

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-First Annual Session

OF THE

Alachua Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

OXFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

Oxford, Florida

October 9, 10 and 11, 1917

A. L. BLIZARD, Leesburg, Moderator

GWYLYM HERBERT, Lady Lake, Clerk

O. S. BOGUE, Oxford, Corresponding Secretary

J. H. WILLIAMS, Leesburg, Treasurer

The next session of the Association will be held with the Brooksville

Baptist Church, Brooksville, Fla., beginning at 10 o'clock

Tuesday morning, October 8, 1918.

The introductory sermon will be preached by C. W. Burnett.

Officers of the Association

Moderator.....A. L. BLIZARD Leesburg
Clerk.....GWYLYM HERBERT Lady Lake
Corresponding Secretary.....O. S. BOGUE Oxford
Treasurer.....J. H. WILLIAMS Leesburg

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DR. BOB KILGORE Brooksville

Delegates to Florida State Convention

C. W. BURNETT
J. H. WILLIAMS
GWYLYM HERBERT
O. S. BOGUE
H. S. HOWARD
MRS. E. H. MOTE

Chairman Standing Committees to Report at Session of 1918

State Missions.....	GWYLYM HERBERT
Home Missions.....	DR. BOB KILGORE
Foreign Missions.....	J. C. ROGERS
Sunday Schools.....	J. A. MARTIN
Education.....	J. H. HUGHES
Temperance.....	J. H. WILLIAMS
B. Y. P. U.....	JOHN PERRY, JR.
Orphanage.....	S. D. MARTIN
M. M. A. A.....	D. T. MLEOD
Obituaries.....	J. H. PATTEN
Laymen's Movement.....	W. C. BURNETT
Periodicals.....	L. M. GUNN
Woman's Work.....	MRS. CLARA NICHOLS
Program.....	S. D. MARTIN, GWYLYM HERBERT, JOHN PERRY, JR.

Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday morning after the first Sunday in October, 1918, at 10 a. m., with the Brooksville Baptist Church, Brooksville, Fla.

Ordained Ministers of the Association

Blizard, A. L.....	Leesburg
Burnett, C. W.....	Bushnell
Carr, P. W.....	Bushnell
Cleyburn, B. F.....	Summerfield
Frier, B. F.....	Belleview
Harris, L. W.....	Brooksville
Hayes, G. W.....	Webster
Kilgore, Bob.....	Brooksville
Kingsley, W. N.....	Leesburg
Martin, G. A.....	Floral City
McClamma, J. W.....	Bushnell
McLeod, D. T.....	Webster
O'Berry, W. R.....	Oxford
Patten, J. H.....	Centralia
I. I. Roberts.....	Wildwood
Rogers, J. C.....	Bushnell
Sloan, S. C.....	Lakeland
Spicer, T. W.....	Leesburg
Traylor, M. L.....	Sumterville

Chapin, L. H.

Leesburg

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be denominated the Alachua Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of such churches as hold the doctrines of human depravity, the atonement of Christ, election to eternal life, regeneration and perseverance of the saints, baptism by immersion of the person in water, administered to none but professed believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible church.

Art. 3. We take the only living and true God, in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be one God.

Art. 4. We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the only rule of faith and practice, both in the concerns of religion and general affairs of life, and particularly for transacting the affairs of our church.

Art. 5. We take the church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who live in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline, in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

Art. 6. We take Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church, and the only one given; the government under Him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline, with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the churches.

Art. 7. In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness, and efficiency which must accrue from an association of churches, in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we have sought to be thus united, that by individual and collective action we may best subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's kingdom. And the concurrence of two-thirds will dissolve the connection.

Art. 8. This association shall have the power to withdraw its connection from any church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 9. New churches wishing to be admitted into this body shall petition by letters and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be admitted by receiving the right hand of fellowship of the moderator.

Art. 10. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional one for each twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.

Art. 11. Every query sent to the association by any church in its union shall be read and put to vote by the moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority in favor it shall be taken up and debated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided, always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

Art. 12. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

Art. 13. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while he is speaking unless he depart from the subject.

Art. 14. No person shall speak more than three times upon one subject without permission of the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.

Art. 15. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave of the moderator.

Art. 16. It shall be the first business of this association to provide for the general union of churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the churches and districts by missionary aid; third, to keep up a correspondence with other associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the churches; fourthly, to give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty, and if communication should be broken between any of the sister churches, to inquire into the cause, and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from such church or churches as walk disorderly, until they may be reclaimed; and, fifthly, to regulate all matters pertaining to its business, to provide for printing its minutes, and appoint the time and place of its next meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, clerk, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

2. The moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association, and shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the meetings of the association, and the duty of the clerk to keep record of the proceedings and prepare a minute for the press.

4. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to conduct the correspondence of the association, and make a report of the same at each regular meeting of the body. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep all the funds of the association, subject to the order of the executive committee.

5. There shall be an executive committee of five brethren appointed at each meeting of this association, whose duty it shall be to supervise

and conduct all matters pertaining to this association during the year.

6. Churches wishing to dissolve connection with this body must submit their reasons during its session.

7. It shall be required of the executive committee to hold a meeting for business at each session of the association, before its adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Morning Session

Oxford, Fla., October 9, 1917.

