



MINUTES

—OF THE—

³
TWENTY-~~SECOND~~ ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Beulah Baptist Association

1902.

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T. W. Getzen, Moderator.....	Ft. White, Fla.
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G. W. S. Ware, S. G. Barnett, S. D. Dupree, Lake City, Fla. ;
G. W. Clyatt, Providence, Fla. ; G. W. Helton, Wellborn, Fla.

Next Session to be held with Mt. Beulah Baptist Church,
Suwanee County, beginning Friday before the
1st Sunday in November, A. D., 1903.

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R. F. Rogers, C. V. Waugh, T. S. Hubert, S. G. Barnett, Lake
City, Fla.; A. C. Odom, Jr., Providence, Fla.; G. W. S. Ware, Mason,
Fla.; S. D. Dupree, Lake City, Fla.; J. R. Waldron, Benton, Fla.

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ORDER OF EXERCISES.

1. Opening meeting with singing, Scripture reading 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: Preaching, Queries, Finance, Deceased
Ministers and Deacons, Publications, Sunday Schools,
Temperance Missions, and Christian Education.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Close with devotional exercises.

MINUTES.

Mt. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 31st, 1902.

The Beulah Baptist Association met this the 31st day of October, 1902, with Mt. Zion Church of Christ. Called to order by Moderator T. W. Getzen. After singing and prayer, Bro. S. G. Barnett preached the Introductory Sermon, after which the Association adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at the appointed hour, after singing and prayer, letters from the following churches were presented and read by clerk, and names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

First Baptist Church, Providence.—A. C. Odom, Jr., and C. C. Odom.

Mt. Beulah.—R. H. Carver, J. H. Newsom, J. E. Taylor, R. F. Howell and J. J. Carter.

Mt. Zion.—J. E. Wise, E. B. Everett.

Elim.—E. Polk, T. W. Getzen, Simeon Harrrell and Jessie Parrish.

Lake City.—A. H. Helvenston, S. G. Barnett, C. M. Ray and R. F. Rodgers.

Mt. Pleasant.—G. W. Helton, S. D. Dupree, J. E. J. Lee, D. L. Jernigan.

Providence.—L. F. Gay, Martha E. Gay, G. W. Clyatt, E. C. Lamb, L. J. Green.

Philippi.—M. H. Feagle. (no letter.)

Lake Butler.—J. G. Purvis and J. T. Futch.

Hopeful.—A. P. Smith.

Mt. Carmel.—S. M. Parker.

Oak Grove.—(Sent letter, no Messengers present.)

Ft. White.—(No Messengers.)

Bethlehem.—(No Messengers.)

Smyrna.—(No Messengers.)

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

After enrollment of Messengers the Association went into election of officers. On motion, rules were suspended and the present eucumbents were unanimously elected as follows: T. W. Getzen, Moderator; A. H. Helvenston, Treasurer; C. C. Odom, Clerk. Bros. Getzen and Helvenston tendered their thanks to the Association for its confidence in them in a few appropriate remarks.

The Moderator welcomed to seats in the Association the following

visiting brethren: Rev. W. C. Lee, Rev. B. M. Bean and Sister B. M. Bean from Suwanee Association; Rev. B. R. Mosely, from Sante Fe Association; Rev. L. D. Geiger, reported as representing State Board of Missions.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Preaching—Deacons of Mt. Zion Church and A. H. Helvenston.

Queries—G. W. Clyatt, R. H. Carver, E. B. Everett.

Fianance—Simeon Harrell, A. H. Helvenston, E. Polk.

Temperance—S. D. Dupree, C. M. Ray, L. F. Gay.

Missions—A. C. Odom, Jr., G. W. Helton, J. E. J. Lee, J. T. Futch.

Christian Education—R. F. Rogers, A. C. Odom, Jr., G. W. Clyatt.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. E. Wise, J. H. Newsom, Jesse Parrish.

Publications—S. G. Barnett, D. L. Jernigan, S. D. Dupree.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Purvis, J. E. Taylor, J. J. Carter.

Woman's Work—Sisters J. E. Wise, D. G. Riveres, L. F. Gay, Wm. Ogden, J. J. Griffin.

