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THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL  
SESSION  
OF THE  
BEULAH BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION



*Held with the Lake City Baptist Church,  
Lake City, Fla., October 19, 1917.*

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

CONVENED WITH  
**THE LAKE CITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

October 19, 1917

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. A. M. Bennett,	D. L. Tyre,
Prof. W. B. Jones,	E. G. Persons,
C. M. Ray,	Rev. John Dicks
Rev. C. M. Brittain, Ex-Officio.	

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**OFFICERS.**

Rev. C. M. Brittain, Moderator .....	Lake City, Florida
C. M. Ray, Clerk .....	Lake City, Florida
E. G. Persons, Treasurer .....	Ft. White, Florida

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The next session will be held with the Philippi church, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1918.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THIS  
ASSOCIATION.**

Rev. C. M. Brittain ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. W. P. Bethea ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. D. O. Rivers ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. John Dicks ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. A. M. Bennett ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. E. G. Diamond ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. R. Y. Walden ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. A. M. Parker ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. C. E. Saunders ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. William Jane ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. J. O. Harris ..... Lake City, Florida  
Rev. H. A. Jordan ..... Lee, Florida  
Rev. G. H. Newton ..... Trenton, Florida

**LICENSED MINISTERS.**

Forrest Jones ..... Lake City, Florida  
Ray Walden ..... Lake City, Florida  
C. J. Johnson ..... Lake City, Florida  
John Sauls ..... Lake City, Florida  
A. P. Montague ..... Lake City, Florida  
H. W. Markham ..... Lake City, Florida  
F. C. Keaton ..... Lake City, Florida  
P. E. Downs ..... Lake City, Florida  
Chester Branch ..... Lake City, Florida  
W. M. Brown ..... Lulu, Florida  
Frazier Waldron ..... Lulu, Florida  
Amon Powell ..... Lake Butler, Florida

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
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,
  - Orphanage,
  - Digest of Letters,
  - State of Churches.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Close With Devotional Service.

## MINUTES

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Beulah Baptist Association convened with the Lake City Baptist Church, Lake City, Fla., October 19, 1917.

At 10 a. m. devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Eubanks, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. M. Brittain.

### MESSENGERS ENROLLED.

Athens—V. M. Williams, Mrs. V. M. Williams  
Bethlehem—J. R. Chastine, Mrs. J. R. Chastine.  
Eliam—J. F. Smith.  
Ft. White—E. G. Persons, Mrs. E. G. Persons, Miss Daisy White, Miss Mamie Ellis.  
Fellowship—J. F. Taylor.  
Hopeful—Rev. John Dicks, Mrs. John Dicks.  
Lake City—Rev. A. M. Bennett, Prof. W. B. Jones, Dr. A. P. Montague, Selwyn Chalker, A. B. Brown, E. A. McColsky, F. H. Cason, Rev. J. O. Harris, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. C. M. Brittain, H. W. Markham, Mrs. A. P. Montague, Mrs. D. N. Green, Mrs. D. B. Duke, Mrs. D. G. Rivers, Miss Nell Futeh, Mrs. T. H. Owens.  
Lulu—Frazier Waldron, Miss Elsie Tyre, Mrs. F. B. Powell, Mitchell Powell, Mrs. L. F. Johnson, Mrs. C. J. Johnson, D. L. Tyre.  
Mt. Beulah—R. H. Carver, S. R. Hunt, G. P. Howell.  
Mt. Carmel—S. F. Young, Mrs. S. F. Young.  
Mt. Pleasant—S. M. Parker, Mrs. W. F. Nettles, Mrs. R. D. Zepers, G. W. Helton.  
Mt. Zion—J. A. Ogden, A. F. Hudson, A. H. Powers.  
Oak Grove—John Avery.  
Philippi—J. N. Howell, Miss Alice Vinzant, Miss Harriet Vinzant, B. O. Tanner.  
Old Providence—C. A. Barrow, Mrs. C. A. Barrow, Mrs. Mary Ward, Mrs. O. B. Clark, R. W. Turner.  
Providence Village—W. H. Shallar, G. W. Hardin, J. J. Beiling, C. O. Beiling, L. F. Fralick.  
Shiloh—By Letter.  
Watertown—J. F. Williams, C. M. Ray.



White Springs—G. D. Griffith, Mrs. G. D. Griffith.  
Wellborn—By Letter.

Mt. Beulah, Mt. Pleasant and Wellborn churches were on petition received into this Association from the Little River Association.

#### Officers.

Officers were elected as follows:

Rev. C. M. Brittain ..... Moderator  
C. M. Ray ..... Clerk  
E. G. Persons ..... Treasurer  
Rev. A. B. Cannady, from Pasco Association, representing the Florida Baptist Witness, was recognized and given the privileges of the floor.

Committees were announced as follows:

Deceased Members—Rev. J. R. Eubanks, J. N. Howell and C. A. Barrow.

Sunday School—H. W. Markham, F. Walden and R. H. Carver.

Temperance—J. T. Williams, S. M. Parker and John Dennis.

Woman's Work—C. M. Ray, W. H. Shallar and Mrs. E. G. Persons.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. C. M. Brittain. Text, Isaiah 52:1.

Dr. A. M. Bennett, pastor of the Lake City church, in fitting words expressed a cordial welcome, and announcement was made that a table would be prepared at once for dinner near the church.

Mrs. Owens announced a woman's meeting for 2:30 p. m. at the Methodist church.

Adjourned for dinner.