1. The Alachua Baptist Association met with the Oxford Baptist Church, in its Seventy-first Annual Session, at 9:30 a. m., October 9. After song and prayer the Moderator, S. D. Martin, introduced H. E. Martin of Wildwood, who conducted the devotional exercises.

2. The Moderator stated that the time for organization had arrived and upon motion it was ordered that roll of Messengers be made up and that such messengers constitute this association. The following enrollment was secured:

List of Messengers

- Brooksville—Dr. Bob Kilgore, W. A. Thompson, A. M. Chelf, W. E. Law.
 Bu Inell—J. C. Rogers, J. H. Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Mary Bevell.
 Center Hill—J. A. Forrester, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lee.
 Centralia—J. H. Patten.
 Charter Oak—W. R. Redding, J. A. Scroggie.
 Coleman—Mrs. A. F. Crenshaw.
 Cynth—L. W. Harris, Earle B. Cason.
 Eden—J. A. Morgan, Miss W. Morgan, Mrs. D. C. Allen.
 Edenfield—J. F. Trowell.
 Floral City—T. W. Higgins, W. C. Woods, G. A. Martin.
 Fruitland Park—W. P. Ebbs.
 Hebron—J. M. Ferris.
 Lady Lake—A. W. Vinson, Mrs. A. W. Vinson, Gwylm Herbert, Mrs. Owen.
 Leesburg—A. L. Blizard, W. R. Mathews, F. P. Webster, Mrs. E. H. Mote, Mrs. F. E. Way.
 Marsh Bend—Mrs. E. L. Nobles, Mrs. C. Tillman.
 Oxford—G. C. Williams, W. H. Jones, T. P. Caruthers, W. L. Brinson, J. C. Hall.
 Pedro—J. D. Proctor, Mrs. J. D. Proctor, M. M. Proctor, Mrs. M. M. Proctor, J. W. Linderman.
 Rerdell—C. W. Burnett, Mrs. C. W. Burnett.
 Sardis—J. W. Person, Mrs. J. W. Person.
 Sumterville—Mrs. W. C. McLeod, M. L. Traylor, J. D. Mann, Mrs. E. O. Cassady.
 Wahoo—J. W. McClamma, W. S. Wade, R. H. Bennett.
 Webster—D. T. McLeod, Mrs. D. T. McLeod, Mrs. J. S. Kellam, Mrs. Della Hayes.

Whitney—

Wildwood—J. E. Mills, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, L. M. Gunn, H. E. Martin, S. D. Martin, Mrs. T. N. Curington.

3. The association organized by the election of the following officers:
 Moderator, A. L. Blizard, Leesburg.
 Clerk, Gwylm Herbert, Lady Lake.
 Treasurer, J. H. Williams, Leesburg.
 Corresponding Secretary, O. S. Bogue, Oxford.

4. Upon motion the tentative program submitted by the program committee was adopted subject to change.

5. Under the call for correspondents and visitors, Brethren T. F. Hendon, Enlistment Secretary; R. Strickland, Marion Association; F. G. Ward, New Rosa Association; and Mrs. H. C. Pelham, State Secretary W. M. U., responded.

6. After prayer by Dr. Bob Kilgore, A. L. Blizard preached the introductory sermon.

7. After the benediction the association adjourned until 2:00 o'clock

First Day—Afternoon Session

8. The association met at 2:00 p. m.

9. On call for Petitionary Letters four were presented and referred for investigation to a committee composed of Dr. Bob Kilgore, H. S. Howard and J. C. Rogers.

10. The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at this session:

Digest of Letters—S. D. Martin, H. S. Howard, F. P. Webster.

Finance—J. H. Williams, J. M. Ferris, L. M. Gunn.

Nominations—W. R. Mathews, D. T. McLeod, W. P. Ebbs.

11. The report on Education was read by Dr. Bunyan Stevens as follows:

Report on Education

Columbia College was established ten years ago, and in this time it has had a total of some 1,700 students, of whom about 40 have been ministerial students, a number of whom have been and are now useful pastors in this state.

Some 500 young men and women have been assisted by scholarships and work, through which they could earn enough to attend college.

The College is now a standard institution of higher learning; and it enjoys equally with the University of Florida and the Woman's school at Tallahassee the privilege of having its diplomas accepted, without state examination, for certificate to teach in the public schools of Florida.

Columbia College is the sole educational institution owned and controlled by the Florida Baptist State Convention.

The College is absolutely loyal to the Bible, to the old Faith, and it does not tolerate in the faculty a teacher who raises doubts concerning the Word of God or who in any way is unfaithful to the Baptist doctrines.

The needs of the College are:

1. Larger patronage of the Baptists of Florida. If our people wish to be loyal to the organized work and to augment the spread of Baptist doctrines in Florida, they will find it necessary to support Columbia College, whose teachers are in every way worthy of the respect and confidence of our people.

2. A greater sum annually to supplement the income from students. No standard college can live, unless it receives a stated sum of money every year from its denomination, if it has no endowment. Ten thousand dollars a year from churches is a fair amount, and this would enable the College to grow and prosper. The two state colleges, the one for men, the other for women, receive each year respectively \$100,000 and \$65,000.

3. The support of the denomination in kind words and recommendation to friends to place their sons and daughters in the College.

