

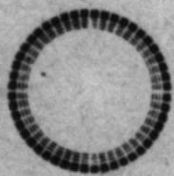
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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**Suwannee Missionary
Baptist Association**



HELD WITH

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13, 14 and 15, A. D. 1918

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Next session of the Association will convene with Clayland
Baptist Church, (near Newbern, Florida), Thursday,
before the third Sunday in October, 1919

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A. J. YORK, MODERATOR G. L. DORMAN, CLERK
H. J. HORN, TREASURER

SUWANNEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday Morning, 10:00 O'clock

- 10:00 A. M.— Temporary organization; Enrolling names of Messengers; Permanent organization.
11:00 A. M.— Introductory Sermon.
12:15 P. M.— Dinner.

Thursday Afternoon

- 2:30 P. M.— Appointment of Committees, reading petitionary letters, recognition of visitors and correspondents, report of Executive Committee. Miscellaneous business.
3:30 P. M.— Adjourn for the afternoon.

Friday Morning

- 9:30 A. M.— Reading Minutes of previous day, invite visitors and call for messengers, report of Committee on Education, report of Committee on Missions, State Home and Foreign.
10:30 A. M.— Report on Temperance.
11:00 A. M.— Doctrinal Sermon.
12:15 P. M.— Dinner.

Friday Afternoon.

- 2:00 P. M.— Report of Committee on Present Day Evil, Sacred Literature, Woman's Work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Miscellaneous business.
3:30 P. M.— Adjournment.

Saturday Morning.

- 9:30 A. M.— Reading minutes of previous day, report of Committee on Orphan Home, report of Committee on Obituaries, report of Treasurer.
10:30 A. M.— Miscellaneous business.
11:00 A. M.— Missionary Sermon.
12:15 P. M.— Dinner.

Saturday Afternoon.

- 3:30 P. M.— Report of Finance Committee, report of Committee on Nomination, appointing chairman of standing Committees.
3:30 P. M.— Adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

“ Purpose, to set in order a declaration of those things most surely believed among us.” — Luke 1:1.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God,

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and that there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.—1 Kings 8:60. Isaiah 44:6. Matt. 28:19. John 10:30, 14:16.

Article 2. We believe that the scriptures of the old and new Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.—Deut. 4:2, 12:32. Mat. 5:9. Luke 12:28. John 14:15. II Tim. 2:16. Peter 4:11. I Thess. 2:13. Rev. 22:19.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Gen. 3:5. Psa. 51:5. I Kings 8:46. Rom. 3:9. Gal. 3:22.

Article 4. We believe in the total depravity of the human heart and that the natural state of man is such that he cannot recover himself from his fallen and ruined condition.—Psa. 51:1. Jer. 13:23. Rom. 8:7-8. John 10:16. John 3:3. Micah. 6:7. Gal. 3:10-11.

Article 5. We believe in the election according to the foreknowledge of God through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.—Deut. 7:6. Acts 22:14. 13:46. Romans 8:29-30. Eph. 1:4. Mat. 24:31. John 10:16, 6:37. Rom. 9:15. II Tim. 1:9. Titus 1:1-2.

Article 6. We believe that the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men and that nothing prevents the salvation of the vilest sinner but his own voluntary rejection of that grace.—Titus 2:11. John 3:16-18.

Article 7. We believe that sinners are justified only by faith in Jesus Christ.—Romans 5:1. Isaiah 52:11. Acts 13:38-39. Romans 10:4, 3:25-26. I Cor. 1:30. Gal. 3:21-24, 2:16.

Article 8. We believe that the gospel of Christ is the means of divine appointment to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and therefore should be preached to all men everywhere.—Mat. 28:19-20. Acts 4:12. Romans 1:16. Acts 16:31.

Article 9. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never finally fall away.—John 10:27-29, 17:9-12, 11:25-26. Romans 8:31-39.

Article 10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus imposed upon His Church.—Mat. 28:19-20. Luke 22:19. That nothing is Baptism but immersion.—Mat. 3:16. That believers are the only proper subjects and that the only proper administrators of Baptism are ministers who have been regularly ordained by a church of faith and order, by the imposition of hands of a

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presbytery.—Mat. 3:15. I Cor. 11:2. I Tim 4:14. Titus 1:5. And that none but baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts 2:41-42. Mat 26:20-30. Mark 14:17-26. Luke 22:14-18.

