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MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE
PROVIDENCE CHURCH, BRADFORD CO., FLORIDA,
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1891.

OFFICERS.

T. W. GETZEN MODERATOR.
E. G. PERSONS CLERK.
G. B. ELLIS TREASURER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. O. HARRIS. B. L. MORGAN. E. G. PERSONS.
B. R. MOSELY. G. B. ELLIS.

Next Session with ELIM CHURCH, Wednesday before Fourth Sunday in
October, 1892.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

- 1st. Open meeting with singing, reading Scriptures and prayer.
- ✓ 2d. Reading letters from churches and enrolling Messengers.
- ✓ 3d. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- ✓ 4th. Invite visiting ministers to seats in the body.
- ✓ 5th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 6th. Call for Correspondents.
- 7th. 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. Christian Education.
- 8th. Appoint Correspondents.
- 9th. Reports of Committees.
- 10th. Unfinished Business.
- 11th. Close with Devotional Exercises.

MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

B. R. MOSELY, Ft. White.
W. M. DAVIS, Lake City.
J. H. CROSBY, Lacrosse.
G. W. S. WARE, Mount Tabor.
J. N. REID, Jasper.
R. F. ROGERS, Lake City.
S. S. PROCTOR, Lake Butler.
L. R. THOMAS, Ft. White.

MINUTES

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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Beulah Baptist Association commenced its Twelfth Annual Session at Providence Church, Bradford County, Florida, Wednesday, October 21st, 1891.

Association called to order by Moderator, T. W. Getzen.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. S. Proctor. Text, 1st, 2d and 3d verses, 4th chapter John. After singing and prayer adjourned to 1 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Roll of Delegates was—

Mt. Pleasant.—H. E. Braddock, S. M. Parker, G. W. Helton.

Lake City.—F. B. Moody.

Lake Butler.—W. W. Chapman, W. B. Dees, S. S. Proctor, Mrs. Salome Colson, E. E. Hill.

Bethlehem.—F. M. Waldrup, J. T. Waldrup.

Hopeful.—A. P. Smith, H. J. Marcum.

Pleasant Springs.—B. L. Morgan.

Mt. Zion.—

Ft. White.—G. M. Ellis, E. G. Persons, D. B. O'Quinn.

Elim.—T. W. Getzen, G. B. Ellis, James Terry, Mrs. G. B. Ellis, Frank Bunch.

Branford.—B. R. Moseley.

Mt. Beulah.—T. F. Avant, J. F. Hunt, J. H. Newsome.

Cypress Lake.—J. J. Taylor.

Prospect.—T. C. Hooper.

Philippi.—J. W. Cone, P. D. Vinzant, Newton Vinzant.

Providence.—G. W. S. Ware, G. W. Clyatt, S. M. Rowe, L. F. Gay, S. W. Dubose.

Live Oak.—J. W. Lloyd, R. A. Clyatt, L. J. Turner.

Letters were read by S. S. Proctor and T. F. Avant.

On motion, T. W. Getzen was elected Moderator; E. G. Persons, Clerk; and G. B. Ellis, Treasurer, by acclamation.

The Moderator then invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats in the body. The following brethren responded:—J. J. Clark, New River Association; J. C. Porter, Baptist Witness; N. A. Bailey.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:—

On Preaching.—Pastor and Deacons Providence Church. *Queries.*—S. S. Proctor, G. W. S. Ware, W. B. Dees, Newton Vinzant.

Finance.—H. E. Braddock, W. W. Chapman, P. D. Vinzant.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—B. L. Morgan, J. W. Cone, F. M. Waldrup.

Publications.—J. H. Crosby, S. W. Dubose, G. W. Clyatt, J. T. Waldrup.

Sabbath Schools.—G. W. S. Ware, A. P. Smith, H. J. Marcum, Frank Bunch.

Temperance.—G. B. Ellis, S. M. Parker, G. W. Helton, Frank Bunch.