4. The prayers of God's people that He will guide and bless our College.

Amendment: 5. That any Sunday in the next month, depending on the local church, be designated as Columbia College Day and that a offering be taken for that College.

BUNYAN STEPHENS,
JOHN PERRY, JR.,
MRS. F. E. WAY.

The report was discussed by Dr. Bunyan Stephens. The report was adopted.

12. The Committee on Petitionary Letters reported as follows:

Report on Petitionary Letters

We, your committee appointed to examine the petitionary letters and to report on the churches asking membership with us, beg to report that we have examined by inquiry into the organizations as follows: 1st, the church at Centralia; 2nd, the church at Edenfield; 3rd, the church at Corinth; 4th, the church at Marsh Bend, and find that these churches were organized according to our regular Baptist custom, and recommend that these churches be received into the fellowship of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. BOB KILGORE
J. C. ROGERS,
H. S. HOWARD.

Messengers of the four churches were called to the front and extended the hand of welcome by the Moderator.

13. A. B. Cannady, representative of the Baptist Witness, spoke in regard to the paper.

14. After the benediction recess was taken until the night session.

First Day—Night Session

15. The session was opened by singing followed with prayer by J. C. Rogers.

16. The report on Temperance was read by D. T. McLeod as follows:

Report on Temperance

The word temperance is a Bible word, but we have failed to put the proper stress on the meaning of the word. We are glad that our State and the United States have joined hands with the church and women to put the evil out of existence. So let us vote and work for Temperance. The making and selling of liquor is at an end.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. McLEOD,
JOHN PERRY,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS.

The report was discussed by D. T. McLeod, H. S. Howard. The report was adopted.

17. Sermon by J. H. Patton.

18. After benediction the association recessed until tomorrow morning.

Second Day—Morning Session

19. The association was called to order at 9 o'clock and L. W. Harris conducted the devotional exercises.

20. The report on Sunday Schools was read by J. H. Williams as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

There is no better place for the church members to study God's Word than in the Sunday School. We should take the children and enlist as many others, who are not church members, as we can and teach them the Bible. The Sunday School is a good place for training our young people in the knowledge of the work of the church. It does perhaps a greater service than any other of our organizations in training church members to see their duty and discharge their obligations as Christians and church members. Through the agency of the Sunday School the older members are enabled to grow in Christian experience and to furnish an example to the younger members of the ever increasing happiness that comes of a life of active service in the work of the Master. Believing this to be true, we would urge that we increase our energies:

along the line of Sunday School work, that we encourage the older members of the church to attend regularly and take an active part in the work of the school, the Superintendent selects those teachers who give careful and prayerful thought to the preparation of the lessons, who take an active interest in directing the social life of the class, and who study to interest the pupils in the work of the church.

We would call the attention of Superintendents to the importance of regular offerings for Missions and our Orphanage, thereby teaching the children their duty toward those less fortunate and cultivating in them the beauty of unselfishness and the grace of giving.

"Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gifts without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor and me."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILLIAMS,
T. P. CARUTHERS,
MRS. T. N. CURINGTON.

The report was discussed by J. H. Williams, Gwylm Herbert, Dr. Bob Kilgore and Mrs. E. H. Mote. The report was adopted.

21. The report of the Executive Committee was read by H. S. Howard.

Report of Executive Committee

The first meeting of this committee was held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1916, in connection with regular union meeting.

The matter of employing an evangelist for the association was discussed and the chairman of the committee was instructed to arrange for same. After writing several men arrangements were finally made for Rev. J. K. Smith, of Kentucky, to serve us. Brother Smith came to us June 28th and began work with the church at Wildwood, and continued holding meetings with the following churches: Wildwood, Center Hill, Webster, Oxford, Coleman, Lady Lake, Whitney and Floral City; results of which were the following received in the churches: By baptism, 20; by letter, 15.

In addition to this work, Brother Smith has assisted in the organization of the following churches: Corinth, near Coleman.

We desire to commend the work of Brother Smith, and hope that his labors with us will continue.

The following churches have received aid from State Board, for pastor's salary, and church building: Coleman and Bushnell; Fruitland Park for building.

We desire to call attention to the splendid work of all our pastors, and pray that God will continue His blessings upon them. We feel that the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Signed,

H. S. HOWARD, Chairman,
S. D. MARTIN, Secretary,
S. E. WALKER,
F. P. WEBSTER,
A. W. VINSON.

The report was discussed by H. S. Howard. The report was adopted.
22. The report on B. M. A. A. was made by Dr. Bob Kilgore:

Report on B. M. A. A.

Your committee, after due acknowledgement of what might be termed negligence in regards to the report on the B. M. A. A., beg to submit the following:

Your committee, after looking into the object of this Association, and in a measure acquainting itself with the worthiness of its purpose, must confess its surprise because of so little interest manifested in this auxiliary, especially upon the part of the preachers of the great State of Florida.

We find by consulting the 1916 Annual that there are 606 ordained ministers in the state. This organization took place on the Baptist record more than 25 years ago, at a date when there were but about 200 ministers in the state, and of this number 65 affiliated with the Baptist Assurance Association, hence our surprise at so little interest in this worthy cause.

We, your committee, in order to create a better feeling and more interest in this auxiliary, beg that those who are informed in its aim and purpose of work, make an effort to get the same before the people by such explanations as are necessary for the success of this part of what we believe to be the work of the Master "bearing one another's burdens."

