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PROCEEDINGS

The Alachua Baptist Association convened in its ninety-seventh annual session in the First Baptist Church, Inverness, Florida, November 12, 1943, at 10:00 A. M. opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

The devotional was given by Bro. Frank Tuttle, in the absence of Bro. W. A. Rector.

A very hearty welcome address was given by Dr. E. D. Jeter.

Bro. C. N. Bennett brought the response in an impressive manner.

It was called to our attention that our beloved Brother Boatwright was in the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta. A motion was carried that we pause in our session for special prayer on his behalf. This seemed good in the sight of the brethren. Dr. E. D. Solomon led us to the throne of Grace.

A motion was carried that a telegram be sent to Bro. Boatwright expressing our concern and prayer for his speedy recovery.

A motion was carried that the messengers present and those coming later compose the body to transact business for the Association.

A motion was carried that the program as printed be adopted with such changes as may be necessary during the day.

The Moderator recognized the brethren from the State Board as follows: Dr. E. D. Solomon, Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, Bro. Dewey Mann, Field Secretary representing Dr. C. H. Bolton, our Executive Secretary, Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Sentell of Dunellon, Marion Association, were also recognized as visitors. Bro. Tuttle introduced Miss Smith and her mother. Miss Smith spent several years in missionary work. Mr. Fred T. Barnett representing the Temperance Committee was introduced.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Time, Place and Preacher—Bro. W. A. Rector, Chairman.
Nomination—Bro. C. N. Bennett, Chairman.
Resolution—Bro. C. K. Eyerly, Chairman.

Bro. Dewey Mann, Field Secretary, brought his report of the State Mission Board.

Report of the Baptist Brotherhood of the Association was read by Bro. C. N. Bennett in the absence of Bro. T. J. K. Funderburk, President. Dr. J. Harrison Griffin, State Brotherhood Secretary, spoke on the report, encouraging the brethren in their newly organized work.

In the absence of Mrs. D. M. Edwards, President of the Associational W. M. U., no report was available.

Dr. E. D. Solomon spoke on the Children's Home.

The Annual session was preached at this time by Bro. C. K. Eyerly.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional was given by Deacon V. F. Hollifield.

Bro. C. K. Eyerly, Associational Sunday School Supt., gave the report of the Sunday School. Some very encouraging facts was brought to our attention in this report.

Report of the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, La., was given by Bro. Bob Catledge. Dr. E. D. Jeter, who for some time did mission work in Louisiana with the "Cagans," gave a very interesting and instructive account of the ministry of medicine and the gospel.

No report on the Hundred Thousand Club.

Bro. C. N. Bennett read the report on Christian Education. He then spoke of the needs that exist at our own University; urging, that: we as Florida Baptists should stand by and uphold it in our prayers and gifts.

A report on the Alachua Associational Camp Ground was read by the Moderator sent in by Bro. J. C. Boatwright to the effect that at present there is about (\$50.00) Fifty dollars in the treasury. No actual work has been done on the project for some time due to the lack of funds and a shortage of labor.

Business: Report of Committees:

Time, Place and Preacher: Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, Fla., on the second Friday in November.

Nominations: Moderator, B. D. Locke; Vice-Moderator, C. N. Bennett; Clerk, V. F. Hollifield; B. T. U. Director, M. E. Hammond; S. S. Supt., C. K. Byerley; W. M. U. President, Mrs. B. D. Locke; Brotherhood President, T. J. K. Funderburk.

Resolutions: Recorded in minutes.

Memorial—Full page be given to honor our deceased.

By a unanimous vote of the body in session a motion was carried that the office of Clerk and Treasurer be held by the same person.

FRIDAY EVENING

Devotional was led by Bro. Fletcher Weston.

Report of the B. T. U. read by M. E. Hammond, Associational Director. O. K. Radford brought a challenging message urging greater accomplishments in the coming year.

The Session was closed with an inspirational message by Bro. C. N. Bennett.

Adjournment.



RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Committee recommended to the Alachua Baptist Association, the following:

1. We extend to the Inverness Baptist Church our thanks for their hospitality and entertainment.
2. That we direct the Clerk of the Association to allot a full page in our minutes to be set off with a black border in honor of our beloved dead.
3. That the Clerk of this Association be allowed a sum of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) for salary and expenses of his office for the coming year.
4. That we wire Brother and Sister Johns an expression of our love and confidence.
5. That this Association rise and spend one minute in silent prayer for the heads of our nation, our chaplains, and the men in the armed services of our country.

Resolutions accepted by unanimous vote.

C. K. Byerley, Chairman.

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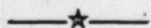


MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT BUSHNELL, FLA.

AFTER THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

APRIL 9, 1944



The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. B. D. Locke, for consideration of the resignation of the Moderator, and the Clerk of the Association.

The Moderator, Bro. B. D. Locke, offered his own resignation as Moderator; also the resignation of V. F. Hollifield as Clerk. It was moved and carried that both resignations be accepted; and the Vice-Moderator, Bro. C. N. Bennett, serve for the remainder of the year.

J. L. Taylor was nominated and elected as Clerk and Treasurer the remainder of the year.

The retiring Moderator turned over the sum of (\$25.00) Twenty-five dollars to the newly elected Clerk together with material for printing the Minutes.

Committee adjourned.

Rev. B. D. Locke, Moderator

J. L. Taylor, Clerk.



Report of the 67th Annual Meeting
Report of the Sixty-Seventh Annual Meeting
of the

Woman's Missionary Union of the ^{STEVENSON LIBRARY}
Alachua Baptists Association

Held With the

First Baptist Church, Bushnell, Fla.

Oct. 11, 1943



The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. D. M. Edwards.

Devotional: "Light in the Darkness," Mrs. B. D. Locke.

Welcome address: Mrs. A. M. Roland.

Response: Mrs. Mortland, Mrs. Nichols.

Recognition of Societies and visitors: Mrs. Mortland, Weirsdale, Mrs. M. E. Brantley, Florida Missionary to Nigeria, Africa; Miss Elizabeth Provence, State Field Worker.

Silent Meditation in memory of Mrs. D. A. Tooke, Floral City.

Miss Provence and Mrs. Brantley brought inspiring messages.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional: "The True Light," Mrs. L. Chesser; Special song—"Face to Face," Mrs. C. T. Prillen.

"Guide to Community Mission," Mrs. B. D. Locke.

Rev. Lloyd King told of his Missionary work in British Honduras.

Business Woman's Circle: Mrs. L. Chesser.

Report on Stewardship and Hundred Thousand Club: Mrs. W. M. Odell.

Apportionment for the Mendozia Church was \$150.00. The Association gave \$174.75 to this church.

Recommendations:

1. That a card of sympathy be sent to our Divisional President, Mrs. H. H. Link.

2. That a card of congratulations be sent to Mrs. Louise Smith Boyd.

3. That the Executive Committee of the Associational W. M. U. meet the same day of the Quarterly Rally.

4. That the W. M. U. Association set apart a fund for the Publicity Chairman.

Report of the Nominating Committee: Officers.

President—Mrs. B. D. Locke.....	Inverness
Vice-President—Mrs. V. C. Huff.....	Bushnell
Sec. and Treas.—Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk.....	Brooksville
Young People's Leader—Mrs. C. K. Byerley.....	Center Hill
Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. A. M. Roland.....	Bushnell
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. D. M. Edwards.....	Center Hill
Margaret Fund Chairman—Mrs. Clara Nichols.....	Oxford
Training School Chairman—Mrs. W. M. Odell.....	Oxford
White Cross Chairman—Mrs. R. M. Brooks.....	Wildwood
Community Missions Chm.—Mrs. N. C. Lewiston.....	Center Hill
Publicity Chairman—Mrs. W. W. Monroe.....	Coleman
Children's Home Chairman—Mrs. D. J. Stultz.....	Wildwood
District Supt. No. 1—Mrs. W. M. Rooks.....	Inverness
District Supt. No. 2—Mrs. J. H. Hughes.....	Bushnell
District Supt. No. 3—Mrs. J. G. Floyd.....	Oxford

Next Meeting to be held at Brooksville, in October, 1944.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The Alachua Associational Baptist Training Union was reorganized during the year and after some difficulty now has a complete organization of officers. Previous to that time both the East and West groups had been functioning and meeting regularly.

