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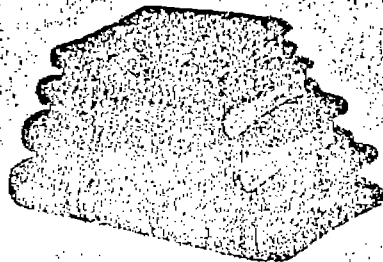
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Seventh Anniversary

OF THE

MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

NEW HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH,

MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA,

October 24, 25, 26, 1906.

OFFICERS.

Moderator—REV. I. R. CLEMENTS, Day, Fla.
Secretary—REV. H. F. GIBSON, Madison, Fla.
Treasurer—REV. F. B. WILLIAMS, Madison, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. B. GIBSON, JNO. T. WOODWARD, F. B. WILLIAMS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Eighth Annual Anniversary of the Middle Florida Baptist Association will convene with Greenville Baptist Church, fifteen miles west of Madison, Fla., on the S. A. L. R. R., commencing on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1907.

OFFICERS.

Moderator—Rev. I. H. Clements, Day, Florida.
Secretary—Rev. H. B. Gibson, Madison, Florida.
Treasurer—Rev. H. B. Williams, Madison, Florida.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Enrolling Names of Messengers.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats with us.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Elect Delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention.
9. Elect Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Elect Executive Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Address of Agents.
15. Appoint Correspondents.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Adjournment.

ART. 10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be indulged in among the members, and request strict attention on the part of the audience.

ART. 11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before open for debate.

ART. 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member of the Association.

ART. 13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be deemed in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before being discussed or amended.

ART. 14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained unless to amend or refer to a committee, for the previous question, or for an adjournment.

ART. 15. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and decided without debate.

ART. 16. A member may call for a division of a question, when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when substances will admit of a division.

ART. 17. Motions and amendments may be referred to a committee at the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings in the Associations previous to its passage, the first shall be for information and the second when the decision of the Association is to be made.

ART. 19. The rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.

ART. 20. The Association shall be opened and closed each day by the Moderator, or by some other member.

ART. 21. All questions shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two-thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

ART. 22. All Messengers are requested to remain during the whole Session of the Association, and no member shall absent himself without he be excused by the Moderator.

ROLL OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, MESSENGERS AND CLERKS.

Aucilla, Jefferson county—Pastor, T. J. Evans; Messengers, I. O. Bishop, J. C. Scruggs; Clerk, G. T. Bishop; Post-office, Aucilla, Fla.

Antioch, Hamilton county—Pastor, A. N. Woodward; Messengers, R. M. Horne, M. Tyre; Clerk, W. E. Frier; Post-office, Ellaville, Fla.

Brüer Lake, Lafayette county—Pastor, I. R. Clements; Represented by Letter; Clerk, W. J. Johnson; Post-office, Day, Fla.

Beulah, Madison county—Pastor, Wm. M. Tamplin; Messengers, B. C. Webb, John R. Henderson; Clerk, J. F. Stoke; Post-office, Lee, Fla.

Cabbage, Grove, Taylor County—Pastor, ———; not represented; Clerk, C. J. Wilson; Post-office, Waylonza, Fla.

Greenville, Madison county—Pastor, F. M. Wells; Messengers, C. L. Leggett, C. Bush; Clerk, J. W. Bishop; Post-office, Greenville, Fla.

Hopewell, Madison county—Pastor, H. F. Hacker; Messenger, W. S. Kelly; Clerk, B. F. Kelly; Post-office, Madison, Fla.

Live Oak, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Messengers, G. W. Collins, John S. Pinson; Clerk, W. M. Matthews; Post-office, Madison, Fla.

Luthers, Taylor county—Pastor, R. F. Hacker; Represented by Letter; Clerk, R. L. Williams; Post-office, Luthers, Fla.

Lee, Madison county—Pastor, ———; Messengers, J. L. Rutherford, B. F. Ponder; Clerk, B. F. Ponder; Post-office, Lee, Fla.

Macedonia, Madison county—Pastor, I. R. Clements; Messengers, John T. Woodward, F. B. Williams, Bowen Fries; Clerk, A. T. Conner; Post-office, Lee, Fla.

