

MINCY VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

MINCY VALLEY, TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI

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Book owned by Vineta Halsey, Omaha, Ark.
dau. of Creel Hopper, son of Clemon
Hopper and wife Isaphena Hopper.

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At the meeting held in the Mincy Valley, Taney Co., Mo. on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in November 1871 conducted by Elders A. Hopper, Hyrem Hollers and J. F. Brittain a part of the members of the Postook Grove Church of United Baptist who had been legally dismissed from said church by letter agreed to go into a constitution of an independent church at this place. Wherefore Eld. J. F. Brittain was chosen as moderator protem and Bro. Creel Hopper Clk. Pt. the names of those that went into the constitution were as follows:

Clemon Hopper
Hyrem Hollers
Elizabeth J. Hollers
Anderson Hopper
Mary Hopper
J. F. Brittain
Mary Brittain
John Hutchison
Creel Hopper
Sarah Hopper
Sarah Pruitt
Marion Hopper

J. J. Fortner
Malissa Fortner
James M. Hopper
Mary E. Hopper
Louisy Watts
Melvina Watts
Henrietta Laws
Noah Laws
George Brittain
Memery Brittain

These Brethren and Sisters were permitted to constitute themselves into a church which we agree to call Mincy Valley - Constituting Prayer was offered by Elder A. Hopper after which a hymn was sung and the hand of fellowship extended. The newly constituted church then proceeded to business 1st by motion and second agreed that we adopt the foregoing rules of Decorem and Articles of Faith. 2nd by motion and second agreed that we hold our regular church meeting on Saturday before 3rd Sunday in each month.

Adjourned in order.

J. F. Brittain, Moderator Protem
Creel Hopper, Clk. Pt.

On the following Sunday evening the church met for worship after which an opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Brother Francis Brittain came forward and was received by Relation. The meeting continued from day to day the following week. On Monday evening the invitation was given and Brother Calvin Parton, Harvey Brittain, George Bly, Isaac Spear and Sister Nancy Spear, came forward and was rec'd by relation, and Aaron Hutchison was rec'd as candidate for baptism. Tuesday the opportunity was still extended when Bro. John C. Speer was rec'd as candidate for baptism and Sister Sarah Speer was rec'd by letter, and Sister Tabitha Ridemore was rec'd by relation. Tuesday evening Bro. James Hutchison was rec'd as a candidate for baptism and Sister Nancy Hutchison and Elizabeth Laws was rec'd by relation.

Wednesday evening Sister Sarah Brittain was rec'd by relation and Sister Sintha Laws was rec'd as a candidate for baptism and Sister Tilphah T. Brittain was rec'd by letter. Friday evening Sister Melcina Brittain was rec'd as a candidate for baptism on the following Sunday after Devine Services the church repaired to the water where the ordinance of baptism was administered to Bros. Aaron Hutchison, James Hutchison and John C. Speer and Sisters Sintha Bly (was Laws) and Melcina Brittain.

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|--|----------|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------|
| 1. Clemon Hopper | - | Died Feb. 28, 1876 | | | |
| 2. George Brittain | - | dis. by letter | | | |
| 2. Memery Brittain | - | " " " | | | |
| 4. Hyrem Hollers (as an ordained minister) | - | dis. by letter | | | |
| 5. Elizabeth Jane Hollers | | " " " | | | |
| 6. Anderson Hopper | " " | " " " | | | June 1880 |
| 7. Mary Hopper | | " " " | | | " " |
| 8. J. F. Brittain | " " | " " " | | | |
| 9. Mary Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 10. John Hutchison | | " " " | | | |
| 11. Sintha Hutchison | | " " " | | | |
| 12. Creel Hopper (a liscensed minister) | | ordained in Oct. 1878 | | | |
| 13. Sarah Hopper | | | | | |
| 14. Sarah Pruitt | | | | | |
| 15. J. J. Fortner | Excluded | | | | |
| 16. Malissa L. Fortner | " | Sept. 1880 | | | |
| 17. Marion Hopper | | | | | |
| 18. Mary Hopper | | | | | |
| 19. Louisy Watts | | dis. by letter | | | |
| 20. Melvina Watts | | " " " | | | |
| 21. James M. Hopper | | " " " | | | |
| 22. Mary E. Hopper | | " " " | | | |
| 23. Henrietta Laws | | " " " | | | |
| 24. Noah Laws | - | died Apr. 30th, 1873 | | | |
| 25. Francis Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 26. Tabitha Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 27. Calvin Parton | - | died Dec. 24, 1878 | | | |
| 28. Harvey Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 29. Sarah Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 30. George Bly | | " " " | | | |
| 31. Isaac Speer | | " " " | | | |
| 32. Aaron Hutchison | | " " " | | | |
| 33. John C. Speer | | " " " | | | |
| 34. Sarah Speer | | " " " | | | |
| 35. Nancy Speer | | " " " | | | |
| 36. Sintha Bly | | " " " | | | " - then excluded |
| 37. James Hutchison | | " " " | | | |
| 38. Nancy Jane Hutchison | | " " " | | | |
| 39. Elizabeth Laws | | " " " | | | |
| 40. Telpah T. Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 41. Melcena Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 42. Augustus P. Marrs | | " " " | | | |
| 43. Elisabeth Marrs | | " " " | | | |
| 44. Orlando Jones | | " " " | | | |
| 45. R. B. Stafford | | " " " | | | |
| 46. Amanda Stafford | | " " " | | | |
| 47. Emma Brittain | | " " " | | | |
| 48. James Gilstrap | | " " " | | | |
| 49. Ann Gilstrap | | " " " | | | |
| 50. Malinda Stafford | | " " " | | | |

51. Sousin Walker - Died				
52. Rebecca Jane Ranes	dis. by letter			
53. Sarah Cameron - Died				
54. John C. Speer	"	"	"	
55. Sarah Speer	"	"	"	
56. Nathaniel Pruitt	"	"	"	
57. John Thomasson - Excluded				
58. Edny Jane Thomasson	"			
59. Henry Killman	"			
60. Sousan Killman	"			
61. Icyphena Hopper - died Feb. 12th 1879				
62. Mary Killman - Excluded				
63. Milford Hopper - dis. by letter				
64. Amanda Layton - died Dec. 22nd 1879				
65. Marana Bedford - Excluded				
66. David Cameron - Died				
67. John Cameron	"	"	"	
68. Thomas A. Coulter	"	"	"	- then excluded
69. Virginia Coulter	"	"	"	" "
70. Louisy Watts				
71. Benjamin Osburn	"	"	"	
72. James Pruitt	"	"	"	
73. James H. Sperry - Excluded				
74. Sinthia Delila Sperry	"	"	"	
75. Lenory Hopper				
76. Sarah Ann Osburn				
77. Marthy Ann Pruitt - Excluded				
78. Francis Cameron	"	"	"	
79. Elizy Ann Watts	"	"	"	Oct. 1883
80. William Osburn	"	"	"	
81. Sousin Osburn	"	"	"	
82. Mary Harding	"	"	"	
83. Nancy Marget Pruitt - Excluded				
84. Amanda Hopper	"	"	"	
85. Joshua H. Covey - Excluded				
86. Lucy Covey -	"			
87. Thomas Watson				
88. Edna Watson				
89. William Caldwell -	"			
90. F. P. Grogen	"	"	"	
91. G. B. Covey -	"			
92. S. H. White - dead				
93. Marget White				
94. James A. Covey -	"			
95. Peter Covey -	"			
96. David L. Pruitt	"	"	"	
97. Mery Layton				
98. Sousin Bedford				
99. Jackson Middleton)				
100. J. W. Middleton)				
101. Florence Middleton)				
102. Rubin Noel)				
103. Delila Noel)				
104. Joseph Noel)				
105. Julia Jeffries)				
106. W. M. Canfield)				

All dismissed by
letter in May to
organize a new
church.

107. -- Murly - Excluded			
108. Mary Hardin - "			
109. Rebecca Jane Hardin "			
110. Mary Manis - "			
111. Doctor A. White - "			
112. Evaline Manis - "			
113. Henrietta Laws	dis.	by	letter
114. Arta White	"	"	"
115. Lydda A. Pennington	"	"	"
116. Wm. B. White			
117. Joseph P. Pennington	"	"	"
118. Nancy F. Pennington	"	"	"
119. R. B. Stafford - "			
120. Amanda Stafford - " Nov. 1880			
121. Peter Humphrey - "			
122. G. N. White - "			
123. Martha White - died			
124. Nancy J. White			
125. Nancy Clark - dead			
126. Jane Humphrey			
127. Nancy Caldwell - "			
128. Rebecca Caldwell - "			
129. Martha White	"	"	"
130. Leonard White	"	"	"
131. Nancy Pruitt			
132. Ivan Pruitt			
133. Sarah A. Barber			
134. Mary Covey - "			
135. Elvizzie Dejarnett	"	"	"
136. Milford Hopper	"	"	"
137. Mary Hopper			
138. John C. M. Green - "			
139. Elijah Jackson - "			
140. Emily Jackson - "			
141. John C. Speer	"	"	" - recalled & excluded
142. Sarah Speer	"	"	"
143. Jas. T. Anderson - "			
144. Permellia Anderson "			
145. Anna R. Brown			
146. John Wilson			
147. Lucetta Wilson			
148. Rozella McCord	"	"	" Feb. 1882
149. J. F. Brittain	"	"	"
150. Mary Brittain	"	"	"
151. Jane Pruitt - "			
152. Emma Pruitt - "			
153. Vandalia Hopper			
154. Ellin Roads			
155. David Covey - "			
156. Simon Covey - "			
157. Sarah White - "			
158. Galatha Watts - "			
159. D. A. White - "			
160. J. N. Pruitt	"	"	"
161. Sarah Pruitt	"	"	"
162. James Pruitt	"	"	"
163. James Walker			
164. Sarah J. Mosure - died			

