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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Liberty Church,

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1860.

THOMASVILLE, GA.:  
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## MINUTES.

GROOVERVILLE, BROOKS CO., GA., Oct. 19, 1860.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Liberty Church at Grooverville, Brooks County, Georgia.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. B. Cooper, from Psalms 19th chapter, 7th verse, first clause.

After intermission, the Association was called to order, and Elder Davis led in prayer.

1. Letters from Churches were handed in and read.
2. Re-elected Eld. Cooper Moderator, and elected W. B. Bennet Clerk.
3. The Moderator appointed as Committee on Preaching Elder Blewett and Bros. Lawton, Jas. Groover, Hart and Forrest. Appointed as Committee on Business Elders Fuller and Wheeler and Bros. Terrel, Horn and Powel.
4. Correspondents being called for, Bro. Murphy, from the Bowen, and Bro. Jesse Davis, from the Bethel Association, were received.
5. Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us.
6. Bro. Russell, Agent of the Revision Asso., was invited to sit with us.
7. Bro. Chaudoin was received as Agent of Christian Index and Banner and Baptist.
8. Committee on Preaching report for Saturday Elder Davis, to preach at 11 o'clock and Elder Linton to close—at 2 o'clock, Elder McKown to preach.
9. On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Russell.

SATURDAY, Oct 20, 1860.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Murphy.

10. Bro. R. D. Mallory, from the Bethel Association, was received as a Correspondent from that body. Renewed the invitation of seats to visiting Brethren, which was accepted by Elder C. S. Gauden.
11. Report of Business Committee was read and adopted.
12. Appointed as Committee on Finance, J. Marvin, J. G. Dekle and E. E. Barclay.
13. Committee on Domestic Missions, O. E. McKeown, H. S. Linton, J. Everitt, W. W. Revil and J. Baugh.
14. Committee on Sabbath Schools, W. Blewett, A. May and J. Walker.
15. Elected as Executive Committee, Bros. Fuller, Cooper, Bailey, Marvin and May.
16. Bro. J. S. Baker was received as Correspondent from Santa Fee Association.
17. Bro. Mays was received as Messenger of the Concord Association.
18. Elected as Delegates to the Florida Convention, Bros. Cooper, Fuller, Bailey, Heart, S. A. Smith, Terrel, Blewett, May, Marvin and Lawton.

19. Appointed as Auditing Committee, Bros. Walker, James Crow and J. M. Revel.

20. Appointed to the Bethel Association, Bro. T. W. Terrel, as Correspondent, in addition to Bros. Dyson, Lawton and Daniel, who were appointed at last association. Appointed to the Bowen Association, Bros. Blewett, T. W. Terrel and J. G. Dekle. To the Santa Fee Association, Bros. Fuller, Barelay and Cooper.

21. Agreed to correspond with the Concord Association.

22. Report of Executive Committee read and adopted. See letter D.

23. It being represented to the Association that Bro. Bostick had been laboring as a Missionary Operative of this year, his case was referred especially to the Committee on Associational Missions.

24. Association suspended to hear an address from Bro. Russell, Agent of the Revision Association.

25. Petition from Olive Church, for admission into our body, received and granted.

26. Committee on Preaching announced that Bro. Chaudoin would preach to-morrow morning the Missionary Sermon at the Methodist Church, and Bro. Baker in the Baptist Church. In the afternoon Bro. Russel to preach at the Methodist Church. Bro. Lacy for the Blacks. Bro. McKeown to preach to-night.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. Gauden.

On the Lord's day services were conducted as arranged on Saturday, and collections for Missionary Purposes were taken up, amounting to \$84.08.

MONDAY, Oct. 22, 1860

Association met according to appointment. Prayer by R. D. Mallory.

27. Bro. S. A. Smith was re-elected Treasurer.

28. Appointed the next Association to be held with Concordia Church, Gadsden County, Florida, and to meet Friday before the third Lord's day in October next.

29. By permission, Bro. Chaudoin and Bro. Mallory addressed the Association, the former in favor of the Banner and Baptist and the Christian Index, and the latter in relation to the Baptist Female College for South-Western Georgia.

