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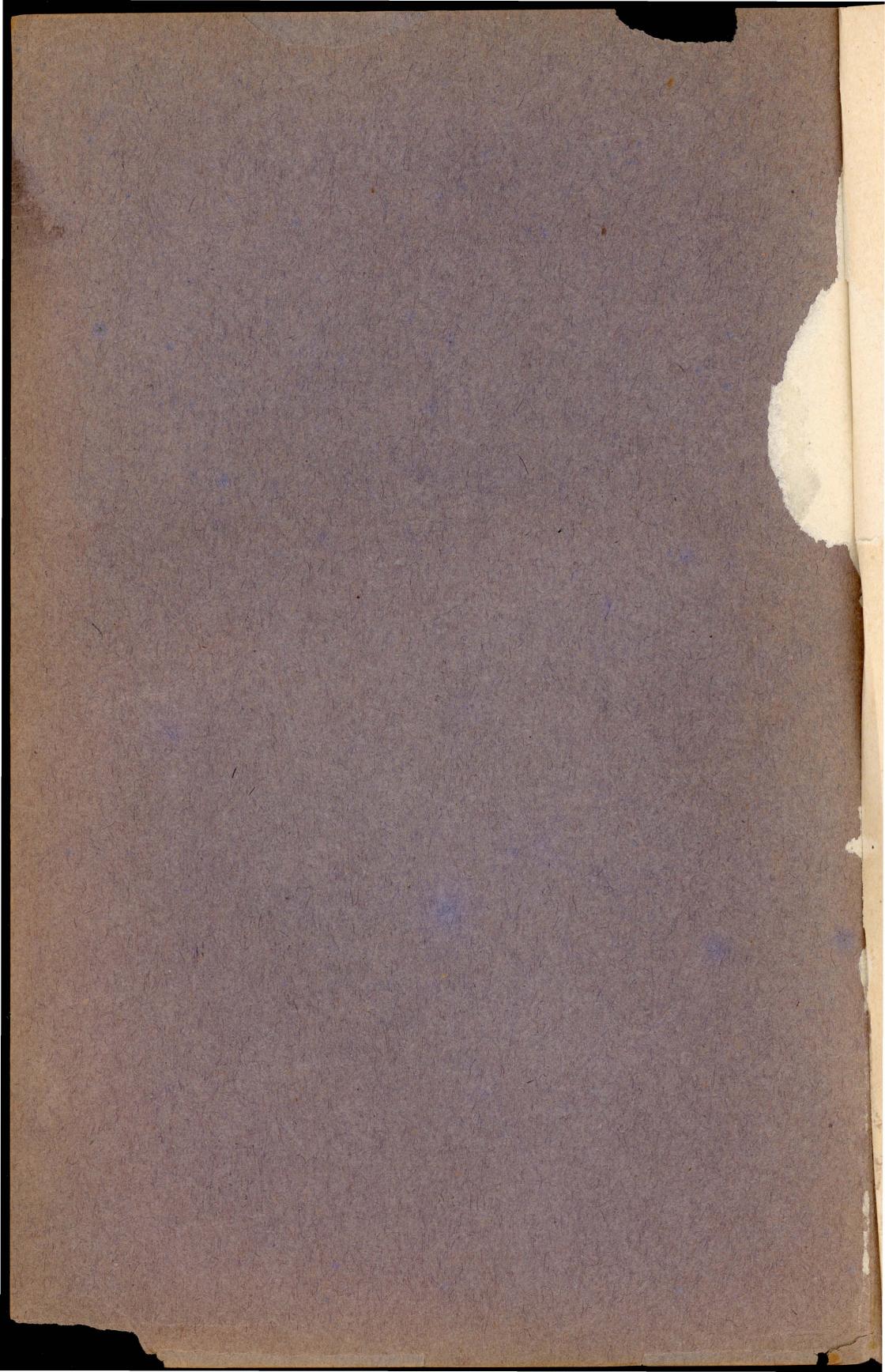
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Ministers and their Postoffices,

- S. C. Revell, Sopchoppy, Florida.
S. T. Pigott, Ivan, Florida.
T. B. Standland, Ivan, Florida.
J. F. Spears, Ivan, Florida.
C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Florida.
E. W. Russell, Spring Hill, Florida.
M. Russell, Holland, Florida.
R. R. Pigott, Medart, Florida.
R. J. Carraway, Medart, Florida.
J. M. Sheppard, Pavo, Georgia.
W. M. Lawhon, Sopchoppy, Florida.
G. W. Revell, Sopchoppy, Florida.
W. D. Levy, Woodville, Florida.