Gn motion, A. C. Odom, Jr., was appointed to represent Florida Baptist Witness during the Association.

Correspondents appointed to Suwanee Association as follows: R. H. Carver, J. J. Carter.

On motion, the Association joined Bro. Bean in a special prayer for the recovery of Bro. J. C. Porter, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness.

G. W. Clyatt, Ex-Treasurer of Beulah Association, reported as follows: (On motion, referred to Finance Committee.)

REPORT OF EX-TREASURER.

To the Beulah Baptist Association: Dear Brethren:—On account of residing in the Southern boundary of our Association, and so remote from a convenient place of meeting with our Executive Committee, I thought best for the progress of our work, that I should tender my resignation as Treasurer, and did so on the 29th day of March last, when the Evecutive Board elected Bro. A. H. Helvenston, of Lake City, Treasurer. The following is my account with the Association from the last annual meeting to March 30th, 1902:

To amount on hand at close of Associational year.....	\$ 10 70
To amount received from last session of Association.....	58 44
To amount received from Union Meeting, Dec., 1901.....	31 42
To amount received from Union Meeting, March, 1902.....	32 99
Total.....	\$133 55

By amount paid W. H. Bradford.....	\$ 5 00
By amount paid Clerk of Association.....	10 00
By amount paid for Minutes.....	30 55
By amount turned over to A. H. Helvenston.....	88 00
Total.....	\$133 55

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. CLYATT, Ex-Treasurer.

The Treasurer Reported as follows: (On motion, referred to Finance committee.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. H. Helvenston, Treasurer, in accoont with Beulah Baptist Association:

1902.	Amounts received from:	Dr.
March 29th—	G. W. Clyatt, former Treasurer.....	\$ 88 00
"	Sunday collection Elim Sunday School.....	8 26
"	S. G. Barnett.....	1 70
"	Suwanee Valley Church.....	1 00
April 23rd—	Philippi Church.....	2 00
"	Hopeful Church.....	1 00
April 30th—	Collected on field by A. G. Barnett for April.....	5 71
May 31st—	" " " for May.....	5 23
June 28th—	" " " for June.....	3 55
"	Union Meeting, Lake Butler.....	41 53
"	Sunday Collection, Lake Butler.....	5 53
July 2nd—	R. F. Rogers for Agricultural Missions.....	8 81
"	Collected on field by S. G. Barnett for July.....	4 02
August 29th—	Union meeting 1st Church Providence.....	30 70
"	Collected on field by S. G. Barnett for Aug.....	3 53
Sept. 30th—	" " " for Sept.....	5 10
Oct. 31st—	" " " for Oct.....	6 52
"	R. F. Rogers, for Associational Missions.....	3 19

Total amount Received.....\$225 38

By amount paid S. G. Barnett for eight months services as Associational Missionary from March 1st to October 31st at \$25.00 per month.....	\$200 00
By am't paid A. C. Odom, Jr., on pastor's salary, June 28th, for Hopeful church.....	10 00

Total expenditures.....\$210 00

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, and prayer by Rev. A. C. Odom, Jr., the Association was called to order. Minutes read and approved. Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons reported as follows:

It is with grateful hearts that we are able to report no deaths among the ministers, for which we render our humble thanks to an all-wise God. It is with the most profound sorrow that we have to report the death of our Bro. T. S. Chalker, deacon of Lake City church, in which we realize our Association has sustained a great loss, and Lake City Church an irreparable loss. He was always first in every good work. The magnificent church of which he was the leading deacon, will ever stand a monument to his enterprise. Also Bro. V. L. Hobson, was a member of Lake City church. For many years he was an efficient deacon of Leesburg and other churches. These two brethren are now numbered among the grand men of the past, whose example are worthy of study and imitation.

J. E. WISE, for committee.

After remarks by Bro. A. H. Helvenston, report was adopted after amendment.

Committee on Queries presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON QUERIES.

Your committee on Queries report there are no queries. Mt. Beulah church petitions for this Association to convene with them at its next session and we so recommend.

