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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. In troductory 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. Call for correspondents.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Elect messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention.
9. Elect messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. Unfinished business.
11. Reports of committees.
12. Elect Executive Committee.
13. Elect Treasurer.
14. Address of Agents.
15. Appoint correspondents.
16. Miscellaneous business.
17. Adjournment.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS COMPILED FROM THE CHURCH LETTERS.

I. R. Clements .....	Madison, Fla.
Jno. T. Farnell .....	Day, Fla.
H. B. Gibson .....	Madison, Fla.
R. F. Hacker .....	Harmony, Fla.
J. M. Hampton .....	Aucilla, Fla.
W. S. Kelly .....	Hopewell, Fla.
J. T. Montgomery .....	Aucilla, Fla.
Jno. W. Pierson .....	Register, Fla.
J. L. Rutherford .....	Lee, Fla.
Wm. M. Tamplin .....	Lee, Fla.
James E. Vann .....	Red Oak, Fla.
A. N. Woodard .....	Madison, Fla.

### LICENTIATES.

J. J. Lambreth .....

Wacissa, Fla.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

H. B. Gibson, Jno. T. Woodard, R. J. Carroll, Jno. W. Day,  
W. E. Folsom, Wm. Cornett, F. B. Williams, Treasurer.

## MINUTES.

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, TAYLOR COUNTY, FLA.,  
OCTOBER 19, 1904.

The fifth anniversary of the Middle Florida Baptist Association met with Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Taylor county, this day at 11 a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. I. R. Clements from the First Epistle General of Peter, 4th chapter and 17th verse.

### AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY—2 P. M.

The Association met at 2 p. m., the former Moderator and Clerk being present.

The roll of Churches was called and letters handed in.

The Moderator appointed Rev. R. F. Hacker and Rev. H. B. Gibson Reading Clerks.

The Clerk enrolled the names of messengers.

Permanently organized by re-electing the former Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Accepted by Rev. Moses Ward, of the Mercer Association.

On motion, Bro. J. J. Lambreth was received as a visitor from Wacissa Church.

Called for petitionary letters. Cabbage Grove Church in Taylor county, and Luther Church in Madison county presented letters by the hands of messengers.

On motion, they were received and the right hand of fel-

lowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

The Antioch Baptist Church of Hamilton county, Fla., presented a letter by the hands of messengers.

On motion, the letter was referred to the following committee for investigation, viz., Bros. J. E. Walker, W. B. Williams, A. P. Bass, N. Denmark and J. E. Horne.

The Moderator appointed the Preaching Committee, the pastor and deacons of Pleasant Grove Church, with J. F. Hartsfield.

Sisters Mollic Rye and Lola Hacker tendered their resignations as Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Middle Florida Association.

On motion, their resignations were accepted.

On motion, Sister Letitia Campbell was appointed Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Middle Florida Association.

The Committee on Preaching announced Rev. Wm. M. Tamplin to preach at 7 p. m., and Rev. Moses Ward on tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Fixed the time of meeting at 9 a. m., adjourn at will, and meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned till tomorrow 9 a. m.

#### MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 23rd Psalm. Rev. R. F. Hacker offered prayer.

Read and approved the Minutes of yesterday.

On motion, the calling for and enrolling the names of messengers was postponed till 10 a. m.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Woman's Work*—Rev. R. Hacker, Bros. J. E. Horne, N. Denmark and D. L. Ezell.

*On Sunday Schools*—Revs. I. R. Clements, L. J. Townsend and Bro. D. L. Ezell.

*On Nominations*—Revs. L. J. Townsend, Bros. J. P. Webb, B. F. Pender and Jno. F. Leggett.

*On Ministerial Education*—Revs. R. F. Hacker, A. N. Woodward, Bros. L. Taylor and R. L. Williams.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—Rev. L. J. Townsend, Bros. B. W. Tedder, J. P. Sessions and G. W. Collins.

*On Missions*—Revs. R. F. Hacker, J. S. Pinsen, Wm. Cornett and J. A. W. Grantham.

*On Temperance*—Bro. J. C. Scruggs, Rev. W. S. Kelly, Bros. W. B. Williams and B. F. Pender.

*On Orphanage*—Rev. I. R. Clements, Bros. Wm. Parker, A. A. Connor and I. O. Bishop.

*On Finance*—Bros. R. J. Carroll, J. C. Scruggs, J. S. Pinson and B. F. Pender.