Article 11. We believe in a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts 17:31. I Cor. 15:34, 20:25. John 5:28-29. Heb. 9:27. II Peter 3:7.

Article 12. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.—Mat. 25:26. II Thess. 1:9. Mark 10:30.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The organization shall be known as the Suwannee Missionary Baptist Association.

Article 2. The specific object of the Association shall be:

a. To unite the influence and pious intelligence of the Baptists within it and thereby facilitate their union and co-operation.

b. To form and encourage plans for the revival of experimental and practical religion and the spread of the gospel within the bounds of this Association and elsewhere.

c. To aid weak churches in our bounds.

d. To encourage and aid the education of our pious young men who may be called by the spirit and approved by their respective churches for work of the gospel ministry.

e. To promote pious and useful education among all Baptists.

f. To care for the needy orphans among us.

g. To aid in any work whose object is the saving and uplifting of humanity.

Article 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers from its several churches on the following basis: Three messengers from each church and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members or major part thereof in excess of fifty members, and one messenger each from the auxiliary bodies of the church.

Article 4. The messengers shall present to the Association letters certifying their appointment and giving also the statistics of the church and auxiliaries for the current year.

Article 5. Whenever the messengers appointed by the church shall fail to attend or the number is not equal to the representation allowed by the constitution, the Association,

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at its discretion, may accord seats to another member present from said church.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annu-

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churches, but reserves to itself the right to withdraw fellowship from any church which it deems disorderly or heterodox and concedes to its constituent churches the right to sever their connection with this body whenever they shall

SUNDAY SCHOOLS								WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY				OTHER SOCIETIES				
Name of Church	Superintendent	Superintendent's Post Office Address	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Scholars Baptized	Sunday School Expenses	Missionary and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes	Name of President	President's P.O. Address	Contributed for Missions and Benevolence	Total for all Purposes	Name of Society	President	President's P.O. Address
Friendship	J. E. Johns	Lake Park, Ga.														
Bellville	A. K. Evans	Live Oak, Fla.	1	24	4	3	16 74	2 50	22 24	Mrs. M. Bracewell	Lake Park, Ga.	74 25	74 25			
Antioch	J. E. J. Lee	Pinemount		55	5		4 10	10 21	20 21							
Mt. Pisgah																
New Hope																
Mt. Olive																
Suwannee	J. A. Phillips	Live Oak		43	3		4 95									
Jennings	Miss O. Averett	Jennings		100	8				200 00							
Jasper	J. H. Reid	Jasper	1	206	21	23	130 60	50 00	180 60	Mrs. J. E. McDaniel	Jennings	22 36	25 36	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Lottie Kenlau	Jennings
Tiger Lake	H. J. Horne	Live Oak		47	5	9	6 18	5 10	11 28	Mrs. A. E. Calkins	Jasper	644 37	644 37	B. Y. P. U.	Mamie Teuton	Jasper
Live Oak	H. E. Carter	Live Oak		180	20		149 00	149 00		Mrs. M. F. Horne	Live Oak	6 75	6 75			
Orange	W. O. Massey	Live Oak		30	3		2 25	2 25		Mrs. W. B. Parshley	Live Oak	239 43	239 43	B. Y. P. U.	Flossie Byrd	Live Oak
Pleasant Hill																
Pine Grove																
O'Brien																
Rosemary																
Clayland																
Hopewell																
Rocky Sink	W. M. Tuten	Live Oak R.D.		52	5	7	12 98									
Beulah																
Philadelphia																
Union																
Evergreen																
Mt. Gilead																

sermon on the first day.

Article 10. Newly organized churches may be admitted into the Association on petitionary letters presented during the session of the Association; presented by messengers accompanied by a certificate of the presbytery as to their orthodox and proper organization.

Article 11. This Association shall be advisory only in matters of controversy between members of any of the

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the vote of the body.

5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceeding of each meeting and in the absence of the Moderator shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro-tem is elected.

6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum,

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at its discretion, may accord seats to another member present from said church.

Article 6. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot and a majority vote, but the Association may by a unanimous vote instruct someone to cast the ballot for the body as a whole.

Article 7. The duties of the Moderator shall be to preside, keep order and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

The Clerk shall keep the records of the Association, supervise the printing and distribution of the minutes and keep a regular file of the published proceedings of the Association and deliver same to his successor in office.

