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—OF THE—

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH,

MADISON COUNTY, FLA.

SEPTEMBER 29, 30, & OCTOBER 1, 2, '87.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—Introductory sermon.
- 2.—Names of delegates enrolled.
- 3.—Election of Moderator and Clerk.
- 4.—Invitation to visiting brethren to seats with Association.
- 5.—Call for correspondents.
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- 14.—Appointment of correspondents.
- 15.—Miscellaneous business.
- 16.—Adjournment.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

H. M. FRIAR, West Farm, Madison County, Florida.
 F. M. WELLS, Harmony, Madison County, Florida.
 J. A. TINSLEY, Madison, Madison County, Florida.
 J. T. FARNELL, Madison, Madison County, Florida.
 J. W. FAULKNER, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.
 S. D. WALKER, Sunny Side, Taylor County, Florida.
 J. E. VANN, Williamsburg, Jefferson County, Florida.
 J. M. HAMPTON, Williamsburg, Jefferson County, Florida.
 A. M. MANNING, Iamonia, Leon County, Florida.
 J. E. P. CAMPBELL, Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida.
 R. P. GREEN, Alamo, Gadsden County, Florida.
 S. J. REVEL, Bristol, Liberty County, Florida.
 E. TRICE, Crawfordsville, Wakulla County, Florida.
 J. C. CONNELL, Wacissa, Jefferson County, Florida.

LICENTIATES.

H. B. GIBSON, Madison, Madison County, Florida.

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH.)
Madison Co., Fla. Sept. 29th, 1887. }

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with Oak Grove Baptist Church, eleven miles northeast of Madison C. H., Florida.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. E. Trice, from II TIMOTHY ii, 3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After an intermission of two hours for refreshments, the body re-assembled. The former Moderator and Clerk being present.

The Moderator read the 15th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. F. M. Wells.

The roll of churches was called and letters handed in.

The Moderator appointed Revs. F. M. Wells and A. A. Andrews a committee on credentials.

The Clerk enrolled names of delegates.

Permanent organization was effected by re-electing the former Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us; accepted by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary of State Board of Missions and associate editor of the *Florida Witness*, Sister L. B. Telford, Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Mission to Woman, Rev. A. A. Andrews, of the New Sunbury Association, Ga., and Bro. J. J. Jelks, of Bellville Church, Hamilton County, Florida.

On motion, that 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow be the hour for Rev. W. N. Chaudoin to address the body, followed by Sister L. B. Telford.

Called for correspondents. None.

Called for petitionary letters. Responded to by churches from Salem, Franklin County, and Pleasant Hill, Taylor County, Florida. On motion the churches were received, names of delegates enrolled, and the right hand of fellowship given by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: On preaching—Deacons of Oak Grove Church with Bro. W. B. Tedder.

On motion the pastor of Oak Grove Church was added to the preaching committee.

On motion the Moderator was granted till to-morrow to arrange and appoint the committees.

The following named brethren volunteered as delegates to the Florida Baptist Convention, to convene with the Baptist Church at DeLand, on the 18th of January, A. D. 1888, viz:—Revs. E. Trice, H. M. Friar and Bro. W. B. Tedder.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as delegates: Revs. A. M. Manning, S. J. Revel; Bros. H. J. McCall, W. S. Jordan, J. Waldense Smith, John W. Day and A. DeLaughter.

On motion Unity Church, in Taylor County, was dropped from the roll of churches.

On motion it was decided that the Association meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at will.

On motion, that Rev. W. N. Chaudoin address the body in the interest of the *Florida Witness*.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 a. m.

Rev. J. A. Tinsley led in prayer.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Sept. 30, 9 a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 13th Chapter of I Corinthians. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Farnell.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us; accepted by Rev. J. T. Farnell, and Bro. E. McCranie.

Called for correspondents; accepted by Rev. J. A. Bently, of the Mercer Association, Ga.

On motion Rev. A. M. Manning was appointed to take the place of Rev. A. C. McCants, deceased, to complete the unfinished business of compiling the history of the churches in the Florida Baptist Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—H. B. Gibson, H. F. Rye, W. B. Tedder.

On Missions—Rev. F. M. Wells, Bros. N. B. Hartsfield, O. F. McKeown and A. A. Wetherington.

On Temperance—W. W. Campbell, H. F. Rye and J. E. Herring.

