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OF THE

Thirty-ninth Annual Session

OF THE

**New River Missionary
Baptist Association**

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EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bradford County, Fla.

October 12, 13, and 14

1910

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 Lawley, Fla.

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 James Strickland, Highland.
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LICENTIATES.

J. H. Brown, Brooker.

W. W. Whidden, Starke.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasury of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any admixture of error for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge the world in righteousness; and, therefore, it is, and shall forever remain, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

ART. 2. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of the universe, incessively glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence, obedience and love. That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in every divine perfection, but executing distinct and harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

ART. 3. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart, and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot prepare himself for divine favor without the assisting grace of God enabling him to act according to the good pleasure of God's divine will.

ART. 4. We believe in the election according to the foreknowledge of God through the sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and that God by his spirit through his Son, and with his word, regenerates the soul.

ART. 5. We believe that the great Gospel blessings which Christ secures to such as believe in him, is Justification by Faith, which gives peace with God, the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, his Son.

ART. 6. We believe the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and, therefore, should be preached to every creature, that the purpose of God according to election might stand.

ART. 7. We believe that all who obey the Gospel, and are regenerated by the power of God, are elected to eternal life in Christ, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time, and that not one of them will be lost.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and spiritually designed to exemplify the death and suffering, burial and resurrection of him, and that in baptism there are three essentials, viz: First, a proper subject; second, a proper mode; third, a proper administration, and that a proper subject is one who has been begotten by the word and born of the spirit; and that the only proper mode is by immersion of such subjects in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and proper administrators, only those who have been duly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

ART. 9. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ to be commemorated by his followers, and none but baptized believers have any Scriptural right to partake thereof.

ART. 10. We believe that a "visible church" of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by a covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ, governed by his laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges vested in them by his word.

ART. 11. We believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the great head of the church and the only law giver; that the government under him is with the body, and in 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 church.

ART. 12. We believe that idiots and infants are saved, and saved alone by the mediation of Christ.

ART. 13. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or the Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious duties by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace, both public and private and by preparation for the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

ART. 14. We believe the end of this world is approaching; that, at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from their graves for final retribution, that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal.



MINUTES.

The thirty-ninth session of the New River Association met with Evergreen Baptist church, Bradford county, Florida, October 12, 1910. Brother J. E. Black read the first chapter of the Ephesians and preached from the 8th verse of Eph. 1, "By grace are ye saved through faith."

Afternoon.

The Moderator called the Association so order and read Psalm 133, and G. A. Blount offered prayer. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Sunday Schools, J. C. McRae, L. L. Sapp and E. L. Wilson.
 On Finance, J. J. Colson, R. H. Green and J. M. Rosier.
 On Ministerial Education, H. C. Harris, J. J. Clark and R. M. Prevatt.
 On Missions, F. C. Edwards and J. M. Minton.
 On Temperance, L. W. Kickliter, J. M. Johns and Jas. Strickland.
 On Deceased Ministers, H. C. Harris.
 On Publications, J. C. Poppell, L. D. Prevatt and Jesse Silcox.
 On Preaching, S. B. Cason and I. W. Pimholster.
 On Woman's Work, Mrs. H. C. Harris, Mrs. Henry Fouts, Miss Dora Clark.
 On Nominations, G. J. Bartlebaugh, S. B. Cason and L. L. Sapp.
 Visiting brethren were invited to seats and Brethren Benjamin Blitch, from Pensacola, J. J. Cloar, from Gainesville, and J. C. Johnson, from Columbia College, were welcomed. Letters were read by R. M. Prevatt and J. E. J. Wainright and messengers were seated as follows:

