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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH MOUNT BEULAH CHURCH,

October 29-30 and November 1st, 1903.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION :

Moderator—HON. T. W. GETZEN, Fort White, Fla.
Treasurer—S. M. PARKER, R. F. D. No. 1, Lake City, Fla.
Clerk—C. C. ODOM, Providence, Fla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD :

HON. R. F. ROGERS, Chairman Lake City, Fla.
HON. M. S. KNIGHT, Secretary R. F. D. No. 5, Lake City, Fla.
S. M. PARKER R. F. D. No. 1, Lake City, Fla.
G. W. HELTON R. F. D. No. 1, Lake City, Fla.
G. W. CLYATT Providence, Fla.

Next annual session to be held with Elim church,
Near Fort White, Fla.,
Beginning Friday before first Sunday in November, 1904.

A. H. HELVENSTON

LAKE CITY, FLA.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

R. F. ROGERS.....	Lake City, Fla.
—W. J. SULLIVAN.....	" " "
S. G. BARNETT.....	" " "
C. V. WAUGH.....	" " "
—T. S. HUBERT.....	" " "
J. O. HARRIS.....	" " "
S. D. DUPREE.....	" " "
R. E. PARNELL.....	R. F. D. " " "
—A. C. ODOM.....	Providence, Fla.

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, Christian Education and Woman's Work.
8. Appoint correspondents.
9. Reports of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Close with devotional exercises.

MINUTES.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened in twenty-fourth annual session with the Mount Beulah Baptist Church, in Swanee county, on Friday, the 30th day of October, A. D. 1903.

After divine service, conducted by Rev. W. J. Sullivan, and an intermission for refreshment, the body was called to order by the former Moderator, Hon. T. W. Getzen.

Letters from the following churches were read by Bros. G. W. Clyatt and R. F. Rogers, and the messengers named were enrolled:

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Mt. Zion—W. H. Ogden, Jas. A. Griffin.

Providence—G. W. Clyatt, L. J. Green.

Elim—T. W. Getzen, E. Polk, Sim Harrell, Ed. Dennis.

Hopeful—A. P. Smith.

Mt. Carmel—S. M. Parker, M. H. Chambers, Gus Padgett.

Lake City—A. H. Helvenston.

Lake Butler—John Croft, J. T. Futch.

Mt. Pleasant—L. M. Chambers, J. E. Lee, W. E. Dennard,
Daniel Gaylord.

Phillippi—J. N. Howell.

Ft. White—A. J. Green.

Mt. Beulah—R. H. Carver, G. P. Howell, R. F. Howell, W.
L. Rogers, J. E. Taylor.

First Baptist Church at Providence—A. J. Bealing, C. C.
Odom.

Bethlehem—J. W. Chastain, F. M. Waldrep.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

After call of roll, on motion of G. W. Clyatt, the rules were waived and T. W. Getzen was elected Moderator and C. C. Odom Clerk by acclamation.

A. H. Helvenston, former Treasurer, asked to make his report and be relieved, as he was obliged to leave at once on account of the illness of his son; and, on motion of R. F. Rogers, the rules were waived and S. M. Parker was elected Treasurer. The former Treasurer's report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Moderator then invited visiting members and correspondents to seats in the body, which invitation was accepted

by Revs. J. J. Holmes and J. F. Tatum, of the Suwannee Association, and Revs. J. K. Jenkins and S. J. McLeod, of the Mercer Association of South Georgia; Rev. T. J. Sparkman, of Stetson University, and Rev. W. C. Lee, of the Suwannee Association.

On call for petitionary letters, the Baptist church at Hagan, Columbia county, responded by her messengers—B. A. Powell, A. T. Summersill and L. W. Tyre—with a letter from the new church asking fellowship with the Association. On motion, the application was referred to a special committee consisting of W. E. Dennard, W. H. Ogden and Sim Harrell; which committee retired, and after examination of the organization, faith and orthodoxy of said church, submitted the following report:

Your committee appointed to take under consideration the orthodoxy of Hagan Baptist church, beg to report that said church was duly organized by our associational missionary, Rev. W. J. Sullivan, assisted by Rev. A. J. Reamy, of the Florida Association; that said church was organized under the regular order of the Baptist Faith. We, therefore, regard them as orthodox, and recommend that they be received into the fellowship of this Association and their messengers accorded seats as members of this body.