Midway, Madison county—Pastor, J. L. Rutherford;

Messenger, J. B. Terry ; Clerk, W. D. Hicks ; Post-office, Lee, Fla.

Mt. Moriah, Madison county—Pastor, Wm. M. Tamplin ; Messengers, W. C. Green, L. C. Purvis ; Clerk, W. C. Green ; Post-office, Lee, Fla.

Mt. Gillead, Taylor county—Pastor, H. T. Austin ; Messenger, W. E. Vann ; Clerk, W. E. Vann ; Post-office, Idelo, Fla.

New Hope, Jefferson county—Pastor, R. E. Parnell ; Messengers, J. G. Connell, J. B. Connell ; Clerk, Wm. P. Coggins ; Post-office, Wacissa, Fla.

New Hopeful, Madison county—Pastor, A. N. Woodward ; Messengers, H. B. Gibson, W. J. Fox ; Clerk, H. B. Gibson ; Post-office, Madison, Fla.

New Macedonia, Madison county—Pastor, M. Ward ; Messengers, J. C. Dukes, Sam'l Andrews ; Clerk, T. M. Barclay ; Post-office, Greenville, Fla.

Olive Branch, Jefferson county—Pastor, John T. Farnell ; Messengers, John Armstrong and wife ; Clerk, G. F. Andrews ; Post-office, Lamont, Fla.

Oakland, Taylor county—Pastor, J. E. Vann ; not represented ; Clerk, W. P. Johnson ; Post-office, Waylonza, Fla.

Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county—Pastor, John T. Farnell ; Messengers, S. C. Buchanan, J. T. Lyons ; Clerk, A. C. Townsend ; Post-office, Day, Fla.

Pleasant Grove, Taylor county—Pastor, J. E. Vann ; Messenger, J. A. Tedder ; Clerk, J. A. Tedder ; Post-office, Idelo, Fla.

Pleasant Hill, Taylor county—Pastor, J. W. Pierson ; Represented by Letter ; Clerk, J. P. Humphrey ; Post-office, Register, Fla.

Pine Grove, Madison county—Pastor, M. Warel ; Messenger, John Kiser ; Clerk, F. J. Blair ; Post-office, Hunson, Fla.

Pine Bluff, Madison county—Pastor, J. P. Session ; Messengers, J. W. Fugna and wife ; Clerk, M. F. Fugna ; Post-office, Greenville, Fla.

River Sides, Lafayette county—Pastor, L. J. Townsend ; Messengers, R. A. Platt, C. N. Frier ; Clerk, Jessie Frier ; Post-office, Day, Fla.

San Pedro, Taylor county—Pastor, J. E. Vann ; Represented by Letter ; Clerk, F. S. Jackson ; Post-office, Fenholloway, Fla.

Triumph, Taylor county—Pastor, J. W. Pierson ; Messenger, R. F. Hacks ; Clerk, W. E. Mills ; Post-office, Stephenville, Fla.

NOTE.—The churches are requested to send all blank in the Associational Letters if possible. Also the name of Pastor who served last and the one called for the ensuing year.

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MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Abbreviations:—"P." signifies Pastor. "C. C." Church Connection. "W. C." without Charge.

NAME.	WHERE LOCATED.	POST-OFFICE.
Clements, I. R.	{ P. Bruer Lake..... P., C. C. Macedonia	{ Day, Fla.
Cone, F. H.	{ W. C., C. C. Pine Bluff	{ Spray, Fla.
Connell, J. G.	{ W. C., C. C. New Hope	{ Wacissa, Fla.
Farnell, John T. ...	{ C. C. Bruer Lake.. P. Olive Branch... P. Pleasant Grove.	{ Day, Fla.
Gibson, H. B.	{ W. C., C. C. New Hopeful	{ Madison, Fla.
Hacker, R. F.	{ P. Luther..... C. C. Triumph..... P. Hopewell.....	{ Aucilla, Fla.
Hampton, J. M.	W. C., C. C. Aucilla	Aucilla, Fla.

