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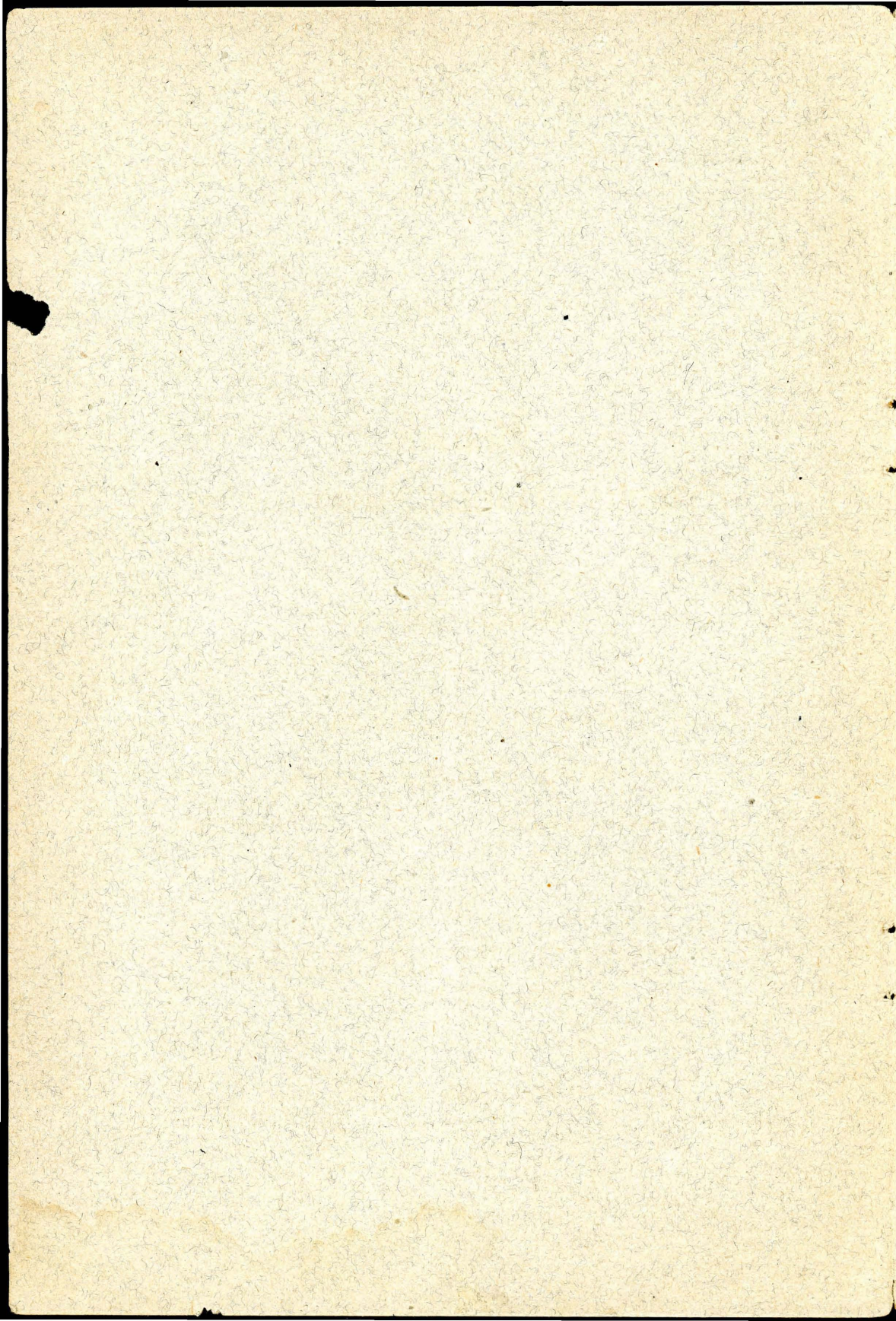
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Minutes of the 44th Annual Session of the Beulah Primitive Baptist Association, held at the Beulah Church, Wakulla County, Florida, on Friday, October 1, 1918.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Geo. W. Revells, 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.
H. W. Spears, Benhaden, Fla., R. F. D. No. 1.
W. T. Green, Arran, Fla., R. F. D. No. 1.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES 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, Fla.
J. C. Ainsworth, Gainer, Ala.

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MINUTES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1918.

On account of the epidemic, there was no preaching. Conference opened by former moderator, with prayer. On motion, we called for correspondence. Received letters from six churches and three statements: First, by J. F. Herndon, from Prosperity Church; second, from E. W. Russell, from Lake Monson Church; third, from H. G. Lewis, from White Church. Which were accepted. On motion, we adopted the order of business of last session.

On motion, 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 Bro. E. E. Reed, from the West Florida Association.

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

Moved and carried that Brother E. E. Redd's wife be added as a delegate from West Florida Association.

On motion, the moderator appointed four committees, as follows:

On Finance: Consisting of H. C. Rehwinkle, Jr., J. A. Revell, S. L. Moore.