On Ministerial Education—J. H. Rowe, J. L. Warren, W. H. Dodgen and S. W. Walker.

On Finance—W. W. Campbell, J. H. Rowe and S. J. Rodgers.

On Woman's Work—S. Pulesten, F. M. Wells and T. P. Quiett.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—H. B. Gibson, W. W. Mabry and G. B. Walker.

On Periodicals—Revs. F. M. Wells, J. H. Rowe and I. O. Bishop.

On State of Churches—Bros. A. Lacy, W. W. Mabry, W. Lee and C. A. Terry.

On Sabbath Schools—Wm. Smith, Berry Shepherd and Geo. Young.

Called for reports of committees.

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

"Your Committee on Nominations would submit the following as their report—

"Executive Committee—Revs. W. H. Friar, F. M. Wells, Bros. J. H. Rowe, W. S. Jordan and W. W. Campbell. Bro. W. S. Jordan, treasurer.

"The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. F. M. Wells; Rev. J. A. Tinsley, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. GIBSON, Chairman."

The following report of the ex-treasurer and acting treasurer was read, received and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. D. BEGGS, in Account with the Florida Baptist Association.

1886.		DEBIT.	
October 9.	Received from meeting of Association	\$ 98	05
October 9.	Received from union meetings held at Madison during previous Associational years	15	30
November 1.	Received from Fifth Union	4	35
November 10.	Received from Pleasant Grove Church Lafayette County	4	39
November 10	Received from Mrs. A. M. Manning, 1887] tithe fund	4	30
January 31.	Received from Fifth Union	9	30
February 12.	Received from Madison Church	3	40
May 4	Received from Eld. E. Trice, Missionary	1	20
May 4.	Received from some one unknown	1	95—
		\$ 150	18

1886.		CREDIT.	
October 16.	Paid Eld. S. S. Proctor, missionary services last year	\$ 25	00
October 18.	Paid H. B. Gibson, Clerk fees	15	00
October 18.	" " reimbursement	40	
October 29.	Paid Eld. A. M. Manning, services last Associational year, \$25 postage	25	15
December 10.	Paid Clerk for express on minutes	1	55
December 15.	Paid Clerk for postage on minutes	3	41
December 16.	Paid J. P. Harrison & Co, for printing minutes, \$25, postage .15	25	15
December 16.	Paid W. N. Chaudoin, treasurer State Board Home Missions, \$7, Foreign Missions, \$2.70, State Mission, \$2.15, Ministerial Education .95, Cuban Missions, \$3.00, postage, .20	16	60
February 2.	Paid Rev. F. M. Wells, for canvassing Taylor field, \$10, postage, .10	10	10
February 19.	Paid for printing circulars	1	75
February 28.	Paid for postage on circulars	43	
May 3.	Paid Eld. E. Trice, salary for February, March and April, \$24, postage, .15	24	15
May 4.	Paid Eld. H. M. Friar, Chair'an Ex. Com	1	49—
		\$ 150	18

RECAPITULATION.	
Total receipts	\$150 18
Expenditures	150 18

H. M. FRIAR, Acting Treasurer, in Account with the Florida Baptist Association for 1887.

1887.		DEBIT.	
May 4.	To am't from E. D. Beggs, ex-Treasurer	\$ 1	49
May 29.	To am't union meeting at Macedonia	15	76

June 5. To am't from Eld. A. M. Manning	5 00	
June 5 To am't from Eld. F. M. Wells	14 70	
June 14. To am't from Madison church	3 50	
July 30. To am't from union meeting at Hopewell	11 55	
July 30. To am't from Eld. E. Trice	6 55	
September 20. To am't from Eld. F. M. Wells	10 15	
September 29. To am't from Eld. E. Trice	10 90	\$ 79 60
1887.		
	CREBIT.	
July 30. Paid Eld. E. Trice 2d qua., \$24, postage .12	\$ 24 12	
September 29. Paid Eld. E. Trice	36 00	\$ 60 12
Balance on hand		\$ 19 38

H. M. FRIAR, Acting Treasurer.

The hour having arrived, Rev. W. N. Chaudoin proceeded to address the body in the interest of the work of the State Board of Missions; followed by Sister L. B. Telford in the interest of Woman's Mission to Woman.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

Divine services at 11 a. m. by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, from EPHESIANS IV, 32.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing a hymn of praise Rev. A. A. Andrews led in prayer.

