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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
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## NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

W. W. BOSTICK, Monticello, Fla.	S. C. REVELL, Sopchoppy, Fla.
G. W. BOSTICK, Crawfordsville, Fla.	S. J. REVELL, Quincy, Fla.
W. B. COOPER, No. 3, J., P. & M. R. R.	A. N. McDOUGAL, Quincy, Fla.
J. E. G. CAMPBELL, Quincy, Fla.	SAM'L JOURDAN, (col), Quincy, Fla.
R. P. GREEN, Quincy, Fla.	E. B. CARROLL, Boston, Ga.
J. C. GIBSON, Quincy, Fla.	J. B. LACY, Monticello, Fla.
G. W. HALL, Concord, Fla.	A. M. MANNING, Thomasville, Ga.
J. PIGOT, Crawfordsville, Fla.	J. M. RUSHIN, Boston, Ga.
S. J. RICHARDS, Quincy, Fla.	A. C. STEPHENSON, Thomasville, Ga.

## LICENTIATES.

JNO. A. McNAIR, Coe's Hill, Fla.,	W. N. BENTON, Sopchoppy, Fla.
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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

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THOMAS COUNTY, GA., October 17th, 1873.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Liberty Church, Brooks county, Georgia.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Bostick, from the first verse of the third epistle general of John.

After an intermission of an hour the Association was called to order by Elder G. W. Hall, the former Moderator being absent, and S. M. Scruggs requested to act as Clerk.

Letters from churches were then called for, read, and names of messengers enrolled.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Elder G. W. Hall, Moderator, S. M. Scruggs, Clerk.

Petitionary Letters were then called for, when Mt. Vernon Church responded by Letter and Messenger, and on motion, was received as a constituent of this body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to Messenger by the Moderator.

Correspondents being called for, Elders K. Chambers and H. B. McCallum, of the Santa Fee Association, Elder C. S. Gaulden, E. B. Carroll, C. R. & T. I. Denmark, C. D. Campbell, W. H. Bryant, Isaac Jessups and J. Scruggs, of Mercer Association, presented themselves and were cordially invited to seats with us.

On motion, Elder J. G. McCall, corresponding editor of the FLORIDA BAPTIST, was invited to a seat with us.

On motion, a general invitation to visiting brethren to seats was extended.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Preaching*—Elder J. M. Ruslin, brethren W. W. Groover, B. D. Parker, J. G. Dekle, and S. Forest.

*On Sabbath Schools*—J. W. Kendrick, J. W. Wilson, B. F. Wardlaw, C. Blount, and W. B. Walker.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—Elders R. P. Green, W. Mead, brethren P. B. Massey and M. McColman.

*On Missions*—Elder C. S. Gaulden, brethren W. B. Knapp, H. Moncrief and W. P. McClama.

*On Temperance*—Elder W. W. Bostick, brethren E. E. Barclay, J. Fitzgerald, J. W. Wilson and S. Warren.

*On Finance*—Brethren R. Smith, J. A. Bently and Joshua Carroll.

On motion, a committee was appointed to elect delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of considering the action of some of our churches, who it is feared have departed from the faith once delivered to the saints, and a committee was appointed for that purpose.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder K. Chambers.

SATURDAY, October 18th, 1873.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder C. D. Campbell.  
Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The following report of special committee was read and adopted:

We, to whom was referred the supposed departure from the faith once delivered to the saints, of some of the churches composing this Association, and other churches established by your former Missionary (J. C. Gibson), beg leave to offer the following resolutions for your adoption:

First. We reaffirm the old Baptist doctrine, that Associations are only advisory, not Legislative bodies.

Second. That the Moderator appoint a committee of brethren to visit said churches, inquire into the matter, and if necessary labor with them; and that the expenses of the committee be paid by the Association.

