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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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OCTOBER 19th, 1877.

The Florida Baptist Association convened at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to adjournment, with Harmony Church, Madison County, Florida.

The principal and alternate appointed at the last Association to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent Elder, S. S. Proctor, of the Mercer Association, on invitation, preached from 1st Cor., 3d chap. and 1st clause of the 9th verse, after which an intermission was taken.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Elder W. B. Cooper; S. M. Scruggs, Clerk.

Letters from the various churches were presented and read and the names of delegates enrolled.

The following officers were re-elected: Elder W. B. Cooper, Moderator; S. M. Scruggs, Clerk.

On invitation, the following correspondents presented themselves and were cordially invited to seats with us: Elders H. M. Friar and S. S. Proctor, of the Mercer Association.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren, but none presented themselves.

Petitionary letters were then called for when the following churches presented themselves, by delegation and letter, and were received as constituents of this body and the right-hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator: Hopewell, Madison County, Florida; Unity, Taylor County, Florida; Olive Branch, Jefferson County, Florida; also, Indian Springs, Leon County, Florida, which had been dropped from the roll but was readmitted.

On motion of Elder G. T. Leitner the regular order of business was suspended to determine Elder A. C. McCants' eligibility as a delegate from the Monticello Church, which was decided in the affirmative.

The following standing committees were then appointed:

*On Preaching.*—Elder A. C. McCants, Brethren I. N. Lamb, and D. M. Walker

*On Sabbath-schools.*—Elder R. P. Green, J. Hines, I. R. Walker.

*On Missions.*—Elder J. R. Kimbrow, W. Vandiver, and E. Jeffries.

*On Finances.*—Elder W. H. Harvard, W. Griffin, and W.

*On Temperance.*—Elder G. T. Leitner, A. Lacy, and W. B. Walker.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.*—E. B. Lane, J. A. Lamb, and A. Walker.

On motion of Elder R. P. Green a committee was appointed to consider a change of the Articles of Faith of the Florida Baptist Association.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. P. Green.

SATURDAY, October 20th, 1877.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. Faulkner. Called for reports of standing committees.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and, after remarks by several brethren showing the interest on the subject, the report was adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report that owing to the great tendency of the spread of the use of ardent spirits your body recommends to the churches that total abstinence be practiced by church-members. In our judgment there is as much harm done the cause of Christ by professed children of God using ardent spirits as any other evil that can be thought of. It has been justly said that a war every ten years

would not cause as much suffering and death in our land as ardent spirits. Brethren, our Savior says that "ye are the light of the world," and can a Christian let his light shine when he is using ardent spirits in any way—drinking, selling or buying? We answer No!

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. LEITNER,

Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The following report on missions was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report that we find many points in the bounds of our Association that are destitute of preaching, but we regard Leon County as the most destitute, and would recommend that the Executive Committee take this point into consideration. Tallahassee is a special field for Baptist Missionary work, but unless our Association can be induced to contribute more liberally than heretofore we cannot undertake that work, for there is no reason to expect success in Tallahassee unless a missionary could be kept there two or three years. We know of no better way of inducing our churches to contribute to the support of missions than by their pastors' preaching on the subject and urging them to do their duty. We are glad to see that a number of our churches have done better this year by sending in larger contributions, but we are sorry to say that a number of our churches who pledged themselves to support missions have failed to send up anything for that purpose. We submit this report with the recommendation that this Association hereafter hold no church in fellowship which does not contribute liberally of her means for the support of missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. KIMBREW,

Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools was read and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-schools, are gratified to find a growing interest in this important branch of Christian duty. Yet we feel that we, as a denomi-

nation, have much before us to do in the culture of the youth in our midst before we come up to the requirements of the Scriptures. Brethren let us not become weary in well-doing, since God is calling many young, mostly Sunday-school scholars, into the church, and we find that once converted they make the most efficient co-workers with God. We subjoin the following statistical report, and beg all the churches composing this Association to organize (if they have not) a Sunday-school and send up a full report to the next session of this body.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Sunday-schools, 6; Superintendents, 5; Teachers, 20; Scholars, 252.

