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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
FORT WHITE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Fort White, Florida,
November 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1899.

OFFICERS:

T. W. GETZEN, MODERATOR, FORT WHITE, FLA.
CHARLES C. ODOM, CLERK, PROVIDENCE, FLA.
H. E. BRADDOCK, TREASURER, WELLBORN, FLA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

A. B. BROWN, H. E. BRADDOCK, T. C. REGISTER, W. N.
CONE AND J. O. HARRIS.

Next Session to be Held with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church,
one and a half miles from Wellborn, Columbia County,
Florida, Friday before the 1st Sunday in Nov. 1900.

LAKE CITY, FLA.:
REPORTER JOB OFFICE.
1900.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, reading Scripture, and prayer.
2. Reading letters from Churches and enrolling Messengers.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite Ministers to seats in the body.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Call for Correspondents.
7. Appoint committees on—
 - (1) Preaching, (2) Queries, (3) Finance, (4) Deceased Ministers and Deacons, (5) Publications, (6) Sunday Schools, (7) Temperance, (8) Missions, (9) Christian Education, (10) Appoint Correspondents.
8. Reports of Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. Close with Devotional Exercises.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

R. F. ROGERS.....	Lake City, Fla.
C. V. WAUGH.....	Lake City, Fla.
J. O. HARRIS.....	Lake City, Fla.
B. R. MOSELEY.....	Ft. White, Fla.
R. E. PARNELL.....	Wellborn, Fla.
S. D. DUPREE.....	Wellborn, Fla.
G. W. S. WARE.....	Mason, Fla.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, November 3rd, 1899.

The Beulah Baptist Association met this day in its Twentieth Annual Session, in the Baptist Church of Ft. White, Columbia County, Fla.

The Association was called to order by Bro. Geo. W. Clyatt, former Moderator.

Bro. B. R. Moseley led in prayer, after which the Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Harris. Text: Judges, 7th chapter and 21st verse. After prayer by Rev. Stephen Crockett, the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour. Bros. Stephen Crockett and E. G. Persons were appointed to read the letters from the several churches, and the names of Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Lake Butler.—T. P. Register, Mrs. J. F. Futch and Miss Lota Townsend.

Ft. White.—A. J. Green, T. B. Campbell and E. G. Persons.

Mt. Pleasant.—H. E. Braddock, Geo. F. Griffin and Miss Effie Braddock.

Elim.—Wm. Terry, T. W. Getzon, E. Polk, John Harrell, Miles Dennis and Geo. Bradley.

Providence.—B. R. Moseley, G. W. S. Ware, G. W. Clyatt, L. F. Gay and Mrs. M. E. Gay.

Oak Grove.—J. R. Avery and W. H. Long.

Smyrna.—W. N. Cone.

Philippi.—J. W. Cone.

Lake City.—J. O. Harris, H. L. Dodd, C. V. Waugh and Mrs. A. B. Brown.

Mt. Beulah.—R. H. Carver.

First Baptist Church of Providence.—C. C. Odom and Jesse Bivins.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Bro. Geo. W. Clyatt, former Moderator, asked to be relieved. On motion T. W. Getzon was elected Moderator. On motion C. C. Odom was elected Clerk, and H. E. Braddock Treasurer, by acclamation.

Mt. Carmel Church presented a letter for admission into Association. On motion was received, with the following named Messenger: B. L. Morgan.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: On Preaching—E. G. Persons, T. P. Register and T. B. Campbell.

Queries—J. O. Harris, G. W. Clyatt and Jesse Bivins.

Finance—E. G. Persons, A. J. Green, and J. W. Cone.

Deceased Ministers—H. E. Braddock, B. L. Morgan and T. P. Register.

Publications—B. R. Moseley, H. L. Dodd and Miss Lota Townsend.

Sunday Schools—G. W. S. Ware, John Harrell, L. F. Gay, G. W. Clyatt and B. L. Morgan.

Temperance—Geo. F. Griffin, Wm. Terry, E. Polk, Mrs. J. F. Futch, and Mrs. M. E. Gay.

Missions—B. R. Moseley, T. B. Campbell, Miles Dennis, J. R. Avery, R. H. Carver and D. O. Rivers.

Christian Education—John Harrell, C. V. Waugh, W. N. Cone, H. L. Dodd, H. E. Braddock and G. W. S. Ware.