Respectfully submitted,

BOB KILGORE,
S. D. MARTIN,
MRS. E. H. MOTE.

The report was discussed by Dr. Kilgore, Mrs. Mote. The report was adopted.

23. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were made by the respective chairmen:

Report on State Missions

With the Lord there is no State, Home or Foreign Missions, just Missions. The field is the world. The division is made for our convenience.

State Missions should include all phases of our denominational work, as will be seen from the following budget adopted by the state convention for this year:

State Missions -----	\$35,000.00
Church Building -----	18,000.00
Home Missions -----	10,000.00
Foreign Missions -----	8,500.00
Educational General -----	15,000.00
Ministerial Education, Col. C. -----	1,000.00
Ministerial Education, Seminary -----	600.00
Orphanage -----	13,500.00
Aged Ministers -----	1,000.00
Home Board Building Loan Fund -----	5,000.00
	\$107,600.00

Membership reported last year in state, 57,721. Amount required per capita to raise budget, \$1.86.

Membership reported in our association, 1472. Our share of budget on per capita bases, \$2,737.92. Amount actually paid, \$1247.48.

The following table gives amount actually paid per capita.

Brooksville -----	\$1.12	Leesburg -----	1.80
Bushnell -----	.39	Oxford -----	.35
Center Hill -----	.22	Rerdell -----	4.63
Charter Oak -----	.15	Sardis -----	
Coleman -----	.56	Sumterville -----	.45
Eden -----	.28	Wahoo -----	.51
Floral City -----	.54	Webster -----	.16
Fruitland Park -----	.13	Whitney -----	1.49
Hebron -----	.23	Wildwood -----	1.93
Lady Lake -----	.90	Pedro -----	

Regarding the church building fund, we quote the following from Dr. S. B. Rogers' annual report: "We do not stand in awe and doubt, but we do stagger at the appalling task before us in an endeavor to adequately house and equip our people for worship. If all the money of the combined effort of all Florida Baptists could be directed into this one channel for the next ten years it would be inadequate to our immediate needs, to say nothing of the ten years accumulated necessities one hundred and four church houses in course of construction now await further help to complete their plants. One hundred and forty-eight congregations are absolutely homeless and helpless so far as erecting a house of worship is concerned." Many churches under the

present conditions are unable to have preaching without help. We would urge a liberal offering from each member of the association.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. BURNETT,
J. H. PATTEN,
L. W. HARRIS.

Home Mission Report

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Georgia, has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than have ever been reported by another Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638 or only 4.7 per cent.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. Patriotism and true religion call us to a larger support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy states as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side, our Board has a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition.

We recommend:

1. That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once during the year upon Home Missions.
2. That our churches be encouraged to form mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South" and "Country Church in the South," the two unusually popular mission study books of the Home Board.

Also that our churches should order and make a larger use of the full and interesting lot of tracts about each phase of the work of the Board. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. VINSON,
O. S. BOGUE,
R. H. BENNETT.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in its last report tells of a year of great success both at home and abroad.

Including amount paid on the debt the Board has received during the year for its general work, \$751,356.57, and including the work of the Judson Centennial, a total of \$964,186.96.

The number of our churches on the foreign field now total 458 with a membership of 47,161. The native contribution during 1916 were \$132,371. There were 6,347 baptisms last year. We have 307 foreign missionaries and 800 native workers who conduct 474 schools of all grades which had an enrollment of 12,930 students.

Our 15 medical missionaries treated 67,556 patients. The apportionment for the State of Florida for foreign mission the present year is \$8,500 of which \$804.67 was paid up to September 15, 1917. Against \$1,217.37 up to the same date last year.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt we recommend that this association divide among the churches on an equal basis the apportionment for this year and earnestly urge the churches to undertake to raise the amounts asked of them before April 30, 1918.

We urge that our churches send in their contributions regularly each month through the proper channels in order that we may be saved of the large amount of interest paid out each year on borrowed money.

We recommend the Every Member canvass and Systematic giving as the Biblical plan for contributing to foreign missions, and urge that the churches keep trying until this plan is thoroughly established in all of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. ROGERS,
H. E. MARTIN,
J. E. MILLS.

24. T. F. Hendon, State Efficiency Secretary, preached and presented the work of the State Mission work, after which an offering for State Missions was made amounting to \$32.00 in cash and \$47.00 in pledges.

25. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were adopted.
26. The benediction was pronounced by T. F. Hendon and adjournment was taken until the afternoon.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

27. The afternoon devotional service was lead by L. M. Gunn.
28. The report on Obituaries was read by D. T. McLeod:

Report on Obituaries

We, your committee, find that during the past year there have been 16 deaths in the various churches during the year. An increase of seven over number reported last year.

We miss their presence and counsel and trust that our loss is their gain.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HIGGINS,
J. H. PATEN,
MRS. A. W. VINSON.

D. T. McLeod, H. E. Martin, Dr. Bob Kilgore, H. S. Howard, O. S. Bogue, S. D. Martin, C. W. Burnett spoke feeling of those of their membership who had departed this life.

The report was adopted.

29. Report of Committee on Nominations was read as follows:

Report on Nominations

We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Brooksville church beginning on Tuesday morning after the first Sunday in October, 1918, at 10 o'clock.