Licentiates.

- J. W. H. McClellan, Aucilla, Florida.
I. S. Coleman, Medart, Florida.
H. G. Lewis, Woodville, Florida.

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 1907.

The introductory was preached by Elder R. J. Caraway, assisted by Elder, W. D. Levy, from the 133 Psalm and 1st verse: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, S. C. Revell.

Prayer by Elder W. D. Carroll.

1st. On motion, adopted order of business of last session.

2nd. On motion called for correspondence.

3rd. On motion, read letters from seven churches and noted their state.

4th. On motion, called for correspondence from visiting Associations. Received Elder W. D. Carroll and J. W. Chatwood from the West Florida Association.

5th. On motion, the letter from Friendship Church be marked.

6th. On motion, elected Elder M. Russell Moderator, and Henry Raker Clerk.

7th. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

8th. On motion, the Moderator appointed two committees: First, on preaching and finance, consisting of J. C. Pigott, D. J. Hanerick and M. Herndon. Second, on deceased ministers and deacons consisting of Bros. M. Russell and Henry Raker.

9th. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were added to the last named committee.

10th. On motion, a committee of three be appointed

to report on the marked letter from friendship Church. The Moderator appointed Elders S. C. Revell, P. D. Lewis and J. D. Harris.

11th. On motion, it was decided to print a short obituary of our deceased.

12th. On motion, the Association stands adjourned until Saturday 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by the Moderator pro tem., S. C. Revell.

1st. On motion, renewed the call for Correspondence. Received letter from Spring Hill Church.

2nd. On motion, renewed the call for petitionary letters. Received letter and messages from Munson Lake Church.

3rd. On motion, called for report on deceased ministers and deacons, which was read and received.

4th. On motion, called for report on correspondence, which was read and received.

5th. On motion, the report on memoriam was read and received.

6th. On motion, the next session of the association be held with the Friendship Church, Wakulla county Florida, to convene Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1908.

7th. On motion, each church be asked to make a free will offering for the benefit of the most needy ministers in the Association.

8th. On motion, the report on finance was read and received.

9th. On motion, the treasurer's report was read and received.

10th. On motion, the time and place of the West Florida Association be carried in our minutes. It convenes Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1908, with Chester Spring Church, ——— county, Florida.

11th. On motion, Elder M. Russell and ——— were appointed to meet with the West Florida Association, and they be given the right to invite correspondence to visit our next association.

12th. On motion, the report of Committee on Marked Letter was read and received.

13th. On motion, the minutes were read and received.

14th. On motion, the Association stands adjourned to meet at the above stated time and place.

Ministers occupied the stand as follows : Friday, 11 o'clock, Elder R. J. Carraway and W. D. Levy ; Saturday, 11 o'clock, Elders S. C. Revell and J. M. Shepherd ; Saturday afternoon, Elders M. Russell and H. G. Lewis ; Sunday, 11 o'clock, Elders W. D. Carroll and S. C. Revell.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

DEAR BRETHREN—The Lord has been very kind to us, in sparing those dear servants to us through another year that we might have their aid and counsel in good works. Let us thank and praise His Holy name for all He has done for us, and pray for those servants that the Lord may bless them and make them more useful in His vineyard for good, is our prayer for Christ sake. Amen.

R. J. CARAWAY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Beulah Primitive Baptist Association to the Churches of which She is Composed :

DEAR BRETHREN—This is the thirty-fourth annual session of our body, it gives great pleasure to write you again. When we look back on the past existence, and remember how the Lord has blessed us, lo these many years, how He has given peace and brotherly love in our midst, it ought to stimulate us to a more faithful discharge of our Christian duties and elevate us to a higher plain of Christian love, but while we are the reciprances of these great blessings we feel to believe we have come far short of our duty, we fear we do not read God's Word as we ought. Brethren, do we pray with that fervency of spirit that the Lord has taught us, have we prayed for the ministering servants, are we helping them to bear their burdens in the work of the Gospel as we ought, let us look after our old ministers who have been faithful to God and the churches. Brethren, let's do not forget them at our next meeting, but let us have a larger freewill offering for them, it will make them

glad, and us feel better to know we have done more of our duty. May the Lord bless us and help us to do more of our duty, is our prayer, for Christ sake. Amen.

