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**GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH (MADISON HEIGHTS, VA)
MINUTE BOOK**

The minute book includes a brief history of the formation of the church as well as minutes of church activities and membership lists 1874-1892. Later entries for 1932-1933 are brief reports of offerings.

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Gethsemane Baptist Church was organized in 1874 with ten members, including its pastor, John Thornton Rhodes. Ordained a minister of the Baptist Church in Amherst County, Va. in 1866, Rhodes became pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Amherst County. When that church "ceased to exist," he organized Gethsemane Baptist Church. After his death in 1895, members may have worshipped at other churches. When Oakdale Baptist Church was established in 1910, many of the members of Gethsemane Baptist may have moved to Oakdale. This would explain the minute book being found with the records of Oakdale Baptist Church.

[Gethsemane Baptist Church Minute Book, MS1070, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Va.]