Kelly, Wm. S.	{ W. C., C. C. Hoper well	Madison, Fla.
Montgomery, J. T.	{ W. C., C. C. Aucilla	Aucilla, Fla.
Pierson, J. W.	{ P. Triumph C. C. Pleasant Hill	Register, Fla.
Rutherford, J. L.	{ P. Midway C. C. Lec.	Lee, Fla.
Sessions, J. P.	{ P. Pine Bluff C. C. New Hopeful	Madison, Fla.
Tamplin, Wm. M.	{ P. Mt. Moriah C. C. Midway	Slayten, Fla.
Townsend, L. J.	{ C. C. Pleasant Grove	Slayten, Fla.
Yann, J. E.	{ P. San Pedro C. C. Mt. Gilead	Red Oak, Fla.
Woodard, H. N.	{ P. Antioch. C. C. Macedonia P. New Hopeful	Madison, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

NAMES.	WHERE LOCATED.	POST-OFFICE.
Henderson, Jno. R.	Beulah	Lee, Fla.
Godson, W. H.	Pleasant Grove	Idelo, Fla.
Williams, J. C.	Pleasant Grove	Idelo, Fla.

NOTE.—Clerks of Churches are requested to send to the Association names of Licentiates.

MINUTES.

NEW HOPEFUL BAPTIST CHURCH,
Madison County, Fla., October 24, 1906.

The Introductory Sermon of the Seventh Annual Session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association was preached on Wednesday, October 24th, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. R. F. Hacker from Genesis, 1st chapter and 9th verse.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Middle Florida Baptist Association was called to order by the former Clerk, the former Moderator being absent.

On motion, Rev. I. R. Clements was elected Moderator pro tem., who read the 24th Psalm and offered prayer.

The roll of churches was called and letters handed in. The Moderator appointed Rev. R. F. Hacker and Brother J. C. Scruggs Reading Clerks.

The enrolled names of the delegates. (See pages 9, 10, 11.)

On motion, Brother J. C. Scruggs was received as a delegate from Aucilla Baptist Church.

Permanently organized by electing by acclamation Rev. I. R. Clements Moderator and re-electing Brother H. B. Gibson Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. L. D. Geiger, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions; Rev. M. S. Stevens, of the Florida Baptist Association; Rev. A. J. York, of the Marion Association, and Rev. Moses Ward, of the Mercer Association in Georgia.

On motion, that any brothers from any other Association be received as visitors.

On motion, Brother J. B. Connell was received as a delegate from New Hope Baptist Church.

Called for Correspondents.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

The Lee Baptist Church presented a letter by the hands of a delegation. After the letter being read, and on motion the Lee Baptist Church was received, and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

While the Moderator was preparing to appoint the committees, Rev. L. D. Geiger delivered an able address in the interest of the Southern Baptist Witness.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—The Pastor, Deacons of New Hopeful Church and Brother J. T. Lyons.

On Missions—R. F. Hacker, J. C. Scruggs and J. C. Dukes.

On Sunday Schools—J. L. Rutherford, B. F. Ponder and M. Tyre.

On Orphanage—R. F. Hacker, J. B. Sessions and C. L. Leggett.

On Temperance—J. C. Scruggs, G. W. Collins John R. Henderson and L. C. Purvis.

Fixed the meeting—Meet at 9 a. m., 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

The Preaching Committee reported that Rev. L. D. Geiger would preach at 7 o'clock p. m.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow 9 a. m.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

NIGHT SERVICE.

Divine Service at 7 o'clock p. m. by Rev. M. S. Steven, with an exposition from the 13th chapter of Romans.

SIECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 19th Psalm.

Rev. L. D. Geiger offered prayer.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Renewed the call for and enrolled names of delegates.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for Correspondents.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

On motion, Brother J. S. Pierson was received as a delegate from Live Oak Baptist Church.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Nomination—J. P. Sessions, W. C. Green, J. W. Fox and S. C. Buchanan.

On Woman's Work—R. F. Hacker, J. B. Connell and J. C. Dukes.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—J. C. Connell, J. W. Fox and John Kiser.

