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BEULAH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



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MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Beulah Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH

October 13, 1916

OFFICERS

C. M. Brittain, Moderator.....Lake City, Fla.
H. D. Dodd, ClerkLake City, Fla.
C. M. Ray, Treasurer.....Lake City, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. Jones	Rev. John Dicks
J. T. Williams	W. H. Shallar
Rev. J. R. Eubanks	H. W. Markham

The Next Session will be held with First Baptist Church, Lake
City, Fla., Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1917

Citizen-Reporter Print, Lake City.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Present letters, and enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondents.
7. Appoint committees on Preaching, Nominations, Finance, Deceased Members, Publications, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Missions (State, Home and Foreign), Christian Education, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Close with Devotional Service.

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION

Rev. C. M. Brittain.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. W. P. Bethea.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. S. D. Dupree.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. J. R. Eubanks.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. T. J. Euans.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. R. M. Lewis.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. D. O. Rivers.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. John Dicks.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. H. C. Bennett.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. Joe Bass.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. E. G. Diamond.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. R. C. Moore.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. A. M. Parker.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. C. E. Saunders.....	Lake City, Florida
Rev. R. Y. Walden.....	Lake City, Florida

LICENSED MINISTERS

Dr. A. P. Montague.....	Lake City, Florida
R. B. Davis.....	Lake City, Florida
H. W. Markham.....	Lake City, Florida
J. E. Sauls.....	Lake City, Florida
T. E. Cochran.....	Lake City, Florida
T. C. Keating.....	Lake City, Florida
P. E. Downs.....	Lake City, Florida
Harold Tribble.....	Lake City, Florida
Chester Branch.....	Lake City, Florida
Forrest Jones.....	Lake City, Florida
Ray Walden.....	Lake City, Florida

MINUTES

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association convened with Athens Baptist Church, Columbia County, Fla., October 3rd, 1916.

At 10:00 a. m., devotional service was led by Rev. J. R. Eubanks followed by the introductory sermon preached by Rev. John Dicks. Adjourned for dinner and reconvened at 1:15 p. m. Devotional service was led by Rev. C. M. Brittain, Moderator, after which letters were read from churches as follows:

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

Lake City—Rev. C. M. Brittain, H. W. Markham, H. L. Dodd, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Ray Walden, W. B. Jones, Mrs. A. P. Montague, Mrs. T. H. Owens, Mrs. C. M. Brittain and Mrs. E. P. Hickson.
Hopeful—Rev. John Dicks and John Sauls.
White Springs—By letter.
Watertown—C. M. Ray and Mrs. C. M. Ray.
Providence Village—C. D. Beiling, Mrs. Nannie Beiling, J. J. Beiling, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shallar, Mrs. Mamie Shallar, O. M. Shallar, Mrs. Sam Lamb, Miss Louise Lamb and S. W. Lamb, Jr.
Athens—V. M. Williams and Mrs. Dora Williams.
Lulu—O. F. Ritch, C. F. Waldron, M. J. Powell
Geo. W. Douglass and Stephen Powell.
Philippi—M. H. Feagle and Mrs. M. H. Feagle.
Bethlehem—Mrs. J. W. Dorth and J. R. Chastain.
Elim—E. Polk, J. J. Swailes and Mitchell Milligan.
Fort White—G. M. Ellis, E. G. Persons and Mrs. E. G. Persons.
Providence—Mrs. Mary Ward, Miss Irene Adams and W. A. Bailey.
Following the enrolment of Messengers officers

were elected as follows: Rev. C. M. Brittain was re-elected Moderator; H. L. Dodd, Secretary; C. M. Ray, treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the assembly.

Call for petitionary letters—none were reported.

Call for correspondence—Brothers Dicks and C. M. Ray will visit Little River Association. Brother C. M. Brittain, Wekiva Association; Brother J. R. Eubanks, Middle Florida Association.

The following committees were announced:

On Preaching—Messengers of Athens Church.