C. S. GAULDEN, Chairman.

Committee on Preaching report Elders K. Chambers to preach at the Methodist Church at 11 o'clock this A. M., W. H. Bryant at 2 o'clock, P. M., R. P. Green to-night at the Baptist Church, Sabbath morning C. S. Gaulden, Methodist Church; C. D. Campbell, Baptist Church. Sabbath School mass meeting at 10 o'clock.

The following report of special committee in reference to the death of Elder W. J. Blewitt, was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Father of us all, to remove from his labors on earth to his rest in heaven, our much beloved Brother Elder W. J. Blewitt, so long associated with this body as a member and Moderator. "He rests from labors and his works do follow him," as is evidenced by numerous churches, constituents of this body, built up by the labors of our lamented brother, who a few years ago, to improve his health, removed to Texas, from whence his spirit took its flight upward to the mansions prepared for him, and not only for him, but also for all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in truth and sincerity.

Therefore be it

*Resolved 1st.* That we learn with painful and sorrowful hearts of the death of this much beloved Brother.

*Resolved 2d.* That we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well, in removing our brother from us, and will ever pray that we may die the death of the righteous, and that our last end may be like his.

*Resolved 3d.* That a blank page be left upon our minutes in memory of the death of our lamented Brother, his name inscribed thereon.

*Resolved 4th.* That a copy of these resolutions be published in our organ, the FLORIDA BAPTIST, also a copy be sent to Sister Blewitt.

J. M. RUSHIN, Chairman.

The report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted.

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

Your committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons beg leave to submit the subjoined report: During the associational year an unusual number of our fellow laborers have been taken to that "rest that remaineth for the people of God." While to us this is extremely afflictive to them we can but regard it as a great mercy in thus being taken from the evil to come; and while we mourn their loss, and are deprived of their sweet counsel and important labors, we will endeavor to cheerfully submit to this divine dispensation of our Father. Elder D. R. Milton served the Concord Church acceptably for three years, and only resigned by

the stern decree of death. With the meager data before us we cannot speak definitely of some of our brethren. We moreover insist on a more explicit notice of Brother C. N. Powell, Deacon of New Hope, who was a prominent Baptist and stood almost alone in his community as a Missionary Baptist when the denomination split.

Deacons J. P. Hartsfield, of Olive, and J. P. Loid, of Pine Grove are among those reported dead. We tender our condolence to our afflicted brethren and sisters.

R. P. GREEN, Chairman.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee to whom was submitted the subject of Temperance, believe that the children of God should be temperate in all things, that they should neither manufacture, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any intoxicating liquors, that as one has said, "It is a liquid hell and a distilled damnation" to all who drink it to excess, that any member is in disorder who manufactures, buys, sells, or drinks intoxicating liquors, that any church is in disorder who holds such a member in fellowship, that all christians should abstain from the use of ardent spirits, and persuade all men to do likewise. "Add to your knowledge Temperance."

W. W. BOSTICK, Chairman.

The following were elected Executive Committee: Elders G. W. Hall, R. P. Green, brethren N. T. Scott, P. A. McGriff and W. C. Hendry.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to offer the following: We regret that we have again to deprecate the want of zeal and warmth in the cause of the Sabbath Schools, but we report with pleasure an improvement during this Associational year, as there were reported last year but nine teachers and fifty-six scholars, and this year our churches report: Officers, teachers and scholars, three hundred and five. We believe great good was done by the Sabbath School Convention held in accordance with the suggestion of the report of your committee of last year, on the 5th Sabbath in March and Saturday before with the New Hope Church, where the various subjects recommended by that committee were discussed, resulting we hope, in a revival of the Sabbath School cause, and we trust that the said Convention will remain fully organized and go on in its good work, bringing into our folds those of whom it is said in divine writ, "of such are the kingdom of heaven."