1:30 p. m. After a short devotional service the Association reconvened.

The Moderator made further announcement of committees as follows:

Finance—A. B. Brown, C. O. Belling and J. T. Taylor.

Missions—Prof. W. B. Jones, J. F. Smith and S. M. Parker.

Christian Education—Dr. A. P. Montague, V. M. Williams and J. A. Ogden.

Publications—Rev. John Dicks, S. F. Young and G. P. Howell.

Orphanage—E. G. Persons, A. F. Hudson and J. Litchestine.

Brethren Bennett and Dicks by request read letters from the churches.

On motion a Committee on Digest of Letters and State of Churches was authorized, and the Moderator stated that he would announce names later.

Rev. A. B. Cannady was given the privileges of the floor to present the Florida Baptist Witness.

Report of the Committee on Invitation to the Churches of Little River Association.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of Beulah Association in October, 1916, to visit the Little River Association with fraternal greetings and a cordial invitation to the churches of that body to return to our Association, submit that we were very kindly received by the Little River Association, and several members of that body expressed appreciation of our invitation, but affirmative action was deferred.

C. M. RAY,  
JOHN DICKS,

Committee.

Approved.

The Sunday School report was made the special order for 10 a. m. Sunday.

Correspondents were appointed to attend Harmony Association: Rev. A. M. Bennett, and to attend Santa Fe Association, W. H. Shallar.

Special verbal reports were requested on conditions in our churches. Dr. Bennett reported finances good, but lack of spirituality in Lake City church.

Rev. C. M. Brittain reported that Brother Bennett had recently assisted in evangelistic meetings in the Watertown church, and that the church was strengthened.

Brother A. F. Hudson reported for Mt. Zion church, that he greatly appreciated Brother Bennett's preaching at his church.

Rev. John Dicks reported for his churches encouraging conditions.

Brother R. H. Carver reported that after some disturbances in his church, he felt encouraged for Mt. Beulah church.

An offering, by permission, was taken at this time for the benefit of Fellowship church, amounting to \$11.45.

The report of the Executive Committee was made the special order for 10 a. m. Saturday.

Moved by H. W. Markham that we place ourselves on record as favoring changes of dates for some of our Associations, so that they may not conflict.

Approved.

The Moderator appointed Bro. H. W. Markham a committee of one to work at the problem of conflicting dates of Associations.

Adjourned.

7 p. m., Short song and prayer service.

Dr. S. B. Rogers and Mrs. H. C. Peelman appeared on the floor.

and were recognized by the chair.

An address of twenty minutes on food conservation was delivered by Lewis Tribble.

Dr. A. P. Montague read the report on Education, and after an able address by him was approved.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education in our country in plans, methods and practices, is divided into two systems, state and denominational.

In the former, plans and purposes contemplate purely secular education, the development of mind, with whatever moral and spiritual training individual professors may chance to give, and with daily assembly for devotional services, which are usually entirely perfunctory, and are held because it is the custom to hold such meetings.

Now and then a president or a professor of fine Christian character is found in a state institution of higher learning, as in the case of the president of the University of Florida, and also the head of the Department of Education there.

But the tendency of the state college is not toward spiritual development; often just the reverse.

The aims and purposes of the denominational colleges should be, and usually are, to train the mind and with equal earnestness the spiritual, to the end that all education may have its foundation in faith in God, loyalty to Christ and full belief in the Bible. The denominational college that fails in any one of these particulars is disloyal to the purposes of true Christian education.

Since the above statements can be verified as facts in the experiences of college education, the duty of loyal Christians to support the denominational school is clear and compelling.

The parent who has the opportunity to place his son or daughter in a denominational school and yet who deliberately sends him or her, when young and immature, to a state college, is taking a big risk for his child's future, and may be responsible for that child's spiritual ruin.

A man may say, "I can send my child to the state college for less money, and I mean to do it."

It is a poor and narrow father who, to save a few dollars, is willing to ignore the higher, purer training of son or daughter; it is a poor and narrow Baptist who is not willing to help his own college, even if the cost is somewhat greater, and this because the denominational college receives annually but a small sum of money from its people, while the state school gets \$100,000 a year.

When a boy or a girl has had for two or more years mental and

spiritual training in a denominational school and has had opportunity to be grounded in the faith, it is not unwise or improper to place him or her in a state college, if subjects can be studied there not taught in the denominational college.

To bring this matter home to the Beulah Association, Columbia College is the only Baptist school in Florida, owned and controlled by Florida Baptists; it has a faculty abundantly able to teach young men and young women, and to give them all that they need for preparation for life and its highest duties; it is founded upon the Bible, and it is loyal to the doctrines, policy and practices of the Baptist denomination.

It may be stated as a fact beyond controversy that the Christian, whether Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian, who fails to support with patronage, money and influence his denominational school, perhaps in many cases unconsciously but yet just as surely and effectively, stands in opposition to the intelligent progress of his denomination, in opposition to education established upon God's Word, and in opposition to the missionary enterprise, almost every worker in which is a product of some denominational school.

In conclusion, we urge upon our people the support of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and strongly advise young men when they have finished their studies in Columbia College, to pursue courses in the Seminary, and young women, who have completed their courses in our college, to continue their work of preparation in the Women's Department of the Seminary.