The purpose of this work is to promote the Baptist Training Union in each of our Churches and to assist those Churches in any way possible. In order to work toward definite attainments, certain goals were set at our annual one day meeting held in Bushnell last March. These goals included the organization of fifteen new unions and Story Hours in the various departments and three new Training Unions. The Adult and

Intermediate departments have attained their goals and during the year the following number of unions were reported: Adult, 7; Young People, 4; Intermediate, 8; Junior, 8; Story Hour, 3; total unions—30 from ten churches. The goal for Study Course Awards was set at 125 and 161 were issued from seven different churches.

Since reorganization one Executive Committee meeting and one Mass meeting combined with an Officers and Leaders Council have been held in addition to the regular group meetings. It is planned to have regular quarterly Executive Committee meetings in the future for planning the program of activities to be sponsored. These meetings are to be followed by the Officers and Leaders' Council to get the plan before the training unions in the various churches.

In the Spring an Intermediate Sword Drill was held to select a representative to the assembly. Tommy Savory of Inverness won this contest and was placed fourth in the State Contest. In addition to the Intermediate Sword Drill it is hoped that we can select someone to represent us in the Better Speakers' Tournament at the 1944 Assembly.

The Plan adopted for financing the Associational Training Union has been for each training union to make an offering each month. This will be used for postage, travel and other expenses necessary to the promotion of this work.

This report is presented with the prayer that each person who hears it will become more interested and better informed in regard to this work of training all of our church members that each one may be of greater service to his Master. M. E. Hammond, Associational Director.

REPORT OF THE BROTHERHOOD

During His ministry, the Master called men to follow Him that they may become teachers and workers in His Kingdom. That call has continued through the ages to this present day; many have responded, but too few, I'm afraid, are serving.

These are Christian men, inactive, in some cases because of lack of opportunity; their enlistment in the service and support of the entire denominational program is the responsibility of the Churches. The Response of the Church to this challenge

is the Brotherhood; every Church needs a Brotherhood because it needs men.

It is the earnest desire and prayer of the president, that at least every full time Church in this Association have an efficient functioning Brotherhood before the end of another Associational year. This was voted our goal at the last quarterly meeting in Brooksville, the fourth of this month. At present there are three; namely: Brooksville, Bushnell and Center Hill.

The president has endeavoured to contact several Churches asking for the appointment of key men to promote this cause. The response so far has not been satisfactory; however, there is evidence of a growing interest.

The Associational work is less than six months old, being organized at Bushnell last, and with a little more time and prayer, we feel our men will be stirred into activity by the realization of their need, and the need of the Church for their tested judgment in the business aspects of our denominational life and the evangelization of the world.

Respectfully,

T. J. K. Funderburk, President.

OUR CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as the Alachua 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 of 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 fraction part thereof, in excess of fifty.
4. The officers shall be a Moderator, Vice, Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, BTU, SS, WMU Directors and resident Pastors of the Association, elected annually by the vote of the Messengers.
5. The Executive Committee shall be the above named 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 officer. The Clerk shall keep a 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 record of all monies received; pay out upon the instruction of the body and make an itemized report of same to the Association at 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 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."
13. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the body in session.



ATACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor's Salary	All Local Exp.	All Other Gifts	Total All Purpose	Amount Paid by W. M. S.	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of All Property
Bushnell	\$1,690.48	\$3,158.38	\$ 739.79	\$3,898.17	\$ 253.23	\$7,000.00	\$20,000.00
Brooksville	785.00	1,060.06	267.62	1,310.68	124.62		31,000.00
Center Hill	312.96	387.67	61.70	762.33	29.60		2,500.00
Coleman	765.23	1,407.24	233.22	1,640.13			3,000.00
Eden	103.75	190.89	47.26	238.15			2,500.00
Floral City	223.63	271.69	9.71	281.40			2,000.00
Hebron	1,875.20	2,442.36	239.75	2,769.43	139.00	4,000.00	11,000.00
Inverness							500.00
Indian Hill	23.48	26.76	17.74	42.20	73.51		1,000.00
Lecanto	743.23	932.35	92.66	1,025.01	143.35		2,000.00
Linden	290.00	998.50	275.00	1,273.50			3,700.00
Oxford	32.98	57.11	20.15	77.26			500.00
Pleasant Hill							3,500.00
Wahoo							4,500.00
Webster	535.00	1,144.07	82.93	1,227.03	618.05	5,000.00	11,000.00
Wildwood							

