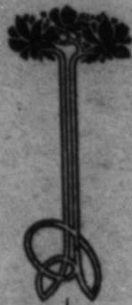


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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

**BEULAH BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**



**OCTOBER FIFTEENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN**

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Beulah Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH

PROVIDENCE VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 15, 1915

OFFICERS

C. M. Brittain, Moderator.....Lake City, Fla.
C. M. Ray, Clerk.....Lake City, Fla.
E. G. Persons, Treasurer.....Fort White, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. B. Jones Rev. C. D. Creasman
A. P. Smith E. G. Persons
Rev. J. R. Eubanks W. H. Shallar

The Next Session will be held with Athens Baptist Church,
Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1916

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Devotional exercise.
2. Present letters, and enroll Messengers.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondents.
7. Appoint committees on Preaching, Nominations, Finance, Deceased Members, Publications, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Missions (State, Home and Foreign), Christian Education, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Close with Devotional Service.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THIS ASSOCIATION

Rev. C. M. Brittain.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. W. P. Bethea.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. S. D. Dupree.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. J. R. Eubanks.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. T. J. Euans.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. R. M. Lewis.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. D. O. Rivers.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. C. D. Creasman.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. John Dicks.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. H. C. Bennett.....Lake City, Florida
Rev. Joe Bass.....Lake City, Florida

LICENSED MINISTERS

Dr. A. P. Montague.....Lake City, Florida
R. B. Davis.....Lake City, Florida
H. W. Markham.....Lake City, Florida
J. E. Sauls.....Lake City, Florida
T. E. Cochran.....Lake City, Florida
T. C. Keating.....Lake City, Florida

MINUTES

The Thirty-sixth Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association convened with the Providence Village Church, October 15, 1915. ffl ffl ffl ffl ffl
After devotional service conducted by Rev. T. J. Euans, the body was called to order by the moderator, Rev. C. M. Brittain, and C. M. Ray was elected temporary secretary.

MESSENGERS ENROLLED

Bethlehem—Mrs. Z. W. Dortch, Mrs. N. M. Chastine, A. P. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Smith.
Eliam—J. F. Smith, D. M. McNair, E. Polk, S. J. Edwards.
Fort White—E. G. Persons, Miss Mamie Ellis, Mrs. E. G. Persons.
Hagen—D. L. Tyre, L. J. Waldron, B. B. Waldron, Mrs. B. B. Waldron, O. F. Rich, Jas. Rich, B. A. Powell, Elva Thomas, Miss Elsie Tyre, Anon Powell, Stephen Powell, Luther Waldron, J. R. Waldron, C. F. Waldron.
Hopeful—Rev. John Dicks, Mrs. John Dicks.
Lake City—O. L. Chandler, C. C. Rawls, Rev. T. J. Euans, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. C. M. Brittain, Mrs. C. M. Brittain, Rev. C. D. Creasman, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Rev. R. B. Davis, Robert Barnes, Rev. R. C. Moore, Mrs. A. P. Montague, A. R. Wise, Mrs. A. R. Wise.
Philippi—M. H. Feagle, Mrs. M. H. Feagle, J. L. Feagle, Miss Alice Vinzant, Miss Harriet Vinzant.
Old Providence—Lee Edenfield, Matthew Bailey, L. F. Gay, Mrs. Ella Clyatt, G. W. Bailey.
Providence Village—James Beiling, W. H. Shallar, D. J. Hardin, J. W. Beiling, V. J. Vallentine, Frank Osteen, Marion Douglass.

Watertown—Miss Clarine Williams, C. M. Ray,
Mrs. C. M. Ray.

Mt. Carmel—H. F. Barwick.

Oak Grove—J. R. Avery.

Fellowship—J. F. Taylor, Aaron Taylor.

Athens—J. Litchenstine, George Kirby.

Mt. Zion—By letter.

Shiloh—No report.

White Springs—No report.

On motion the temporary organization was made permanent, and E. G. Persons, re-elected treasurer.

Adjournment for Preaching Service.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. M. Brittain.

At 1.30 p. m.—Devotional service led by Rev. C. D. Creasman.

O. L. Chandler and Rev. C. D. Creasman were appointed to read Church letters.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

Petitions of Fellowship and Athens Churches for membership were presented, and the following were named as a committee to report on the above petitions: E. G. Persons, C. C. Rawls, W. H. Shallar.

This committee reported favorably and the above named churches were received to full fellowship in this Association.