The following named brethren, viz: R. F. Hacker, J. C. Scruggs, I. R. Clements, C. L. Leggett and F. B. Williams, volunteered as delegates to the Florida State Baptist Convention, to convene with the First Baptist Church at Live Oak, in Suwannee county, Florida, on the 16th day of January, 1907.

On motion, R. F. Hacker was elected as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to convene with the First Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., on the — day of May, A. D. 1907.

On motion, Brother J. C. Scruggs was elected alternate to R. F. Hacker.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Rev. L. D. Geiger, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, delivered an able and interesting address in the interest of the State Board of Missions.

After which collection was taken up, amounting to \$16.20.

Resumed the regular order of business.

On motion, Rev. R. T. Marsh was received as a visitor from the Florida Baptist Association and Vice-President of the B. Y. P. U. of Florida. Also Rev. W. H. Caraway was received as a visitor from the Florida Baptist Association.

The Preaching Committee reported that Rev. R. T. Marsh would preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, Sister Jennie Spaulding, Corresponding Secretary of the Ladies' Missionary Union of Florida, was requested to address the Association at 2 o'clock p. m. in the interest of woman's work.

On motion, adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

Divine service at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. R. T. Marsh, from Mathew, 6th chapter and 9th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Sister Jennie Spaulding delivered a very interesting address in the interest of woman's work.

Called for Reports of Committees.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN—We beg leave to submit the following report of funds sent up to the Association by the different churches, viz :

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 6 95
For Home Missions.....	11 15
For State Missions.....	12 00

For Associational Missions.....	22 80
For Ministerial Education.....	1 50
For the Orphanage.....	12 00
For Aged Ministers.....	5 45
For Ministerial Support.....	1 50
For Associational Expenses.....	10 43
For Minute Fund.....	10 76
Total.....	\$107 12

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. BISHOP, Chairman.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the following report :

As the committee failed to have a full meeting during the year, they failed to accomplish as much good as we think could have been done, as there was but three of us who met. We employed Brother J. W. Pierson, at a salary of \$5.00 per month for one-fourth of his time, to labor in Taylor county; Brother J. G. Connell, at the same salary, to labor in Jefferson county, and Brother J. P. Session, at a salary of \$2.00 per month for one-fourth of his time, to labor in Pine Island, Madison county. For results see their reports.

We ask the Association to pass a resolution making our actions legal, provided they are satisfied with what we have done.

We recommend that the Executive Committee be appointed as near together as possible, so as to have full meetings. We further recommend that the Executive Committee be empowered with authority to employ a missionary, and co-operate with the State Board of Missions, to labor in the destitute portion of the Association. And also request the delegates from the different churches of the Association to ask their churches

what amount they are willing to contribute for missionary purposes, and send it to the Treasurer, that the Executive Committee will know better how to proceed.

Respectfully submitted.

H. B. GIBSON, Chairman.

On motion, that the Executive Committee be composed of three, and one of them to be the Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read, and, on motion, was laid over until tomorrow for adoption:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN--We are glad to note the growing tendency of our country against the open saloon. We see county after county closing its doors against the saloons. We urge upon our brethren their duty to stand together in fighting this great evil. Nothing brings more misery, suffering and desolation in our country and in our homes than strong drink, nothing will destroy our brightest young men or blight our happy homes quicker than this great evil. Let us follow up the advantage we have gained, and use our every effort to obliterate this great evil from our midst.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN--We, your committee, believe woman's work to be one of our potent influences for good, and since women have organized they have wonderfully enlarged the sphere of their usefulness.

By reading the minutes of our State Convention and the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, we will see that the women have borne a noble part in our mission work.

But written reports do not tell us of the joy they send to the homes of our missionaries, by the provision made

for their comfort in sending mission boxes, etc.

We believe it would be well for our Association to employ some one to visit our churches and try to organize Woman's Mission Societies, and to get our sisters interested in working for the mission cause.

We are glad to see the recognition of ladies as Messengers, has done good, and believe meets with general approval.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to decide where the next session of the Association shall convene.

Greenville, Hopewell and New Hope each petitioned for the next session to convene with them.

