

# MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

*Alachua Baptist Association,*

HELD WITH THE

BEULAH CHURCH,

PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder SAMUEL SIMMONS, from Acts 9th chap., 6th verse—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

After partaking of refreshments, the Delegates from the different Churches convened in the Church house, and, after singing and prayer, Elder J. M. HAYMAN was called to the Chair as Moderator pro. tem., when the Delegates presented Letters from their respective Churches, which were read, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

The Delegates then elected, by ballot, Elder SAMUEL SIMMONS Moderator, Elder J. M. HAYMAN Clerk, and Bro. N. J. TROWELL Treasurer, pro. tem.

Petitionary letters were then called for, but none were received.

The Moderator appointed, as Committee on Preaching, G. W. Long, John Curry and G. C. Priest.

And as Financial Committee, H. Harvard, W. T. Carlton and S. E. Branch.

Correspondence from sister Associations were called for, but none were received.

On motion, adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

On Sabbath forenoon the stand was occupied by Elder S. SIMMONS, who delivered an impressive discourse to an attentive congregation, followed by Elder J. PERRY; and in the afternoon Elder J. M. HAYMAN preached on the subject of missions, followed by Elder G. W. LONG.

Monday morning, met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. M. HAYMAN, after which the Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

The Moderator then called for Circular Letter, but none was received.

On motion, agreed that this Association dispense with having "Executive Committees."

On motion, appointed Elder J. M. Hayman to write our next Circular Letter.

Elder J. H. Breaker appointed to preach the next introductory Sermon, and Elder F. C. Johnson to preach on the subject of Missions, at our next session.

Appointed Brethren Hardy Harvard and N. J. Trowell, as Messengers to correspond with the "Florida Association." Elders

Samuel Simmons and G. W. Long, and Bro. W. T. Carlton, were appointed our Messengers to correspond with the "Santa Fee Association."

On motion, appointed the first Thursday in May, 1862, as a day of Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God for the manifestation of His power in the conversion of sinners, and a revival of His work in the hearts of His people, within the bounds of this Association.

Appointed Elders J. H. Breaker and F. C. Johnson to represent this Association in the "Florida Baptist State Convention."

Resolved, That we most earnestly urge upon all our Churches within the bounds of this Association, to organize Sabbath Schools, where practicable, and report in their next letters to this Association the number of Teachers and Pupils in each School, and the number of volumes in their Sabbath School Library.

Appointed as our Missionaries, for the next Associational year, as follows, to wit: Elder J. M. Hayman, to visit the destitute portions of Hillsborough, Polk and Manatee counties; Elder W. B. Miller, to labor between the St. Johns river and the Ocklawaha river; and Elder G. W. Long, on the East side of the St. Johns river.

On motion, resolved, that the Ministers, Officers and Members of this body, shall consider it their imperative duty and blessed privilege to engage prayerfully, with their utmost energy, in collecting, through their Churches and communities, the most liberal contributions to aid in sustaining the missionary cause within the bounds of our Association.

On motion, agreed to have five hundred copies of these Minutes printed.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk of this session twenty dollars for his services; and that he draw on the Treasurer, pro. tem., for money sufficient to pay for the printing of these Minutes.

On motion, the Clerk is requested to make out a Digest of the letters from the different Churches, and that it be published in these Minutes. [See Appendix A.]

Report of the Financial Committee was called for, which was read and received, and Committee discharged. [See Appendix B.]

On motion, our Moderator is requested to return the thanks of this body to the Church Beulah, and the citizens of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to us, during our present session.

The Moderator then returned thanks, as requested.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Peas Creek, Polk County, Florida, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1862.

SAMUEL SIMMONS,

J. M. HAYMAN,

Moderator.

Clerk.



## APPENDIX A.

BEULAH.—With this Church the Association convened. Nothing of special interest with it; but two of its members departed this life since the last session.

OCKLAWAHA BRIDGE.—Has had some manifestation of Divine favor, and have been made to rejoice in God, their Saviour.

STAFFORD'S POND.—Has had the power of God manifested in the conversion of sinners in her midst.

FORT MCKOY.—Nothing of unusual interest stated.

UNION, (Sumpter Co.)—Enjoys peace with God and each other, but fears that the absence of the Revival Spirit is in consequence of too much conformity to the world.

INDIAN SPRING.—No Delegate from this Church; though represented by letter as being in a flourishing condition—ten received into its number by baptism.

OAK GROVE.—In peace among themselves—no special manifestations of the Divine favor. No Delegate from this Church.

MOUNT ZION.—Has been somewhat revived, and numbers increased; but some of its members have "gone to the war."