On motion, that a Committee on Ministerial Support be appointed.

*On Ministerial Support*—Bros. J. C. Scruggs, J. P. McClamma and J. S. Godwin.

Called for and enrolled names of messengers.

Called for volunteers as messengers to the Florida Baptist State Convention, to convene in Jacksonville on the — day of January, 1905.

Bros. J. C. Scruggs and R. J. Carroll volunteered as messengers to the Florida Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the election of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention was postponed till tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Unfinished business.

The amendment offered to the Second Article of the Constitution at its second reading was unanimously adopted. Amendment offered and adopted. And all ordained ministers in good standing.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:—We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We employed Rev. A. N. Woodard for one-fourth of his time, to continue the work in Pine Island, at a salary of \$24.00 per quarter. We also employed Rev. Jno. W. Pierson to work at Triumph and surrounding country as his condition and circumstances would permit, at a salary of \$40.00 per year. We also employed Rev. R. F. Hacker to give a part of his time to the section of country around Shady Grove. Bro. Hacker was to be paid \$10.00 and was to raise \$20.00 on the field. For work accomplished by Brethren Hacker and Woodard, see their reports. Bro. Pierson has labored faithfully and earnestly, and did a good work in that part of the vineyard. Brethren, as you are aware, we have but little to work with, and we have used what we had in the very best way we knew how, and prayed God's blessings upon it, and we feel that he has blessed the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY REV. A. N. WOODARD.

Dear Brethren:—As one of your missionaries, I respectfully submit my report.

Sermons preached, 30. Number religious exercises, 40. Number members received, 4. Number of miles traveled, 550. Amount collected for missions on the field, \$8.95. Number of religious visits, 12. Number of prayer services, 12. Pages of tracts distributed, 100. Amount collected to build a house of worship in Pine Island, \$63.00. Received from the Executive Committee for labor performed, \$72.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. WOODARD, Missionary.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY R. F. HACKER.

Dear Brethren:—In submitting my report of work done at Luther, I beg to say that cold weather made it impossible for me to do any work during the winter, and then before I got my appointments established I was stricken down with a long spell of sickness, which prevented me from doing anything, and up to the month of July I had preached only four sermons. Since that time I have preached nineteen sermons,

delivered one Sunday school address and two other addresses, distributed 400 pages of tracts, traveled 75 miles, organized one Church with 11 members and since received two by letter.

We are trying to build a house of worship. About \$100.00 have been pledged toward building.

I recommend that the brethren help them to build, as they now have to worship in the open air, and cold weather is coming on.

The Church has paid me \$6.50.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HACKER, Missionary.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. B. Williams in account with Middle Florida Association:  
1903—Dr.

October 16, 1903—To balance from last year.....	\$125 43
Nov. 28, 1903—Received from Union Meeting Live Oak Church .....	10 93
Jan. 16, 1904—Received from H. B. Gibson .....	2 25
Jan. 27, 1904—Received from Pine Bluff Church ..	50
Jan. 27, 1904—Received from Macedonia Church...	4 50
Feb. 14, 1904—Received from I. R. Clements .....	2 71
March 14, 1904—Received from Aucilla Church ..	4 85
March 14, 1904—Received from Olive Branch Ch...	5 10
April 23, 1904—Received from Pine Bluff Church..	1 55
June 10, 1904—Received from Beulah .....	55
June 10, 1904—Received from Union Meeting at Oakland Church .....	28 10
July 28, 1904—Received from Pine Bluff Church ..	2 00
Aug. 20, 1904—Received from Union Meeting at Hopeful Church .....	14 10
Oct. 20, 1904—Received from R. F. Hacker for Associational Missions .....	10 00
	\$212 57

1903—Cr.

Oct. 15, 1903—Paid H. B. Gibson, Clerk fee.....	\$15 00
Oct. 15, 1903—Paid W. A. Manon for Orphanage..	30 06
Oct. 16, 1903—Paid L. D. Geiger, for State Missions	25
Oct. 16, 1903—Paid L. D. Geiger for Home Missions	4 60

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Oct. 16, 1903—Paid L. D. Geiger for Foreign Miss..	1 00
Jan. 16, 1904—Paid H. B. Gibson freight on Minutes .....	1 00
Jan. 16, 1904—Paid H. B. Gibson postage on Minutes .....	4 25
Jan. 27, 1904—Paid A. N. Woodard, Missionary, for first quarter .....	24 00
Jan. 30, 1904—Paid Southern Baptist for printing Minutes .....	26 50
April 23, 1904—Paid A. N. Woodard, Missionary, for second quarter .....	24 00
July 28, 1904—Paid A. N. Woodard, Missionary, for third quarter .....	24 00
August 1, 1904—Paid J. W. Pierson, Missionary..	20 00
August 29, 1904—Paid E. W. Rice for printing 100 Associational letters .....	5 00
	\$179 66

RECAPITULATION.