On motion, that the decision be by ballot.

On motion, Rev. M. S. Stevens was appointed to receive and count the ballots. The ballots being cast and counted, the Greenville Baptist Church received the majority of ballots cast.

Resumed the regular order of business.

On motion, adjourned until tomorrow 9 a. m.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

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THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, The Moderator read the 50th Psalm and offered prayer.

Renewed the call for and enrolled names of Messengers.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for Correspondents.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

The Preaching Committee reported that Rev. A. J. York would preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

Called for Reports of Committees.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN--We are glad to notice more Sunday Schools this session than were last, only two last year and eight this year. That is right, brethren and sisters, let us keep climbing, let us try to report sixteen next year, or better, all our churches. We know where a church has a Sabbath School it is at work for the cause of our Savior, and is a live church spiritually. We love our children, and we ought to want them saved. Let us save them by precept and example.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. RUTHERFORD, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read, and, after being spoken of by R. F. Hacker, I. R. Clements, M. S. Stevens and A. J. York, was adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

DEAR BRETHREN--We, your Committee on Religious Literature, beg leave to report, that we recommend that our people should be very careful in the character of literature they place before their children, as much bad and pernicious literature is being scattered among us. Let us get the best, and only the best, when we are storing the minds of the young. And our older people should try to keep themselves posted in regard to our denominational work. We recognize in the Southern Baptist Witness a means of keeping in touch with the Baptist of our State, and the Foreign Mission Journal, our Home Field, will keep us in touch with our great mission work throughout the world.

We also recommend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. WOODARD, Chairman.

Reports of the Missionaries.

The report of the Missionaries was read and adopted:

REPORT OF J. P. SESSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN--I beg leave to submit the following as my report: Number of miles traveled, 320; number of sermons preached, 20; number of prayer services held, 23; number of religious visits, 18; number of Bibles and Testaments distributed, 10; number of Sunday School addresses, 2; number of Sunday Schools organized, 1; number of families without Bibles and Testaments, 9; amount collected for church building, \$5.00; amount received from Rev. L. D. Geiger for church building, \$25.00; amount collected for Associational Mission, \$10.57.

Brethren, our house is nearly finished. We are using it. Those people are poor financially, but are doing the best they can, and in their behalf I ask the Association to help them as much as possible.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SESSIONS, Missionary.

REPORT OF J. G. CONNELL.

DEAR BRETHREN--I beg leave to submit the following as my report: Number of miles traveled, 310; number of sermons preached, 34; number of prayer services held, 80; amount collected on the field, 75 cents.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. CONNELL, Missionary.

REPORT OF J. W. PIERSON.

DEAR BRETHREN--I beg leave to submit the following as my report: Number of miles traveled, 235; number of sermons preached, 30; number baptized, 7; number

of prayer services held, 12; number restored, 4; number of Sunday Schools organized, 2.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. PIERSON, Missionary.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Middle Florida Baptist Association having a number of churches in Taylor county, and therefore feel a deep interest in the welfare of that county, and knowing from the experience of other counties that the prohibition of the liquor traffic removes one of the greatest barriers to prosperity, therefore we sincerely hope that the said Taylor county will in the very near future call an election and vote to keep saloons out of the county.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Support was read. After being spoken to by M. S. Stevens and R. F. Hacker was adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPRORT.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your committee, are glad to see that our churches are beginning to awake to the fact that it is God's will that "they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." But, brethren, we are far behind in this matter. Let us advance, for our times, as well as God's word, demand that our ministers shall be supported that they may prepare for their work.

So long as we have poor paying churches we will have a poorly equipped ministry, hence we will not make that growth we should.

