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MIDDLE FLORIDA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1901.

MODERATOR:

REV. J. T. FARNELL, Day, Florida.

SECRETARY:

REV. H. B. GIBSON, Madison, Florida.

MADISON, FLORIDA:

MADISON RECORDER.

1902.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. T. Farnell.....	Day, Florida
H. B. Gibson.....	Madison, Florida
R. F. Hacker.....	Stephensville, Florida
J. L. Rutherford.....	Hopeville, Florida
L. J. Townsend.....	Slayton, Florida
Wm. Tampling.....	Lee, Florida

LICENTIATES.

A. N. Woodward.....	Madison, Florida
J. O. Crafton.....	Lee, Florida
Edgar Tibbits.....	Tallahassee, Florida

Minutes.

LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 18, 1901.

The Middle Florida Baptist Association met with the Live Oak Baptist Church, 7 miles south of Madison, Fla. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. L. Rutherford from the 1st Epistle General of John, 2nd chapter and middle clause of the 16th verse

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The former Moderator and Clerk being present, the Moderator read the 19th Psalm. A. N. Woodward led in prayer. The roll of churches was called and letters handed in. Revs. R. F. Hacker and H. B. Gibson were requested to read the letters, the Clerk enrolling the names of messengers: Brewer Lake, B. W. Rodgers; N. E. Snipes; Hopewell, James Dice; Live Oak, W. H. Smith, L. E. Lyons; Macedonia, Rev. A. N. Woodward, Wm. Carnett, J. P. Lyons, F. B. Williams; Midway, Rev. Wm. Tampling, J. W. Thomas, W. A. Brown, J. H. Turlington; Mt. Moriah, T. P. Newmans; New Macedonia, D. W. McLeod, Walker McLeod; New Hopeful, H. B. Gioson; Pleasant Grove, Taylor county, J. A. Tedder; Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county, L. J. Townsend, W. E. Folsom, J. T. Lyons; Pine Grove, Bradford Raines; Triumph, Rev. R. F. Hacker, Miss L. M. Hacker.

Permanently organized by electing by acclamation Rev. J. T. Farnell Moderator, and H. B. Gibson Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. J. A. Gundy, of the Florida Baptist Association.

Called for correspondents.

Called for petitionary letters. Antioch Baptist Church, of Hamilton county, Fla., presented her letter by delegation. On motion, the letter was referred back to the church for further consideration, with our Christian love and sympathy.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—The deacon of Live Oak Church, with Brothers J. P. Lyons and B. W. Rodgers.

On Ministerial Education—Rev. R. F. Hackler, A. N. Woodward and Brother J. A. Tedder.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Revs. L. J. Townsend, J. L. Rutherford, Brothers Wm. Carnett and J. H. Turlington.

On Temperance—Revs. R. F. Hacker, L. J. Townsend and Brother W. E. Folsom.

On Nominations—Revs. Wm. Tampling, Brothers J. P. Lyons and T. P. Newmans.

On Finance—Revs. J. L. Rutherford, Brothers J. W. Thomas and N. E. Snipes.

On motion, it was decided that the Association meet at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

The Preaching Committee reported Rev. J. A. Gandy to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and Rev. R. F. Hacker to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m.

On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow at 9 a. m.

SATURDAY, SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 19, 1901.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 37th Psalm. Rev. L. J. Townsend led in prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

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

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren. Accepted by Rev. W. S. Kelly, of the Florida Association.

Renewed the call for correspondents.

On motion, that any member of this Association attending the State Convention be recognized as a delegate from this Association.

On motion, that a committee of five, consisting of Rev. R. F. Hacker, H. B. Gibson, Wm. Tampling, L. J. Townsend and Brother Carnett, co-operate with a like committee to be appointed by the Hamilton County Baptist Association to investigate a matter of difference between Corinth Church and Antioch, a newly constituted church, praying the good Lord that His blessings may rest on their work.

On motion, the following correspondents were appointed to visit the Florida Baptist Association: Revs. J. T. Farnell, H. B. Gibson, A. N. Woodward.

To the Suwannee Association—Revs. R. F. Hacker, L. J. Townsend, Sister Lola M. Hacker.

To the Lafayette Association—Rev. L. J. Townsend.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The chairman of the Committee on Temperance read the report of the committee as follows:

We, your committee on Temperance beg to report:

We believe that our churches should never fail to fight the evils of intemperance in all its hideous forms. The sale and use of intoxicating drinks are contrary to God's word and no church should allow its members to either make, buy, sell, use, furnish, or cause to be furnished to others as a beverage anything that can intoxicate.

And we would suggest that there are other forms of intemperance against which we should lift our voices; among them we may name an intemperate use of language, false representations in trade to gain advantage of our fellow-men; falsehood in any form; dishonesty in regard to the payment of debts; the fearful crime of adultery; defaming the character of others, or anything else that would bring disgrace on the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HACKER,
W. E. FOLSOM,
L. J. TOWNSEND.

Having been spoken to by several brethren, the report was adopted.