October 16, 1903—Amount on hand .....	\$212 57
October 19, 1904—Amount paid out .....	179 66
	\$32 91

Respectfully submitted,  
F. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—We are glad to note the good work done by our Associational Missionaries during the past year. The Lord has blessed their labors, and much good has been done; but we lament the fact that our Executive Committee has been so much hindered by the lack of means.

Brethren, let us hold up the hands of our faithful Executive Committee and our Missionaries, and send them to every destitute portion of our Association.

We feel that our thanks are due the State Board for their liberal co-operation during the past year, and to the Woman's Mission Union for their faithful help to our Missionaries.

We also feel it our duty to do more for our State, Home and Foreign Boards than we have been doing in the past. God has given us the world as a field of gospel work, and He will hold us accountable for the manner in which we culti-

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vate that field. Shall we at the day of final accounts be able to say, I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do?

Let us strive to make the coming year a year of great advancement along all lines of work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HACKER, Chairman,

After being spoken to by R. F. Hacker and I. R. Clements, the report was adopted.

On motion, passed from reports of committees, and hear addresses of agents. Rev. R. F. Hacker represented the Florida Southern Witness, and H. B. Gibson the Home Field.

On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m.

Divine services at 11 a. m., by Rev. Moses Ward, from Matthew 7th chapter and 21st verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 19th Psalm. Bro. H. B. Gibson offered prayer.

Called for and enrolled names of messengers.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

On motion, Bros. Dillard Spradley, Jno. R. Campbell and Perry Andrews were received as visitors from the Florida Association.

Called for petitionary letters. Limestone Church presented a letter by the hands of messengers. On motion, it was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

Called for correspondents.

The Committee on Preaching announced Rev. L. J. Townsend to preach at 4 p. m. and R. F. Hacker on tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Call for reports of committees.

The report on Periodicals was read.

## REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, submit the following report:

Dear Brethren:—We cannot estimate the importance of circulating sound Baptist literature among our people, and we suggest that our people should obtain sound Baptist literature to keep themselves informed with Baptist principles and teachings. Your committee would recommend the Florida Baptist Witness, published at Orlando, Fla.; the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Missionary Journal, published at Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,  
WM. M. TAMPLIN, Chairman.

After being spoken to by Rev. I. R. Clements the report was adopted.

## REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Dear Brethren:—It is with glad and joyful hearts that after hearing the letters read, we can report the loss of no minister or deacon. Let us with thankful hearts praise God our Heavenly Father, and undertake great things for Him the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. J. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Dear Brethren:—We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to say that we do not feel that we can do better than to recommend the report of last session, and beg the pastors and Churches to give the matter special attention during the coming year. When our Saviour with his twelve Apostles were beginning the great work of Missions, a noble band of women ministered to them of their substance, thus making woman's work co-extensive with the Gospel. (See Luke 8:1-4.) Paul commends Phoebe of Cenchrea as a succorer of many. (Romans 16:1-6.) He also bids the Church at Rome to greet Mary, that bestowed much labor on him. (See Romans 16:6.) And again he admonishes the Church to help those women who labored with him in the Gospel.

Not only does the helping hand of woman receive God's written sanction, but His blessings on their efforts gives us abundant proof that organized societies of devout women to aid in the support and maintenance of the Gospel work is a part of God's divine plan for carrying the Gospel to every creature.

We wish every Church had a live working Woman's Mission Society. Let our pastors labor to organize and thus encourage the women in their Churches.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

After being spoken to by R. F. Hacker and I. R. Clements the report was adopted.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Dear Brethren:—We beg leave to submit and recommend the following Executive Committee: J. C. Scruggs, H. B. Gibson, R. J. Carroll, Jno. T. Woodard, Jno. W. Day, W. E. Folsom, and F. B. Williams, Treasurer; Rev. J. T. Farnell to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. L. Rutherford alternate; Rev. L. J. Townsend to preach the missionary sermon, Rev. I. R. Clements alternate.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. J. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

The report on Ministerial Education was read.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Dear Brethren:—The world is making rapid advancement in education and enlightenment; great things are being done in science and invention. While the world is using every means to grow wiser, should the one whom God has called to teach the eternal truths of God be fitted and qualified by such education as will enable him to understand and explain the Scriptures, "rightly dividing the word."