The following committees were announced:

On Entertainment and Preaching—The pastor and deacons of this Church.

Nominations—C. C. Rawls, E. G. Persons, W. H. Shallar.

Finance—J. Kitchenstine, D. L. Tyre, L. F. Gay.

Deceased Members—D. J. Hardin, J. F. Smith, B. B. Waldron.

Publications—Rev. John Dicks, Marion Douglass, Mrs. E. G. Persons.

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. R. Eubanks, George Kir-

by, Mrs. Z. W. Dortch.

Temperance—James Beiling, Rev. T. J. Euans, O. F. Rich.

Missions—Rev. C. D. Creasman, M. H. Feagle, Frank Osteen.

Christian Education—C. M. Ray, V. J. Valentine, Mrs. C. D. Creasman.

Woman's Work—Rev. C. D. Creasman, Miss Mamie Ellis, Mrs. N. M. Chastine.

Orphanage—E. G. Persons, Mrs. Ella Clyatt, J. W. Beiling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. C. D. Creasman. Pending adoption it was discussed by Rev. C. D. Creasman, C. C. Rawls and C. M. Ray.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and

eighteen state members representing each state in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe, caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of \$624,000 for foreign missions last year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every association and every state. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we as an association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches

on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

2. That each pastor in the association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

Report approved.

Adjourned.

7.30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. T. J. Euans.

Association re-convened, Saturday morning, 9.30.

Devotion service led by Brother R. B. Davis.

The report on temperance was read by Rev. T. J. Euans. Discussion by James Beiling, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, C. C. Rawls, Rev. C. D. Creasman, J. R. Avery, Rev. J. T. Euans and C. M. Ray.

REPORT

We, your committee on Temperance, regard it an unmistakable fact—that the cause of temperance is gaining ground. In one way or another there is an unceasing effort being made in its behalf. We find that the Bible is plain and positive, warning and rebuking the use and traffic of spiritous liquors, clearly setting forth the mind of God as to our duty and danger.

We know that the wisest minds and the men most competent to judge deem alcohol dangerous—whether much or little, and declare that it can be done without even medicinally. So largely has this sentiment been accepted that now all business men have excluded the

drinkers from place and position. We find that state after state in our land, have passed state enactments against it as a traffic. And even the nations of Europe now in the crisis of war have enacted laws against intemperance—as a means for victory. We can perhaps do no better than to urge that we hold fast that we have gained—and as individuals and as a body—pray God to conduct us to speedy and joyful ending of the most shameful SIN and curse of the age.

Signed by Committee,

JAMES W. BEILING,
T. J. EUANS,
B. B. WALDRON.

The report on Sunday Schools: Read by George Kirby, and before doption was discussed by Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. C. D. Creasman, Rev. C. M. Brittain, Jmes Beiling, Rev. T. J. Euans, Mrs. C. M. Ray, J. R. Avery, and Rev. R. C. Moore.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We would again impress the importance of Sunday Schools, trained teachers and up-to-date methods. It is the school of the Church and of such vital importance that every live church must have a live Sunday School. We are glad to be able to report, as we see it, there has been some awakening and increased interest in this department of our Church work, however, we would again urge our adult members to an increased interest and participation, both for the example of the children many of the older of whom are tempted to drift out and away from its influence and for their own spiritual good.

May God give us wisdom and consecrated teachers, who can lead a great host of children to the foot of the cross, for with them is the greatest of all Christian work, and they must become the ministers, teach-

ers and consecrated workers, who will help to carry the Gospel to every creature.

J. R. EUBANKS,
MRS. Z. W. DORTCH,
G. W. KIRBY.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. C. D. Creasman and talks given by Mrs. A. P. Montague, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Mrs. C. M. Ray, Rev. C. M. Brittain and C. C. Rawls.

WOMAN'S WORK

Our women have always been an important factor in church work, and they occupy an ever increasingly important position in all our work. The secret of their success is due to their faithfulness and energetic work. They have sent out 30,000 pieces of literature, tracts, etc. Wonderful results have been accomplished by the mission study classes and we hope that every society which has no class will soon organize one.

The woman's work has had a wonderful growth. Forty-seven new societies have been organized, 20 Sunbeam bands, one Royal Ambassador Society, and 12 Young Women's Auxiliaries. There were three "Honor Societies" last May and several have been added since.