Committee on preaching reported as follows: Rev. B. R. Moseley to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and Rev. C. V. Waugh, Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Bro. B. R. Moseley was appointed as Correspondent to St. John's Association, Bro. G. W. Clyatt to Santa Fee Association, and Bro. H. E. Braddock to St. Mary's Association.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. C. V. Waugh. Minutes of Friday's session read and approved. Rev. Stephen Crockett was received as Correspondent from the Florida Association, Bro. Jno. M. Caldwell from Hamilton, Bro. E. H. Reynolds, Sr., from St. Mary's and Bro. J. E. McIntosh from Pasco, Associations.

The following named Messengers reported from Mt. Zion Church: D. O. Rivers and W. A. Brinkley.

The following report was presented, read and very ably discussed by Bros. C. V. Waugh, B. R. Moseley and J. C. Porter, and on motion adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We recognize the importance of the Christian education, and the sooner it is brought to bear on the youth the better. No truer proverb was ever written than "Raise a child up in the way it should go, and it will not depart therefrom when it gets old." It has been well said that "Education is Growth." Then let us strive for the right kind of Christian education, in order that we may grow spiritually. Christian education is the

true guide to normal, wholesome and expanding life, and therefore it is the earnest desire of the committee that the work of Christian education may go on and continue to increase in power till its influence is felt the world over.

We congratulate the Baptists for the great part they are taking in this work. We hope the Baptists will continue in this good work, and recommend the John B. Stetson University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to all Florida Youths who are seeking a Christian education.

JOHN HARRELL,	} Committee.
W. N. CONE,	
H. L. DODD,	
H. E. BRADDOCK,	
G. W. S. WARE,	

Committee on Missions made the following report, which after reading and being discussed by Bros. B. R. Moseley, D. O. Rivers, Jno. M. Caldwell, J. C. Porter, C. V. Waugh and G. W. S. Ware, on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Missions, briefly defined, are for the work of carrying the Gospel into places where it has not been or where it cannot be preached without help. The design of God is to accomplish his purposes with the aid of human agencies. Christ, in the performance of miracles, used human aid. He commanded the blind man to wash his eyes in the pool of Siloam and the stone to be rolled from the mouth of the grave of Lazarus, using human means to all the work possible, only using divine power to do that which was beyond human effort, and showing the necessity of both, in accomplishing his ends on earth.

In the spread of the Gospel the same plan is pursued and the same order of labor exists to-day, human and divine. How, then, can we neglect to work in the fields before us? Some members of our churches, however, it would seem, are not alive to their individual duty in this matter. It is as much one Christian's duty as another's to provide for the spreading of the Gospel, not only at home, but into every civilized nation on the globe. No one can neglect it and live a life of true Christian obedience. Our churches, in agreement with the teachings of the Bible, were intended to be missionary by the very plan of their constitution. During the past year the work has been greatly blessed and also enlarged, and the newly acquired responsibilities of our government has opened vast missionary fields, which our Boards will gladly enter as rapidly as the churches supply the necessary funds. This is the great work of all the years, a work unlike any other, and sustained by the promise of God. In looking at the necessities of the foreign fields, we should not forget, or neglect, our home fields. There

are places of destitution, spiritually, in our own country which need encouragement and help, at least for a time.

In urging upon the Brethren the necessity of aiding in sending the Gospel to foreign and home fields, we do so with confidence, for Christ has promised that His word shall not return void, and that "He will be with us even unto the end."

Men cannot, however, work in this day and time without money, and it is the duty of the Church to well provide for the minister in the performance of his work. Therefore your committee urge upon the Churches composing this Association to contribute to the work of missions, remembering that freely they have received and freely they should give.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. MOSELEY, Chm'n,	} Committee.
H. L. DODD,	
T. B. CAMPBELL,	
MILES DENNIS,	
J. R. AVERY,	
R. H. CARVER,	
D. O. RIVERS,	

Committee on Preaching reported as follows: Bro. J. E. McIntosh to preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and Bro. R. F. Rogers to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed time.

Bro. J. C. Porter, in a short address, very ably presented the claims of the Florida Baptist Witness and John B. Stetson University.

Committee on Publications made the following report, which, after remarks by Bro. C. V. Waugh, was on motion adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Reading is a characteristic mark of man, distinguishing him from the brute creation. This is properly called the reading age, and if we, as parents, do not furnish our children with wholesome literature, they will be sure to feed their minds on the trashy, demoralizing books and periodicals which are daily being circulated in our midst by the enemies of our holy religion. Oh! that more of our Baptist people would wake up to the importance of reading Baptist literature and sound knowledge, and cease feeding on advent trash, mammon sin and Pedo-baptist nonsense. The only way to drive out these pernicious books and papers which demoralize, is to flood the home and the country with sound Baptist literature.