165. Hahaly Davis	-	Excluded			
166. Thomas Lehens					
167. Nancy Lehens					
168. Nancy Lehens					
169. Charles Layton					
170. George Layton					
171. Harvard Pruitt	-	"			
172. Harrison Pruitt	-	"			
173. Reason Woodard	-	"			
174. Sarah Woodard					
175. Thomas Wilson			dis. by letter		
176. Jeremiah Mosure					
177. James Mosure		excluded Spt. 1883			
178. Thomas Sperry	-	"			
179. Munervy Sperry	-	"			
180. Kissire Hill	-	"			
181. Mary Barton	-	"			
182. Elizzre Dejarnett	-	"			
183. John E. Bly					
184. Clayton Pruitt	-	hand of fellowship			
185. Arminda Hopper		withdrawn.			
186. Martha Jane Covey	-	"			
187. Lansford Walker					
188. Sarah J. Hopper-gone					
189. Malinda J. Pruitt	-	"			
190. Ester Brittain					
191. Stephen A. Kilman			"	"	"
192. Wm. W. Vice	-	" (ordained minister)			
193. Mary Vice	-	"			
194. James F. Brittain			"	"	"
195. Mary E. Brittain			"	"	"
196. Molly Murley	-	"			
197. Soloman Yates			"	"	"
198. Rebecca Pruitt	-	"			
199. Frank Stokes-gone					
200. William Woodard					
201. Lotta Yates			"	"	"
202. Mary Jane Pruitt					
203. Joseph Yates			"	"	"
204. Louisa Yates			"	"	"
205. John Cameron					
206. Martha Ann Cameron					
207. Wm. H. Gilstrap	-	"			
208. Sarah Gilstrap	-	"			
209. J. H. Pruitt	-	"			
210. Emma Pruitt	-	"			
211. Caroline Acres	-	"			
212. F. M. Brittain					
213. Sarah E. Brittain					
214. James F. Pruitt					
215. J. N. Pruitt					
216. Sarah Pruitt					
217. Nancy Killman			"	"	"
218. J. L. Bruner					
219. John Laws					
220. Henrietta Laws					
221. Lotta Laws					
222. Kie Laws-dead					
223. W. F. Dole					
224. Nettie Dole					

225. Jasper Hopper
226. Marget Hopper
227. Viola Hopper
228. Samuel Laws
229. Elzada Laws
230. Joseph Parton
231. John Woodard
232. A. Parks
233. Mary Parks
234. T. B. Lankford
235. W. S. Smith
236. Pelina Smith
237. Thomas Coffelt
238. John H. Fisher
239. Mary Coffelt
240. Marget Coker
241. Nancy A. Coker
242. George W. Colbert
243. Robert Coker
244. Delby Ann Pruitt - Excluded
245. James Pruitt
246. Andrue (Andrew) Pruitt - "
247. Abner Layton -
248. William Liken
249. Wm. T. Davis
250. Melcena Davis
251. Wesley Woodard - "
252. James H. Parton
253. Leander Hopper
254. William Laws
255. Henry Sims
256. Memry Brittain-dead
257. Kissire Hill
258. Emma Turner -
259. Milton P. Brittain-
260. Nancy Brittain
261. William Kilman
262. Ann Walker
263. Elijah Jackson
264. Reason Woodard
265. Joseph W. Laws
266. Wm. H. Gilstrap

dis. by letter

the hand of
fellowship
withdrawn.

gone from country
(ordained minister

The Rev. Vise - dissimulation

Wm. Vise
Mary Vise
Wm. W. Gilstrap

S. E. Gilstrap
J. H. Pruitt
Emma Pruitt

D. A. White
Sarah White
Harrison Pruitt
Reason Woodard
Sarah Woodard
Malinda Pruitt

MINCY VALLEY, MO. CHURCH MINUTES CONTINUED:

Dec. 1871: Saturday before 3rd Sunday in December, 1871. The church met and after Devine services proceeded to business 1st by appointing Bro. A. Hopper Moderator protem and Bro. Creel Hopper Clk. Protom.
2nd Peace of the church was called for all in peace.

3rd By motion and second agreed that we build a house of worship on the following plan: the house to be of hewed logs 18 by 20 ft. square, 2 windows in each side, doors in end and pulpit in same end. Floor at least 1 ft. from ground, 10 ft. from floor to ceiling to be covered with 2 ft. boards showing 8 inches.

Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock P.M. 6 o'clock the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st took up the question of the church house by motion and second agreed that we build the house at a cite offered by Bro. A. Hopper in the Mincy Branch 1/2 mile above the Mincy Post Office. 2nd by motion and second agreed that we appoint Bro. A. Hopper to superintend the building of said house. 3rd by motion and second that we proceed to the election of a Pastor; Two Deacons and a Clerk. The vote was taken which resulted in the election of Bro. J. F. Brittain for Pastor and Bros. George Brittain and J. C. Speer for deacons and Bro. Creel Hopper for clerk.

Adjourned in order.

Sunday evening the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. Augustus P. Marrs and Sister Elisabeth Marrs came forward and was received by letter.

January 1872. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in January 1872. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st the minutes of the previous meeting was read and received. 2nd by motion and second agreed that we call Bro. A. Hopper, J. F. Brittain and H. Hollers as a presbytery to examine and set apart for the office of Deacons the two Bro. formerly elected for that office.

3rd peace of the church called for - all in peace notwithstanding it was found that a slanderous report was abroad concerning Bro. J. F. Brittain - whereupon a committee of 3 - Bros. Vise, Bro. J. J. Fortner, John C. Speer, and A. Hopper was appointed to investigate the matter and report at our next regular meeting.

4th by motion and second agreed that we liscence Bro. John C. Speer to preach the Gospel. Adjourned in order.

February 1872. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in February 1872. The church met and after devine services proceeded to business in order, 1st the minutes of the previous meeting was read, corrected and 2nd received. The report of the committee on investigation was called for and read as follows: We your committee appointed to investigate the report as covering our Pastor do find by investigation that they are false and we do hereby clear him of the report. Anderson Hopper, John C. Speer, Jacob Fortner. Committee. The report was received and committee discharged. 3rd peace of the church - call for - all in peace. 4th by request of Bro. J. C. Speer he is released from the office of Deacon and Bro. J. J. Fortner was elected to the office. Adjourned.

Sunday at 10 o'clock the church met and the presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Bro. George Brittain and J. J. Fortner to the office of deacons.

March 1872. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in March 1872. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. minutes of previous meeting was read and received. 2nd peace of the church called for - all in peace. 3rd by request of Bro. John Hutchison and Sister Sintha Hutchison his wife and Bro. James Hutchison and Sister Nancy J. Hutchison his wife and Bro. Aaron Hutchison they are granted letters of dismissal from us. Adjourned in order.

Saturday evening the church met for worship after which an opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. Orlando Jones came fprward and was received as a candidate for baptism. Sunday the church met for worship, after which the ordinance of baptism was administered to Orlando Jones.

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OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
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Sunday evening the Church again met for worship, after which an opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. R. B. Stafford and Sister Amanda Stafford and Sister Emma Brittain all came forward and was received as candidates for baptism.

Apr. Saturday of before 3rd Sunday in April 1872. The church met and after worship proceeded to business in order. 1st peace of the church called for, all in peace. No other business on hand. Adjourned in order. Sunday the church met for worship after which the ordinance of baptism was administered to Bros. R. B. Stafford and Sister Amanda Stafford. Sunday evening the church met for worship after which an opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. James Gilstrap and Sister Ann Gilstrap came forward and was received on the promise of a letter.

May Saturday before 3rd Sunday in May 1872. The church met and after divine services proceeded to business in order. 1st Bro. A. Hopper was appointed moderator protem. 2nd the minutes of previous meeting was read corrected and received. 3rd peace and fellowship of the church called for whereupon the church preferred the following charges against Bro. Hyrem Hollers. 1st for making unlawful and unchristian proposals to females. 2nd for making use of profane language. 4th by motion and second the church appointed Bro. J. J. Fortner and J. C. Speer to visit Bro. Hollers and inform him of said charges and request him to meet with us at our next regular meeting. 5th by request of Bro. A. Hopper he is released from the superintendency of the building of our church house and Bro. A. P. Marrs was appointed in his stead. Adjourned in order.

Sunday evening - the church met for worship, after which an intitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Sister Maline Stafford came forward and was received as a candidate for baptism. A. P. Marrs, Elizabeth Marrs, Isaac Speer, Nancy Speer, John C. Speer, Sarah Speer, Louisy Watts, Malinda Staffore, Harvey Bittain, Sarah Brittain, James Gilstrap, Ann Gilstrap, Tilpah T. Brittain, Emma Brittain, Melcena Brittain. 5th Viz: motion and second - adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock this evening. 6 o'clock the church met and after worship again proceeded to business.

1st The time having arrived for the election of a pastor by motion and second the church agreed to go into an election. The vote was taken, Viz: private ballot and resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. Bell. 2nd by motion and second Bro. A. Hopper was appointed to visit or write to Bro. Bell and inform him of his call to the church. 3rd by motion and second Bro. A. Hopper, R. B. Stafford and Orlando Jones was appointed messengers to bare our letter to the association. Adjourned in order.

Sept. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in September. The church met and after worship proceeded to business in order. 1st Brethren of sister church were invited to aid in council. 2nd the minutes of previous meeting was read and received. 3rd Peace of the church called for - all in peace. 4th by motion and second it was agreed that Bro. Creel Hopper continue to act as our clk. for coming year. Adjourned in order.

1872. Oct. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in October 1872. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st Brethren of sister churches were invited to aid. 2nd peace of church called for - all in peace. 3rd by motion and second Bro. A. Hopper was again appointed as Superintendent to continue the work on our church house and to take up collection to buy a stove for the church. 4th by motion and second Bro. Orlando Jones is granted a letter of dismission from us at his request. Adjourned in order.

Nov. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in November. A part of the church met but not enough to form a quorum so no business done.

Dec. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in Dec. 1872 the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st by motion and second Bro. A. Hopper was appointed moderator protem. 2nd peace of the church called for when Bro. Jacob Fortner got up and stated that he had found an other demoniation not of our faith and order. 3rd by motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from B. Fortner for want of fellowship. Adjourned in order.

Saturday evening the church again met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. John C. Speer came forward and was rec'd into full fellowship having been previously dismissed from us by letter.

Jan. 1873. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in Jan. 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business 1st by motion and second Bro. A. Hopper was appointed mod. protem 2nd the minutes of the previous meeting was read and received. 3rd peace of the church called for all found in peace. Adjourned in order.

Feb. Sat. before 3rd Sun. in Feb. 1873. The church met but no business was done.

Mar. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in March 1873. The church met for worship but no business was done. The meeting continued for several nights. On Tuesday night an opportunity was given to Sister Sarah Speer who came forward and was received by letter.

Apr. Sat. before 3rd Sunday, April 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Bro. A. Hopper was appointed Moderator Protem.

2nd The minutes of the previous meeting was read and received.

3rd Peace of the church called for - all in peace. Adjourned in order.

May. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in May, 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of sister churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd The minutes of previous meeting was read and received.

3rd The peace of the church called for - all in peace. Adjourned in order.

June. Sat. before 3rd Sunday in June, 1873. The church met but no business was done.

July. Sat. before 3rd Sunday in July, 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

2nd Brethren of sister churches was invited and in council.

3rd Peace of the church called for - all in peace.

4th By motion and second agreed that we be represented on the association this year.

5th By motion and second Bro. A. Hopper, R. B. Stafford and J.M. Hopper was chosen as messengers to bare our letter to the association.

6th By the request of Bro. J. C. Speer and Sister Sarah Speer they are granted letters of dismission from our body. Adjourned in order. Saturday night the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for person to unite with the church when Bro. Nathaniel Pruitt came forward and was received by relation.

