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# MINUTES.

## FIRST DAY--MORNING SESSION.

MADISON Co., FLA., TUESDAY, October 4th, 1883.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Madison Baptist Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. W. Carlin from 1st John, 3d chapter and 2d clause of the 2d verse, after which the Association was called to order by Rev. James H. Wentworth, former Moderator, and Brother H. B. Gibson, former Clerk.

Letters from Churches were handed in. The Moderator appointed as a Committee Rev. Paul Willis and Rev. James H. Wentworth to read the letters. The names of the delegates were enrolled.

On motion, adjourned till 3 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 95th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. P. Green. Permanently organized by electing by acclamation Rev. A. C. McCants Moderator, and re-electing by acclamation Brother H. B. Gibson Clerk.

Invited visiting Brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions; also as a messenger Santa Fe River Association; Rev. J. W. Carlin as a messenger from the Mercer Association, Ga., and Brother William R. Friar as a visitor from the Smyrna Association, Ga.

Called for correspondence. None.

Called for petitionary letters and received into our membership the Baptist Churches at Providence and Flat Creek, Gadsden county, Florida, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following standing Committee:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Madison Church.

On Finance—Brothers W. T. Duval, L. M. Dallas and W. W. David.

On Sabbath-schools—Rev. Paul Willis, Brothers Daniel, Farnell and J. R. Campbell.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Rev. H. M. Friar, Rev. J. W. Faulkner, and Brother Jerry Barker.

On Periodicals—Rev. Paul Willis, Rev. R. P. Green and Rev. F. M. Wells.

On motion, the hours for the assembling of this body be 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The Committee on preaching reported Rev. Paul Willis to preach at 8 p. m.

On motion adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow, after prayer by Rev. H. M. Friar.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Names of Delegates enrolled.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Invite visiting Brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Elect Delegates to State Convention.
9. Unfinished business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Election of Executive Committee.
12. Election of Treasurer.
13. Addresses of Agents.
14. Appoint correspondents.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Adjournment.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 5—9 a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 49th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. S. S. Proctor.  
 Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.  
 Renewed the call for letters and enrolled names of delegates.  
 Renewed the call for correspondents.  
 Renewed the invitation to visiting Brethren. Accepted by Brother John G. McCall as a messenger from the Mercer Association, also one of the Trustees of the Mercer University, Brother W. A. Bowen as a messenger from the Mercer Association, and Brother J. B. Forster messenger from the Mercer Association, also Sabbath-school Missionary of the American Sunday-school Union.  
 The Moderator appointed the following Committees:  
 On Temperance—Rev. R. P. Green, Brothers W. R. Starling and S. Warren.  
 On Missions—Brothers D. M. Walker, J. W. Hines and I. N. Shepard.  
 On motion the Moderator appointed the following Committee on the State of Churches, viz: Rev. S. S. Proctor, Rev. R. P. Green and Brother D. M. Walker.  
 On Nominations—Brothers B. F. Wardlaw, J. W. Hines and Wm. E. Lee.  
 On motion the following named Brethren were elected as delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention to be held with the Baptist Church of Christ at Lake City, commencing on Thursday before the second Sabbath in December, 1883: Rev. Paul Willis, S. S. Proctor, A. C. McCants, J. S. Wharton, A. M. Manning, H. M. Friar, F. M. Wells, Brothers H. B. Gibson, D. M. Walker and H. J. McCall.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Rev. A. C. McCants reported progress in the compiling of the History of the Church of the Association, and on motion was allowed further time to complete his work.  
 The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. H. M. Friar to preach at 11 a. m., and Rev. A. C. McCants at 8 p. m.  
 On motion adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. M. Wells.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. See Appendix.  
 The report of Committee on Sabbath-schools was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 The report of the Executive Committee, together with the reports of the missionaries, was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 On motion adjourned till 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow, after prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER, 9 o'clock a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.  
 The Moderator read the 23d Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Carlin.  
 On motion, the reading of the Minutes of yesterday was postponed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Report of Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted. See appendix.