G. W. CLYATT, for committee.

On motion of Bro. G. W. Clyatt, special prayer by Rev. B. R. Mosely was offered for the recovery of Rev. J. C. Porter. Report of Chairman of Executive Board taken up, after remarks by Bros. R. F. Rogers, A. H. Helvenston, L. D. Geiger, B. M. Bean, A. C. Odom, Jr. On motion the report lay on table subject to call. Committee on preaching reported Rev. L. D. Geiger to preach at 11 o'clock and Rev. B. R. Mosely tonight at 7:30. On motion, the Association adjourned until 1 o'clock for preaching and dinner. Preaching by Rev. L. D. Geiger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at the appointed hour. Report of Executive Committee taken up, amended, and on motion, adopted.

Finance committee reported as follows: (On motion, received and adopted.)

To balance on hand \$ 15 38

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. HELVENSTON, Treasurer.

R. F. Rogers, Chairman Executive Board, reported as follows: To the Beulah Baptist Association:—As Chairman of the Executive Board of the Association, we beg to report: That on the first of March last we secured the services of Rev. S. G. Barnett to preach three-fourths of his time as Missionary in the bounds of our Association; one-fourth of his time at old Bethlehem, in the vicinity of Watertown, one-fourth at Suwanee Valley and vicinity and one-fourth at Oak Grove in the northern part of Columbian county.

For this service we agreed to pay Bro. Barnett \$25 per month, and he to collect from the field all he could and place to our credit. During the eight months, beginning with March and closing with October, he has collected to our credit \$35.36, and we have paid him up in full to date all our obligations, \$200.00, including what he collected for us. You will see from Bro. Barnett's report he has travelled in his missionary service 634 miles, preached 69 sermons, made 113 family visits, organized 100 schools, made 3 Sunday School addresses, baptized 1, awaiting baptism 1. While there has been no special demonstration of good on his field of labor, yet we are of opinion the seed of truth has been sown which had its influence for good and may yet germinate and bear fruit. A missionary spirit has been begotten among the churches and they have proven their faith by their works, by sending in quarterly their contributions for missions, the result of which is, your committee is of the opinion, that more could be accomplished in mission work to co-operate with the State Board of Missions. We therefore recommend that our Executive Board co-operate with the State Board of Missions in doing evangelistic, missionary and colportage work in the bounds of our Association.

At the close of March of the Associational year, Bro. G. W. Clyatt resigned as Treasurer of the Association, by reason of residing so remote from a convenient point to co-operate with other members of the Executive Committee, and we elected Bro. A. H. Helvenston to fill the vacancy, who has acted as treasurer during the year and who will report to your body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. ROGERS, Chairman.

On motion, the above report should be taken up Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Committee on preaching reported no preaching Friday night.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Benediction by Bro. B. M. Bean.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Associational purposes:	
From Mt. Beulah church	\$ 5 15
From Lake City church	5 00
From Mt. Zion, Minutes and Clerk	1 50
From Mt. Zion, Associational Missions	1 50
From Providence, Minutes and Clerk	4 00
From 1st Baptist church, Providence, Minutes and Clerk	4 25
From Elim Church	11 25
From Lake Butler church, for Minutes	5 00
From Lake Butler church, to pedeeem pledge	2 40
From Mt. Pleasant, for Minutes	2 00
From Mt. Pleasant, for Associational Missions	1 90
From Mt. Pleasant, for Foreign Missions	4 50
From Mt. Pleasant, fer ministerial relief	2 55
From Philippi, for Minutes	4 00
From Hopeful, for Minutes	1 00
From Hopeful, for Foreign Missions	1 00
From Mt. Carmel, for Minutes	2 75
From Oak Grove, for Minutes	75
From Oak Grove, Associational Missions	2 00
From Ft. White	00
From Smyrna	00
From Bethlehem	00

Total received during the Association \$62 50

We have examined the reports of Ex-Treasurer G. W. Clyatt and Treasurer A. H. Helvenston and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

SIM HARRELL, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance presented the following report, after discussion by Bros. S. D. Dupree, A. H. Helvenston, R. F. Rogers, B. R. Mosely, T. W. Getzen, S. G. Barnett and W. C. Lee, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report: That we recognize the liquor traffic as the greatest curse that blights the homes of millions, resulting in death, disease and untold misery. Therefore we, as followers of Christ, and as Baptists, pledge ourselves to wage an unrelenting and uncompromising warfare against this great evil. We are aware of the evident and alarming increase in the sale and use of liquors in our midst, as evidenced by the increase in the number of saloons, doing an increased business out of

proportion to the increase of business in other lines, and we pledge ourselves to pray and work for the speedy suppression of these.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. DUPREE, for Committee.