Aug. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in August 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Invited Brethren of Sister Churches to aid in Council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and rec'd.

4th. Our letter to the association was then read and adopted.

5th. By motion and second agreed that hence-forth we be known as the Baptist Church of Christ.

6th. The time having arrived to elect a pastor and clerk by motion and second agreed to refer the election to our next regular meeting.

Sept. Sat. before - Adjourned in order. 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Bro. J. R. Chambers was chosen Moderator Protem.

2nd. Minutes of previous meeting was read and rec'd.

3rd. Peace of Church called for whereupon Bro. A. Hopper got up and stated that he had been overtaken in a fault that he had got into difficulty with Bro. J. F. Brittain and that he had resorted to unChristian means and he prayed the church to forgive him for his fault. By motion and second the church forgave him.

4th. By request of Bro. George Bly and Sister Sintha Bly and Sister Rebecca Jane Justice they are granted letters of dismission from us. Adjourned to meet at early candle lighting. Early candle lighting the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. By motion and second agreed to go into the election of a pastor and clerk. The vote was taken by private ballot which resulted in the election of Bro. J. R. Chambers as pastor and Bro. Creel Hopper as Clerk.

2nd By request of Sister Melvina Watts she was granted a letter of dismission from us. Adjourned in order.

Oct. Sat. before 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of sister churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd. Peace of the church called for - all in peace.

3rd. By request of Bro. R. B. Stafford and Sister Amanda Stafford and Sister Elisabeth Laws and Henrietta Laws they are granted letters of dismission from our body. Adjourned in order. Sunday evening the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Sisters Edny Jane Thomasson and Mary Killman came forward and was rec'd as candidates for baptism and Sisters Susan Killman and Isyphena Hopper came forward and was rec'd by relation.

Nov. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in November 1873. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister church was invited to aid in Council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and received.

3rd. Peace of the church called for - all in peace - no other business. Adjourned in order. Saturday evening the church met for worship, after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church, when Bro. Henry Killman and John Thomasson came forward and was received as candidates for baptism. Sunday at 9 o'clock the church was repaired to the water where the ordinance of baptism was administered to Bro. John Thomasson and Sister Edny Jane Thomasson and Bro. Henry Killman and Sister Mary Killman.

December 1873, and January and February, 1874. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Peace of the church called for - all in peace.

2nd. By motion and second agreed that we extend an arm of the church into the neighborhood of Bro. T. A. Coulters six miles East of this place.

3rd. On motion adjourned in order.

April, May, June and July. The church met regular for worship but no business was done til the evening of the 3rd Sunday in July an opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Sister Marania Bedford came forward and was received into the church by relation and Sister Amanda Layton came forward and was received as a candidate for baptism.

Aug. Sat. before 3rd Sunday in August, 1874. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Peace of the church called for - all in peace.

2nd An opportunity was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. Milford Hopper came forward and was received as a candidate for baptism.

3rd. Whereas in May 1872 certain charges was preferred against Bro. Hyrem Hollers and a plenty of time has been given and said charges has totally failed to be sustained, therefore by motion and second agreed that the church release Bro. Hollers of said charges and exhonorate him. By motion adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening. Sunday morning the church met for worship after which they repaired to the water and Bro. Wilford Hopper and Sister Amanda Layton was baptised by our pastor, Elder J. R. Chambers.

Tuesday evening the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The time having arrived to call a pastor for the coming year. By motion and second the church agreed to go into an election. The vote was taken by acclamation which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. J. R. Chambers. Adjourned in order.

Saturday before 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1874. The church met but no business done. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in October 1874. The church met for worship, they was called to order by the Moderator for any business that mite come before her.

1st. Brethren of Sister Church were invited to aid in Council.

2nd Peace of church called for - all in peace.

3rd. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church. When Bro. T. A. Coulter and Sister Coulter came forward and was received by relation.

4th By motion and second Bro. T. A. Coulter is granted liscense to preach the Gospel.

5th By request of Bro. Hyrem Hollers and Sister Elisabeth Jane Hollers they are granted letters of dismission from our body. Adjourned in order.

Oct. Saturday before 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1874. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Bro. A. Hopper was chosen as Moderator Protem.

2nd By motion and second agreed that we change our day of business from Saturday before 2nd Sunday in each month. Adjourned in order. Owing to the severeness of the winter and bad health our pastor failed to attend us regular but the church continued to meet for worship each month, but no business was done till the following June.

June 1875. Saturday before 2nd Sun. in June 1875. The church met and after preaching by our pastor the church proceeded to business in order.

1st. Peace of church called for. All found in peace.

2nd. By request of Bro. T. A. Coulter and Sister Virginnia Coulter they are granted letters of dismission from our body. Adjourned in order.

July - No business done in July.

Aug. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in August 1875. The church met and after divine services proceeded to regular business in order.

1st. Church called to order by the Moderator.

2nd. Peace of the church was called for. Found in peace.

3rd. By motion and second the church went into the election of Bro. J. R. Chambers. The church continued to meet for to worship God the following week. Sunday evening Sister Louisy Watts came forward and was rec'd into the fellowship of the church by letter. On Wednesday evening Bros. Benjamin Osburn, James Pruitt, and Sisters Sintha Delila Sperry, Lenory Hopper and Sarah Ann Osburn came forward and was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Thursday evening Sisters Martha Ann Pruitt, Frances Cameron, and Eliza Ann Watts was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Friday 11 o'clock the church met and after preaching Bro. James H. Sperry came forward as was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Saturday 11 o'clock church met and after worship Sister Mary Hardin was rec'd by letter. (Also Friday evening Bro. William Osburn came forward and was rec'd as a candidate for baptism.) Saturday evening Sisters Nancy Marget Pruitt and Sousin Osburn was rec'd as candidate for baptism. Sunday morning church met for worship and after services Sister Amanda Hopper was rec'd as a candidate for baptism after which the church repaired to water where Pastor baptised the above candidates.

J. R. Chambers, Moderator

A. Hopper, Clerk Protem.

Sept. The church met for worship but no business was done.

Oct. Friday night before 2nd Sunday in October 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business on motion and second agreed that we extend an arm of this church into the settlement of Bro. Noell, 12 miles south of here and give our Pastor and Bro. A. Hopper the privilege of receiving members into the church at that place. Adjourned in order.

Nov. November and December the church met for worship but no business was done. But from November 1875 til May 1876 our Pastor and Elder A. Hopper held meetings regular each month at Bro. Noell's during which Brother Jackson Middleton, Jo W. Middleton, Ruben Noell, Joseph Noells, W. M. Canfield, and Sister Delila Noell, Florence Middleton and Julia Jefferies was received into the church. On the 1st Sunday in January 1876 Elder Thomas Foster, our Missionary, visited us and commenced a meeting which continued the following week. On Sunday night Bro. Joshua H. Covey, and Sister Lucy Covey was rec'd into our fellowship by relation. On Thursday Bro. Thomas Watson was rec'd by restoration and Bro. William Caldwell was rec'd by relation and Bro. F. P. Grogen was rec'd as a candidate for baptism. On Thursday night Bro. S. B. Covey was rec'd as a candidate for baptism and Sister Edna Watson was rec'd by relation, and Bro. S. H. White and Sister Marget White was rec'd by letter.

Jan. 1876. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in January 1876. The church met and after preaching by our Pastor, an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Bros. James A. Covey, Peter Covey, and David L. Pruitt and Sisters Mary Layton and Susan Bedford was rec'd. as candidates for baptism. The church was then called to order for business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Church was invited to aid in Council.

2nd the minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in Peace.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we extend an arm of this church into the settlement

of the Bro. Layton School House. After which, adjourned in order.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the church met at the water and Bro. F. P. Grogen was baptised by Elder A. Hopper.

Feb. 1876. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in February 1876. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Churches was invited to aid in Council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. When it found that reports was going about that Sisters Nancy M. Pruitt and Sister Sarah A. Pruitt had been visiting public places of sinful mirth and that Bro. Wm. Osburn has been making use of profane language and had been out with a gun hunting on Sunday. Whereupon by motion and second a committee of 3 Bros. was appointed to visit said Sisters and Brother, and Bro. Joshua H. Covey, J. N. Pruitt, and Creel Hopper was chosen as said committee.

4th. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church when Bro. R. B. Stafford and Sister Amanda Stafford was rec'd by letter.

5th. On motion and second agreed that we elect two deacons this evening. Adjourned to early candlelighting. Early candle lighting, the church met and after worship proceeded to business in order.

1st. Proceeded to the election Deacons, the vote was taken by private ballot which resulted in the election of Bros. R. B. Stafford and J. H. Covey.

2nd. Elders J. R. Chambers and A. Hopper as a presbytery to examine and ordain for deacons the two Bros. elected for that office and the ordination to be attended to tomorrow evening. Adjourned in order. On Sunday after preaching Sister Mary Hardin called for a letter of Dismission from us on motion and second her request was granted. See note below. Sunday evening at early candlelighting the church met and after worship the ordination of Deacons was attended to. Adjourned in order. Note: On Sunday after 11 o'clock services the church repaired to the water and Bro. S. B. Covey, James A. Covey, David L. Pruitt and Sisters Mary Layton and Susan Bedford was baptised by our Pastor, (R. B. Chambers).

In March and April there was no church business done.

May and June, 1876. Saturday before 2nd Sunday - May, 1876. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Church was invited to aid in Council.

2nd The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. And the committee therein mentioned not ready to report was requested to report at our next regular meeting.

3rd. Peace of the church call for - all in peace.

4th. On motion and second Bro. W. M. Canfield is granted liscense to preach the Gospel.

5th. By request of the following named Brethren and Sisters they are granted letters of dismission from us for the purpose of organizing a new church 12miles south of here. These are the names: Jackson Middleton, J. W. Middleton, Ruben Noell (Noel), Joseph Noel, W. M. Canfield, Delila Noel, Florence Middleton, and Julia Jeffries, and by request of the above brethren and Sisters the ordained authority and as many other members of this church as can go are invited to meet with them next Saturday for the purpose of assisting them on the organizing of a new church. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in June, 1876: The church met and after preaching proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting read and adopted and the committee therein mentioned reported that they had visited the sisters Pruitt, and Brother Osburn and that they had all made confessions and asked the church to forgive them. On motion and second the report was received and committee discharged. On motion and second the church forgave and retained the Sisters and Brother according to their request. On motion and second agreed that we take the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and at our next meeting. Adjourned in order.

Sunday after worship an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Thomas A. Coulter and Sister Virginnia Coulter and Sister Sintha Bly was rec'd by letter, and Sister Murly was rec'd by relation.