The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all money received and disbursed by him, paying out the same only on the order of the Association or the Executive Committee and report in full the transactions of his office at each annual session of the Association.

Article 8. The business of this Association shall be transacted ad interim by an Executive Committee; this Committee shall consist of one member from each church in the Association. The local church shall elect the member and the Association ratify the selection. The Moderator and Clerk of the Association to be members ex-officio.

This body shall supervise all missionary work in the Association and shall meet in session at least once every three months at the union meetings of the Association.

Article 9. The annual meeting of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, and requesting all churches who hold regular services on the third Sunday and Saturday before to give their pastors their October meeting in each year in order that the pastor may attend the Association and remain there through Sunday and by appointment there shall be preached an introductory sermon on the first day.

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churches, but reserves to itself the right to withdraw fellowship from any church which it deems disorderly or heretodox and concedes to its constituent churches the right to sever their connection with this body whenever they shall apply for letters of dismissal from the Association.

Article 12. The Moderator shall, at each session appoint a chairman of committees on the following subjects, to-wit: State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Education, Orphanage, Woman's Work, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U., Periodicals, Obituaries, Present Day Evils, Temperance, and such other questions as the Association may deem proper.

Article 13. All messengers, officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be members of some of the churches composing this body.

Article 14. When any church neglects to send up statistics to the annual meeting the Clerk shall insert the last reported total membership in the column containing said statistics.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the messengers to order and after singing and prayer he shall declare the Association ready for business, the first item being the election of a Moderator and Clerk after the messengers have enrolled their names. In case of the absence of the Moderator, the messengers present shall elect a Moderator pro-tem who shall proceed as aforesaid.

2. Each meeting shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all questions in debate subject to an appeal to the body, and when speaking on any subject shall call some member to the chair and in case of a tie may give the deciding vote.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the vote of the body.

5. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of the proceeding of each meeting and in the absence of the Moderator shall call the Association to order and preside until a Moderator pro-tem is elected.

6. No business shall be transacted without a quorum,

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which shall consist of a majority of the registered members.

7. All members wishing to speak will rise and respectfully address the Moderator, confine themselves strictly to the subject and no unkind allusions shall be made while speaking.

8. No motion shall be debated until seconded, nor voted upon until stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

9. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to adjourn, lay on table, amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee or otherwise call a previous question.

10. Any member in the majority may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

11. The Rules of Decorum may be amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present.

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MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 1918.

On account of the epidemic of Influenza sweeping over the country, the Suwannee Baptist Association did not meet at regular time in October, but convened with Mount Olive Baptist Church on December 12, 1918. After singing a hymn and prayer by Brother A. J. York, Brother Gus Padgett preached a very interesting sermon from Rev., 1st Chapter and 11th Verse. Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 P. M. After singing a hymn and prayer by Brother Gus Padgett, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, the Moderator being absent. Rev. A. J. York was elected temporary Moderator. The following churches were represented by messengers and letters, letters being read by Rev. A. E. Calkins and Brother Gus Padgett:

Antioch—R. J. Allen.

New Hope—By letter. No messengers.

Bellville—By letter. No messengers.

Live Oak—Sister W. B. Parshly, Sister C. N. Hildreth and Sister M. D. Minter.

Tiger Lake—Rev. A. J. York, G. L. Dorman, W. L. Robinson, H. J. Horne, Sister H. J. Horne and Sister W. L. Robinson.

Mount Pisgah—R. F. Howell, J. E. J. Lee, J. F. Carver, Gus Padgett and J. E. Baden.

Suwannee—Geo. W. Shiver.

Mount Olive—J. H. Johns, H. V. Johns, Wilbor Hogans, Montie Hogans, Henry Ellis and Sister Mattie Hogans.

Jasper—A. E. Calkins.

Philadelphia—Robt. R. Brown, Sister Rebecca Brown and Sister Ruby Brown.

The Association proceeded to make organization permanent by electing A. J. York, Moderator; G. L. Dorman, Clerk; and H. J. Horne, Treasurer.

The Moderator then announced the Committee on State Missions: Rev. A. E. Calkins, Chairman; R. R. Brown, H. J. Horne

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The Moderator also named the following for Finance Committee: J. E. J. Lee, Chairman; J. F. Carver.