30. Appointed Elder Fuller to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Blewett alternate. Elder Linton to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder Baily alternate.

31. Treasurer's Report called for and adopted. See letter A.

32. Report on Associational Missions read and adopted. See letter B.

33. The following resolution was offered by Smith and passed:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to enquire into the amount of labor performed by Bro. Bostick, as Associational Missionary, during the past year, and draw on the Treasurer for the amount they may deem him entitled to, payable out of any funds not otherwise appropriated—payments to be made at the rates per diem adopted by former Executive Committee.

34. On motion of Bro. Blewett,

Resolved, That Bro. Cabiness, returned Missionary from China, now on a visit to this, his native country, for the purpose of regaining his wasted health, be and he is hereby invited to visit the churches in our Association, lying both in Georgia and Florida, during the ensuing winter.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to her Board at Richmond, and publish them in the Religious Herald and Christian Index.

35. Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted. See letter C.

36. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools called for and adopted. See letter E.

37. Bro. Marvin, Treasurer of Educational Board, made a report, stating his inability to make a distribution as required by vote of the Association in 1858, and asked for further instructions.

38. The Clerk was instructed to call on former Clerk for a bound volume of the Minutes of our Association belonging to this body.

39. The condition of the Tallahassee church being stated to the Association, a subscription was taken up to pay the indebtedness of that church incurred in building, which was turned over to the management of the Executive Committee.

40. Appointed Bro. Lawton and Bro. Fuller a committee to enquire into the condition of the Tallahassee church, and to report to the Executive Committee.

41. Clerk authorized to draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for printing Minutes, and \$25 for his services.

42. On motion, the thanks of the Association were returned to our Methodist friends for the use of their meetinghouse, and to the people in the neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality.

43. Resolved, That the embarrassed condition of the church at Tallahassee is in the opinion of this Association a proper subject of consideration for the Baptist Convention of the State of Florida at its next session, and that our delegates be requested to call attention to the same.

44. Resolved, That the Treasurer of the former Educational Board be instructed to make a division of the divisible funds in his hands, to the original subscribers to that fund, in proportion to the amounts paid by them, that amount to be ascertained in the best way he can by personal application to the subscribers—the notes to be collected and amounts distributed by instalments as collected.

45. Bro. Blewett offered the following resolution:  
Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to withhold the funds raised for the relief of the Tallahassee church until some definite arrangement can be made by said Committee to secure the property, to the Baptist denomination in the event that that church should become extinct.

46. On motion, adjourned to the time and place designated for the next Association. Prayer by Elder Blewett.

W. B. BENNET, Clerk.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**Florida Baptist Association, in Account with S. Alex. Smith, Treasurer.**

1860.		Dr.	
Nov. 18	To paid J. S. Baker, per order Association, .....		\$ 63 12
	D. G. Daniell, Agent Foreign Mission, .....	\$98 12	
	African Mission, .....	5 00	103 12
	R. Frier, Association Missionary, .....	240 00	
1860.	W. F. Duval, Association Missionary, .....	96 00	336 00
Feb'y,	for printing Minutes, 1600 copies, .....		55 00
	Clerk, .....		25 00
	Postage on Minutes, .....		1 88
June,	Z. G. Wheeler, Association Missionary, .....		180 00
	remitted to Domestic Missionary Board, .....		25 00
	Balance, .....		122 38
	Total, .....		\$916 50
1859.			
Nov. 18	By balance as per account rendered, .....		\$ 1 59
	received from Committee on Finance, .....		915 00
	Total, .....		\$916 50

THOMASVILLE, October 18, 1860. S. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

### B REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the cause of Missions, beg leave to report, that they have had the matter under serious consideration, and feel that there rests solemn obligations on every member to extend the pure Word of God, at home and abroad, to the extent of his ability.