Renewed the call for letters and enrolled names of delegates.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. M. Knight, of the Mercer Association, Ga., and Rev. L. B. Plumer, Editor *Florida Witness*.

Renewed call for petitionary letters. Responded to by the San Pedro Church, Taylor County, and name of delegate enrolled. The Moderator extended right hand of fellowship.

Per request Rev. E. Trice was released as chairman on the committee of Sabbath Schools and Woman's Work, on account of illness.

Called for report of committees.

The following report of the Missionary Committee was received, read and accepted:

"Your missionary, acting under the authority of your Executive Committee, begs leave to submit the following as his report, viz—

Miles traveled	758
Sermons preached	38
Baptisms	13
Churches constituted	1

Received payment in full,

Respectfully submitted,

E. TRICE, Missionary.

The following named brethren volunteered as correspondents to the Mercer Association, Ga., viz: Bros. R. B. Bryan, J. H. Rowe, G. Owens and J. M. Patterson.

To Harmony Association, Bro. W. B. Tedder.

To Hamilton Association, Rev. J. T. Farnell.

The committee on preaching reported Rev. J. A. Tinsley to preach at candle-light, Rev. L. B. Plumer to-morrow at 11 a. m., Rev. M. Knight at 3 p. m.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 a. m.

Prayer by Bro. Gibson.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

OCTOBER 1, 1887.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 8th Psalm. Rev. M. Knight led in prayer.

Read the minutes of yesterday.

On motion Rev. J. T. Farnell was made the Chairman of the committee on Woman's Work, in lieu of Bro. S. Pulesten.

On motion the minutes were adopted as read.

Renewed the call for letters and enrolled the names of delegates.

Called for reports of committees.

The following report of the Executive Committee was read, received and adopted.

"The Executive Committee of the Florida Baptist Association, beg leave to report—

"That soon after the adjournment of the Association, they held a meeting, but decided not to commence work until the 1st of February, at which time they held a meeting and employed Elder E. Trice to give a monthly appointment at Carabelle, and another at some point on the way, at a salary of eighty-four dollars (\$84.00), for the balance of the year. For results of his labor see his report. And we also employed El-

der A. M. Manning to continue his work in Wakulla County for half of his time at a salary of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per month, but he declined to accept, which left one in the field, and owing to the condition of the treasury, and but little funds to operate with, we thought it best and wise not to go beyond our means; hence we made no other appointment, and we would urge upon our churches to be more liberal in the future, to enable your Committee to go forward in the discharge of the work assigned them.

"All of which is submitted.

H. M. FRIAR.

Chairman Executive Committee.

The report of the committee on the State of Churches was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"We, your committee on the State of Churches, that constitute the Florida Baptist Association, beg leave to report, that we find most of them in a prosperous condition; and let us, brethren, lift our petitions to Him that rules, that He more abundantly bless us.

"Respectfully submitted,

A. LACY, Chairman."

The report of the committee on Periodicals was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"BRETHREN:—Your committee would like to see our Association keep pace with our sister Associations with all religious enterprises: But with information in regard to their actions, we would be unable to enter into sympathy or co-operate with them. The *Florida Witness* promises us all the information we need; putting us in communication with brethren all over the State—as the *Witness* is the State paper of Florida. And brethren, as a committee, we urge upon you to subscribe for the *Witness* and learn what our brethren are doing for the Master. We also recommend *Kind Words* for our Sunday schools. There are other periodicals we can recommend that are worthy of our patronage, but those mentioned above we particularly commend to your consideration.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. WELLS, Chairman."

The report of the committee on Missions, was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Brethren, this scripture tells us why our Savior came into the world. Love for lost souls. When he finished the work the Father gave him to do, he intrusted to his followers the importance of publishing to the world the intelligence of his sacrifice and atonement. As the father has sent the Son, so the Son has sent us on this mission of love to the world. Now, brethren, can we comprehend this vast work as it is spread out before us? Look for a moment at our own Association with its many churches without pastors, calling on us for help, and pointing to the destitution surrounding them. Turn to the teeming millions of heathen, dying in ignorance of God and his love, who have no means of information on this theme only from Christians. Assuredly 'the work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall; one far from another,' and if we would cover this ground with the gospel, we must be united in the work and consecrate our talents, our energies and our means to the Lord. Your committee would urge upon you the importance of this work, and solicit your benefactions.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. M. WELLS, Chairman."

Adjourned till 2. p. m.