Your committee takes pleasure in recommending to all our Baptist people the Florida Baptist Witness, published in Ocala,

Fla. It is an able defender of the faith once delivered to the saints. It is the principal, in fact the only, medium of communication between Florida Baptists, and without it we cannot keep posted on our denominational work. In order to keep posted on the work of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, we would recommend the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. For our Sunday Schools, we recommend the excellent periodicals published by our Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., and also those published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,
 B. R. MOSELEY,
 H. L. DODD,
 MISS LOTA TOWNSEND, } Committee!

Report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was received and taken up for discussion, and, after remarks by B. R. Moseley, was adopted.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, submit the following report:

That we regret very much the loss of Bro. Robt. A. Clyatt, of Providence Church. He was kind, generous and hospitable, and will be greatly missed by the Church and community. But we should always feel that whatsoever the Lord doeth is done well, and we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His kind care over us.

H. E. BRADDOCK,
 B. L. MORGAN,
 T. P. REGISTER, } Committee.

Brother E. H. Reynolds, representing the State Convention as Historical Secretary, was welcomed, and addressed the Association regarding his work of gathering and preserving the facts of our denominational history, and its great importance, and that any aid given him would be appreciated.

Bro. J. C. Porter took a collection for aged ministers, which resulted in filling the Chaudoin barrel.

Committee on Queries presented the following report, which, after remarks by C. V. Waugh and R. F. Rogers, was on motion adopted:

RÉPORT ON QUERIES.

Your committee on Queries report that we have examined the letters from the churches and find no queries for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
 G. W. CLYATT,
 J. O. HARRIS,
 JESSE BIVINS, } Committee.

The Executive committee made the following report, which on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Association, your Executive committee respectfully report that on July 29th, H. E. Braddock, T. P. Register and R. F. Rogers met pursuant to call of the Chairman and perfected the organization by electing Bro. H. E. Braddock, Treasurer, and T. P. Register, Secretary. At that meeting your committee arranged with Bro. J. E. McIntosh (the Gospel Wagon Missionary of State Board) to labor in the bounds of our Association till the annual meeting of this body. We thought it best for Bro. McIntosh to labor with the Churches, reviving a missionary spirit, for at least half his time, thus enabling us to raise funds to meet our obligations, and the remaining half of his time to labor in the destitute places of our Association. Bro. McIntosh began work at Mt. Zion Church and remained there several days, thence to Providence Church, thence to Lake Butler Church, on Thursday, the 17th of August, remaining there till Thursday, August 24th, when he returned to Providence Village Church, remaining there preaching for several days. We have to our credit the following amounts paid Bro. McIntosh, viz:

August 2,	Mt. Zion Church.....	\$ 2 85
" 16,	Providence Church.....	4 75
" 23,	Lake Butler Church.....	5 77
Sept. 3,	Providence Village Church.....	20 06
	Total.....	\$33 43

Bro. McIntosh went North on account of failing health and did not return to render more missionary service for us other than the time above mentioned. His labors were fraught with success at Mt. Zion and Providence, but we have done but little, as you see, in our efforts to do missionary work in the bounds of our Association.

Your committee would state that Bro. D. O. Rivers has faithfully labored with Oak Grove and Corinth Churches during the past year; Bro. B. R. Moseley has held service at Hopeful Church one Sunday in each month, and Bro. E. H. Reynolds has preached one Sunday in each month at Sanderson. These are all important fields, and your committee would respectfully recommend that Bro. Rivers be paid \$10, Bro. Moseley \$5.00, and Bro. Reynolds \$5.00.

Your Chairman very kindly declines to serve longer on the Executive Board.

Very cordially yours,

R. F. ROGERS, for the Committee.

Treasurer's report was received, read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1898.	October	22,	Received from Finance Committee.....	\$30 65
"	"	23,	Collection on Sunday.....	11 48
1899.	July	30,	Received from Beulah Union.....	13 30
"	October	29,	" " " ".....	7 84

Total.....				\$63 27
1898.	October	23,	To amount paid Missionary Damon.....	15 48
"	"	23,	" " " Clerk of Association.....	5 00
"	"	23,	" " " Print'g Minutes of Associa'n.....	21 50

Total disbursed.....				\$41 98
Balance now on hand.....				\$21 29

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BRADDOCK, Treasurer.