July and August, 1876. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July, 1876. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church. And Sister Mary Harden was received by letter.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

4th. On motion and second, adjourned til 10 o'clock Sunday. See business of Sunday on next page.

August. On the first Sunday in August, 1876. Elder Thos. Foster commenced a meeting at the Bro. Layton School House that lasted the following week during which Bro. Doctor A. White and Sister Arta White was rec'd into our church by relation. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Aug. 1876 the church met and after worship, business was adjourned til Monday. The meeting for worship continued the following week.

Sunday after 11 o'clock services Sister Rebecca J. Harden was rec'd by relation. Monday 10⁰'clock the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All found in peace.

4th. By request of Bro. Benjamin Osburn he is granted a letter of dismissal from us. On motion and second business was adjourned til Wednesday. Preaching at 11 o'clock after which Sister Manis and Sister Henrietta Laws was rec'd by letter. Preaching at 11 o'clock after which Sister Evaline Namis and Sister Lydda A. Pennington and Bro. Wm. B. White was rec'd as candidates for baptism and Bro. J. P. Pennington and Sister Nancy Pennington was rec'd by letter. Wednesday at the church met and after worship proceeded to business - next page -

1st. On motion and second Elder A. Hopper was chosen Moderator Protem.

2nd. The time having arrived for the election of a pastor and clerk for the coming year, the vote was taken by private ballot which resulted in the election of Elder J. R. Chambers for Pastor and Bro. David L. Pruitt for Clerk. Adjourned. Thursday 11 o'clock the church met on Turkey Creek and after preaching Bro. Peter Humphrey and J. N. White and Sisters Martha A. White, Janey J. White and Nancy Clark was rec'd as candidates for baptism. After this the church repaired to water and Elder A. Hopper baptised Bros. William B. White, J. A. White and Sisters Lydda A. Pennington and Evaline Manis.

Friday 11 o'clock the church and at the water and after preaching Bro. Peter Humphrey and Sister Nancy J. White, Martha A. White and Nancy Clark was baptised by Elder A. Hopper. Saturday after preaching Sister Jane Humphrey, Nancy Caldwell, Rebecca Caldwell, and Martha White and Bro. Leonard White was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Sunday Sisters Nancy Pruitt and Ivan Pruitt was rec'd as Candidates for baptism after which Sisters Luanna Pruitt, Jane Humphrey and Martha White and Bro. Leonard White was baptised by Eld. A. Hopper. Business of Sunday in July 1876. 10 o'clock the church met and services opened by singing, and prayer by our pastor, then proceeded to business.

1st. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the south west Bethel Association this year by letter and messenger.

2nd. On motion and second the clerk is requested to prepare a letter addressed to the association for our consideration at our next regular meeting for business and Bro. Marion Hopper was chosen as our messenger to the association.

3rd. By request of Bro. Wm. Osburn and Sister Susan they are granted letter of dismissal from us. Adjourned in order.

From Sept. to December, 1870. Saturday before second Sunday in Sept. 1876. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting not being present, peace of church called for. All in peace.

2nd. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church but none received.

3rd. On motion and second agreed that we take into consideration the propriety of building a new church house. Whereupon our pastor is authorized to appoint a committee of the persons whose duty it should be to investigate and see what can be done and select and propose a cite and they are to report at our next regular meeting. The following names was appointed a committee:

Elder A. Hopper	)	Creel Hopper	)	Elijah Jackson
J. H. Covey	)	J. P. Pennington	)	John Thomasson
R. B. Stafford	)	A. J. Pruitt	)	
S. H. White	)	John Bedford	)	

Adjourned.

Sunday after 11 o'clock services the church repaired to water, and Sisters Nancy Pruitt and Eliza Caldwell was baptised by our Pastor.

In October and November the church met for worship but no business was done.

2nd Sunday in December, 1876. The church met and after preaching by Elder A. Hopper and Clerk the church proceeded to business.

1st The Pastor and Clerk not being present on motion and second Elder A. Hopper was chosen Moderator Protem and Bro. Creel Hopper Clerk Protem.

2nd. By request of Bro. John Cameron he is granted a letter of dismissal from us. Adjourned in order.

January and February 1877. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in January 1877. The church met for worship but no business was done. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in February 1877. The Church met and after worship on motion and second business was adjourned til early candlelighting. Early candlelighting the Church met and after worship proceeded to business in order.

1st. Brethrin of Sister Churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted and the reference in relation to the building committee was taken up and the committee was not ready to report, whereupon motion and second said committee was discharged with the view of appointing a smaller committee.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. Whereupon it was found that the fellowship of the church had been disturbed by quite a number of our young members having been attending dances and other places of sinful mirth whereupon on motion and second the church unanimously agreed to invite and urge that all our members young and old who know themselves to be guilty of any unChristian conduct to come forward at our next regular meeting and confess their faults to the church and to one another.

4th. On motion and second agreed that our pastor appoint another building committee of five persons and it shall be their duty to investigate the property of building a new church house and see what can be done and select and propose as many cites for building as they may see proper and they are requested to report at our next regular meeting.

5th. By request of Sister Henrietta Laws she is granted a letter of dismissal from us. Bro. A. Hopper, R. B. Stafford, J. H. Covey, and Mr. A. J. Pruitt and John Bedford was appointed as building committee. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in March 1877 the church met and after divine services proceeded to business.

1st. Visiting Breathrin was invited to aid in counsel

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted and the reference refered til early candlelighting.

3rd. Whereas our Clerk Elect has as yet failed ever to be present on our business days on motion and second Bro. Creel Hopper was appointed to act as Clerk.

4th. By request of Bro. J. P. Pennington and Sisters Nancy Pennington and Lydda A. Pennington and Bro. Leanard White and Sisters Arta White and Martha White and Bros. J. N. Pruitt and James Pruitt they are granted letters of dismissal from us for the purpose of organizing a church near Kerbyville by request of Bro. Milford Hopper he is granted a letter of dismissal from us. Adjourned til early candle lighting.

Early candle lighting: The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The building committee was called on for their report, which was made as follows:

Mincy, Mo. March 10th, 1877:

We your committee of the Mincy Valley Baptist Church of Christ appointed for to take into consideration the propriety of building a new church house do make this our report. We deem it necessary for the advancement of the religion of Jesus Christ and for the good of the community at large that we build a larger and more suitable house of worship.

2. We would recommend that said house be built at the forks of the hollow below the Mincy P.O.

3. That said house be 24 by 36 ft. in size, two windows in each side doors in one end and stand and window in the same end.

4. Said house to be built of pine lumber 14 ft. long put up board fassion, sealed on sides and our head well seated and covered with 2 ft. boards. A. Hopper, Robert Stafford, A. J. Pruitt, J. H. Covey, Committee.

2nd. On motion and second the report was received and adopted.

3rd. On motion and second the committee is continued as a building committee and they are requested to take up subscriptions and thus try to secure means for the completion of said house and they are to report to the church what they have done from time to time as they may see proper. Adjourned in order.

April, 1877. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in April, 1877. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Visiting brethren was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for and it was found that the fellowship of the church was disturbed by some of our young people who had been attending dances has as yet failed to make reconciliation with the church whereupon the church agreed to give such members one more month to make reconcilliation with the church. Adjourned in order.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in May 1877. The church met and after divine services proceeded to business, by appointing Bro. A. Hopper Mod. Protem.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Whereas our pastor Elder J. R. Chambers has sent us his resignation as our pastor. On motion and second his resignation is received and he is released from the care of the church. Resolved that as a church we do feel ourselves agreived at our last pastor in that he said in writing that he could not preach for us and retain any self respect for himself as a Christian Minister or honorable man.

3rd. On motion and second agreed that Bros. Creel Hopper and J. H. Covey be a committee to inform Eld. J. R. Chambers of the proceedings of the church in relation to his resignation. Adjourned til 11 o'clock Sunday. Sunday, 11 o'clock the church met and after worship proceed to business.

1st. Whereas we are now without a pastor, on motion and second agreed that we elect a pastor for the remainder of the associational year the vote was taken by acclamation which resulted in the election of Eld. A. Hopper.

2nd. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Sister Sarah A. Barber was received as a candidate for baptism. Sunday night the church was given for persons to unite with the church and Sister Mary Elin Covey came forward and was rec'd as a candidate for baptism.

June and July, 1877. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in June 1877. The church met after worship proceeded to business.

2nd, the minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd, on motion and second Bro. A. Hopper was appointed as a comittee to visit all the brethren and Sisters that has offended the church by dancing or other vice and invite them to meet with us at our most regular meeting and make reconcilliation with the church. Adjourned. Sunday 11 o'clock the church met and after worship repaired to water and Sisters Sarah A. Barber and Mary E. Covey was baptised by our pastor Elder A. Hopper.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July 1877. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted and Bro. A. Hopper was called on for his report but he stated that he was not ready or fully prepared to make a report and he asked more time.

3rd. On motion and second the church gave him til our next regular meeting to make said report.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association this year by letter and messengers and the Clerk is requested to prepare a letter for our consideration at our next regular meeting.

5th. On motion and second Bro. R. B. Stafford, J. H. Covey, Thomas Watson and A. Hopper was appointed as our messengers to the Association.

6th. On motion and second agreed that we appoint a committee of arrangements to arrange for entertainment and general comfort of the association during her cession as she meets with us this year. - Bros. J. H. Covey, Thomas Watson was appointed as said committee. Adjourned in order.

August and September, 1877.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in August 1877. The church met and after worship proceed to business.

1st. Brethren of Sister Churches was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted and Bro. A. Hopper was called on for his report so he stated that he had visited several of our young members and laboured with them and a part of them confessed their faults and expressed a desire to be retained in the church. He also stated that Bro. Jasper White and Sister Nancy White his wife and Bro. Wm. Caldwell had no confessions to make.

3rd. On motion and second the report was received and committee discharged.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from Bro. Jasper White and Sister Nancy White his wife, and Bro. Wm. Caldwell for dancing.

5th. On motion and second agreed that we forgive and retain all of the brethren (their spelling) and sisters that made their confessions.

6th. By request of Sister Delila Sperry she is granted a letter of dismissal from us. Adjourned in order.

Sept. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in September 1877. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of sister church was invited to aid in council.

2nd. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. The time having arrived for the election of a pastor, on motion and second agreed that we go into an election of a pastor and assistant pastor. The vote was taken by acclamation which resulted in the election of Eld. Thomas Foster as pastor and Eld. A. Hopper Asst. Pastor. Adjourned.

3rd Sunday in Sept. 1877 a protracted meeting was commenced at Bro. Jacksons that lasted a week during which Sister Elizzie Dejarnett was received into the church by relation.

Sept. 1877 to Feb. 1878. The church continued to meet regular for worship every month out no regular church business was done till in February, 1878.

1878: Saturday before 2nd Sunday, Feb. 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Brethren of sister church was invited to aid in council.

