

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
FLACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with the Church Bethlehem, Spring Hill, Hernando County, South Florida, from the 7th to the 10th of November, A. D. 1851.

1st. The introductory sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder S. T. Starbuck, from the 3rd chapter and 9th verse of the first Epistle of Paul the Apostle, to the Corinthians:

"For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building."

2d. After an intermission of twenty minutes, the Delegates composing the Association convened at the Meeting house. The former Moderator being absent, on motion of Elder John Tucker, brother Jno. M. Prevatt was appointed Moderator during the organization of the Association. The Moderator then called the Association to order, and the Divine direction was invoked by Elder Elias West.

3rd. Letters from the Churches composing this body were then called for; there being twenty presented, they were read, and their statistics recited.

4th. Called for Petitionary letters, when the following were presented, viz: Beautiful, South Prong, Black Creek, Deval County, Fla. and Lake Bryant, Marion County, Fla.; who being found orthodox, the right hand of fellowship was extended to their Delegates by the Moderator.

5th. Then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, when brother John Tucker was duly elected Moderator, and brother T. J. Prevatt re-elected Clerk.

6th. Read the Décorum.

7th. The Association being now organized, the Moderator appointed a committee of five, consisting of brethren John Boyer, John A. Whitaker, John Curry, Amos A. Stewart and John W. Riggs, to arrange the order of Preaching, during this Association.

8th. Appointed a committee of five, consisting of Elders Daniel Simmons, Daniel Edwards, S. T. Stansland, Willie S. Sellers and Alex. Tisdall, to arrange and put in order the business to come before this Association, with full power to enquire into and investigate any and all Church difficulties in the bounds of this Association, if any there be.

9th. Appointed brethren Giles U. Ellis, W. D. Branch and J. M. Hayman a committee on Finance.

10th. Received Petitions from African and Saton Baptist Churches, Hillsborough County, praying the ordination of brother Jeremiah M. Hayman to the gospel ministry.

11th. The committee on preaching reported as follows: Elders J. Boyer and S. West, to preach this evening, at the house of brother F. W. Lewis; D. Edwards and M. N. Strickland at brother F. C. Walls, W. D. Sellers and W. H. Mehn at brother Simmons, A. Tisdall and S. T. Stansland at brother T. C. Ellis's.

12th. On motion, adjourned to Saturday morning, 10 o'clock; Prayer by Elder Daniel Simmons.

SATURDAY MORNING; NOVEMBER 8th, 1851.

13th. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother J. M. Hayman.

14th. Read, amended, and approved the minutes of Friday.

15th. The preaching committee report, that A. Tisdall and S. West preached at the stand at 11 o'clock, A. M., and Elders M. N. Strickland and J. M. Hayman at 2 P. M.

16th. The preaching business closed their stations, on Friday night, as per instructions by the committee, as we hope to good effect.

17th. Received the report of the business committee.

18th. Called for the Church contributions, which were referred to the financial committee. See report, letter A.

19th. On motion, a committee of five was appointed to digest the state of Religion in the bounds of this Association, as indicated by the letters sent up from the respective Churches, said committee to consist of brethren S. T. Stansland, M. N. Strickland, W. D. Sellers, J. M. Prevatt and James Baldwin, and report the result of their deliberations to this body.

20th. Appointed a committee of five, to consist of Elders Daniel Edwards, Daniel Simmons, S. T. Stansland, M. N. Strickland and Silas Weeks to investigate the propriety and qualifications of, brother Jeremiah M. Hayman, as regards his talents and preparedness to the gospel ministry, and report at their earliest convenience.

21st. Whereas, this Association has, with regret, heard of the difficulties existing with the Churches, Shaton, Nassau County, and Bethel, Duval County, Fla.

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of Preachers, of two at least, to visit those Churches, with power to use their endeavors to remove the difficulties, and restore them (if possible,) to peace and harmony, and to brotherly love; said committee to consist of Elders James Newton, Daniel Edwards, and William Royall, of Ocala, and report the result of their labors to this body at its next session.

22nd. Called for the Circular, which was presented, read and adopted.

23rd. On motion, Resolved, That this Association appoint an executive committee, to consist of five, that is to say: Brethren Paul B. Colson, G. U. Ellis, J. M. Prevatt, R. P. Lewis and T. J. Prevatt; said committee to have in charge the missionary operations in the bounds of the Alachua Association the ensuing associational year.