Deceased Members—John Sauls, M. H. Feagle and George Douglass.

Publications—C. M. Ray, V. M. Williams and E. Polk.

Sunday Schools—Rev. John Dicks, Ray Walden and W. M. Shallar.

Temperance—Rev. J. R. Eubanks, O. F. Ritch and O. M. Shallar.

Missions—H. W. Markham, Rev. J. R. Eubanks and Rev. John Dicks.

Christian Education—Prof. W. B. Jones, H. L. Dodd and Mrs. A. P. Montague.

Woman's Work—Bro. Columbus Beiling, Mrs. C. M. Ray and Mrs. Dora Williams.

Finance—W. H. Shallow, J. T. Taylor and J. Lichentine.

Orphanage—J. J. Beiling, George Kirby and Mrs. T. H. Owens.

Nominations—J. J. Swailes, C. M. Ray and Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

Rev. H. A. Jordan was invited to conduct evening service at 7:30 p. m.

The following resolution inviting Little River Association to return to Beulah Association, was read by C. M. Ray and adopted:

Resolved, That Beulah Association in session assembled extends a cordial invitation to the churches now composing the Little River Association to reunite with the Beulah Association as the reason for separation no longer exists.

And may God help us to love and be mutually

helpful, forgiving and being forgiven.

Resolved, Further that the Moderator of this Association appoint a committee of two or more to convey the foregoing resolution to the Little River Association to meet with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church next Friday, Oct. 0th.

C. M. Ray and Rev. John Dicks were appointed committee to present resolution and confer with Little River Association.

Association adjourned to convene Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Following the business session delegates were assigned to homes.

SATURDAY MORNING

Convened at 9:30 a. m. Devotional service led by Bro. Walden.

First hour after dinner was devoted to business meeting of W. M. Society.

Recess was taken for committee reports which were read in the afternoon as follows:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Following the dinner hour the W. M. Society were in session until 3:00 p. m., at which hour Association proceeded with regular order of business, with Bro. W. B. Jones, acting Moderator.

Report on Missions and Orphanage deferred until Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

The following amendment to Section 6 of the Constitution was presented by Rev. C. M. Brittain.

The Moderator shall also appoint chairmen of the various committees one year in advance, whose duty it will be to prepare the reports and submit to their full committees, as appointed at the next session of the

Association, before being read to the body in session. This is done in order that the subjects involved may receive the full and adequate consideration which they merit.

Above amendment was unanimously adopted.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union of Beulah Association met in 13th session at Athens Baptist Church, Oct. 14, 1916, Mrs. Montague presiding.

Opened with a song followed by prayer. Scripture lesson read by Mrs. Montague, I Cor. 13 and part of Gal. 6.

After reports from the Missionary Societies the election of officers for the ensuing year was held.

Mrs. T. H. Owens was elected Superintendent and Mrs. C. M. Ray, Secretary.

Mrs. Montague gave an interesting talk on the work of the societies, speaking of the various objects to which they contribute.

Twelve subscriptions were taken for Royal Service.

Mrs. Owens gave a short talk upon the work for the coming year. Closed with song and prayer by Mrs. Montague.

Reports from societies.

Lake City Missionary Society contributions:

Missions	\$211.80
Benevolences	55.10
Educational	39.70
Local	105.60

Total \$412.20

Lake City Sunbeams:

Missions	\$ 6.71
Benevolences	6.40

Total \$13.11

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White Springs Missionary Society:

Missions	\$21.00
Benevolences	4.00

Total \$25.00

White Springs Sunbeams:

Missions	\$ 1.00
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Watertown Missionary Society:

Missions	\$17.67
Educational	1.89

Total \$19.53

Watertown Sunbeams:

Missions	\$ 2.70
Educational	1.80
Benevolences84

Total \$ 5.34

Old Providence Missionary Society:

Missions	\$12.60
Benevolences	10.50

Total \$23.10

MRS. C. M. RAY, Secy.

