

1938

MINUTES

Of The
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Of The
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With The
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA

October 12-13, 1938

Rev. E. C. Tyner, Moderator	Inverness
Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Vice-Moderator	Brooksville
Rev. W. S. Wade, Clerk	Bushnell
A. B. Jones, Treasurer	Center Hill

Preacher Of Annual Sermon

Rev. Earl Verigan. Alternate, Rev. J. T. Rawlins.

Next Session Convenes With The First Church Oxford, Wednesday And Thursday, After Second Sunday In October, 11-12, 1939

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CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as the Machua Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of churches generally recognized as Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. Its session (Legislative, Administrative, Promotional and Fellowship) shall be regularly elected representatives of the churches composing its membership and other members of said churches who may be present and who may be accepted by the elected members, on the basis of two Messengers from each church, and one additional for each twenty-five members or major fractional part thereof, in excess of fifty.
4. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, B. T. U., Sunday School, W. M. U. Directors, and Resident Pastors of the Association, elected annually by the vote of the Messengers.
5. The executive committee shall be the above officers.
6. The Moderator shall preside over the sessions, keep order, take the vote on all questions properly presented and perform such other duties as are usual to such officers. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body in session, have the same printed and distributed to the churches according to the funds provided and as the body may direct. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received; pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at each annual session.
7. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the work fostered by the Association. It shall meet quarterly and plan for the promotion of various interests of the organized work, using its best efforts to stimulate the spirituality and activity of the churches, and shall make report of its work to the Association in its annual session.
8. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body; or, when necessity arises, by the Executive Committee.
9. Churches may be admitted to membership in this Association by representatives bearing a petitionary letter with statistical data; provided they are found to be orthodox by a committee appointed by the Moderator. Upon a favorable vote of the body, the Moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship on behalf of the Association.
10. The Association shall have the right and the power to withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership, upon grounds which it may deem justifiable.
11. Any church shall have the right to withdraw its membership from the Association upon due notice to the body.
12. Any church failing to report to the Association, neither sending representatives or letter, twice in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of active members and put on a list of "inactive churches."

Wednesday A. M. Session

The Ninety Second Session of the Alachua Baptist Association met with First Baptist Church of Brooksville, Florida, October 12 and 13, 1938.

Devotional service led by Rev. W. S. Wade of Bushnell.

Welcome address by Dr. G. R. Creekmore of Brooksville.

Response by Rev. G. A. Martin of Oxford.

Motion by Col. G. W. Scofield of Inverness that the front page only of church letters be read and same was unanimously carried.

Col. G. W. Scofield and Bro. A. B. Jones read the church letters.

Motion carried that the members present constitute the Associational body.

Motion carried to proceed to election of officers for the coming year as follows:

Moderator, Rev. E. C. Tyner	Inverness
Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. A. Sawyer	Brooksville
Clerk, Rev. W. S. Wade	Bushnell
Treasurer, Bro. A. B. Jones	Center Hill

A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring officers for their loyalty to their offices.

Program in hand adopted for the Program of the Association with such changes as may be necessary.

Motion made and carried that Dr. C. M. Brittain be given the hour on State Missions.

G. W. Scofield gave report on State Missions. Same was approved as read and discussed by Col. Scofield and Dr. C. M. Brittain.

Dr. A. B. Martin of Coleman, delivered the annual sermon.

Wednesday P. M. Session

Song service by Rev. E. C. Verigan of Floral City.

Devotional led by Mrs. Emma Terrell of Bushnell.

At this time there was a special prayer for the revival and Dr. Scarborough in Deland and another special prayer for a revival of the Christian religion in all our hearts and lives.

Appointment Of Committees As Follows, Nominating:

Dr. A. B. Martin	Coleman
Mrs. Irv'n Tooke	Floral City
Mrs. A. B. Jones	Center Hill
Mr. B. T. Lamb	Brooksville
Mr. J. H. Perry	Oxford

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. A. J. Stapleton	Wildwood
Mr. W. J. Whittington	Webster
Mrs. G. W. Scofield	Inverness
Mrs. Clara Nichols	Oxford

Report on Cooperative Program and Every Member Canvass given by Rev. J. A. Sawyer and discussed by Rev. Sawyer and Dr. C. M. Brittain.

Report on Florida Baptist Childrens' Home read by Mrs. A. M. Roland of Bushnell. The report was discussed by Mrs. Roland and Supt. T. M. Johns of Arcadia.

Report of Laymans Work by Mr. James Connor of Inverness.