24th. Whereas, it is well known to this association, and obvious to every reflecting mind, that there is in the bounds of this association an extensive destitution of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, many dark places where preaching never has been known; in short, the world lies in wickedness before us, and affords an ample field for the use of all his powers. Therefore, Resolved, That this association appoint four missionaries to travel and preach within the bounds of this association the ensuing year; two of them north, and two south of the Withlacoochee, that is to say: Elders Alex. Tindall and S. T. Stansland north, and Elders John Tucker and Jeremiah M. Hayman south of the Withlacoochee, and make quarterly reports of their missionary progress to the secretary of the executive committee at Newnassville.

25th. The preaching brethren occupied the stand to-day in the order of their appointment, and preached the word to a large and attentive congregation.

26th. The committee on preaching report for preaching on Saturday evening, as follows: Brethren Hanson, Weeks, Edwards and Stansland at brother Walls, brothers Tindall and Newton at brother Laws, brothers Strickland, Sellers and Simmons at brother Ellis's, Elder M. N. Strickland at the stand at 10 o'clock A. M.—Sabbath, Elder Isaac Newton at 11 o'clock, missionary services, at 2 o'clock P. M. Elders Simmons and Tucker to attend the funeral services of sister Margaret Ann Taylor, late of Bethlehem Baptist Church, deceased; Sunday evening, brothers Weeks and Newton at brother Ellis's, brothers Strickland and Mien at brother Laws, brothers Tindall and Lewis at brother Walls, brothers Stansland and Priest at the meeting house for the blacks.

27th. Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Sabbath morning, for the services of the Lord's day. Prayer by Elder D. Edwards.

SABBATH, NOVEMBER 9th, 1851.

28th. The preaching brethren occupied the stand on the Lord's day in the order of their respective appointments, and preached the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with power and energy to a large, attentive and well-ordered congregation. Elder M. N. Strickland entertained the audience from the 22nd chapter of the Revelation of St. John, the Divine, 17th verse: "And the spirit and the bride say come; and let him that heareth say come; and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Elder Isaac Newton immediately followed with a missionary sermon, at the conclusion of which a general collection was taken up for domestic missions. After an intermission of about thirty minutes, Elder Daniel Simmons addressed the congregation on the funeral occasion from the 3rd chapter of Revelations, 8th verse: "I know thy works. Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Father Tucker closed the services with an appropriate exhortation, followed with an invitation to such as felt the need of prayer to present themselves before the stand, and that the mercy of God would be supplicated in their behalf. While the brother was praying God's goodly number came forward, at the close of which, Elders S. Weeks and S. T. Stansland offered prayer. The ministry labored with commendable zeal, and from the interest manifested by the hearer, the good feeling prevalent throughout the congregation, we feel certain, and have strong reasons to hope that God will, for His Son's sake, and His blessings, through our Redeemer, to the conversion of many of our friends and fellow-citizens.

29th. The preaching brethren filled their several appointments Saturday night and Sunday night, with credit to themselves, and we believe evidently to the glory of God.

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10th, 1851.

30th. The association resumed the business of the body, 10 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder J. Newton.

31st. Read and approved the minutes of Saturday.