On motion, Rev. I. R. Clements was received as a correspondent from the Florida Baptist Association.

On motion, adjourned for divine services.

Divine services at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. A. Gandy from John 16th chapter and 33rd verse.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read the 9th Psalm and led in prayer.

Renewed the call for letters and enrolled names of messengers. Called for petitionary letters. Responded to by New Macedonia Baptist Church, with letter and messenger.

On motion, the church was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was received and adopted.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons: We thank God that we can still report that all of our ministering brethren and deacons have been graciously spared through another Associational year; none have fallen, for which we are thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. TOWNSEND,
J. L. RUTHERFORD,
WM. CARNETT,
J. H. TURLINGTON.

The chairman read the report on Ministerial Education.

Report on Ministerial Education: We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, believe that the minister should be "apt to teach," and in order that he may be so, he must have that amount of information that will enable him to instruct his fellowmen. While we have no doubt that God often calls to the ministry those who have not enjoyed the advantages of a higher education, but when He honors us with a call to do His work, then devolves on us the duty of preparing ourselves that His word does not suffer by our ignorance, and hence we believe that our churches should demand of those who enter the ministry to make use of every possible means to educate themselves and fit themselves to instruct others.

We are thankful to God that our denomination is blessed with so many noble institutions of learning, and recommend our young ministers to avail themselves of these opportunities. We especially recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and our own Stetson University of DeLand.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HACKER,
A. N. WOODWARD,
J. A. TEDDER.

After being discussed by the brethren, the report was adopted. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. B. Williams, Treasurer, in account with the Middle Florida Baptist Association:

1900.	Dr.	
Nov. 11.	To balance from last year	\$45 75
Dec. 29.	To amount received from Union Meeting at New Macedonia	4 60

May 30. To amount received from Union Meeting at Pleasant Grove, Taylor county.....	2 20
Sept. 28. To amount received from Union Meeting at Brewer Lake	3 26
Oct. 19. Total amount received.....	\$61 81
1900. Cr.	
Nov. 10. By amount paid to Rev. J. L. Rutherford, clerk fee, \$ 5 00	
1901.	
Feb. 14. M. G. Rowe, printing minutes.....	9 00
Total amount paid out.....	\$14 00
Oct. 19. Balance on hand.....	\$47 81

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

Not having sufficient funds at our disposal to justify us in trying to do much good in the missionary field; but in June we employed Rev. J. L. Rutherford as a missionary, but have received no report from him.

We recommend that the delegates of our different churches ask their churches to contribute liberally of their means for the cause of missions, as the destitution is great, and many precious souls are perishing for the "Breau of Life."

WM. TAMPLING, Chairman.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Dear Brethren: We, your Committee, recommend that the Executive Committee be elected by acclamation, and nominate Revs. A. N. Woodward, W. E. Folsom, Wm. Carnett, J. P. Bass, F. B. Williams, Treasurer; and that Rev. L. J. Townsend to the next introductory sermon; Rev. J. L. Furnell, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. TAMPLING,
J. P. LYONS,
T. P. NEWMANS.

Motion prevailed that the time of the meeting of the Middle Florida Baptist Association be changed from Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October to Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and are hereby, tendered to Live Oak Church and community for their kindness and hospitality during our session.

Motion prevailed that the next session of the Middle Florida Baptist Association meet with Pleasant Grove Church, in Lafayette county, Fla., on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1902.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be paid \$8.00 for his services.

Motion prevailed that Rev. J. A. Gundy address the Association on to-morrow morning at 10 a. m. in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk draw on the Treasurer for his fee and funds to pay for the printing of the minutes, and also to have the minutes printed as cheap as possible.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk draft an Associational letter to be adopted by this Association, and draw on the Treasurer for funds for printing said letter.

Motion prevailed that Sister Mollie Rye be recommended to the Womans' Missionary Union as Vice-President in connection with Sister Lola M. Hacker.

The parting hand was given while singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, in Lafayette county, on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1902

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ROLL OF CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	Associational Missions.	Total.
Brewer Lake.....	\$ 75	\$ 1 70	\$ 1 75	\$ 4 10
Hopewell.....	1 00	80		1 80
Live Oak.....	1 00	85		1 85
Macedonia.....	2 00	2 25	1 60	5 85
Midway.....	1 25			
Mt. Mariah.....	25	25		
New Hopeful.....	25	50	1 25	2 00
New Macedonia.....	1 00	25		1 25
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.....	1 50	1 00	4 10	6 60
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.....	1 00	53		1 53
Pine Grove.....	75	76		1 51
Triumph.....	50	1 50		2 00
Total.....	\$11 25	\$10 39	\$ 8 70	\$30 34

SUNDAY SERVICES—9:30 A. M.

Rev. R. F. Hacker and others address the ladies in the interest of Womans' Mission work.

Rev. Wm. Tampling delivered a very touching address in behalf of the aged ministers who are worn out working for the glorious cause of our blessed Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$3.96.

Two dollars (\$2.00) was paid to Rev. J. A. Gandy, an aged minister.