Report on Religious Literature given by Mr. A. Keathley of Brooksville and was discussed by Mr. Keathley, Dr. Brittain, Bro. Johns and Dr. E. D. Solomon.

Adjournment until 7:00 o'clock.

Executive Committee

Rev. E. C. Tyner	Moderator
Rev. J. A. Sawyer	Vice-Moderator
Rev. W. S. Wade	Clerk
Mr. A. B. Jones	Treasurer
Mr. B. T. Lamb	S. S.
Mrs. W. M. O'Dell	W. M. S.
Mrs. Malcom Williamson	B. T. U.

State Board Members

Rev. G. A. Martin	Oxford
Rev. J. C. Boatwright	Wildwood
Dr. A. B. Martin	Coleman

Delegates To State Convention

Rev. E. C. Tyner	Inverness
Dr. A. B. Martin	Coleman
Rev. G. A. Martin	Wildwood
Mrs. W. M. O'Dell	Oxford
Mrs. A. B. Jones	Center Hill
Preacher for Annual Sermon	Rev. Earl Verigan
Alternate	Rev. J. T. Rawlins
Delegate to S. B. C.	Rev. J. A. Sawyer

Children's Home Committee

Mrs. J. D. Stultz	Wildwood
Mrs. Gus Schultz	Brooksville
Mrs. A. M. Roland	Bushnell
Mrs. C. F. Venable	Center Hill
Mr. Charlie Evans	Coleman
Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley	Eden-Brooksville
Mrs. F. G. Godwin	Floral City
Mrs. Malcom Williamson	Inverness
Mr. W. B. Franklin	Hebron-Brooksville
Mr. John Knight	Indian Hill-Bushnell

Mr. G. O. BarnesLecanto
 Mr. J. J. Segrest Pleasant Hill-Bushnell
 Mrs. Mary HayesWahoo-Bushnell
 Mr. P. A. Tompkins Webster
 Mr. Lewis Merritt Linden
 Mr. R. L. Griggs Oxford

Wednesday Night Session

Wednesday night session given over to the B. T. U. and Sunday School Work.

Service opened by the orchestra of Inverness, rendering two numbers and enjoyed by all.

Bro. B. T. Lamb of Brooksville, who is Associational Sunday School Supt., gave his annual report which showed an encouraging increase over last year.

Bro. Seckinger of Wildwood was elected Vacation Bible School Director for the year 1939.

B. T. U. Vice President, Mrs. Williamson, of Inverness, presided in absence of President. Miss Louise Caruthers led the devotional and an inspiring address was given by Mrs. Julia Williamson.

The nominating committee was composed of Mrs. Jettie Pearl Smith of Bushnell, Miss Bernice Seckinger of Wildwood, Miss Ollie Maud Blair of Oxford, and Rev. J. A. Sawyer of Brooksville.

At the close of this session Dr. Solomon gave us an instructive address.

Adjournment.

Thursday A. M. Session

Devotional led by Rev. E. C. Verigan.

Report on Home Missions given by Dr. A. B. Martin of Coleman.

Recognition of other church letters and messengers.

Report on Southern Baptist Hospitals by Rev. E. C. Verigan. The report was discussed by Mrs. Clara Nichols, Col. G. W. Scofield, Rev. B. F. Brooks and Rev. G. A. Martin.

Upon motion by G. W. Scofield and amended by Rev. B. F. Brooks and seconded by Rev. G. A. Martin, that this Association go on record as being in favor and pledging our support to a Baptist Hospital in this State—the amendment by Rev. Brooks was that we instruct the members of the State Board to urge this proposition at its earliest possible convenience. The motion was carried.

Report on Relief and Annuity Board was submitted by Bro. J. H. Hughes and read by Rev. E. C. Tyner. The report was adopted as read and discussed by Col. G. W. Scofield.

Report on Woman's Work by Mrs. Clara Nichols. Same was adopted as read and was discussed by Rev. G. A. Martin and Mrs. Nichols.

Motion made and carried that the nominating committee ap-

point an Orphanage committee consisting of one member from each church in this Association to serve one year.

Motion made and carried that the Commodities donated to the Orphanage be delivered to Bushnell on Monday before Thanksgiving Day of each year in order to give Orphanage truck time to get here and back to Arcadia on Tuesday.

Missionary Sermon by Rev. E. C. Tyner.

Noon recess.

Thursday P. M. Session

Vice-Moderator Rev. G. A. Martin led the devotional service and presided over the afternoon session.