Committee on Finance reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the report of Treasurer H. E. Braddock and find it correct. There is a balance of \$21.29 in his hands. The Churches sent in amounts as follows:

First Baptist Church, Providence.....	\$ 3 25
Mt. Zion Church.....	50
Smyrna Church.....	1 25
Oak Grove Church.....	3 00
Lake City Church.....	4 00
Elim Church.....	9 15
Mt. Carmel.....	3 10
Lake Butler Church.....	5 00
Ft. White Church.....	3 00
Providence Church.....	3 43
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	3 00
Beulah Church.....	5 00
Philippi Church.....	1 50

Total.....\$45 18

E. G. PERSONS,
A. J. GREEN,
J. W. CONE, } Committee.

The following resolution was presented by E. G. Persons, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Beulah Association have 800 copies of Minutes printed by lowest responsible bidder, and that the Clerk be paid \$10 for services.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Moseley, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That our Executive Board secure the services of a Missionary within the bounds of our Association as soon as possible.

On motion the report of Sunday Schools was made a special report Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

On motion Bros. R. F. Rogers and T. W. Getzon were appointed delegates to Southern Baptist Convention to be held at Hot Springs, Ark.

On motion adjourned until after services to-night.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Bro. J. E. McIntosh, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Temperance was presented, and after discussion by Bros. E. G. Persons, D. O. Rivers, J. E. McIntosh, E. H. Reynolds, Stephen Crockett, B. R. Moseley, G. W. S. Ware, R. F. Rogers and T. W. Getzon, adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The effects of drinking, and the sale of intoxicants, upon our people, socially, politically and religiously, are so clearly recognized that we consider it a waste of time, if not a reflection upon this body, to offer any of its dreadful realities. How to lessen the sale and drinking of it is the question. We should use all means in our power to abolish the making of whiskey, if possible, or restrict the sale; then the drinking would diminish. Hence, if we could entirely do away with the sale, the drinking would be compelled to cease. To do this we have to appeal to both, the voters and legislators. In obtaining such laws, in many instances we have been successful, but in many more we have failed; and when we have been successful, we must confess that we have not always been entirely satisfied with the results brought about by such measures. We feel that the fault is not so much from defects in the laws passed, as it is in the lack of faithfulness on the part of officials to enforce, and a failure of a hearty moral support on the part of citizens to uphold them.

Therefore, Brethren, while we would in no way discourage the efforts of our people to secure such officials, but we ask all to use every ability they have to this end; yet we would suggest to our people, both preachers and Churches, to put forth all effort possible to raise the masses to such a high plane of Christian citizenship, that they will work to successfully enforce such laws, if that be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. GRIFFIN,
WM. TERRY,
E. POLK,
MRS. J. F. FUTCH,
MRS. M. E. GAY, } Committee.

On motion adjourned till 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. B. R. Moseley.

On motion, Bros. E. G. Persons, G. W. C. Ware, B. R. Moseley, T. W. Getzon, G. W. Clyatt and G. B. Ellis were appointed delegates to State Convention at Deland, Fla.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Executive Committee: A. B. Brown, H. E. Braddock, T. P. Register, W. N. Cone and J. O. Harris.

On motion the next Association should convene with Mt. Pleasant Church one and one-half miles from Welborn, Columbia county, Friday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1900.

Bro. D. O. Rivers presented the following resolution, which on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Beulah Association, and the visiting brethren and ministers, tender our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Ft. White and surrounding country for hospitalities extended us during this session, and pray that God may richly reward their every Christian efforts and crown them with the richest blessings of a merciful God.

On motion, Bro. B. R. Moseley was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session, with Bro. R. F. Rogers as alternate.

Committee on Sunday Schools, at the appointed hour, presented their report, which was read, and after being ably discussed by Bros. G. W. S. Ware, D. O. Rivers, B. L. Morgan, T. W. Getzon, R. H. Carver and B. R. Moseley, was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would report: That some of our Churches report Sunday Schools, while others do not. Your committee recommend that the churches report all work done in this important church work during the year.