- 32nd. Called for the report of the travelling missionary which was presented and received. See letter B.
- 33rd. Called for the report of the Treasurer, which was presented and received. See letter C.
- 34th. Called for the report of the committee on the state of the Churches, which was presented by brother Strickland, chairman of said committee, read and received. See letter D.
- 35th. Called for the report of the committee to whom was referred the investigation of the qualifications of brother J. M. Hayman to the gospel ministry; presented by their chairman, brother Daniel Edwards, read and received. See letter E.
- 36th. On motion of Elder I. Newton, Resolved, That this association be divided into four Districts, for the purpose of more effectually advancing the cause of our Redeemer, that is to say: 1st District, comprising all the Churches south of the Withlacoochee; 2nd District, Lake Griffin, Long Swamp, Indian Spring, Fellowship, and Flemington; 3rd District, Wacabotte, Fort Clark, Lothloca, South Prong Black Creek, Prospect, and Newmansville; 4th District, New River, Ocala, Alligator, South Prong St. Mary's, Sharon, and Jacksonville.
- 37th. Union meetings to be held in these Districts the coming year is as follows: 1st District, with the Church Salem, commencing Friday before the fifth Sabbath in February 1852. 2nd District, with the Church New Providence, (Flemington) Friday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1852. 3rd District, with the Church Beulah, South Prong Black Creek, Friday before the fifth Sabbath in February, 1852. 4th District, with the Church New River, Friday before the fifth Sabbath in October, 1852.
- 38th. Appointed Elder M. N. Strickland to preach the next introductory sermon; Elder S. T. Stansland his alternate.
- 39th. Appointed Elder Daniel Edwards to preach a missionary sermon on Sabbath morning, at our next association; Elder A. Tindall his alternate.
- 40th. Appointed brother W. H. Main to write the circular letter for our next association; Elder Daniel Edwards his alternate.
- 41st. Resolved, That we have five hundred copies of these minutes printed, and that the Clerk distribute the same.
- 42nd. Resolved, That the sixth annual session of this body commence Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in October, A. D. 1852.
- 43rd. Resolved, That we hold the next session of this body with the Baptist Church Fort Clark, Alachua Co., Fla.
- 44th. Resolved, That the Churches composing this association signify their assent, or dissent, in their letters to our next association, of the propriety or the impropriety of a division of this association.
- 45th. Whereas, Almighty God has seen fit and proper, in the dispensations of his all wise providence to visit some portion of our happy and beloved country with excessive and extreme drought, and to some extent prevalent epidemics, therefore, Resolved, That this association set apart, during the ensuing year, four days for fasting, humiliation and prayer to Almighty God, that he would remove the judgments that now hang over us, and invite His aid to revive His work of grace in our bounds; and over all the earth; that is to say: Friday before the first Sabbath in January, 1852; Friday before the first Sabbath in April, 1852; Friday before the first Sabbath in July, 1852; and Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1852; and that the delegates present, of this association, observe the same, and urge the necessity of their respective Churches to a strict observance of said days.
- 46th. Resolved, That the clerk of this association transmit to the Southern Board and Christian Index a copy of these minutes, and that they, (the Southern Journal and Christian Index,) please notice the statistics of the same.
- 47th. Resolved, That any delegates of this body, visiting any of our sister associations, and presenting a copy of these minutes, shall be considered our messenger to such association.
- 48th. Appointed Elder John Tucker to return the thanks of this association to our brothers and sisters and fellow citizens of Spring Hill, and surrounding country, for their kindness and hospitality, during the session of this association.
- 49th. Proceeded to the ordination of brother Jeremiah M. Hayman; Presbytery consisting of Elders M. N. Strickland, S. T. Stansland, Daniel Edwards, and Silas Weeks; ordination services by Elder Strickland; presentation of candidate by brothers Tucker and T. J. Prevatt; Examination by Elder Edwards; ordination prayer by Elder Edwards; Bible presented by Elder Stansland; charge by Elder Strickland; right hand of fellowship by the Presbytery.
- 50th. Adjourned to the time and place of our next association.
- 51st. Thanks were returned by brother Tucker, to God for the opportunity and great good accomplished; and to the people for their benevolence. Prayer by Elder John Tucker.

JOHN TUCKER

THOMAS J. PREVATT, Clerk.

C I R C U L A R .

*The Aiochwa Association, to the Churches of which she is composed,
sendeth greeting :*

