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# MINUTES

OF THE

## EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

*Bentley Baptist Association*

HELD WITH

**The First Baptist Church at Branford,  
Suwannee County, Fla.,**

On the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October, 1887.

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### OFFICERS:

Hon. T. W. Getzen,	-	-	Moderator,
Rev. R. F. Rogers,	-	-	Clerk,
Hon. G. B. Ellis,	-	-	Treasurer.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Open the meeting by reading the scriptures, singing and prayer.
- 2 Reading letters from churches and enrolling messengers.
- 3 Election of Moderator and Clerk.
- 4 Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5 Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body.
- 6 Call for Correspondents
- 7 Appoint Committees on
  - 1 Preaching,
  - 2 Queries,
  - 3 Finance,
  - 4 Deceased Ministers and Deacons,
  - 5 Publications,
  - 6 Sabbath Schools,
  - 7 Temperance,
  - 8 Missions,
  - 9 Woman's Work,
  - 10 Correspondents.
- 7 Unfinished Business.
- 8 Reports of Committees.
- 9 Miscellaneous Business.
- 10 Close with Devotional Exercises.

### MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

W. M. Davis.....	Lake City, Fla.
P. C. Drew.....	Lake City, Fla.
J. G. Taylor.....	Lake City, Fla.
K. Chambers.....	Lake City, Fla.
G. T. Leitner.....	Ft. White.
W. C. Lee.....	Welborn.
R. F. Rogers.....	Little River.
J. J. Ho'mes.....	Little River.

### LICENTIATES:

M. F. Brown.....	Lake City, Fla.
W. J. Taylor.....	Lake City, Fla.

## MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 1st, 1887.

The Beulah Baptist Association commenced its Eighth annual session in the First Baptist Church at Branford, Fla., on Saturday, the 1st day of October, A. D., 1887.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, from Math. 8th ch. 2nd verse, after which the body was called to order by the Moderator, and letters from the following churches were read by Bros. E. G. Persons and P. C. Drew, and the names of delegates recorded:

MT. BEULAH:—R. F. Rogers, J. J. Holmes, E. J. Blume and R. M. Mosley.  
 BRANFORD:—A. B. Finley, C. S. Brown and J. E. Barnett.  
 MT. PISGAH:—Wm. Daughtry.  
 LAKE CITY:—P. C. Drew, E. P. Hickson F. B. Moody and Manly Moody.  
 MT. PLEASANT:—H. E. Braddock, W. E. Dennard, Geo. W. Helton and E. W. Purvis.  
 ELIM:—T. W. Getzen, G. B. Ellis, Myran Bryan and Wm. White.  
 MT. ZION:—K. T. Bell and J. E. Wyse.  
 CYPRESS LAKE:—A. D. Wilder, Sr., S. L. Wilder and R. H. Warren.  
 BETHLEHEM:—F. M. Waldrep and John Norris,

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and T. W. Getzen was elected Moderator and R. F. Rogers, Clerk, by acclamation.

The Moderator then invited visiting brethren to seats in the body, and to participate in the deliberations. Rev. J. W. Grantham, from the Suwannee Association, Revs. S. S. Proctor and W. N. Chaudoin from the Santa Fee Association, and Revs. J. N. Reid and B. F. Ayerett, from the Hamilton Association, responded to the call.

On motion of R. F. Rogers adjourned one hour for refreshment.

### AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30, P. M.

Called to order by the Moderator; prayer by G. T. Leitner.  
 Roll called by Clerk. A quorum present.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz:  
 ON PREACHING:—A. B. Finley, G. B. Ellis and the Deacons of the Branford Church.