Beula, I. W. Pimholster.
 China Grove, J. C. McRae and J. M. Minton.
 Corinth, L. L. Sapp and J. F. Crosby.
 Dedan, D. Dyal and Rufus Hodges.
 Evergreen, J. J. Clark, Jesse Reddish, J. D. McCormick, Jr., J. M. Rosier and J. B. Rosier.
 Hope, L. V. Moore and James Phillips.
 Kingsley Lake, Jesse Silcox, S. S. Silcox and James Hornsby.
 Lawfey, R. M. Prevatt, Mrs. H. C. Harris.
 Long Branch, J. C. Prevatt.
 Mt. Zion, S. Godwin.
 Highland, S. S. Lee.
 New River, S. B. Cason, J. J. Colson, W. E. Yarborough and W. H. Green.
 Starke, F. B. Johns, J. M. Johns, J. C. Poppell, Mrs. M. J. Fouts, F. C. Edwards and L. W. Kickliter.

Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows: Moderator, J. E. Black; Clerk, J. C. Poppell; Treasurer, R. M. Prevatt. Petitionary letter from Highland church referred to committee composed of F. C. Edwards, G. A. Blount and J. M. Rosier. Report of Committee on Preaching read: "We, your committee, report that Bro. Jas. Strickland preach to-night at 6:30 and that Bro. B. Blitch conduct devotional services at 10 a. m. to-morrow, and Bro. J. G. Bartlebaugh preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow." J. C. Johnson presented the claims of the Witness and showed how essential it was for every family to have their religious paper. Committee on petitionary letter from Highland reported favorably and upon motion Highland church was received into fellowship of the New River Association. Adjourned to meet 9 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional service by E. Blitch and L. W. Kickliter. Meeting called to order. Upon motion B. Dyal seated as

messenger from Mt. Sinai. Committees on Aged Ministers and Deceased Deacons consolidated. Report on Temperance read:

We, your committee on Temperance report as follows: The question of the liquor traffic is the paramount question before the people to-day, and some of the reasons why it is the most paramount question is because of its effects on our country. It affects politics, it affects the church, it affects society, it affects our public schools and it affects the home. In fact, there is no institution that adds prosperity of our country but what it affects, and if there ever was a time in the history of a Christian people to let their influence be felt for good, it is now. So on the 8th day of November next go to the polls and vote for the amendment to the 19th article of the constitution, and say by that act that if the whiskey traffic is carried on it will not be done by your consent. Say further by that act that you will help banish the whiskey traffic from our country. We caution all Christian men not to heed the cry of local option, so called, for it is designed to deceive the voter. Respectfully,
 L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

Discussed by L. W. Kickliter, B. Blitch, F. C. Edwards, J. C. Poppell and adopted.
 Report on Missions.—We, your Committee on Missions, report as follows: Missions simply means sending the Gospel of our Lord to those who need it, whether in the neighborhood where we live, in the association, in the state, in the South or in the uttermost parts of the earth. There is no difference in the awfulness of lost souls, whoever or wherever they are, and the love of him who holds all the earth in the hollow of his hand and before whom all humanity is but a mass of unrighteousness, knows no race, nor color, nor country, nor clime, nor condition. All have come into condemnation through sin and all who are saved must be saved by grace through faith. But how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? And God has laid upon his people everywhere the solemn obligation to preach or send the Gospel to as many of earth's benighted souls as is in their power. Surveying the whole field we are impressed first with what has been done during the past year. Nothing has been done in our Association. In the state, according to the report of the State Board at the last convention, as a result of State Mission work, ten churches were organized, 1,279 persons were baptized, 689 were received by letter and 86 by restoration. As a result of home mission work by Southern Baptists last year over 300 churches were organized, about 25,000 persons were baptized and about 23,000 were received by letter and otherwise. As a result of Southern Baptist work on foreign mission fields last year more than 3,000 persons believed in our Lord and were baptized. These splendid results make us glad. But the tremendous needs yet to be supplied make us almost draw back with fear and trembling. Yet we must go forward under God and do all in our power to help save the millions whom our Saviour loved and for whom he gave his life. We ought to be doing something within our own borders and we recommend that the Moderator of the Association appoint a committee to consider the advisability of undertaking some mission work in the Association the coming year and report to the body before adjournment. We also recommend that the pastors of the Association preach on State Missions and ask their churches for liberal contributions for that purpose before January 1, 1911. As Southern people we cannot blind our eyes to the growing importance of our Southland commercially as well as religiously. Before many years the South will be the center of the world's commerce. The South must be evangelized if its pure Southern ideals are to be maintained. This cannot be done without vigorous home mission work. We must bear our part of the burden of this great work. We have not done so in the past. Our gifts to home missions have been pitifully small. Let the churches bestir themselves and increase their gifts to home missions before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Jacksonville next May. Of course, the teeming millions of sin-ridden heathens in all the world make the heart of every true lover of God sick and faint. We bow our heads in shame at the little our Association is doing toward telling all the world the love of our kind Father in heaven and of how Christ died to save them as well as us. We urge the pastors of the associations to lay the cause of foreign missions on their own hearts first, then on the hearts of their people. God commands the churches to go into all the world, and