Brethren, let us lift the burdens from the shoulders of our pastors, and then we may exact greater things at their hands.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

F. B. WILLIAMS, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1905.

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Oct. 21--To balance on hand from last year.....	\$221 70
Nov. 24--Received from Union Meeting at River Side Church.....	17 00
Dec. 30--Received from Union Meeting at Macedonia.....	12 26

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April 29--Received from Union Meeting at New Hopeful.....	26 42
April 30--Received from T. Z. Martin.....	1 00
May 5--Received from River Side Church for Jene' Fries.....	3 45
May 26--Received from River Side Church for I. R. Clements.....	2 90
July 22--Received from Macedonia Church.....	1 40
Aug. 9--Received from Union Meeting at Luther for J. C. Scruggs.....	35 00
Oct. 13--Received from Union Meeting at Pleasant Grove Church for Taylor..	13 00
Oct. 25--Received from State Missions.....	16 20

Total amount received.....\$350 33

Total amount paid out..... 191 56

Balance on hand.....\$160 77

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Oct. 21--Paid H. B. Gibson, Clerk fee.....	\$ 15 00
Paid H. B. Gibson, Stationery.....	75
Paid L. D. Geiger, Missionary Funds..	28 96
Nov. 22--Paid J. W. Pierson, Missionary.....	6 40
Nov. 25--Paid L. D. Geiger, for Foreign Missions.....	6 25
Dec. 22--Paid J. G. Collins, for printing Minutes.....	38 50
Paid H. B. Gibson, postage on Minutes	3 50

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April 30—Paid J. W. Pierson, Missionary.....	20	00
Aug. 9—Paid J. G. Connell, Missionary.....	15	00
Paid J. P. Sessions, Missionary.....	6	00
Aug. 11—Paid J. W. Pierson, Missionary.....	20	00
Oct. 25—Paid L. D. Geiger.....	31	20

Total amount paid out.....\$191 56

To balance on hand..... 160 77

Respectfully submitted.

F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your committee, recommend the following Executive Committee: H. B. Gibson, John T. Woodard and F. B. Williams, and F. B. Williams Treasurer. We further recommend that in any case of emergency one may be empowered to transact business for the Association. We nominate Brother H. B. Gibson to preach an Introductory Sermon and B. F. Hacker to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. SESSIONS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read, and, on motion, was laid over until the afternoon session for adoption:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, your committee, beg leave to report that our Associational Mission Work reflects great credit on our Executive Committee and the faithful missionaries, and has borne the evidence of God's approval, as His blessings have attended their work.

During a portion of the year we have had the faithful services of Rev. M. S. Stevens, of the State Board, whose labors have been greatly blessed. We hereby

tender him our heartfelt thanks, and would recommend that our Executive Committee make arrangements with the State Board to co-operate in keeping him at work during the coming year. We heartily thank the State Board for their valuable aid in our work. But we have still a large field for mission work in the bounds of our Association. Let us redouble our energies the coming year.

Brethren, we want to emphasize the importance of our State, Home and Foreign Work. We deplore the fact that so little has been done by our Association along these lines. We urge upon our churches to contribute more liberally to our State Board and its different lines of work.

Pastors should preach often on missions, for missions is one of the lasting topics of the Gospel.

Brethren, we must both pray and pay for the spread of the Gospel. We endorse and recognize as legal all the work done by the Executive Committee during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

On motion, that the Association accept the proposition of the American Baptist Publication Society to furnish covers for the minutes of the Association.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Missionary Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. A. J. York from Joshua, 3d chapter and latter clause of the 17th verse. After which a collection was taken up for Associational Missions, amounting to \$7.15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Sang the "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord."

Rev. M. S. Stevens offered prayer.

Called for and enrolled names of Messengers.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

BRETHREN—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

It is with sorrow and sadness of heart we have to report the death of Rev. J. J. Lambreth, of New Hopeful Baptist Church, in Jefferson county. He passed from the trials and sorrows of earth to the glories of Paradise in the early part of last year. He was an earnest and devoted servant of our Master, and may we all strive to imitate all of his qualities. We also regret to report the death of Deacon M. G. Bennett, of New Hopeful Baptist Church. He was a faithful servant, and may our loss be his eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. CONNELL, Chairman.

On motion, that a blank leaf be left to the memory of our dead.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

DEAR BRETHREN—While we recognize the fact that our denomination owes much to those heroes for truth, who feeling that the Lord's hand had been laid upon them to lead them out to the Gospel harvest field, but not having the opportunities for a classical education, they have taken God's Holy Book, and by a careful reading have learned its vital truths, have gone forth and by faithful work have caused the desert to blossom as the rose.