A. P. MONTAGUE,

J. A. OGDEN.

1. Columbia College was founded ten years ago.
2. About 1,700 have been enrolled during ten years.
3. Some 550 have been helped with work whereby they have earned a good part of expenses or by scholarships.
4. Graduates receive certificates to teach in public schools of Florida upon presentation of standing, without examination, the same privilege as enjoyed by the University of Florida and the Girls' School, at Tallahassee.
5. Graduates and former students, not graduates, have done fine work in the ministry and in teaching.
6. The faculty are products of best Southern Colleges, and some of them have pursued studies in great Northern Universities.
7. No standard college in America pays its way from students' fees. A college must have endowment or a large allowance each year. The University of Florida receives \$100,000 a year, the Girls' School at

Tallahassee, \$65,000; Columbia has had an average of about \$3,500 a year! IT SHOULD HAVE \$20,000 A YEAR.

8. Needs.

a. Money to pay debt of about \$37,000, made because it has received so little each year, AND HAS TRIED TO DO SO MUCH FOR THE BAPTIST CAUSE.

b. Money for repairs. Buildings must be repaired or BE RUINED.

c. Children of Baptist parents sent to Columbia and NOT to state schools or alien schools OUT OF THE STATE.

d. More general interest from Baptists of the state and less criticism from men and women who do nothing for it.

Adopted.

Rev. S. B. Rogers was given the floor with unlimited time, and range of discussion, but in the main his address was on mission problems.

**SATURDAY, 9 A. M.**

After a short devotional service the Association resumed business.

The Treasurer's report for the past Associational year was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the regular order was waived and miscellaneous business taken up.

On motion Dr. A. M. Bennett, Rev. C. M. Brittain and C. M. Ray composed a committee to secure as complete a file of minutes of former meetings of this Association as possible, to be in the keeping of the Clerk.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Prof. W. B. Jones, discussed, and approved.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

One of the chief lines of work which your Executive Committee has undertaken during the past year is that of trying to promote favorable sentiment and effort in every church of the Association for the support of an Associational Missionary for one-half of his time during the ensuing year. At the Fifth Sunday meeting of this Association held at Watertown in July, delegates from some ten of our churches agreed in conference to ask the Association at this meeting to employ a missionary as above mentioned, and pledges were made then to the amount of some \$365.00.

In the meantime your committee has placed the matter before other churches of the Association not represented at the Fifth Sunday meeting.

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Believing firmly that our Association should have a resident missionary employed for not less than half of his full time, and believing furthermore that the Association can, without crippling any part of our work, support this worker, we do hereby strongly recommend that the Association adopt the request of the Fifth Sunday Conference held in July, 1917.

W. B. JONES, Chairman.

Approved.

The plan of engaging a missionary for half of his time, to work in this Association as presented in the report of the Executive Committee, was discussed, and the Clerk was requested to record pledges for this work, which were tabulated as follows:

Names of Churches.	Pledges.
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Hopeful .....	2.00
Total.....	409.50

On motion the foregoing was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act in securing further pledges and funds and the employment of a Missionary.

**REPORT ON MISSIONS.**

As the present Associational year draws near an end several interesting and important facts press upon us for consideration. In the first place, there has probably never been a time since the civil war that so many urgent demands have been made upon us. A just and proper wave of patriotism has swept over our land during the past few months. The liberty for which our forefathers bled and died and for which the



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Union has so firmly stood—that same liberty for which Baptists have so loyally contended, has been threatened, and in response to the call of the nation to rise in defense of this great principle, we have given not only thousands of our best young men, but millions of dollars besides. The call for our support in the purchase of Liberty Bonds, with the proceeds of which the government must equip, train, and maintain the army and the navy, the urgent need of funds for the Red Cross and the Army Y. M. C. A. have met with a just and cordial response. All of this is necessary and will continue to be necessary so long as the war lasts. Coupled with this extra burden, too, there is the high cost of living—a thing that has created in the average home a real problem.

But this is not all. The call of the regular work in every line of missionary activity, both at home and abroad, rings out loud and clear. During the war our foreign work should be fully maintained. After the war is over, when political and religious liberty shall have been more widely extended, the call of Foreign Missions will be louder and clearer and more insistent than ever before, and we ought now to begin preparation for the great task and the God-given opportunity that shall be ours.

In the next place, the war presents new problems and adds additional expense to our home work. Hundreds of thousands of young men have been taken from their homes and home surroundings and have been placed in newly-built army cities. The religious life of these young men must be looked after, and Southern Baptists should, of necessity, have a large part in this work.

Then, again, the needs in our own state are perhaps greater than ever before. The increased patronage of winter visitors, the large growth in the number of permanent residents, many of whom are without interest in God and religious work, and the still greater increase that must of necessity follow as a result of the recent activity in the building of good roads—all these tend to enlarge the burden of the State Board.

Finally, the plan of our own Association to employ an Associational Missionary for half of his time will, if adopted, bring to us an increased obligation.

Is the program too great for our undertaking? From every church in the Association there ought to come an emphatic NO.

As a people this section has been wonderfully blessed during the current year. Few Associations in the state are at this time so well able as our own to assume the increased obligations that have been placed upon Florida Baptists. Last year as members of this Association we gave only forty-four cents each to missions. Are we honoring our Lord in this kind of gift?

May the Lord help us to arouse to a larger sense of our duty in this direction, and may we honor Him, as He has so richly blessed and honored us.

W. B. JONES, Chairman.

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Pending adoption, the above report was discussed, and then approved.

Dr. Bennett exhibited a chart relating to mission offerings, and on motion is made a supplement to the foregoing mission report.