2nd. Peace of church called for. All in peace.

3rd. On motion and second agreed that the church meet on Saturday before 4th Sunday in this month for the purpose of attending to any business of interest that may come before her at that time. On motion of adjourned.

Saturday before 4th Sunday in Feb. 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Brethren of sister church was invited to aid in council.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. It was found that reports was afloat that Sister Nancy M. Pruitt has left her husband and is taken up with and is married to another man. Also that Sister Evaline Manis is guilty of very unbecoming conduct whereupon a motion and second the church prefers charges against the sisters based upon the reports and Bros. J. H. Covey, and J. M. Hopper was appointed as committee to investigate the reports and report at our next regular meeting.

5th. By request of Bro. F. P. Grogen on motion and second and he is granted a letter of dismissal from us.

6th. On motion and second agreed that we take a vote and see wheather we will allow our members to visit and participate in the dances as they carryed on at the present day and time

The vote was taken by acclamation and resulted in the unanimous decision that we would not. From Feb. to Apr. 1878. On motion adjourned til early candle lighting. Early candle lighting the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church, and Bro. Milford Hopper and Sister Mary Hopper his wife were rec'd by letter, and Bro. John M. Green was rec'd as a candidate for Baptism.

Sat. before 2nd Sunday in March 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. Eld. J. F. Brittain was appointed Mod. Prot.

2nd. On motion and second further business was adjourned till Sunday at eleven o'clock. Sunday eleven o'clock the church met and after preaching by our pastor the church was called to order for business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. The reference was taken up and the committee was called on for their report so they stated that they had investigated the reports concerning Sisters Pruitt and Manis and had found the reports to be true and correct.

3rd. On motion and second the report was read and committee discharged.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from the two sisters.

5th. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Elijah Jackson and Sister Jackson and Sister Anna R. Brown was rec'd as a candidate for baptism, and Bro. John Speer and Sister Sarah Speer was rec'd by letter as our pastor elect has failed to attend us on motion and second agreed that proceed to elect pastor and an assistant pastor. The vote was taken which resulted in the election of Eld. J. F. Brittain as pastor and Eld. A. Hopper as assistant pastor.

6th. Sunday in Apr. the church met for worship and after Bro. and Sister Jackson and Bro. J. M. Green was baptised by our pastor.

From Apr. to June, 1878. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in April 1878, the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for, all in peace.

3rd. Whereof it is reported that Bro. James Sperry and Sister Mary Harden, Rebecca J. Harden, Martha A. Cameron and Sister Murly is gone from our country, on motion and second agreed that we appoint a committee to investigate their standing with the church.

4th. On motion and second Bros. J. H. Covey and R. B. Stafford was appointed as committee and they are authorized to appoint assistants and they appointed Bro. Elijah Jackson and David L. Pruitt as their assistants and they are requested to report at our next regular meeting.

Adjourned.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in May, 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

2nd. The reference was taken up and the committee was called on for their report, so they stated that they had found it to be true that Bro. James Sperry and Sisters Rebecca J. Harden, Mary Harden, Martha A. Cameron and Murly is gone from among us.

3rd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged.

4th. On motion and second the church preferred charges against the Bro. and sisters above named for contempt of the church. Adjourned.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday June 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. The reference was taken up and on motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from Bro. James Sperry, and Sisters Murly, Rebecca J. Hardin, Mary Harden, and Martha A. Cameron for contempt of the church.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord Jesus by the Lord's supper on Sunday afternoon of our next regular meeting. Sunday after preaching an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. James F. and Sister Permelia Anderson was rec'd by letter after which the church repaired to the water and Sisters Anna R. Brown was baptized by our pastor.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for - all in peace.

3rd. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association this year by letter and messengers. Adjourned.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in August 1878 the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

3rd. Whereas the question of Alien Baptism has been agitated in the Association in years pass therefore on motion and second agreed that our messengers be instructed to advise the association to drop the matter and leave that with the churches for decision.

4th. The letter to the association was read and adopted.

5th. On motion and second agreed that we elect and have ordained one more deacon. The vote was taken by acclamation and resulted in the election of Bro. Elijah Jackson. On Wednesday evening following after preaching Bro. John Wilson and Sister Lucetta Wilson, Solatha Watts, Rozilla McCord was rec'd as candidates for baptism.

Sept. and Oct. 1878. The church met and after preaching proceeded to business. 1st, the minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd. Peace of the church called for - all in peace. 3rd. On motion and second agreed that Bros. Creel Hopper John Speer and T. A. Coulter be examined and if found worthy be ordained as ministers of the Gospel at our next regular meeting. On motion adjourned til evening. Saturday evening the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. On motion and second Elders J. F. Brittain and A. Hopper and our deacons was called as presbytery to examine the above breathrin. On motion adjourned. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in October 1878. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. The minute of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. Adjourned til 10 o'clock Sunday. Sunday 10 o'clock, the church met and after singing and prayer the presbytery proceeded to examine in order to ordination Bros. Creel Hopper and John Speer as ministers of the gospel and Bro. Elijah Jackson as a deacon. Bro. T. A. Coulter was not present so he was not examined. After examination the presbytery proceeded to ordain Bro. Creel Hopper and John Speer as Ministers of the gospel and Bro. Elijah Jackson as a deacon. Then adjourned to meet at the water on Monday at 10 o'clock. Monday, 10 o'clock the church met at the water and after services Bro. John Wilson and Sister Lucetta Wilson Salatha Watts and Razello McCord was baptised by our pastor.

November and December, 1878 and Jan. 1879. The church met for worship but no business was done. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Jan. 1879 The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for. When it was found that a difficulty was existing between Bros. A. Hopper and R. B. Stafford that it appears they cannot settle between themselves wherefore on motion and second the church appointed a committee of Bros. J. H. Covey, Elijah Jackson and John Speer to wait upon said party and try to bring about a reconcilliation between them and said committee appointed Eld. J. F. Brittain as their foreman. On motion adjourned. On the 4th Sunday in Jan. a meeting was commenced that continued from day to day for 9 days. On Wednesday night an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. J. F. Brittain and Sister Mary Brittain and Bro. O. H. P. Lorrabee and Sister Mary Lorrabee and Bro. David Lorrabee and Sister Lucy Lorrabee was rec'd by letter and Bros. David and Syman Covey and Sisters June and Emma Pruitt and sisters Barnett and Randalia Hopper was rec'd as candidates for baptism.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday, Feb. 1879. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. The reference was taken up and the committee was called on for their report so they stated that reconcilliation was made between Bros. A. Hopper and R. B. Stafford.

3rd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged.

4th. Whereas Bro. R. B. Stafford has declared non fellowship with us in church relation by joining another denomination not of our faith and order therefore on motion to second agreed that our pastor appoint a committee to visit Bro. Stafford and labour with him and report at our next regular meeting and Bros. O. H. P. Larrabee and J. H. Covey is our committee.

5th. On motion and second agreed that we set apart for examination in order to ordination as a minister of the gospel. Bro. O. H. P. Larrabee and Elds. J. F. Brittain, A. Hopper, John Speer, and Creel Hopper and our deacons was chosen as a presbytery to examine said Brother. Adjourned in order.

Sunday 11 o'clock the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Sister Ellen Roads was rec'd as a candidate for baptism. 4 o'clock the church and presbytery met and after examination Bro. O. H. P. Larrabee was ordained as a minister of the gospel.

March and April, 1879. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in March 1879 the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The reference was taken up in relation to Bro. Stafford and the committee was called in for their report so they stated that they had visited Bro. Stafford and conversed with him and that he has decided to remain where he is and be no more one of us.

2nd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and the committee discharged.

3rd. On motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from Bro. Stafford for want of fellowship.

4th. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. Adjourned in order.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in April 1879. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was rec'd and 2nd, whereas in time past reports had went out that Sisters Nancy and Martha White had left us and joined another denomination and Bro. A. Hopper had volunteered as a committee to investigate the report he now makes his report, he states that he has visited said sisters and had it from their own words that they did not intentionally join any other denomination and that they still considered themselves members of our body. 3rd, on motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged.

4th. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. On motion adjourned.

Sunday eleven o'clock the church met and after preaching repaired to water and Sisters Jane Pruitt, Emma Pruitt, Vandalia Hopper, Ellen Roads, and Bros. David Covey and Simon Covey was baptized by our pastor.

May, June and July 1879. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in May 1879. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. On motion adjourned. Sunday after preaching Asst. Pastor called the church to order for business.

1st. Whereas our pastor Eld. J. F. Brittain soon expects to start West to be gone from among us for some months. On motion and second agreed that we give him a certificate of recommendation to the people wherever his lot may be cast.

2nd. By request of Sister Elizza Dejarnett she is granted a letter of dismissal from us. Adjourned.

June, 1879. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in June 1879. The church met for worship but no business was done. Sunday after worship an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Sister Sarah White was received by relation.

July: Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July 1879. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

2nd. On motion and second further business was adjourned til after 11 o'clock services on Sunday. Sunday 11 o'clock the church met and after services business was taken up. 1st. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association this year by letter and messengers. 2nd, Whereas it is reported that Bro. O. H. P. Larrabee has been preaching some things that we don't believe to be true Bible Doctrine. On motion and second agreed that we appoint a committee to visit Bro. Larrabee and investigate said reports. 3rd, on motion and second Elders J. F. Brittain, A. Hopper, John Speer and Creel Hopper and Decons E. Jackson and J. H. Covey was appointed as said committee. Adjourned in order.

August 1879 to April 1880. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in August 1879. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. The reference in relation to Bro. Larrabee was taken up and the committee was called on for their reports so they stated that they had visited Bro. Larrabee and had found the reports to be true and that Bro. Larrabee is firm in his belief and also that he is dissatisfied to remain any longer with us.

3rd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged. Bro. Larrabee being present now got up and submitted back to the church all the authority that they had conferred

upon him by his ordination as a minister of the Gospel.

4th. On motion and second the presbytery resumed or retained the authority this conferred.

5th. On motion and second the church endorsed the action of the presbytery.

6th. By request of Bro. O. H. P. Larrabee and Sister Mary Larrabee and Bro. David Larrabee and Sister Lucy Larrabee on motion and second agreed that we resine the act of recovering them into the church and return unto them their former church letters. On motion & second adjourned.

The church remained in peace and quietude and continued to meet regular for worship but no business was taken up till in April, 1880.

April to June, 1880. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in April 1880. The church met and after worship business was adjourned till after services on Sunday.

Sunday after worship Eld. J. F. Brittain was appointed Mod. Pt. 2nd, On motion and second agreed that we elect a pastor. 3rd, the vote was taken by acclamation and resulted in the unanimous election of Eld. Wm. W. Price. 4, by request of Bro. J. F. Brittain and Sister Mary Brittain and Bro. J. M. Hopper and Sister Mary Hopper and Sister Sarah E. Brittain on motion and second they are granted letters of dismission from us. On motion adjourned.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in May 1880. The church met and after preaching by Eld. Wm. Price proceeded to business. 1st, the minute of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd, peace of the church called for. All in peace. On motion and second adjourned.