On Obituaries: Consisting of C. C. Scarborough, E. W. Russell, W. M. Lawhon.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons: Consisting of J. F. Herndon, C. R. Langston, H. H. McAllister.

On Correspondence—R. J. Carraway, G. W. Revell, John McKinsey.

On motion, the moderator and clerk were added to the last named committee.

On motion, the association adjourned for thirty minutes.

Prayer by Elder C. C. Scarborough.
The association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder R. J. Carraway.

On motion, we renewed the call for correspondence. Received one.

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

On motion, we called for report of Committee on Correspondence, which was received.

On motion, we called for the report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was received.

On motion, we called for report of Committee on Obituaries, which was received.

On motion, we called for the report of the Finance Committee, which was received.

On motion, we called for the report of the Treasurer, which was received.

A motion that we correspond with the West Florida Association was carried.

On motion, we elected delegates to attend the West Florida Association. By acclamation.

The brethren nominated and elected were W. M. Lawhon, John McKinsey, C. C. Scarborough.

On motion, it was decided to hold the next session of the Association with Beulah Church, Wakulla County, Florida, as the present association was called off at this time on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

On motion, the delegates were instructed to invite delegates from the West Florida Association.

On motion, that the free will offering be given to Bro. J. M. Shephard, was carried.

On motion, the minutes were read and received.

On motion, the association adjourned until the next time and place.

Prayer by Geo. Revell.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finances submit the following report. We have received from the churches \$29.75. We recommend the printing of four hundred copies of our

minutes. After printing and distributing the same, the clerk is to have balance of minutes fund (\$21.75) for his services.

Balance reported of free will offering, \$8.00.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. REHWINKLE,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to submit the following report:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: God, in His gracious love, has seen fit to spare a goodly number to meet one more time this side of the grave. Are we as thankful as we ought to be? Do we give God the glory that we should for all His blessings? May God help us not to be discouraged by this disappointment, but fill us with His spirit. May we all be faithful to the end.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. CARRAWAY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

We find from the letter of New Hope Church that God, in His wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to take one from our midst, Brother Alexander Scarborough, who died December 5, 1917. He was a member of New Hope Church from February 14, 1915, until December 5, 1917. He was a good, faithful member until death, and we feel sure that he is at rest with the good and the blest. We miss him so much, but the Lord's will must be done.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman.

The clerk added the following to the above report.

Also we note the death of Brother Dan Atkinson, a member of Monson Pond Church, who was a good, faithful member and a true husband and father.

The letter never gave the death.

Brother W. M. Sanders, of Lake Jackson, who was born July 4, 1837, and died May 21, 1918.

Brother Edward Gray, born May 7, 1845; died October 2, 1918.

Sister Margaret Hale, born 1832; died 1918.
New Hope statistical table shows one dead, but gave no name.

Sister Emmie Arnold, of Mt. Beson, died August 27, 1918.

Brother W. J. Dykes, of White Church. No date.

These all died in the faith, and while it has been our Heavenly Father's will to call them to rest, we miss them and trust our loss is their gain; and we can say, farewell, sisters and brothers, till we meet in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted by the Association,
H. G. LEWIS, Clerk.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

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

We find from the letters and statements of the sister churches composing the association that God, in His wisdom and mercy, has seen fit to spare the lives of all our Ministers and Deacons, for which we are very thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HERNDON,

By H. G. LEWIS, Clerk.

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 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. I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5.

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. 2 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. SHEPARD, Moderator.

W. T. GREEN, 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.	C. K. Whaley, H. C. Rehwinkel.	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	37	2.50	1.50	June, 3d Sunday.
Friendship	Wakulla Co., Fla.	J. C. Pigott, H. C. Mathers.	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	55	5.00	.50	May, 4th Sunday.
Mt. Beason	Wakulla Co., Fla.	M. T. McKinsey, H. C. Revel.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	87	3.50	2.50	July, 1st Sunday.
Whidden Lake	Wakulla Co., Fla.	W. R. Spears, S. L. Moore.	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	38	2.25	0	July, 2d Sunday.
Lake Jackson	Leon Co., Fla.	G. W. Atkinson, Leon Moody.	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	2.00	0	July, 4th Sunday.
White Church	Leon Co., Fla.	H. G. Lewis, C. K. Langston.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	92	3.00	.50	August, 2d Sunday.
Lake Monson	Leon Co., Fla.	W. D. Atkinson, F. C. Wilks.	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	13	1.50	0	September, 1st Sunday.
New Hope	Leon Co., Fla.	L. Gray, Ben Smith.	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	24	1.50	1.00	September, 2d Sunday.
Pleasant Grove	Jefferson Co., Fla.	J. Hamrick	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	12	1.50	1.00	July, 4th Sunday.
Prosperity	Brooks Co., Ga.	J. F. Herndon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.00	1.00	August, 2d Sunday.
Total										23.75	18.00		