We recommend that our ministers should use every means for gaining knowledge, and especially would we urge our young ministers to make use of the best institutions of learning which, in the providence of God, have been built up to aid them in preparing for their great work.

I especially recommend the John B. Stetson University at DeLand, Fla., and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. F. HACKER, Chairman.

After being spoken to by R. F. Hacker and I. R. Clements the report was adopted.

The report on Sunday schools was read.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren:—We, your committee, notice that very few of the Churches report Sunday schools. Brethren, this ought not be, for we are commanded to bring up our children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And I know of no better place than in the Sunday school, for it is a beacon that arose in the Church to give light to the rising generation, and we recommend that every Church within the bounds of our Association organize a Sunday school, to teach our children and others the word of God, for it is the "power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth."

Respectfully submitted,  
L. J. TOWNSEND, Chairman.

After being spoken to by L. J. Townsend and I. R. Clements the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned till tomorrow 9 a. m.

Divine services at 4 p. m. by Rev. L. J. Townsend, from First Corinthians 3 chapter and 1st verse.

#### MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY—9 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 15th chapter of Second Corinthians. Rev. A. N. Woodard offered prayer.

Called for and enrolled names of messengers.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents.

On motion, a call was made for volunteer to the South-

ern Baptist Convention to meet at Little Rock, Arkansas, in May, 1905.

On motion, that the Executive Committee select the messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, that the messengers present urge their Churches to take up a special collection to assist in defraying the expenses of the messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren:—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

We note with thankfulness that the cause of Temperance in our fair State is growing, as county after county has voted out the saloon, and we feel that we as a denomination should rally to the support of the cause, and use every means at our command to further the cause of Temperance, and that no Church should tolerate dram-drinkers or those who would sign a petition or vote a wet ticket; and we recommend that the following petition be endorsed by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. C. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

After being spoken to by Bro. J. C. Scruggs and I. R. Clements the report was adopted.

#### PETITION.

We, the undersigned citizens of the County of . . . . ., State of Florida, do hereby request our representatives in the branches of the State Legislature to provide a law regulating manufacturers of patent medicines to publish upon

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted.

of same the per cent. of alcohol therein contained as



necessary to permission to vend same within the State of Florida.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Dear Brethren:—We, your committee, recommend that every Church contribute liberally to the support of the Orphanage. It is the greatest institution ever gotten up for orphan children. The following amendment was offered and accepted: That the care of the Orphanage be turned over to the female members of the Churches composing the Middle Florida Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. R. CLEMENTS, Chairman.

After being spoken to by I. R. Clements and R. F. Hacker the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Support was read.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, beg leave to report as follows:

In looking over the letters from the Churches, we find that the salaries paid the ministers in most instances are exceedingly small. This we regret to note, for our ministerial brethren as a rule are a faithful, patient, long-suffering class and merit and deserve more at our hands. Brethren, let us awake to the fact that our pastors are underpaid and overworked in almost every instance, and let us realize the fact that the "laborer is worthy of his hire," and be more liberal in the payment of our pastors.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. C. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

After being spoken to by R. F. Hacker, J. P. Session, A. N. Woodard and L. J. Townsend, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 2 p. m.

The missionary sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev.

R. F. Hacker, from John 3rd chapter, 16 and 17 verses, after which a collection was taken up for Associational missions amounting to \$10.25.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY—2 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 75th Psalm. Rev. I. R. Clements offered prayer.

Called for and enrolled the names of messengers.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters.

Called for correspondents.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren:—We, your committee, find the following amounts contributed:

Ministerial Education .....	\$1 50
Associational Fund .....	21 40
Associational Missions .....	31 55
State Missions .....	5 24
Home Missions .....	6 80
Foreign Missions .....	2 00
Orphanage .....	5 80
Relief of Aged Ministers .....	7 25
Minutes .....	15 84

Total ..... \$97 38

Respectfully submitted,  
R. J. CARROLL, Chairman.

Bro. J. C. Scruggs requested to be released from the Executive Committee.

On motion, the request of Bro. J. C. Scruggs was granted,

and Bro. Wm. Carnett was elected in his place.

