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Next Session of the Association Convenes with Beulah Church,  
Wakulla County, Fla., Friday Before the Second Sunday  
in October, 1918.

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The introductory was preached by Elder M. M. Carroll, assisted by Rev. W. T. Green, from the latter clause of the sixth verse of the 20th Chapter of St. Matthew: "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

After an intermission of one hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder M. Russell.

On motion, we called for correspondence. Received letters from nine churches and one statement by pastor, also delegates, which were read and received.

On motion, we adopted the order of business of last session.

On motion, Elder J. M. Shephard was elected Moderator and H. G. Lewis, Clerk.

On motion, we called for petitionary letters. Received none.

On motion, we called for correspondence from sister Associations. Received Bros. M. M. Carroll, W. D. Carroll, Eddie Carroll, Noah Carroll and A. S. Carroll.

Moved and carried that the delegation be received from the West Florida Association.

On motion, the statement of Bro. Coleman, in behalf of Bro. Elijah Redd, was received.

On motion, the Moderator appointed five committees, as follows:

1. *On Preaching*, consisting of H. C. Rehwinkel, J. R. and C. C. Revell and Bostic Revell.
2. *On Finance*, consisting of Bros. Frank Lindsay, Henry Fountain and Bro. H. L. Reeves.
3. *On Obituaries*, consisting of W. M. Lawhon, May Stanley and W. D. Carroll.
4. *On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*, consisting of Rev. John McKenzie, M. M. Carroll and M. Russell.
5. *On Correspondence*, consisting of W. T. Green, R. J. Carraway and G. W. Revell.

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



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

Prayer by Rev. R. J. Carraway.

#### SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Wright Spears.

On motion, we renewed the call for correspondence. Received none.

On motion, we renewed the call for petitionary letters. Received none.

On motion, we called for Report on Correspondence, which was read and received.

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

On motion, we called for the Report on Obituaries, which was read and received.

On motion, we called for Report of Finance Committee, which was read and received.

On motion, we called for the Report of the Treasurer, which was read and received.

On motion, we correspond with the West Florida Association, which was carried.

On motion, the twenty cents over from the 1916 funds be added to the \$20.70, which was carried.

On motion, the Association elected delegates, by ballot, to visit the West Florida Association, to be held with Cluster Spring Church, Walton county, Fla., thirteen miles north of DeFuniak Springs, on Friday before the second Sunday in September. Elder W. T. Green, J. M. Shephard and John McKinsey were elected.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next session of the Association with Beulah Church, Wakulla county, Florida, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1918.

On motion, the delegates are instructed to invite the delegates from the West Florida Association, which was carried.

On motion, the freewill offering be given to Brother W. H. Bradshaw and wife, which was carried.

On motion, the minutes were read and received.

On motion, a letter received from Brother J. M. Shep-



hard was read and to be printed in our minutes, which was carried.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the above time and place, after singing two verses of a hymn. Prayer by Rev. May Stanley.

#### MINISTERS OCCUPIED THE STAND AS FOLLOWS:

Friday Morning—Elder M. M. Carroll, followed by Elder W. T. Green.

Saturday Morning—Elder W. D. Carroll, followed by Elder M. Stanley.

Saturday Evening—Elder W. M. Lawhon, followed by Elder Geo. W. Revell.

Sunday Morning, 11 o'clock—Elder J. M. Shephard, followed by R. J. Carraway.

#### MINISTERS OF THE BEULAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Geo. W. Revell.....	Ashmore, Fla.
S. T. Pigott.....	Sopchoppy, Fla.
C. C. Scarver.....	Springhill, Fla.
E. W. Russell.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
M. Russell .....	Tallahassee, Fla.
R. J. Carraway.....	R. F. D. No. 1, Arran, Fla.
J. M. Shephard.....	Pavo, Ga.
W. M. Lawhon.....	Woodville, Fla.
H. G. Lewis.....	Woodville, Fla.
I. S. Coleman .....	Arran, Fla.
John McKinsey.....	Sanborn, Fla.
H. W. Spears.....	Ben Haden, Fla.
W. T. Green.....	R. F. D. No. 1, Arran, Fla.

