland..	J W Hargrave.	Mt Home.....
New Hope.....	By letter.....	H Sasser.....	J G Dillahunta	Yellville
Pleasant Ridge.....	J. P. Herron.....	J T Hand.....	J P Herron....	Henderson.....
Rock Springs.....	C. C. Hand, A. Davis	J T Hand.....	J T Stuart....	Lone Rock.....

The rest of the churches not represented in the Association.


STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Decreased by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Constituted	Days of Meeting	For Minutes	Pastoral Supports	Ass'n Mission	State Mission	Foreign Mission	Church Building	No. Engaged in S. S.
Mt. Home	1	7	0	12	2	0	94	1868	3	2 50	50	0	0	0	0	50
Mt. Pleasant	0	0	0	12	3	1	130	1869	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	35
Hopewell	0	4	0	17	0	0	82	1874	1	1 30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrims Rest	1	9	0	17	0	1	121	1872	2	1 00	16	2	0	0	1 28	0
Palistine																
New Harmony	5	1	0	2	4	1	105	1872	3	2 00	12	7				
Friendship	0	2	0	13	1	0	67	1882	1	75	1					
Oakland	2			2	1	0	51	1881	3	50	30					
Oak Grove	2	5	0	13	4		45		0	1 00	35					
New Athens	1	0					18		1	50					3 00	
New Hope		5		2			58	1881	4	1 25	15					20
Rehoboth	6	3		22	2	1	70		3	1 10	11	1 65				
Mt. Grove	2	1					26		1	1 00	3	3 25		3		
Cedar Creek	0						16	1885	2	50						
Pleasant Ridge	15	2	3				30	1892	2	1 00						
Pleasant Grove				2			43	1882	4	1 25	8					
Rock Spring	2		1	2			26		1	10	3					
Pleasant Grove No. 2	1	7	1	1			23	1891	3	65						
Whiteville							36	1891	4	1 00	11					
Antioch	12	6				1	35	1891	4	1 00	31					

All the other twelve churches failed to represent.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Call of Association to order by the Moderator, if present.
2. Call for Church Letters and enroll Messengers.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Annual Introductory Sermon.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters for Membership.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters and Messengers.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Call and Correct the Roll and Note Absentees.
9. Call for Report of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
10. Appoint Messengers to Corresponding Bodies.
11. Call for Report of Committees in Order.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Resolutions.
14. Appoint Place for next Meeting of Association.
15. Appoint some one to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
16. Adjournment.



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