Report on Foreign Missions given by Rev. E. C. Tyner and read by Rev. J. C. Boatwright. After discussion by Rev. Boatwright and Rev. B. F. Brooks, same was adopted.

Report on Hundred Thousand Club by Mrs. Clara Nichols. Same was adopted and discussed by Mrs. Nichols, Rev. J. C. Boatwright and Rev. G. A. Martin.

Report on Memorials by Rev. G. A. Martin. Same adopted as read.

Report of Treasurer given by Bro. D. A. Tooke as follows:
 Money collected last Association 1937\$28.60
 Amount paid J. H. Perry, Clerk 1937\$28.60
 Balance on hand None

Motion carried that the \$5.00 Hospital fund be turned over to Treasurer.

Official receipt from Florida Baptist Convention of Jacksonville, Florida, to Mr. D. A. Tooke of Floral City, Florida, for \$10.00 Hospital Fund as follows. Received of Alachua Association \$10.00 for Florida Hospital fund—10-17-36.

Report on Digest of letters given by Rev. J. C. Boatwright. Same adopted as read.

Report on Resolutions read by Mrs. Clara Nichols. Same adopted as read.

Evangelistic committee appointed as follows:
 Rev. J. C. BoatwrightChairman
 Rev. J. A. Sawyer, Hon. G. W. Scofield.

Motion to adjourn to meet with the Baptist church at Oxford, on the 11th and 12th of October, 1939.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Rodgers of Bushnell.

Report Of The Alachua Association S. S.

We had 15 Sunday Schools in our Association the beginning of the year. And have organized two new ones, at Indian Hill with Bro. Wade as pastor, and Mr. C. W. Baker, Superintendent. The other at Pleasant Grove with Bro. Berclor as pastor, with Mrs. Heby Ella Kilgore, Superintendent. Both of the new Sunday Schools are progressing very nicely. We are quite proud of them. This brings our number of Sunday Schools to 17.

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SUMMARY TABLE. STATISTICS OF ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1938.

MODERATOR, REV. E. C. TYNER, P. O. INVERNESS, FLA.
 CLERK, REV. W. S. WADE, P. O. BUSHNELL, FLA.

Next Annual Meeting: Time, Oct. 11-12, 1939; Place, Oxford.

CHURCHES	When Constituted.	City (C), Town (T), Village (V), or Country Church (CO)	Regular Days of Meetings	Baptisms	Total Membership	Revival Meetings Held During Year				Families Receiving State Baptist Paper	Number of Schools	Total Enrolled	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Vacation Bible School Average Attendance	Training Union With Director	Total Number B. Y. P. U.'s. and B. A. U.'s.	Total Enrolled in B. Y. P. U.'s. and B. A. U.'s.	Number	Enrollment	Total Women and Children's Organizations	Total Women's Contributions All Purposes	Value of Church House and Grounds	Value of Pastors' Homes	Total Value All Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Total Local Church Expenses including Pastor's Salary and all Other EXPENSES	Gifts to Co-Operative Program	Total for all Missions Including Co-Operative Program and "Specials" or Designated Gifts to Missions, Orphans' Home, etc.	How Many Members are Tithees	Is Church on Budget for Local Expenses and All Missions?
						Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper	Observances of Lord's Supper	Observances of Lord's Supper																					
1. Brooksville	1856	T	All	39	1-6	1	1	16	1	432	95	84	1	4	56	0	0	2	262.69	24,000	7,000	31,000	1,775	3,503	401	3,503	**	No		
2. Bushnell	1887	T	All	7	1-4	1	1	6	1	88	0	0	1	2	18	0	0	2	152.50	15,000	5,000	20,000	597	877	20	877	-14	No		
3. Center Hill	1903	T	2-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33.88	0	0	0	56	134	0	134	0	No		
4. Coleman	1908	T	1-3	3	3-3	1	1	1	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	63.80	3,000	0	3,200	159	243	8	243	0	No		
5. Eden	1845	O	1-3	2	1-1	1	1	1	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500	196	285	346	378	0	No		
6. Floral City	1899	T	1-3	0	0-4	1	1	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	180	90	12	517	0	No		
7. Hebron	1890	O	1-3	5	3-8	1	1	1	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51.92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
8. Inverness	1896	T	All	4	2-4	1	1	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	No		
9. Indian Hill	1892	O	1-3	0	5-8	0	0	0	0	35	1	90	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
10. Lecanto	1890	O	2-4	1	5-6	0	1	1	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
11. Linden	1894	T	1-3	3	4-4	0	1	1	1	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
12. Oxford	1889	T	2-4	0	2-6	0	1	21	1	120	1	63	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
13. Pleasant Hill	1875	O	1-3	0	3-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
14. Wahoo	1903	O	2nd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
15. Webster	1892	T	0	0	11-9	1	0	1	1	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No		
16. Wildwood	1884	T	All	8	2-2	1	1	6	1	210	1	78	0	3	41	0	0	5	305.20	5,000	1,000	6,900	1,035	2,554	518	3,072	30	No		