W. E. DENNARD,
W. H. OGDEN,
SIM HARRELL.

Which report was received and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—R. H. Carver, J. P. Howell, H. M. Blume.

Queries—Sim Harrell, M. H. Chambers.

Finance—W. H. Ogden, W. E. Dennard.

Temperance—G. W. Clyatt, F. M. Waldrep, L. M. Chambers.

Missions—R. H. Carver, G. W. Clyatt.

Christian Education—W. L. Rogers, A. J. Green.

Deceased Ministers and Deacons—D. Gaylord, Gus Padgett, J. E. Taylor.

Publications—G. P. Howell, J. E. J. Lee.

Sunday Schools—S. M. Parker, E. Polk, R. F. Howell.

Woman's Work—G. W. Clyatt, Ed. Dennis.

Committee on Preaching reported Rev. T. J. Sparkman to preach Saturday at 11 A. M. and Rev. J. K. Jenkins to preach Saturday night at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 9.30 o'clock, when Rev. J. K. Jenkins lead the body in prayer.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools regret that some of the churches of our Association report no Sunday school. However, we believe the Sabbath school spirit is more manifest among the churches.

In the Sabbath school impressions are made on the young heart that leads up to spiritual thought and action. "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it," is the Divine injunction.

We would, therefore, urge the importance of all our churches organizing and keeping up a Sabbath school.

Respectfully submitted.

S. M. PARKER, Chairman.

After appropriate and impressive remarks by Bros. Tatum, Jenkins and Sparkman, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons are thankful to report that none of our ministers and deacons have been called beyond the dark river during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

D. GAYLORD,
GUS PADGETT.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee would respectfully urge the importance of a Christian education. The foundation of this should begin in the home. By example, as well as by precept, our children should be taught the beauties of a chaste and upright life. In this advanced day of opportunity, civilization and education, we should by all means place our children under the influence of Christianity. We know that salvation is only of God, and cometh to man only through the power and influence of the spirit of Christ. Yet we know that a Christian education arms and equips the child of grace to battle more effectually against spiritual wickedness in high places, and overturn the force and power of what is commonly known as the higher criticism—the skeptic on Bible truths—who, by the cunning devices of Satan, are ever ready to impede the progress of Zion.

We would recommend Stetson University in our own State—easy of access by reason of distance, terms and facilities—where our children and young people can be taught in the ways of the Lord; also the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

We respectfully recommend an educated ministry, and would impress upon the churches the importance of helping the young men, who are called of God to preach, to obtain a theological education.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. ROGERS,
A. J. GREEN.

After remarks by Revs. T. J. Sparkman and R. F. Rogers, the above report was adopted.

Rev. T. J. Sparkman delivered an address, and appealed to the body for help to rebuild Conrad Hall, which had recently been destroyed by fire, at Stetson University.

The following amounts were pledged and paid in cash as follows:

E. Polk, of Elim church—paid cash	\$ 1 50
G. W. Clyatt, of Providence church—paid cash	1 00
J. K. Jenkins, of Mercer Association	1 00
S. D. Dupree, of Mt. Pleasant church—pledge	5 00
W. E. Dennard, " " "	10 00
A. J. Green, of Fort White " " "	10 00
J. T. Futch, of Lake Butler " " "	5 00
W. J. Ivan " " "	5 00
By public collection, in cash	5 80

On motion, an intermission of two hours was taken for divine services and refreshment, during which time a very instructive and edifying sermon was preached by Rev. T. J. Sparkman from the 17th chapter of the gospel by John.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In every land where the holy influences of the gospel of Christ is not known, woman is the burden-bearer for man. Where the Word is preached, and the power of the spirit of the Lord is felt, woman is exalted, honored and esteemed as the glory of man. In our Christian land, therefore, her sphere of usefulness has been enlarged, and woman has become a potent factor in the christianization of the world.

