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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

S. C. Revell, Sopchopy, Fla.
Geo. W. Revell, Ashmore, Fla.
S. T. Pigott, Ivan, Fla.
C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Fla.
E. W. Russell, Tallahassee, Fla.
M. Russell, Holland, Fla.
R. J. Carraway, Arran, Fla.
J. M. Shephard, Pavo, Ga.
W. M. Lawhon, Woodville, Fla.
I. S. Coleman, Arran, Fla.
H. G. Tonis, Woodville, Fla.
John McKinsey, Sopchopy, Fla.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

G. T. Barrow, Woodville, Fla.
Wright Spears, Arran, Fla.
H. H. McCalister, Rehwinkle, Fla.
J. W. H. McClellon, Aucilla, Fla.
J. L. Holland, Ebb, Fla.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1911.

The introductory was preached by Elder J. M. Shepard, assisted by W. M. Lawhon, from the fourth chapter and the 16th verse of First Timothy: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the Doctrine, continue in them, for in doing this thou shall both save thyself and them that hear thee."

At 2 p. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

1. On motion we take up the order of business of last session.

2. On motion, called for letters of Correspondence; received letters from seven churches.

3. On motion, letters of Correspondence, was read and received.

4. On motion, Elder J. M. Shepard was elected Moderator and W. T. Green clerk.

5. On motion, called for Petitionary letters; received none.

6. On motion, called for Correspondence from sister Associations; received W. D. Carroll and M. M. Carroll from the West Florida Association.

7. On motion, the Moderator appointed four committees. First, on Preaching and Finance, consisting of W. T. Green, K. A. Hobbs and Geo. A. Herring. Second, on Correspondence—E. W. Russell, C. C. Scarborough and E. I. Johnson. Third, on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—R. J. Carraway, W. M. Lawhon and M. Russell. Fourth, on Obituaries—H. G. Lewis, G. W. Revell and J. C. Pigott.

8. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the last named Committee.

9. On motion, the letter from New Hope Church containing the query be marked for Saturday morning.

10. On motion, the Association stood adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by W. D. Carroll.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by W. D. Carroll.

1. On motion, we renewed the call for Correspondence; received letters from two churches.

2. On motion, we renew the call for Petitionary letters; received none.

3. On motion, we call for report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons; which was read and received.

4. On motion, we called for report on Correspondence; which was read and received.

5. On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was read and received.

6. On motion, the report on Obituaries was called for; which was read and received.

7. On motion, the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association postpones the appointing of delegates to the West Florida Association on account of change of their time of meeting to the fourth Sunday in October, 1912.

8. On motion, we call for the report of the Treasury; which was read and received.

9. On motion, each church be asked to make a freewill offering for the most needy Ministers or Members in the Association.

10. On motion, it was decided that the next Association be held with Whidden Lake Church, Wakulla county, Fla., on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1912.

11. On motion, the Minutes were read and received.

12. On motion, we paid to W. M. Lawhon for Sister Elizabeth Stephens. Balance on hand up to October 6, 1911, a total of \$4.16.

13. On motion, the Association stands adjourned to meet at the above stated time and place.

Ministers occupied the stand as follows:

Friday, at 11 o'clock, J. M. Shepard and W. M. Lawhon.

Saturday, at 11 o'clock, W. D. Carroll and G. W. Revell.

Saturday afternoon, R. J. Carraway and H. G. Lewis.

Sunday, at 11 o'clock, J. M. Shepard and H. W. Spears.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED
MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Dear Brethren—It is with sad hearts that we have to chronicle the death of our dear beloved brethren, M. D. Raker, a deacon of Beulah Church, who immigrated into the U. S. from Germany in 1832. He united with the church at Beulah in 1865, and was elected and ordained to the office of Deacon in 1870, and died on the 20th day of June, 1911. Also, W. M. Carraway, a deacon of Friendship. He was born January 12, 1879, and united with the church at 24 years of age, and was elected to the office of Deacon two years later, in which capacity he served until his death, which occurred on April the 6th, 1911. These both having filled the office of Deacon well, have purchased to themselves a good degree and great boldness in the Faith, and having fulfilled their work on earth have gone to wait the Master's call to come up higher. It is sad to give them up, but we must be submissive to Him who does all things well. And may we profit by the example they have set. And may the Lord give us more labors to fill their places to the honor of His great and holy name. We believe our loss is their eternal gain. May the Lord bless us in our bereavements.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. CARRAWAY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance has received from the churches the sum of \$20.10. For minutes, we recommend the printing of 400 copies of our minutes, and after paying for same the Clerk to have \$5.00 for his services and report the balance to the next Association. Received from free-will offering \$1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GREEN, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Memorial of our dead brother, Luther Tucker, and sis-

ters, Lenora Rouse, Georgia Miller and Isabella Wiggins, whom the Lord has called from labor on this earth to the rest above, where toil and sorrow will be no more. They are gone, but their memory is still sweet in our hearts. We bow in reverence to the Lord and say, "Farewell, dear brother and sisters, rest on with God."