SUNDAY MORNING

Association convened at 10:00 a. m. with Bro. H. W. Markham acting Moderator.

Order of business was suspended for reading of treasurer's report which was adopted. The letter from Providence Church was received together with a verbal report from Ft. White church.

Remainder of unfinished business was deferred until after dinner hour.

A resolution of thanks to the good people of Athens church for the hospitable manner in which they provided for the delegates was unanimously adopted.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Unfinished business was taken up with the report of Committee on Finance which was read and adopted.

During the afternoon the Athens Church Sunday School was organized with J. Litchenstine, Superintendent, and Bro. Kirby, assistant; other officers were Miss Mabel Branch, secretary; Mrs. Maude Kirby, organist.

Volunteer donations were received as follows: For building Fellowship Church, \$24.79. For State Missions, \$10.78. On Athens Church debt, \$12.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

When God in His matchless wisdom directed the minds and hearts of Florida Baptists to the founding of this institution, He also laid upon them the strong obligation and precious privilege of caring for and sustaining this best and noble of all our institutions. There are being reared and educated into strong manhood and womanhood some 90 children, whose influence for good only time and eternity can tell. But for this institution these children would possibly grow up in ignorance and be a burden instead of a help to society. Surrounded by Christian influence most of these children try to realize the great responsibility of caring for these your orphans. Open wide the door and contribute bountifully of your prayers, your money your efforts and your goods. Callous indeed must be the heart of anyone who does not welcome the opportunity and who does not appreciate the unspeakable and precious privilege of giving a helping hand to these orphan children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BIELING, Chairman,

G. W. KIRBY,

MRS. T. H. OWENS.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. R. Eubanks

and H. W. Markham after which it was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We as a Committee on Sunday School work beg to recommend that more attention be given to this great work which is preparing our young people for the service of our God, and also making an opportunity for the general study of the Word of God, in every community where the Sunday school has been established. We are sorry to note that according to the Florida statistics, so many of our churches fail to enlist in this noble work, as we have only about two-thirds as many Sunday Schools in this State as there are churches.

We would also impress the vital importance of employing the best and most efficient methods of teaching, as we believe that teachers should be trained for the Sunday School work in order that the best results may be attained. Also we would recommend that all Sunday Schools be graded. We also wish to urge our church members who are inactive in this great work of our Lord, that they be instructed as to their duty and obligations to their Lord, by our pastors and others who are awake to the necessities and importance of the progression of the work. May God bless this great work which is of such vital importance to our denomination and may God help every one to see the necessity of this work and may we all share in the great conquest of saving our boys and girls and giving to them the proper training. We therefore pray God's blessings upon our Sunday School leaders. May they be successful in their work which is a part of the commission of our Lord. For He taught them saying,

"Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not."

JOHN DICKS, Chairman,
MRS. W. H. SHALLAR,
RAY WALDEN.

The report was adopted, and discussed by Rev. John Dicks, Ray Walden and M. H. Feagle.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Rev. J. R. Eubanks was appointed representative to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in New Orleans, Rev. John Dicks, alternate.

The following were appointed as representatives to the State Convention in Orlando: Dr. A. P. Montague, Rev. John Dicks, Rev. T. J. Euans, R. C. Moore, and C. M. Brittain.

The following are appointed chairmen of standing committees, as per change in the Constitution and By-Laws:

Deceased Members—Rev. T. J. Euans.
Publications—J. J. Swailes.
Sunday Schools—H. W. Markham.
Temperance—J. T. Williams.
Missions—W. B. Jones.
Christian Education—Dr. A. P. Montague.
Woman's Work—C. M. Ray.
Orphanage—J. Litchenstine.

(1) We recommend that the next meeting of the Beulah Baptist Association meet with the Lake City Baptist Church and that Rev. C. M. Brittain be selected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Alternate.

(2) We place the name of Dr. A. P. Montague

in nomination for member of the State Board of Missions.