Committee on Publications reported as follows: (After remarks by Bros. A. H. Helvenston, A. C. Odom, Jr., and Rev. L. D. Geiger, on motion, was adopted.)

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows: There is perhaps no more potent factor for moulding public character, changing public sentiment, or guiding public thought than the press. Whole nations have been revolutionized by a single book, and as with nations, even so with individuals. Whether we will it or not, our lives and characters must and will take form and color from the matter we read. How important then, that we read only that which is wholesome and good, and how even more important it is for our children, whose minds are so easily influenced, and who hold such a reverence for the printed page. What a solemn duty here rests upon every parent in the matter, not only of seeing that their children do not read that which is vicious and hurtful, but also in seeing that they are supplied with that which is good and wholesome. There are books and books, i. e., there are good books and bad books. Alas that there are so much of the latter. We cannot, therefore, be too careful in the selection of what we read and what we place in the hands of our children for them to read. We must select for them or let the world do it. We commend first of all that book of books, the Bible, the blessed word of God, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Oh, brethren, let us not neglect the study of God's word. We commend the Florida Baptist Witness, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and the Sunday School publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. BARNETT, for Committee.

On motion, Clerk be paid ten dollars for services, and have 350 copies of Minutes printed at most reasonable cost.

Report on Missions received, read and on motion, deferred until Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock.

TO THE HAMILTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

GREETING:—

The Beulah Baptist Association in annual session with Mt. Zion Church, Saturday, Nov. 1st, 1902, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The action of your committee at your annual

session in 1901 recommending the consolidation of the Hamilton, Suwanee and Beulah Baptist Associations was taken up and duly considered. In view of the fact, that the churches of the Association have made noted progress in mission and spiritual work during the past year, it was voted that the Beulah Association does not deem it expedient and beneficial to the Lord's cause, to consolidate with the Hamilton and Suwanee Associations at this time. On motion, Bro. R. F. Rogers was chosen to bear this message and Christian greeting to the Hamilton Baptist Association.

(Signed.) T. W. GETZEN, Moderator.
C. C. ODOM, Clerk.

November 3rd, 1902.

To the Moderator and Brethren of the Hamilton Association, when convened with the Jasper Baptist church, November 8th, 1902:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I beg herewith to submit the action of the Beulah Baptist Association at their recent annual session in reference to the consolidation proposed by your body at your last annual meeting. I regret that the circumstances with me are such as to preclude the possibility of being with you at this meeting, though my heart and my prayers shall be with you and for you.

Your brother in the love of the Lord,

R. F. ROGERS,

On motion, the following Executive Board were appointed: G. W. S. Ware, G. W. Helton, S. D. Dupree, G. W. Clyatt, S. G. Barnett. On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Preaching Saturday night by Rev. B. R. Mosely.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Reassembled at appointed hour. After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. C. Lee, the Association was called to order. On motion, reading of minutes dispensed with.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Committee on Missions reported as follows: Your committee is glad to report some improvements on the part of the several churches along mission lines. Contributions have been made to all departments of our organized work. Associational missions have received more attention than any one of the other departments. While your committee does not think effort along this line should be less, they do think that the other departments, State, Home and Foreign should receive equally as much attention. We think that the time has passed when pastors should spend their energy in trying to convince people that the great commission of the Savior is binding upon them, and when they should be afraid of scaring some stingy Bap-

tist by passing around the hat. We are of the opinion that all of our churches would increase their contributions to these causes, if their pastors would present them more faithfully and intelligently and push them more vigorously and fearlessly. In order that this may be done, we urge pastors and all who have this great cause at heart, to do all in their power to put the different organs of our denomination and mission boards, "The Witness," Foreign Journal, and Home Field into the homes of the church members. We earnestly request that all may strive to get closer to the heart and catch more of the spirit of "Him who came to seek and to save the lost."