We would again urge upon our ministers and delegates to act as champions of the Sabbath Schools, for it is a noticeable fact that in every revival reported this year, it is where the Sabbath School is the most flourishing, and they all remember it is obeying that divine injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

J. W. KENDRICK, Chairman.

On motion, H. B. McCallum was received as Editor of the FLORIDA BAPTIST, our organ, in behalf of which several brethren made addresses, after which the following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved,* That this Association endorse the course and character of the FLORIDA BAPTIST as their organ, and desirous to see its circulation more extensively recommend that it be more liberally supported by us as Baptists.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

Benediction by Elder J. M. Rushin.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder C. S. Gauden. Elder C. S. Gauden presented the claims of Foreign Missions, for which purpose a collection was taken up amounting to \$13.30.

The claims of State Missions, were presented by Elder McCallum and others, resulting in a collection of \$15.05.

Report on Missions read and adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee submit the following report:

1st. We would reaffirm the views of your last Association on the subject of Missions.

2nd. Your Committee feel that they, and the members of the churches in this and other Associations, are so far below the ideal standard of a true christian on the subject of Missions, that they hesitate to offer any resolutions, lest they should exist only on paper, and not at the same time be imbedded in the hearts of the brethren. Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is our great teacher and exemplar. His mission to this world was to "seek and to save that which was lost." He gave the commission to the Church, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," promising to be with his people in this great work of seeking and saving the lost sons of men, by His holy spirit, accompanying His word preached, and His providential control of all the powers of heaven and earth and to favor the success of His gospel: He declared "as the Father had sent me into the world, even so send I you into the world." "Though He was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that through his poverty we might be rich." Thus we have the idea of what a true Christian should be; the daily consecration of our time, our property, our lives, and our all to Jesus in his great Missionary work of seeking and saving the lost. And though we may not be able to be perfect, as our Father in heaven is perfect, we should aim to be. Though we may not be able to have the spirit of Christ in degree, we ought to have it in kind. The true Primitive Church came so near up to this idea, that within the lives of the contemporaries of the Apostles, the gospel was preached in every nation of the then known world: And if brethren of the churches of this day had as much of the spirit of Christ as they had every nation of the earth would very soon hear the sound of the "Jubilee" trumpeted; and we therefore submit that every member of every church of this Association be requested prayerfully and earnestly, in the light of God's word, and in the presence of the all-seeing eye, to ascertain how near they come to the example and teaching of Christ; and by the grace of God consecrate their property, their talents, their time and their children to the great mission work of glorifying God in seeking and saving that which was lost.

C. S. GAUDEN, Chairman.

On motion, the card of the Cathbert College was admitted on the fly-leaf of our Minutes free.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finances respectfully report the following amounts received from the different churches, and by contributions amounting in the aggregate to \$120.95, paid into the treasury with instructions to credit the same to the different named funds:

Associational Mission	\$ 32.00
Minute Funds	38.15
Foreign Missions	3.20
Associational Fund	39.25
Domestic Missions	1.00

State..... 4.50  
J. S. Baker..... 2.75

Total..... 120.95  
All of which is respectfully submitted.

REDDEN SMITH, Chairman.

Elected Delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention: Elders W. B. Cooper, W. J. Carroll, R. P. Green, G. W. Hall, A. M. Manning, L. J. Richards, brethren N. T. Scott, S. W. Scruggs, J. A. Bently, A. J. Pollock, J. Smith, B. F. Wardlaw, P. McGuff and C. F. Benjis.

On motion, R. P. Green was elected Treasurer.

Appointed the following correspondents:

To the Merce.—Elder J. M. Rushin, brethren B. F. Wardlaw, J. G. Dekle, W. H. Scruggs, J. A. Bently and S. Warren.

To the Bowen—Elders C. S. Gauden, G. W. Hall, W. W. Bostick and brother J. W. Kendrick.

To the Santa Fee—Brethren E. E. Barclay and S. M. Scruggs.

On motion, the following named churches were dropped: Enon, Indian Springs, Lake Jackson, Oak Grove and Quincy.

On motion, the following churches asked for and were granted dismissal from this body: Big Creek, Friendship, Liberty, Macedonia, New Hope Thomas, New Hope Colquit, Olive, Summer Hill, and Thomasville.