The following message was received from Mount Pisgah Church: Brethren: We send you the following message: There is a rumor in our bounds that members are being received by a church in our bounds contrary to Article 10 of our Articles of Faith. We, by vote declare non-fellowship with any church that has violated said Article. Done in conference, September, 28, 1918.

After some discussion, motion was made to temporarily postpone same. Motion made and seconded to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30, A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 13th.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," Rev. W. M. Dempsey led in prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

Called for letters and messengers.

Mount Olive: W. M. Hines.

Live Oak: Rev. W. B. Parshley, W. R. Dorman, Sister C. M. Kenney.

Tiger Lake: G. M. Harrell, J. R. Mills, Lee Robinson and Sister M. V. Mills.

Friendship: D. F. Jenkins.

Pleasant Hill: Letter, but no messengers.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Education: W. R. Dorman, Chairman; J. R. Mills; R. F. Howell.

Woman's Work: Sister W. B. Parshley, Chairman; W. M. Dempsey; Sister H. J. Horne.

Home Missions: Rev. W. M. Dempsey, Chairman; J. H. Johns; Henry Ellis.

Orphanage: O. S. Mills, Chairman; G. M. Harrell, Rev. Gus Padgett.

Foreign Missions: Rev. A. J. York, Chairman; H. V. Johns; W. L. Robinson.

Nominations: Wilbor Hogans, Chairman; R. F. Howell; James Howard.

Obituaries: H. J. Horne, Chairman; D. F. Jenkins; Sister C. N. Hildreth.

Temperance: W. B. Parshley, Chairman; A. E. Calkins.

Sacred Literature: Rev. Gus Padgett, Chairman; W. R. Dorman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Read by W. R. Dorman

We are living in a day of great things; great movements, great needs, great efforts, great appeals and great responsiveness on the part of all our people. We face a world crisis. With the passing of autocracy both in politics and religion and the establishment of Democracy universally, we, as Baptists, are for the first time in our glorious history, coming to our own. We are face to face with

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great opportunities and must shoulder great responsibilities or fail.

In order to succeed we must educate our own people. To this end we must lay broad and deep foundations and build wisely and well great institutions of learning, second to none.

The great hosts of Southern Baptists in recent convention assembled decided to raise \$15,000,000 for our Southern Baptist colleges. Of this amount Florida's quota is \$350,000 for our own Columbia College. If we raise this amount within the next five years we are assured that we shall receive an additional \$150,000 from the Rockefeller foundation which will give us the handsome sum of \$500,000, and who says that we cannot do this, when we are annually giving more than twice this amount for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A.

This amount seems large, but when you consider that we are 65,000 strong in Florida, and 3,000,000 in the South, you will see that it requires only \$1.00 per member per year to raise the required amount, which is really small indeed for our membership.

We, your Committee, recommend that now, while the College is closed for the period of the war on account of good and commendable reasons that we as an Association, and as churches and individuals lend every effort to our worthy Trustees in raising the debt of \$30,000 and \$20,000 for needed improvements on our College property.

Also, like men fighting for a great cause, set ourselves to the task of meeting all conditions necessary to secure the aid of the \$150,000 from the Rockefeller fund. So, that when the war drums are muffled and our boys come home victory-crowned we shall have a College for such heroes to enter at our expense. So, that they may be prepared to fill any position of honor and trust which our State or Nation has to offer them. Then will they indeed through the years be our joy and crown — "as they fought to make the world safe for Democracy let us give to make Democracy safe for the world."

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. DORMAN, Chairman,

R. F. HOWELL,

J. R. MILLS.

Committee.

Spoken on by Rev. W. B. Parshley, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

Read by Rev. A. E. Calkins

Florida Baptists have always sought to evangelize. At first this work was done in a crude way, without much co-operation or organization; but today we possess a great organization led by our ablest brethren, and we are doing the work in an orderly and effective way.

Great progress has been made throughout the State. Destitute places are receiving the Gospel, and strategic points are being developed into power houses.

Various reasons demand the attention of our people to State

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Missions. We must evangelize or die. Believing as we do that only regenerate persons have a right to church membership, then our only way to save our churches from death is to evangelize. In one generation a Baptist Church will die unless it evangelizes. So the perpetuation of our churches, with their distinctive views, is dependent upon the work of State Missions.

Immigration in the United States is southward. This is bringing into our midst different kinds of people, many of whom are not Christian and many who are hostile to Baptists. Here is a great problem. Unless we are active in the defense and the aggressive spread of our views, they will leaven us with their teachings.