ON QUERIES:—P. C. Drew, A. D. Wilder and F. M. Waldrep.  
 ON FINANCE:—E. W. Purvis, E. P. Hickson and A. P. Smith.  
 ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS:—H. E. Braddock, K. T. Bell, J. J. Holmes and K. Chambers.  
 ON PUBLICATIONS:—P. C. Drew, R. M. Mosley and W. E. Dennard.  
 ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—F. B. Moody, E. J. Blume, G. W. Helton and B. L. Morgan.  
 ON TEMPERANCE:—G. T. Leitner, S. L. Wilder and J. R. Wyse.  
 ON MISSIONS:—J. G. Taylor, H. J. Marcum and J. A. M. Kirby.  
 ON WOMAN'S WORK:—E. G. Persons, Mrs. J. P. Swails, M. Moody and John Norris.

The Moderator called for Correspondents. Responded, Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention, and Sister L. B. Telford, Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Work.

The following new Churches petitioned for membership, which, on motion, were granted, and the names of Churches and delegates were recorded as follows:

- FT. WHITE--G. T. Leitner, E. G. Persons and Sister J. P. Swails.
- HOPEFUL--H. J. Marcum and A. P. Smith.
- COLUMBIA CITY:--John A. M. Kirby.
- PLEASANT SPRINGS:--J. G. Taylor and B. L. Morgan.

On motion of F. B. Moody that the body re-assemble at 7 p. m., and hold a night session, carried.

Committee on Queries reported as follows:  
 We, your Committee, find no queries before the Association, and only one request, that of Ft. White Church asking for the next meeting of the Association with them. We, therefore, recommend the next session of the body to be held with Ft. White Church Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1888.  
 P. C. DREW, Chairman

Read and adopted.  
 The Committee on preaching reported that Elder J. N. Reid would preach to-night at the Academy, Elder P. C. Drew to-morrow at 11 a. m. in the Church, Sister Telford to Lecture on Foreign Missions at 3 p. m.

- The Moderator then appointed correspondents as follows:  
 To Santa Fee Association:—T. W. Getzen, E. G. Persons, G. T. Leitner, G. B. Ellis, E. P. Hickson, J. G. Taylor, F. B. Moody, A. P. Smith and R. F. Rogers.  
 To the Suwanee Association:—J. J. Holmes, H. E. Braddock, A. B. Finley, R. M. Mosley, G. W. Helton, E. W. Purvis and R. F. Rogers.  
 To the Hamilton Association:—J. R. Wyse and J. E. Barnett.  
 To the New River Association:—G. T. Leitner.  
 To the Harmony Association:—G. T. Leitner and J. G. Taylor.  
 To the Baptist State Convention:—F. B. Moody, P. C. Drew, G. T. Leitner, T. W. Getzen, E. G. Persons and R. F. Rogers.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons rejoice to be able to report that God in His mercy has spared the lives of all our Ministers and Deacons, so far as we are informed, except Elder Sheppard French, who died June 1887, the particulars of which your Committee is unable to report.  
 Respectfully submitted, H. E. BRADDOCK, Chairman.

The Treasurer submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

GEO. B. ELLIS  
 In Account With  
 BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

Oct. 1, 1887.	\$ 9 59
Oct. 7, balance on hand.....	58 63
Received from Finance Committee.....	5 00
Bro. Davis' Pledge.....	10 00
Bro. W. M. Ives' gift.....	2 15
Public Collection Elim Church.....	2 00
Women M. S. Elim Church.....	1 25
Bro. T. W. Getzen on pledge.....	1 00
Rev. G. T. Leitner on pledge.....	2 00
Aug. 30, Ladies' M. S. Elim Church.....	3 75
Bro. T. W. Getzen on pledge.....	5 00
Bro. J. G. Taylor on pledge.....	6 75
Lake City Church.....	
	\$107 12

CONTRA.

Paid Bro. Davis for Mission Work Oct. 9, 1886.....	\$20 00
“ “ J. G. Taylor “ “ “ “.....	20 00
“ “ W. M. Ives Clerk Fees “ “ “ “.....	10 00
“ “ W. M. Ives for Minutes and Express Dec. 4, 1886.....	23 25
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Express Expenses.....	8 50
Forwarded W. N. Chaudoin Dec. 17, 1886.....	7 00
April 10 Paid Bro. Proctor.....	12
Postage.....	2 35
Paid Bro. Proctor.....	15 70
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	\$107 12

Respectfully Submitted, GEO. B. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Bro. Drew reported Missionary, Elder W. M. Davis, was unavoidably absent, and moved that Bro. Davis' pledge of \$5 be remitted to him for services rendered at Lake Ogden during past Associational year. Carried  
 On motion adjourned to 7 p. m.