Missions.—F. B. Moody, T. F. Avant, J. F. Hunt, S. M. Rowe, D. B. O'Quinn.

Woman's Work.—S. S. Proctor, G. M. Ellis, T. C. Hooper, Mrs. E. E. Hill.

Christian Education.—Charles Smith, L. F. Gay, J. W. Lloyd, Mrs. G. B. Ellis, James Terry, J. H. Newson.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. S. Proctor to preach at 7.30 p. m.

Treasurer G. B. Ellis made his report, and on motion report was referred to Finance Committee.

After prayer by Rev. G. W. S. Ware meeting adjourned to 9.30 a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator renewed his call for petitionary letters.

Live Oak Church applied for admission into Beulah Baptist Association and was unanimously received and welcomed as a member of the body.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work received and after discussion by Rev. S. S. Proctor and Rev. J. C. Porter, adopted.

REPORT.

Our Lord has ever recognized the peculiar fitness of woman to be man's helper, not only in the home but in the Church. Of woman—not of man—it was said, "She hath done what she could." Of woman it is recorded that "She sat at Jesus' feet and learned of him"—and of another woman that "She washed the Lord's feet with her tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head." Women ministered unto our Lord's temporal necessities as he went about doing good, and women first visited the place where Jesus lay entombed, carrying with them sweet spices with which to anoint his body. And in the language of Paul we would say, "Brethren, help these women in their work." Help them with your prayers; help them with words of encouragement; help them with your means.

S. S. PROCTOR,
G. M. ELLIS,
T. C. HOOPER,
MRS. E. E. HILL,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Publications received, and after discussion by Rev. J. C. Porter, H. E. Braddock and Rev. S. S. Proctor, adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to say, in their opinion the religious press is second only to the pulpit as an agency for good; and, therefore, we cannot too strongly urge upon the membership of our churches the importance of availing themselves of so valuable aids to devotion and religious development as good religious books and papers. We therefore earnestly urge every pastor of our churches to make a faithful effort to introduce the Witness into every family. That we consider the Florida Baptist Witness a necessity as an organ of communication; that Baptists in all the states be united in the glorious work of missions and education.

We recommend that the month of January next be set apart as Witness month, and that our pastors be requested to call attention to the paper from their pulpits, and make an earnest effort to increase its circulation.

And to our Sunday Schools we recommend Kind Words and the periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society and leave the question of the choice of literature, which has been agitating our denomination in this state, entirely with the churches and Sunday Schools.

J. H. CROSBY,
S. W. DUBOSE,
G. W. CLYATT,
J. T. WALDRUP,
Committee

Report of Committee on Temperance received and on motion its discussion was made the special order of business for 2 p. m.

After a recess of ten minutes, Rev. J. C. Porter preached from 2d Timothy, 2d chapter 19th verse.

Committee on Preaching announced that Dr. J. F. Forbes would preach at night at 7.30 p. m., and that Rev. N. A. Bailey would preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m. Friday morning.

Adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Report of Committee on Temperance was then taken up and after discussion by Rev. B. R. Mosely, the report was received.

REPORT.

Your committee on Temperance regards the subject as very important, as we consider the use of intoxicating drinks as by far the most monstrous evil known that threatens our families, churches and government. Therefore we as Baptists and Christians should bring every influence to oppose and try to eradicate this great soul-destroying evil from our churches, and we particularly call attention to the so-called moderate drinkers, or church members who take a drink but do not get drunk, as we consider their influence more hurtful and brings reproach on the church inasmuch as they are examples for those in the church and a stumbling block for those outside.

We would recommend that the churches in this Association be prompt in their discipline in all cases of drunkenness.

The report of Committee on Sunday Schools was received and adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully submit the following: That research shows that the Sunday School is of no mushroom growth of the present day, neither did it originate with Robert Raikes or in the dark ages. There were Sabbath Schools before the Word of God took form. Doubtless Adam gathered his descendants around him and told of the glories of Eden, and of the promise of God to redeem them from sin and reinstate them in his favor.

