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Alachua Baptist Association

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HELD WITH

THE HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
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REV. J. C. BOATWRIGHT, Wildwood, Clerk-Treasurer

1945

NEXT MEETING PLACE

WILDWOOD, OCTOBER 28-29, 1946

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 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 of the Association shall be the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer. Also the Presidents of the Sunday School, W.M.S., B.T.U., and Brotherhood.
5. The Executive Committee of the Association shall be the above named officers, together with all resident pastors in the Association.
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 at 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.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the Hebron Baptist Church
October 9, 10, 1945

TUESDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. F. L. Tuttle of Oxford, at 10:00 A.M.

Devotional, Rev. David H. Young.

Welcome Address by Host Pastor, Rev. Fletcher Weston.

Response, Rev. E. D. Jeter.

New Pastors, Rev. Rev. Arvel Miller, Brooksville; and Rev. David H. Young, Center Hill, were introduced.

The program, with such changes as would be found necessary adopted.

Visitors were recognized: Dr. John Maguire, State Secretary; Dr. E. D. Solomon, Editor, Baptist Witness; Dr. J. Harrison Griffin; Rev. H. E. Ridenour; Rev. Theo. Farr; Rev. and Mrs. Walter Faust.

Committees appointed:

Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. Arvel Miller.

Rev. Walter Rector.
Alney Stafford.

Resolution: Rev. E. D. Jeter.
Rev. David H. Young.
Rev. Isom Beasley.

The Clerk not being present, the Moderator appointed M. E. Hammond to serve till the Association would elect one.

Dr. Maguire took charge of the meeting and presented the State speakers who brought inspiring messages on the various departments of our work.

Rev. R. Strickland brought the annual sermon on "The Church and Its Importance in the World Today."

Adjourned for dinner.

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional, Rev. Walter Rector.

Rev. J. C. Boatwright brought a report on our Assembly Grounds and a committee was appointed to investigate the relocation of our camp at Orange Home where an Army camp was being sold.

The Committee was: Rev. David H. Young, Rev. Fletcher Weston and M. E. Hammond.

Istachatta Baptist Church was organized this year and was duly accepted into membership in the Association.

The Centennial Crusade report was prepared by Rev. Arvel Miller, and spoken to by others.

Dr. Maguire urged all the churches to continue their support of the Cooperative Program, and expressed the hope that all special collections could soon be eliminated from our State Program.

Dr. J. Harrison Griffin brought an inspiring message on Christian Education and Stetson University.

Adjourn for supper.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional, Rev. B. F. Brooks.

Brooksville Young People's Choir rendered two very fine songs under the direction of Mrs. Arvel Miller.

Associational B.T.U. report was read by M. E. Hammond.

Sunday School and Brotherhood reports were held over till the next day.

An evangelistic sermon by Rev. J. C. Boatwright on "The Holy Spirit Our Guide in Our Work."

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional, Miss Winifred Smith.

Mrs. Frank L. Tuttle, W.M.U. President, took charge and presented the W.M.U. report and speakers: Mrs. Arvel Miller, State Missions; Mrs. Harold Lakey, Foreign Missions; Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk, W.M.U. Report; Mrs. D. M. Edwards, Home Missions.

Miss Winifred Smith gave a Missionary Address.
Rev. D. H. Young preached a Missionary Sermon.
Rev. J. C. Boatwright conducted the Memorial Service.
Rev. Walter Faust preached a Missionary Sermon.
Adjourned for dinner. A bountiful fish dinner was served by the Hebron Church.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional, Rev. Fletcher Weston.

Brotherhood Report, Rev. Arvel Miller.

Baptist Hospitals, Rev. B. F. Brooks.

Relief and Annuity, Rev. Arvel Miller.

Baptist Children's Home, Rev. Arvel Miller.

Treasurer's Report, Rev. J. C. Boatwright.

Rev. J. O. Buice was introduced to the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Time, Place and Preacher:

Next Meeting at Wildwood, October 28 and 29th, 1946.

Annual Sermon, Rev. David H. Young.

Alternate, Rev. Arvel Miller.

Nomination:

The Committee recommended that the Moderator, Vice Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, be elected by nomination from the floor; carried.

Moderator, Rev. Arvel Miller, Brooksville.

Vice Moderator, Rev. Isom Beasley, Brooksville.

Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood.

Treasurer Assembly Grounds, Rev. J. C. Boatwright, Wildwood.

