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MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Geo. W. Revell, Ashmore, Fla.
S. T. Pigott, Sopchoppy, Fla.
C. C. Scarborough, Spring Hill, Fla.
E. W. Russell, Tallahassee, Fla.
M. Russell, Holland, Fla.
R. J. Carraway, R. F. D. No. 1, Arran, Fla.
J. M. Shephard, Pavo, Ga.
W. M. Lawhon, Woodville, Fla.
I. S. Coleman, Arran, Fla.
John McKinsey, Sanborne, Fla.
H. G. Lewis, Woodville, Fla.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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

MINUTES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1912.

The introductory was preached by Elder John McKinzie, assisted by G. W. Revells, from the 24th chapter and the 44th verse of Matthew: "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

At 1:30 o'clock 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, the letters of Correspondence, also the Statements of the Brethren and Delegates was received.

4. On motion, Elder J. M. Shephard 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 one, Elder W. D. Carroll from the West Florida Association.

7. On motion, the Moderator appointed four committees: First, on Preaching and Finance, consisting of Bros. M. Revell, Edward Gray and E. L. Carter. Second, on Correspondence—M. Russell, G. W. Revell and John McKinzie. Third, on Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. W. Russell, S. T. Pigott and H. G. Lewis. Fourth, on Obituaries—E. Whaley, R. J. Carraway and J. S. Coleman.

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

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

Prayer by M. Russell.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by W. M. Lawhon.

1. On motion, we renew the call for Correspondence; received reports from three churches.

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

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

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

5. On motion, called for the report of the Finance Committee; which was read and received.

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

7. On motion, the Moderator appointed delegates to the West Florida Association, to-wit: Bros. M. Russell, R. J. Carraway and I. S. Coleman.

8. On motion, called for the report of the Treasurer; which was read and approved.

9. On motion, we paid balance left over from last year of \$4.85, together with the free will offering from the churches today of \$4.00, making altogether \$8.85, to Bro. W. M. Lawhon.

10. On motion, we hold our next Association with Mt. Besor Church, Sopchoppy, Wakulla County, Fla., October, 1913.

11. On motion, a communication from Bro. J. M. Shepard; was received and ordered printed in our minutes.

12. On motion, the Minutes were read and approved.

13. 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, John McKinzie and G. W. Revel.

Saturday, 1:30 p. m., J. M. Shepard and J. L. Holland.

Sunday, at 11 o'clock, W. D. Carroll and M. Russell.

IN MEMORIAM.

Obituary of Sisters Susan R. Shephard and Elizabeth Carraway, wives of our much beloved ministers, Brothers J. M. Shephard and R. J. Carraway.

Sister Carraway was born in North Carolina, August 30th, 1846; united with Mt. Beasor Church in 1869; died January 13th, 1912, being 67 years, 4 months and 13 days of age.

Sister Shephard was born in Calhoun County Alabama, October 12th, 1869; joined and was baptized into Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in November 1890; was married to Rev. J. M. Shephard May 10th, 1891; died March 1st, 1912, being 42 years, 4 months and 19 days of age.

They were always found assisting their husbands in their ministerial work, living what they preached, and contending for that faith once delivered to the Saints. "We miss them in our meetings, but they are missed more in their homes." But we believe that our loss is their eternal gain. They both leave children and scores of relatives and friends, who mourn their loss, and as a farewell, dear sisters, we say:

We miss the Sisters, we do;
The sorrow we cannot tell;
Though we know all things with thee
Always will be well.

Respectfully submitted.

E. WHALEY, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

Sister Julia A. Rhodes, Deaconess, wife of Deacon Bricie Rhodes, who was born May 15th, 1830; died October 8th, 1912, aged 82 years, 4 months and 25 days. She was born in Green County North Carolina; joined the Primitive Baptists, with White Church, in 1875. We believe she was a faithful Christian, fitting her place as deaconess well, and in doing so she has purchased to herself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith. She was highly respected and loved by all who knew her. She leaves three sons and one daughter, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Farewell, sister, in body we part
 On this unfriendly shore,
 But hope to join our hand and heart
 On a bright and happier shore.

Respectfully submitted.

E. WHALEY, Chairman.

 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Brethren.—The good Lord has spared us to meet again in this, another session of our Association, which is the Thirty-ninth Session. Our merciful Father has wonderfully blessed us, but do we give him the praise? Are we walking in His footsteps as we ought? Do we keep His commandments each day we live? Brethren, let us be more faithful in our Christian duties, so we can receive God's full blessings. God bless us and save us in His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted.

M. RUSSELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED
MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee, beg to make the following report:

It is with great sadness that we have to report to you the death of our beloved Elder S. C. Revell. He was born in Darlington District, South Carolina, March 24th, 1828; he united with the Missionary Baptist Church in South Carolina; he came to Wakulla County before the war between the States, and served his country for three years, during which he was not only true to his country, but was as true to his Lord and Master. He was always found at his post of duty. He was chosen deacon, and served as such until the Lord called him to a higher work—that of preaching the gospel. He was ordained to the work of the ministry August 11th, 1872, by Elder J. E. Pigot and G. W. Hall, and on himself took the yoke of his Master. At that time they were all Missionary Baptists, and he united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Old Mt. Beasor when the church was organized into the Primitive Faith, about the year of 1874, and although he suffered much, he bore it with fortitude and patience and love for Jesus and the church. He was our Elijah; the horseman of Israel and chariot thereof. But he is gone, and where has his mantle fell? who is to take his place? He leaves his faithful companion, who suffered with him for nearly forty years in the ministry; also four sons and three daughters, and a number of friends to mourn their loss. The Association has suffered its greatest loss ever sustained, but we must submit to him who does all things well. May the God that led him in all his labors, and landed him on Canaan's fair shore save us with a full and free Salvation for Jesus sake.—Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. RUSSELL, Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM BRO. J. M. SHEPHARD.

Dear Brethren.—Since our last meeting at Lake Jackson, many things have transpired, some of which has cast a mantle of gloom over our Association. While some have brought joy and gladness, and have give some very strong evidence of the Lord's love and tender mercy towards us. Although we have sustained the loss of so many dear brothers and sisters, whose life and labor we love to memorialize, their memory is sweet to us; and when we meet from time to time we miss them so much. We miss their presence and their love and fellowship, and their counsel and advice. But the loss of our dear Elder, Bro. S. C. ~~Re~~well, it seems to be the greatest. He was our Elijah; the horseman of Israel, and the chariot thereof. Where has his mantle fell; who can fill the place vacated by his death? Brethren, while our loss may be ever so great and we miss him so much, it was his Master's will to call him from labor in this unfriendly world, and today we believe he is enraptured and rejoicing in that rest that remains for the people of God. Therefore, let us rejoice to know our loss was his eternal gain. Let us pray that we may live in this world true and faithful to our Lord and Master; that when we leave this world we may meet him—all who love and fear the Lord in this world—in that meeting or association where Jesus will be our Moderator to rule and reign over us; where the meeting will never close and the Sabbath never ends. So far as I have heard it seems that the Lord is blessing his children. While there may not be no great ingathering, yet it seems that brotherly love and fellowship remain in our midst; and may the peace that Jesus left with the church remain with us, and save us from all harm is my prayer for Jesus sake.—Amen.

J. M. SHEPHARD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance has received from the churches the sum of \$19.50 for minutes, and after paying for printing and distributing 400 copies, the Clerk to have \$5.00 for his services and report the balance to the next Association. Received for free will offering \$4.00.

Respectfully submitted,
M. REVELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON MEMORIALS.

Dear Brethren and Sisters.—It is with sad hearts that we have to chronicle the death of our beloved sisters, Elizabeth Burns, Margaret Moody, Elizabeth Stephens, Minnie Herndon, Emma Cannon, Marthy Kinsy and Bro. Sipra Smith. These all were very sweet to us in life, whose Christian life and deportment will ever keep their memory very precious to our hearts.

We believe they all died in a triumphant faith, in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and though our loss is great, it is not to be compared with the crown of life that they shall receive.

Respectfully submitted,
E. WHALEY, 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 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 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 three 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.

W. T. GREEN Clerk.

J. M. SHEPHARD, Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	MESSENGERS.								Contributions.	YEARLY MEETINGS.	
			Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Confession of Faith.	Expelled.	Discharged by Letter.	Dead.			Total.
Beulah.....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	E. Whaley, T. H. McCallister....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	\$ 2.00	June, 3rd Sunday
Friendship.....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	E. L. Carter J. C. Pigott.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	3.50	May, 4th Sunday
Mount Beasor....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	M. Revells, A. L. Green.....	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	176	4.50	July, 1st Sunday
Whidden Lake....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	W. F. Linzy, W. M. Strickland..	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	35	2.00	June, 4th Sunday
Lake Jackson....	Leon Co., Fla.....	G. W. Atkison, Edward Gray....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	325	3.00	July, 4th Sunday
White Church....	Leon Co., Fla.....	W. J. Dykes, J. W. Miller.....	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	197	3.00	Aug., 2nd Sunday
Lake Monson....	Leon Co., Fla.....	By Letter.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	1.00	
New Hope.....	Leon Co., Fla.....	H. J. Smith, H. L. Reeves.....	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	116	1.50	Sept., 2nd Sunday
Prosperity.....	Brooks Co., Ga....	By Letter.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	36	1.50	July, 4th Sunday
Pleasant Grove...	Jefferson Co., Fla..	J. L. Holland, D. J. Hamrick....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1.50	July, 3rd Sunday
										\$23.50		