The dark ages of Popery threatened the extinction of the spirit of Sunday Schools, but now, by the grace of God, it is about to rejuvenate the earth with its Life-giving waters.

We are pleased to note that most of our churches have Sabbath Schools.

One church reported that they tried to have a Sunday School but failed. Try again, brethren, and the Lord will bless your efforts. We note a few causes of failure: 1st, Teachers fail to prepare themselves; 2nd, Scholars reciting lessons from Quarterlies; 3rd, Not enough Scripture is memorized; 4th, We suffer Pedo-Baptists to dictate what portion of God's Word we teach our children and those under our influence.

G. W. S. WARE,
FRANK BUNCH,
A. P. SMITH,
J. H. MARCUM,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons received and adopted.

REPORT.

Our report is that we recommend this Association to return thanks—sincere and hearty—that God has spared all our ministers and deacons. We also recommend that special prayers be offered by this Association for deacon

K. D. Edge, who has been a tower of strength amongst us, a loved and honored servant of God in every good work, that the Lord may restore him to health, if it be his will, and if not that he would make his last days full of his mercy, gentleness and goodness.

B. L. MORGAN,
J. W. CONE,
F. M. WALDRUP,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Queries received and adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Queries and Letters would report; we find one petitionary letter from Live Oak Church, no queries from churches.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

The courtesy of the Association was then tendered Rev. N. A. Bailey for an appeal for Missions, and Rev. J. C. Porter in behalf of the Baptist Witness.

The report of the Committee on Missions was received, and after discussion by N. A. Bailey, adopted.

REPORT.

The common expression "Missionary Baptist," is a double superlative, and the one "Anti-Missionary Baptist," contraction of terms—for to be a Baptist in the true sense is to be a *missionary*, and to be anti-missionary is to be anti-Baptist and anti-Christian. All who come to Christ are required to take his yoke upon them, and to work in His vineyard, and there is no room or place in His vineyard for idlers, for they were found on the corners and in the market places "*standing* all the day *idle*," for which they were reprov'd and commanded to go into the vineyard and work. Those who came unto the Great Physician for healing were commanded to go and tell what great things had been done for them. The course of life is a lamp and those to whom this light has been given are required to carry it to those who are in darkness and not to put it under a bushel. A city set on a hill cannot be hid, and those styling themselves anti-Missionary Baptists answer to 10th chapter Matthew,

"If that Light in you be darkness, how great is that darkness," and are graphically described by the "Salt that has lost its savor." Every true Baptist has a mission and is a missionary. The command in the Great Commission is to go with the message of mercy and the proclamation of pardon to all the world as a witness to the nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and those who say they favor home missions and not foreign missions, limit the command to the beginning at Jerusalem, denying and disobeying the word to go with the word to all nations. It is a sad thought that while no less than a million have been brought to Christ since Carey and Judson first went out to the heathen, there are to-day at least 200,000,000 more heathens than there were a century ago.

The field is indeed "white unto the harvest," the laborers few, the idlers many.

While it is declared by nearly all of the most scholarly and spiritual minded students of the Signs of the Times, Science and Chronology and the more sure words of prophecy, that the sixth day of the world's great week of labor and sorrow, even the eleventh hour of the Gospel day or dispensation is even now signaled on the great dial of the solar system—this day of Grace is far spent—and the night when no man can longer labor is at hand, when the door of Gospel privileges will be shut. Therefore your committee would urge greater zeal and earnestness for missions at home and abroad than ever before, for they that seek the Lord must seek him while he may be found, for when once the master of the house has shut the door the day of mercy ends and that of justice and judgement begins, for it is certain that the day of Grace will soon end, when the long-suffering and long-insulted spirit will be ground away, and the "man of sin," the lawless one, "the son of perdition," even the anti-Christ, whom the nations given over to the anti-Christ will receive, inaugurating the Great Tribulation. Seeing that the time is short and the day of reckoning approaching, we would recommend greater diligence and that the present centennial effort for the cause of missions be encouraged and that special effort now be made at this Association to pay for the house of worship in Havana, Cuba.