Divine services at 11 a. m., by Rev. L. B. Plumer, from HEBREWS ii, 16 verse and first clause of 17.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing a hymn the Moderator led in prayer.

Renewed the call for letters and enrolled the names of delegates.

Called for reports of committees.

The report of the committee on Ministerial Education, was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"The committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report as follows—

The time has come when both the Church and the world fully realizes the power of education, both of the heart and mind, and as our ministers are to be expounders of God's eternal law and truth, right and justice, and as they are leaders of the flock of Christ, we must admit that they, most of all men, stand in need of every qualification that will best fit and prepare them for the work of the Master's cause. Therefore, we, as Baptists, should sustain Ministerial Education better in the future than we have in the past, in order that they may more successfully confront the errors that are being promulgated by uneducated ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. BRYAN, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons would submit the following report—

"Your committee regret to report the death of one of our old ministers, Rev. A. C. McCants, who died early after the adjournment of your session of 1886. While we regret to have to report this death of a highly esteemed brother, a zealous, self-sacrificing minister, we should bow with reverence and submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well; and acknowledge with devout gratitude to God his providence in sparing the lives of all our other ministers during the past year.

"In this connection we think it not inappropriate to bring to your notice our venerable brothers. Deacons Ansil Richards, of Providence Church, B. F. Wardlow and Jno. M. Beggs, of Madison Church, who, though not ministers of the Gospel, were exemplary Christians, and eminent for their usefulness in every good work, whose memories will long be cherished by all who knew them.

We recommend that a blank page be left for suitable epitaphs to the memory of each of these brethren, in the minutes of this Association.

"Respectfully submitted.

H. B. GIBSON, Chairman."

The report of the committee on Woman's Work, was read, received and adopted, as follows:

"Your committee on Woman's Work would respectfully report; First, the spread of the Gospel, and the work of the church demands the largest use of the gifts and talents with which Christian women are so liberally endowed. In all the past ages they have been a great success in building up and Christianizing the dark corners of heathen lands, and also our world, and we would be glad if we could get more of our beloved sisters out in the field to work for our Lord and Master. Look at those sisters who carried the glad news of our risen Savior! How beautiful was the picture of the woman who anointed our Savior's head, humbled down and washed his feet with the tears of her eyes, and wiped them with the hair of her head. Brethren may God help us to pray that more of our sisters will come out and work for the Lord. Oh! dear brethren and sisters how happy it made me feel to hear Sister Telford pleading for the heathen lands, and the interest she is taking in trying to enlighten them in our Lord's Gospel. But Oh! how sorry it made us feel to see her talking with tears in her eyes, trying to organize a society to help her in the great and noble work, but failing. God bless her in this work, and help us to hold her up with our prayers and means.

"Respectfully submitted.

J. T. FARNELL, Chairman."

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted as follows:

"We believe Sabbath schools are under the banner of the Lord, and have his marching orders.

"It is needless for us to praise the Sabbath schools. For our encouragement we would say, that while much is to be lamented and much to be hoped for, there is this to rejoice over: That there is an increase of Sabbath schools in our churches—over half of the churches reported Sabbath schools in their letters. Desirous of making a short report, we bring forward only one text of scripture, which applies to parents, guardians and friends, and to all who wish to do all the good they can, instead of seeking to avoid all the trouble they can. 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.'

"We would earnestly entreat all who conduct our Sabbath

schools, to get our denominational literature. We speak that we do know, that a few cents saved at the expense of truth, is most wretched economy; and that is not all, teaching that is pernicious and reading that is hurtful, often, if not surely, come from a heedless acceptance of so-called cheap literature. We heartily endorse all lesson helps and question books published by Baptist book houses.

"Respectfully submitted.
WM. SMITH, Chairman."