The women have given to the Building Fund \$3,413.57; Foreign Missions, \$2,505.25; Home Missions \$1,981.87; State Missions, \$3,199.43; Bible Fund, \$46.07; City Missions, \$137.40; Education, \$860.38; Benevolences, \$951.26; Boxes, \$1,389.38; Literature, \$30.43; making a grand total of \$14,515.04.

We pray God's blessings upon our faithful women and hope that their work will be an inspiration to the churches.

C. D. CREASMAN.

A supplemental report, by request of the Modera-

for, was prepared and read by Rev. C. D. Creasman, and before adoption, Rev. C. M. Brittain delivered in an address a most earnest plea for State Missions.

MISSIONS

We wish to acknowledge the wonderful favor of God upon our work during the past year. In spite of financial depression, splendid progress has been reported all over the state and all over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Sunday schools are increasing in interest and spiritual power. All the organizations of the churches are making steady progress and we feel that God has wonderfully blessed us. We believe that we have the greatest opportunity we have ever had to enter into a great forward movement along all Missionary lines. We therefore recommend that the churches try to put forth every effort to take advantage of the opportunity now open to us trusting in God to lead us to victories never before achieved.

C. D. CREASMAN.

Adjourned for dinner on grounds.

Reconvened, 1.40 p. m.

Devotional service led by Rev. John Dicks.

The report on publications was read by Rev. John Dicks and pending adoption was discussed by Rev. C. M. Brittain and Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee most strongly recommend a more careful and regular reading of the "Book of Books," THE HOLY BIBLE. That in gleaning its unspeakable and exhaustless riches and beauties, we may rise to a higher type of Christian manhood and womanhood. We deplore the growing tendency amongst

church people to let dust accumulate on this most precious of all books and get their religious and spiritual food and information from other sources.

As Christian publications are necessary for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and a means by which we may attain information concerning the progress of our denomination, we believe that Southern Baptists should patronize and co-operate with our own publishing houses for the progress of our denominational work, we the committee beg to recommend:

1st. That our Sunday Schools purchase literature and books needed in the Sunday School from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

2nd. We recommend the "Florida Baptist Witness" published at Arcadia, Fla., as we believe that Florida Baptists should keep in touch with our state work, knowing that the only way for us to keep informed concerning our own state is to read our denominational paper. We urge that all Baptists subscribe for this paper and read its contents from week to week.

3rd. We also recommend the "Home Fields", published in Atlanta, Ga., which gives information concerning the work of the Home Board.

4th. We recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, V., bringing to us monthly an account of the progress being made by our denomination in the Foreign lands to which our Master has commanded us to carry the good tidings of great joy.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DICKS,
MARION DOUGLASS,
MRS. E. G. PERSONS,

REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS

This was read by D. J. Hardin and before approval

brief memorial talks were given by Brethren Hardin, Euans, Eubanks and Brittain.

REPORT:

We recommend that a page be affectionately dedicated to our honored dead.

(Names given, but here omitted.)

Signed,

D. J. HARDIN,
B. B. WALDRON,
J. F. SMITH.

Approved.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We recommend that the Beulah Baptist Association meet with the Athens Baptist Church for its next sessions, and that Rev. C. D. Creasman be selected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. John Dicks, alternate.

C. C. RAWLS,
W. H. SHALLAR,
JOHN DICKS.

Approved.

On motion thanks were extended to the Hagan Church for their invitation to hold the next Association with them in 1916.

On motion Dr. A. P. Montague was elected member of the State Board of Missions.

A verbal report was given for the executive Committee by Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

The Executive Committee for the ensuing year was announced by the Moderator as follows: W. B. Jones, A. P. Smith, Rev. C. D. Creasman, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, W. H. Shallar and E. G. Persons.

Rev. John Dicks was appointed representative to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Asheville,

N. C., next May, C. M. Ray, alternate.

The following were appointed as representatives to the State Convention, Live Oak, Fla., Jan., 1916.

Dr. A. P. Montague, Rev. C. M. Brittain, Rev. R. C. Moore, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. C. D. Creasman.

Brother J. Litchenstine read the report of the finance committee, which follows:

To Beulah Baptist Association, your Committee on Finance have examined the record of Treasurer, E. G. Persons, and find it correct.