There are many destitute sections in our State that need the Gospel. Many of these sections are strongly inclined to Baptist views. The door is opened to us; the opportunity is ours. Will we enter in and rise equal to our opportunity? Most of our Associations have missionaries looking after these sections.

Our State Board is seeking to do constructive work, helping to house, finance and organize weak churches, and establish new ones. Brethren let us support our Board, which is our servant, and make this fair State Baptist indeed.

Resolved: That this Association consider the advisability of employing an Associational Missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. CALKINS, Chairman,
H. J. HORNE,
Committee.

Spoken on by Rev. A. E. Calkins, and left over for further discussion. It being the hour for preaching the Association adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Rev W. B. Parshley preached a doctrinal sermon, using for his text: "Except a man be borne again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

1:30 P. M. After sing a hymn Rev. A. E. Calkins led in prayer.

Report on State Missions spoken on by Rev. A. E. Calkins, and the advisability of the Association employing a Missionary in our bounds was discussed and a Committee of three was appointed to form and lay plans for same, and report to the Executive Committee at the earliest possible moment.

The above Committee is composed of Rev. A. E. Calkins, Chm., Rev. Gus Padgett and Rev. W. M. Dempsey.

Call for letters and messengers. Orange Church responded: James Howard, J. M. U. Clark and W. O. Robinson.

Petitionary letter from Pine Grove Church was read and accepted and the church was accepted in full fellowship with our Association.

The following report on Temperance was read by W. B. Parshley: To the Suwannee Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren:

In surveying the situation with reference to Prohibition, there is much to be grateful for, and something to regret. Within the boundaries of our Association, Hamilton County voted dry and Suwannee reversed her previous record and voted against constitu-

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tional prohibition. This was probably due in part to the use which the liquor men made of the Influenza epidemic, but throughout the State as a whole the cause has triumphed gloriously. Even Duval, Hillsborough and Nassau counties, the last stronghold of the liquor forces, have capitulated. The recent session of the Legislature has done all within its province to forward the movement, having passed the legislation necessary to make effective the amendment to our State Constitution voted by the people making prohibition of the liquor traffic a part of the fundamental law of the State. The Legislature has also passed a resolution favoring the ratification of the amendment of our National Constitution to the same effect.

Already fifteen states have approved the amendment to our National Constitution, and enough more give indication of approval to sweep the liquor industry from our nation. But we cannot grant an armistice to the enemy until the victory is won and the terms of surrender are signed and delivered. Therefore we urge our brotherhood to be working in season and out of season until the glorious consumation has been achieved.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. PARSHLEY,
A. E. CALKINS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK Read by Sister W. B. Parshley

"According to the good hand of our God upon us," thus it was written of God's chosen ministers of old, and thus it may be written today of the women who have been found willing to engage in the Lord's work. If every woman in every church would do what she could, how much greater would be the result.

Reports have been received from five Woman's Missionary Societies and two Sunbeam bands. These report a total of \$1065.65 given during the year, divided as follows:

For Missions, Foreign, Home and State	\$ 231.01
For Orphanage and Minister's Aid account	120.66
For Education	47.12
For War Work	241.90
For Personal Service	147.10
For Church Repairs	277.86

Total \$1065.65

In these days when women are learning to help in many forms of service, we ask the sympathy and co-operation of the pastors in training and encouraging the women in their efforts to study the needs of the world and in their desire to help bring in the Kingdom of God of earth. "The sign of power is that things happen," as one has said, and the women wish to cultivate that power, that things may happen in the Kingdom and souls be led to the King.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. B. PARSHLEY, Chm.,
W. M. DEMPSEY,
MRS. H. J. HORNE,

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REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Read by Gus Padgett

The appeal of the orphan child is an appeal that reaches every heart. A child in need will always find friends who are willing to render assistance because of our inherent love for innocent childhood. The appeal to us is stranger when we know that a child is orphaned and dependent upon strangers.

It was such an inspiration that impelled the Baptists of Florida to establish a home at Arcadia for orphan children and was such as always follows the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God has approved and blessed our work in that he has given us one hundred bright boys and girls, now in the home, to be our own orphan children, sharing what He has given us and to be partakers of our temporal blessings. The obligation to take care of these, our own by virtue of the obligation of our Church, is just as sacred and as binding as the obligation to take care of our own immediate family, so no individual, who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, can shift this responsibility to another.