We, therefore, recommend to the churches that every encouragement be given the Christian women to work and develop the individual and collective resources of the Church, that the gospel of Christ may be upheld and preached in every land.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CLYATT,
ED. DENNIS.

After remarks by Bro. G. W. Clyatt, the report was unanimously adopted.

Rev. M. A. Clouts, representing the Southern Baptist, appeared, and was invited to a seat in the Association.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board beg to report our labors for the past year:

We met with the State Board of Missions in Lake City on last January, and made known the destitution within the bounds of our Association. The State Board very kindly contributed to us \$25 per quarter for associational missions.

On the 1st of March we employed Rev. W. J. Sullivan, of the Middle Florida Association, to serve as missionary for us three-fourths of his time at \$28 33 per month with all collections in the field. The very successful efforts of our missionary will be seen, and is better described by him in his report to this body. We are glad to report that your Committee has paid all obligations to our missionary up to this date. We tender our

thanks to the churches for their constant support of our work.
Very respectfully submitted.

S. D. DUPREE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Rev. W. J. Sullivan submitted the following report as Missionary for the Association:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

To the Executive Board and Brethren of the Beulah Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—As your Associational Missionary, I herewith submit my report for the associational year just closing.

I began work for your body in March of the present year, and have preached more or less at Watertown, Olustee, Sanders, Bethlehem, Hagan and Midway. At several of these places I have preached only a few times, confining my labors—for which I thought I had sufficient reason, and which subsequent results justified—to the communities of Hagan and Bethlehem. The work has been greatly blessed at each place. A good, substantial, neat house has been built and paid for at each place. A church of thirty members was organized at Hagan, and the work re-established at Bethlehem.

I have travelled, in performance of my duties, 1200 miles; preached 22 sermons; made 165 visits; received 13 by letter; baptized 20; organized one church and one Sunday school; built two houses of worship, for which there has been \$800 collected and expended.

While I am grateful to our Master for His blessings upon my efforts, I cannot close without expressing my heartfelt appreciation to your committee—also the brethren at large of your Association—for their kind sympathy and substantial aid given. Also, to the large-hearted Secretary of our State Board of Missions, who has ever been ready to aid me in all my efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SULLIVAN, Missionary.

After remarks by Bros. Sullivan, Dupree, Rogers and A. T. Summersill, the report was adopted.

Rev. F. J. Sparkman addressed the body, urging co-operation of the Association with the State Board of Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance are pleased to report that the sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors has diminished in the bounds of our Association.

We are also glad to note that the use of intoxicants by church members and professed Christians has greatly diminished in the past few years. We believe this is due to the wholesome influence of Christian education. We should teach our children around our own hearthstone the evils of intemperance, and we should help them to lay hold of the golden opportunities of the present progressive age to obtain a Christian education.

We would recommend to the churches a scriptural discipline on intemperate members.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. CLYATT,
L. M. CHAMBERS.

After addresses by Bros. G. W. Clyatt and S. D. Dupree, the above report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your Committee on Queries, beg leave to report that we find no queries submitted for your consideration.

We find that Fort White and Elim churches ask for the next session of this body to convene with them; and we recommend that it convene with Elim church.

SIM HARRELL,
M. H. CHAMBERS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Missions was made the special order for Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee, would first of all recommend the Bible and the various publications as helps to a better understanding of the Word of God. As Sunday school literature, we commend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention; also, "Kind Words" and the "Foreign Mission Journal" to enlighten our people on the great needs of the mission field in foreign lands. As a denominational organ, we commend the Baptist Witness of our own State; as Christian literature, we commend the Home Field, and such other religious publications as tend to the honor and glory of God.