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. LEWIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Lord has spared us again to meet together and commune with each other in the Thirty Eighth Session of this Association. Brethren, God in His wisdom has wonderfully blessed us, but have we given Him the praise? Do we feel towards Him as humble children ought, and are we walking in His commandments and ordinances each day, in order that we might receive His blessings, and that we might be bright and shining lights to those who are walking in darkness in order that they might be saved? May God be with us until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. RUSSELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND ORDER AT BEULAH CHURCH, WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON OCTOBER 3, 1874.

The cause of this Constitution was not for convenience from geographical situation, nor from enmity to any of our sister churches or brethren, nor from a feeling of exclusiveness or selfishness or desire to be let alone, nor from a difference of opinion with our brethren or a disbelief of the long established doctrines and usages of the old Baptist, as to add to or detract from the commandments, nor with a view of severing the church of Christ into another fragment, or setting up another religious sect, thereby weakening the cause of our Master, already enfeebled by divisions, and lessening the power and influence of the Gospel by trying to force nice dis-

tinctions, thus substituting ourselves and affording to others a pretext to substitute a system of perverse disputing and disgraceful wrangling for the simplicity of Christ's revealed will as taught in His word. We do rather pray for unity and a healing of the breaches already made. But we have been thrown into a dilemma, either to submit to the exclusion and unchurching of a part of our body directly, and all of us ultimately and suspend all religious services as in the fear of God, asserting the sovereignty of the Church and meeting together in a church and associational capacity for our mutual comfort and edification. We believe that the cause of truth demands that we adopt the latter alternative, assured from an intimate acquaintance with our Sister Elim, that she has not nor had not departed from the faith of God's elect, and that her exclusion from the Ocklocknee Association under the above charge, and the dropping of our Sister Mt. Zion for endorsing her supposed departure, was in the highest sense unjustified by facts associational, constitutional or scriptural, and a lamentable disregard of Ephesians 4 and 3.

The order of this Association and of the Churches of which she is composed is preserved unchanged in any particular, being that of the Primitive Baptist all over the world, to wit: Salvation by grace through faith, which is the gift of God, Ephesians 2:8; that a Church is a body of immersed believers, Acts 2:41, who only are entitled to the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's feet, John 13; together with the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, common to our people, which we omit in this provisional minute.

J. N. BARROW,
Clerk.

J. N. COGGINS,
Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace.
4. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe the faithful shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

9. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the Washing of Feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of Baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no Minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

J. M. SHEPARD, Moderator.
W. T. GREEN, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	MESSENGERS.								Contribution.	YEARLY MEETINGS.	
			Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Discharged by Letter.	Expelled.	Confession of Faith.	Dead.			Total.
Beulah.....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	R. J. Carraway.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	\$ 1.75	June, 3rd Sunday
Mount Besor.....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	A. L. Green, H. C. Revells.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	64	3.85	July, 1st Sunday
Friendship.....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	J. C. Pigott, H. H. McCallister....	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	26	3.50	May, 4th Sunday
Whidden Lake....	Wakulla Co., Fla..	W. F. Linya, W. M. Strickland....	0	0	0	6	24	0	0	45	2.00	July, 2nd Sunday
Lake Jackson....	Leon Co., Fla.....	Geo. W. Adkinson.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	3.00	July, 4th Sunday
White Church....	Leon Co., Fla.....	G. W. Alligood, G. A. Herring.....	9	0	1	2	1	0	2	90	3.00	Aug., 2nd Sunday.
Lake Monson....	Leon Co., Fla.....	Frank Wilkes, D. J. Adkinson.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.50	Sept., 1st Sunday.
New Hope.....	Leon Co., Fla.....	L. Gray, H. L. Reeves.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.00	Sept., 2nd Sunday
Prosperity.....	Brooks Co., Ga....	K. A. Hobbs.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	39	1.50	July, 4th Sunday
											\$21.10	