1918-1919  
BUDGET OF APPEAL - 1917-1918

Name of Churches	College	Associational	State	Home	Missions	Foreign	Ministerial	Aged	Seminary	Orphanage	Home Board	Total	Grand
Athens	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	40.50	54.50
Bethlehem	4.25	2.50	1.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.25	1.75	.50	2.00	1.50	24.75	27.25
Beulah	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.50	49.50	57.50
Florida	12.75	5.00	22.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	4.50	2.25	1.50	6.00	1.50	75.00	87.00
Fellowship	15.10	5.00	30.00	4.80	4.80	4.80	1.80	3.00	.60	2.40	.60	59.00	74.00
Fort White	17.00	5.00	30.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	99.00	104.00
Hopeful	4.25	2.50	1.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.25	1.75	.50	2.00	1.50	24.75	27.25
Laake City First	500.00	25.00	245.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	49.00	28.00	14.00	63.00	14.00	1200.00	1275.00
Lulu	21.25	8.00	37.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	7.50	3.75	2.50	10.00	2.50	125.00	133.00
Mt. Carmel	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	49.50	52.50
Mt. Pleasant	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	49.50	52.50
Mt. Zion	12.75	5.00	22.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	4.50	2.25	1.50	6.00	1.50	75.00	87.00
Oak Grove	21.25	8.00	37.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	7.50	3.75	2.50	10.00	2.50	125.00	133.00
Palmetto	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	49.50	52.50
Providence	21.25	8.00	37.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	7.50	3.75	2.50	10.00	2.50	125.00	133.00
Providence Village	21.25	8.00	37.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	7.50	3.75	2.50	10.00	2.50	125.00	133.00
Shiloh	2.35	1.50	4.50	2.40	2.40	2.40	.90	1.35	.30	1.20	.30	14.63	16.42
Wellborn	8.50	5.00	15.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	2.50	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00	49.50	54.50
Wellborn	11.05	4.00	19.50	10.40	10.40	10.40	3.80	1.87	1.00	4.00	1.00	64.42	68.42
White Springs	25.50	5.00	45.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	9.00	4.50	3.00	12.00	3.00	148.50	153.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>712.50</b>	<b>307.00</b>	<b>620.00</b>	<b>326.00</b>	<b>326.00</b>	<b>326.00</b>	<b>117.50</b>	<b>65.25</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>163.00</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>2457.25</b>	<b>2550.25</b>

If every church will adopt this appeal and use the envelope, every member can-  
vass system, every one giving something each month and with the exception of the  
amounts for associational expenses, sending your contributions each month to Dr.  
S. B. Rogers, 364 Professional Building, Jacksonville, Fla. you will be surprised  
at the end of the year to know you have raised these amounts. The pastor is the  
key to the situation.  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Moderator announced the Executive Committee for the ensuing year as follows:

Dr. A. M. Bennett, Prof. W. B. Jones, D. L. Tyree, E. G. Parsons, C. M. Ray, Rev. John Dicks, Rev. C. M. Brittain, ex-officio.

The Committee on Nominations was announced as follows: Rev. John Dicks, G. W. Helton and L. F. Fralick.

The report on Woman's Work was read by C. M. Ray, and after discussion was adopted. The report follows:

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It is now our pleasure and privilege to bear witness again to the value of organized woman's work. Their missionary societies give impetus to her zeal and consecration, and there she finds mission studies and education along mission lines that open to her new and enlarged activities.

We note a constant growth in their work as shown by increased membership and enlarged gifts in Beulah Association and in Baptist churches generally.

We commend a study of their work as given in reports from their own meetings.

May God bless them, and lead them to enlarged activities, and it will be theirs to hear the plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

C. M. RAY,  
W. H. SHALLAR,  
MRS. E. G. PERSONS,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

We recommend the appointment of Dr. A. M. Bennett as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in Hot Springs, Arkansas, next May. Rev. John Dicks, alternate, and the appointment of the following named as representatives of this Association, to attend our next State Convention to meet with the Tallahassee church in January: Rev. R. Y. Walden, Rev. J. R. Eubanks, Rev. C. M. Brittain, Rev. A. M. Bennett and Dr. A. P. Montague. Alternates, C. M. Ray, Rev. John Dicks, and Rev. E. G. Diamond.

We recommend Dr. A. M. Bennett for member of the State Board of Missions.

For chairmen of standing committees we recommend the following:

Digest of Letters and State of Churches—Dr. A. M. Bennett,

Deceased Members—C. M. Ray.

Publications—Prof. W. B. Jones,

Sunday Schools—R. H. Carver.

Temperance—Rev. J. R. Eubanks.

Missions—Dr. A. M. Bennett.

Christian Education—Dr. A. P. Montague.

Nominations—Prof. W. B. Jones.

Finance—W. H. Shallar.

Woman's Work—H. W. Markham.

Orphanage—Rev. John Dicks.

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Rev. A. E. Calkins; alternate, Rev. R. Y. Walden.

We recommend that the place for the next session of this Association be decided by a majority vote of this Association.

JOHN DICKS,

L. F. FRALICK,

G. W. HELTON,

Committee.

Approved.

Report of the Committee on Publications was read by Rev. John Dicks, and after discussion was adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, are aware that there is a large distribution of trashy and pernicious literature that is being read by many of our people because it can be had without cost. Let us not forget that the literature that one reads has much to do in moulding character, and that good morals and character are worth more than dollars and cents.

First, we would recommend the reading of God's word both for young and old, as it is the only book that has God for its author, and eternal life for its readers.