SATURDAY—7 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.  
 The Committee on Missions submitted their report, which was discussed, and on motion, made the special order for Sunday night 7:30 p. m.  
 On motion, the request of Mt. Pisgah Church for letter of dismission was granted, and the Clerk instructed to write the letter.  
 The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE:

Your Committee is glad to report that our Churches are placing themselves upon a higher plane on the subject of Temperance, and are agreeing to the fact Temperance is a part of the Gospel. And over our land men are awakening to the fact that christians cannot afford to touch, taste, or handle intoxicating drinks. And we would bid the christians and churches God speed, urging them to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the Saints, thus to elevate our country and save our youths from the Demon Strong Drink. Respectfully submitted.  
 GEORGE T. LEITNER, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to Sunday 7 p. m.

### DIVINE SERVICES.

Divine service was held in the Academy at 7:30 p. m., Saturday, by Elder J. N. Reid, and at the church on Sabbath at 11 a. m., led by Elder P. C. Drew, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$9.15 for Missions.

At 3 p. m. an interesting lecture on Chinese Missions was delivered by Sister L. B. Telford, at which time she exhibited two of the Chinese Idol Gods.

At 4 p. m. the Sabbath School was in session to receive the prizes awarded to the pupils of best attendance and best lessons.

### SUNDAY—7 P. M.

The body met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Pray by Rev. S. S. Proctor.

Pursuant to previous arrangement the report of the Committee on Missions was taken up and adopted.

### ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we yet find a vast destitution in Florida, East, West, North and South; more or less, but our most urgent and prosperous work is at this time the Cuba Mission work, from the fact that they readily receive the word, and enter themselves into the work, both male and female, as soon as converted. Also, Mexican Mission work is paying us as a denomination a large dividend on all outlay, both in labor and capital. The cries of all these appreciating people are right at our doors, and in our ears daily. Brethren, let us wake up to these privileges and pleasures, and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Our foreign fields are also crying, come over and help us. Dear brethren, let us have contributions, works, mingled with our united prayers for the redemption of these dear, yet long neglected people. We have had Bro. Proctor employed for the last year, who has done for Association a valuable and glorious work. Respectfully submitted.

J. G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Missionary Proctor submitted his report as follows, which was received and adopted:

### MISSIONARY REPORT, 1887.

From Feb. 1st to Oct. 1st.

TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

BRETHREN:—The following is my report as your Missionary:

Miles traveled.....	1,317
Sermons preached.....	115
Families visited.....	159
Addresses.....	76
Prayer Meetings.....	43
Sunday Schools visited.....	16
Baptisms.....	13
Received by Letter.....	21
Restoration.....	1
Churches Constituted.....	2
Deacons Ordained.....	3
Pages of Tracts distributed.....	308
Assisted Bro. Leitner at Ft. White in the ordination of 2 Deacons, and Bro. Mosley at Providence in the ordination of Bro. G. W. S. Ware to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, and have received on my salary the following amounts:	
Beulah Association.....	\$ 9 50
Lake City Church.....	5 00

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Kynard School House.....	2 25
State Board.....	10 00
By Contribution.....	8 00
Subscription to Witness.....	2 00
To am't. collected on the field.....	25 41
This amount equally divided between the Board of the Association and State Board makes the amount received from Association.....	\$51 70
From State.....	39 20
Total.....	\$90 90

Respectfully submitted,

REV. S. S. PROCTOR, Missionary.

The Executive Committee reported by Brothers Leitner and Ellis as follows, which was received and adopted:

TO THE BRETHREN COMPOSING BEULAH ASSOCIATION:

As your Executive Committee, we employed Bro. S. S. Proctor in connection with State Board. We have paid our Missionary only \$51.70 of the amount promised to the work performed by our Missionary. We refer you to his report.