(3) We recommend that the Moderator appoint one representative, and one Alternate to attend the Southern Baptist Convention next May and that he also appoint five representatives, with alternates to represent this Association at the State Baptist Convention to meet in Orlando, Fla., in December next.

J. J. SWAILS, Chairman,
J. R. EUBANKS,
C. M. RAY,

Was read and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

We submit the following names of deceased members as reported by some of the churches of this Association and recommend that other names be added by the Clerk as may be brought to his attention by other letters that may be received by him.

Athens Church, H. O. Keene.
Mt. Carmel Church, C. P. Montague.
Mt. Carmel Church, Mrs. Georgia Tompkins.
Watertown Church, John Ansley.
Watertown Church, J. L. Bryan.
White Springs Church, Mrs. Kate Parnell.

We recommend that a page be affectionately dedicated to our honored dead.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SAULS, Chairman,
M. H. FEAGLE,
GEO. DOUGLAS,
Committee.

Committee on preaching reported that Bro. Walden would conduct the evening service, and Rev. J. R. Eubanks the Sunday morning service at 11:00 a. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Having in mind the increased cost of printing this Committee submits a brief report as follows:

As is usual, we again call attention to the importance of care in selection of reading matter, for much of the literature of the day is pernicious and extremely dangerous, especially in the hands of the young.

Parents should encourage their children by example, as well as precept to read first of all the Bible, the Book of all books, the message of God to man which marks the way from earth to heaven.

Then we especially urge in every home the importance of our "Florida Baptist Witness," our State organ and our mission magazines, "Home Fields" and the "Foreign Mission Journal," as well as the mission study manuals for class study published by our Sunday School Board.

C. M. RAY,
E. POLK,
V. M. WILLIAMS.

Report was read and adopted. Discussion by Bros. John Dicks, C. M. Ray, E. Pope, J. R. Eubanks, H. L. Dodd and others.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 2:1.

Come ye, say they, we will fetch wine and we will fill ourselves with strong drink and tomorrow shall be as this day and much more abundant."—Isa. 36:12.

"Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh, for the drunkard and the glutton shall come

to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."—Prov. 23:20, 21.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and makest him drunken, also that thou mayest look on their nakedness. Thou art filled with shame for glory. Drink thou also and let thy foreskin be uncovered. The cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory."—Hab. 2:15, 16.

"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night with wine. In flame them and the harp and the viol, the tabret and pipe and wine are in their feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord neither consider the operation of his hands. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine and men of strength to mingle strong drink, which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him."—Isa. 5:11, 12, 22, 23.

J. R. EUBANKS,
O. F. RITCH,
O. M. SHALLAR,

Committee.

Report on Temperance was read and accepted. Discussion by Rev. C. M. Brittain and W. B. Jones.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK

How wonderful has been the enlargement of woman's sphere in the world, and in church activities as never before in the world's history women in their organized work are forging ahead.

Much credit is due our good women for the onward march of Christianity at home and in foreign lands during the last 50 years, and our Woman's Missionary

Societies are becoming a mighty force, ever increasing.

Nothing so much informs and inspires our women as mission study classes and the interest we are pleased to know is growing. Definite figures are not, on short notice, available but we feel that it is safe to state that our women through their societies now contribute about one-fifth of all mission offerings, or approximately \$20,000, will be the amount of their offerings in the State of Florida this year.

May God continue to bless our good women in their noble work which is no little inspiration to our men.

C. O. BIELLING,
MRS. C. M. RAY,
MRS. DORA WILLIAMS.

Report was read and adopted. Discussion by Mrs. A. P. Montague, W. B. Jones and others.