Yet at the same time we believe that our churches to-day would have been occupying higher ground if these

noble workers could have had the opportunity of understanding God's Word.

We feel thankful to God that today our ministers have placed before them so many facilities for preparing themselves for their noble calling.

Our common schools, academies, colleges and seminaries offer a means of progressive education, leaving no excuse for ignorance.

We respectfully recommend our John B. Stetson University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and recommend that our Association and churches and our young ministers in availing themselves of these opportunities.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. WOODARD, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

DEAR BRETHREN—In the heart of every living creature dwells the interest of parental affection, and to lack this is to fall below the brute.

But parental love cannot prevail against the power of death, and all over the land parents die and leave their darling ones to the mercies of others, and for us to lack in sympathy for their unfortunate little ones would be to say the least unchristian, for pure religion before God the Father is to visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction.

We feel a holy pride in our Home for Orphans at Arcadia, and rejoice that so many little ones are being cared for, and that many more will find a home there.

We hope the Baptist Orphanage will receive a liberal contribution during this session of our Association, and recommend that our churches contribute liberally to this work, and that our Sunday Schools will take this work in hand.

Respectfully submitted.

R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

On motion, that discussion on reports on Temperance and Missions be passed.

On motion, that the Clerk be instructed to have the Minutes published where he can get them the cheapest.

Rev. R. F. Hacker and I. R. Clements volunteered as correspondents to the Suwannee Association.

On motion, that the Clerk be paid twenty dollars for his services.

On motion, the Moderator was presented with \$3.50 as an appreciative gift.

On motion, to adjourn during the singing of the Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

The parting was extended.

The Middle Florida Baptist Association adjourned to meet with the Greenville Baptist Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1907.

Rev. M. S. Stevens offered the closing prayer.

REV. I. R. CLEMENTS,
Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

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NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR LAST YEAR	CLERK OF CHURCH	CLERK'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS	Church Organize		By Letter	By Letter or Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	Membership Las Year	By Letter	By Expulsion or Erasure	By Death	Total Decrease	Membership this Year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	What Sundays
				Year	Year													
Aucilla	T. J. Evana	G. T. Bishop	Aucilla, Fla	1885					108	2	1	2	5	103	5		1	
Antioch	W. B. High	W. E. Fries	Ellaville, Fla.	1903	12	1		13	37	4	1	1	5	43	6		1	
Beulah Lake	I. K. Clements	W. J. Johnson	Day, Fla.	1888	13	3	2	18	59	2	2			48	11		1	
Beulah	Wm. M. Tamplin	J. F. Stokes	Lee, Fla.	1902	1	1		2	44	2	2			33	11		1	
Cabbage Grove		C. J. Wilson	Waylonza, Fla.						18					18				
Greenville	T. J. Evans	J. W. Bishop	Greenville, Fla.					7	39	2		2		44	5		4	
Hopewell	R. F. Hacker	B. F. Kelly	Madison, Fla.		4			4	46					66			4	
Live Oak	W. S. Kelly	W. M. Mathews	Madison, Fla.	1898		1		2	32					28			2	
Luther	R. F. Hacker	R. L. Williams	Luther, Fla.	1904					14				1	13	1		1	
Lee		B. F. Ponder	Lee, Fla.	1906										11				
Macedonia	I. R. Clements	A. T. Cornett	Lee, Fla.	1865	1		2	3	156	6	4	10	10	148	8		4	
Midway	J. L. Rutherford	W. D. Hicks	Lee, Fla.		4			4	69			3	3	73				
Mt. Moriah	Wm. M. Tamplin	W. C. Green	Lee, Fla.	1899	7	4	2	13	41					51	10		1	
Mt. Gilead	A. T. Austin	W. E. Vana	Idelo, Fla.	1850	5			5	62	3		1	4	59	7		1	
New Hope	R. E. Parnell	Wm. P. Coggins	Wacissa, Fla.	1894	17	1	4	22	60			1	1	81	21		2	
New Hopewell	A. N. Woodard	H. B. Gibson	Madison, Fla.	1900	1	3	6	43	43	1	2	2	5	41			2	
New Macedonia	Moses Ward	T. M. Barclay	Greenville, Fla.				1	1	67	3		1	4	59	8		4	
Olive Branch	John T. Farnell	J. W. Andrews	Lamont, Fla.		2		2	4	29	3	1	1	5	26	3		1	
Oakland	Jas. E. Vann	W. P. Johnson	Waylonza, Fla.															
Pleasant Grove, Lafay. Co.	John T. Farnell	A. C. Townsend	Day, Fla.														3	
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.	Jas. E. Vann	J. A. Tedder	Idelo, Fla.															
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Pierson	Jas. B. Humphrey	Register, Fla.	1883	1			1	20					22	2		2	
Pine Grove	Moses Ward	F. J. Blair	Hansen, Fla.		7	5		12	35					42			2	
Pine Bluff	J. P. Sessions	Mrs. M. S. Ferqua	Greenville, Fla.	1904	3	2		5	13		1	1	2	14	1		1	
River Side	L. J. Townsend	Jesse Fries	Day, Fla.	1903	25	10	3		49	2				66	37		2	
San Pedro	Jas. W. Vann	A. J. Jackson	Finholloway, Fla.	1887	3				70			3		69	1		2	
Triumph	J. W. Pierson	W. E. Mills	Stephensville, Fla.	1894	5				32				1	36	4		4	
Total					111	38	18	119	1141	42	16	13	71	1905	55	98		