On motion, Rev. A. C. McCants was relieved from preaching the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow.  
 The report of committee missions was read.  
 On motion, the consideration of the report be postponed till 11 o'clock a. m.  
 Ultimately adopted. See appendix.

## ADDRESSES BY AGENTS.

Rev. W. N. Chaudoin presented the interest of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX.  
 Rev. A. C. McCants presented the interest of the building department of the Southern Baptist Convention. After the address a collection was taken up amounting to \$12.05, for that department.  
 The report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 The report of Committee on Temperance was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as correspondents to the Mercer Association: Revs. S. S. Proctor, J. S. Wharton, F. M. Wells, John M. Hampton, Brothers W. B. Tedder, W. W. Campbell, B. F. Wardlaw, H. B. Gibson, D. M. Walker, C. W. Stevens, H. J. McCall and E. D. Beggs.  
 To Suwannee Association: Revs. H. M. Friar, T. P. Webb and Brother S. Warren.  
 To West Florida Association: Brother J. W. Hines and Rev. A. C. McCants.  
 To Santa Fe River Association: Brother B. T. Allen.  
 To Beulah Association: Rev. H. M. Friar.  
 On motion, Rev. J. S. Wharton was appointed as correspondent to the Hamilton Association.  
 On motion, that the collection taken up on to-morrow be equally divided between Associational missions, foreign missions, and State missions.  
 The report of the Treasurer was received and adopted. See appendix.  
 The report of Committee on Periodicals was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 The report of Committee on State of Churches was read and adopted. See appendix.  
 On motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock p. m.

After singing a hymn of praise the body was called to order by the Moderator.  
 Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Association to draft a tribute of respect to the memory of Brother I. R. Walker, and to report at the next session of this body.  
 The Moderator appointed Rev. R. P. Green as a committee to draft the tribute of respect to the memory of Brother I. R. Walker.  
 On motion, Rev. R. P. Green was allowed to select his associate to assist in drafting the tribute. Associate selected was Rev. A. C. McCants.  
 On motion, the Clerk be reimbursed for private funds used as expenses for Minutes, to the amount of \$1.20.  
 Resolved, 1. That the delegates of this Association tender their thanks to the good people of Madison for their kind and generous hospitality, during their pleasant stay among them. May the giver of all good gifts abundantly bless them.  
 Resolved, 2. That the Florida Baptist Association tender their acknowledgment to the railroad companies, who have shown them the usual courtesy of the occasion in the reduced rates of transportation.  
 Resolved, 3. That the thanks of this body are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful discharge of their duties.  
 On motion, that the Clerk be allowed \$15. for his services.

The Committee on Preaching reported Rev. F. M. Wells to preach at 8 o'clock p. m., and Rev. W. N. Chaudoin to preach on to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the Association adjourned, during the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds" etc. The parting hand was extended, and an earnest prayer by Rev. Paul Willis.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Monticello on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1884.

REV. A. C. McCANTS, *Moderator.*

H. B. GIBSON, *Clerk.*

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 a. m. Rev. W. N. Chaudoin preached the missionary sermon from 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter and xvi verse; at the close of which a collection was taken up amounting to \$17.72-100.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. Paul Willis, Rev. F. M. Wells, Brother E. D. Beggs, W. T. Duval, D. M. Walker.

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

Dear Brethren: Our Association met according to appointment with the Madison church, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1883. There were several correspondents from sister Associations present. We were cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by the brethren and friends of Madison. Our meeting was harmonious, and we trust, profitable.

The attendance was large and considerable interest was taken both in the business meetings and in the appointments for divine worship. We thank God and take courage for the interest that seems to pervade the breast of our brethren, and we desire your sympathy and prayers to aid us in our endeavors to advance the spiritual interest of our Association. Nothing very encouraging has been reported from the churches during the associational year.

Our next session is appointed to convene with the Monticello church, Jefferson county, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1884; and we cordially invite the presence of a goodly number of brethren from your bodies, that we may reason together in reference to the interest of our beloved Redeemer's kingdom.