SPRING BRANCH.—Complains of having but few advantages as a Church, being in a "dark corner"—asks that a Missionary be sent to visit them—do not enjoy regular preaching.

TENOTASASSA.—Nine received by baptism since last session.—Besides this, nothing of more than ordinary interest.

SALEM.—Complains of being few in number, but few advantages; but determined to try to keep house.

WACAHOTA.—No statement in the letter as to the condition of the Church.

TAMPA.—Has preaching each Sabbath—had some additions by baptism, and has an interesting Sabbath School.

PEAS CREEK.—Enjoys peace among themselves—meetings generally well attended—speaks of great destitution, south of its locality, of Baptist preaching—asks that a Missionary be sent to the destitute. With this Church the next Association is to be held. It is located some forty miles east of Tampa; and for the information of Brethren who may come from the northern part of our Association, to attend the next session, I would suggest that passing by the way of Brooksville, or Sumpterville, they should cross the Hillsborough river, at the "Flat ford," by so doing saving the travel of many miles, and where plain roads may be found, though not very smooth.

J. M. HAYMAN.

## APPENDIX B.

We, your Financial Committee, ask leave to report, that we have  
 sent up from the Churches, - - - - - \$44 10  
 And the collection on Sabbath, - - - - - 10 00

Total, - - - - - \$54 10

W. T. CARLTON,  
 Chairman.





# STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptised,	Rec'd by Let.	Restored,	Dismissed,	Expelled,	Deceased,	Whites,	Colored,	Total,	Contributions	The Sabbaths of Meeting.
1 Apopka,*	Not Represented,	Orange,									22	22			4th.
1 Beulah,	G. W. Long, B. F. Perry,	Putnam,	S. T. Stanaland,	Silver Spring,	1	4	0	3	0	2	30	5	35	\$3 00	
1 Eden,*	Not Represented,	Hernando,										15			
2 Fellowship,*	"	Marion,									20	11	31		3rd.
✓ Fort McKoy,	W. T. Carlton,	"	R. M. Perry,		0	0	0	0	2	1			46	1 50	
Fort Clark,*	Not Represented,	Alachua,													
Good Hope,*	"	Marion,									3	1	4		
✓ Indian Spring,	By Letter,	"	S. Simmons,	Orange Spring,	10	0	0	0	0	0			30	1 00	
9 Lake Bryant,*	Not Represented,	"									16	4	20		
10 Long Pond,*	"	Levy,									0	2	11		
11 Mount Zion,	S. E. Branch,	Sumpter,	J. Perry,		1	10	0	0	0	0			23		
12 New Hope,*	Not Represented,	Marion,									26	35	61		1st and 3rd.
13 Oak Grove,	By Letter,	Sumpter,	S. T. Stanaland,	Silver Spring,	1	1	0	3	0	2	22		22	2 00	
14 Ocala,*	Not Represented,	Marion,									28	66	94		1st and 3rd.
15 Oclawaha Bridge,	W. B. Smith, W. G. Holly,	"	S. T. Stanaland,	Silver Spring,	4	5	0	0	1	0	30	7	37	4 77	
16 Peas Creek,	By Letter,	Polk,	J. M. Hayman,	Tampa,	0	1	0	0	4	0	38	5	43	4 50	1st.
17 Sand Pond,*	Not Represented,	Levy,											14		2d.
18 Spring Branch,	By Letter,	Hernando,			2	0	0	0	3	0	13	0	13	1 30	3rd.
19 Stafford's Pond,	J. Tyner, W. Tyner,	Marion,	A. M. Geiger,		4	0	0	2	0	3	23	1	24	9 24	
20 Salem,	By Letter,	Hillsboro',	J. M. Hayman,	Tampa,	0	0	0	0	1	0	17	0	17	3 25	2d.
21 Tampa,	J. M. Hayman,	"	S. C. Craft,	"	6	4	1	2	1	2	21	25	46	5 00	Each.
22 Tenotassassa,	By Letter,	"	J. M. Hayman,	"	9	5	0	0	0	1	32	0	32	2 40	3rd.
23 Union,*	Not Represented,	Hernando,									24	25	49		
24 Union,	J. Curry, N. J. Trowell,	Sumpter,	W. B. Miller,	Lake Griffin,	1	4	0	1	0	0	14	32	47	50	3rd.
25 Wacahoota,	H. Harvard, S. Tyson,	Marion,			3	2					29	4	33	5 20	2d and 4th.

\*Those Churches marked thus, the total numbers are given here as reported in the previous session.