On motion, that any brother from this Association visiting any sister Association will be recognized as a correspondent of the Middle Florida Association.

Rev. Wm. Tamplin, in behalf of Midway Baptist Church, made application for the next session of the Association to convene with that body.

On motion the application was granted.

On motion, that the Clerk be paid \$15.00 for his services.

On motion, that the Clerk accept the proposition of the American Baptist Publishing Society.

On motion, that the Clerk get the Minutes printed as cheap as possible.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby extended the brethren and sisters and friends of this community for their open-hearted and unbounded hospitality extended to us during our session.

On motion, that all matters pertaining to Antioch Church, in Hamilton county, Fla., be rescinded and that the investigating committee be discharged.

The Antioch Baptist Church presented a petitionary letter by the hand of messengers, and, on motion, was received and the right hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the Moderator.

On motion, to adjourn.

During the singing of the hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," etc., the parting hand was extended. Rev. J. T. Farnell offered the parting prayer.

The Association adjourned to meet with Midway Baptist Church, five miles south of Lee, in Madison county, Fla., on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1905.

REV. JNO. T. FARNELL,

Moderator.

REV. H. B. GIBSON,

Secretary.

## 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, Sunday 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 messenger for every twenty-five members over fifty, and all ordained ministers of this Association in good standing. No Church, however, shall have over four messengers.

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 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.

VITAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total Membership
	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed By Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	
1. Aucilla.....	8			7		3	105
2. Antioch.....	8	4	7	1	3		33
3. Brewer Lake.....	2	5	2	3			56
4. Beulah.....	5	10		1	1	1	36
5. Cabbage Grove.....							13
6. Hopewell.....	9	2	2			1	66
7. Live Oak.....	3	1	1	7			22
8. Luther.....		2					13
9. Limestone.....							51
10. Macedonia.....	6	3	1	2	3	3	148
11. Midway.....	3	4	5	5			76
12. Mount Moriah.....	7	2	2	2	2		21
13. Mount Gilead.....	6	2		1	4	1	65
14. New Hopeful.....							36
15. New Macedonia.....	3			1			70
16. Olive Branch.....	1			5	1		27
17. Oakland.....	6	1		2	4	1	38
18. Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county.....	14	3	11	4	1		69
19. Pleasant Grove, Taylor county.....	4	4	4	4	4		66
20. Pleasant Hill.....		4	4				20
21. Pine Grove.....							30
22. Pine Bluff.....	2	2					12
23. Riverside.....	7	3		7			30
24. San Pedro.....	5	2					70
25. Triumph.....							15
Total.....	81	49	36	53	29	10	1,218

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	Superintendent	Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in the Library.	Expenses.
Aucilla.....	2	5	35		\$3 00
Antioch.....					
Brewer Lake.....					
Beulah.....					
Cabbage Grove.....					
Hopewell.....					
Live Oak.....					
Luther.....					
Limestone.....					
Macedonia.....					
Midway.....					
Mount Moriah.....					
Mount Gilead.....					
New Hopeful.....					
New Macedonia.....					
Olive Branch.....					
Oakland.....					
Pleasant Grove, Lafayette county.....					
Pleasant Grove, Taylor county.....					
Pleasant Hill.....					
Pine Grove.....					
Pine Bluff.....					
Riverside.....					
San Pedro.....					
Triumph.....					

NOTE. Churches are requested to report their Sunday Schools. CLERK.

**CURRENT EXPENSES AND AMOUNTS FORWARDED DURING THE YEAR.**

CHURCHES.	Current Expenses and Pastor's Salary.	Repairs on Building.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	For Orphanage.	Relief of Aged Ministers.	TOTAL.	Value of Church Property.	When Organized.
1. Aucilla.....	\$75 00	\$7 15		\$12 19		\$2 05			\$19 39	\$350 00	1855
2. Antioch.....	55 00								55 00	331 25	1903
3. Brewer Lake.....										300 00	
4. Beulah.....										300 00	1902
5. Cabbage Grove.....											
6. Hopewell.....										300 00	1881
7. Live Oak.....										200 00	1898
8. Luther.....			6 50						6 50		1904
9. Limestone.....											1904
10. Macedonia.....	50 00	7 00				18 05			70 05	500 00	
11. Midway.....										250 00	
12. Mount Moriah.....										350 00	1900
13. Mount Gilead.....										100 00	
14. New Hopeful.....	35 00	22 00				7 65			64 65	350 00	1900
15. New Macedonia.....										250 00	
16. Olive Branch.....	65 00	40 00		5 00					110 60	400 00	1877
17. Oakland.....										200 00	
18. Pleasant Grove (Lafayette county).....	26 66	421 50							448 16	700 00	1878
19. Pleasant Grove (Taylor county).....										300 00	1879
20. Pleasant Hill.....		2 50							2 50	200 00	1888
21. Pine Grove.....										300 00	
22. Pine Bluff.....											1903
23. Riverside.....	113 00								113 00	200 00	1887
24. San Pedro.....		4 00							4 00	300 00	1895
25. Triumph.....						20 00			20 00	450 00	1895
	419 66	464 15	6 56	17 19		22 75			930 25	\$6,280 25	