Our prayer is that the rich blessings of God our Heavenly Father may be with you. Amen.

REV. A. C. McCANTS, *Moderator.*

W. B. GIBSON, *Clerk.*

## APPENDIX—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows: Executive Committee—Revs. Paul Willis, F. M. Wells, E. D. Beggs, W. T. Duval and D. M. Walker.  
Rev. F. M. Wells to preach the next Introductory Sermon.  
Treasurer—Brother E. D. Beggs.  
Respectfully submitted.

B. F. WARDLAW, *Chairman.*

#### ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday schools report as follows: The importance of Sunday-school work is self-evident. It is essential alike to the instruction of the children and the edification of the churches. We are glad to state, upon information gathered from various sources, that there has been some progress in Sunday-school work since our last meeting. Several churches reported schools in successful operation, other churches reported no schools in existence. We recommend the latter to make an earnest effort to organize without further delay. We also recommend thorough compact organization, and a full corps of officers and teachers. Furthermore, we recommend to our Sunday-schools the use of sound Baptist literature. If we would have our children grow up with a correct knowledge of our fundamental doctrines as Baptists, we must carefully teach them. As literature suitable for the use of our Sunday-schools, we recommend Kind Words and the accompanying Quarterlies, together with the periodicals of the A. B. P. Society, especially for the Baptist teacher.  
Respectfully submitted.

PAUL WILLIS, *Chairman.*

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

The Executive Committee report that they have had during the past year many obstacles to a desired progress in the cause of Missions. One of the chief causes was the scarcity of preachers. After considerable delay we succeeded in securing the services of Rev. J. W. Faulkner, who commenced operations in the southern part of Taylor county, in January last, and in May we engaged Rev. F. M. Wells, who occupied the field in a portion of Leon and Wakulla counties. These brethren were only employed actively for half their time. We refer you to their reports for information as to the progress in their respective fields. Early in January brother I. R. Walker, your treasurer and a member of our Board died, leaving on the Board the responsibility of appointing a treasurer and also another member of the Board to fill the vacancy. We appointed brother W. W. Campbell treasurer, and brother W. B. Tedder a member of the Board. We would ask your body to organize a more thorough and efficient system of missions, and to define the powers and duties of the Executive Board. We would also call your attention to the great scarcity of ministers within our bounds—a large portion of our churches are without pastors, some of them entirely without preaching.  
Respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. WENTWORTH, *Chairman.*

MISSIONARY REPORT, No. 1.

To the Executive Committee: Dear Brethren—Having entered into the missionary field the 1st of May, I have labored faithfully in the Master's vineyard for the up-building of His cause till the present time, during which time I have rendered days of services 78; miles traveled, 1,040; sermons preached, 58; family services, 58; exhortations, 11; received by baptism, 4; received by letter, 5, and received for my services from your Treasurer \$75.00.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS, *Missionary.*

MISSIONARY REPORT, No. 2.

Report of labor done as a missionary in the southern part of Taylor county by Rev. J. W. Faulkner, commencing the 1st of January, 1883, ending the 1st of September, 1883, making a total of eight months. Miles traveled, 696; sermons preached, 49; days of services, 122; baptized, 6; restored, 6; collected on the work for Associational Missions, \$18.35.

Dear Brethren: When I entered the work above mentioned, I found everything in a very cold condition; but thanks be to God for His blessings, the congregations soon began to increase and the membership began to revive, and I am persuaded that if these small churches could be assisted for one more year, they would become self-sustaining. Brethren, pray for them and help them if you can.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FAULKNER, *Missionary.*

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report. That it is with profound gratitude to God that we can report that there have been no deaths among the ministers of this Association during the past year, for which we should be thankful to the Great Head of the Church for His care over His watchmen. As to deacons, it is with profound sorrow that we have to report the death of Deacon I. R. Walker, of Bethel Church, and in his death the church has lost a worthy deacon, one that used the office well and the Association and the church a worthy member.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. FRIAR, *Chairman.*

ON MISSIONS.