BELOVED BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD: Through the abundant goodness of our Heavenly Father, we are once more permitted to address you by way of a Circular, which we hope, by the blessing of God, may be the means of edification unto us all. It would be well for us, dear brethren, to remember that we live in a day of great religious light and knowledge; it therefore becomes us to have our hearts filled with thankful news and gratitude to that infinitely wise Being with whom we all have to do, and who holds the destinies of Nations and the Churches in the hollow of His hand; that he has been pleased to cast our lives in pleasant places, and to confer upon us gifts and blessings that are not enjoyed by much the largest portion of His creatures, that while many of the nations of the earth are enveloped in thick darkness, and under the influence of various systems of religion, and despotic systems of civil Government, He has been pleased to bless and favor in a peculiar manner the people of this happy land, to see into the simplicity of the religion of Jesus, and has been pleased to call many from under the influence of evil, and from darkness to marvelous light, even to the light of His own ever-blessed and immortal spirit, in our very hearts, thereby enabling many of us, we hope to testify in our own experience the truth of the doctrine of St. Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, chap. 8th, verses 1st and 2nd, whence he hath said: "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made us free from the law of sin and death." Therefore, dear brethren and sisters, inasmuch as God has declared by the mouth of His holy Apostle that to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace; does it not become us more and more to believe in His spirit; to be drawn more and more under the influence of it "to walk in it that we may abound more," that we may, according to His obedience to the exhortation of the blessed Saviour, become the children of the light and the day, remembering also, the doctrine of the Apostle when he said: "As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God," heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." Therefore, brethren, seeing that it has pleased God in His wisdom and goodness to bless us in a peculiar manner, both civilly and religiously, does it not become us to feel the responsibility of the position which we occupy in regard to ourselves, to posterity, to the cause of virtue and our country. Does it not become us, as rational and intellectual beings, created in the image and likeness of God, to feel that the important duty devolves upon us to maintain the testimonial of our God, and to exalt higher and higher the standard of unblemished truth that the light of it may shine brighter and brighter and its influence be felt by all the inhabitants of this earth, on the happy day of epoch, spoken of by one of the Lord's prophets, (Isa. 49th, verse 2nd); when the sword shall be turned into the ploughshare, and the spear into the pruning hook, and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they have war any more. Therefore brethren and sisters, seeing that God has been pleased wonderfully to bless us with the light of His spirit, with Bibles and publications of all kinds, and with preaching of the Word, it certainly becomes us to be diligent and vigilant, to improve upon all by these means, bearing in mind the exhortation of the Apostle when he said: "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity." It is obviously our duty to endeavor as much as we lie to improve both temporally and spiritually, for it cannot be imagined that the human race has arrived at the state of perfection to which they are called, for eyes both not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God has in store for them that love him. It is abundantly evident there is much room for improvement among us who are professors, and it is also evident as there are much the larger portion of the human family who have not heard the glad tidings of the gospel, it is our duty to send and spread it among them by all the means that he in our power. It becomes us also to be faithful in the performance of every duty, faithful in prayer and reading the Word in our families, faithful in the assembling ourselves together to worship God in all temporal things, fervent in business serving the Lord, and in living together in unity and love, remembering the testimony of them who died for us when he said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another, pray for one another, and abide in the Word, faithful even the Word which is in the heart and in the mouth, even the word of faith which we preach," said the Apostle. Finally, brethren, live in peace, and the God of peace be with you forever. Amen.

E. J. PREY AULT, Clerk.

JOHN TUCKER, Moderator.

**CONSTITUTION AND DECORUM
OF THE
ALACHUA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FLA.**

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, being convinced, from a series of experience, of the necessity of a combination of Churches, and of obtaining a correspondence, for the preserving of a federal union among all the Churches of the same faith and order:

1. We believe, first, in one only true and living God, and that there is a trinity of persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and yet, there are not three Gods, but one God.

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.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature, and the impotency of men to recover himself by his own free-willability.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Election.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them.

6. We believe that all those who were chosen in Christ will have been effectually called, regenerated, converted, sanctified and supported by the Spirit and power of God, so that they shall persevere in grace, and not one of them be finally lost.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and that they only justify us in the sight of men and angels, and are evidences of our gracious state.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.

And as for gospel order:

1. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have gained Christian fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the Gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Great Head of his Church and only Lawgiver, and that the government is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual, and that the discipline of the Church is intended for the reclaiming of those Christians who may be disorderly, either in principle or practice, and must be faithfully kept up, for God's glory, and the peace and unity of the Churches.

3. We believe that Water Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, are Ordinances of the Lord, and are to be continued till his second coming.

4. We believe that true believers in Jesus Christ are the only subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized Church members have a right to communion at the Lord's table.

6. We believe that it is the duty of every heaven-born soul to become a member of the visible Church, to make a public profession of his faith, to be legally baptised, so as to have a right to, and partake of the Lord's Supper, at every legal opportunity through the whole course of his life.

7. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, only such as regularly called, and come under the imposition of the hands of the Elders.

Having laid down a summary of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, we therefore propose to mention, for the Decorum of Association, the following plan or form of government:

ARTICLE 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the Churches in our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective Churches, certify their appointments, together with their number in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead, since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated the Alachua Baptist Association.

4. This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the Churches.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

6. If new Church as desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letters and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and it shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than two messengers, till she shall exceed one hundred members, and then she shall have a right to an additional messenger, for every fifty after the first hundred.

8. Every query sent to the Association by any church in this Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated; and if there be a majority for, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn. Provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. Every member who speaks in debate, shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

11. No person shall speak more than three times to the same query, without leave of the Association.

12. There shall be no talking or whispering in the time of public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.

13. No member shall absent himself from the Association, without leave of the Moderator.

14. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum, he shall be immediately removed by the Moderator.