REPORT OF STATE, HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

After the resurrection of our Lord and before His ascension, He gave the final command to the twelve disciples recorded in the last two verses of the book of Matthew. They are these, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Brethren, those disciples have gone to be with Jesus. Salvation has come to you and to me. Shall we go empty-handed, shall we ignore the command? Our Savior says go, and we must go if we ever enjoy the company of Christ. With the good reports of

some, we can see much more work that could be done which would have brought to Jesus some souls that are lost. How are we to remedy this? Let's look at the field, Florida first. How many of our churches have had regular services the past year? What unsaved soul in your community have you tried to win to Jesus? Did you speak to that person, did you ask the pastor to speak to that person, then, lastly, did you seek the aid of an evangelist? Having done that did you respond to the urgent call of our State Secretary, Bro. S. B. Rogers, as he pleaded for funds to help carry the gospel to dying souls? That is our duty and we entreat you to heed the call.

Home Missions:

Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga., is the one to whom we look for advice on this subject.

The field of the Home Board of Missions is all of the Southern States, a part of Illinois, Cuba, some of the Western States and Panama.

Some of our States and local communities have developed to where they are able to send aid to other needy places within the bounds of Southern Baptists and as a result we note the following: As an evangelizing agency the Home Board out strips that of all other Home Mission Boards in America. In 1915 there were 43,792 baptisms as a result of this board's activity, more than five thousand over the preceding year. This marvelous result was brought about through the aid to church extension, evangelism, publicity, mountain schools, enlistment, and co-operative work.

We implore you to study conditions and give liberally to this work.

Foreign Missions:

The office of the Foreign Mission Board is located in Richmond, Va. It's business is to receive and pay

out money to our representatives in South America Africa, Asia, parts of Europe, and many islands of the sea. There people would know nothing of Jesus if we did not send missionaries and the Bible, telling of Him and why He gave His life for them.

To make sure that every member of the church does something to win souls to Jesus, have State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Mission committees appointed, whose business it is to see each member of the church and have your church treasurer take record of the gifts and forward all funds to Dr. S. B. Rogers, Heard Building, Jacksonville, Fla., and he will forward to other boards. Be sure to have different persons on each of the above committees.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. MARKHAM, Chairman,
J. R. EBUANKS,
JOHN DICKS,

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Nicholas, Murray Butler, President of Columbia University defines education as "a gradual adjustment to the spiritual possessions of the race." George Albert Coe says it "is any effort to assist the development of an immature human being toward the proper goal of life." These definitions contain enough of the meaning of education in its full sense to help us toward a correct idea of the end to be aimed at by Christian education. The richest spiritual possession of the race is the revelation of God in Christ Jesus. If this is true, then education must seek the adjustment of the undeveloped youth to all that God is and is accomplishing in humanity through his religion and leadership. Education is therefore vastly more than training of the mind and more than fitting the individ-

ual to the political, social, and economic necessities of the state or nation. The proper goal of life is a life with Christ and so joined that it can operate most effectively in every realm of human endeavor,—in the business world, in affairs of state, in religious work.

To attain this end the Denominational School is necessary. As good and as necessary as the State School may be in its way, yet the State College can not by reason of its nature and its parent, the State, be as vitally Christian as the Denominational College, just as the State cannot be as essentially and vitally Christian as the Church. The State College can not and does not place emphasis upon religious matters to as great an extent as the Denominational College.

But our Denominational Schools must have help, and large help, if they are to maintain standard work. Good equipment and trained, experienced teachers must always be provided. As the home of Columbia College, the Beulah Association ought to do large things for her support, both in money and in patronage. The work of the institution is growing and her influence is increasing year by year. May this association arise to a greater sense of her duty and her opportunity in this great line of Christian work.