Our responsibility now is greater than ever before on account of the exceedingly trying times through which we are passing. A larger family than we have ever had before, the per capita cost greater on account of conditions than ever before, our people carrying burdens greater than any previous year and untold difficulties confronting the management in maintaining the work for our orphan children, makes a greater effort necessary for the support of our work than ever before.

The Board of Trustees has been forced to go to the Banks for money to keep up our current expenses through the summer. A deficit has naturally accrued. We should raise about \$7,000; \$5,000 to pay off the indebtedness from last year and that of this year and \$2,000 to take care of our work through November and December, when a State Mission Campaign will be on, or we will have to report an indebtedness at the Convention. \$7,000 is but a small amount for the sixty thousand Baptists of Florida to raise if each would do their part. We ask the Sunday Schools, the Societies and the Churches to take a collection during October for our Orphanage and the amount will be raised.

We have the inspiration of a \$5,000 gift from Brother J. H. Maxey, of Richmond, Virginia, to build a Babies' Home as a memorial to his mother and the building is now in the course of construction. If a brother in another state could send us \$5,000 of his money to enlarge our institution to care for orphan children in Florida, how much more should we do to take care of our very own?

Your Committee hereby recommends that every Sunday School, Society and Church in this Association observe one month as orphanage month and take a collection for our Home at Arcadia.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. MILLS, Chairman,
G. M. HARRELL,
GUS PADGETT.

Committee.

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REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Dear Brethren:

Our Heavenly Father, through His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst by death our beloved brothers and sisters as follows: Orange: Brother W. A. Robinson, Deacon Brother W. H. Robinson, Sister Shillie Golden, Brother J. F. Landen, Brother H. A. Howard. Mt. Olive: Brother Joseph Hines, Brother Joseph S. Cason, Live Oak: Brother George Mills, Sister Fannie Ray. Suwannee: Sister Minnie Phillips. Antioch: Brother C. H. Brinson, Sister Ines Green. Jasper: Brother H. M. Tuten, Jr. New Hope: Brother George O. Bush, Brother E. H. Sowell, Brother J. V. Vaughn. Jennings: Brother Fank Coleman. Mt. Pisgah: Brother W. W. Newsome, Sister Ida McCormick. Though our hearts are made sad at their departure, yet we bow in humble submission to Him, who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. HORNE, Chairman,
Mrs. C. N. HILDRETH, Jr.,
D. F. JENKINS,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report: Executive Committee: T. L. Peacock, O'Brien; W. M. Dempsey, Jennings; A. E. Calkins, Jasper; Gus Padgett, Live Oak; E. R. Wise, Live Oak; J. M. U. Clark, Live Oak; W. W. Leggett, Pine Mount; W. B. Parshley, Live Oak. State Board: R. R. Brown, Southern Baptist Convention; W. M. Dempsey, State Convention; J. E. J. Lee, W. B. Parshley, J. C. Morgan, R. J. Allen.

The next Association will meet with Clayland Church, October _____, 1919 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Introductory Sermon by A. E. Calkins. Missionary Sermon by W. B. Parshley. Doctrinal Sermon by W. M. Dempsey.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. HOGANS,
R. H. HOWELL,
JAMES HOWARD,
Committee.

The Moderator then announced chairmans of Committees as follows: State Missions, W. M. Dempsey; Home Missions, Gus Padgett; Foreign Missions, A. E. Calkins; S. S. and B. Y. P. U., W. B. Parshley; Temperance, T. L. Peacock; Orphanage, H. J. Horne; Obituaries, H. V. Johns; Nominations, W. W. Leggett; Sacred Literature, W. R. Dorman; Present Day Evils, R. R. Brown; Education, Braxton Small; Wowan's Work, Mrs. Braxton Small.

Motion that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to see Live Oak Church in reference to report that Live Oak Church has violated Article 10 of our Articles of Faith and report at next meeting of the Association. Committee: Gus Padgett, T. L. Peacock, A. E. Calkins.