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, as follows:

For Minute Fund.....	\$ 25 35
For Associational Fund.....	20 10
For Associational Missions.....	26 25
For Foreign Missions.....	9 80
For Home Missions.....	10 00
For State Missions.....	7 45
For Woman's Mission to Woman.....	60
Total.....	\$ 99 55

Respectfully submitted.
W. W. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read and adopted, as follows:

"We, your committee on Temperance, would report, that this question appears to be agitating the entire Christian world, and upon such issues the mind is sure to become more or less excited in carrying out its views. We think that as Baptists we ought to avoid extremes upon this as well as all other questions that pertain to the welfare of the Church. At the same time we think that as churches we ought to promote and encourage the temperance cause fervently and zealously, ever keeping ourselves in the bounds of reason. We think that indulgence in ardent spirits to excess debauches the mind and is injurious to the morals of the country, and especially the Church. Oh! may the energies of every believer in Christ be used to promote temperance in all things, and especially ardent spirits, for Solomon says that 'strong drink is raging, and he that is deceived thereby is not wise.' Brethren, we know that prohibitory laws are insufficient compared to the efficiency of the

churches to suppress this evil. We urge upon every church member to exert a lively and active zeal in the discharge of their respective duties, that the masses may be so educated and public opinion so strong, that legislation will not be needed. Therefore we would recommend our *ministers* of the Gospel while speaking of righteousness and the great judgment, not to forget to reason of temperance, and that all Christians everywhere, pray earnestly that the great evil of intemperance may cease throughout the entire earth.

"Respectfully submitted.
W. W. CAMPBELL, Chairman."

On motion, that the next session of this Association convene with the Providence Baptist Church, 10 miles southwest of Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, A. D. 1888.

The committee on preaching reported Rev. F. M. Wells to preach in the church, and Rev. M. Knight in the school house on to-morrow at 11 a. m.

On motion the Clerk was allowed the usual fee, \$15.00, for his services.

On motion the Clerk was reimbursed for private funds used as expenses for stationery, to the amount of sixty cents.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are hereby due and tendered to the church at Oak Grove and to the community at large for the kind, hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our session.

On motion the Association adjourned.

During the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was extended. Rev. F. M. Wells led in an earnest prayer.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Providence Baptist church, 10 miles southwest of Quincy, Gadsden County, Florida, on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, A. D. 1888.

H. M. FRIAR, Moderator.

H. B. GIBSON, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 a. m. a collection was taken up in the church for

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Woman's Mission to Woman, amounting to \$2.23, after which the Word was preached to a large and attentive congregation by Rev. F. M. Wells, in the church, from EPHESIANS ii, 17, and Rev. M. Knight in the school house, from MATTHEW xii, 41, after which a collection was taken up for Associational missions, amounting to \$7.36.

Sacred to the Memory of
ELD. A. C. McCANTS,
Who has completed his work on earth and is
now resting with Jesus in Heaven.

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DEACON B. F. WARDLAW,
DEACON JOHN M. BEGGS,**

Who have left earthly scenes and entered into
Heavenly joys.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Schools Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	Teachers Baptized 1886.	Scholars Baptized 1886.	Young Men in Library.	Lib. Future used
Ancilla.....	J. M. Kindred.....	1	5	35					
Enon.....									
Antioch.....									
Centreville.....									
Corinth.....									
Ebenezer.....									
Elisabeth.....	Charlotte Kinsey.....	1	5	45					
Flat Creek.....									
Harmony.....									
Hopeful.....	A. J. Loper.....	1	5	21	18				
Hopewell.....	J. L. Rutherford.....	1	5	35	30				
Indian Springs.....									
Lake Ellen.....		1	4	21					
Macedonia.....									
Madison.....	H. J. McCall.....	1	9	65	40				
Midway.....									
Monticello.....	Samuel Pasco.....	1	5	35	20		3		
Mt. Gilead.....	J. W. Horn.....	1	6	26	20		4		
Mt. Bezer.....									
Mt. Elam.....									
New Macedonia.....		1	4	30					
New Prospect.....	J. G. Plant.....	1	7	23					
Oak Land.....									
Oak Grove, Madison Co.....		1	6	30					
Oak Grove, Liberty Co.....									
Ochlawilla.....									
Olive Branch.....	Wm. Beazley.....	1	4	25					
Perry.....									
Pine Grove.....									
Prospect.....									
Pleasant Grove, Taylor co.....	K. M. Tedder.....	1	7	21					
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette co.....		1	7	54					
Philadelphia.....									
Providence.....	O. J. McKeown.....								
Pleasant Hill.....									
Salem, Taylor co.....									
Salem, Franklin co.....									
Spring Warrior.....									
San Pedro.....									
Special Providence.....									
Tallahassee.....									