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. ODOM, Jr., for Committee.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work presented, read, and by request, discussed in connection with above report on Missions.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Thank God for the consecrated women who are willing to turn their backs on home and loved ones and every fond association, and are willing to go to our foreign as well as to our destitute frontier fields. We again thank God for the earnest women at home, who are working, praying and giving for those who have gone. Many a good woman, whose circumstances in life are such that they can give only earnest prayers and a few hard-earned coins, will as surely hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," as the woman who is bringing in the sheaves on the foreign fields. There are no people on earth who ought to be more interested in giving the Gospel to all the world than Christian women. In every christian land woman is exalted. Where Christ is not known, woman is the slave and burden-bearer, not allowed to eat with the husband, though she has cultivated, made the food and put it on the table. We rejoice that more and more of our Christian women are realizing their high and holy privilege to take part in giving the Gospel to the lost world. Our three boards appreciate the consecrated efforts of the earnest women. Dr. Willingham says, to ask the women for a certain amount is to put it down cash. In many of the churches in our sunny land of Florida, our women are organized and are praying, giving and working in united efforts with the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. We admit that the women of country churches have many obstacles to overcome to carry on a society, but we do know that when a woman gets missions on her heart the difficulties are, with God's help, either removed or surmounted. The great work being done by the women, is done largely by the systematic littles. May the time soon come when there will be one woman at least in every church to catch the spirit of our secretary, Miss J. L. Spalding. The women of Florida have one of the best secretaries of any

state in the Southern Baptist Convention. Dear Sisters, the sooner we heed her earnest appeals the happier we will be, and God's blessing will rest on us individually, our homes and our churches. She says our ideal must be, "More love, prayer, self-sacrifice, and gifts."

Respectfully submitted,

Mesdames. J. E. Wise, D. G. Rivers, M. E. Gay, Wm. Ogden, J. Griffin, Committee.

After remarks by Revs. L. D. Geiger and A. C. Odom, Jr., on motion, report on missions adopted. Talks on Woman's Work were made by Sister B. M. Beap, Bros. B. R. Moseley and A. H. Helvenston, and on motion, report adopted. After an address by Rev. B. M. Bean for the Orphans, Home, a collection was taken which amounted to \$15.50. On motion, the collection, after missionary sermon, be turned over to Bro. L. D. Geiger. Report on Christian Education received and after remarks by Rev. A. C. Odom, Jr., on motion, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

When we think on the question of education in this era of push and sharp competition, we cannot but admit the imperative need of it. The merchant must have it, the mechanic cannot succeed without it, and the farmer would be much more successful with it. So, if from the standpoint of time, we see the great need of education in general, much more from the standpoint of eternity do we see the more imperative need of Christian Education in particular. While salvation cannot be obtained through a system of education, yet the conditions which make the possibility of salvation more certain can be provided by a system of Christian Education. Likewise conditions can be produced by unchristian education that makes salvation a bare possibility. As an evidence of these facts, most converts to the Christian religion came from pious homes, denominational colleges, and Christ can be more easily accepted in nations that are distinctly christian nations. We almost feel like saying that parents who fail to give their children all the educational advantages possible commit a crime against society, and those who disregard our christian institutions in selecting a place to give their children higher culture, disregard their spiritual welfare. Above all, we would insist that the times demand an educated ministry to cope with what the Apostle Paul calls spiritual wickedness in high places; what is commonly called or termed higher criticism and a disposition on the part of the highly educated to be skeptical in regard to Bible truth and facts. Our ministers' words should be as sharp as education and culture can produce. As institutions, when this product can be obtained in its highest form we would endorse no other institutions for a Florida Baptist except John B. Stetson University,

Deland, Fla., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. ROGERS, for committee.