The necessity of missions is so manifest that we will cease to urge its importance. The duty devolving upon us as followers of Christ, forces itself on us and we cannot escape the responsibility which is consequent upon us as a body and as individuals. A great cry comes to us not only in our midst, but all the world over for the word of life. Brethren, shall we sit idle when every breeze is laden with the cry of those who are gone to the fields of labor for help? Nay, brethren, but let us respond freely and give our encouragement; this requires work. They, brethren, let us be up and doing while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Respectfully submitted.

D. M. WALKER, *Chairman.*

ON FINANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Finances of this Association, beg leave to report: That upon an investigation of the matter they find that there has been contributed, and sent up by the churches in the aggregate the sum of \$151.40 and distributed by them as follows, to-wit:

For Minutes.....	\$27 95
For Association Funds.....	19 20
For Association Missions.....	82 95
For State Missions.....	6 75
For Home Missions.....	8 85
For Foreign Missions.....	5 70
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$151 40</b>

The Committee would recommend that the churches composing your honorable body do more and contribute more largely for the purpose of missionary work in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. DUVAL, *Chairman.*

ON TEMPERANCE.

In presenting our report on temperance, we are not unmindful of the importance of the subject. Its evils, both in the Church and the world, are too well known and felt for us to attempt here to depict them; and yet we do not believe that Christian or temperance people take hold of the subject as one of paramount importance. But, if we know a part of its evils only, should not our efforts to suppress be commensurate with that knowledge? We seem to hear an echo answer Yes. The brethren and friends incentives to action are what is wanted. Assuming that the churches espouse the cause of temperance with the recognition, and support given by our civil authorities in the passage of the local option laws, and the indefatigable zeal of ladies' temperance societies, may we not entertain a lively hope of success in the end? Again the echo answers yes. Then friends of this heaven-born cause, concentrate your forces; let each individual try to reclaim one inebriate; let each and every voter vote the "no license" ticket; let each temperance body influence some disciple of Bacchus to vote "no license," or not vote at all. If the "license" ticket should be elected it will certainly be done by the very worst element in the land; an element incapable of judging for itself, much less for the refined and Christian portion of our citizens. Friends, this enemy will die hard; but die he must, and die he will, if you do not prove recreant to your duty. May the God of battles give you victory.

Respectfully submitted.

R. P. GREEN, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. R. Walker in account with the Florida Baptist Association:

1882.	DE.	
October.	To amount on hand.....	\$119 63
	Received from Finance Committee.....	116 15
	Collected on Sunday.....	13 32
	From Madison Church.....	3 00
	Received from First Union.....	13 55
	<b>Total receipts.....</b>	<b>\$265 65</b>
1882.	CR.	
October.	Paid A. C. McCants, missionary services at Tallahassee..	\$ 42 50
	Paid Clerk's fee.....	15 00
	Paid for Minutes.....	30 00
	Paid for foreign missions.....	3 00
	Paid for Indian missions.....	3 50
	Paid for home missions.....	4 90
	Paid for State missions.....	8 10
	Paid for postage.....	28
	<b>Total paid out.....</b>	<b>\$102 23</b>

The above report was drawn from the account book of the former Treasurer, I. R. Walker, deceased.

W. W. Campbell in account with the Florida Baptist Association:

1883.		Dr.	
April.	To amount received from Mrs. Walker, wife of former Treasurer.....	\$163	42
	To amount received from the First Union District during the year.....	45	20
	To amount received from the Second Union District during the year.....	33	15
	To amount received from the Third Union District during the year.....	16	35
	Received from Providence Church, Gadsden county, Fla. through Rev. R. P. Green.....	8	50
	Total receipts.....	\$266	62
1882.		Cr	
Sept.	Paid Rev. M. F. Wells, for missionary labor.....	\$ 75	00
	Paid Rev. J. W. Faulkner, for missionary labor.....	120	00
	Total paid out.....	\$195	00
	Amount on hand October 6, 1883.....	\$ 71	62

Respectfully submitted. W. W. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

#### ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following:  
The reading of religious literature is second only in importance to preaching and public teaching. The latter cannot supply the place of the former, but is only a supplement thereto. To possess good culture and accurate information upon great religious topics it is necessary to read, and to read closely. Then aside from the discussion of important religious subjects, there must come in the treatment of great practical questions, many of which cannot be touched upon by our pastors whose time must be occupied with other matters of great moment. There can be no doubt then of the fact that religious papers and other periodicals are essential helps in the great work of preaching the gospel, and of bringing the public mind and soul to a correct standard of moral and religious thought and action. Just here we readily concede and gratefully acknowledge the large and important help our state work has received from THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, of Atlanta, Ga., and especially from the Florida department in that paper under Brother Chaudoin's management. Our religious interests would surely have been retarded in their steady movement but for the stimulus received from the news items gathered from the different parts of our own State and published weekly in the Florida Department of THE CHRISTIAN INDEX. But THE INDEX has not fully met the wants of Florida Baptists. We require more space for the demands of our work, and it is pleasant to hope that more space we soon shall have. We are gratified to learn from a reliable source that Rev. A. T. Ashurst, a graduate of the S. B. Theological Seminary, and thorough competent scholar of Alabama, who has had useful experience in newspaper business, has determined to begin the publication of a Florida Baptist paper from Lake City by or before the first of January, 1884. The question now is not whether we will start a State religious paper, but rather shall we support a paper started amongst us by an individual person. The success of the new enterprise will depend upon the encouragement and help it may receive from us. Our own judgment is it would eminently prosper, for us to embrace this opportunity and enlarge and quicken our State religious work. The new Florida Baptist paper will be a seven or eight column sheet, and may be had for \$2 00 per annum, which is cheap enough for a paper of that size. The Florida Baptist As-

sociation, the oldest of all our Associations, will be the first religious body so far as our knowledge extends to vote upon the question; in voting for the forthcoming enterprise our actions doubtless influence others. Now what shall be the course pursued by us? This question is submitted for our answer. What shall be the reply? How many names can be procured for the new paper? When we shall have subscribed for a paper which is to be published in our own State, then other periodicals may be taken and read. Prominent among the number we would mention THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, which must ever be dear to Florida Baptists for its present and past help. We should not fail to distribute religious tracts and the word of God among our people. Above all we should encourage the study of the Bible. No other works can take the place of that. Let us try constantly to exterminate trashy, pernicious literature on account of its baneful effects upon society.

Respectfully submitted.

PAUL WILLIS, Chairman.

#### ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Your Committee on the State of the Churches would say: 1st. That from the tone of the letters from the Churches, as far as represented, that they are generally in a healthy condition. 2d. We regret to say that a good many of our Churches are without pastors, and some without preaching at all, and that Concord Church has united with the Mercer Association.

Respectfully submitted.

S. S. PROCTOR, Chairman.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 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.

Article 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

Article 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Article 8. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Article 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 baptized believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

Article 10. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

Article 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

Article 12. 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 the hands of the Presbytery.

#### RULES OF DECORUM OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the members to order and cause the clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

Article 2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point 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.

Article 3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form: "As many as are in favor (as the question may be) say aye." And after the affirmative voice is taken "as many as are of a contrary opinion say no." If doubtful which voice is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

Article 4. The Moderator shall appoint Committees except in cases of appointment by ballot.

Article 5. In all cases of ballot the Moderator may vote. In all other cases he shall not vote, unless the Association be equally divided, or unless his vote given to the minority will make the division equal. In that case the question will be lost.

Article 6. When any member is about to speak in debate he shall rise and address the Moderator.

Article 7. If any member while speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order.

Article 8. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is first entitled to the floor.

Article 9. No member shall indulge in unkind remarks in debate, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the Association, nor more than once until every one choosing to speak shall have done so.

Article 10. While any member is addressing the Association it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse that may be entertained between the members, and to require strict attention on the part of the members.

Article 11. When a motion is made and seconded it shall be stated by the Moderator before debate.

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

Article 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 discussed or amended.

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

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

Article 16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when two or more distinct propositions are set forth, and when the substance will admit of division.