We have received amounts from Churches as follows:

Fort White	\$ 4.00
Mt. Zion Minutes and Clerk.....	2.00
Elim	2.00
Athens Minutes and Clerk.....	5.10
Fellowship Min. \$.50; Missions, \$.50..	1.00
Hagan	2.50
Watertown Clk. and Min.....	5.00
Mt. Carmel Clk. and Minutes.....	1.05
Oak Grove Orphanage	4.90
Oak Grove Clerk and Minutes.....	1.65
Phillippi Clerk and Minutes.....	2.00
Hopeful	1.00
First Baptist Church Providence Vil- lage	5.00
Old Providence Church	2.00
(Lake City to be \$5.00.)	
Bethlehem Minutes and Clerk.....	\$ 1.05
Elim50
Watertown50
Contributions	3 89

Total

\$45.05

On motion the Treasurer was authorized to use all funds not designated, for Minutes and Clerk.

The Clerk was authorized to contract for printing 300 copies of Minutes and the Treasurer was authorized to pay him \$20.00 for services.

TREASURER'S REPORT

E. G. Persons, Treasurer, in account Beulah Baptist Association:

RECEIPTS

1914		
Oct.	16. Cash on hand.....	\$ 2.32
"	Received from Finance Committee	
	Beulah Association	32.80
"	Cash Collection	14.92
"	Mrs. W. C. Ellis	1.00
"	W. H. Shallar	1.00
"	J. J. Swailes	1.00
"	W. C. Ellis	5.00
"	Mrs. J. F. Dennis	1.00
"	J. F. Dennis	1.00
"	Mrs. S. W. Lamb	1.00
"	R. F. Persons	2.50
"	Mrs. J. S. Harrell50
"	S. A. Cothran	2.00
"	E. G. Persons	5.00
1915.		
Jan.	29. Baptist Church, Lake City, by R. H. Chapman	5.00
Feb.	4 Collection 5th Sunday meeting by B. A. Guy	14.58
Aug.	3. Collection Mt. Zion Union Meeting..	12.36
	Total Receipts	\$102.98
	Total Expenditures	\$101.78
	Balance on hand	\$ 1.20

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DISBURSEMENTS

E. G. Persons, Treasurer in account Beulah Baptist Association:

1914.		
Oct.	23. Paid S. B. Rogers	\$ 25.92
Nov.	24. Paid S. B. Rogers.....	10.00
Dec.	23. H. L. Dodd, printing Minutes.....	33.50
1915.		
Feb.	4. M. A. Wood, Clerk's Services.....	20.00
Aug.	31. Paid S. B. Rogers.....	12.36

Total

\$101.78

On motion the names of Mt. Beulah, Mt. Pleasant and Wellborn Churches were ordered omitted, they having gone into another Association.

Rev. C. M. Brittain gave an excellent address on Education to be followed by a report not yet written.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Ladies and Friends for their generous hospitality.

Association adjourned Sunday, Oct. 17, 10.40 a. m.

The report on the Orphanage was read by E. G. Persons and approved.

11 a. m. A Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. C. D. Creasman, followed by offerings: For State Missions, \$18.71; and for the Baptist Orphanage \$8.23; total, \$27.04.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

When God in His matchless wisdom, directed the minds and hearts of Florida Baptists to the founding of this institution, He also laid upon them the strong obligation and precious privilege of caring for and sustaining this best and noblest of all our Institutions. Here are being reared and educated into strong manhood and womanhood some 90 children, whose influ-

ence for good only time and eternity can tell. But for this Institution these children would possibly grow up in ignorance and be a burden, instead of a help to society. Surrounded by Christian influences, most of these children of sufficient age have embraced Christianity and are loyal servants of Christ. Your fathers and mothers, who so tenderly love and care for your own children, try to realize the great responsibility of caring for these, YOUR orphans. Open wide the door, and contribute bountifully of your prayers, your money your efforts and your goods. Callous indeed must be the heart of anyone who does not welcome the opportunity, and who does not appreciate the unspeakable and precious privilege of giving a helping hand to these orphan children. Respectfully submitted,

E. G. PERSONS,
J. W. BEILING,
MRS. ELLA CLYATT,
Committee

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We are all familiar with the truth that money is power, but it is no less true that education is power, though often Christians do not fully realize the mighty evils resulting from education away from God.

Christian education is the great bulwark of safety for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord, for its ultimate triumph, and is essential to human happiness. It points heavenward; an influence for time and eternity.

Unfortunately our public schools and State Institutions of higher learning do not as a rule give safe moral training, as their instructors are not required to be Christians, and students are often misled to wrong doing by example and by precept to certain forms of infidelity.

Parents should be careful in the selection of schools for the education of their children, for education away from God, which deals only with the material things of life is often a curse, giving greater power for evil.