All of which we respectfully submit.

R. P. GREEN,  
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES OF FAITH.

The Committee on Articles of Faith recommend that the present articles, as they appear in the minutes of 1875, be stricken out and that the original twelve articles be reinserted. Adopted.

D. M. WALKER,  
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Brethren, death has again entered our midst and summoned from labor on earth to rest beyond the skies our brother Henry Tillman, Deacon of Perry Church. Brother Tillman was an humble and consistent Christian, an active and efficient Deacon. He died on the 22d of last March in the triumph of the faith as it is in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Aged about sixty years.

The report was adopted.

E. B. LANE,  
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to make their report as follows: Agreeably to instructions from your body, at its last

session, we sent out a circular to the churches setting forth the destitution within our bounds, and suggested a plan for raising funds for the work of missions. A few churches responded that they had adopted the plan suggested, but the majority of the churches paid no attention to our appeal.

The committee, on May 1st, thought that there was sufficient encouragement to employ one missionary for the whole time, and another part of the time. So they employed Elder J. R. Kimbrow at \$50.00 per month and sent him to labor in Leon County, principally in Tallahassee, and Brother W. J. Harvard at \$10.00 per month to labor in the lower part of Jefferson County. But our plan failed. The churches did not contribute enough to supply these missionaries, and the chairman of the committee recalled Elder J. R. Kimbrow after three and a half months' service. Brother Harvard continued part of his work to the present time. For work done by these missionaries we refer you to their reports.

Respectfully,

A. C. McCANTS,  
Chairman Ex. Com.

REPORT OF MISSION WORK, NO. I.

Miles traveled.....	1,500
Sermons preached.....	62
No. times prayed in private families.....	50
Churches organized.....	1
Received by baptism.....	6
Received by letter.....	3
Restored.....	1
Ministers ordained.....	1
Received from churches and private parties while in the field.....	\$41 95
From the Treasurer of the Florida Baptist Association	20 15

J. R. KIMBREW,  
Missionary.

REPORT ON MISSION WORK, NO. II.

Sermons preached.....	31
Churches organized.....	1
Members received by baptism.....	2
Members received by letter.....	1
Members restored.....	1
Awaiting baptism.....	2
Sabbath-schools organized.....	1

W. F. HARVARD,  
Missionary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

The report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the State Convention was as follows:

J. R. Kimbrow, W. B. Cooper, W. C. Barclay, J. W. Lee, G. T. Leitner, W. F. Harvard, J. W. Hines, W. S. Vandiver, S. S. Proctor, James Faulkner.

On motion, a committee was appointed to devise means for collecting mission funds; also, to district the Association.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON.

Association convened. On motion, it was resolved to reconsider the action of this body at its last session, ordering the Treasurer to pay the amount claimed by Elder J. H. Wentworth, as missionary. The Association agreed to pay him for one month's services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO DEVISE MEANS FOR RAISING FUNDS FOR MISSION PURPOSES.

The committee appointed to devise means for raising funds for mission purposes made the following report:

We, your committee, beg leave to suggest that the Association be divided into four districts, composed of the following named churches:

*First District.*—Aucilla, Ebenezer, Elizabeth, Indian Springs, and Monticello.

*Second District.*—Mount Elon, Mount Bezer, Lake Ellen.

*Third District.*—Shiloh, New Macedonia, Harmony, Olive Branch, Penial, New Prospect, Mount Gilead, and Hopewell.

*Fourth District.*—Shady Grove, Cabbage Grove, Perry, Spring Warrior, Unity, Salem, and Special Providence.

And we further suggest that meetings be held at one of the churches in each district, commencing on Friday before each fifth Sabbath, and to continue three days. Friday and Saturday to be occupied in discussing questions relating to missions, education and Sabbath-schools. On Sabbath, of these meetings, a Missionary Sermon to be preached and a collection to be taken up for missions at the close of the sermon, and that the churches of each district send their delegates and contributions to their respective meetings. Such funds to be sent immediately on the adjournment of the meeting to the Treasurer of the Association, to be used by the Executive Committee in the prosecution of the mission work.