Other officers were as follows: Associational Sunday School Superintendent, W. K. Jenkins, Inverness; Associational B.T.U. Director, M. E. Hammond, Brooksville; Associational Brotherhood President,

Dr. G. R. Creekmore, Brooksville; Associational W.M.U. President,
Mrs. F. L. Tuttle, Oxford.

Moved and carried that the present Moderator continue in charge until the close of this session.

Mr. Clyde Bailey was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Association, caused by the removal of Rev. H. J. Killebrew.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to fill any vacancy on the Board of Trustees when necessary, if such vacancy occurs more than three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee of the Association be empowered to act in behalf of the Association in the matter of the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the property now owned by the Association and known as "Warm Springs," and in the matter of the purchase of the new location of our camp at Orange Home, if it is thought best for our work, provided, however, that at the meeting of the Executive Committee when such decision shall be made there shall be at least fifty-one per cent of the members of the committee present.

Moved and carried that the Association budget be the same as last year, and that all items of expense, except the printing of the Minutes, be on a prorata basis.

Moved and carried that all bills from the heads of departments be approved by the Executive Committee, and presented to the Treasury quarterly, and if money is not in hand to pay all bills, the balance will be carried over as a past due item into the next quarter and paid when money is in hand, or left unpaid at the end of the year.

Moved and carried that the minutes of the previous session be read at the beginning of the next session during the next annual meeting of the Association.

Moved and carried that the Clerk be allowed as many as three helpers if needed, to prepare the minutes and get them out as quickly as possible.

Moved and carried that the Constitution be amended to include the Brotherhood President on the Executive Committee. Carried by more than two-thirds vote of the body.

Association adjourned.

Frank L. Tuttle, Moderator.
M. E. Hammond, Clerk Pro. Tem.

CLERK'S NOTE:

Only a brief mention of the reports will be found in this minute for the reports were not in hand at the time of printing the minutes.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

The Foreign Mission Board is faced this year with unprecedented needs and calls from all parts of the world, made sick and needy by war and famine. At present the Board has only about 540 active missionaries on the seventeen fields where we are working. There is an appalling need for at least 150 more.

The Board will need in the next year nine million dollars to answer all the calls and at least do some of the things that will need to be done this year. Our budget however, is only about two and one-half million dollars. \$1,300,000.00 from the Cooperative Program; \$900,000.00 from the Lottie Moon offering; \$300,000.00 from designated gifts.

The one great question facing the Board is what to do with all these appeals and calls as they come in for help of every kind, including new missionaries.

In addition to the above, the Board will need one million dollars to do relief work. The Board administered \$323,315.47 last year and the need will be much greater this year.

Receipts of the Board last year were \$2,747,209 with some prospects for a little more this year, but with the demands we are facing today it should call Southern Baptists to prayer as we have never prayed before that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth more laborers into His harvest, and move the hearts of our people to give as they have never given before for the relief of a world made sick with sin.

Given by Mrs. Bernice Lakey.

The Sunday School Report and Brotherhood report were read and approved by the Association but is not available for print.

TRAINING UNION REPORT

The Training Union report was read by Bro. M. E. Hammond, our Associational Director, and shows splendid gains for the year.

We have in our Association about 40 Training Unions and Story Hour groups reported from 12 churches. This leaves five churches without Training Union work of any kind.

Study Course awards dropped from 251 in 1944 to 181 in 1945.

Intermediate Sword Drill and Better Speakers' Tournament were held in April with gratifying results. Miss Fredda Mae Copeland of Wildwood, and Miss Wilma Dean Jenkins of Inverness were the Associational winners, and made a very creditable showing in the State Contest in DeLand.

Given by M. E. Hammond.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1944-1945

Received from churches as follows:

Brooksville	\$ 15.00
Center Hill	10.00
Coleman	15.00
Eden	20.67
Floral City	2.00
Hebron	9.22
Indian Hill	2.00
Inverness	50.00
Lecanto	2.50
Linden	5.00
Oxford	33.67
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Wahoo	1.00
Webster	5.00
Wildwood	56.70
Misc.	9.00

\$288.76 \$288.76

Paid as follows:

Printing Minutes	\$ 50.00
Clerk's Fee	35.00
Pro. Sec. House Rent	35.86
"	25.00
"	59.14
Programs	4.50
M. E. Hammond	52.81
Rev. Arvel C. Miller	4.80

\$267.11 \$267.11

Balance on hand and transferred to 1945-46 account \$ 21.65

J. C. Boatwright, Clerk-Treasurer.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
Assembly Grounds Fund, 1944-45**

On hand Association 1944 \$ 67.92

Received as follows:

Bushnell	81.15
Oxford	15.86
Wildwood	28.50

On hand October 1, 1945 \$193.43

Paid out none. All bills paid.