Second, we recommend that our people subscribe for and read our denominational paper, the Florida Baptist Witness, which will be found to be sound in doctrine and first class in quality; a messenger coming to the home once a week, and bringing to us information concerning Florida Baptists, and keeps us informed as to the different enterprises that we foster.

Third, we recommend that our people patronize our Sunday School Board in the purchase of literature. Our Board carries a large line of tracts both evangelical and doctrinal, and a large quantity of books and periodicals, and among these is the Home and Foreign Fields, a

monthly, filled with news from both the home and foreign fields, at a cost within the reach of all.

We urge that our leaders, and especially our pastors, give more attention to the placing of sound literature of a religious kind in the homes that come under their influence, for this is one way to sow seed for our Master which shall come forth in the future and bear fruit, "some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold to the honor and glory of God."

JOHN DICKS,  
G. P. HOWELL,  
S. F. YOUNG,

Committee.

On motion the request of Philippi church for the next meeting of Beulah Association was considered, the invitation accepted, and the time was fixed, to begin Friday before the third Sunday—October 18, 1918.

The pastor and deacons of the Lake City church were appointed a committee to arrange services for Sunday.

The Committee on Deceased Members presented their report, which was approved.

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

God in His wisdom and loving providence has seen fit to remove from our midst several of our number, one of these being a minister, and pastor of churches in this Association.

We recommend that a page be dedicated to their memory.

J. R. EUBANKS,  
C. A. BARROW,  
J. N. HOWELL,

Committee.

Adjourned.

Reconvened at 7 p. m.

Song and devotional service twenty minutes.

The Moderator announced that he would be necessarily absent during Sunday, and appointed Prof. W. B. Jones, Moderator pro tem.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to omit the Constitution and By-Laws from the minutes.

On motion the entire matter of printing minutes and compensation to clerk was referred to the Executive Committee.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by J. T. Williams, discussed and approved.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We rejoice in the onward march of the temperance movement, both in the nation and throughout the world. We endorse the inter-denominational non-partisan anti-saloon movement, which is the spirit and power of the evangelical church of Jesus Christ is waging an unrelenting warfare on the liquor traffic; and also that noble body of women of the W. C. T. U., which is destined to play so large a part in the redemption of our nation from the power of this evil.

We urge that the Anti-Saloon League, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and all other organized forces, labor earnestly for the passage of such laws as will rid our state and nation of this curse, and we pledge them our loyal support.

We insist upon rigid enforcement of the present laws, and we will as individual Christian citizens give support only to such candidates for office as will give their support to the enforcement of law.

We insist that our representatives give support to such measures as may tend to suppress the traffic in state and nation.

We urge that our editors, pastors, evangelists, Sunday School Superintendents, Young People's Union leaders, Sunday School teachers, officers of Woman's Missionary Societies, Sunbeams, and all of our laymen so far as they have opportunity to wage an earnest and persistent campaign of education as to the righteousness of the prohibition cause, and our duty as citizens to destroy the traffic.

Let us educate and agitate, until the saloon which has lost much of its power in Florida and in America, shall be destroyed forever.

Watchman, what of the night? Does the day dawn? Verily, verily, the hour draws near, and some who hear this report shall not taste of death until the saloon shall have gone forever.

J. F. WILLIAMS,

For the Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

Amounts received from the several churches of the Association for the several purposes as follows:

Mt. Beulah—Minutes and Clerk .....	\$ 3.60
Aged Ministers .....	1.00
Foreign Missions .....	2.00
State Missions .....	2.00
Watertown Church—Minutes and Clerk .....	5.61
Mt. Zion—Minutes and Clerk .....	2.60
Orphanage .....	3.75

Foreign Missions .....	3.00
Home Missions .....	3.00
State Missions .....	5.00
Mt. Zion Sunday School—Orphanage .....	4.76
Mt. Zion Sunday School—State Missions .....	7.01
Philippi—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.00
First Church, Lake City—Minutes and Clerk .....	10.00
First Providence .....	2.50
.....	2.50
Fellowship—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.00
Ellam—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.00
Mt. Pleasant—Minutes and Clerk .....	5.00
Mt. Carmel—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.25
Oak Grove—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.00
Home Missions .....	1.75
Ft. White—Minutes and Clerk .....	7.50
Lulu—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.80
Athens—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.55
Old Providence—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.15
Hopeful Church—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.00
White Springs—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.60
Associational offering from Fellowship Church .....	11.45
Wellborn—Minutes and Clerk .....	3.60
Beulah Woman's Missionary Union—Minutes and Clerk .....	2.60
Bethlehem—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$116.18</b>
Supplemental report of Finance Committee:	
Offering by Association for State Missions .....	\$ 51.34
Offering by the Association for the Orphanage .....	14.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$181.52</b>

A. B. BROWN,  
For the Committee.

Reconvened at 10 a. m. Sunday, and after a short devotional service the Moderator pro tem, Prof. W. B. Jones, called the Association to order.

Moved by Dr. Bennett, and approved, that a time be set apart for a Sunday School Convention to be held once during the year to take the place of one of our regular union meetings.

The chairman of the Committee on the Orphanage was authorized to write and send to the Clerk a report in time to be incorporated in the minutes.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to include proceedings of the Woman's Missionary Union in the minutes.

Dr. Bennett moved that a Layman's Committee be organized in this Association, and suggested the following names to constitute the primary organization.