A. C. McCANTS,  
Chairman.

The following were elected the Executive Committee: A. C. McCants, W. S. Vandiver, D. M. Walker, B. Tedder, and I. R. Walker. Brother I. R. Walker was also re-elected Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following report of the Treasurer was received and adopted:

I. R. Walker, Treasurer, in account with the Florida Baptist Association.

<i>Dr.</i>	
To amount received from	Finance Committee.....\$ 97 75
" " " "	Harmony Church..... 2 70
" " " "	Elder R. W. Bennett.... 50
" " " "	Concordia Church..... 4 30
" " " "	Elizabeth..... 4 00
" " " "	Monticello..... 4 70
" " " "	Enon..... 1 50
" " " "	Special Providence..... 1 50
" " " "	Ebenezer..... 4 00
" " " "	Shiloh..... 5 00
" " " "	Aucilla..... 4 75
" " " "	S. M. Scruggs..... 8 84
Total.....	\$139 54
<i>Cr.</i>	
Paid Elder K. Chambers, State Evangelist.....	\$ 11 85
" Sister Ann Richards.....	7 75
" Elder R. P. Green, missionary.....	11 85
" S. M. Scruggs, Clerk, minute fund.....	12 60
" " " " Associational fund.....	20 85
" " " " salary.....	15 00
" H. A. Tupper, Secretary Missionary Board....	6 00
" Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Indian missions.....	1 00
" Miss Lottie Moon, mission.....	1 20
" Elder J. H. Wentworth, missionary.....	25 00
" Elder J. R. Kimbrow, missionary.....	20 15
" for postage, express, etc.....	2 76
Cash on hand.....	8 84
	\$144 85

Which shows an excess of \$5.31.

Respectfully submitted, I. R. WALKER,  
Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:  
To the Mercer Association, Elders G. T. Leitner and J. R.

Kimbrew, Brethren J. W. Childes and S. M. Scruggs; to the new Association to be formed in West Florida, J. R. Kimbrew and J. Hines.

On motion, the next session of this body was granted Shiloh Church, located at No. 5, J., P. & M. Railroad, Madison county, Florida.

On motion, the following churches at their request were granted letters of dismissal: Antioch, Concordia, Cool Springs, Corinth, Mount Vernon, Providence and Mount Zion.

The Preaching Committee appointed Elder J. Faulkner to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, W. F. Harvard, alternate; Elder W. B. Cooper, the missionary sermon, J. H. Wentworth, alternate.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, there has been no preaching to-day. Committee on Nominations report J. R. Kimbrew to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder H. M. Friar at 2 P. M.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for hospitalities extended to it during its session. Also to the railroad company in the event they return our delegates free.

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was then received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance report the following amounts received from the different churches, amounting in the aggregate to one hundred and five dollars and ninety-five cents, paid into the Treasury with instructions to credit the same to the different funds named as appropriated by the donors.

Minute fund.....	\$ 25 90
Associational fund.....	21 80
Associational missions.....	51 75
Foreign ".....	2 00
Domestic " (Marion Board).....	2 00
Indian ".....	2 50

Total.....\$105.05

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. F. HARVARD,  
Chairman.

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On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay Brother R. P. Green twenty dollars on account due for missionary services, who then made a contribution of the balance of the account, for which he received a vote of thanks from this body. The Clerk was instructed to have the Constitution of this Association and the Articles of Faith as adopted at this session printed in the minutes of this session.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services. Adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Shiloh Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1878.

Prayer by the Moderator.

W. B. COOPER,  
Moderator.

S. M. SCRUGGS,  
Clerk.

SUNDAY, October 21st, 1877.

By invitation, the missionary sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Bostick, of the Mercer Church; the afternoon services were in accordance with the appointment yesterday; all of which we hope will redound to the glory of God, and to the advancement of His cause in our midst.