Sunday 11 o'clock the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Milford Hopper and Sister Mary Hopper was rec'd by letter.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in June 1880 The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st, the minute of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd, peace of the church called for. All in peace. 3rd, by request of Bro. A. Hopper and Sister Mary Hopper and Sisters Amanda Hopper, Francis Coulter on motion and second they are granted letters of dismission from us. Adjourned in order.

June to August, 1880. Sunday after worship an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. J. N. Pruitt and D. A. White and Sister A. Covey was received by relation.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July 1880 the church met and after worship proceed to business.

1st. The minutes of previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. By request of Bro. John Speer and Sister Sarah Speer they are granted letter of dismission from us.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

4th. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association this year by letter and messengers. Adjourned in order.

Saturday before 2nd Sunday in August, 1880. The church met and after worship proceed to business.

1st. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Jeremiah Mosure, and Sister Sarah Jane Mosure was rec'd as candidates for baptism.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. The letter to the association was then read and adopted.

4th. Volunteers was called for to bear our letter and act as our messengers to the Association, and Bros. John Wilson and Marion Hopper volunteered to act as such messengers.

5th. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. On motion adjourned.

Sunday after worship an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. James Walker and Sisters Nancy Likens, and Mahala Davis was received as candidates for baptism and Sister Sarah Pruitt and Bro. James Pruitt was received by relation.

September, 1880. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1880. The church met and after worship proceed to business. 1st, the minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd, invited persons to unite with the church. None received. 3rd, whereas Sister Malissa Fortner has joined another denomination not of our faith and practice and by her request on motion and second she is dropped from our number. 4th, peace of the church called for. All in peace.

5th, On motion and second adjourned till Sunday morning the church met at the water and Bro.

James Walker and Sister Sarah J. Moshier, Nancy Likens and Mahaly Davis was baptised by our pastor. Elder Wm. W. Vice. The church met at the Arber in the evening for worship after which the Lord's Supper was administered. The church continued to meet for worship from day to day for ten days. On Monday morning Bro. Charles Layton, George Layton and Thomas Likens was received as candidates for baptism.

Wednesday - Bro. Howard Pruitt was rec'd as a candidate for baptism and Wednesday evening Bros.

Harrison Pruitt, Reason Woodard, Thomas Wilson, and Lunsford Walker was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Friday morning church met at the water and Bros. Charles Layton, George Layton, Thomas Likens, Howard Pruitt, Harrison Pruitt, Reason Woodard, Thomas Wilson, Lunsford Walker, and Jeremiah Moshier were all baptised by our Pastor, and Sister Kissime Hill was received as candidate for baptism. Saturday night Bros. John E. Bly and Clayton Pruitt and Sister Martha Jane Covey and Armina Hopper was received as candidates for baptism, and Sister Elizzie Dejarnet was rec'd by relation. Sister Sarah Woodard was received by letter. Sunday morning the church met at the water and Bros. John E. Bly and Clayton Pruitt and Sisters Kissire Hill, Martha Jane Covey and Armina Hopper was baptised by Eld. T. D. Lamb Sunday night Bro. James Moshier and Sister Manervy Sperry was rec'd as candidates for baptism. On Monday morning met at the water and Bro. James Moshier and Sister Manervy Sperry was baptised by Eld. T. D. Lamb.

4th Sunday in Sept. the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Thomas Sperry and Sister Mary Barton was received as candidates for baptism. Monday morning the church met at the water and Bro. Thomas Sperry and Sister Mary Barton was baptised by Eld. John Speer. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1880, the church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. Minutes of the previous meetings read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. No other business found. Adjourned. Nov. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Nov. 1880. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

2nd. Whereas Sister Amanda Stafford has joined another denomination not of our faith and practice. On motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from her for want of fellowship.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. When it was found that Bro. John Thomasson is said to have been guilty of adultery whereupon on motion and second a committee of three Bros. was appointed to visit Bro. Thomasson and request him to meet with us at our regular meeting, and Bro. Creel Hopper, E. Jackson, and John Wilson was appointed as said committee. On motion and second, adjourned.

Dec. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Dec., 1880. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd. The reference was taken up in the case of Bro. Thomasson and the committee was called on for their report. So the report was made by Bro. John Wilson as follows: "I visited Bro. John Thomasson and notified him of the charges against him and requested him to meet with us at our next regular meeting. So he stated that the charges was partly faulce (false) and that others that was in the church was just as guilty as he was and unless the church delt with others that he had no confession to make!" 3rd. On motion and second the report was received and committee discharged. 4th. Now whereas a matter in dispute rests between Bro. John Thomasson and Sister Mary Kilman therefore on motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from said brother and sister for disorderly conduct. 5th. Peace of the church called for and it was found that the peace had been disturbed in this - whereas Bro. John Speer who is now holding a letter of dismission from us, also credentials of ordination as a minister of the Gospel. He having publicly stated that he intended to go into another organization of another church not of our faith and practice therefore on motion and second agreed that we appoint a committee to visit Bro. Speer and request him to return to the church his letter of dismission from us.

Dec. 1880 to March 1881 - also his credentials of ordination as a minister of the Gospel provided however that he has not changed his mind in relation to the matter - and Bro. D. A. White J. N. Pruitt, and Creel Hopper was appointed as said committee on motion and second adjourned.

Jan. 1881: Saturday before 2nd Sunday in Jan. 1881. The church met for worship but no business was transacted.

Feb. Also in Feb. the church met for worship but no business was done.

March: Saturday before 2nd Sunday in March 1881. The church met and after preaching proceeded to business:

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

2nd. The reference was taken up of the case of Bro. Speer and the committee was called on for their report so they stated that they visited Brother Speer and that he submitted to the request of the church by returning his papers to them.

3rd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged.

4th. Whereas Bro. John Speer, James T. Anderson, Sister Permalia Anderson and Bro. Thomas Likens and Sister Nancy Likens and Thomas Sperry and Sisters Memory Sperry, Kisiah Hill, Mary Barton, and Mahala Davis and Bro. Charles Layton has all disunited with us in church relation by going into the organization of another church not of our faith and practice therefore on motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from them for want of church fellowship.

5th. Peace of the church called for and it was found that the peace of the church had been disturbed by reports that Bro. E. Jackson had been intoxicated that Bro. Jackson being present made his confession that he had been overtaken in that fault and had yielded to temptation, and had at different times been under the influence of intoxication but he stated that he was very sorry that such was the case and he asked the church to forgive him for that fault and he further requested the church to pray with one for him that he might hereafter be able to overcome that temptation.

6th. On motion and second Bro. Jacksons petition was granted and he was forgiven and retained on motion and second adjourned.

April. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in April 1881. The church met for worship but no business was done.

May. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in May 1881. The church met for worship but the business was proceeded to after worship.

1st. Elder Creel Hopper was appointed Mod. Protem.

2nd. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

4th. Whereas our Pastors term of service is out with us, on motion and second, agreed that we elect a pastor for another year. The vote was taken by acclamation which resulted in the unanimous election of Elder Wm. W. Vice as our pastor. On motion and second adjourned.

June. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in June 1881. The church met and after preaching by our pastor proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace.

3rd. On motion adjourned. On Sunday after preaching an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Sister Sarah J. Cooper was received by relation.

July 1881. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July 1881. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for and it was found that there was a general report throughout the country that Sister Elizzie Dejarnett is guilty of very disorderly conduct. Whereupon on a motion and second agreed that we appoint a committee of three sisters to visit Sister Dejarnett and investigate said reports at our next regular meeting, and Sisters Edna Watson, Mary Hopper and Jane Pruitt was appointed as said committee.

3rd. Whereas Bro. John Green has been absent from us now nearly 8 years and his whereabouts is unknown to us, therefore on motion and second agreed that his name be dropped from our list.

4th. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church, none received but Sister Lenora Combs stated that previous to her baptism that she had not been regenerated or born again. But since that time God for Christ's sake pardoned her sins and she now requests that she be baptised. Whereupon on motion and second her request is granted.

5th. On motion and second adjourned. Sunday evening the church met at the water and Sister Lenora Combs was baptised by our pastor.

August & Sept. 1881. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in August 1881. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. The committee on investigation made their report as follows: "We your committee on investigation made their report as follows: "We your committee on investigation did visit Sister Dejarnett and she stated that the reports was true and that she had no acknowledgements to make and for the church to dispose of her as they see proper. Edna Watson, Mary Hopper, Jane Pruitt, Committee.

3rd. On motion and second the report was rec'd and committee discharged. 4th. On motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from Sister Dejarnett for disorderly conduct. 5th. On motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association this year by letter and messengers. Whereupon volunteers was called for to act as our messengers and Brother Marion Hopper, Thomas Watson, and E. Jackson volunteered to act as said messengers and the clerk is requested to prepare a letter for them to hear. 6th. By request of Bro. Thomas Wilson on motion and second he is granted a letter of dismission from us. 7th. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. On motion and second adjourned.

Sept. 1881. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1881. Owing a rain storm and Church did not meet until 11 o'clock but at night the church met for worship but no business was done. But the church continued to meet from day to day. The following week on Wednesday night Sisters Malinda J. Pruitt and Ester Brittain was rec'd as candidates for baptism and on Thursday night Bro. S. A. Kilman was rec'd as candidate for baptism and on Saturday Sisters Malinda J. Pruitt, Ester Brittain, and Bro. S. A. Kilman was baptised by our pastor. On Sunday evening after preaching the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered and the meeting adjourned.

Sept. 1881 to Feb. 1882: Sat. before 2nd Sunday in October the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. The clerk being absent Bro. D. A. White was appointed clerk protem. 2nd. By request of Bros. James Pruitt, J. N. Pruitt and Sister Sarah Pruitt and Brother Howard Pruitt and Sister Emma Pruitt they are all granted letters of dismission from us. 3rd. Adjourned til Sunday. Sunday the church met and after worship Bro. D. L. Pruitt and Sister Pheba Bedford was granted letters of dismission from us by their request.

Nov. & Dec. The church met for worship but no business was transacted.

Jan. 1882. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Jan. the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. the minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd. Bro. Wm. W. Vice and Sister Vice presented themselves for membership in our body and was received by letter. 3rd. Peace of the church called for. All in peace. Adjourned in order.