On motion, the following was offered:

Resolved, That other churches uniting with any other of our Associations will be dismissed from this body.

On application, the next session of this body was granted Concordia Church, Gadsden county, Fla.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the hospitable and christian entertainment extended to it.

On motion, it was resolved that the Clerk be paid thirty dollars for his services.

The minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned until the next annual meeting.

Prayer by Elder H. B. McCallum.

G. W. HALL, Moderator.

Sol. W. SCRUGGS, Clerk.

SUNDAY, October 19th, 1873.

The word was preached at 11 o'clock by Elder C. D. Campbell, to a large and attentive congregation with power and effect, that will redound to the glory of God and to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in our midst.

After the sermon a collection was taken up for Missionary purposes, amounting to something over seventy dollars.

ELDER W. J. BLEWITT.

ARTICLES OF FAITH  
OF  
THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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- I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
- III. We believe in the doctrine of particular and eternal election.
- IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- V. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.
- VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
- VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- VIII. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
- IX. 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 baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.
- X. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.
- XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
- XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

S. W. SCRUGGS, Clerk.

G. W. HALL, Moderator.



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## Corresponding Letter.

### TO THE ASSOCIATIONS WITH WHOM WE CORRESPOND:

This session of our Association has been cheered by the presence and participation of corresponding and visiting brethren, whom we love in the Lord. We had the pleasure of meeting at our session Elders C. S. Gauden, C. D. Campbell, J. G. McCall, E. B. Carroll, W. H. Bryant, brethren C. R. & T. I. Denmark, I. Jessup and J. Scruggs, of the Mercer, and Elders K. Chambers and H. B. McCallum, of the Santa Fe, with whom we held sweet counsel. These visiting brethren bring us under obligations we know how to appreciate, but not how to repay. Our session has been harmonious. While during the past year we have been called upon to mourn the death of several of our co-laborers, yet many of our churches have been made to rejoice by the outpouring of God's Spirit in their midst, and the conversion of souls. To God be all the praise.

