

Minutes

The Delegates, and Messengers, from the Churches constituting
The Alachua Baptist Association assembled at the
New Hope Church, on Long Swamp, Marion County Florida
on Saturday the 20th day of October A. D. 1864

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Charles
S. Reynolds.

After partaking of refreshments, The Delegates repaired to
the house, and after singing a hymn, and uniting in prayer
The Association was called to order by Elder J. W. Brainerd,
former Moderator, and on motion Elder J. M. Hayman
was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The letters from the Churches represented, were then read and
the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Petitionary letters were then called for when a letter from
the Church at Crystal River, was handed in by Elder Dan
Edwards, and one from the Church at Orange Creek by James
Carlton, their Delegates, on motion they were received as
members of the Association, and the right hand of fellowship
extended to their Delegates by the Moderator.

Then proceeded to the election of Moderator Clerk and Treasurer
which resulted in the election of Elder Daniel Edwards as Moderator,
W. M. Cahagan as clerk, and Thos. C. Ellis as Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees
On Preaching, Brethren Allen Gibson, John E. Williams, A. G.
and Jesse M. Willis.

On Finance, Brethren, J. J. Kirkland, and John W. [unclear]

On church letters, Brethren J. W. Breaker, A. M. Geiger, J. M. Hayman, Joshua Perry, and Alderman Wilson, The committee on Preaching Report that, Brother Hayman will occupy the stand at 9 1/2 o'clock, Bro Holmes will preach the Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock, Bro Breaker will preach at 3 o'clock, For the colored people, at the stand Bro A. Wilson and Bro Joshua Perry will preach in the afternoon, On motion, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

on the Sabbath there was preaching as reported by the Committee.

Monday Morning 9 o'clock.

The business of the Association opened by singing and prayer. The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved, The roll was called and corrected.

On motion the Decorum for the government of the assn was read.

Called for circular letters, There was none handed in.

Called for the report of Missionaries, Elder Alderman Wilson made his report

Appointed Elder J. W. Breaker to write the next circular letter.

Appointed Bro, J. M. Hayman to preach the next introductory sermon, And Bro Daniel Edwards his alternate.

Appointed Bro J. W. Breaker to preach the next Missionary sermon, And Bro, A. Wilson his alternate.

Resolved, that any member of any church, composing this body, who shall be present at the meeting of the Florida Association, the Santa Fe Association, the Concord Association,

The Committee on Finance made a report which shows the amount sent up by the churches and and by voluntary contributions to be \$853, ⁸⁵/₁₀₀)

On motion, The Treasurer was directed to pay the clerk \$50, for his services, and a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of printing and distributing these Minutes. Union Meetings for the ensuing year were appointed, and it was resolved that the Friday before the beginning of these meetings, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer. The first in January with the Ocala Church, The second with Bethel Church in April, The third with Staffords Pond Church in July.

Resolved that the Churches composing this body be advised to review their practices, and if not ⁱⁿ accordance with the Articles of Faith, as published in these Minutes, that they take immediate steps to correct their course.

Resolved that the thanks of this association, and of the entire Christian community are due, to Bro. John M. Taylor, for his liberal and generous donation, of \$100, to the funds of the association.

On motion, The Moderator was requested to thank the citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during the sitting of the association.

The Association then closed, to meet with the Union Church at Brockville, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October next.

W. M. Cahagan
Clerk

-Or the Baptist State Convention, of Florida, shall be considered our messenger, or messengers,
 Appointed Brethren, J. H. Breakey, F. H. Edmington and J. Lykes an Executive Committee.

The Committee on Church letters made the following report:
 We have examined the letters, and find nothing for the special attention of this body, except the Petition of the Union Church at Brooksville, for the meeting of the association, We recommend the association to meet with that Church next year.

Respectfully submitted
 J. H. Breakey Chairman,

The report of the Executive Committee was then called for, which was as follows, Missionary employed. Bro. A. Will Miles traveled 1970, preached 110 sermons, delivered 23 exhortations, Religious services 30, Baptised 65, and received by letter 13, which was received and approved, on motion, it was resolved, that the clerk have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed among the churches of this association.

On motion, it was resolved to have the constitution of the Alachua Association, and the by laws governing the body printed in these minutes.

The Treasurer's report was called for, and shows that he has in his hands \$45.

On motion, it was resolved that the amount now in the hands of the Treasurer, which had been contributed to supply the Soldiers with missionary labors, be paid to Bro. J. M. Keyman for his labor with the Soldiers as such missionary.

Names of Delegates.

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| Alafia, | J. W. Riggs | Amt. | \$71.00 |
| Bethel | Alderman Wilson | " | 17.50 |
| Pease Creek, | J. M. Hayman | " | 111.00 |
| Mount Zion | D. Hutchison, Joshua Perry | " | 15.00 |
| Ocala, | C. S. Reynolds, F. Whitmore, | | 65.00 |
| Oak Grove, | Hiram Crossman, Wm Caruthers, | | 8.00 |
| Mount Hope | Wm Holly, C. S. McLean | | 10.00 |
| Stafford Pond, | A. M. Greer, J. M. Willis | | 17.00 |
| New Hope, | Allin Gibson, John E. Williams | | 23.00 |
| Indian Spring, | J. H. Kirkland, M. Grimes | | 10.00 |
| Union. | J. H. Breaker, John Welch | | 81.95 |
| Crystal River. | Daniel Edwards | | 37.50 |
| Orange Creek | James Carlton, Peter Stevens | | 9.00 |
| Fellowship | Abm Proger. No letter, | | 10.00 |
| Eden | J. Hayman | | 5.00 |
| Troutasassa | _____ | | 28.00 |
| Sand Pond | _____ | | 10.00 |
| Salem | _____ | | 23.00 |

Amt contributed 269.75

By John M Taylor 100.00

\$853.85

This is a mere transcript of the report of the Committee on Finance, which is not correct, as myself and Bro Wilson found on counting the funds as placed in my hands—

W. M.

Long Swamp, March 2^d 1866

Brs J. M. Weyman, Dr Sir,

In accordance with a resolution of the last association, I have send you a Manuscript copy of the Minutes of the association of 1864, which I trust will answer all the purposes of the association, as well as to supply your wishes on the subject. I should have complied sooner but have just received the Minutes of the last Session, and am suffering materially with weakness, and want of sight, the effect of violent cold. If there is any thing omitted on which you may desire information, or intimation I will gladly do what I can to satisfy you, I do not know by what chance I can send this to you,

Yours,
Respectfully & fraternally
W. M. Chapman