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

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

Article 19. These rules may be changed or amended at any full meeting of the Association.

Article 20. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

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

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

### FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of the Florida Baptist Association. The object of this Association shall be to conduct the work of missions, colportage, Sabbath-school enterprises, and other work that will tend to the spread of the gospel.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its Union, in the proportion of two members from each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

Article 3. 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.

Article 4. Believing it to be proper, on account of the diversity of opinion among men, as to the import of the Scripture doctrine 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.

Article 5. 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 their 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.

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

Article 7. New 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 right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

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

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

Art. 10. Any amendment or alteration of this constitution may be made by the votes of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive regular meetings of the Association. All other matters, except matters of fellowship, shall be decided by a majority of votes. In matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

Art. 11. 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 cause of any 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 money contributed and sent up to the Association as specified by said churches; when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interest of the Master's cause; 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 this the 16th day of October, 1843.

E. W. SOLOMONS, Clerk.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.



# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Number.	NAME.	COUNTY.	POST-OFFICE.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Dead.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Home Mission—Atlanta Board.	State Board of Missions.	Sunday-schools.	Superintendents.	Teachers.	Scholars.	DAYS OF PREACHING.	
1	Ancilla	Jefferson	Williamsburg	I. N. Lamb	J. H. Slaughter	W. H. Bishop, S. R. Rodgers	4	2	2	1		1	40	\$ 65		\$ 1 50	\$ 1 20	\$ 3 35				1	1	1	20	First Sabbath and Saturday before.
2	Bethel	Madison	Williamsburg		G. M. Walker	J. J. Walker, G. M. Walker						1	8	50	50											
3	Cabbage Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove		Not known	Not represented																				
4	Centerville	Leon	Centerville	A. M. Manning	J. D. Pepper	Letter		1				1	26	1 00	10 00											Second Sunday and Saturday before.
5	Ebenezer	Jefferson	Drifton	Paul Willis	Chas. Hay	Turner Hay, W. W. Mabry		1	1	15		1	48	1 75		6 50	1 25	1 25	1 25							Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
6	Elizabeth	Jefferson	Williamsburg	Jno. M. Hampton	J. E. Walker	L. W. Dallas, J. M. Hamrick						1	58	1 00	1 00	1 50										Third Sunday and Saturday before.
7	Flat Creek	Gadsden	Quincy	J. E. G. Campbell	Joshua Shepard	I. N. Shepard							32	2 50	5 50											First and fourth Sundays.
8	Harmony	Madison	Shady Grove		W. W. Campbell	J. R. Campbell, A. D. Campbell		1	1	1		1	50	1 25		2 25				1 00						Third Sunday and Saturday before.
9	Hopeful	Madison	Madison C. H.	S. S. Proctor	A. H. McCordle	H. B. Gibson, J. C. Loper	6	1	2		1	3	56	1 50	1 00	2 00		50	1 00	1 00	1	1	6	66	Second Sunday and Saturday before.	