#### LICENTIATES OF THE BEULAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

G. T. Barrow.....	Woodville, Fla.
H. H. McCalister.....	R. F. D. No. 1, Arran, Fla.
J. W. H. McClellan.....	Waukeenah, Fla.
J. L. Holland.....	Ebb, Fla.
M. M. Miller.....	Arran, Fla.
M. Stanley .....	Ben Haden, Fla.
J. R. Reeves.....	Springhill, Fla.



NAMES OF MINISTERS OF THE WEST FLORIDA  
ASSOCIATION.

W. D. Carroll..... Westville, Fla.  
M. M. Carroll ..... Westville, Fla.  
H. H. Stewart..... Argyle, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

E. E. Redd..... DeFuniak Springs, Fla.  
J. C. Ainsworth..... Garner, Ala.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finances submit the following report: We have received from the churches \$30.80.

We recommend the printing of four hundred copies of our minutes. After printing and distributing same, Clerk to have balance of minutes fund, \$20.75, for his services.

Balance reported, freewill offering, \$10.05.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FOUNTAIN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

In memory of our deceased Brothers and Sisters:

*Sister Margaret Elizabeth Johnson*, born October 2, 1856; died August 4, 1916; member of Lake Jackson Church.

*Sister Nancy F. Pigott*, born 1862; united with the church at Beulah in 1883; died September 30, 1917; member of Friendship Church.

*Brother Edd Whaley*, died fourth Sunday in October, 1916; member of Beulah Church and deacon.

*Sister C. S. Spears* died March, 1917; about 87 years old and a member of Beulah Church 40 years.

*Brother W. W. Causseaux*, a member and a deacon of White Church.

*Sister Mary Adaline Revell*, member of Mt. Beaser Church; widow of Elder S. C. Revell.

*Verna Revell*, a member of Mt. Beaser Church.

These all died in the faith and we regret to give them up, but it has been our Heavenly Father's will to call



them to rest. We feel that our loss is their gain, and can say "Farewell, Sisters and Brothers, till we meet in Heaven."

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. LAWHON, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to make the following report:

The Lord has seen fit to spare all our ministering Brothers, but with sad hearts we see there has been taken from among us our much-beloved Brother Deacons:

*William Casseaux*, who died in 1916. He was a deacon and served the Lord and the church in that capacity for a great many years, and we believe that his absence at White Church, of which he was a member, and also his work, will be felt by all, not only of the church, but by the Association.

Also our much-beloved Brother *Edwin Whalley*, who was a member of Beulah Church for several years and served the church as a deacon to the best of his ability for something like twelve years. He died the fourth Sunday in October, 1916, and we believe his soul is at rest now.

Our Sister *Mary Adaline Revell*, wife of S. C. Revell, deceased mistress. She was a faithful member of Mt. Beaser Church for a long time, also a faithful wife. She is greatly missed by every one who knew her. May we all take the advice and example that she set in her Christian life here. She died November 28, 1916. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Our Sister *Nancy Piggott* was born December 12, 1862. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church in 1885. She lived a Christian life and was liked by all who knew her as a neighbor. She will be greatly missed by the church and by all who knew her, who will take her place in God's service. She was a deaconess and was faithful to her duties. She died September 30, 1917.

The thought is sad that they have left us. May we all meet them some bright, happy day.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MCKENZIE, Chairman.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Ivan, Fla., October 13, 1917.

We, your Committee on Correspondence, beg leave to make the following report:

We have reasons to believe that God in His mercy and wisdom has really blessed all the churches in the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association, as he has the churches of our sister, the West Florida Association, and that we are often permitted, as God's Word says, to set together in heavenly places. And for these meetings do we thank and praise Him as we should. Let us be more thankful and awake to righteousness, and sin not, that we may obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GREEN, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for minutes, October, 1916..... \$20.60

*Disbursements.*

Printing 400 copies of minutes..... \$14.00

Express on minutes to Woodville..... .35

Mailing expenses ..... 1.05

Clerk's fee ..... 5.00

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\$20.40

Balance due Association..... .20

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. LEWIS, Treasurer.

Pavo, Ga., October 7, 1917.