#### LAYMAN'S COMMITTEE.

Lake City Church—Prof. W. B. Jones, chairman, Lake City, Fla.  
Athens Church—V. M. Williams, R. B., Lake City, Fla.  
Elam Church—Sam Edwards, Fort White, Fla.  
Bethlehem Church—John Chastine, R. 3, Lake City, Fla.  
Fort White Church—E. G. Persons, Fort White, Fla.  
Fellowship Church—John Newsome, Lake City, Fla.  
Lulu Church—O. F. Rich, Lulu, Fla.  
Hopeful Church—Charles Pearce, R. A, Lake City, Fla.  
Mt. Zion Church—A. T. Hudson, R. 1, Lake City, Fla.  
Philippi Church—B. O. Tanner, R. 1, Fort White, Fla.  
Providence Church—S. W. Lamb, R. B. Lake City, Fla.  
Providence Village Church—C. O. Bejling—  
Shiloh Church—E. P. DuBose, Fort White, Fla.  
Watertown Church—C. M. Ray, Lake City, Fla.  
Oak Grove Church—J. R. Avery  
Mtt. Pleasant Church—G. W. Helton  
Mt. Beulah Church—R. H. Carver, Wellborn, Fla.  
Wellborn Church—D. B. Harrell, Wellborn, Fla.  
White Springs Church—Dr. B. T. Camp, White Springs, Fla.  
Mt. Carmel Church—J. W. Wood, Lake City, Fla.

The Sunday School report was read by H. W. Markham, and after discussion, approved.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, beg to report that the work is going forward. We find in our Association several teachers holding the Southern Baptist Diplomas, from the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tennessee. We also find that the proper conception of Sunday School work is being slowly realized by our people; that is to say, Sunday Schools are for all ages of people, and a Sunday School is the teaching agency of the church.

The work being done by our State Sunday School Secretary is of the highest order, and we recommend that special meetings be held in our Association and the Secretary be invited to come to our midst and conduct meetings looking towards getting our schools on a still higher



plane. We realize with trained leaders the field is white unto harvest. Therefore we urge upon our people to get more training.

We find our own Southern Baptist literature the very best, and commend it to all our schools, and urge its being taught with thoroughness of preparation.

We note that the social life of our people is not being properly cared for in the matter of entertainment. Socials should be provided for in the homes of our people, under the direction of consecrated leaders, and these should be held monthly. There is no better agency to look after this than the Sunday Schools, therefore we urge our people to entertain the Sunday Schools monthly.

The greatest percentage of converts coming into the church from any source come from the Sunday Schools, therefore we urge that every person having their names enrolled upon the church do the proper thing by being a regular attendant upon every session of the school possible, and then doing the things the Lord commands, "Seek the lost while they may be found. The Lord will be with and bless thee."

H. W. MARKHAM,  
Chairman.

R. H. CARVER,  
F. WALDRON.

Approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Beulah Baptist Association, for Associational year ending October 19, 1917.

1916—October 16, when the session was held with the Athens Church:

By Churches for Minutes and Clerk:—

Providence Church—Minutes and Clerk .....	\$ 1.50
Athens Church—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.80
Fellowship Church—Minutes and Clerk .....	1.15
Providence Village Church—Clerk and Minutes .....	5.00
Watertown Church—Clerk and Minutes .....	5.00
Elam Church—Clerk and Minutes .....	2.50
Hopeful Church—Clerk and Minutes .....	1.00
Hagan Church— .....	2.50
Philippi Church— .....	2.30
Ft. White Church .....	3.00
Bethlehem Church .....	1.41
From E. G. Persons, balance in Treasury .....	.50
Offering for State Missions .....	10.78

Not otherwise accounted for .....	.66
1917—April 29. Union meeting with Providence Church, July 30:—	
Philippi Church—Home Missions .....	.24
Philippi Church—Foreign Missions .....	.26
Athens Church—Foreign Missions .....	1.00
Athens Church—Home Missions .....	1.00
Union offering for Home Missions .....	16.33
Union offering for Foreign Missions .....	16.08
Union with Watertown Church, July 30:—	
Philippi Church—State Missions .....	1.66
Bethlehem Church—State Missions .....	1.66
Bethlehem—State Missions .....	3.20
Providence Village Church—State Missions .....	1.25
Athens Church—State Missions .....	.50
Athens Church—Aged Ministers .....	.25
Athens Church—Orphanage .....	.25
Hagan Church—Home Missions .....	.50
Fellowship Church—Orphanage .....	.25
Fellowship Church—State Missions .....	.25
Fellowship Church—Aged Ministers .....	.25
Providence Church—State Missions .....	1.25
Hagan Church—Orphanage .....	.50
Watertown Church—Columbia College .....	6.00
Mt. Carmel Church—State Missions .....	1.00
Offering to pay for print, blanks .....	4.20
September 29. Union meeting with Providence Village Church:—	
Providence Church—State Missions .....	2.00
Hagan Church—State Missions .....	.75
Hopeful Church—State Missions .....	1.00
Athens Church—Home Missions .....	2.00
Watertown Church—State Missions .....	5.00
Providence Village Church—Union offering .....	14.38
Cash .....	.25
Total received .....	\$120.70

#### PAID OUT.

Oct. 16—To Rev. S. B. Rogers, State Missions .....	\$ 10.78
Oct. 16—To H. L. Dodd, part payment on Minutes .....	28.22
April 30—To Rev. S. B. Rogers, Home Missions .....	17.57
April 30—To Rev. S. B. Rogers, Foreign Missions .....	17.34
July 30—To Rev. S. B. Rogers, Missions, etc. ....	17.46
July 30—To H. L. Dodd, printing .....	4.00

## THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

October 1—To Rev. S. B. Rogers, Missions .....	25.13
Total paid out .....	\$120.50
Balance .....	.20
Total .....	\$120.70

A resolution of thanks to the Lake City Church and people for entertainment was offered by E. G. Persons, and adopted.