J. C. Boatwright, Treasurer.

**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL
W.M.U. HELD WITH THE INVERNESS CHURCH, OCT. 26, 1945**

Officers for the year are as follows:

- President: Mrs. F. L. Tuttle, Oxford.
- Vice President: Mrs. J. H. Hughes, Bushnell.
- Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. T. J. K. Funderburk, Nobleton.
- Young People's Leader: Mrs. Arvel Miller, Brooksville.
- Community Missions Leader: Mrs. Brittle (Hebron Ch.) Brooksville.
- Mission Study: Mrs. D. M. Edwards, Center Hill.
- Margaret Fund: Mrs. Clara Nichols, Oxford.
- Training School: Mrs. W. M. O'Dell, Oxford.
- Stewardship: Mrs. Emmie Nichols, Bushnell.
- Publicity: Mrs. C. F. Venable, Center Hill.
- White Cross: Mrs. Martha Miley, Inverness.
- Children's Home: Mrs. D. J. Stultz, Wildwood.
- Business Women Chairmen: Mrs. Helen Chesser, Inverness.
- Supt. Dist. No. 1: Mrs. Isom Beasley, Brooksville.
- Supt. Dist. No. 2: Mrs. Pullen, Linden.
- Supt. Dist. No. 3: Miss Loula O'Dell, Oxford.

There are ten W.M.U.'s reporting in the Association with an enrollment of 188 members, who sponsor a long list of things and are supporting all the church program. Among other things they gave to the Cooperative Program work \$492.12; to Foreign Mission work, \$202.43; to Home Missions, \$235.84; State Missions, \$113.01; Training School, \$22.82; Margaret Fund, \$13.66; White Cross, \$208.04; Children's Home, \$155.90; and to other objects \$130.70. Total contributions to causes other than the local church work in the Association is \$1,574.52. To local church work, \$735.21. Total contribution, \$2,309.73.

Compiled by the Clerk from reports from the President, Secretary-Treasurer and from the Church Letter sent to the Association.—J.C.B.

At the next meeting of the Association at Wildwood the Association will be one hundred years old and plans are already in the making to make this a great year and the next meeting the best the Association has had in its history.—J.C.B.

CHURCH	Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address	S. S. Supt. and Address	B. T. U. Director and Address	W. M. U. President and Address	B. H. President and Address
Brooksville	Rev. Arvel G. Miller	Mr. Raymond Underwood	Mr. C. M. Emerson		Mrs. James Weeks	Dr. G. R. Creekmore
Bushnell	Rev. L. N. Catledge	Lee Bourguardez	Mr. Cecil Lord	Miss J. P. Mickler	Mrs. M. R. Laughton	
Center Hill	Rev. Paul Martin	Mrs. A. A. Knight	Mr. A. B. Jones	Mr. Jimmie Crosby	Mrs. Mare Millhous	
Coleman	Rev. Pait	Mrs. W. W. Monroe	Mr. Geo. V. Sellars	Mr. Geo. V. Sellars	Mrs. W. B. Stokes	
Eden						
Floral City	Rev. Geo. Fletcher DeLand, Fla.	Mrs. D. A. Tooke	Mr. J. D. Bowen	Mrs. J. D. Bowen		
Hebron	Rev. Fletcher Weston Brooksville, Fla.	Mrs. Lula Rogers Inverness, Fla.	Mr. G. D. Mills Inverness, Fla.	Mrs. Martha Miley Inverness, Fla.	Mrs. L. B. Sikes Brooksville, Fla.	
Indian Hill	Lacoochee, Fla.	Mrs. D. C. Knight Bushnell, Fla.				
Inverness	Rev. Waldo Wood	Mr. Benj. F. Williams	Mr. W. K. Jenkins	Mr. Nelson Jordan	Mrs. Nelson Jordan	
Istachatta	Rev. Walter Rector Brooksville, Fla.	Mrs. Carrie M. Baxley	Mrs. C. M. Baxley			
Lecanto	Rev. Roger Weaver Inverness, Fla.	Mrs. Ella M. Barnes	Miss Arles Allen		Mrs. Wilma Revels	
Linden	Rev. R. Strickland Webster, Fla.	Mr. C. P. Parrish Webster, Fla.	Mr. Robert Outlaw Center Hill, Fla.		Miss Winifred Smith	
Oxford	Rev. F. L. Tuttle	Miss Lula O'Dell	Mr. T. P. Carruthers			
Pleasant Hill	Rev. W. J. Bryant Dade City, Fla.	Mrs. R. E. Bennett Bushnell, Fla.	Mrs. R. E. Bennett Bushnell, Fla.			
Wahoo	Rev. L. C. Waldron Dade City, Fla.	Miss Agnes Hiller Bushnell, Fla.	Mr. Joe Hayes Bushnell, Fla.		Mrs. C. D. Pitts	
Webster	Rev. Paul Martin	Mr. P. A. Tompkins	Mr. R. C. Hutto	Mr. L. G. Wilson		
Wildwood	Rev. J. C. Boatwright	Mrs. G. E. Currington	Mr. M. D. Doss	Mr. L. F. Fore	Mrs. C. E. Clayton	