*To the Churches of the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association—Greeting:*

Dear Brethren and Sisters—As the time of our meeting is nigh, I will write you a few lines, hoping to meet you in another associational meeting soon to meet with our sister church, Whidden Lake, where we hope to have the Spirit renew our drooping hearts once more in brotherly love and fellowship with each other. Brethren, we ought to so live in this present world that we might rejoice in



each other's love at all times and thus fulfill the law of Christ in our hearts at all times.

Dear Brethren, think of the peace we have enjoyed the past forty-three years and let it stimulate us to closer walk in God. Brethren, let us strive for that which makes for peace in our bounds. Brethren, there are perilous times before us; let us stand fast in liberty, where Christ hath made us free, not using it to the satisfying of the flesh, but to the glorifying of His Name, who so loved us that He gave Himself for us. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It makes my heart rejoice to think of the sweet meetings we have had, when we could help to bear each other's burdens and shed a sympathizing tear and hope to meet again. In this world we have sorrows and trials and bereavements, but over on the other shore all these will be passed away; and behold, all things will be new in Christ Jesus our Lord. Then, brethren, while we look forward to this end we ought to strive harder every day to get closer to Him by a close observance of all His teachings and commands, ever looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of the Christian faith.

Finally, brethren, be faithful unto death, and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob be with you and save you all. Amen.

Your unworthy servant,  
J. M. SHEPHARD.

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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. COGGINS, Moderator.

J. N. BARROW, Clerk.

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#### 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. Isaiah 44:8; 45:21; I John 5:7; I Cor. 8:6.



2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election of grace. Titus 3:7.

4. We believe in one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. Ephes. 4:5.

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. John 5:7.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. 1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:16; II Thes. 2:13; II Peter 1:2; Romans 8:30.

8. We believe the faithful shall grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. II Peter 3:18; Colos. 1:10.

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. Mat. 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:13; St. John 13:14; 1 Tim. 5:10; Mat. 3:16.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joy of the righteous will be eternal. Mat. 25:46.

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. 1 Tim. 4:14.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Rev. 20:5; Rom. 14:10.

J. M. SHEPHARD, Moderator.

H. G. LEWIS, Clerk.



### STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTY AND STATE	DELEGATES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Confession of Faith	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total	Contributions	Free Will Offering	YEARLY MEETINGS
Beulah .....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	H. C. Rehwinkle, Jr., N. C. Council.	11	5	0	0	0	0	2	31	\$ 1.75	\$1.00	June, 3d Sunday
Friendship .....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	J. C. Pigott, J. C. Wallace.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	56	5.00	1.25	May, 4th Sunday
Mt. Pleasant.....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	J. S. Roddenbury, C. C. Revell...	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	88	2.50	2.50	July, 1st Sunday
Whidden Lake.....	Wakulla Co., Fla...	W. F. Lindsay, W. K. Strass....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	34	2.00	.....	July, 2d Sunday
Lake Jackson .....	Leon Co., Fla.....	H. J. Fountain, Bostic Revell...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	3.80	.....	July, 4th Sunday
White Church.....	Leon Co., Fla.....	T. M. Herring, J. R. Miller.....	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	90	3.50	2.00	Aug., 2d Sunday
Lake Monson.....	Leon Co., Fla.....	F. Wilks, D. J. Adkinson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1.50	.....	Sept., 1st Sunday
New Hope .....	Leon Co., Fla.....	H. L. Reeves, J. R. Reeves.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	1.25	.50	Sept., 2d Sunday
Prosperity .....	Brooks Co., Ga.....	Pastor J. M. Shephard.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	27	1.00	.75	Aug., 2d Sunday
Pleasant Grove...	Jefferson Co., Fla..	Pastor W. M. Lawhon.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.50	.....	July, 4th Sunday
Total.....			16	5	1	2	6	1	6	400	\$23.80	\$8.00	

The Finance Committee made a mistake in their report of finances. The letters show: For minutes, \$20.75; free will offering, \$10.05; total, \$30.80. The correct amount is \$31.80; minutes, \$23.80; free will offering, \$8.00.

H. G. LEWIS, Clerk.

The printer has seen these letters, and the above report of Mr. Lewis is correct.

T. J. APPELYARD, Printer.