The prosperity of the kingdom of God in the coming years depend, to some extent, on our present work in the Sunday School. Therefore, let old and young rally to this work, for a Church without a Sunday School should not be satisfied with its work. We would also emphasize the importance of parental Bible home training as a necessary auxilliary to the Sunday School work. In regard to Sunday School literature, we would suggest that the best helps for our schools are our own Conyention Series, published at Nashville, Tenn.; and we also recommend the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

G. W. S. WARE,
JOHN HARRELL,
L. F. GAY,
G. W. CLYATT,
B. L. MORGAN, } Committee.

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After preaching by Bro. R. F. Rogers, a collection for missionary purposes was taken up, which amounted to \$11.00.

On motion, the Association closed to meet with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Columbia county, on Friday before the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1900.

T. W. GETZON, Moderator.

CHAS. C. ODOM, Clerk.

REPORT OF LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The ladies of the Beulah Association met at the home of Sister Persons, and held a Missionary meeting. Sister McIntosh opened the meeting by reading Scripture, and prayer.

The following Vice-Presidents were appointed: Mrs. C. V. Waugh, of Lake City, Fla., and Mrs. L. A. Odom, of Providence, Fla.

Letters from Providence Church and the First Baptist Church of Providence were received, and a verbal report from Elim Society.

Beulah Association now has five Missionary Societies, all doing good work. We hope to have a favorable report from them at our next Association, and trust that all the churches of our Association, that have no Woman's Missionary Societies, will organize one, and report at our next Association.

Mrs. E. G. PERSONS, Secretary.



CHURCHES.	Superintend- ents.	Post Office.	No. Offl. & Tch'rs	Pupils Enrolled.	Tot'l Memb'rship	Contributed for Expenses.
Elim	T. W. Getzon	Ft. White	4	3539	\$6 00	
Mt. Beulah.....	R. H. Carver	Welborn	6	6470	5 00	
Philippi	P. D. Vinzant	Mikesville	5	1520	2 75	
1st Baptist Church, Providence	J. M. Fralick	Providence	8	5058	10 00	
Lake City.....	J. O. Harris	Lake City	9	7584	20 00	
Ft. White.....	E. G. Persons	Ft. White	6	6066	7 00	
Mt. Carmel.....	B. L. Morgan	L'ke Ogden	7	3542	4 00	

Mt. Pleasant, Providence, Oak Grove, Mt. Zion and Smyrna does not report any Sunday Schools. Lake Butler has a Union Sunday School.

CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Association.

Sec 2, This Association shall be composed of Messengers selected by the several Churches connected with the Association. Each Church shall be entitled to one Messenger at large, and one for every twenty-five members or majority fraction thereof,

Sec. 3. Any regularly organized Baptist Church of the same faith may become a member of this Association upon application by petitionary letter and Messenger as above provided for.

Sec. 4. This Association shall at their regular meeting elect from their members by ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall serve for one year.

Sec. 5. The object of this Association shall be:

1. To promote unity and brotherly love among the churches.
2. To promote gospel discipline.

3. To encourage the universal spread of the Gospel and practical religion throughout our bounds, and elsewhere.

Sec. 6, The Moderator shall appoint at each annual session of the Association an Executive Committee composed of five members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be:

1. To diligently inquire into the destitutions within our bounds.
2. To make contracts with ministers of the Gospel of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with us, to supply such destitutions with the Gospel.
3. To draw from the treasury such funds as are available for missionary purposes to meet their contracts, and to exercise general supervision in the promotion of unity and brotherly love among the churches and the universal spread of the Gospel throughout our bounds. They shall report the result of their labors at each annual session of the Association

Sec. 7. The Moderator shall invite correspondents and visiting ministers and brethren to seats with the body when in session. They shall be entitled to the privileges of aiding the Association with their counsel.

Sec. 8. This Association shall have the right to withdraw from any church that may be in disorder when the same cannot be restored by Gospel discipline to the unity of faith in the bonds of peace.

Sec. 9. The annual meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the body; and by appointment there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached the first day of the session at 11 o'clock, and on the Sabbath or last day of the session a collection taken up for missionary purposes.

Sec. 10. This Association shall not lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the Churches, but shall act only as an advisory body.