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*To the Associations with whom we Correspond:*

BRETHREN—We are gratefully permitted to acknowledge the pleasure of meeting at our session Elders W. W. Bostick, H. M. Friar and S. S. Proctor, of the Mercer, also Elder H. B. McCallum, of the Santa Fe River Association, who arrived on Sabbath morning in consequence of missing the connection. Brethren, these visits cheer us, and we hope, the Lord willing, to reciprocate this fraternal intercourse at your next session. Having nothing of more than ordinary interest to communicate, we close by assurances of fraternal love.

W. B. COOPER,  
Moderator.

S. M. SCRUGGS,  
Clerk.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1st. This Association shall be known by the name of the Florida Baptist Association.

2d. The Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its union, not to exceed two members from each church, who shall be duly authorized by letter to represent the churches delegating them.

3d. In the letters sent by the churches at each session of the Association shall be expressed their respective members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last session.

4th. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men, as to the import of the scripture doctrines contained in the Old and New Testaments, to declare our belief and understanding thereof, we therefore append our belief in twelve articles, and present them with our minutes to the Baptist denomination.

5th. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by the votes of the members present, who shall hold their offices till the next session of the body, and until successors are elected. The Moderator shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and the Clerk shall record the proceedings thereof and prepare them for the press.

6th. The Association thus organized shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon the internal rights of any church.

7th. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this union upon application by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination found to be orthodox, shall be received by the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

8th. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the funds sent up for that purpose by the churches.

9th. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly and distinctly read, (and corrected if necessary) and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

10th. Any amendment or alteration of this Constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association, (of which notice shall be given in the minutes) and the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the next Association shall make the

desired alteration. All other matters in this Association shall be decided by a majority of votes.

11th. The Association shall have power, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to give the churches advice in matters of difficulty; third, to inquire into the course of any church failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union who shall violate the rules of this Association, or shall deviate from the orthodox principles of the revealed word of God; fifth, to appropriate the moneys contributed to the Association fund by the churches, to any purpose they may think best for the interest of church of Christ; sixth, to adjourn to any future time and place they may deem most convenient to the churches in the union.

Assented to by the Florida Association at Ebenezer Church, Jefferson county, Middle Florida, and signed by order of the same, on the 16th day of October, 1843.

W. B. COOPER,

Moderator,

E. W. SOLOMONS,  
Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the 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 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.

#### MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

W. B. Cooper, Drifton, Jefferson county, Florida.  
G. W. Bostick, Crawfordville, Wakulla county, Florida.  
R. P. Green, Quincy, Gadsden county, Florida.  
J. Pigot, Crawfordville, Wakulla county, Florida.  
J. B. Langston, Ocklockonee, Wakulla county, Florida.  
E. Trice, Ocklockonee, Wakulla county, Florida.  
J. H. Wentworth, Shady Grove, Taylor county, Florida.  
A. C. McCants, Greenville, Madison county, Florida.  
J. R. Kimbrow, Mosely Hall, Madison county, Florida.  
G. T. Leitner, Greenville, Madison county, Florida.  
W. F. Harvard, Williamsburgh, Jefferson county, Florida.  
Joseph W. Faulkner, Perry, Taylor county, Florida.

#### LICENTIATES.

R. Bennett, Perry, Taylor county, Florida.  
W. N. Bennett, Pautuxet, Wakulla county, Florida.  
W. L. Johnson, Perry, Taylor county, Florida.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. C. McCants, Greenville, Madison county, Florida.  
D. M. Walker, " " " "  
W. S. Vandiver, " " " "  
J. R. Walker, " " " "  
B. Tedder, " " " "



STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Number.	CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	RECEIVED BY				Total.	Minutes Fund.	Association Fund.	Association Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions (M. B.)	Indian Missions.	Sabbath Schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Days of Preaching-Sabbath.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restor'n.	Letter.													
1	Aucilla	Jefferson, Fla.	Williamsburgh	G. T. Leitner	J. H. Slaughter, A. Wald	2	2	1	8	37	\$1 40	\$ 75	\$2 60								1st	
2	Concordia	Gadsden	Concord	A. M. Manning	E. B. Lane, R. Daudels	10	2	2	1	138	2 00										3rd	
3	Corinth	Liberty	Cool Springs	J. N. Revell	Letter					15											3d	
4	Cabbage Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove	J. H. Wentworth	C. B. Whidden, J. N. Ly	6	1		3	75	2 00	2 00									1st	
5	Ebenezer	Jefferson	Drifton	W. B. Cooper	W. B. Cooper, A. Lacy	5	5		1	36	1 00	2 10	11 43	\$2 00	\$2 05	\$2 50					3d	
6	Elizabeth	Jefferson	Williamsburgh	G. T. Leitner	D. M. Walker, S. M. Sc	18		3		55	1 25	3 75	8 10								3d	
7	Harmony	Madison	Greenville	A. C. McCants	J. H. Wentworth, J. Barker, J. A. Lamb	14	4			43	1 00										3d	
8	Hopewell	Madison	Madisonville	J. R. Kimbrow	James Hines	4	3	1		18	1 00	1 50	1 00								2d	
9	Indian Springs	Leon	Micosookie	J. R. Kimbrow	James Hines	6	3	1		14	1 00										3d	
10	Monticello	Jefferson	Monticello	A. C. McCants	A. C. McCants, A. Wald	2	6		3	38	1 00	3 80									2d and 4th	
11	Mount Gilead	Madison	Shady Grove	W. F. Harvard	J. Hampton, J. H. Hami	2			1	42	1 50		85								3d	
12	Mount Vernon	Liberty	Quincy	J. N. Revell	W. N. Richards	1	2		2	22	2 00										1st and 4th	
13	Lake Ellen	Wakulla	Pantuxet	E. Trice	J. A. Durrence, E. Pigot	3	3	2		25	2 00	1 00	4 82								4th	
14	New Macedonia	Madison	Greenville	G. T. Leitner	G. T. Leitner, I. N. Lamit	1	1		1	45	1 20										4th	
15	New Prospect	Madison	Moseley Hall	J. H. Wentworth	W. D. Lee, W. Sanders	19	3	1		41	1 75	4 00	25								3d	
16	Penial	Madison	Moseley Hall	J. H. Wentworth	D. Barker	5				12	1 00										3d	
17	Providence	Gadsden	Quincy	R. P. Green	R. P. Green, W. W. Edw	4			9	91	1 20										1st	
18	Perry	Taylor	Perry	J. H. Wentworth	J. W. Faulkner, J. Harv	25	4		36	97	2 00	1 50									3d	
19	Shady Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove	J. H. Wentworth	J. H. Wentworth, J. H. Ba	19			1	27	50	50	1 00								1st	
20	Shiloh	Madison	Greenville	A. C. McCants	W. S. Vandiver, W. D. C	2	2	1	2	53	1 60		13 00								3d	
21	Salem	Taylor	Perry	B. R. Mosley	W. L. Johnson, W. D. C	2			1	22	50	50									3d	
22	Special Providence	Taylor	Deadman's Bay	R. Bennett	R. Bennett, C. N. McCa	17	2	2		40	50										3d	
23	Spring Warrior	Taylor	Perry	J. W. Faulkner	Green Woods, A. Ezell	20	11	7		50	1 50	1 50									3d	
24	Unity	Taylor	Perry	J. W. Faulkner	F. M. Wells, M. W. Lur	10	5		1	20	50	1 00	1 00								3d	
25	Olive Branch	Jefferson	Williamsburgh	W. F. Harvard	W. W. Campbell, F. T. S	2			1	17	1 00										3d	
Total						135	57	33	60	20	9	1,083	\$28 10	\$23 90	\$48 87	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	5	5	19	242

NOTE.—There is a discrepancy between the amounts in this table and the report of the Finance Cttee, owing to the fact that the amounts were not fully stated in the letters when the Clerk received them. The Treasurer has received more than is here reported. —CLERK.