The field over which we have looked, lying in the south and south-western bounds of our Association, is large, but in most places thinly settled, and does not give promise of building up large churches; yet it has claims on our sympathies, and God imposes on us the obligation of dispensing to the people of these regions the pure Gospel. We, therefore, recommend that the Association employ a Missionary (or missionaries,) to occupy that field; and would recommend Bro. G. W. Bostick as a proper person to labor in the western portion of it. We would also solicit the attention of this body to the importance of doing whatever may be in our power to establish Baptist preaching in the towns of Quincy, Tallahassee, and New Port; at the same time we are assured that, to occupy this field, we must have the warm, zealous, and united action of the churches and members of this Association. We, therefore, recommend that pastors and delegates should, immediately on their return home, place this matter before their churches, beseeching all to unite in giving, doing and praying for the accomplishment of the good work; and that a report of what each church will give the ensuing year, be forwarded to the Executive Committee at an early day, say by the tenth of December, and that the committee be instructed to employ laborers to the amount of the means afforded. We furthermore recommend that the Association afford to Bro. G. W. Bostick some remuneration for the labors of the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your prayerful consideration.  
O. E. McKEOWN, Chairman.

### C REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that the several churches composing your body, so far as represented, have sent up through their delegates the following amounts, to wit:

For Minute Fund.....	\$ 39 75	Amount collected at Bap. Church	
For Associational Fund.....	633 55	on yesterday to be appropriat-	
For Foreign Missions.....	10 00	ed to Associational purposes..	27 30
For Domestic Mission.....	50 00	Amount collected at Methodist Ch.	
For Central African Mission, from		to be appropriated as follows:	
Monticello Col'd Church.....	\$6.75	Associational Fund.....	\$22.39
Col'd Ch. at Grooverville		Foreign Missions.....	22.39
taken up after preaching		Bowen Mission.....	5.00—39 78
yesterday.....	7.00—13 73	Received from col'd members at	
Received from Bro. R. J. Mays,		Okapilco for Associational	
Ch'n Ex. Com. for last year to		Fund.....	5 00
go to Associational purposes..	20 00		
Total.....	\$849 13		

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
J. M. MARVIN, Chairman.

### D REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee, to whom was committed the Missionary Operations of the Association, for the year now past, beg leave to report:

There has not been a large amount of what is understood as missionary work performed in your bounds the past year, owing to the fact, that we did not feel at liberty to engage the services of brethren, without the prospect of certain pay; and we had no money, nor promises, till the opening of spring, when the brethren, who were depended on to do the work, were engaged in their crops and could not let go. We have done the best we could, and herewith render the report of services performed.

Permit us, in conclusion, to offer some suggestions for your consideration. You will probably have some cash over, after paying your missionaries, and we would suggest, that every missionary ought to be a colporteur, in its widest sense, and ought to preach, and pray, and labor in the word and doctrine, publicly and privately, and by distributing books and tracts, to extend what you believe to be the Gospel—"our Gospel"—not what some one else believes; and no man can do more than half missionary work, who does not act as colporteur besides—and you ought to furnish the books and give him the profits for his labor. To have the money on hand, you must provide beforehand; we know the credit system works badly in the world; we ought to be ashamed to permit it in the Church of Christ.

We beg leave further to say, that Bro. Bostick has been constantly engaged in missionary work, but makes no claims on the Association; but would it not be well to see that he does not suffer for his devotion to his Master's cause; we hope his wants are met, but we do not know it; the work performed has met its reward. Finally, we would affectionately urge to a double diligence in this work; we shall soon be done working.

RICHARD J. MAYS, Chairman.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and that not more than one fourth of our churches, from the best information we can get, have any Sabbath School at all, and not more than two of these have regular and well conducted schools, viz: Thomasville and Monticello. Ebenezer, Friendship, Indian Springs, Providence, and perhaps others, carry on Sabbath Schools irregularly—some one Sabbath in the month, some two, and perhaps some more. We would recommend, and not only recommend, but urge upon all our churches the importance of Sabbath Schools, as one of the most efficient means of not only inculcating and promoting good order and morality in our rising generation, but of impressing the minds of our children, at an early age, with the saving influences of the Gospel. We would take the liberty to suggest that as the different denominations have their peculiar Sabbath School literature, that our churches have their own Sabbath Schools and use our own Sabbath School literature, wherever it is practicable. We would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pastors of all our churches interest themselves in the Sabbath School enterprise, and co-operate with the churches, in establishing and conducting Sabbath Schools throughout our Association; and that our churches report their success at the next meeting of this body.