## ROLL OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS
1. Aucilla .....	Jefferson .....	T J Evans.....	G T Bishop. ..	Aucilla ... Fla.	{ I O Bishop, J C Scruggs, J E Walker.
2. Antioch.....	Hamilton .....	W M Templin..	W E Frier. ....	Echo..... "	R B Frier, S M Morgan.
3. Brewer Lake.....	Lafayette.....	John T Farnell..	A D Townsend..	Day..... "	John T Farnell.
4. Beulah .....	Madison .....	J L Rutherford..	J F Hewitt.....	Lee..... "	J P Webb, B F Ponder.
5. *Cabbage Grove..	Taylor.....	James E Vann..	Capers Wilson..	Waylonzo. "	J A Hartsfield..
6. Hopewell.....	Madison .....	N S Kelly.....	B F Kelly.....	Hopewell.. "	W S Kelly.
7. Live Oak.....	Madison .....	W S Kelly.....	L B Lyons.....	Madison... "	J S Pinson, G W Collins.
8. *Luther.....	Madison .....	R F Hacker.....	R L Williams..	Lake Bird. "	R L Williams.
9. *Limestone.....	Jefferson .....	J T Connell....	James Connell..	Wacissa... "	J J Lambreth.
10. Macedonia.....	Madison .....	J T Farnell....	W B Rye. ....	Madison... "	{ I R Clements, A P Woodard, William Cornett.
11. Midway.....	Madison .....	W M Tamplin..	W D Hicks.....	Lee..... "	W B Williams, J C McClamma.
12. Mount Moriah..	Madison .....	John T Farnell..	A A Connor... "	Chaney... "	A A Connor.
13. Mount Gilead..	Taylor.....	James E Vann..	W E Vann.....	Iddo..... "	W L Vann, J S Godwin.
14. New Hopeful..	Madison .....	A N Woodward..	H B Gibson.....	Madison... "	H B Gibson.
15. New Macedonia.	Madison .....	Moses Ward. ..	T M Barclay ...	Greenville. "	L T Taylor.
16. Olive Branch ..	Jefferson .....	R F Hacker.....	W H Walker....	Lamont... "	R J Carroll, Berry Sheppard.
17. Oakland.....	Taylor.....	James E Vann..	W P Johnson ..	Waylenzo.. "	W P Johnson.
18. Pleasant Grove..	Lafayette.....	John T Farnell..	A C Townsend..	Day..... "	D L Ezell.
19. Pleasant Grove..	Taylor.....	James E Vann..	J A Tedder. ...	Iddo..... "	{ B W Tedder, J A W Grantham, J E Horne.
20. Pleasant Hill..	Taylor.....	J W Pierson ...	J M Hodges....	Lake Joe.. "	J M Hodges.
21. Pine Grove .....	Madison .....	.....	F J Blair.....	Hansen... "	J P Session, S Session.
22. Pine Bluff .....	Madison .....	.....	F M Fuquay ...	Greenville. "	By letter.
23. Riverside .....	Lafayette.....	J L Rutherford..	J R Bullard....	Mayo..... "	John F Leggett.
24. San Pedro.....	Taylor.....	T J Faulkner ..	F. S. Jackson ..	Fenholloway	William Parker, N Denmark.
25. Triumph.....	Taylor.....	.....	R F Hacker .....	Harmony.. Fla.	R F Hacker.

Churches marked thus \* were received by Petitionary Letters....CLERK.

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 is 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 to 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.

22. All messengers are requested to remain during the whole session of the Association, and no member shall absent himself without excused by the Moderator.

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 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 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 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 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 hands of the presbytery