Committee:

W. B. JONES,
MRS. A. P. MONTAGUE,
H. L. DODD.

Report was read and adopted. Discussion by Prof. W. B. Jones and Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Finance have received cash as follows:

Providence, Clerk and Minutes.....	\$ 1.50
Athens Baptist Church for Clerk and Minutes	1.80
Fellowship Church, Clerk and Minutes	1.15
Providence Village, Clerk and Minutes.	5.00
Watertown Church, Clerk and Minutes	5.00.....
Elim Church, Clerk and Minutes.....	2.50
Hopeful Church, Clerk and Minutes..	1.00
Hagan Church, Clerk and Minutes....	2.50
Phillipi Church, Clerk and Minutes....	2.30
Fort White Church, Clerk and Minutes	3.00
State Missions	10.78
From E. G. Persons, Treasurer, as balance on hand50
Bethlehem Church, Clerk and Minutes	1.41
 Total	 \$38.44

J. T. TAYLOR, Chairman,
W. H. SHALLAR,
J. LITCHENSTEIN.

OUR HONORED DEAD

—
H. O. KEENE,
Athens Church

—
C. P. MONTAGUE
MRS. GEORGIA TOMPKINS
Mt. Carmel Church

—
JOHN ANSLEY
J. L. BRYAN
Watertown Church

—
MRS. KATE PARNELL
White Springs Church

CONSTITUTION

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Association.

Sec. 2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers selected by the several churches connected with the Association. Each church shall be entitled to one Messenger at large and one for every twenty-five members or majority fraction thereof.

Sec. 3. Any regularly organized Baptist Church of the same faith may become a member of this Association upon application by petitionary letter and Messenger as above provided.

Sec. 4. This Association shall at their regular meeting elect from their members, by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

Sec. 5. The object of the Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the Churches; second, to promote Gospel discipline; to encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds and elsewhere.

Sec. 6. The Moderator shall appoint at each annual session of the Association an Executive Committee composed of six members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be: First, to inquire into the destitution within our bounds; second, to make contracts with the Ministers of the Gospel of this Association, or other associations in correspondence with us, to supply such destitution with the Gospel; third, to draw from the treasury such funds as are available for missionary purposes to meet their contracts, and to exercise general supervision in the promotion of unity and brotherly love among the Churches and the universal spread of the Gospel throughout our bounds. They shall report the result of their labors at each annual session of the Association.

The Moderator shall also appoint chairmen of the various committees one year in advance, whose duty it will be to prepare the reports and submit to their full committees, as appointed at the next session of the

Association, before being read to the body in session. This is done in order that the subjects involved may receive the full and adequate consideration which they merit.

Sec. 7. The Moderator shall invite correspondents and visiting ministers and brethren to seats with the body when in session. They shall be entitled to the privilege of aiding the Association with their counsel.

Sec. 8. This Association shall have the right to withdraw from any Church that may be in disorder when the same cannot be restored by Gospel discipline to the unity of faith in the bonds of peace.

Sec. 9. The annual meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the body; and by appointment there shall be an introductory sermon preached the first day of the session at 11 o'clock, and on the Sabbath, or last day of the session, a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

Sec. 10. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches, but shall act only as an advisory body.

Sec. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all the Messengers. Any amendment offered shall be in writing.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these are one. See Matthew 28:19; 2nd Corinthians 12:4-6.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and the only rules of faith and practice. See Timothy 3:16-17.
3. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2nd Thes. 2:13-14.
4. We believe that the grace of God that bring-

eth salvation hath appeared unto all men, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner but his own voluntary rejection of that grace. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe in the depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God, enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of His Divine Will. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; John 4:10; I Cor. 3:5-7.

6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1-2.

7. We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of grace to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all the world. John 3:16.

8. We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God are made heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation. John 8:31; I Peter 1:5; Rom. 8:28; Phil. 1:6.

9. We believe that baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding section, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a Church of Christ by the imposition of hands of a presbytery. Acts 8:36; Romans 6:4; Read Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers and that none but baptised believers have a Scriptural right to partake thereof. Luke 22:18, 19, 20; I Cor. 14:26-28.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Acts 24:15; Matt. 25:16.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order. In case of the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall call to order, when the Messengers present may elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall preside until the letters from the churches are read, including the petitionary letters for membership, and the names of the Messengers are enrolled.

Art. 2. When the letters from the churches shall have been read and the names of Messengers enrolled, they shall elect from the body, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall serve for one year and until their successors shall be duly elected.