Rev. J. A. Gandy addressed the congregation in the interest of the Baptist Orphanage.

Rev. R. F. Hacker preached the missionary sermon at 11 a. m. from Matthew, 5th chapter, 1st clause of 14th verse, supplemented with the 1st clause of the 16th verse, after which a collection was taken up for Associational missions, amounting to \$2.22.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

CHURCHES.	Increase.				Dismissed by Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Erasure or Dropping.	By Death.	Present Membership.	Date of Organization.
	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.						
Brewer Lake		1	1		2	5		1	49	April 1, 1888
Hopewell	2	2			1			1	52	
Live Oak	1	8	2		4	3		1	40	
Macedonia	4	4			3	1		3	156	Sept. 15, 1865
Midway	1	2			2	1			79	
Mt. Mariah			1		1	4			19	
New Hopeful		1						2	17	Sept. 15, 1900
New Macedonia	3	2			1			1	163	
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.		3						3	76	
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.	1	4			1			1	59	
Pine Grove										
Triumph			1		1			1	16	

NOTE.—Clerks are requested to state in their letters to the Association the date of organization of their Churches, also names of ordained Ministers and Licentiates.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

CHURCHES.	Superintendent.	Pupils.	Teachers.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Expenses.
Brewer Lake.....					
Hopewell.....					
Live Oak.....					
Macedonia.....					
Midway.....					
Mt. Mariah.....					
New Hopeful.....					
New Macedonia.....					
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.....					
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.....					
Pine Grove.....					
Triumph.....	1	52	6	12	\$5 00

LIST OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND PASTORS.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Post Office Address.
199 Brewer Lake.....	Lafayette.....	E. B. Mills.....	A. D. Townsend...	Day, Fla.
52 Hopewell.....	Madison.....	I. R. Clements....	B. F. Kelly.....	Hopewell, Fla.
41 Live Oak.....	Madison.....	J. T. Farnell.....	C. F. Martin.....	Madison, Fla.
76 Macedonia.....	Madison.....	J. T. Farnell.....	W. B. Rye.....	Madison, Fla.
48 Midway.....	Madison.....	J. T. Farnell.....	D. E. Thomas.....	Lee, Fla.
17 Mt. Mariah.....	Madison.....	W. S. Kelly.....	T. P. Newmans...	Higdon, Fla.
18 New Hopewell.....	Madison.....	J. T. Farnell.....	H. B. Gibson.....	Madison, Fla.
162 New Macedonia..	Madison.....	J. L. Rutherford..	T. M. Barkley....	Greenville, Fla.
76 Pleasant Grove.....	Lafayette.....	S. G. Davenport..	L. R. Bullard.....	Mayo, Fla.
59 Pleasant Grove.....	Taylor.....	W. S. Kelly.....	S. M. Maddox....	Luther, Fla.
Pine Grove.....	Madison.....	I. R. Clements....	J. L. Warren.....	Madison, Fla.
16 Triumph.....	Taylor.....	Thos. Peacock...	P. J. Carrin.....	Stephensville, Fla.

CURRENT EXPENSES.
And Amounts Forwarded During the Year.

CHURCHES.	For Current Expen's and Pastors, Sal- ary.	For repairs on Buildings.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Ministerial Ed- ucation.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	For other Pur- poses.	Total.	Val. of Church Property.
Brewer Lake.....	\$ 25 00									\$ 325 00
Hopewell.....										
Live Oak.....										
Macedonia.....	62 92									500 00
Midway.....										300 00
Mt. Mariah.....										125 00
New Hopeful.....	17 50									75 00
New Macedonia.....										
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette Co.....										
Pleasant Grove, Taylor Co.....										
Pine Grove.....										
Triumph.....	50 00									450 00
Total.....	\$ 155 42									\$ 1,775 00

NOTE.—Clerks of Churches are requested to send to the Association current expenses valuation of Church property, etc.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known by the name of The Middle 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 members chosen by the respective churches in its union, in the proportion of two members for each church of fifty or less, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty. No church, however, shall have over four delegates.

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

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

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 over God's heritage, nor infringe upon the eternal rights of any church.

Article 7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to this union on 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.

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.

Article 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 of fellowship shall be decided by a majority vote. In matters of fellowship the Association must be a unit.

Article 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 meeting of the Association.

Fourth, To withdraw all connection from any church or churches in this union that 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 the churches, and when not specified it shall be appropriated to promote the best interests 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.

RULES OF DECORUM OF THE MIDDLE FLORIDA BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION.

1. At every meeting of the Association the Moderator shall call the body to order and cause the Clerk to read the minutes of the previous Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on any point of order with reference to the other members; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by two members.

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 vote 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 vote.

4. The Moderator shall appoint the committees except in cases of appointment by ballot.

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 shall be lost.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. A 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 a division.

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

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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 that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament 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 we 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 the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.

Article 9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of Jesus Christ; that nothing is baptism except immersion; that believers are 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 shall be everlasting and the joys of the righteous 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.

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