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TO OUR CHURCHES

Brethren: Believing that the time now is that a plan at once, definite, personal and practical, should be put in motion to enlist us in carrying out one of the stated aims of this Association, namely: the spread of the Gospel. The following was recommended by your messengers in convention assembled:

1. To have as many brothers as will set aside a pig, and at the end of the year sell it or otherwise ascertain the price thereof and donate the same to Missions.
2. To have as many sisters as will set aside the Sunday eggs, and donate the price to Missions.
3. To have as many of the girl members as will to have their mothers give them a hen and donate the price of the eggs of one hen to Missions, or otherwise raise one chicken and at the end of the year donate the price to Missions.

After discussion of the above a call was made and in a few moments 10 men and boys and 1 sister volunteered to give a pig each, 5 sisters, agreed to give the Sunday eggs, and 2 girls agreed to keep a hen and give the eggs or raise a chicken and donate the price.

It is urged that the churches take up the plan and extend it throughout the Association.

GUS PADGETT, Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M. Rev. A. E. Calkins preached a very interesting Missionary Sermon, quoting many passages of Scripture. Collection for Missions, \$10.00.

The Committee on Sacred Literature made the following report:

SACRED LITERATURE

The power of the press for good or for evil will not be gainsaid nor denied. As never before the government of the world realizes the potent influence of the newspaper. Today's daily paper lying before us has a lengthy account of investigations by government inquiry in the United States Senate to determine to what extent pro-German propoganda was disseminated by certain great papers of this country. Time was when the Bible was the chief reading of religious people, next was the reading of religious books.

Today the secular press struggles with sacred literature for first place in the hearts and minds of men. Newspapers and magazines go to the humblest and most remote quarters. Their line has gone out to the ends of the earth. There is no speech no language where their voice is not heard. The land groans under the weight of literature, trashy, poisonous, suggestive of evil, voluptuous, sensuous, carnal, adulterous, devilish, blasting as the mildew, parching as the east winds, destructive of the old pious views of the marriage tie, the sacredness of the home, the exalted God-given privilege of motherhood. For instance some of the best sellers of the books of the day suggest sentiments which if carried out would abolish marriage from the face of the earth. Every ism and schism known is strewn far and wide by means of the printed page. Mormonism, Holy Rol-

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lerism, Catholicism, Campbellism, Gross Materialism in the name of Adventism, Skepticism and what more shall we say. Time and space forbid a catalogue of these evils.

We suggest, first, the Book, the Bible, for devotional and daily reading. Paul told Timothy, "Mighty in the Scriptures," Let the members of the family commit verses, and whole chapters to heart and memory. Study it by verses, by chapters, by books, as a whole. Back to the Book.

Second, let there be in the home standard religious books such as, "Pilgrims Progress," "Spurgeon's Sermons," etc.

Third, Books setting forth our distinctive denominational belief. "Little Baptists," "Theodore Ernest," "Grace Truman," "Mable Clement," "Dorothy Page," "Serena Fair," "Baptist, Why and Why Not." For church officers, "Pendleton's Manual," Howell's "The Deaconship," "Sunday School Helps," "Tracts," "Circulating Sunday School Libraries," "Home and Foreign Fields," and "The Baptist Witness."

Respectfully submitted,
GUS PADGETT, Chairman,
W. R. DORMAN,
Committee.

Spoken on by Rev. Gus Padgett and W. B. Parshley, and adopted.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$48.15
For Missions	11.65

Total ----- \$59.80

Have paid same over to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. J. LEE,
J. F. CARVER.

D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

In account with Suwannee Baptist Association

Receipts

Oct. 19, 1917—From Finance Committee	\$71.33
Oct. 20, 1917—Collections for State Missions	12.00
Oct. 20, 1917—Collections for Minutes and Clerk	1.45

Total Receipts ----- \$84.78

Disbursements

Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, State Missions	\$13.50
Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, Home Missions	4.25
Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, Foreign Missions	2.00
Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, Orphanage	1.50
Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, Columbia College	1.50
Oct. 22, 1917—Paid S. B. Rogers, Aged Ministers	.50
Nov. 17, 1917—For Printing Minutes	46.53
Nov. 17, 1917—For Clerk's Salary	15.00
Total Disbursements	\$84.78

Leaving no balance.

Respectfully submitted,
D. J. MILLS, Treasurer.

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Amendment to Article 8 of our Constitution offered by Rev. A. E. Calkins, and adopted. Adjourned until 9:30 A. M.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14th.