Art. 3. Each day's session of the Association shall be opened with prayer.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body; and when he shall speak on any subject in discussion, he shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie, shall give the deciding vote.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to approval by the body.

Art. 6. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in absence of the Moderator shall call the body together and preside until a Moderator pro tem. shall be elected.

Art. 7. All members wishing to speak on any subject shall arise and address the Moderator as "brother," and shall confine themselves strictly to the subject, and shall not be allowed to make any unkind allusion to a brother while speaking.

Art. 8. No motion shall be debated until seconded and stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

Art. 9. When a motion is under consideration no other motion shall be entertained except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee, or call for the previous question.

Art. 10. Any member voting with the majority

on any question in debate may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

Art. 11. Visiting brethren and correspondents from other associations of the same faith shall have a right to speak on any and all subjects under consideration, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Art. 12. No brother shall speak more than twice on a subject in debate without the consent of the Association.

Art. 13. These rules of Decorum may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of the members of the body.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address	Yr. Church Organized	Increase			Decrease			Net Decrease	Net Increase	Sundays of Preaching
						Baptism	Letter or St'm't.	Restoration	Letters	Erasures	Deaths			
Athens	R. E. Parnell	Bell, Fla.	Dora Williams	Lake City, R-B.	1915	1	1	2	2	1	3	23	1	4th Sunday
Bethlehem	John Dicks	Lake City, R-A	J. A. Chastain	Lake City, R-3	1859	8	1	9	1	1	5	128	2	8th Sunday
Eliam	W. D. Entzinger	Micanopy, Fla.	J. J. Swales	Ft. White	1859	3	3	3	4	1	1	2	2	1st Sunday
Ft. White Fellowship	N. C. Green	Moultrie, Ga.	W. B. Brannon	Lake City, Fla.	1915	4	9	4	1	1	1	17	1	3rd Sunday
Hagan	J. R. Eubanks	Lake City, Fla.	O. J. Tyre	Watertown, Fla.	1903	6	1	15	1	1	1	93	1	11th Sunday
Hopelul	J. R. Eubanks	Lake City, Fla.	S. S. Williams	Lake City, R-A	1887	9	1	43	1	1	31	374	2	12th Sunday
Lake City	C. D. Creaman	Lake City, Fla.	F. H. Cason	Lake City, Fla.	1898	12	4	17	8	2	10	57	7	1st Sunday
Mt. Carmel	John Dicks	Lake City, Fla.	C. C. Parker	Lake City, Fla.	1898	12	4	17	8	2	10	57	7	1st Sunday
Mt. Zion	John Dicks	Lake City, Fla.	C. C. Parker	Lake City, Fla.	1898	12	4	17	8	2	10	57	7	1st Sunday
Philippi	John Dicks	Lake City, Fla.	Ray Roberts	Ft. White	1897	8	2	10	2	2	80	10	3rd Sunday	
Providence	E. G. Diamond	Lake City, Fla.	G. W. Bailey	Lake City, Fla.	1897	7	5	13	8	2	10	125	7	2nd Sunday
Providence Village	J. R. Eubanks	Lake City, Fla.	John W. Osteen	Lulu	1897	8	2	10	3	3	104	7	4th Sunday	
Shiloh	C. M. Brittain	Lake City, Fla.	J. T. Williams	Watertown, Fla.	1904	4	4	4	10	2	2	5	4	1st Sunday
Watertown	Rev. H. C. Peelman	Lake City, Fla.	T. W. Smith	White Springs, Fla.	1899	1	4	5	3	5	40	41	8	2nd Sunday
White Springs	Rev. H. C. Peelman	Jacksonville, Fla.	T. W. Smith	White Springs, Fla.	1899	1	4	5	3	5	40	41	8	2nd Sunday
Oak Grove	Rev. H. C. Peelman	Jacksonville, Fla.	T. W. Smith	White Springs, Fla.	1899	1	4	5	3	5	40	41	8	2nd Sunday
TOTALS					8659	314	63	16	687	123	1372			