Feb. 1882 to March 1882: Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Feb. 1882 the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. Minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd. Visiting Brethren invited to aid in council. 3rd. invitations for persons to unite with the church and Bro. J. F. Brittain and Sister Mary Brittain was received into our fellowship. They having been previously dismissed from us by letter. 4th. Whereas a considerable number of our present membership is now absent from us and for sometime has failed to meet with us therefore on motion and second agreed that our clerk with any assistance that he may call - draw off a list of names of such absentees and present them to us for further consideration at our next regular meeting. 5th. By request of Sister Rosella McCord she is granted a letter of dismission from us. 6th. On motion and second adjourned.

March 1882. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in March 1882. The church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and rec'd. 2nd. Invitation for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Wm. H. Gilstrap and Sister Sarah Gilstrap was rec'd by letter and Sister Nancy Kilman was rec'd by relation. 3rd. The following list of names was presented for consideration - Peter Humphrey, Mary Manis, Rebecca Caldwell, Thomas A. Coulter, Virginia Coulter - and it being known that Bro. & Sister Coulter has joined another denomination and that the remainder is gone from our country therefore on motion and second agreed that we drop them from our list for non attendance. 4th. By request Clerk, Bro. Milford Hopper is appointed assistant clerk to act during the absence of the clerk. Adjourned.

April 1882: Sat. before 2nd Sunday in April 1882 the church met and after worship proceeded to business. 1st. the minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted. 2nd peace of the church called for. All in peace. 3rd. Agreed that we go into the election of a pastor. The vote was taken by private ballot and the result was Bro. Wm. W. Vice was elected for another year. 4th. Invitation for persons to unite with the church and Sister Acres was rec'd on recommendation. Adjourned. Sunday 11 o'clock the church met for worship after which an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Howard Pruitt and Sister Emma Pruitt was rec'd by letter.

Aug. & Spt. 1882. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Aug. 1882. The church met and after worship proceeded to business.

1st. The minutes of the May meeting was read and adopted.

2nd. Peace of the church called for - and it was found that the peace was disturbed by numerous rumors that was injurious to the cause of Christ whereupon the church appointed a committee of three to investigate such reports as may be found and report at our next regular meeting. Bro. John R. Wilson, S. A. Kilman and Milford Hopper was appointed as committee on motion and second agreed that we be represented in the South West Bethel Association by letter and messengers. Adjourned, til 3rd Sunday. 3rd Sunday (Aug.) the church met and the letter to the association being ready was read in the church and adopted.

Sept. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Sept. the church met for worship and the meeting continued from day to day the following week and during the meeting Bro. Joseph Yates and Sister Luisa Yates was rec'd by relation and Bro. John Cameron and Sisters Martha Ann Cameron was rec'd by restoration and Sister Molly Murly, Rebecca Pruitt, Lotta Yates, and Mary Jane Pruitt and Bros. Solomon Yates, Frank Stokes, and Wm. Woodard was rec'd by baptism, being baptised at the close of the meeting. (minutes taken by Milford Hopper).

July 1883: Sat. before 2nd Sunday in July 1883. The church met and after worship the church proceeded to business and taking up the case against Sister Spense - so the report of the committee was heard; they stated they had visited Sister Spense and she refused to give satisfaction, report of commity received and committy was discharged. 2nd, on motion and second we agreed to withdraw from Sister Spense for want of church fellowship. 3rd. Charge preferred against Bro. James Mosure for swaring. A commity was appointed to wait on Bro. Mosure and invite him to meet with us at our next regular meeting. Howard Pruitt and Thomas A. Watson, Commity. 4th. Whereas Bro. George Layton and Mary Layton and Jane Covey, and Lucy Covy had joined the Christian order wherefore we withdraw from them for want of church fellowship. Motion to adjourn.

Aug. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in August, 1883. Church met and after worship proceeded to business and agreed to open the conference and continue the meetings for the week. On Sunday Bro. L. J. Bruner was rec'd in the church by letter, Bro. John Laws and Lotty Laws and Sister Doll was received as candidates for baptism. 2nd Monday Jasper Hopper, and Marget Hopper and Viola Hopper, Kie Laws was rec'd as candidates for baptism. 3rd Bro. Samuel Laws and Elzada Laws, Joseph Parton, John Woodard was rec'd as candidates for baptism. Sister Mary Parks and A. Parks, and George Layton was rec'd by relation. 4th Wednesday Bro. F. B. Lanksford and W. S. Smith and Sister Smith was rec'd as candidates for baptism. 5th on Thursday Bro. Thomas Coffelt was received by relation, John H. Fisher as candidate for baptism. 6th Friday Sister Mary Coffelt, Marget Coker, Louisa Watts, Nancy Coker, S. W. Colbert, was received as candidates for baptism. Robert Coker received for baptism. Friday after worship Church held conference on motion and second agreed that we as the Mincy Church be represented in the Association this year 1883. By letter and messengers. Bro. E. Jackson, Harrison Pruitt, Marion Hopper were appointed as messengers. Friday night Sister Della Bedingfield, James Pruitt, Andrew J. Pruitt, Abner Layton was rec'd as candidates for baptism and F. W. Doll, W. (Likens) by relation. 7th Saturday Bro. William Davis, Wesley Woodard, James H. Parton, Leander Hopper, William Laws, Henry Sims as candidates for baptism and Sister Melsena Davis, Henrietta Laws, by letter and Mary E. Layton by relation. 8th Sunday after worship the above were all baptised except Louisa Watts - by our pastor, W. W. Vise, and Sister Memory Brittain and Hissine Hill was rec'd by relation. 9. Sunday night, William Safford and Emma Turner was received for baptism. And Monday night Bro. Milton P. Brittain, Nancy Britton was rec'd by relation (or Brittain)

Sept. 1883. 1st Saturday before second Sunday in Sept. Church met and after worship proceeded to take up the refference of last meeting - minutes was read and rec'd. Case against James Mosure taken up. James Mosure was excluded for misbehaviour and bad language on motion and second. Adjourned until regular meeting in Oct. Sat. before the 2nd Sunday in October. Church met and after worship called to order for business. Peace of the church called for. Church in peace. Brother J. H. Pruitt was elected clerk of the church. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in

November and after worship called to order for business. Peace of church called for. Church found in peace. On motion and second adjourned.

Dec. Sat. before 2nd Sunday in Dec. Church met and after worship church called to order for business. Peace of church called for. Church not in peace. Difference between Bro. Jackson and Bro. Brittain (Britton), Frank, and A. White, comitty to wait on the partys - Brother Lankston was chosin assistant to Bro. White.

Jan. Sat. before second Sunday in Jan, 1884 church met and after worship called to order for business. Minutes of last meeting rec'd and the report of the comitty called for. Report rec'd. Comitty discharged. The differences were all settled. Church in peace, on motion and second church agreed to commense four times a year and wash feet. Church adjourned on motion and second.

Feb. 1884. Church met on Saturday before the second Sunday in February 1884. And after worship invitation given for reception of members. John Wilson joined by experience of Grace Church called in order for business, minutes called for and read and rec'd with amendments. Church in peace on motion and second adjourned.

March 1884. Sat. before the second Sunday March 1884. The Baptist Church of Christ at Mincy Valley met and after Divine Services was called to order by the Moderator Wm. W. Vice and proceeded to business. Invitation given for reception of members then General Business. Peace of the church called for. Church claimed to be at peace. 2. New business. Brother Howard Pruitt tenders his resignation as clerk of the church. After which on motion and second Brother T. B. Lankford was unanimously elected clerk of the church. 3. Miscellaneous business: None. Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in April 1884: The church at Mincy met and after worship proceeded to business. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Peace of the church called for. Church not in peace. D. A. White preferred a charge against J. F. Brittain as follows: J. F. Brittain is not a qualified minister of the Gospel. Charge and specifications retained by Wm. W. Vice on motion and second charge taken up and rejected by 29 against 5 upon which Wm. W. Vice withdrew call the church a band of mobs the church proceeded to business by electing Marion Hopper Moderator Prot. by motion and second a charge was preferred against Wm. W. Vice for lying in order to pull down others in order to build himself up, upon their downfall. 1. Vice asserted that James F. Brittain preached that the church of Jesus Christ was going in to hell and sinners was going in after it. 2. Wm. W. Vice had asserted that there was a committee appointed to wait upon J. F. Brittain in the absence. 3. Wm. W. Vice did assert that J. F. Brittain was excluded from the church for preaching heresay. 4. Wm. W. Vice did assert that J. F. Brittain did preach trinne immercion essential to remission of sins. 5. Wm. W. Vice did assert that J. F. Brittain did not make concesion to the worry of suing remarks and before he was excluded from the church. 6. Wm. W. Vice did assert that he would never grant J. F. Brittain a letter of dismissal from the church nor would ever enter the stand again with him for he is corrupt and the charge was then taken up and an preliminary examination made on the investigation of evidence was found guilty of the charge on motion and second a committee was appointed to wait on Wm. W. Vice and site him to trial at the next church meeting. Committee Wm. H. Gilstrap, Jas. F. Bruner. Done by order of the church. Marion Hopper Mod., C. Lankford, Clerk.

1884. Sat. before the 2nd Sunday in May 1884 the church met and after services called to order and proceeded to business by electing Marion Hopper Mod. Prot. The minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted. References called for upon which W. T. Gilstrap and J. L. Bruner brought in their report as follows: "We your committee visited Brother Vice and he declared he would have nothing - their time was in vane running after him, report received and committee discharged. Vice being present asked to make a statement. On motion and second request granted. He called for the charge and specifcations and proceeded to answer Spec. 1. I can proce that J. F. Brittain did preach that the church of Jesus Christ is going in to hell sinners are going in after it. Spec. 2 I can prove that there was a committee appointed by the church to visit J. F. Brittain in the akers case and I was on that committee. Spec. 3 I can prove that J. F. Brittain did preach truine immersion in order to remission of sins. Can prove it by D. A. White and his wife, and E. Jackson and Sisters Edney Watson, Emaline Jackson, and Sister Watson and Sister Jackson present their evidence called for, they both testified that they never heard any

such statements made by Bro. Brittain. Spec. 4. I did say that J. F. Brittain was excluded for preaching heresay. Spec. 5. I did say and still say that J. F. Brittain did not make acknowledgements to the rong of suing Sister Akers. Spec. 6. J. F. Brittain is a lyar which I will prove by reading a letter from Bro. Clevenger which states that Vice rote to him stating that J. F. Brittain told at Mincy that brother Clevenger was accused of stealing a hog on investigation it was proved that J. F. Brittain never said that Brother Clevenger stole a hog but that there was a dispute between Brother Clevenger and some of the members of the church on Bear Creek about a hog that was killed at his house after which Vise again abruptly left the house, refusing to meet the charge. The specifications were all proven by the following witnesses: J. F. Brittain, Wm. Woodard, T. B. Lankford, L. J. Bruner, E. Jackson, C. T. Pruitt, Wm. S. Smith, Fredrick Dole, T. Watson, Wm. H. Gilstrap, Marion Hopper, N. Pruitt. Specifications against J. F. Brittain was then proven to be false by the following named witness: J. F. Brittain, William Woodard, T. B. Lankford, L. J. Bruner, E. Jackson, Wm. H. Gilstrap, C. T. Pruitt, Wm. S. Smith, Fredrick Dole, T. Watson, Marion Hopper, D. A. White, Howard Pruitt and all the balance of the church upon which the church called a presbytery consisting of J. F. and M. P. Brittain to sit on his case on motion and second case laid we for further consideration. On motion and second a charge was then brought against all that withdraw with Vise for dissimulation in disorder for the purpose of braking down Mincy church. The charge was taken up and rec'd on motion and second, on motion and second appointed a committee to wait on them and notify them that a charge was against them and it appears at our next church met on motion and second adjourned to meet Sunday at 11 A.M. Marion Hopper, Mod., T. B. Lankford, Clerk.