10	Hopewell	Madison	Madison C. H.	F. M. Wells	J. H. Standford	Jerry Barker, J. H. Standford		4		6		3	40	50		1 00				75						Second Sunday and Saturday before.
11	Indian Spring	Leon	Micosukie	A. M. Manning	J. J. Cason	J. W. Hines							13	50	4 00	4 45										First Sunday and Saturday before.
12	Lake Ellen	Wakulla	Crawfordville	E. Trice	A. L. Smith	E. Trice, A. J. Durrance	1	2	2			3	35	1 25	2 00				2 00							
13	Macedonia	Madison	Madison C. H.	H. M. Friar	J. C. Crawley	H. M. Friar, J. C. Cawley	6	2		1			56	1 50		1 15										
14	Madison	Madison	Madison C. H.	J. S. Wharton	C. W. Stevens	S. B. Thomas, Sr., B. F. Wardlaw		6				1	40	2 00		8 40						1	1	7	56	
15	Midway	Madison	Madison C. H.	H. M. Friar	Jno. Hicks	L. A. Webb, John Brown					1	1	40	1 50			1 00									Third Sunday and Saturday before.
16	Monticello	Jefferson	Monticello	Paul Willis	Jno. M. Clark	Paul Willis	16	6		4	1	1	54	1 00		4 25	1 50		1 50	1 75	1				30	First and third Sundays.
17	Mt. Carmel	Lafayette	Lauraville		Not known	Not represented																				
18	Mt. Bejor	Wakulla	Sopchoppy	J. P. Roberts	W. T. Duval	A. S. Roberts							13	50	2 00	0 50										Second Sunday and Saturday before.
19	Mt. Glead	Madison	Beasleys	Jno. M. Hampton	W. L. Vann	J. M. Hampton, W. H. Dodgen	13						57	1 00					2 10		1	1	3	25	Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.	
20	New Macedonia	Madison	Greenville	F. M. Wells	Not known	E. A. Boyd, I. N. Lamb				3	6		44	50		1 70										
21	New Prospect, No. 1	Madison	Moseley Hall	F. M. Wells	J. C. Plant	William E. Lee, George Bass							22	50	1 00											Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
22	New Prospect, No. 2	Madison	Ellaville	T. P. Webb	W. Williams	Letter							10	50												
23	Oak Land	Toyland	Shady Grove		Not known	Not represented																				
24	Oak Grove	Madison	Madison C. H.	H. M. Friar	R. T. Warren	W. R. Starling, O. Farnell	15	8		1	2		46	1 50	6 00											Second Sunday and Saturday before.
25	Ochlarvilla	Madison	Madison C. H.	J. A. Tinsley	B. L. Smith	B. L. Smith, A. E. Stephens		2		4		1		25	2 00	1 75										
26	Olive Branch	Jefferson	Beasleys	Wm. Beasley	Wm. Daw	Albert Reams	1	3					19	25		2 00										
27	Perry	Taylor	Perry	J. W. Faulkner	P. D. Wood	J. W. Faulkner, J. B. Hardee, J. L. King	5	1	1	2	2	1	75	2 00		10 00										
28	Pine Grove	Madison	Madison	W. H. Scruges	J. L. Warren	S. Warren, D. M. Webb	6			2			58	1 00	1 70		50									First Sunday and Saturday before.
29	Pleasant Grove, No. 1	Taylor	Shady Grove		W. B. Tedder	W. B. Tedder, G. W. Eakin							38	1 00		50										
30	Pleasant Grove, No. 2	Lafayette	Lauraville		J. T. Cates	J. T. Cates, J. S. Brown		2					26	1 00	50											First Sunday and Saturday before.
31	Philadelphia	Jefferson	Wacissa		Not known	Not represented										2 50				1 00						
32	Providence	Gadsden	Quincy	R. P. Green	W. W. Edwards	R. P. Green	4	1	5	2	1	2	101	50		2 50										
33	Shiloh	Madison	Greenville		Not known	Not represented																				
34	Salem	Taylor	Perry		S. P. Wilder	Letter	2	1					13	50		1 50										
35	Spring Warrior	Taylor	Perry		Not known	Not represented							29	75	50	50	25	25		1 50						
36	Special Providence	Taylor	Not known		Not known	Not represented																				
37	Shady Grove	Taylor	Shady Grove	J. H. Wentworth	A. J. Green	J. H. Wentworth, A. J. Green	1	2				4	14	50		1 25				1 00						Fourth Sunday and Saturday before.
38	Tallahassee	Leon	Tallahassee	A. C. McCants	W. H. Haskell	A. C. McCants																				First Sunday and Saturday before.
39	Unity	Taylor	Perry		Not known	M. W. Lundy, N. Deal		2					20	50		4 50										
							70	49	17	51	32	26	1175	\$27 95	\$19 20	\$82 95	\$ 5 75	\$ 5 35	\$ 8 35	\$ 6 75	5	4	17	107		

NOTE.—The Clerk requests the churches to send up in their letters Sunday-school statistics, post-offices, Clerks' names, pastor serving them, days of meeting; also, total membership. Amount collected and paid over to Brothers John M. Hampton and F. M. Wells, \$17.30.

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