G. B. ELLIS, } For  
G. T. LEITNER, } Committee.

The Committee on Publications submitted their report which was adopted:

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend the Florida Baptist Witness as the organ of the Baptists of Florida and worthy of the patronage of the Association. As Sabbath School helps, we recommend "Kind Words", published at Atlanta by the Southern Baptist Convention, and the International Lesson Papers, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, as worthy of our patronage and support.

P. C. DREW, }  
R. M. MOSLEY, } Committee.  
W. E. DENNARD, }

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report which was adopted.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

TO THE BEULAH ASSOCIATION:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that we find from the letters of the Churches composing the Association that there are four holding Sunday Schools and ten which do not.

We deem the Sabbath School a very important auxiliary to Church work, if properly conducted, but like all other powerful agencies, dangerous if perverted. As the Gospel message itself is a savior of life unto life, or death unto death, so of course is the Sabbath School Surely the chief object of the Sunday School is to inculcate the pure principles and doctrines of this Gospel. The very privilege of the Sunday School entails fearful responsibility. Far better for our children to have no Sunday School privilege at all than fail to properly improve them, or to have false doctrines, and the false notion that "no doctrine is the best religion", impressed on their young and tender minds—like "was to receive an adamant to retain." The heathen will rise up in the judgment and condemn those who have such exalted privileges, if they fail to embrace and improve them, and we shudder when we ponder well the words of Christ, "woe to you blind guides, for you shall receive the greater condemnation," &c. Greater condemnation than those led astray from the truth, for when "both fall into the pit", the leaders will be at the bottom. We conceive that there is but little difference between teaching false doctrines and teaching no doctrines, for Solomon said, "as a man thinketh, so is he." A man's belief, or doctrine, is all that gives him char-



acter---if he has no doctrine he has no character. The popular notion that false doctrine and false religion is better than doctrine and no religion, we conceive to be a device of the devil to beguile the weak; therefore, your Committee earnestly suggest and recommend that all our Churches take heed to these solemn facts and resolve to adopt strict and advisory measures to secure the blessed ends contemplated. We recommend that only our own literature be used in our Schools--- that all cheap, non-sectarian literature be rejected as dangerous and delusive, and that all our Sabbath Schools should be under the immediate supervision of the Churches; and that they should not be left to be run by the children and the teachers. We would urge that the Churches should elect the Superintendent, and that he, aided by the Pastor and officers of the Church and Sunday School, select all the teachers, seeing that in all cases every permanent teacher be a member of the same Church conducting the Sunday School, for we hold that no man or woman is competent to teach in a Baptist Sunday School who is not converted and a member of a Baptist Church. Seeing that the inspired word must be spiritually discerned, and that all knowledge of science and philosophy could not qualify the unregenerate to teach even an infant class in the Sabbath School. We would urge, also, last but not least, that all members of the Churches should be also members of the Sabbath School, seeing that we can never graduate in Bible study.

F. B. MOODY, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, 9 a. m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Proctor.

Minutes read and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. H. E. Braddock, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the Delegates and Messengers composing this Association do hereby tender our thanks to the kind people of Branford and vicinity for the very generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this meeting.

The Committee on Woman's Work submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Never before in the history of the world has so much interest been manifested by Woman in good works. Ever noble and energetic in things pertaining to the welfare and the ennoblement of the human race. During the past year they have displayed unusual energy through their Missionary Societies and other channels. The results of their works have been far reaching and beneficent. They have contributed largely of their means to good causes. Most especially have they endeared themselves to the christian world by their strenuous work in assisting to aid in ridding many portions of our fair land of that curse of modern times, saloons. Not having the statistics we cannot give the amounts collected the past year. We most heartily commend to the support of the Association the noble work for the foreign mission field of our esteemed sister, L. B. Telford, who is an earnest efficient worker. We ask for the encouragement her noble work demands. We recommend renewed efforts in Societies already formed, and their formation in churches, where none exist. Respectfully submitted.