15. It is the business of this Association, first, to provide for the general union of the churches; second, to keep up a correspondence with those Associations of the same faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved amongst the churches; thirdly, to give the churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty; and, if the communion shall be broken between any of the sister churches in the union, to enquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom they look upon to be unsound in principle, or immoral in practice, till they be reclaimed; fourthly, to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants if they shall judge it to be necessary; fifthly, to appoint a Secretary, to keep a book, and regularly to report the proceedings of every Association, and to see that he is satisfied for his trouble; sixthly, to have Minutes of the Association, read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises, and have them printed, if they think proper; seventh, to amend this form or plan of government at any time when the majority of the union shall deem it to be necessary; eighth, to adjourn to any time or place they may think to be most proper.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—(A)

Received for Minutes, Clerk's services and Missions from 29 Churches:		Min.	Mis'n.
Sharon, Nassau co.,		\$1 00	\$4 00
Bethel, Duval co.,		1 00	26 50
Beulah, "		2 25	24 00
Columbia, Columbia co.,		50	8 00
Ervid, "		1 00	8 00
New River, "		1 00	3 00
South Prong, "		1 00	3 00
Newnanville, Alachua co.,		1 00	5 00
Prospect, "		1 00	1 25
Fort Clark, "		50	11 00
Lothloos, "		3 00	
Wacahoota, Marion "		1 00	7 00
New Providence "		2 00	28 40
Fellowship, "		1 00	13 00
New Hope, "		2 50	6 53

	Minutes.	Missions.
Indian Spring,	3 00	3 92 1-4
Lake Bryant,	1 50	
Bethlehem, Hernando co	2 00	3 72
Kden, "	1 50	2 65
Balheada, "	1 00	
Salem, Hillsborough "	2 25	4 00
Alafia, "	2 00	1 00
	34 25	140 53
Over plus,		1 15 1/2
	\$36 41	\$141 53
Collection on Sabbath,		35 80
" Monday,		13 60
		\$190 93
		35 41

\$226 34

Report of the Travelling Missionary—(B)

MARION COUNTY, FLA.

To the Marion Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN— Who compose that honorable body, to convene on Friday before the second Lord's day, this inst., at Bethlehem Church, Hernando County, South Florida, as your brother, and I trust a servant of God, I am permitted to meet with you in session with my report, as travelling Minister of the Alachua Association. Time occu-

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 nished in the field, 7 months and 27 days. Preached, during said time, 142 sermons, exhortations, 35; baptized, 65; received by letter, 36; received some 15 by Experience, baptism not administered; aided in the ordination of three Deacons. Received in the time \$118 00. Travelling expenses \$23 56; mileage for two months and 15 days was 1185 miles; average of about 15 3-4 miles per day. That my report may be satisfactory I average at 13 miles per day for 213 days, making 2769 miles; four months and three days unoccupied; three months of which my health would not permit me to preach.—One month I spent in manual labor, for which I desire no compensation from this body. May God meet with us, and preside over us, and save us, is my prayer.

L. NEWTON, M. G.

Dr.	Treasurers Report.—(C.)	Cr.	
To amount Report A.,	\$226 34	By amount paid L. Newton, Jan. 10, 1850,	\$50 00
To amount collected on sub., 1850,	90 00	By amt paid L. Newton, Nov. 10, "	157 00
To amount in Treasury, 1850,	56 26	" " " "	68 00
To amt of general contribution,	19 40	" " Clerk, 1851,	20 00
		" " for minutes,	22 00
	\$315 00		\$317 00

Report of the Committee to whom was referred a Digest of the state of Religion in the Association, as indicated by the Church Letters.—(D.)