We recommend that our associational minutes be published where the work will be done with neatness and dispatch, and returned to the churches at the earliest day practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

G. P. HOWELL, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. M. A. Clonts, W. J. Sullivan and S. J. McLeod and adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find the following amounts paid by the several churches during the year:

Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Visiting Ministers.	Sunday School Expenses.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphanage.	Minutes and Associational Purposes.	Total.
Lake City	\$800 00	100 00	\$75 00	\$40 00	\$50 00	\$5 00	\$65 00	\$15 00	\$6 75	\$25 00	\$1266 75
Mt. Pleasant	100 00	15 00	18 00	2 25	18 00	2 00	1 50	20 00	3 00	2 00	153 75
Mt. Beulah	100 00	8 85	22 00	2 90	5 00	5 00	15 50	4 00	4 55	4 30	213 25
Mt. Carvel	100 00	1 28	3 00	15 00		1 40	10 00	4 00		1 60	5 60
Providence Village	38 00	11 50						20 00	1 45	4 00	154 68
Hopetal	125 00	255 50			25 06	20 00		7 00		5 00	140 00
Elim	100 00			4 70	5 00	5 00	5 00	20 00		3 75	59 45
Providence	100 00			26 00		2 50	8 22	15 00		5 00	211 72
Mt. Zion	51 00									3 00	3 00
Lake Butler	150 00	5 00								4 85	12 35
Oak Grove								7 50		1 75	416 75
Phillippi		415 00								1 20	386 20
Hagan		385 00								1 20	386 20
Beulah		1 00									135 00
Fort White	125 00			5 00						4 00	

We have received cash from the churches at this session \$77 20, and from ex-Treasurer Helvenston a check for 87 cents,

which we turn over to Treasurer Parker, a total of \$78 07. We herewith submit the report of former Treasurer A. H. Helvenston.

W. H. OGDEN,
W. E. DENNARD, } Committee.

The following is the report of A. H. Helvenston Treasurer, from Nov. 1st, 1902, to Oct. 30th, 1903:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAKE CITY, FLA., Oct. 30th, 1903.

Beg leave to report that as all money coming into my hands was immediately deposited in Commercial Bank, I hereby submit bank statement as my report.

Respectfully submitted, A. H. HELVENSTON,
Treasurer Beulah Association.

A. H. Helvenston, Treasurer,

In account with Commercial Bank, Lake City, Fla.

	Deposits,	Checks
Nov. 1—Balance	\$ 30 67	\$ 18 48
" 33—Deposit	45 19	2 04
" 15—Deposit	2 75	2 04
Dec. 1—Deposit	25 48	20 00
" 22—Deposit	1 00	1 74
" 5—Deposit	4 08	20 00
Mar. 4—Deposit	2 00	12 50
June 1—Deposit	12 25	17 40
" 2—Deposit	13 94	19 60
Aug. 31—Deposit	33 21	3 00
Sept. 2—Deposit	5 00	20 00
" 22—Deposit	1 00	7 50
Apr. 4—	29 60	20 00
		15 00
		1 00
		5 00
		20 00
Footings	\$206 17	\$205 30
Balance	87	

1902—Nov. 1—Received at the Association		\$61 50
1—Paid in cash to L. D. Geiger at the Association	\$51 50	
1—Paid in cash to C. C. Odom at the Association	10 00	
	\$61 50	\$61 50

The Moderator appointed the following Executive Board for the ensuing year, viz: M. S. Knight, R. F. Rogers, G. W. Helton, G. W. Clyatt and S. M. Parker.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. R. F. Rogers to preach at 11 o'clock Sunday, and Rev. M. A. Clonts, of the Southern Baptist, to preach on Sunday at 2 P. M.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:

W. H. Ogden to the Suwannee Association.
R. H. Carver to the Hamilton Association.
J. T. Futch to the New River Association.

To the Baptist State Convention: R. F. Rogers, T. W. Getzen, J. O. Harris, S. D. Dupree and S. G. Barnett.

To the Southern Baptist Convention: A. H. Helvenston, G. W. Clyatt, T. W. Getzen.

On motion, adjourned to 9.30 Sunday morning.