After singing several songs Rev. W. B. Parshley led in prayer. Minutes read and approved. Brother J. B. Ellis, of Camp Branch Church, was accorded a seat with us.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION

We find by a careful examination of the work of the Foreign Board that the year closing in May last that the Board had a successful year. Both in Finance and work it received \$1,006,189.49, the greatest sum ever given by Southern Baptists. The work on the foreign field notwithstanding hindrance from the war and shortage of laborers the work has gone forward with the best of results. There were 5,555 baptisms. We have now 464 churches, of which 141 are self supporting, with a membership reaching a total of 53,377. We have now 715 Sunday Schools with 34,428 scholars; 482 literary schools with 13,866 scholars. This is only a small portion of the work of the Foreign Board. Thus we ask is Foreign Missions a failure? We believe it is not with this grand report of our Board should we not take courage and go forward? The grand and noble opportunities open before us when we stop and look for a moment and think of the wonderful blessings that our Loving Heavenly Father has bestowed upon our great nation with the allied nations in giving us such a grand victory for Democracy for which Baptists have always stood and contended for. The work has also opened up a grand opportunity for the Baptists of America by opening the doors of the whole world to our missionaries. With this opportunity and the many loud calls that are coming to us should we not wake up to our duty as never before, and take part in giving to the whole world a bold Gospel. The responsibility is upon us as Baptists as upon no others for we hold the Gospel of Christ which says, "Go ye into all the world and preach My Gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you always."

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. YORK, Chairman,
H. V. JOHNS,
W. L. ROBINSON.

Committee.

The question arose as to our supporting a Foreign Missionary. Moved that the Moderator appoint a Committee to lay plans for our Association supporting a Missionary. The following Committee was appointed: A. E. Calkins, R. R. Brown, Gus Padgett, W. B. Parshley.

Motion that all churches be requested not to call a pastor who will not attend our Associations.

Motion that Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

Resolved that we tender a vote of thanks to Mount Olive Church and community for its kind and hospitable manner of entertaining the messengers and visitors during this session of the Association.

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Adjourned to meet with Clayland Church October 16, 17, 18, 1919.

A. J. YORK, Moderator,
G. L. DORMAN, Clerk.

Ministers who hold membership with us:

Gus Padgett, Live Oak, Fla.
J. F. Tatum, Pine Mount, Fla.
W. T. Newsome, O'Brien, Fla.
A. Bonds, O'Brien, Fla.
R. D. Turner, Pine Mount, Fla., R. F. D. No. 2.
J. S. Hurst, Live Oak, Fla.
A. J. York, Live Oak, Fla.
A. K. Evans, Live Oak, Fla.
E. R. Wise, Live Oak, Fla.
A. E. Calkins, Jasper, Fla.
B. A. Geiger, Jasper, Fla.
W. B. Parshley, Live Oak, Fla.
J. A. Mitchell, Live Oak, Fla. R. F. D. No. D.
J. S. Parker, Alton, Fla.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Geo. Mitchell; W. A. Robinson, Deacon; W. H. Robinson, Clerk; Mrs. Shellie Golden; J. F. Landin; H. A. Howard; George Mills; Mrs. Fannie Ray; H. M. Tuten, Jr.; Mrs. Minnie Phillips; Joseph Hines; Joseph S. Cason; C. H. Brinson; Mrs. Ines Green; W. W. Newsome; Ida McComrick; George O. Bush; E. H. Sowell, Deacon; J. V. Vaughn; Frank Coleman.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
at Mt. Olive Church, December, 14, 1918.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. M. V. Mills, of Tiger Lake. This was followed by a prayer.

Welcome Address by Mrs. W. M. Hogans. Response by Mrs. C. N. Hildreth. The enrollment of delegates as follows: Mt. Olive, 27; Live Oak 2; Jasper, 1; Tiger Lake 7. Reports were read from the following Churches: Bellville, Jennings, Jasper, Live Oak and Tiger Lake. This report showed five societies and two Sunbeam bands, one at Live Oak and one at Jasper. They showed a total contribution of \$1065.65.

Memorial Service, Mrs. H. J. Horne. Discussion of Stewardship, Covenant and Emergency Pledge, Mrs. W. B. Parshley. Readings on tithes. Appointment and report of Nominating Committee, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Calkins; Vice President, Mrs. Brant Mills; Secretary, Miss Lucy V. Perry; Associational Superintendents, Mrs. Braxton Small and Mrs. W. B. Parshley. Reports of Superintendents. Collection, \$2.75. Prayer.