PROVIDENCE—This church has experienced but little change, but is in peace. Paul B. Colson is Pastor.
NEW HAVEN—This church complains of coldness and persecution; but have resolved to stand or fall together. They rejoice in anticipation that there is a brighter day coming. Pastor, Alexander Tindall.
COLUMBIA—This church is at peace, but they are few in number. Paul B. Colson, pastor.
BETHUEL—Unfortunately this church complains of languor. No Pastor.
SOUTH PASCO—This church appears to be in prosperity. Alexander Tindall, Pastor.
WACANOOTIE—Nothing special. She states that her congregations are large, and have regular preaching by brother Daniel Edwards, her Pastor.
NEWHAMPSHIRE—This church complains of coldness. Paul B. Colson, Pastor.
NEW PROVIDENCE—This church has large congregations, but no increase, but still enjoy peace and harmony. Pastor, Daniel Edwards.
FORT CLARK—Nothing interesting; no increase; wants help, are in peace. Isaac Newton, Pastor.
EDEN—She has experienced refreshing seasons and has increased in numbers. Pastor Elder John Tucker.
ENOSPORT—This church complains of lukewarmness, and is not in a flourishing condition. Paul B. Colson, Pastor.
BUTTERNUT—Nothing interesting, but is at peace. Pastor, Elder John Tucker.
ALABAMA—This church is in a very flourishing condition, and has had a large increase during the last year. Pastor, Elder D. Simmons.
FELLOWSHIP—This church is in a prosperous condition. Pastor, Isaac Newton.
INDIAN SPRING—This church is growing, in a prosperous condition. Pastor, S. T. Stansland.
NEW HORN—This church is at peace, but complains of coldness. Pastor, S. T. Stansland.
LOTHLOONA—This church enjoys peace and prosperity. Pastor, S. T. Stansland.
BEVLAHEM—This church is in the enjoyment of moderate prosperity—has had some increase. Pastor, Elder D. Simmons.
SHARON—Is in a distracted condition, and in great difficulty, and needs, according to their request, the attention of the Association. No Pastor.
BRASHEAR—This church has reason to be thankful for its progress since its organization, and is in peace. Pastor, S. T. Stansland.
LAKE BRYANT—This church is at peace. Pastor, W. D. Sellers.
SALEM—This church is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition—has had some increase. Pastor, Elder John Tucker.

M. N. STRICKLAND, Chairman
 Done by order of the Committee.

Report of the Committee to whom was referred the claims of brother Jeremiah M. Hayman to the Ministry.—(E.)

We, the Committee appointed to take into consideration the necessity of brother Jeremiah M. Hayman being ordained to the Ministry, would respectfully report, that we have met for the purpose above named, and upon mature deliberation, have come unanimously to the conclusion that he should be set apart at this time by the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery to the Ministry.

DANIEL EDWARDS, Chairman
 Done by order of the Committee.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Church.	Members	Worshipers	Baptized	Received	Dismissed	Expelled	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Free	Pastors	Delegates Names.	Post Office Address.
1. Sharon,	28	2	5	0	0	0	2	28	4	28	T. Sturtevant.	Reported by letters.	Jacksonville, Fla.
2. Bethel,	10	0	85	0	0	0	0	10	12	40	J. Phillips & J. Phillips.	Reported by letters.	Whiteville,
3. Beulah,	38	3	6	0	0	0	0	38	0	20	A. T. Tinsell.	Reported by letters.	Buchanan,
4. South Front,	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	10	18	A. A. Stewart.	Reported by letters.	" "
5. Columbia,	47	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	0	47	J. M. Prewitt & G. V. Ellis.	Reported by letters.	" "
6. Providence,	21	0	3	0	0	0	0	21	2	23	Charles McKinney	Reported by letters.	Alhambra,
7. New River,	14	0	5	0	0	0	2	14	0	19	T. A. Foxstall.	Reported by letters.	Ellersville,
8. Neotoma,	18	0	3	0	0	0	0	18	23	67	R. H. Fisher & T. Johns.	Reported by letters.	New River,
9. Prosper,	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	12	24	M. H. K. Sawyer.	Reported by letters.	New River,
10. Port Clark,	23	0	6	0	0	0	0	23	4	57	S. W. Adams & W. Adams.	Reported by letters.	New River,
11. Port Clark,	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	James Tison.	Reported by letters.	Port Clark,
12. Waco,	49	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	11	60	D. B. Williams & W. D. Branch.	Reported by letters.	Port Clark,
13. N. Providence,	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	50	J. N. Smith & J. E. Harvill.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
14. Fellowship,	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	3	17	M. N. Stuckman.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
15. New Hope,	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	5	63	S. P. Samsont & A. J. Simmons.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
16. Indian Spring,	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	16	W. D. Sellers & J. S. Jenkins.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
17. Lake Bryan,	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	23	30	B. Simmons & J. A. Whitehurst.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
18. Bethel,	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	25	W. H. Main & John Boyer.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
19. Eden,	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	30	J. Tucker & John Curry.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
20. Beulah,	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	35	John Colleton.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
21. Salem,	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	5	35	J. B. Hayman & J. W. Briggs.	Reported by letters.	Waco,
22. Abala,	50	4	149	51	68	51	10	50	367	338	B. Simmons.	Reported by letters.	Waco,

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