11 o'clock a. m.—Sermon by Dr. A. M. Bennett, from the text 1st Cor. 16:15, preceded by an offering amounting to \$14.00 for the Orphanage, and followed by an offering for State Missions, amounting to \$51.34. Association adjourned.

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**OUR DEAD.**

This page is in loving remembrance. Dedicated to:—

Rev. T. J. Evans,  
Sister Julia Cline,  
Sister J. Epps Calloway,

**Lake City**

Bro. J. S. Harrell,  
Bro. E. Pope,

**Elam**

Bro. Mitchel Hazen,

**Lulu**

Sister Margaret Davis,  
Sister Blair Register,

**Oak Grove**

Sister Renna Lee Prevat,

**Philippi**

Sister Annie Helton,

**Mt. Pleasant**

Sister Weeda Carver,

**Wellborn**

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## W. M. U. DEPARTMENT.

W. M. U. of Beulah Association met in Lake City, October 19th, 1917. The first session was held Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. M. Bennett led the devotional service, and Mrs. C. M. Brittain gave a splendid lesson from the Mission Study Book, "Holding the Ropes."

The regular annual meeting of the W. M. U. was held Saturday afternoon. Devotional service was led by Mrs. J. N. Howell, in which several of the ladies took part. Associational Superintendent Mrs. T. H. Owens gave a good report of the year's work, showing encouraging progress. The reports from the societies were very gratifying. The old officers were re-elected, and a collection taken to be used toward paying for minutes.

Mrs. Peelman's talk on the Standard of Excellence was very helpful, and enjoyed by all who heard her.

Sunday afternoon a Missionary Mass Meeting was held. The Lake City Sunbeams under the leadership of Mrs. W. B. Jones, beautifully rendered a program consisting of songs, prayer, rally cry, and a part of the Catechism on State Mission Board.

The College Y. W. A. gave a splendid program on giving. The manner in which these young women took part in the program showed their efficiency, and we look forward to the time when these dear girls take their places as leaders in their various places.

Mrs. Peelman's talk was very helpful and inspiring. Surely no one could have listened to this splendid talk without receiving an impetus for greater consecration, and more earnest work.

MRS. T. H. OWENS, Superintendent.

MRS. C. M. RAY, Secretary.

## REPORT OF SOCIETIES.

Lake City—Missions	\$160.34
Educational	93.94
Benevolences	68.43
Local Work	89.55
Total	\$412.26
Membership, 70.	
Mt. Beulah—Missions	\$ 9.00
Benevolences	1.00
Total	\$10.00
Membership, 15.	
Lulu—Missions	\$ 4.00

## BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Educational	5.00
Benevolences	14.00
Total	\$23.00
Membership, 7.	
Providence—Missions	\$ 28.06
Educational	20.00
Benevolences	5.00
Local	65.00
Total	\$118.06
Providence Village—Missions	\$ 8.00
Educational	2.00
Benevolences	6.00
Total	\$16.00
White Springs—Missions	\$21.27
Educational	9.00
Benevolences	2.15
Total	\$32.42
Membership, 10.	
Watertown—Missions	\$23.75
Educational	6.50
Local	2.50
Total	\$32.75
Membership, 8.	
Lake City Sunbeams—Missions	\$ 4.00
Educational	2.00
Local	4.01
Total	\$10.01
College and City Y. W. A.—Missions	\$ 2.00
Educational	13.00
Benevolences	1.50
Total	\$16.50
Ft. White W. M. S.—Missions	\$6.00
Visits	12

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Societies organized .....	3
Traveled, miles .....	328
Tracts given, several hundred	
Treasure temples given .....	35
Copies of Florida W. M. U. given .....	40
Subscriptions to Royal Service .....	30
Subscriptions to Home and Foreign Fields .....	4

OTHER SOCIETIES

Name of Society	President, and Presidents P. O. Address	Contributed for Missions and Benevolences	
Watertown Church			
W. M. S.	Mrs. C. M. Ray, Lake City, Fla.	30.25	2.50
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Julia Crouch, Watertown, Fla.	15.08	21.48
Lake City Church			34.56
W. M. S.	Mrs. A. P. Montague, Lake City, Fla.	378.00	50.00
Y. W. A.	Miss Vencie Powell, Lake City, Fla.	4.50	428.50
College Y. W. A.	Miss Lester Gardner, Lake City, Fla.	12.00	12.00
B. Y. P. U.	Miss Nell Futch, Lake City, Fla.	1.00	1.00
Junior B. Y. P. U.	Marriott Bennett, Lake City, Fla.	6.00	4.04
Sunbeams	Martha Jones, Lake City, Fla.	10.00	10.00
W. M. S.	Mrs. H. L. Avant, Wellborn, Fla.	8.00	8.00
Providence Village Church	Mrs. Lydia Belling	23.00	23.00
W. M. S.	Mrs. T. B. Powell, Lulu, Fla.		
Lulu S. Church			
W. M. S.	Mrs. W. F. Smith, White Springs, Fla.		
White Springs Church			
W. M. S.	Mrs. Mary Ward, R. 1, Lulu, Fla.	53.06	75.00
Providence Church			128.06
W. M. S.	Total	523.49	51.42
			687.91



SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Name of Church	Name of Superintendent and Address	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number of Teachers	Sunday School Expenses	Missions and Benevolence	Total for All Purposes
Athens .....	V. M. Williams, Lake City, Fla. ....	1	46	5	4.82	73	10.51
Bethlehem .....	Chas. Hedrick, Watertown, Fla. ....	1	40	3	20.00	29	50.00
Elin .....	J. J. Swales, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1	40	4	8.00	30.50	30.50
Ft. White .....	E. G. Persons, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1	69	5	8.00	22	35.00
Fellowship .....	J. V. Lee, R. A. Lake City, Fla. ....	1	35	5	192.35	158.58	351.58
Lake City .....	H. W. Markham, Lake City, Fla. ....	2	285	9	10.00	2.00	12.00
Lula .....	D. L. Tyre, Watertown, Fla. ....	1	65	7	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mt. Carmel .....	D. F. Young, Watertown, Fla. ....	1	75	5	5.00	12.00	17.00
Mt. Bethab .....	R. H. Carver, Watertown, Fla. ....	1	35	4	5.00	11.77	11.77
Mt. Pleasant .....	D. L. Jernigan, R. A. Lake City, Fla. ....	1	42	5	9.16	9.16	9.16
Mt. Zion .....	A. F. Hudson, R. T. Lake City, Fla. ....	1	36	6	18.00	18.00	18.00
Philippi .....	O. B. Tanner, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1	90	7	35.00	35.00	35.00
Providence Village .....	C. O. Beerling, Lake Butler, Fla. ....	1	60	6	14.00	14.00	14.00
Watertown .....	J. F. Williams, Watertown, Fla. ....	1	45	6	14.00	14.00	14.00
Wellborn .....	T. B. Harrell, Wellborn, Fla. ....	1	61	8	50.00	13.00	63.00
White Springs .....	F. W. Smith, White Springs, Fla. ....	1	61	8	50.00	13.00	63.00
		17	1074	120	378.73	292.58	692.17



## NUMERICAL

Name of Church, Pastor, and P. O. Address	Clerk, and Clerk's Postoffice Address	Church Organized	Increase			Decrease this Year.			Membership This Year	Net Decrease	Net Increase	Preaching Sunday
			By Baptism	By Letter	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion or Erasure	By Death				
Athens—J. R. Eubanks, Lake City, Fla...	Mrs. Dora Williams, Lake City, Fla. ....	1915	5	5	12	1	1	12	32	10	4th	
Bethlehem—R. Y. Walden, Lake City, Fla.	J. A. Chastine, Lake City, Fla. ....	1859	4	1	6	1	1	1	33	5	.....	
Elam—G. H. Newton, Trenton, Fla. ....	J. J. Swarles, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1857	12	1	13	4	.....	6	135	.....	.....	
Ft. White—G. H. Newton, Trenton, Fla.	J. G. Rice, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1887	20	.....	22	1	.....	1	71	21	1st and 3rd	
Fellowship .....	John Newsome, R. 1, Wellborn, Fla. ....	1915	3	.....	6	.....	1	1	33	.....	.....	
Hopeful—J. R. Eubanks, Lake City, Fla.	Henry Dicks, Lake City, Fla. ....	1887	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	
Lake City—A. M. Bennett, Lake City, Fla.	F. H. Cason, Lake City, Fla. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Lulu—J. R. Eubanks, Lake City, Fla. ....	O. J. Tyre, Watertown, Fla. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mt. Carmel—R. Y. Walden, Lake City, Fla.	J. L. Wood, Lake City, Fla. ....	1903	14	5	19	1	.....	1	384	10	Every	
Mt. Beulah—Gus Paget, Pine Mount, Fla..	G. P. Howell, Wellborn, Fla. ....	1898	1	3	4	1	10	11	112	18	2nd	
Mt. Pleasant—John Dicks, Lake City, Fla.	D. L. Jernigan, Lake City, Fla. ....	1878	1	.....	3	7	1	8	50	.....	1st	
Mt. Zion—A. M. Bennett, Lake City, Fla..	E. B. Everett, R. 1, Lake City, Fla. ....	1856	7	5	13	5	.....	1	107	5	3rd	
Oak Grove .....	D. C. Abbritton, R., Lake City, Fla. ....	1867	13	3	16	1	.....	1	104	7	4th	
Philippi—John Dicks, Lake City, Fla. ....	Charles Pope, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1879	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	15	1st	
Providence—C. M. Brittain, Lake City, Fla	W. M. Brown, R. D., Lulu, Fla. ....	1877	3	4	7	3	1	1	33	.....	.....	
Provi. Village—L. A. Rawls, Lake Butler.	J. W. Osteen, R. D., Lulu, Fla. ....	1832	2	2	4	1	.....	.....	64	.....	3rd	
Shiloh—David Wilson, LaCrosse, Fla. ....	E. P. DuBose, Ft. White, Fla. ....	1897	2	1	4	2	.....	.....	129	3	2nd	
Watertown—C. M. Brittain, Lake City, Fla	J. T. Williams, Watertown, Fla. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	2	4th	
Wellborn .....	D. B. Harrell, Wellborn, Fla. ....	1904	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	4th	
White Springs—A. E. Calkins, Jasper, Fla.	T. W. Smith, White Springs, Fla. ....	1910	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	1	41	.....	4th	
W. M. U. of Beulah Association .....	.....	.....	12	11	.....	16	40	1	39	12	1st	
.....	.....	1904	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	34	.....	
.....	.....	.....	104	82	165	79	54	10	134	1614	60	170