Committee on Sudday Schools submitted the following report, and after remarks by Bro J. G. Purvis, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report on Sunday Schools, and it is with a degree of regret that we can't report all the churches in this Association as being actively engaged in Sunday School work. However, we believe, and truly hope that the time will soon come that this cannot be said, as some new ones are being organized and the Sab. School spirit is becoming more manifest in our midst. The Sunday School, we deem one of the fundamental principles underlying the foundation of a christian spirit. First, it is a training school, mainly for the class of people, the children, who are to take the place of a more progressive people than their parents having advantages of a more enlightened age, and by the more recent organizations are brought in touch with duties that devolve upon them as parents in carrying out the divine injunction, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old, it will not depart from it." It needs no argument to convince the most casual thinker that the young mind is more susceptible than the old, and early impressions are the most lasting and if the truths are faithfully taught them of the story of the Cross, and the beauty, peace and joy that comes of living a Christ-like life are dutifully and prayerfully impressed upon their minds, it will be as indelible as the stars in the firmament, and will only be erased when the angel of death stamps his seal upon the brow, though it be in old age.

Who should conduct a Sabbath School? None other than a devout person of God should attempt to superintend a Sabbath School.

He should be zealous and earnest, feeling in his heart that he is doing the work in part that our blessed Saviour did when he was on earth, letting his life reflect, as near as possible, the attributes and light of God.

The teacher, likewise, should be of the most inspiring nature, "having zeal according to godliness," prompt in attendance, thoroughly familiar with the lesson, feeling that each lesson taught brings them a step nearer in sight of the diadem that bedecks the crown awaiting them in eternal glory for their labors for pointing others to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

If the teacher is tardy and disinterested, they lose the chain of thought and cannot impart the lesson clearly, and surely fails to arouse or even keep alive the interest in the students' minds.

Must parents stay at home? The child of a kind, congenial and affable parent believes the thing that its parent does, is in every way right for it to do, and it will be puzzled to know why they should send them out to participate in a thing that they do not take interest in, and for that reason will not feel very much encouraged to attend the Sunday School. And it is enough to make the angels hide their faces in shame for a child to come home from Sunday School and ask its parents how old was the oldest man in the world and what was his name, and the parent can't tell it?

So we conclude that the Sabbath School is one of the important factors in leading and winning souls to Christ, and we cannot stress the importance of fidelity, earnestness, gentleness and promptness on part of the superintendent and teachers, and with all the co-operation on part of parents, stimulated by the pastors in charge, to whom the Lord of our hope has committed to their charge the breaking of the bread of everlasting life.

We would, therefore, admonish and insist that the membership of each and every church not only have a Sunday School but labor to make it attractive by having such teachers as heretofore referred to and with good literature, such as Southern Baptist Series and others similar.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. PURVIS,

For Committee.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed as follows: Bros. R. F. Rogers, A. C. Odom, Jr., G. W. Clyatt, A. H. Helvenston, Wm. Ogden, S. G. Barnett, S. D. DuPree and T. W. Getzen.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Savannah, Ga., appointed as follows: Bro. A. H. Helvenston, Lake City, Fla., with A. C. Odom, Jr., Providence, Fla., as alternate.

The following churches pledged the amounts below, per quarter, for missions, to be sent to union meetings:

First Baptist Church, Providence, \$5.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$3.00; Providence, \$5.00; Mt. Carmel, \$1.00; Elim, \$5.00; Mt. Beulah, \$2.00; First Baptist Church, Lake City, \$5.00; Philippi, \$2.50; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Hopeful, \$1.00; Lake Butler, \$5.00; Ft. White, \$—; Smyrna, \$—; Oak Grove, \$—.

The following resolution presented, by Bro. A. C. Odom, Jr., was on motion adopted by rising vote:

RESOLVED, That the Association extend to the members of Mt. Zion Church and all others in community, who have so kindly and royally entertained us, our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality.

On motion Rev. G. W. S. Ware was appointed to preach next in-

troductory sermon, with Rev. A. C. Odom, Jr., as alternate.

On motion adjourned to meet with Mt. Beulah Church, Friday before the first Sunday in November, A. D., 1903.

C. C. ODOM,

Clerk.

T. W. GETZEN,

Moderator.

Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. L. D. Geiger.

Collection after preaching, for missions, amounted to \$23.50.

Statistical Table.