J. F. SPEARS, Chairman.

IN MEMORIAM.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS—It is with sad hearts that we tribute the death of our dear Sister. Cathren E. Whaley, who has paid the debt we will all have to pay some day, while she was a consistent member of the church ever since 1842. She was born the seventh day of March, 1818, and died on the 22d day of May, 1907. And while she scattered sweet smiles around all, but in the wisdom of God He has called her home where she will forever abide. So we extend to her loved ones our sympathy, and point you to the haven of rest.

W. D. LEVY, Chairman.

Sister Mary Ann Coggins was born in Wakulla county, Fla., July the 8th, 1829, and died December 13th, 1906, age 77 years.

Sister Coggins was a charter member of the Beulah Primitive Baptist Church, and lived a consistent member until the Lord saw fit to call her higher. We will say to her loved ones that what the Lord has done for her, he is able to do for them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. LEVY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We your committee on change of Article 9 in the Articles of faith beg to suggest that it be referred to the churches for their consideration until the next meeting of our body, and instruct their delegates how to vote on said change.

P. D. LEWIS, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on finance has received from the the churches the sum of \$20.05. We recommend the printing of 400 copies of our minutes, and paying for same, the clerk to have \$5.00 for his services and report the ballance to the next Association.

D. J. HAMRICK, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total received in 1906 for minutes	\$ 23 50
Cost of printing minutes	12 00
Cost of postage	80
Clerk's fees	5 00
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Total expenses	\$ 17 80
Balance in treasure	5 70

Respectfully, _____ HENRY RAKER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION
AND ORDER AT BEULAH CHURCH, WAKULLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON OCTOBER, 3, 1873.

The cause of this Constitution was not for convenience from geographical situations, 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 enforce nice distinctions, 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 had not nor has not departed from the faith of God's elect, and that her exclusion from the Ocklockonee 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 Saints 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.

1st. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are in the Godhead: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

2d. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace.

4th. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism.

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

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

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

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

9th. 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.

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

11th. 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.

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

HENRY RAKER, Clerk.

S. C. REVELL, Moderator.

Statistical Table for 1906.

Churches.	County and State.	Messengers.	Received by baptism.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Discharged by letter.	Expelled.	Confession of faith.	Died.	Total.	Contributions.	Yearly meeting.
Beulah	Wakulla, Fla.	J. C. Council, J. K. Whaley				1			29	\$ 1 25		June, 3d Sunday
Whidden Lake	Wakulla, Fla.	W. D. Anderson, M. Strickland	2	2			2		166	2 30		July, 2d Sunday
Friendship	Wakulla, Fla.	J. C. Pigott, M. Caraway	1	2			1		20	2 00		May, 4th Sunday
Mount Beasor	Wakulla, Fla.	J. A. Revell, J. McKinzie	2						139	3 75		July, 1st Sunday
Lake Jackson	Leon, Fla.	W. H. Bradshaw, E. J. Johnson							41	3 00		July, 4th Sunday
Spring Hill	Leon, Fla.	R. G. Gray, G. Russell					1		43	1 50		Sept., 1st Sunday.
White Church	Leon, Fla.	J. Moody, W. W. Causseaux	8		3	1			186	3 00		August, 2d Sunday.
Prosperity	Brooks, Ga.	J. F. Henderson, A. E. Burges	2					2	148	5 50		July, 4th Sunday
Providence	Jefferson, Fla.								1	7 1 00		August 3d Sunday.
Pleasant Cove	Jefferson, Fla.	D. J. and W. A. Hamrick					2		12	1 00		July, 3d Sunday
Lake Munson	Leon, Fla.	D. J. Atkinson, E. W. Russell							8	1 00		
Total										\$20 05		