*Union Question Book.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	MESSENGERS.
Ancilla, F. M. Wells	J. C. Bishop	Lamont	O. Bishop, S. R. Rodgers
Enon, J. H. Ward	S. Hartsfield	Tallahassee.	N. B. Hartsfield.
Antioch			
Centreville			
Corinth			
Ebenezer	C. E. Hay	Monticello.	A. Lacy, W. W. Mabry.
Elizabeth, T. M. Wells	W. E. Standley	Ancilla	G. B & S. D. Walker.
Flat Creek			
Harmony, F. M. Wells	W. W. Campbell	Harmony	FM Wells, W. W. Campbell
Hopeful, M. Knight	W. F. McCranie	Madison	H. B. Gibson, W. Smith.
Hopewell	J. L. Rutherford	Madison.	J. A. Lamb, Wm Lee
Indian Springs			
Lake Ellen, E. Trice	W. A. Benton		E. Trice.
Macedonia, H. M. Friar	F. B. Williams	West Farm	H. M. Friar, H. F. Rye
Madison	H. J. McCall	Madison	J. H. Rowe, R. B. Bryan.
Midway, J. T. Farnell	Ino. Hicks	Madison	L. A. Wells, J. D. Johnson.
Monticello	Samuel Moore		S. Pulesten.
Mt. Gilead	W. L. Vann		B. Shepherd, W. H. Dodgen
Mt. Bezer, E. Trice	J. P. Roberts	Sopchoppy	Letter
Mt. Elam			
New Macedonia	E. G. Barker	Greenville	J. A. Porter.
New Prospect, F. M. Wells	J. G. Plant	Moseley Hall	Robert Pickles.
Oakland			
Oak Grove No 1 H. M. Friar	P. W. Washington	Madison	J. E. Herring, C. A. Terry, Geo. Young
Oak Grove No 2			
Ochlawilla			
Olive Br'ch, J. M. Hampton	Wm. Beazely	Lamont	Letter.
Perry, J. W. Faulkner	T. J. Faulkner	Perry	J. B. Hardee.
Pine Grove, J. D. Evans	J. L. Warren		J. A. A. Wetherington, J. L. Warren.
Prospect			
Pleasant Grove No 1 S. D. Walker	K. M. Tedder	Sunny Side.	W. B. Tedder.
Pleasant Grove No 2 H. M. Friar	J. T. Cates	Mayo	J. C. Hickey.
Philadelphia			
Providence, S. J. Revel	W. W. Edwards	Quincy	O. F. McKeown
Pleasant Hill, J. W. Faulkner	J. K. Humphries	Perry	T. P. Quiett.
Salem, Taylor Co.			
Salem, Franklin Co. E. Trice	L. J. Robinson	Carabelle	Letter.
Spring Warrior			
Special Providence			
San Pedro, W. B. Walters	G. W. Odum	Perry	Wm. Parker.
Tallahassee.			

STATISTICAL REPORT.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Membership Last Year.	INCREASE.					DECREASE.				Total.
		By Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.	Letter.	Expulsion.	Erasure.	Death.		
Ancilla	40	8	1	1	1	1				47	
Enon	45	17	3			1				63	
Antioch	20									20	
Centreville	22									22	
Corinth	16									16	
Ebenezer	48									48	
Elizabeth	38	14	1				2		2	54	
Flat Creek	100									100	
Harmony	57					4				52	
Hopeful	66	3	1			5			1	62	
Hopewell	45	4	2			2	1			53	
Indian Spring	13									13	
Lake Ellen	52	1	4	1		2	2			54	
Macedonia	58	5	2			2	2		1	62	
Madison	107		5			2	1		2	105	
Midway	52	13	4	4	1		1		1	73	
Monticello	47	5	3			2	5		1	51	
Mt. Gilead	68			1			3			66	
Mt. Bezer	25									25	
Mt. Elam	7									7	
New Macedonia	28						1			27	
New Prospect	41	5	1					1		49	
Oak Land	25									25	
Oak Grove, Madison Co.	97	6				13	6			81	
Oak Grove, Liberty Co.	18									18	
Ochlawilla	5									5	
Olive Branch	14								1	13	
Perry	53	4	4	6		24			1	42	
Pine Grove	44	2	1				1			56	
Pleasant Grove, Madison Co.	35		3	1	1					40	
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.	38	7	8							64	
Prospect	8									8	
Philadelphia	35									35	
Providence	30	17	5	2	2	3	6		3	156	
*Pleasant Hill	30									30	
Salem, Taylor Co.	20									20	
*Salem, Franklin Co.	10									10	
Spring Warrior	32									32	
Special Providence	25									25	
*San Pedro	15									15	
Tallahassee	27									27	
Total	1546	103	54	17	6	67	27		14	1790	