*No address is given when address is same as the name of the church.

NUMERICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Members	Baptisms	Preaching Day	S. S. Enr.	B. T. U. Enr.	W. M. U. Enr.	B. H. Enr.
Brooksville	520	36	All	243	37	115	19
Bushnell	261	4	All	92	8	17	—
Center Hill	174	9	All	97	30	16	—
Coleman	172	—	All	50	18	10	—
Eden	144	4	All	65	32	—	—
Floral City	74	8	1-3	43	20	—	—
Hebron	94	7	All	72	7	20	—
Indian Hill	46	—	1-3	—	—	—	—
Inverness	250	21	All	161	75	33	—
Istachatta	18	1	All	20	—	—	—
Lecanto	56	—	1st	33	—	—	—
Linden	113	9	All	53	—	33	—
Oxford	242	12	All	114	37	51	—
Pleasant Hill	48	3	2-4	31	—	—	—
Wahoo	71	1	1-3	26	—	—	—
Webster	147	6	All	75	17	8	—
Wildwood	354	16	All	210	65	57	—

FINANCIAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor's Salary	Local Expense	Missions	Total	Paid By W.M.S.	Value of Pastor's Home	Value of All Property
Brooksville	\$1,840.00	\$7,214.91	1,267.36	\$9,432.27	\$578.74	\$7,000.00	\$31,000.00
Bushnell	1,637.00	2,962.18	231.64	3,193.82	128.63	2,000.00	5,000.00
Center Hill	810.00	2,278.24	74.54	2,352.78	93.19	2,500.00	2,500.00
Coleman	884.33	388.98	21.65	1,731.21	7.25	3,070.00	3,000.00
Eden	1,143.92	2,090.74	239.33	2,333.15	—	4,350.00	4,300.00
Floral City	545.00	731.82	81.19	813.01	—	2,000.00	2,000.00
Hebron	731.62	1,125.95	19.08	1,155.04	170.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Indian Hill	2,245.00	4,050.66	636.65	4,727.31	150.50	7,250.00	11,250.00
erness	75 of Col.	—	—	—	—	500.00	500.00
Istachatta	175.17	210.87	41.75	261.62	—	—	—
Lecanto	120.00	158.13	24.58	192.71	—	1,000.00	1,000.00
Linden	428.61	987.31	198.11	1,184.42	55.06	2,000.00	3,000.00
Oxford	1,520.59	85,293.11	819.10	6,112.70	368.06	3,700.00	6,400.00
Pleasant Hill	157.24	774.34	50.00	824.34	—	1,070.00	1,000.00
Wahoo	100.00	115.00	—	115.00	13.00	3,500.00	4,500.00
Webster	925.00	2,508.34	40.00	2,548.34	—	5,000.00	5,000.00
Wildwood	2,050.00	5,694.70	1,439.63	7,134.33	773.95	7,000.00	12,000.00

To Our Honored Dead

BROOKSVILLE

Brother C. J. Keathley Brother Algernon Keathley
Brother J. C. Grubbs

COLEMAN

Brother Scaton Perry Brother Hosea Crabtree
Died in Service Died in Service

EDEN

Sister Smithley Hedick Brother Hilliard Dick

INVERNESS

Sister J. O. Barnes Brother Walter Morris
Brother J. H. Rabbs

LINDEN

Sister Pauline Crespo Sister Pauline Branch

OXFORD

Sister G. A. Martin Sister Marion Caruthers
Sister Annie Alsobrook Sister T. P. Caruthers
Brother C. A. Hooks

WEBSTER

Brother Hartley Cowell Brother F. M. Garner
Sister Pauline Branch

WILDWOOD

Brother J. M. Waldron Brother G. E. Evatt
Sister Flynn Vause