Churches	When Organized	Membership last yr				Present Membership	Value of church building and prop.
		By Letter	Baptism	Restoration	By Letter		
		Incr.	Decre.	By Death			
Oak Grove.....	1879	65	1	1	64	\$ 150.	
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	65	9	2	75	800.
Lake Butler.....	.....	92	5	2	104	1,000.
Mt. Zion.....	.....	43	.....	.....	43	600.
Providence.....	1832	96	13	6	102	600.	
Elim.....	1857	118	24	4	138	500.	
Hopeful.....	1887	11	8	3	22	150.	
1st Bap. Providence	1897	74	11	1	84	1,000.	
Lake City.....	.....	138	23	6	154	10,000.
Mt. Carmel.....	1898	30	2	3	28	200.	
Mt. Beulah.....	1878	114	2	3	116	600.	
Philippi.....	1877	56	4	2	60	500.	
Total.....	.....	902	39	27	960	\$16,100.

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 the Association shall be: First, to promote unity and brotherly love among the churches; second, to promote Gospel discipline; third, 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: First, to diligently inquire into the destitution within our bounds; second, to make contracts with ministers of the Gospel of this Association, or other Associations in correspondence with us, to supply such destitution with the Gospel; third, 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 privilege 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.

Financial Table.

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Bldg and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Expenses	Assoc'n'l Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Minutes	Total
Mt. Pleasant	885 00			15 00	3 50	16 50			8 50	7 10		2 50		\$ 139 81
Lake City	590 00	174 00	108 00		40 00	50 00	100 00		13 71		1 10	5 00		1347 00
Mt. Beulah	71 01		4 50		4 14	8 00	4 00	1 00				1 15		104 01
Mt. Carmel														
Providence 1st Bap.	100 00				8 67	10 00						4 25		151 06
Hopetul.	25 00	45 00	8 80		10 00	15 00	1 00	1 15				1 10		51 05
Elm.	125 00	100 00			2 50	50 00			5 25	1 00	2 50	1 125		296 25
Providence.	110 00			4 85		25 00			45 15			4 00		198 10
Mt. Zion	40 55	140 00	5 00	3 00		50 00	2 50		20 00			1 50		191 85
Lake Butler	150 00			5 00		30 00						5 00		250 10
Lake Grove														24 79
Oak Grove	50 00													77 65
Philippi														
Total	155 50	459 00	131 34	37 02	107 45	149 24	107 60	100 5	92 61	31 90	7 75	6 55	4 288	\$2707 02

* Ft. White, Smyrna and Bethlehem not represented.

Pastors, Officers, Etc.

Churches	Pastors and Post Office	Clerks and Post Office	S. S. Supl. and P. O.
Mt. Zion	W C Lee, Wellborn, Fla.	E B Everett, Lake City, Fla.	J O Harris, Lake City
Providence	B R Moseley, Wellborn	G W Bailey, Mason	John A King, Lake Butler
Elm.	A L Prisco, McIntosh	T W Getzen, Fort White	A C Odum, Jr., Providence
Hopetul.	A C Odum, Jr., Providence	A P Smith, Payne	R M Sias, Wellborn
Mt. Carmel	R E Parnell, Wellborn	J W Wood, Cooper	J R Averat, Benton
1st Bap. Lake City	T S Hubert, Lake City	J L Turner, Lake City	R H Carver, Wellborn
Lake Butler	F J Fowler, Stark	J G Purvis, Lake Butler	
1st Bap. Providence	S S Proctor, Lake Butler	D L Jernigan, Providence	
Mt. Pleasant	S G Barnett, Lake City	D C Albertant, Wellborn	
Oak Grove	G W S Ware, Mason	W B Vinzant, Mikeville	
Philippi	J J Holmes, Obrien	G P Howell, Leona	
Mt. Beulah			

* Ft. White, Smyrna and Bethlehem churches, made no report.

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.

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; 2 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 2 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. 2 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; John 4:10; 1 Cor. 3:5-7.

6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 13:39; Romans 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 16:15

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; 1 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 baptized believers have a scriptural right to partake thereof. Luke 22:18-19-20; 1 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.

Art. 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 are 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 questions 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 debated 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 regular session of the Association by a majority vote of the members of the body.