Sunday 11 - Church met persons to adjournment after services called to order by Mod. Protem. On motion and second took up the case of Vise, the church layed the case duly before the presbytery upon which the presbytery submitted their report to the church as follows, where as we your presbytery have carefully and impartially investigated the case of Wm. W. Vise, therefore we recommend that whereas he is found guilty of the charge it is the duty of this church to call his credentials and withdraw the hand of fellowship from him. On motion and second of the church his credentials was called for and the hand of fellowship withdrawn. On motion and second adjourned. Marion Hopper, Mod. and T. B. Lankford, Clerk.

June 1884. Saturday before 2nd Sunday in June 1884. Church met and after services proceeded to business by calling Bro. Bell as Mod. Protem. The minutes of last meeting read and received by amendments to read so as to include charge specifications evidences and the action of the church on motion and second references called for upon which the committee reported that there are none of them who went off with Vise coming back to the church, report received and committee discharged on motion and second withdraw the hand of fellowship from them on the previous charge. On motion and second adjourned. Elder Bell Mod. Prot., T. B. Lankford, Clerk. (their names p102)

June 1884. Sunday church met and after services proceeded to business by calling T. B. Lankford upon which he tendered his resignation as ck.(clerk), on motion and second his resignation received on motion and second elected J. F. Brittain clerk. On motion and second A. N. Kilman was granted letters of recommendation on motion and second church called for a presbytery to meet with them at their July meeting for the purpose of ordaining deacons on motion and second, a rule of order that all members of the church shall vote on all questions for or against - or sign their reasons why. On motion and second adjourned. T. B. Lankford, Mod. J. F. Brittain, Clerk.

July 1884. On Saturday before the second Sunday, the church met and after services called to order by the Mod. and proceeded to business. The meeting of the last meeting was read and adopted and the amendments of the April and May meetings was read and received the reference was then taken up and as no presbytery had responded the ordination.

July and August, 1884. - Of deacons was layed over the peace of the church was then called for. Peace disturbed by disorderly walk of Bros. Lankford Walker and Abner Layton. A committee consisting of T. B. Lankford and J. F. Brittain to wait on them and report at the next meeting. On motion and second appointed a committee consisting of T. B. Lankford, J. F. Brittain, Marion Hopper to select a pastor for the church. On motion and second adjourned. T.B.Lankford, Mod. J.F. Brittain, Clerk.

August 1884. On Saturday before the first Sunday in August 1884 church met and after services called to order and proceeded to business by calling Bro. Marion Hopper Mod. Protem. Minutes of last meeting read and received. On motion and second layed over the report of the committy that was appointed to wait upon Bro. Lunsford Walker and Bro. Abner Layton until Sunday. On motion & second that we adjourn. Marion Hopper, Mod. J. F. Brittain, Church Clk.

August the 3rd, 1884: The church met and after worship the church proceeded to business. Report of the committee received and committy discharged, on motion and second the hand of fellowship withdraw from Lunsford Walker and Abner Layton. On motion and second that we adjourn until the 5th of Aug. Marion Hopper Mod. Prot. J. F. Britton Ch. Clerk.

Sept. 1884. Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Sept. 1884, church met and after worship proceeded to business. Bro. T. B. Lankford resigned moderator's office. On motion and second the church proceeded to elect Bro. J. F. Brittain Mod. on motion and second the church proceeded to elect a church clerk. Nominees for church clerk Bro. James Bruner and Wm. S. Smith, on motion and second that we elect by ballot. William S. Smith elected Ch. Clerk on motion and second. Nominations for Deacons in order. Bro. James Bruner, Bro. Marion Hopper, Bro. T. B. Lankford for Robert Coker on motion and see the election of Deacons layed over until Sunday. On motion and sec. nomination for pastor in order. Bro. Milton T. Brittain, Bro. J. F. Britton, Bro Creel Hopper on motion and sec. the election of pastor layed over until Sunday. On motion and sec. Bro. Reason excluded for going into a dissimulation known as the White River organization. On motion and second that we adjourn until Sunday 11 o'clock. J. F. Brittain, Moderator, Wm. S. Smith, Church Clerk.

Sept. 1884 Sunday church met and after worship proceeded to business, on motion and second that we elect Deacons by ballot. Bro. Bruner, Bro. Hopper elected Deacons on motion and second that we sollicit the Deacons at Omaha to assist in the ordination of our Deacons. On motion and second the church proceeded to elect a pastor by ballot. Bro. Milton T. Britton pastor - Bro. Creel Hopper, Assistant Pastor - Bro. T. B. Lankford calls for a letter. On motion and second the church grants Bro. Lankford a letter. Bro. J. F. Britton tenders his resignation as Moderator. And calls for a letter for himself and wife Mary Britton stating that they was going to the Omaha (Omahaw) Church. On motion and sec. the church grants Bro. J. F. Britton and sister Mary Britton a letter (or letters) of dismissal from us at this request. On motion and sec. that we adjourn until Sat. before the second Sunday in Oct. 1884. J.F. Britton, Moderator, Wm. S. Smith Ch. Clerk.

Oct. 1884. Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1884, church met and after worship proceeded to business. Peace of church called for. Church in peace. The minutes of the Aug. and Sept. meetings rec'd on motion and sec. that we change Saturday meeting from eleven o'clock in the morning to two o'clock in the afternoon. Motion carried. On motion and second that we adjourn until Sunday eleven. M. T. Brittain, Pastor. C. Hopper, Assistant, Wm. S. Smith, Ch. Clerk. Sunday - Church met and after services proceeded to business, on motion and second the ordination of Deacons layed over until our next church meeting. The door of the church was then opened for the reception of members. On motion and second that we adjourn until Saturday before the second Sunday in November 1884. M. T. Brittain, Pastor, C. Hopper, Assist. Wm. S. Smith Ch. Clk.

November 1884. Saturday before the second Sunday in Nov. 1884. Church met and after services church met and after services, church called to order and proceeded to business. Minutes of the Oct. meeting called for. Read and received. Peace of the church called for. Church not in peace. Report Bro. Nathaniel Pruitt and others had gone off into the dissimulation known as the White River organization. On motion and second that we appoint a committy of three to wait upon thoase parties. Motion carried. Names of the committy; Bro. James Bruner, Bro. Creel Hopper, and Wm. S. Smith. M. T. Brittain, Pastor, C. Hopper, Assistant, Wm. S. Smith, Ch. Clerk. Sunday 11 - Church met and after services reference taken up concerning the election and ordination of deacons. On motion and sec. that we lay it over on the account that there is some brother (or brethren) "that" is absent on the account of ill health. The door of the church was then opened for the reception of members. Sister Walker presented herself for membership as a

candidate for baptism and received. The ordinance of baptism to be attended to on Monday at 10 o'clock at the Walker 'Ford' - the hand of Christian fellowship was then extended to Sister Walker. On motion and sec. that we adjourn until Sunday night. M.T. Brittain, Pastor, C. Hopper, Assistant Pastor and Wm. S. Smith, Ch. Clerk. Sunday night church met in a worshipping capparasy (capacity).

Nov. 1884, Monday. The church met to attend to the ordinance of baptism of Sister Ann Walker. J. F. Brittain, Administrator, C. Hopper, Assistant, M.T. Brittain, Pastor, Wm. S. Smith, Ch. Clerk. On the motion and second the committee was continued on motion and second agreed that we withdraw ourselves from Sister Molly Murly and Bro. James Pruitt, Adra Pruitt and Wesly Woodard for want of fellowship. On motion and second Bro. John Laws was appointed Clerk Protem. Peace of the church called for. All in peace and on motion and second agreed that we appoint three trustees whose duty it shod be to superintend the repairing and letting out for school purposes our church house. On motion and second Bro. John Laws, Wm. H. Gilstrap and E. Jackson was appointed as said trustees. On mbtion and second adjourned.

Sunday 11 o'clock the church met for worship and after services repaired to water and Bro. Joseph W. Laws was baptized by Eld. Creel Hopper and the hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. J. W. Laws and Reason Woodard. Creel Hopper, Moderator, John Laws, Clerk Protem. An invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Reason Woodard was rec'd by restoration then the Church -

Sat. before 2 Sunday in June 1885. The church met according to previous arrangement and after worship proceeded to business by appointing Bro. John Laws Clerk Protem. 1st peace of the church called for and all that was present was found in peace. 2nd an invitation was given for persons to unite with the church and Bros. Wm. H. Gilstrap and E. Jackson was rec'd by restoration. 3rd letters of dismission for Bro. Milford Hopper and wife was called for and the matter was referred to our next regular meeting. 4th on motion and second adjourned to meet Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Sunday 11 o'clock the church met and after services proceeded to business. 1st invitation for persons to unite with the church and Bro. Joseph W. Laws was rec'd as a candidate for baptism. 2 Whereas it is known that there is several members of our body who has at different time express themselves as being desirous of being released, or dropped, or as some express themselves of having their names erased from our church book. Therefore on motion and second agreed that we have a committee of 4 Bros. and 2 sisters whose duty it should be to see and try in the spirit of meakness to restore or reclaim such members and the committee shal take the reports of all such members that they can and report at our next regular meeting. Volunteers was call for to act as committee and Bro. Wm. H. Gilstrap, E. Jackson, F. M. Brittain and Jasper Hopper and Sister Ann Walker and S. E. Brittain volunteered and was recognized by the church. On motion and second, adjourned to meet on Saturday before 2nd Sunday in July. Creel Hopper, Mod. John Laws, Clk. Pt.

Sat. before 2nd Sunday in July 1885. To business the church met and after worship proceeded the minutes of the previous meeting read and received. The request of Bro. Milford Hopper and wife for letters was taken up and they was granted letter of dismission from us.

3rd the committee on investigation was called on for their report so they stated that they had laboured with several members of the church and among them Sister Molly Murly and Bros. James Pruitt, Andrae Pruitt and Wesley Woodard had expressed themselves as having no fellowship for us and wanted out.