F. B. MOODIE,
F. T. AVANT,
S. M. ROWE,
J. F. HUNT,
Committee.

Adjourned to 9:30 A. M. Friday.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents.

To *Santa Fe Association*.—Rev. B. R. Mosely, Rev. S. S. Proctor, T. W. Getzen.

Suwannee Association.—Rev. B. R. Mosely.

New River " Rev. S. S. Proctor, Rev. B. R. Mosely.

The following delegates were appointed.

To the *Southern Baptist Convention*.—E. G. Persons.

" *State Baptist Convention*.—F. B. Moody, Rev. R. F. Rogers, Rev. B. R. Mosely, B. L. Morgan, G. B. Ellis, T. W. Getzen, E. G. Persons, Rev. G. J. T. Leitner, Rev. S. S. Proctor, T. S. Chalker.

The report on Christian Education was received, and after discussion by J. F. Forbes, N. A. Bailey, adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee realize the importance of this subject; the needs of training both of mind and heart, the great necessity of developing a body of educated ministers. In order to have trained ministers, we must have schools in which to train them, and that they attend these. Our churches should, when necessary, furnish the means for the maintenance of these brethren.

By the goodness of God, we have the John B. Stetson University at DeLand, where at present five young men are preparing for the ministry, while others are seeking admission. We also have the Institute at Lake City. Both of these we heartily recommend.

CHAS. SMITH, Chairman.

The Moderator, on motion, appointed J. O. Harris, B. L. Morgan, G. B. Ellis, B. R. Mosely, E. G. Persons, Executive Committee for next year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That the best thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to members of Providence Church,

and citizens in the vicinity for their generous hospitality during the session of the Association.

2nd. That the Clerk have 400 copies of minutes printed and be allowed the usual fee for his services.

The invitation of Elim Church to hold the next session of the Association with that church, was accepted. Time, Wednesday, before the 4th Sunday in Oct., 1892.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Centennial Committee as follows:—Rev. B. R. Mosely, Rev. G. W. S. Ware, Rev. J. O. Harris, H. E. Braddock, E. G. Persons.

Report of Finance Committee received and adopted.

REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Minutes	MISSIONS.		General Purposes.	TOTAL.
		Home.	State.		
Mt. Pleasant.....	\$1.00	.....	.....	\$3.45	\$4.45
Lake City.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Branford.....	.50	.....	.50	.....	1.00
Elim.....	.....	.....	.....	8.65	8.65
Mt. Beulah.....	1.00	.....	.....	4.00	5.00
Bethlehem.....	1.00	.....	.....	.50	1.50
Cypress Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Springs....	1.00	.....	.....	2.00	3.00
Ft. White.....	.....	.....	.....	8.35	8.35
Hopeful.....	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	4.00
Lake Butler.....	1.50	.....	.....	3.50	5.00
Prospect.....	1.00	.....	.....	.50	1.50
Philippi.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.85	2.85
Providence.....	2.00	.....	.....	10.55	12.55
Live Oak.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	2.00
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$63.05
Collections.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00

We find Treasurer's report correct.