We recommend that C. W. Burnett preach the introductory sermon and G. A. Martin as alternate.

We recommend for Executive Committee the following: S. D. Martin, Wildwood; F. P. Webster, Leesburg; J. H. Hughes, Bushnell; J. C. Hall, Oxford; A. V. Chelf, Brooksville.

We recommend for member State Board of Missions, Gwylm Herbert, Lady Lake.

We recommend as Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Bob Kilgore, Brooksville.

We recommend as Messengers to the State Convention: C. W. Burnett, J. H. Williams, Gwylm Herbert, O. S. Bogue, H. S. Howard, Mrs. E. H. Mote.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. MATHEWS,
W. P. EBBS,
D. T. McLEOD.

After motion to substitute Brooksville for Leesburg as place for the meeting of the next association, the report was adopted as above.
 30. The finance committee made its report.

Report of Finance Committee

Received for Minutes and Clerk	-----	\$41.00	
State Missions	-----	7.00	\$48.00
Paid to Treasurer	-----		48.00

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. GUNN,
 J. M. FERRIS,
 J. H. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted.

31. The report of the Treasurer was read by J. H. Williams as follows:

Receipts

Balance on hand last report	-----	\$47.67	
Minutes and Clerk Wildwood and Whitney	-----	10.00	
Minutes and Clerk this session	-----	63.20	
State Missions	-----	50.34	
			\$171.21

Disbursements

Former Clerk G. J. King	-----	\$ 14.25	
Baptist Witness, printing minutes	-----	31.20	
G. Herbert, clerk	-----	12.22	
State Missions	-----	50.34	
Balance on hand	-----	63.20	\$171.21

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted.

32. Because of lack of sufficient funds having been sent in for printing minutes, offering was made to cover the expense.

33. Motion made and carried that clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services.

34. After prayer adjournment was taken until evening session.

Second Day—Evening Session

35. Prayer and Praise service.

36. The report on Orphans Home was read by A. L. Blizard:

Orphanage Report

Our orphanage, located at Arcadia, Florida, is now in its fourteenth year. With eighty acres of land, three two-story brick buildings, a

superintendent's home, laundry, cannery, and out-buildings, furnished and equipped, we are prepared to take care of one hundred children. We now have ninety-five children in the home, fifty of these are girls and forty-five are boys, ranging in ages from two to seventeen years.

The most considerate, economical and diligent effort, under a wise management, is now being made to support, develop and train these children into useful Christian men and women, prepared to support themselves when they leave the home.

This work is being done for us. These are our own orphan children, and the responsibility of their support and development is our own. Under the most favorable circumstances and conditions, this is a worthy and Christian duty and deserve our regular and liberal support. Under the present trying conditions, when food supplies and all home supplies have advanced so rapidly, and when friends of the home in many instances have been compelled to decrease their gifts to the work, our responsibility for the support of the home has greatly increased.

Superintendent Trice has been, for the last several months, and is now, carrying a heavy burden. The Orphanage Board has been compelled to borrow money to meet current expenses until there is an indebtedness for this year, which, added to the indebtedness of last year, will, by October, make it necessary to raise five thousand dollars in order to go to the convention clear of debt.

October is made by the Convention Executive Committee, Orphanage month, and the Board of Trustees of the orphanage has designated the last Saturday and Sunday in October as Orphanage Work Days.

Therefore, we would recommend: First, that every Sunday School in this association give one Sunday's collection each month to the orphanage, preferably the first Sunday, where it can be done, for current expenses. Second, that the last Saturday and Sunday in October be observed as Work Days and every individual give their earnings on Saturday and every Sunday School and church make an offering on Sunday. Third, that we, one and all, remember our orphan family in our prayers and do our best to aid in the support of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. BLIZARD, Chairman,
 J. W. MCCLAMMA,
 G. A. MARTIN.

After discussion by A. L. Blizard and G. A. Martin, the report was adopted.

37. Sermon by Dr. Bob Kilgore, his text Isaiah 53.

38. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolutions

We, the delegates and visitors to the association, would like very

much to extend their thanks for the hospitality and kindness extended them by this church, its members and friends. It seems to the delegates, the whole hearted people of Oxford have set a precedent hard to follow. We sincerely thank one and all for the generous entertainment.

MRS. E. H. MOTE, Chairman.

39. After prayer the association adjourned until the morning session.

Third Day—Morning

40. Devotional services conducted by G. A. Martin.

41. The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by John Perry, Jr., as follows:

Report on B. Y. P. U.

We rejoice to report that the condition of our young people's work is encouraging. During the past year several new societies have been organized and are doing splendid work.

In addition to the organization of several new societies, a call was made last January for a meeting of our young people for a general meeting at Oxford church and after some discussion it was decided to organize a B. Y. P. U. Federation, and a meeting was arranged for March with the Union at Bushnell. In April the second meeting of this organization was held with the Union at Wildwood and in July with the Union at Webster. Our last meeting was held with the Eden church, and a B. Y. P. U. was organized in the Eden church.

We want to insist in this report that our pastors give more attention to young people's work. We have at present eight B. Y. P. U. in our association, and hope to have others soon.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PERRY, JR.,
JOE HALL,
MRS. D. C. ALLEN.