E. G. PERSONS, Chairman.  
MRS. J. P. SWAILS,  
MANLY MOODY,  
JOHN NORRIS.

On motion Bro. Geo. B. Ellis was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.  
On motion Bros. W M. Ives, G. T. Leitner, Wm. Terry and G. B. Ellis

were chosen as the Executive Board of the Association for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Finance made their report which was received and adopted. See appendix A.

On motion of Bro. Leitner that the collection of Sunday (\$9.15) be divided, one-third to the Association and two-thirds to the State Board. Carried.

By Bro. Leitner: RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be hereby entrusted to pay out the funds now in hand as designated by the letters from the churches and reported by the Finance committee. Adopted.

On motion, the Clerk be paid \$10 for his services, and that he have printed 300 copies of Minutes. There being but \$16 sent up by the churches for printing Minutes, the Clerk agreed to contribute the amount deficit and print the 300 copies of Minutes.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church at Ft. White on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, A. D., 1887.

ROBT. F. ROGERS,

CLERK.

T. W. GETZEN,

MODERATOR.

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES:	Minutes	General Purposes	MISSIONS			Total
			Associational	State	Home	
Lake City .....	2 00					2 00
Branford .....	1 00	4 56				5 56
Elim .....	1 50	1 00	5 00		2 00	9 50
Mt. Beulah .....	2 00	4 00				6 00
Bethlehem .....	1 00					1 00
Cypress Lake .....						
Mt Pleasant .....	2 00	3 00				5 00
Mt Zion .....	1 35	2 25				3 60
Pleasant Springs .....	1 00		2 00	2 00		5 00
Ft. White .....	70		5 00			5 70
Columbia City .....	1 00					1 00
Hopeful .....	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Collection on Sabbath .....	9 15					9 15
Total .....						\$58 51

We find Treasurer's Report correct.

E. W. PURVIS, Chairman.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Total Mem <sup>r</sup> Rep'd last yr	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter <sup>n</sup> and Restora <sup>n</sup>	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Present Membership
Mt. Pleasant.....	E. F. Rogers.....	E. W. Purvis.....	Welborn.....	54	24	7	13	1	1	73
Mt. Beulah.....	E. F. Rogers.....	E. J. Blume.....	Little River.....	74	11	16	1	6	1	90
McClenney.....	R. F. Rogers.....	C. F. Barber.....	McClenney.....	30	25	14	14	1	1	70
Lake City.....	P. C. Drew.....	T. S. Chalker.....	Lake City.....	111	11	3	6	4	1	113
Mt. Zion.....	M. F. Brown.....	K. T. Bell.....	Bell's Mill.....	25	4	7	2	1	1	59
Cypress Lake.....	G. W. S. Ware.....	S. L. Wilder.....	Little River.....	54	17	5	20	1	1	125
Elim.....	G. T. Leitner.....	T. W. Getzen.....	Ft. White.....	125	17	3	5	10	6	36
Bethlehem.....	S. S. Proctor.....	W. L. Warren.....	Lake City.....	46	3	5	10	6	2	36
Mt. Pisgah.....	J. W. Fleming.....	J. W. Williams.....	O'Brien.....	22	22	10	3	3	3	22
Branford.....	J. G. Taylor.....	J. E. Barnett.....	Branford.....	24	24	10	3	3	3	28
* Ft. White.....	G. T. Leitner.....	J. W. Bell.....	Ft. White.....	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
* Hopeful.....	S. S. Proctor.....	W. F. Brown.....	Lake City.....	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
* Columbia City.....	S. S. Proctor.....	A. J. Brinson.....	Columbia City.....	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
* Pleasant Springs.....	K. Chambers.....	G. M. Taylor.....	Lake City.....	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
Total.....				565	99	69	53	21	3	722

Those Churches marked \* are new Churches.  
Mt. Pisgah was dismissed and has joined the Suwannee Association.

R. F. ROGERS, Clerk.