H. E. BRADDOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF TREASURER G. B. ELLIS.

	Dr.	Cr.
Oct. 23, 1890.—Rec'd from Finance Com.,	\$105.11	
T. C. Carroll	5.00	
A. B. Brown	5.00	
J. F. Baya	5.00	
Union meeting at Philippi	3.90	
" " Elim...	7.17	
" " Ft. White	4.56	
Left over from minutes ..	1.00	
Oct. 12, 1890.—Paid Rev. C. B. Smith,		\$50.00
missionary		12.00
Jan. 2, 1891.—E. G. Persons, clerk fees.		23.00
Printing Minutes.....		10.00
W. N. Chaudoin		10.00
7, —C. B. Smith .....		.12
Postage		10.00
Feb. 3, —C. B. Smith		5.00
26, —C. B. Smith		11.62
Balance.....		
Total.....	\$136.74	\$136.74

G. B. ELLIS, Treasurer.

After devotional exercises, Association adjourned to meet with Elim Church, Wednesday before fourth Sunday in October, 1892.

E. G. PERSONS,
Clerk..

T. W. GETZEN,
Moderator.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.	Number Scholars.	Number Teachers and Officers.	Contributions.
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. A. Ruff	Lake City.....	160	16	\$50.00
Lake City.....	John A. King	Lake Butler..	58	9	5.00
Lake Butler	R. F. Colson	Payne	50	9	5.00
Bethlehem.....	E. G. Persons	Ft. White.....	60	6	20.00
Hopetul	J. F. Bunch.....	Herlong	45	9	20.00
Pleasant Springs.....					
Mt. Zion					
Ft. White.....					
Elim					
Brantford					
McClenny					
Mt. Beulah					
Cypress Lake.....	T. C. Hooper.....	Ft. White	35	5	4.00
New Prospect.....	Jno. W. Cone	Mikesville	34	5	5.00
Philippi	R. W. Turner	Providence	72	8	3.00
Providence	A. C. Odom	Providence	64	9	4.20
Providence Branch.....	W. P. Mosely	Live Oak	37	7	25.00
Live Oak					

Sunday School Statistics of Churches in Beulah Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE, BEULAH ASSOCIATION, FLORIDA.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	CLERKS' POST OFFICES	Baptised	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded	Total Loss	Total Gain	Total Membership	Value Property.	Dead
Live Oak	G. T. Leitner.	B. W. Helveston	Live Oak	6	2	1	2	..	9	3	42	\$1200	1
Mt. Pleasant	R. F. Rogers.	E. W. Purvis	Wellborn	7	..	..	1	1	2	7	82	1500	..
Lake City	W. C. McCall	J. M. Futch	Lake City	16	10	..	11	1	1336	139	2000	2000	1
Lake Butler	J. O. Harris	W. J. Epperson	Lake Butler	5	2	..	..	..	2	7	29	300	..
Bethlehem	S. S. Proctor	F. M. Waldrup	Lake City	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	36	..	..
Hopeful	Chas. Smith	W. F. Brown	Lake City	..	3	..	4	..	1	1	24	150	..
Pleasant Springs	Chas. Smith	B. L. Morgan	Lake Ogden	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	27	200	..
Mt. Zion	G. T. Leitner	J. W. Bell	Ft. White	..	2	..	4	..	4	2	51	1000	..
Ft. White	B. R. Mosely	T. W. Getzen	Ft. White	3	1	..	1	..	2	4	134	600	1
Elim	B. R. Mosely	B. M. Horne	Branford	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	600	..
Branford	J. N. Reid	W. S. Newsome	Little River	23	4	6	6	1	833	86	400	400	1
McClenny	L. R. Thomas	T. C. Hooper	Ft. White	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	300	..
Mt. Beulah	J. H. Crosby	J. L. Townsend	Mikesville	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	49	510	2
Cypress Lake	J. H. Crosby	L. F. Gay	Providence	5	4	3	3	1	7	812	155	1100	..
New Prospect	J. H. Crosby	L. F. Gay	Providence	5	4	3	3	1	7	812	155	1100	..
Phillippi	J. H. Crosby	L. F. Gay	Providence	5	4	3	3	1	7	812	155	1100	..
Providence	J. H. Crosby	L. F. Gay	Providence	5	4	3	3	1	7	812	155	1100	..

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Providence 45-

Edinboro 40,

Fort Pitt 20,

Seneca City 40,