DIRECTORY

Name of Church	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address	W. M. U. President & Address	B. T. U. Director & Address	B. H. President & Address	S. S. Supt. & Address
Bushnell	Whitman L. Bennett Lecanto, Fla.	William Marsden Knight	Mrs. A. Rowland	Raymond Underwood, Jr.	D. O. Coon	G. B. Tompkins
Brooksville	C. N. Bennett Lecanto, Fla.	Mrs. Bertie C. Knight	Mrs. Molly Harris	C. K. Byrd	R. T. Smith	C. M. Emerson
Center Hill	W. S. Wade Brooksville	Mrs. W. W. Monroe Brooksville	Mrs. U. G. Milham	G. B. Sellers M. E. Hammond Brooksville		A. E. Jones
Coleman	W. A. Rector Brooksville	Mrs. W. W. W. Monroe Brooksville	Mrs. W. B. Stokes			G. B. Sellers Lee Jones Brooksville
Eden	D. B. Locke Brooksville	Mrs. Rachel Rau Inverness				D. A. Tooke Douglas Mills Inverness
Floral City	Fletcher Weston Brooksville	V. F. Hollifield	Mrs. Nelson Jordan	Mrs. S. C. Brewster		Mrs. Helen C. Hesser
Hebron	B. D. Locke Brooksville	Mrs. D. C. Knight Brooksville				
Inverness	Laurence Walden Dade City	Mrs. Ella M. Barnes	Mrs. C. T. Pullen	Miss Thelma Levell		Robert Allen
Indian Hill	Roger Weaver Crystal River	C. P. Parrish Webster	Mrs. Lula O'Dell	Wilber Hallover		G. W. Giddons
Lecanto	R. Strickland Webster	Mrs. Lula O'Dell Brooksville				T. P. Caruthers
Linden	Frank L. Tuttle Lecanto	Mrs. Clark Segrest Brooksville				R. E. Bennett
Oxford	Louis Merritt Webster	P. A. Tompkins	Mrs. Orle Pitts Mrs. Edwin Carrington	O. L. Harrison		R. R. Reddish
Pleasant Hill	W. S. Wade Brooksville					R. E. Seckinger
Wahoo	Bob Catledge Brooksville					
Webster	J. C. Boatwright					
Wildwood						

* No address is given where address is the same as the name of the Church.

TO OUR HONORED DEAD

BROOKSVILLE..... { Bro. J. B. Hancock
Bro. W. H. Kolb
Sister Laura Brittle

CENTER HILL..... { Bro. C. O. Rice
Sister Edna Cook
Sister Julia Milhaus

COLEMAN..... { Sister Marie Mazell Huey
Sister Jessie Crenshaw

FLORAL CITY..... Sister D. A. Tooke

HEBRON..... Sister L. A. Brittle

INDIAN HILL..... Bro. David Connell

LECANTO..... Bro. J. A. Johns

OXFORD..... { Bro. J. C. Hall
Sister Bettie Perry

WILDWOOD..... Bro. George Waters

ALACHUA BAPTIST CHURCH NUMERICAL

NAME OF CHURCH	Mem.	Bapt.	Preaching Days	S. S. Enr.	B.T.U. Enr.	W.M.U. Enr.	Aux.	Aux. Enr.	Brotherhood
Bushnell									
Brooksville	414	1	All	208	40	50	3	16	15
Center Hill	172	10	All	78	33	16			10
Coleman	166	0	2-4	54	16	17			
Eden	141	3	All	51	34				
Floral City	47	1	1-3	24					
Hebron	63	0	All	47					
Indian Hill	51	0	2						
Inverness	147	8	All	120	47	30	3	28	
Lecanto	60	5	1-3	45	23				
Linden	88	7	All	68		28			
Oxford	232	17	All	119	41	15			
Pleasant Hill	30	0	2-4	29					
Wahoo									
Webster	143	5	All	70		14			
Wildwood	334	6	All	185	67	36			