The report was discussed by John Perry, Jr., D. T. McLeod, H. S. Howard and S. D. Martin. The report was adopted.

42. The report on Laymen's Missionary Movement was read by Gwylm Herbert:

Report on Laymen's Missionary Movement

Recognizing the need of efficiency among the laymen of our churches, we see in the laymen's organization the opportunity for promoting that efficiency.

We recommend that this association maintain a standing committee who shall cooperate with the Executive Committee in holding the fifth Sunday meetings, in organizing a campaign of instruction in all the

churches of the association, and in cooperating with the State Laymen's Committee in organizing the work.

Respectfully submitted,

GWYLYM HERBERT,
J. C. ROGERS,
W. P. EBBS.

The report was discussed by Gwylm Herbert. The report was adopted.

43. The report on Woman's Work was presented by H. S. Howard:

Report on Woman's Work

The W. M. U. auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention continues to do a great and noble work, and today they are still in the forefront of the battle. Each year they "lengthen the cords, and strengthen the stakes," and obey the command to go forward. In every department of our church work, the influence of our women is felt. In addition to supporting scores of missionaries on the home and foreign fields, they maintain a great training school at Louisville, Ky., where the flower of our young womanhood is trained for service.

We are glad to report that our Florida women are not failing to do their "bit" of this great work. Under the wise leadership of Mrs. Peelman, the efficient secretary, they are doing a noble work. We desire to call attention to the work of our esteemed sister, Mrs. Clara Nichols, superintendent of Women's Work in our own association. We recommend that our pastors cooperate with our women, and lend them all possible assistance and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HOWARD,
MRS. CLARA NICHOLS,
MRS. E. H. MOTE.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Clara Nichols. The report was adopted.

44. The Committee on Digest of Letters made its report:

Report on Digest of Letters

We, your committee on Digest of Letters, wish to report the following: We find that a good many church clerks fail to understand how to render their reports in a manner that gives the churches proper credit for their work.

We are pleased to note an increase of approximately one hundred dollars in our gifts to missions.

Brethren may we render accurate and intelligent reports of the Lord's work and place Florida on the map, second to none in the South.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HOWARD,
F. P. WEBSTER,
S. D. MARTIN.

45. Clerk was instructed to make report on Periodicals and include in minutes, which is as follows:

Report on Periodicals

The publications of our Sunday School Board at Nashville are of the highest standard. We would recommend each Sunday School acquaint itself with the graded system of lessons and, as far as possible adopt them, as well as the excellent papers for young and old published by the Board.

Our Missionary Magazine, Home and Foreign Fields, will be found full of information and inspiration and will keep us well acquainted with the work being done in the various fields of our work.

We call attention to our own state paper, The Baptist Witness, to which we should show our loyalty by subscribing for and reading it.

Respectfully submitted,

GWYLYM HERBERT.

46. The Moderator announced the chairmen of standing committees for the association year.

47. S. D. Martin spoke in regard to the conservation of food.

48. An appeal for help for Rev. Ward to enable him to get back to a former field of labor resulted in an offering of 8.75.

49. It was moved that the regular order be suspended and that the matter of assisting J. M. Devena, an infirm minister of the Brooksville church, be considered. The matter was turned over into the hands of the Executive Committee to sign the application for help to the State Board of Missions, if they found after investigation the applicant to be worthy.

50. Evangelist J. K. Smith made a report of work done by him in the association, followed by a missionary sermon.

51. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," the Association adjourned to meet with the Brooksville church Tuesday morning, October 8, 1918.

A. L. BLIZARD, Moderator.

GWYLYM HERBERT, Clerk.

MINUTES OF W. M. U. MEETING OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Alachua Association held its meeting with the Oxford Baptist church, October 8, 1917.

The president called the meeting to order and Mrs. Mary Curington, of Wildwood, in her sweet, quiet way, conducted the devotional service. A goodly number responded to roll call, and the reports from the various societies showed a decided increase in interest and speak in silent eloquence of much sacrificial giving on the part of many. A splendid report was received from our superintendent. A rising vote of thanks was tendered her for her faithful service.

The present officers were all re-elected and Mrs. J. H. Hughes elected to represent us at the State Convention. Then followed a splendid address by our beloved State Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Peelman.

At 7:30 p. m. an interesting and instructive program on State Missions, rendered by the Sunbeams and young ladies of the Oxford church, was enjoyed by a full house. After which another one of Sister Peelman's matchless addresses. An offering for State Missions closed our annual meeting.

The next meeting will be held the day preceeding the annual meeting of the association at Brooksville, October 7, 1918.

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS, President.

MRS. J. H. HUGHES, Secretary.

W. M. U. Superintendent's Report

Attended State Convention and three Union meetings.

Traveled 250 miles, wrote 53 letters and 6 cards. Received 22 letters and 2 cards. Sent and received 2 phone messages.

With humble gratitude to our gracious Father, we are glad to note a decided increase over last year's work. Sisters, let us take courage and press forward to the honor and glory of the precious Redeemer, who has entrusted so much into our hands.