Sec. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all the Messengers. Any amendment offered shall be in writing.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	When Organized.	Membership Last Year.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter.	Increase by Restoration.	Decrease by Letter.	Decrease by Exclusion.	Decrease by Death.	Present Membership.	Pastor's Salary and other Expenses.	Value of Church Building.	Value of Church Property.
Elim	S. S. Proctor	T. W. Getzon, Ft. White	1887	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	155 00	1000 00	1000 00
Ft. White	Stephen Crockett	A. Y. Green, Ft. White	1887	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	215 00	1000 00	1000 00
Philippi	S. G. Barnett	P. D. Vinson, Ft. White	1877	104	9	0	0	0	0	0	113	50 00	600 00	500 00
Mt. Beulah	O. J. Revels	G. P. Howell, Mikesville	1887	106	6	13	0	0	0	0	119	50 00	600 00	500 00
Lake Butler	R. F. Rogers	J. G. Parris, Lake Butler	1882	127	3	4	0	0	0	0	130	1,222 00	1200 00	1200 00
Providence	B. R. Moseley	G. W. Bailey, Lake Butler	1882	127	3	4	0	0	0	0	130	135 00	600 00	600 00
Lake City	M. M. Wamboldt	A. B. Brown, Lake City	1887	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	550 00	10,000 00	10,000 00
Lake Baptist, Providence	S. G. Barnett	C. C. Odom, Providence	1887	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	300 00	1000 00	1000 00
Oak Grove	D. O. Rivers	J. D. King	1888	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	14 00	700 00	700 00
Mt. Pleasant	J. O. Harris	Geo. F. Griffin, Welborn	1888	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	75 00	1000 00	1000 00
Simons	D. O. Rivers	A. C. Boatright, Corinth	1888	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	8 00	700 00	700 00
Mt. Carmel	R. E. Parnell	C. P. Montague	1889	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	8 00	700 00	700 00

Mt. Zion, New Prospect and Hopeful failed to send letters.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these are one. See Matthew 28:19; 2nd Corinthians 12:4-6.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the inspired word of God and the only rules of faith and practice. See 2nd Timothy 3:16-17.

3. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2nd Thes. 2:13-14.

4. 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. Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe in the 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 His divine will. Eph. 2:5; Matt. 18:11; 1st John 4:10; 1st Cor 3:5-7.

6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 13:39; Rom. 5:1-2.

7. We believe that the Gospel of Christ is a means of grace to bring sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, and therefore should be preached to all the world. John 3:16; Mark 16:16.

8. We believe that all those who are regenerated by the Spirit of God, are made heirs of God and joint heirs with our Lord Jesus Christ; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation. John 8:31; 1st Peter 1:5; Rom. 8:28; Phil. 1:6.

9. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of the whole body in water; that the only proper subjects are described in the preceding section, and the only proper administrators are those who have been regularly ordained by a Church of Christ by the imposition of hands of a Presbytery. Acts 8:36; Rom. 6:4. Read Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ to be commemorated by His followers, and that none but "baptised believers" have a Scriptural right to partake thereof. Luke 22:18-19-20; 1st Cor. 14:26-28.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Acts 24:15; Matt. 25:46.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. At the first meeting of each annual session of the Association, the Moderator of the previous session shall call the Messengers to order. In case of the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall call to order, when the Messengers present may elect a Moderator pro. tem., who shall preside until the letters from the Churches are read, including the petitionary letters for membership and the names of Messengers enrolled.

Art. 2. When the letters from the Churches shall have been read and the names of Messengers enrolled, they shall elect from the body, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall serve for one year and until their successors shall be duly elected.

Art. 3. Each day's session of the Association shall be opened with prayer.

Art. 4. The Moderator shall preserve order and decide all ques-

tions in debate, subject to an appeal to the body; and when he shall speak on any subject in discussion he shall call some member to the chair, and in case of a tie shall give the deciding vote.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, subject to approval by the body.

Art. 6. The Clerk shall keep a careful record of the proceedings of each meeting, and in the absence of the Moderator shall call the body together and preside until a Moderator pro tem shall be elected.

Art. 7. All members wishing to speak on any subject shall arise and address the Moderator as "brother," and shall confine themselves strictly to the subject and shall not be allowed to make any unkind allusion to a brother while speaking.

Art. 8. No motion shall be debatable until seconded and stated by the Moderator or read by the Clerk.

Art. 9. When a motion is under consideration no other motion shall be entertained except to adjourn, lay on the table, to amend, indefinitely postpone, refer to a committee or call for the previous question.

Art. 10. Any member voting with the majority on any question in debate may move a reconsideration at any time during the session.

Art. 11. Visiting brethren and Correspondents from other Associations of the same faith shall have a right to speak on any and all subjects under consideration, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Art. 12. No brother shall speak more than twice on a subject in debate without the consent of the Association.

Art. 13. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Association by a majority vote of the members of the body.



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