if we cannot go in person we can go as God came to a lost race—in the person of another. He gave his only begotten Son and revealed himself in that Son, and we can go and show forth the love of God in the persons of those whom he has called and qualified for that work. It is a gracious favor to us that God has not torn us away from home and loved ones and ordered us into foreign fields. Out of the gratitude of our hearts we ought to be willing to help pay the hire of those whom he has called. Now that we have learned to pray, "Thy kingdom come," let us learn that it pleased God by the "foolishness of preaching" to save some, and this Gospel of the kingdom must be "preached in all the world as a witness unto me."

Discussed very ably by J. J. Cload and B. Blitch and adopted.
Collections taken for state missions amounting to \$14.85. Adjourned with prayer by Moderator.

Bro. J. G. Bartlebaugh preached an able sermon from 1 Cor. iii and first clause of the last verse, "Ye are Christ's,"

Afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Opened with singing. Scripture reading and prayer.

Report on Ministerial Education.—Your Committee beg leave to report that due consideration is not being given to the young men who are soon to fill our pulpits and to become under Christ the leaders of the church. The rapid progress that is being made in education generally, in our estimation makes it more than necessary that our ministers be educated, and your Committee would recommend that all young men proposing to enter the ministry go to Columbia College, located at Lake City, Florida, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Discussed by H. S. Harris, J. C. Johnson, F. C. Edwards and L. W. Kickliter and adopted.

Report on Preaching.—We, your Committee, beg to report that Bro. Blitch conduct temperance mass meeting to-night at 6:30 and that Bro. Blount preach at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Report on Sunday Schools.—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to report that we think the Sunday school is the best place outside of the church for training up children in the way they should go and preparing the young minds to receive the word when they hear it. But we are sorry to say that there seems to be a great lack of interest in the New River Association along this line, as we find only two schools reported here. Now, brethren, we would like to know what is the cause of this. Are there really only two schools in the Association or have they failed to be reported?

Discussed by J. C. McRae, J. C. Poppell, J. C. Johnson and adopted.
Report on Associational Missionary.—We, your Committee appointed to take into consideration the employment of an associational missionary, recommend that the Association co-operate with the State Board of Missions in the employment of a missionary and that the matters of arrangement of terms and election of the man be left with the Executive Committee of the Association and the State Board. We recommend also that an effort be made by the Executive Committee of the Association to secure the co-operation of the Jacksonville Association in the work. We recommend, third, that the pastors of the Association lay the matter before their churches and urge their co-operation and support.

L. W. KICKLITER, Chairman.

Discussed by L. W. Kickliter and adopted.
Report of Bro. Jas. Strickland, Missionary in and about Highland.—At the suggestion of the Executive Board I have preached at Highland once a month, also at other stations connected with Highland thirty-nine sermons, traveled two hundred and eighty-two miles, preached three funerals, baptized fifteen doltwelve, and have now three awaiting baptism. Received in the field fifteen dollars. Respectfully submitted.

Upon motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay Bro. Strickland \$10 more for the work done in the field above mentioned.