Reports from the societies show the following amounts raised during the year:

State Missions	\$ 85.70
Home Missions	45.84
Foreign Missions	36.31
Christmas Offering	4.20
Thank Offering	2.10
Chipley Memorial	5.59
W. M. U. Training School	14.28
W. M. U. Training School S. F.	1.52
Columbia College C. E.	13.86
Columbia College Special	2.00
Aged Ministers	2.26
Orphanage	31.13
Value Orphanage Box	65.00

MINUTES OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Christmas Presents to Orphanage	8.20
Margaret Fund	.15
At Home	113.42
Church Expenses	91.82

Grand Total ----- \$601.38

One Sunbeam Band reports:

For Orphanage	\$1.00
Number of W. M. Societies	11
Number of Sunbeam Bands	2
Number of Royal Ambassadors	1
Number of Members Reported	150
Number Mission Study Classes	1
Subscribers to Home and Foreign Fields	8
Royal Service	17
Baptist Witness	38

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARA NICHOLS, Superintendent.

Report of Woman's Missionary Unions

CHURCH	PRESIDENTS	State Missions					Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Other Purposes	Total		
		42	35	11	00	11						00	
Brooksville	Mrs. R. W. Chelf	6	47	3	24	3	24	1	00	6	59	20	54
Bushnell	Mrs. A. M. Boland	6	50	2	40	1	60	6	05	16	50	31	45
Coleman	Mrs. W. N. Monroe	1	25	1	90	1	60	4	00	5	10	14	85
Floral City	Mrs. E. Zimmerman	2	50	1	50	1	50	3	50	50	00	50	00
Fruitland Park	Mrs. R. D. Whitfield	1	16	11	40	7	17	3	63	40	07	19	73
Lady Lake	Mrs. T. W. Stringfellow	14	47	10	00	10	80	3	63	40	07	78	97
Leesburg	Mrs. M. D. Stivender	11	00	3	40	3	40	4	25	30	00	35	50
Oxford	Mrs. Clara Nichols	11	00	3	40	3	40	4	25	30	00	35	50
Wahoo	Mrs. F. Woodward	11	00	3	40	3	40	4	25	30	00	35	50
Webster	Mrs. Ola Hall	11	00	3	40	3	40	4	25	30	00	35	50
Wildwood	Mrs. A. F. Sawls	85	70	45	84	39	96	103	33	327	00	601	83

B. Y. P. U. Presidents

Miss Mollie Grubb, Brooksville
 H. L. Redding, Summerfield
 D. A. Tooke, Floral City
 John Perry, Oxford

Miss Lena Roesel, Bushnell
 Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Webster
 G. B. Joyner, Whitney
 H. E. Martin, Wildwood
 T. J. Ford, Rerdell

Ajnior B. Y. P. U. Presidents

Miss Mary Chelf, Brooksville

Miss Mabel Youmans, Webster

Sunbeam Band Leaders.

Miss Rose Smith, Istachotta

Miss Thelma Perry, Oxford

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NAME OF CHURCH	HOME EXPENSES							MISSIONS				EDUCATION			Value of Property					
	Pastor's Salary	New Property and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School and Others	Poor	Minutes	Total	State	Home	Foreign	Total	Columbia College	Ministerial		General	Total	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	Grand Total
Brooksville	1500 00	215 00	162 50	52 50	93 00	13 10	11 00	1994 00	94 35	11 95	11 00	117 30	15 35	3 76	3 76	102 31	2229 76	10 000 00		
Bushnell	250 00	18 00	24 00	52 50	29 10	4 50	325 60	10 47	3 24	3 24	16 95	3 76	3 76	3 76	3 76	35 50	352 18	1 500 00		
Center Hill	183 50	.....	.....	.....	28 76	1 00	365 76	10 00	2 00	1 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 40	294 16	1 440 00
* Centralia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charter Oak	60 00	2 81	1 40	.....	6 84	.....	71 08	1 35	3 07	.....	4 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 73	78 23	3 500 00
Coleman	150 00	45 00	8 74	40 25	28 00	.....	274 09	6 50	2 40	.....	2 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 83	293 82	3 500 00
* Cornith	60 00	44 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 50	.....	
Eden	100 00	.....	.....	.....	12 08	.....	114 58	10 03	.....	.....	10 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 61	1 200 00
* Edenfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Floral City	192 00	.....	.....	.....	35 92	1 15	231 07	5 95	2 90	1 60	10 45	4 60	1 75	.....	6 35	4 00	251 87	2 000 00
Fruitland Park	200 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	213 00	.....	1 75	1 75	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	216 50	1 500 00
Hebron	112 64	17 16	85	17 11	27 58	.....	188 09	.....	1 55	.....	9 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 15	212 79	500 00
Lady Lake	82 20	13 85	37 25	27 72	164 02	1 13	4 10	16 81	2 06	2 06	1 06	3 50	187 39	2 400 00	
Leesburg	1140 00	200 00	4 40	106 49	1360 89	108 67	37 83	28 54	175 04	22 00	22 00	1 00	81 45	1740 38	8 000 00	
* Marsh Bend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oxford	187 47	670 29	47 50	76 91	25 00	5 50	1012 76	32 67	9 78	10 58	53 03	9 00	9 00	87	16 28	1091 85	1 400 00
Pedro	29 00	29 00	13 10	13 10	42 10	600 00	
Rerdell	27 00	7 25	9 25	44 50	11 24	18 00	6 25	35 29	1 65	8 00	9 65	21 74	111 38	
Sardis	95 35	14 25	10 30	8 00	128 90	3 00	3 00	131 90	800 00	
Sumterville	20 00	1 00	16 00	38 00	5 50	1 50	7 00	8 00	53 00	800 00
Wahoo	150 00	7 79	158 79	35 35	35 35	12 96	197 00	800 00
Webster	200 00	20 00	20 10	212 10	5 99	1 25	7 24	1 00	4 00	16 29	239 63	2 500 00	
Whitney	136 29	24 22	30 00	10 78	3 04	236 33	22 68	87	25 55	1 80	1 80	43 40	301 58	2 000 00	
Wildwood	440 00	60 00	51 51	115 34	70 00	136 52	870 33	62 00	38 15	35 70	141 85	28 00	11 00	39 00	17 33	8 60	1086 15	1 000 00	