We recommend loyalty to and a generous support of our denominational schools, where only Christian men and women are employed as instructors, where many of these students are converted and all are trained for useful and happy Christian lives.

To our Florida parents and students we earnestly commend Columbia College, which belongs to the Baptists of the State. There both preparatory and College courses are given and the influences are elevating.

We also bespeak a liberal financial support for this Institution.

For the Committee, C. M. Ray.

MRS. C. D. CREASMAN.

OUR HONORED DEAD

SISTER MINNIE BROOKS
Providence Village Church

SISTER JULIA HURST

SISTER FRANCIS HIMES

BROTHER GUS HARRIS
Oak Grove Church

BROTHER LUTHER WISE
Mt. Zion Church

SISTER T. J. ROBINSON
Lake City Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Beulah Association met in twelfth annual session in Providence Village, Oct. 17, 1915.

Opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Prayer and Scripture lesson by Mrs. A. P. Montague, who also gave an interesting talk.

Roll call.

Election of officers was declared in order.

Mrs. A. P. Montague and Mrs. C. D. Creasman were elected Associational Superintendents, and Mrs. C. M. Ray was elected Secretary.

Mrs. C. D. Creasman read Miss Heck's last message which was a touching appeal from a great loving heart, and gave a beautiful and much appreciated talk on the life and work of this noble woman.

REPORT from WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Amounts of offerings since last Association:

State Missions	\$ 14.88
Home Missions	34.20
Foreign Missions	43.05
Chipley Memorial	2.00
Ministers' Assurance	7.00
Orphanage	43.49
Columbia College	19.00
Training School	10.00
Jugiliate Fund	4.50
Local Work	58.50

Total \$236.62

ANNUAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SUPER-
INTENDENT, MRS A. P. MONTAGUE

October, 1915.

Letters and cards received	5
Letters and cards written	10
Programs planned	3
Churches visited	2
Subscribers to Royal Service secured	7
Fla. W. M. U. Histories sold	17
W. M. U.'s organized by Supt.	1
Number of Churches in Association	16
Number of Y. W. A.'s in Association	2
Number of Sunbeam Bands in Association	1
Adjourned.	

MRS. C. M. RAY, Secretary.

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.

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; 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 six members, whose appointment shall be approved by the body. Their duties shall be: First, to inquire into the destitution within our bounds; second, to make contracts with the 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.

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; 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 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 bring-

eth 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; 1st Cor. 3:5-7.

6. We believe in justification by faith, which gives peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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; Phi. 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; Romans 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; 1 Cor. 14:26-28.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the right-

eous and the wicked, and that the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Acts 24:15; Matt. 25 13

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 the 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.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Superintendent	Address	Schools	Pupils	Teachers Bapt	Expenses	Missions and Renovence	Total for All Purposes
Athens	H. C. Hedricks.	Lake City.	1	40	7			
Bethlehem	S. J. Edwards	Fort white	1	37	3	6.00		6.00
Elham	E. G. Persons	Fort white	1	45	4			
Fort White					3			
Fellowship	D. L. Tyre	Lulu	1	75	8		2.00	2.00
Hagan					12		1.35	1.35
Hopeful	H. W. Markham	Lake City	1	312	22	113.23	151.27	264.50
Lake City					7			
Mt. Carmel					2			
Mt. Zion	B. O. Tanner	Lake City	1	27	6	10.00	.31	10.31
Philippi		Fort white			8			
Providence	J. M. Fralick	Lake City	1	40	6		.53	.53
Providence Village					4			
Shiloh	J. T. Williams	Watertown	1	75	7	35.50	17.00	52.50
Watertown					5			
White Springs								
Oak Grove								
			8	651	61	\$164.73	\$172.46	\$337.19