Divine services held on Saturday night by Rev. J. K. Jenkins, of Mercer Association.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association met at 9.30 A. M. Sunday, and after prayer by Bro. R. H. Carver, was called to order by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Missions having been made a special order for this hour, the following report was submitted; and after discussion by Bros. Carver, Sullivan, Jenkins and Clonts. was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee is very much gratified to note that the spirit of missions is taking a stronger hold on the churches of our Association. The report shows that every church contributed something to the cause of missions during the past year, either for Associational, State, Home or Foreign, and many of our churches gave something to all of the above.

We respectfully recommend that the spirit of missions and Christian giving shall be continuously taught from the pulpit, the Sabbath school and the young peoples' societies, until every Christian and church member shall feel the responsibility of giving as the Lord shall prosper them. God will bless us, and our efforts in life will prosper, if we liberally support with our means the gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

R. H. CARVER,
G. W. CLYATT.

The following amounts were pledged by the messengers for the several churches to be paid quarterly at each fifth Sunday union meeting for Associational Missions, viz:

Mt. Pleasant, per quarter	\$ 3 00
First Providence, per quarter	5 00
Mt. Carmel	1 00
Elim	5 00
Mt. Beulah	2 00
Mt. Zion	2 00
Hopeful	1 00
Lake Butler	5 00
Providence	5 00
Hagan	2 00
Bethlehem	1 00

Total.....\$32 00

Rev. W. J. Sullivan offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the members of Mt. Beulah church and the kind citi-

zens of this community for the very hospitable and cordial way in which this Association has been entertained.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 400 copies of minutes printed and distributed, and that he be paid \$15 00 for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Elim Baptist church, two miles east of Fort White, on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1904.

T. W. GETZEN, Moderator.

C. C. ODOM, Clerk.

The hour of eleven having arrived, Rev. R. F. Rogers preached a very interesting and edifying sermon from the 23d Psalm, 1st verse—"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want"—to a very large and attentive congregation. A collection for missions was taken up amounting to \$11 65.

After refreshments had been served, Rev. M. A. Clonts preached at 2 P. M. a highly interesting and appreciative sermon to a large congregation.

Thus closed the twenty-fourth session of the Beulah Baptist Association.

List of Churches, Pastors and Clerks, and Statistics of the Churches.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Membership Last Year.	Increase.			Decrease.			Present Membership.
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Died.	By Letter	Expelled	
Mt. Beulah	A. C. Odom	G. P. Howell	Leona	116	11	16	1	1	12	1	124
Lake City	T. S. Hubert	I. O. Harris	Lake City	164	34	16	12	1	12	2	242
Providence Village	S. S. Proctor	C. C. Odom	Providence	81	1	7	1	1	12	2	88
Ft. White	Stephen Crockett	A. J. Green	Ft. White	6	1	5	1	1	1	1	11
Bethlehem	W. J. Sullivan	F. M. Waldrep	Lake City	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	43
Mt. Pleasant	B. R. Mosley	E. J. Jernigan	R. F. D. Lake City	121	1	1	1	1	1	1	121
Mt. Zion	W. C. Lee	E. H. Everett	R. F. D. Lake City	155	1	1	1	1	1	1	157
Elim	A. L. Priscoe	T. W. Getzen	Ft. White	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	24
Hopeful	Stephen Crockett	J. G. Parvis	Lake Butler	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Mt. Carmel	A. C. Odom	A. H. Smith	Payne	63	1	1	1	1	1	1	63
Hagan	J. F. Tatum	A. H. Chambers	R. F. D. Lake City	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Providence	G. W. S. Ware	W. B. Chazant	Mikesville	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Oak Grove	W. J. Sullivan	L. J. Tyre	Providence	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
	B. R. Mosley	D. C. Albritton	Benton	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	10

NOTE—The reports from Ft. White, Bethlehem, Lake Butler, Phillippi and Providence did not give full statistics of membership. Oak Grove church not represented by letter or messenger. Hagan church organized August 16th, 1903.

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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: 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 enquire 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 meeting 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, not 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 13:99; 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 16:16.

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; 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.

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 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.