* Recently organized

Additional for minutes 3.05

Cash offering at Association for state missions \$32.25. Total \$464.59.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS OF ALACHUA ASSOCIATION 1917

NAME OF CHURCH DATE ORGANIZED	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	Membership Last Reported	Incras- - Decreas- ed by ed by		Present Membership	Officers and Teachers	Number of Pupils	NAME OF SUPT AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS	Sabbaths Preaching		
				Baptism	Restoration						Exclusion	Erasure	Death
1862 Brooksville	Bob K. Gore, Brooksville	M. H. Snow, Brooksville	220	35	24	12	2	1	264	14	155 A. M. Chelf, Brooksville	Full
1886 Bushnell	C. W. Burnett, Bushville	Mrs. A. M. Roland, Bushnell	63	2	1	1	.....	.....	57	7	68 J. H. Hughes, Bushnell	1st
1903 Center Hill	S. C. Sloan, Lakeland	E. I. Thomas, Center Hill	107	5	8	4	2	.....	112	12	84 W. E. Whitten, Center Hill	3rd
* 1917 Centralia	J. H. Patten, Centralia	Webb Patten, Centralia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1902 Charter Oak	I. W. McCamma, Bushnell	Henry Redding, Summerfield	32	10	6	.....	.....	.....	47	5	46 C. Lucius, Summerfield	4th
1904 Coleman	.....	T. V. Curington, Coleman	47	25	3	6	36	.....	45	6	45 S. H. Crabtree, Coleman	4th
* 1917 Cornith	L. W. Hanis, Brooksville	E. B. Cason, Bellview	.....	.....	20	1	.....	.....	21	4	30 J. L. Barnhill, Bellview	.....
1845 Eden	J. H. Patten, Centralia	J. M. Hedrick, Jr., Brooksville	32	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	5	54 E. W. Snow, Brooksville	2nd
* 1917 Edenfield	J. W. McCamma, Bushnell	J. M. Horton, Edenfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1888 Floral City	.....	W. C. Wood, Floral City	43	6	1	2	.....	.....	48	11	47 G. W. Wiggins, Floral City	2nd
1916 Fruitland Park	C. W. Burnett, Bushnell	Miss F. E. Ebbs, Fruitland Park	19	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	6	30 W. P. Ebbs, Fruitland Park	3rd
1891 Hebron	J. H. Patten, Centralia	J. M. Ferris, Brooksville, R. F. D. 1	67	27	1	3	2	.....	95	8	44 A. P. Sharp, Brooksville, R. F. D. 1	4th
1882 Lady Lake	C. W. Burnett, Bushnell	R. D. Mathews, Lady Lake	28	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	3	26 Gwylym Herbert, Lady Lake	Full
1876 Leesburg	<i>L. H. Kahan, Leesburg</i>	T. B. Milam, Leesburg	185	2	8	8	13	1	154	13	145 J. H. Williams, Leesburg	Full
* 1917 Marsh Bend	L. W. Harris, Brooksville	W. J. Albertson, Marsh Bend	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1881 Oxford	I. I. Roberts, Wildwood	J. C. Hall, Oxford	222	6	4	6	.....	.....	219	16	125 T. P. Caruthers, Oxford	2nd & 4th
1914 Pedro	R. L. Clyburn, Summerfield	Geo. L. Proctor, Pedro	63	3	9	2	1	.....	75	.....	No School	2nd
1916 Rerdell	.....	F. J. Ford, Rerdell	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	3	15 J. A. Atkins, Rerdell	.....
1891 Sardis	W. R. Oberry, Wildwood	Ed Caruthers, Oxford	31	6	1	2	.....	.....	36	5	74 C. Person, Oxford	1st
1878 Sumterville	D. T. McLeod, Webster	H. H. Boswell, Sumterville	24	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	No School	1st
1903 Wahoo	G. A. Martin, Floral City	F. O. Hays, Bushnell	110	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	8	26 W. S. Wade, Bushnell	1st & 2nd
1891 Webster	.....	P. R. Coker, Webster	95	17	10	4	.....	.....	115	7	60 R. E. Youmans, Webster	4th
1883 Whitney	C. W. Burnett, Bushnell	G. B. Joyner, Whitney	40	5	4	.....	.....	.....	49	7	35 T. H. Walker, Whitney	4th
1884 Wildwood	L. I. Roberts, Wildwood	J. M. Hudson, Wildwood	118	6	2	5	119	12	90 Mrs. T. N. Currington, Wildwood	1st & 3rd

* Recently organized

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