W. BLEWETT, Chairman.

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DECORUM.

1. At every meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall call the members to order, and the Clerk shall read the minutes of the preceeding meeting, or any part of them, if called for by any member of the Association.
2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.
3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form:—"As many as are in favor of (whatever the question may be) say aye;" and after the affirmative voice is taken—"as many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If it is doubtful which side is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.
4. The Moderator shall appoint committees, except in cases of appointment by ballot.
5. In all cases of ballot, the Moderator may vote; in all other cases he shall not vote, unless the opinion be equally divided.
6. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.
7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgress the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.
8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is entitled to the floor, by calling his name.
9. No member shall indulge unkind remark in debate; nor shall any member speak more than twice without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have spoken who may choose to do so.
10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse among the members and require strict attention of all.
11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator at any time when called for.
12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member present.
13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be considered in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.
14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but, 1st. To lie on the table; 2d. For the previous question; 3d. To postpone to a time future; 4th. To postpone indefinitely; 5th. To commit; 6th. To amend; 7th. To adjourn. These are called privileged questions, the last of which is always in order. The first and second are not debateable. The object of the first is to prevent debate entirely, and the object of the second is to cut short a protracted debate, and bring the meeting to a direct vote, on the main question, to the exclusion of all amendments, &c.; and the object of the fourth is designed to suppress a question with as little disrespect as possible.
15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business—a motion to adjourn—a motion to read a paper—a motion to reconsider, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate; subject, however, to an appeal to the body.
16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when the substance will admit of it.

17. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.
18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings before its passage—the first for information, and the second before the vote is taken.
19. These Rules may be changed or amended at any regular and full meeting of the Association.
20. The Moderator shall cause the Association, each day, to be opened and closed with prayer.
21. All Queries shall be fairly stated in writing, and approbated by two thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF FLORIDA BAPT. ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—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 particular and eternal election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature, by 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 that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ—that nothing is Baptism except immersion—that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance; and that none but baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
12. We believe that no Minister has the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

W. B. BENNETT, Clerk. W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

LIST OF MINISTERS OF FLORIDA BAPT. ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

1. N. A. BAILEY,.....Madison, Fla.	13. O. E. McKEOWN,.....Quincy, Fla.
2. W. BLEWETT,.....Thomasville, Ga.	14. R. R. PARKER,.....Madison, Fla.
3. G. W. BOSTICK,.....Sopchoppy, Fla.	15. B. TIFTON,.....Sopchoppy, Fla.
4. W. B. COOPER,.....Monticello, Fla.	16. E. C. WALKER,.....Benhadan, Fla.
5. W. T. DRYAL,.....Sopchoppy, Fla.	17. Z. G. WHEELER,.....Waukenah, Fla.
6. ROBERT FLEMING,.....Thomasville, Ga.	18. H. WHITEHURST,.....Monticello, Fla.
7. B. S. FULLER,.....Monticello, Fla.	19. W. W. CHILDERS,.....Tallahassee, Fla.
8. J. M. GRAY,.....Thomasville, Ga.	20. JAMES PAGE, (Colo'd.) Tallahassee, Fla.
9. C. S. GAULDIN,.....Okaville, Ga.	LICENTIATES.
10. J. B. LAUV,.....Thomasville, Ga.	21. W. T. REVELL,.....Sopchoppy, Fla.
11. ROBERT LEVY,.....Tallahassee, Fla.	22. T. W. TERRELL,.....Duncanville, Ga.
12. H. S. LISTON,.....Monticello, Fla.	23. A. M. MANNING,.....Station, Ga.

# TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	POST OFFICE.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Sabb. Meeting.	
					Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.
1 Zenon,	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,	W. W. Childers,	J. Crow,	2	0	0	1	0	16	0	16	\$1 00	\$0 00	2	
2 Aucilla,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Stat'n 4, p. & G. U. R.	Z. G. Wheeler,	J. Walker and O. Ellis,	17	1	0	5	3	11	51	1 00	3 00	4		
3 Bethpage,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Waukena,	McKeown,	S. B. Timmons,	5	4	0	2	0	34	2	49	1 50	11 55	4	
4 Concordia,	Gadsden, Fla.,	Concordia,	W. B. Cooper,	Cooper and James Bough,	0	2	0	0	3	27	77	104	2 25	44 00	1	
5 Ebenezer,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Monticello,	B. S. Fuller,	H. S. Linton and N. A. Whitehurst,	1	1	0	2	1	54	27	81	1 50	33 00	2	
6 Elizabeth,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville,	Blewett,	S. Forrest and William Knapp,	4	2	0	2	1	57	19	76	3 00	50 00	2	
7 Friendship,	Madison, Fla.,	Monticello,	Ardis,	D. M. Walker,	15	4	0	1	1	40	25	65	1 00	8 00	3	
8 Harmony,	Leon, Fla.,	Micosukie,	Cooper,	J. S. Heart and Jesse Everitt,	0	0	0	2	0	37	24	61	2 25	57 00	1 & 3	
9 Indian Springs,	Brooks, Ga.,	Grooverville,	Blewett,	W. Blewett and A. B. Lawton,	3	2	0	1	1	37	23	60	2 00	43 00	3	
10 Liberty,	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,	Blewett,	Represented by Letter,	11	0	0	0	2	28	35	63	1 50	10 00		
11 Lake Jackson,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Monticello,	Bailey,	J. M. Marvin and B. S. Fuller,	9	7	1	16	6	49	124	173	3 00	100 00	1, 2 & 4	
12 Monticello,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Sopchoppy,	Bostick,	W. W. Revel,	3	1	1	3	3	34	2	36	1 25	15 75	1	
13 Mount Bezor,	Wakulla, Fla.,	Sopchoppy,	Bostick,	J. M. Revel,	18	1	0	0	0	57	1	58	1 50	65 00	4	
14 Mount Elon,	Jefferson, Fla.,	Beasley,	Blewett,	J. Horne,	1	0	0	0	0	14	1	15	1 00			
15 Mount Gilead,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville,	Blewett,	J. G. Dekle and C. N. Powel,	4	19	0	13	5	2	47	14	61	2 00	39 00	1
16 New Hope,	Leon, Fla.,	Duncanville,	Blewett,	T. W. Terrel,	0	0	0	6	0	36	13	49	2 00	35 00	4	
17 Oak Grove,	Thomas, Ga.,	Duncanville,	Cooper,	O. E. McKeown and J. Shepherd,	0	1	0	0	0	19	20	39	1 50	40 00	2	
18 Oclockonce,	Gadsden, Fla.,	Quincy,	McKeown,	W. B. Beunet,	1	0	0	0	1	72	7	79	2 00	7 00	3	
19 Providence,	Brooks, Ga.,	Quitman,	C. S. Gauden,	B. E. Barclay,	0	12	0	0	0	17	3	20	2 00	12 25	2 & 4	
20 Quitman,	Madison, Fla.,	Sandy Ford,	Wheeler,	S. A. Smith,	7	8	0	0	1	20	34	54	1 50		2	
21 Shiloh,	Thomas, Ga.,	Thomasville,	Lacy,	Lacy and A. M. Manning,	15	19	1	20	3	93	109	202	3 00	50 00	4	
22 Thomasville,	Thomas, Ga.,	Glasgow,	Bostic,							29	12	41				
23 Olive,*	Thomas, Ga.,	Shell Point,								12	00	12				
24 Bethsaida,†	Wakulla, Fla.,	Benhaden,								41		41				
25 Bethlehem,†	Wakulla, Fla.,	New Port,								12		12				
26 New Port,†	Wakulla, Fla.,	New Port,								41		41				
27 Tallahassee,†	Leon, Fla.,	Tallahassee,								16	366	382				

\*New Church. †Not represented, but the membership is reported as they stood last year. Tallahassee has no regular Pastor, but Eld. Jas. Page (a colored brother) preaches for the colored members.

NOTE.—In addition to the funds sent up as above specified, the Thomasville Church gave fifty dollars for Domestic Missions; the Ebenezer Church ten dollars for Foreign Missions; and the colored members of the Monticello Church six dollars and seventy-five cents for the Central African Mission.