STATISTICAL FOR SOCIETIES

Name of President	Address	Missions and Benevolence	Local Work	Total for All Purposes
W. M. S.	Lake City, Fla.	\$262.60	\$148.60	\$411.20
Mrs. A. P. Montague	Ft. White, Fla.			19.00
Mrs. A. F. Howell	Lulu, Fla.	15.60		18.58
Mrs. Mary Ward	Lake City, Fla.	21.00		25.00
Mrs. C. M. Ray	White Springs, Fla.			8.00
Mrs. T. W. Smith	Lake City, Fla.			25.83
B. Y. P. U.	Watertown, Fla.			
Harold Tribble	White Springs, Fla.			13.94
Miss Julia Crouch	White Springs, Fla.			1.00
Miss Annie Camp				
Sunbeam Band				
Charles Brittain	Lake City, Fla.			
Miss Louise Dickens	White Springs, Fla.			

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Superintendent	Address	Schools	Pupils	Offers & Tchrs	Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total Contributions
Athens	J. Litchensine	Lake City, R-B.	1	40	3			
Bethlehem	Charles Heddrick	Watertown, Fla.	1	40	3			
Elham	J. J. Swailes	Ft. White	1	40	5	\$4.00		\$ 14.20
Ft. White								
Fellowship								
Hagan	D. L. Tyre	Lulu	1	75	7			11.33
Hopeful								
Lake City	H. W. Markham	Lake City, Fla.	1	300	21		160.63	334.78
Mt. Carmel	J. W. Wood	Lake City, Fla.	1					
Mt. Zion								
Philippi	B. O. Tanner	Ft. White	1	30	5			9.50
Providence	R. W. Turner	Lake City, Fla.	1	40	5			
Providence Village	Jas. W. Beiling	Lulu, Fla.	1	50	6			10.00
Shiloh								
Watertown	J. T. Williams	Watertown, Fla.	1	70	7			31.00
White Springs	T. W. Smith	White Springs, Fla.	1	85	7		17.00	56.84
Oak Grove								

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FINANCIAL TABLE

From Church, S. S., W. M. S. & other Soc'ys.

Name of Church	Pastors Salary	For Building	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	End. S. B. T. Sem. Columbia College	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For Other Items	Minutes and Clrk	Total	Value of Pastor's Home	Total value of All Church Property.
Athens	\$ 100.00	\$1270.00	\$193.95			10.00	8.00						\$ 1.75	1.80	\$1525.50		1414.00
Bethlehem	100.00	600.00	10.00			8.00	13.05	2.50	5.88			7.20		1.40	140.30		500.00
Elham	200.00		20.00				2.50							2.50	246.70		800.00
Ft. White	75.00													1.15	76.15		600.00
Fellowship	150.00		17.35		3.00	2.90			.75				25.20	2.50	202.45		400.00
Hagan	150.00		10.50											1.00	161.50		185000.00
Hopeful	150.00		297.80	4.00		154.80	237.84	118.44	455.58	2.73	7.53	58.14		10.00	2640.61	2500.00	500.00
Lake City	1100.00		8.00	6.35	20.35	2.35	4.10		1.50			6.05		1.10	99.10		500.00
Mt. Carmel	90.00																450.00
Mt. Zion	80.85		100.00		32.50	5.15	14.34	9.64	1.50		1.87	4.00		1.50	11.00		600.00
Philippi	120.00						5.50				7.00			5.00	5.50		1500.00
Providence	150.00		11.95	20.00													1500.00
Providence Village																	1500.00
Shiloh	187.00		68.00			12.05	7.05	12.80	2.50					5.00	297.39		1000.00
Watertown	180.00		54.00	4.00		9.00	10.50	8.00				3.00	7.00		277.00		
White Springs																	
Oak Grove																	

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