J. C. POPPELL,
Clerk.

J. E. BLACK,
Moderator.

Report on Publications.—We report that the Bible be read daily by each individual and in family worship. That it be studied systematically, for in it are the things that comfort us even in the most severe trials. We would recommend that our own paper, the Witness, be read carefully in all the homes of our people, for through it we get a clear conception of what our denomination is doing both at home and abroad. Many of our brethren are opposed to much that our faithful servants are trying to accomplish, and the only reason is because they do not take our paper and keep posted. Last we would recommend the exclusive use of the Southern Sunday Board's literature for Sunday school use.

J. C. POPPELL, Chairman.
Discussed by J. C. Poppell, B. Blitch, L. W. Kickliter and adopted.
Committee on Deceased Deacons and Aged Ministers.—It is with thankful hearts that your Committee are able to report that only Bro. J. H. Roebuck, of Theresa, has died during the associational year. This indicates, to our minds, that God has worked all the deacons and preachers of this association and we trust that all will put forth every effort to accomplish this work.

Adopted.
Woman's Work.—It is with sorrow and shame your committee are compelled to report only one regularly organized W. M. S. in this association. This society is an auxiliary of the Starke church, and from all the information your committee have been able to obtain, has done and is doing good work. We trust and pray that more societies will be organized in the near future and that our women will be aroused to their duty. Respectfully,
MRS. H. C. HARRIS.

Discussed by H. C. Harris and adopted.
Further report of Committee on Aged Ministers.—That Bro. B. H. Damon, who is growing very feeble, be looked after at once.

D. W. PINHOLSTER.
Discussed by D. W. Pinholster and B. Blitch and adopted. Collection taken for Bro. Damon amounting to \$6.60.

Report on Nominations.—We, your Committee, beg leave to recommend that the next Association meet with Long Branch church, that L. W. Kickliter preach the introductory sermon and that F. C. Edwards preach the missionary sermon.
Moved that L. W. Kickliter be recommended to the State Board as one of its members. Moved that the Articles of Faith of the New River Baptist Association be published in the next Minutes. Moved to adjourn to 9 a. m. Committee on Finance submitted report (see table). Discussed by D. W. Pinholster. Adopted.

Report on Orphanage.—We, your Committee on Orphanage, beg leave to report that we have in the state an orphanage that belongs to us and is under the control of the Convention. We have 80 acres of good, fertile farm and fruit land, two large buildings complete and in use, one in process of construction and barns for accommodation of stock. There are now sixty-five boys and girls in the home who have access to as good, if not better, training than any other set of children in the state, whether in private homes or in orphanages. They have a regular system of work in the home and about the plantation that will prepare them for life's work. This is all done willingly under the direction of Mother and Father Bean. We recommend that the churches give their support to this by regular and systematic contribution.

R. M. PREVATT.
Discussed by B. Blitch, L. W. Kickliter and D. W. Pinholster and adopted.

G. A. Blount read Rom viii and preached from last clause of 28th verse.
Upon motion J. C. Poppell, L. W. Kickliter and R. H. Green were appointed messengers to the Baptist State Convention, to meet in DeLand in January, 1911.

F. C. Edwards was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Jacksonville, J. C. Poppell as alternate.

Resolution of thanks drawn by L. W. Kickliter and adopted.—Resolved, That the thanks of this body is due and hereby tendered to Evergreen church and community for their kind hospitality during our session.