Statistical Table--Continued.

Pastor's Salary	For Building	Repairing and Improving	Incidental and S. S. Expenses	For Visiting Ministers	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Endowment Steh-son University	Orphanage	Aged Ministers	For Minutes and Clerk	Value of Church Property	Sunday School--Name of Superintendent and P. O. Address	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Number Teachers	Scholars Baptized	S. S. Expenses	Woman's Mis. So. Name of President and her P.	
\$75.00					\$ 2.50	\$1.00	\$9.19				\$ 50	\$1.00	\$ 300.00								
65.00				\$11.50	1.00	2.00	1.00					2.00	319.00		1	30	4	15			
50.00		\$ 4.50	\$1.45		10.90		2.50	\$2.00		\$2.10		3.50	300.00	D. W. Townsend, Day, Fla.							
28.10			4.85	1.65	3.80							2.42	350.00								
					1.00	1.00									1	56	5		\$10.00		
100.00		5.00		25.00	4.30	1.00	1.00	1.00				2.00	400.00	J. C. West, Greenville, Fla							
					3.51	.79						.75	400.00								
						.60						.50			1	25	4		3.00		
25.00		90.00	25.00		3.25	1.00						1.50	400.00	Auley Hendry, Luther, Fla							
												.50	400.00								
50.00					8.80	1.50						2.00	300.00								
17.00				4.20	4.65	1.50						2.00	100.00								
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90.20		2.00			1.00	.50	2.00	.53	3.00	50	1.01	205.00	J. H. Connell, Wacissa, Fla	1	25	3	3	3.00	Madi		
32.25			5.00		2.00	2.00	.50	.50	1.00	1.00	.75	300.00	A. J. Soph, Madison, Fla.							Fl:	
41.05								2.00				2.25	200.00		1	45	7				
100.00		75.00										3.50	500.00	G. T. Andrews, Lamont, Fla	1	25	4		2.00		
					5.00			40				2.00	700.00	B. W. Tedder, Idelo, Fla.							
												1.42	300.00								
				4.00																	
										2.00	1.00	11.75	100.00								
	30.00				2.00	4.35						.50	300.00								
30.00					14.24	1.00						.26	100.00	T. H. Cone, Spray, Fla.	1	30	4		1.50		
36.00							.50					2.00	400.00								
					2.00	1.00	.50		\$1.00		.50	1.20	300.00								
							.50			.50		.50	450.00								
769.55	30.00	176.50	44.25	46.35	70.95	20.24	19.24	6.93	1.00	8.00	3.50	45.91	7,124.00		8	278	37	23	27.54		