Note:—Pastors and Postoffices: J. A. Sawyer Brooksville & W. S. Wade, Bushnell; Rawlins, Leesburg; A. B. Bartin, Coleman; W. S. Wade, Bushnell; E. C. Verigan, Lake Jim; Jim Mercew, Tampa; E. C. Tyner, Inverness; W. S. Wade, Bushnell; Jim Mercew, Tampa; G. A. Martin, Wildwood; G. A. Martin, Wildwood; W. H. Barnes, Dade City; Martin Hayes, Bushnell; J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood.

*—Unpledged.
 **—Unknown.

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We also had one new Cradle Roll, at Webster, Miss Bernice Thompson is Superintendent. This brings our Cradle Rolls to 3 in the Association.

We had 6,596 more in attendance this year than last, which gives a total attendance of 42,216.

Our offering this year was \$2,015 larger than last year making a total for the year———

Our additions to the church through the Sunday Schools was 42, which is a gain of nine over last year.

There were three V. B. S. conducted in our Association, with an attendance of 192.

We have been able to have only two study courses, have not succeeded in getting the number of awards.

We have made 14 visits to the Sunday Schools during the year, and find that the work as a whole is in a better condition and is progressing very nicely.

Our aim for the next year is six V. B. S. with an attendance of 300. And for the Study Courses we hope to have one for every church, with an attendance of 175.

We most heartily appreciate the cooperation of our Moderator, Bro. Boatwright, with more like him we feel the work would grow.

We sincerely regret the moving away of some of our most loyal and helpful members, but we realize our loss is some other place's gain.

B. T. LAMB, Supt. Sunday School Ass'n.

Report On State Missions

By G. W. Scofield

Among many other facts the report shows that our State Mission Work operates under the following departments, viz: B. T. U. S. Brotherhood, Evangelism, Student Work, Missionary Pastors, Administration, Finance and Accounts. The State Mission budget for the present year is \$74,115.00, the largest and most comprehensive program the denomination has undertaken since the depression.

Report On Cooperative Program

By J. A. Sawyer

This report brought clear to the minds of the people the fact that we give Through and not To the Cooperative Program, also stressing the importance of informing ourselves with the whole plan of the Program by securing literature which can be had from the Board for the asking.

Report On Childrens Home

By Mrs. A. M. Roland

In this report we were informed of the attention our Home is

in need of. We understand that the aim of the Home is to prepare the orphaned child for a life of Christian usefulness, and we as men and women of God need to give more of our attention to the Home. We need to support it by our prayers and our means. It is brought to our mind the sad fact that many are asking to be admitted who cannot be admitted because of lack of funds to care for them. Lets consider our children more.

Report On Laymans Work

By James Connor

We learned from this report that the Laymen are doing a great and needed work but not near the amount of work that should be done. Lets have more of our laymen organized and working.

Report On Religious Literature

By A. Keathley

This report states that we are the largest religious group in the nation (except Roman Catholics). That being true then we have the largest amount of responsibility to religiously educate our children. The report reminded us in a wonderful way how we as Baptists should be careful about the kind of literature that comes in our homes.

Report On Hospitals

By E. C. Verigan

This report revived the Hospital Spirit in the minds of the people of this Association to the extent that they began anew with greater determination than ever to have a Baptist Hospital somewhere in this State at the earliest possible date.

Report On Relief And Annuity Board

By J. H. Hughes

We are glad to see in this report a greater interest is being taken in the Relief and Annuity Board. Many are receiving benefit through it now.

Report On Woman's Work

By Mrs. Clara Nichols

This report gave us facts wherein we see the women of our Association are doing a great work for the Lord. They are very active in a great way in every department of our work.

Report On Foreign Missions

By E. C. Tyner

This report gave us some very encouraging information and brought to our mind some very impressive pictures of how we need to hear the Great Commission and then practice its teaching by sacrificing in order that the Gospel-message may be carried into all the world.