Adjourned with prayer by B. Blitch.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Name of Church.	Pastor's Salary.	For Building.	Repairing and Improving.	For Visiting Ministers.	For Associational Missions.	For State Missions.	For Home Missions.	For Foreign Missions.	For Aged Ministers.	For Orphanage.	For the Poor.	For Minutes and Clerk.	Total.	Val e of Church Property.	Name of Sunday School Superintendent.
Beulah	30 00				6 15	2 50		7 75							
China Grove	24 95	30 00	4 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	18 10	1 50			1 00	1 75	58 20	200	J. C. McKee.
Corinth														250	
Highland	50 00	160 00	12 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	2 50	2 40			17 90	1 75	250	200	J. C. McKee.
Evergreen	15 00												250	250	
Hope	72 71												250	250	
Kingsley Lake													250	250	
Lawley													250	250	
Mt. Zion	30 00	300 00	50 00	3 96	1 80	2 08	4 46	5 00			1 00	1 00	600	600	M. N. Lee.
New River	20 00												250	250	H. C. Harris.
Starke	161 18												1385 90	3550	T. F. Klobbter.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches, Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices	Church Organized.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter.	Increase by Restoration.	Total Increase.	Decrease by Letter.	By Expulsion or Erasure.	Decrease by Death.	Total Decrease.	Membership This Year.	Net Decrease.	N e t Increase.	Sundays for Ser vice.	
														First	Third
Beulah, L. R. Thomas, Leno	L. F. Thomas, Belmore	1850		1	1									11	First
China Grove, P. M. Riggs, Starke	L. E. Lee, Starke	1895	2	3	1				1	1	50			3	Third
Corinth, A. J. Pinholster, Brooker	J. F. Crosby, Starke	1897	2	1										4	First
Dedan, A. J. Pinholster	P. A. Crosby, Brooker	1883					6	1		6	59	3			
Evergreen, J. E. Black, Edgar	J. M. Rosier, Elarbee	1857									25				
Highland, Jas. Strickland, Highland	R. D. Lee, Highland	1910	11	2	1	14	6	3		6	50	4			5
Hope, Benjamin Green, Putnam Hall	M. N. Lee, There sa	1876	13	12		25				6	108				Fourth
Kingsley Lake, F. B. Johns, Starke	Jas. Hornsby, Starke	1876	3			3	3				25				Second
Lawley, H. C. Harris, Lawley	R. M. Prevatt, Lawley	1871	4	1	2		2		1	4	55	1			Second
Mt. Zion, S. Godwin, Baldwin	J. H. Kelly, Brooker	1902	4	4	1	12	2			2	40				Fourth
New River, F. B. Johns, Starke	J. G. Peterson, Baldwin	1870	4	1	1	6	4		1	3	81				Every
Starke, F. C. Edwards, Starke	F. L. Coison, Brooker	1853	7	1		8	2			2	46				Fourth
	J. W. Morgan, Starke	1877	15	8		23					67	3			First
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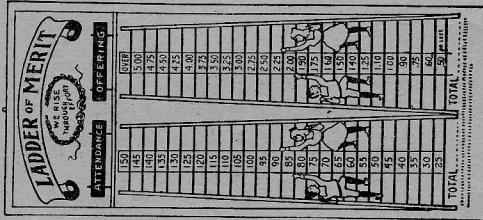
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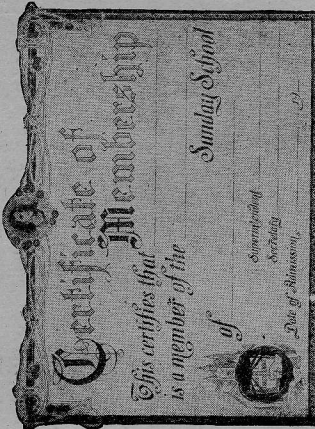
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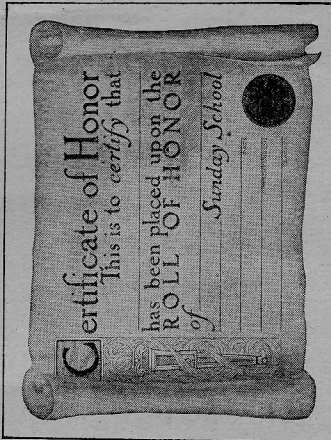


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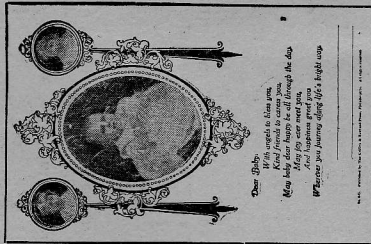
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