*New Churches admitted this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT.—CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Minutes	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Mission to Woman.	Ministerial Education.	Endowment to DeLand College.	Church Building Fund.	Total.
Ancilla	75		2 20								2 20
Enon	1 10					1 00					1 10
Antioch											
Centreville.											
Corinth											
Ebenezer	1 00	8 25									9 25
Elisabeth	75	65									2 05
Flat Creek.											
Harmony	75	1 00		2 50	1 15	1 00					6 40
Hopeful	50	2 00		50		80					4 80
Hopewell	50	50	1 95	1 45	1 45						5 85
Indian Spring											
Lake Ellen	75		1 80								2 25
Macedonia	1 25		1 60								2 85
Madison	1 50		5 00	3 00	1 00	1 00					11 50
Midway	75		1 00								1 75
Monticello	1 50					3 50					5 00
Mt. Gilead	50	1 00			2 00						3 50
Mt. Bezer	50										50
Mt. Elam											
New Macedonia	50		50								1 00
New Prospect	60	1 00			1 40						3 00
Oak Land											
Oak Grove, Mad-											
ison Co.	1 50		3 60								5 10
Oak Grove, Lib-											
erty Co.											
Ochiawille											
Olive Branch	40										40
Perry	2 00	50									2 50
Pine Grove	75	1 00									1 75
Prospect											
Pleasant Grove,											
Taylor Co.	50		70								1 20
Pleasant Grove,											
Lafayette Co.	1 00	2 20			3 00	2 00					8 70
Philadelphia											
Providence	2 00	1 00									3 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00	1 00					60				2 00
Salem, Taylor Co.											
Salem, Franklin Co.	50		5 25								5 75
Spring Warrior											
Special Providence											
San Pedro	2 06	1 00									3 00
Tallahassee											
Total	\$25 35	\$20 10	\$26 25	\$7 45	\$10 00	\$9 80	60				\$99 55

Amt. collected by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin at Association for State Board of Missions, \$6.80.

W. W. CAMPBELL, Chairman Finance Committee.

Articles of Faith of the Florida Baptist Association.

ART. 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.

ART. 2.—We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3.—We believe the doctrine of particular and eternal election.

ART. 4.—We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART. 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.

ART. 6.—We believe that we are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

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

ART. 8.—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are the only subjects of this ordinance, and that none but baptised believers are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper.

ART. 9.—We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

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

ART. 11.—We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 2.—The Moderator shall preserve order and shall speak upon any point of order in preference to any other member, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association when requested by any two members.

ART. 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.

ART. 4.—The Moderator shall appoint all committees except in cases of election by ballot.

ART. 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 the question will be lost.

ART. 6.—When any member is about to speak, he shall rise and address the Moderator.

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

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

ART. 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 everyone choosing to speak shall have done so.

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 entertained between members, and to require strict attention on the part of the members.

ART. 11.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator before 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 the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

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

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

ART. 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.

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 Association previous to its passage. The first shall be for information, and 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 with prayer each day by the Moderator or some other member.

ART. 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 I.—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.

ART. 2.—This Association shall be composed of white male members chosen by the respective churches in its union in the proportion of two mem-

bers from each church of fifty members or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

ART. 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 last session.

ART. 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 in twelve articles and present them with minutes to the Baptist denomination.

ART. 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 until 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 7.—Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this union upon application by letter and delegates; 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.

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

ART. 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 failing to be represented at the meetings of the Association; fourth, to withdraw all connection from any church or churches in the 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 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 Baptist Association, at Ebenezer Church, Jefferson County, Middle Florida, and signed by order of the same on this sixteenth day of October, 1843.

E. W. SOLOMONS, Clerk.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

The Baptist Church to the churches composing the
Florida Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We send as Messengers, Brethren

Days of Meeting

Pastor P. O.

Clerk P. O.

STATISTICS.

Received by Baptism	Dismissed by Letter
Received by Letter	Expelled
Restored	Dead
Total	

WE SEND AS CONTRIBUTION:

For Minutes	For Foreign Mission
" Association Fund	Woman's Mission to Woman
" " Mission	Ministerial Education
" State "	Church Building Fund
" Home "	Endowment DeLand College
Total	

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent P. O.

Number of Teachers Number of Scholars

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