FINANCIAL TABLE

Name of Church	Salary	Incidental and Improving	For Visiting Ministers	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Columbia College	End. S. B. T. Sem.	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Orphanage	For the Poor	Min. and Clerk	Total	Total Value of All Church Property.														
Athens	\$ 100.00												5.10	5.10	\$ 1000.00														
Bethlehem	60.00			3.00	4.50		22.00				5.80		2.50	286.29	800.00														
Elham	165.00			.50									4.00	4.00	1000.00														
Fort White													.50	1.00	500.00														
Fellowship	150.00	102.10		5.05	98.65	106.58		3.18	3.54	3.12	.85	20.25	1.00	259.78	400.00														
Hagan	60.00	12.00		122.69	2.05	2.00					87.42		5.00	80.25	400.00														
Hopeful	1166.80	156.00					623.31	.42			1.65		1.05	2498.89	1500.00														
Lake City	45.00	6.05					1.00						2.00	58.80	500.00														
Mt. Carmel	75.00	5.00		.50									2.00	116.88	600.00														
Mt. Zion	94.25			11.32						1.00			2.00	156.00	600.00														
Philippi	150.00			4.00									2.00	156.00	600.00														
Providence	150.00	4.73	13.11	3.19									5.00	181.22	1500.00														
Providence Village																													
Shiloh																													
Watertown	285.00	1.00		18.25	18.25	22.50	2.50						5.50	423.00	1500.00														
White Springs*		22.00																											
Oak Grove	60.00										4.90		1.65	86.90	500.00														
															3.80	62.86													
															\$2561.05	\$408.88	\$13.11	\$168.50	\$123.45	\$131.58	\$651.99	\$4.42	3.54	\$4.12	\$105.18	\$22.75	\$45.05	\$4300.02	\$32300.00
															Additional Offerings*														

*Last Report

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Pastor's	Address	Clerk	Address	Yr. Church Organized	Increase			Decrease				Sundays of Preaching				
						Baptism	Letter or Exp.	Restoration	Total Increase	Letters	Frasesures	Deaths		Total Decrease			
Athens.....	R. E. Parnell.....	Bell, Fla.	Geo. Kirby.....	Lake City.....	1915								23	1st Sun.			
Bethlehem.....	John Dicks.....	Lake City, RC	Miss Vera Chastain	Lake City, RC	1859					32	32	5	18	2nd Sun.			
Eliam.....	L. A. Rawls.....	Hampton	J. J. Swailes.....	Ft. White.....		3			3	1	1	130	21st Sun.				
Ft. White.....	Wm. Newsome.....	Wetborn, RD 1	A. J. Green.....	Ft. White.....	1915							13					
Fellowship.....	J. R. Eubanks.....	Lake City	W. B. Brannon.....	Lake City.....	1903	20	31	24	24	1	1	79	24				
Hagan.....		Lake City	J. E. Sauls.....	Lake City.....	1887							30	1	1st Sun.			
Hopeful.....	C. D. Creasman.....	Lake City	F. H. Cason.....	Lake City.....		12	43	2	57	17	118	392	39	Every Sunlay			
Lake City.....	John Dicks.....	Lake City	C. C. Parker.....	Lake City.....		8	2	10	3	3	3	50	7	1st Sun.			
Mt. Carmel.....	J. R. Eubanks.....	Lake City	E. B. Everett.....	Lake City.....	1878	2	2	4	4	1	5	39	1	1st Sun.			
Mt. Zion.....	John Dicks.....	Lake City	P. D. Vinzant.....	Ft. White.....		11	6	17	31	4	4	62	13	3rd Sun.			
Philipp.....	John Dicks.....	Lake City	G. W. Bailey.....	Lake City.....		7		7	22	4	135	4	3	2nd Sun.			
Providence.....	J. R. Eubanks.....	Lake City	John W. Osteen.....	Lake City.....						1	1	97	1				
Providence Village.....		Lake City	E. P. DuBose.....	High Springs.....		7	2	9	9	9	9	127	19				
*Shiloh.....	C. M. Brittain.....	Lake City	J. T. Williams.....	Watertown.....						2	3	6	49	1st Sun.			
Watertown.....	T. J. Euans.....	Lake City	David Albritton.....	Lake City.....	1879	2				2	3	6	4	2nd Sun.			
*White Springs.....																	
Oak Grove.....																	
						Totals.....	69	59	5	128	45	6	6	56	1369	12	88

*Last Report

Names of Societies and Presidents		Address		Missions and Benevolence	Local Work	Total For All Purposes.
W. M. S.						
Lake City	Mrs. T. H. Owens	Lake City	Lake City	\$167.42	\$58.50	\$225.92
Watertown	Mrs. J. L. Jones	Watertown	Watertown	10.70		10.70
		Total.....		\$178.12	\$58.50	\$236.62
B. Y. P. U.						
Lake City	Harold Tribble	Lake City	Lake City	7.31		7.31
Watertown	Mrs. J. L. Jones	Watertown	Watertown	5.30		5.30
		Totals.....		\$ 12.61		\$ 12.61

STATISTICAL FOR SOCIETIES