Report On Hundred Thousand Club

By Mrs. Clara Nichols

We see in this report the need of every church having a Hundred Thousand Club organization. The Club is one of the easiest and surest plans to reduce our debt. The club has done a great deal in helping to pay our debts and is steadily growing in number and interest.

Report On Home Missions

By Dr. A. B. Martin

The report on Home Missions shows a marked improvement in every way. Onward and upward is the key note of Heaven and Home Mission work is on the upward trend.

We your committee on resolutions wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the fine things we have heard and felt in this meeting.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks in true gratitude for the splendid entertainment both here in the church and in your homes.

We wish to make special mention of the beautiful flowers which have added so much to our enjoyment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. J. STAPLETON,

W. T. WHITTINGTON,

CLARA NICHOLS.

List Of Church Clerks And Postoffices

Brooksville—E. C. Peterson	Brooksville
Bushnell—Miss Doris Woodward	Bushnell
Center Hill—Mrs. Bertie Kight	Center Hill
Coleman—Mrs. M. E. Crabtree	Coleman
Eden—Mrs. C. M. Baxley	Istachatta
Floral City—Mrs. Rachel Roux	Floral City
Hebron—Mrs. Mary Shoemaker	Brooksville
Inverness—Mrs. Carey Baxley	Inverness
Indian Hill—Mrs. D. C. Knight	Bushnell
Lecanto—Mrs. Ella Barnes	Lecanto
Linden—Mrs. Louis Merritt	Linden

Oxford—Miss Lula O'Dell	Oxford
Pleasant Hill—R. E. Bennett	Bushnell
Wahoo—Mrs. Mary Hays	Bushnell
Webster—P. A. Tompkins	Webster
Wildwood—Dan C. McElrath	Wildwood

Sunday School Superintendents And Postoffices

Brooksville—D. O. Coon, Rt. No. 2	Brooksville
Bushnell—Vernon Huff	Bushnell
X Center Hill—A. B. Jones	Center Hill
Coleman—John Sirmons	Coleman
X Eden—J. P. Jernagin	Brooksville
Floral City—Desso Boen	Floral City
Hebron—W. B. Franklin	Brooksville
X Inverness—M. C. Scofield	Inverness
Indian Hill—C. W. Baker	Bushnell
Lecanto—Geo. Barnes	Lecanto
X Linden—Geo. Parrish	Linden
X Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	Oxford
Pleasant Hill	None Reported
Wahoo—Lee Smith	Bushnell
Webster—Bernice Thompson	Webster
Wildwood—Loy Wildron	Wildwood

W. M. U. Presidents And Postoffices

Brooksville—Mrs. A. C. Coogler	Brooksville
Bushnell—Mrs. Vernon Huff	Bushnell
Center Hill—Mrs. Ethel Cherry	Center Hill
Coleman—Mrs. A. B. Martin	Coleman
Eden	No W. M. U.
Floral City—Mrs. Irvin Tooke	Floral City
Hebron	No W. M. U.
Inverness—Mrs. S. H. Davis	Inverness
Indian Hill	No W. M. U.
Lecanto	No W. M. U.
Linden	No W. M. U.
Oxford—Miss Lula O'Dell	Oxford
Pleasant Hill	No W. M. U.
Wahoo	No W. M. U.
Webster—Mrs. Ida Parrish	Webster
Wildwood—Mrs. G. E. Martin	Wildwood

Church Treasurers And Postoffices

Brooksville—J. H. Allen	Brooksville
Bushnell—Ray Marsh	Bushnell
X Center Hill—Mrs. Fannie Livingston	Center Hill
Coleman—C. H. Mizell	Coleman
X Eden—J. R. Snow	Brooksville

X	Floral City—Desso Boen	.....	Floral City
X	Lebron—Mrs. Mary Shoemaker	.....	Brooksville
X	Inverness—Mrs. Pearl Baxley	.....	Inverness
	Indian Hill—Mrs. W. R. Knight	.....	Bushnell
	Lecanto	.....	None Reported
X	Linden—Mrs. G. W. Gideons	.....	Linden
X	Oxford—T. P. Caruthers	.....	Oxford
	Pleasant Hill—R. E. Bennett	.....	Bushnell
	Wahoo—Mrs. G. C. Rivenbark	.....	Bushnell
	Webster—P. A. Tompkins	.....	Webster
	Wildwood—E. S. Echols	.....	Wildwood