S. W. SCRUGGS, Clerk.

G. W. HALL, Moderator.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1873.

Churches.	Post Offices.	Pastors.	Delegates.	Baptized.....	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.....	Died by Letter	Expelled.....	Dead.....	Whites.....	Colored.....	Total.....	Minute Fund.	Ass'n Fund...	Sabbath Schools	Teachers.....	Scholars.....	Sabbaths for preaching
Aucilla	Williamsburg, Fla	W J Carroll	J H Slaughter, Jno Walker	4	4		3	1	1	40		40	\$ 1 75					3rd
Antioch	Quincy, Fla		C Blount, P Pitman				1			75		75	1 50	\$ 1 95				2nd
Big Creek	Thomasville, Ga	A C Stephenson	A C Stephenson, J W Wilson		6		6			56		56	2 00	1 85				4th
Bethpage	Waukena, Fla	W W Bostick	S B Alexander, A J Pollock				7	2		22		22	1 00					"
Concord	Quitman, Ga	W H Bryant	S P Mays, J A Bentley	4	13	1	3	1	1	61		61	1 50	7 50				3rd
Concordia	Concord, Fla	G W Hall	G W Hall, N T Scott	26	5	4	2	8	2	136		136	2 50	1 00				4th
Corinth	Coe's Mill, Fla		No Delegates															
Ebenezer	Dritton, Fla		T Hay, W Mayberry	1			1	1	1	34		34	1 25	3 00				1st
Elizabeth	Williamsburg, Fla	W Head	Jas Walker, W B Walker	6	2	1		2		24		24	1 70					4th
Friendship	Thomasville, Ga	W W Bostick	W M Knopp, W H Wright	3	1	1	4	2	1	62		62	3 00					3rd
Fin Holloway	Rose Head, Fla	W Head	W Head, P M Faulkner	2	2		6	2	5	71		71	1 50					2nd
Harmony	No 5, J, P & M R R		No Delegates															
Liberty	Grooverville, Ga	J M Rushin	W W Groover, B D Parker	17	2	1	19	2		61		61	2 00	3 00	1	4	35	3rd
Lake Elen	Pautuxet, Fla	G W Bostick	G W Bostick, J A Durrance	1			1	8	2	43		43	75					2nd
Macedonia	Roston, Ga	J M Rushin	J M Rushin, W P McClama	8	8		3			47		47	1 50	1 50				2nd
Madison	Madison, Fla		S P Thomas, Sr, B F Wardlaw	4			5	2		49		49	1 50					2&4
Midway	Midway, Fla		No Delegates															
Monticello	Monticello, Fla	W W Bostick	W W Bostick, J M Clark				2		1	17		17	1 00	1 00				1st
Mount Bezer	Sopchoppy, Fla		No Delegates															
Mount Flon	Sopchoppy, Fla		"															
Mount Zion	Quincy, Fla		"															
Mount Gilead	Quincy, Fla		"															
Mount Vernon	Blue Creek, Fla	L J Richards	Malcolm, M Colman	1	12					13		13	50			1	2	4 1st
New Hope	Thomasville, Ga	J M Rushin	J G Dekle, Joshua Carroll	8	1		3		3	55		55	2 00	3 00	1			45 1st
New Hope	Thomasville, Ga	A C Stephenson	J Fitzgerald, A J Pitman		2		1			23		23	50	3 20				2nd
New O'clocknee	Thomasville, Ga		No Delegates															
Olive	Monticello, Fla	W W Bostick	W Moncrief, E W Stephens	15	3		7	1	2	75		75	2 00			1	3	30 2nd
Providence	Quincy, Fla	G W Hall	R P Green, F H Sheppard	3			17	1	1	191	18	209	2 50			1	5	25 2nd
Pine Grove	Madison, Fla	H M Friar	S Warren, L B Warrock				6	2		42		42	1 50	3 25				1st
Summer Hill	Boston, Ga	J M Rushin	G Harrod, P B Massey	3	2		4			50		50	1 50	1 50				4th
Shiloh	Sandy Ford, Fla		E E Barclay							12		12	50	3 50				4th
Thomasville	Thomasville, Ga	C S Gauden	C S Gauden, J W Kendrick	33	10		2	1	150	160		160	3 00			1		75
Total				137	77	8	102	35	25	1409	18	1427	\$38 15	\$39 25	6	14	214	

NOTE—In addition to the amounts above specified Madison Church paid to W. N. Chaudoin \$107 86; Concordia paid to K. Chambers \$4 00, to J. S. Baker \$2 75. Ebenezer Church paid for Associational Missions \$10 00; Thomasville 22 00. There were also contributed to Foreign Missions \$3 30, Domestic Missions \$1 00, for State Missionary \$4 50.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. M. MANNING, Treasurer, in account with the Florida Baptist Association,

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October 19.	To cash received of Finance Committee.....	\$190.95
" " " " "	for minute fund.....	48.00
" " " " "	" Foreign Missions.....	13.55
" " " " "	" Domestic Missions.....	10.00
" " " " "	" Sabbath Schools.....	12.00
" " " " "	From Lake Ellen Church.....	8.00
" 20 " " "	" W. W. Bostick.....	1.00
" " " " "	" J. J. Beverly, on sub.....	25.00
March 23	" " " " " Oak Grove Church.....	5.50
" " " " "	" F. M. Bunker, expenses (not accurate)	9.00
Total.....		<u>\$323.00</u>

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October 19.	To cash paid T. M. Bunker, Clerk.....	\$ 30.00
" " " " "	" " Minute Fund.....	48.00
" " " " "	C. M. Irwin, Foreign Missions.....	13.55
" " " " "	" " Domestic Missions.....	10.00
Total.....		<u>\$101.55</u>
Amount on hand.....		<u>\$221.45</u>

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