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MINUTES.

THOMAS COUNTY, GA., NOVEMBER 14, 1856.

THE *Florida Baptist Association* convened this day with Liberty Church.

The Introductory was preached by Elder McKeown, from Gal. iv. 18. After an intermission of one hour, the Delegates were called to order, and the Association opened. Elder Daniell led in prayer.

1. The Letters from the Churches, being handed in, were read; after which, Petitionary Letters being called for, one was presented from "Piney Grove" Church, and after being read, and the faith of the church approved of, her delegates were admitted as members of the body.

2. Elder Ardis was re-elected Moderator, and Elder Craft Clerk.

3. The Moderator appointed Committees as follows, viz:
On Preaching—Brethren, Dekle, Hart, Terrell, Denmark, and Groover.

On Business—Brethren Blewett, Daniell, and Winn.

On Finance—Brethren Polhill, Denmark, and Mays.

On Correspondence—Brethren Fuller, Childers, and Moore.

On Circular Letter—Brethren W. H. Goldwire, Fleming and Johnston.

4. Invited our ministering brethren to seats with us.

5. Received Correspondents from West Florida Association, viz: Brethren Mercer, Everett, and Davis; and from Bethel, Georgia, Brother E. W. Warren.

Adjourned till half after 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Prayer by Brother Lacy.

SATURDAY, November 15

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Scriven.

6. Two letters purporting to be from Summer Hill Church, Madison County, Florida, were presented and read, disclosing the fact of an existing difficulty in said

church: wereupon, on motion, the whole matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Brethren Fleming, Tate, Cason, Terrell, and J. O. Goldwire, who, after having retired and investigated the subject, submitted their report, which was adopted, and will be found, marked "A."

7. The Committee on Business made their report, which was adopted.

8. Brother Scriven, Agent of the Southern Board for Domestic Missions, took a seat in the body.

9. Brethren Cooper, Childers, and Blewett, were appointed a committee to revise the Rules of Decorum, and report at the next session.

10. Brethren Linton, Goldwire, Polhill, Denmark, and Cooper, were appointed a committee, to frame a report upon the subject of future Domestic Missionary operations, within the bounds of this Association, who, after consultation, submitted the following: "Resolved, That we deeply deplore our past neglect, in not sending the Gospel into the destitute sections, in, and adjoining our Association; and we solicit the services of our faithful Brethren, Frier, McKeown, and Howell, (the latter as soon as he shall have been ordained,) to carry the Gospel into the aforesaid destitutions, as their judgments shall direct; and that upon their report to our next session, we will amply reward them for their services."

11. Brother Chaudoin, Agent for the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tennessee, took a seat with us.

12. The Committee on the Education of young Ministers, submitted their report, marked "B."

13. *Ordered*, That Letters of Dismission from this body, be granted to Big Creek and Long Branch churches, to unite in the formation of a new Association.

Adjourned till half past 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Brother Fleming.

LORD'S DAY, November 16.

Elder Goldwire occupied the stand at eleven o'clock. At the close of the services, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$56.37. At three o'clock Bro. Edmunds, Corresponding Secretary of the Bible Revision Association, located at Louisville, Kentucky, addressed the con-

gregation on the subject of revising the English Scriptures.

MONDAY MORNING, November 17.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Childers.

14. The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, the Association has appointed three domestic Missionaries, to labor in our destitute field, and it now being necessary, to sustain those Brethren by our prayers and contributions:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches composing our body, on their regular conference days, to remember in prayer, our Missionaries, and contribute of their substance, to their support, as the Lord has prospered them."

The Association now took a recess; and all repaired to the stand; and after being entertained by a most interesting address from Brother Bowen, one of our Missionaries to Central Africa, a contribution was voluntarily made, by the congregation, to defray the expenses of brother Bowen, &c., amounting to \$139.45.

Again resumed business.

15. The Executive Committee submitted their report; marked "C."

16. *Ordered*, That the funds collected at the stand on yesterday be turned over to the Association fund.

17. Appointed correspondents as follows: West Florida Association, to meet with the church at Campbellton, on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in October, 1857: Elders Goldwire, Tate, McKeown, Fleming and Daniell, and Brother Terrell. To the Alachua, to convene at the same time, with the ——— Church: Elders Ardis, Fuller, Frier and Craft, and Brethren Polhill and W. H. Scruggs. To the Bethel, Georgia; to convene with Friendship Church, Sumter county, on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in November, 1857: Elders Goldwire, Blewett and Tate.

18. *Ordered*, That the Chairman of the Executive Committee, be authorized and instructed, to make a tender of all our Colporteur book operations; with its funds, books, and accounts, due said operation, together with all its liabilities, to the Baptist Convention of the State of Florida,

and in case of their refusing the tender, to proceed to carry out the original objects of the operation, as their judgments and wisdom may direct.

19. Re-elected the same Executive Committee as of last year, viz: Brethren Daniell, Blewett, Mash, Dyson and Dekle,—and Brother S. A. Smith was also re-elected Treasurer.

20. Elected Delegates to the Convention as follows, viz: Daniell, Blewett, Craft, Cooper, W. H. Goldwire, Tate, Moore, R. J. Mays, Terrell, Polhill, Fleming, Ardis, J. O. Goldwire, Childers and Smith.

21. *Ordered*, That the next Association be held with Ocklocknee Church, Thomas County, Georgia, about seven miles south-west of Thomasville: Bro. Fleming to preach the next Introductory, and Brother Fuller his Alternate: Brother Daniell to preach at eleven o'clock on Lord's Day, Brother Smith his alternate.

Adjourned till half after 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Brother Warren.

THURSDAY MORNING, November 18.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Fuller.

22. Agreed to form a Bible Society of the Florida Baptist Association, and suspended business for the present, for the purpose of organizing the same; after which resumed business.

23. The Committee on the Circular letter, reported in favor of adopting the *present*, but recommend to dispense with circulars in the future, which report and recommendation were adopted.

24. The Committee on Finance reported; marked "D."

25. The Committee on Correspondence reported, marked "E."

26. Brother Fuller was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

27. *Ordered*, That that portion of Tallahassee Church, called "The Colored Church," at Bell-Air have a regular place in our Statistical Table, and that Brother Jas. Page,

* The copy of this report has been mislaid; but the aggregate amount reported is \$592.11, found in the Treasurer's report.

a colored minister, be recognized as the Shepherd of that flock.

28. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the favorable consideration of the churches, the Southern board of Domestic missions, and its objects, and especially its Indian Mission operations: also, the Southern Baptist Publication Society: and that we also recommend the organization of Bible Societies, at the various Churches; and that they be requested to report the result of their labors, in their next letters to this Association.

29. *Ordered*, That one thousand (1000) copies of minutes be printed, and that the Clerk be authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the necessary funds to effect the same, together with twenty-five dollars, (\$25.) for his services, to be paid out of the Minute and Association fund.

30. *Ordered*, That the Missionaries in the employ of the Association be authorized to draw upon the Executive Committee quarterly for such compensation as may have been agreed upon by the Executive Committee and said Missionaries.

31. The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted, marked "F."

32. *Resolved*, That the churches composing this Association, be earnestly requested to prayerfully consider the subject of our duty in supporting the Missionary in Central Africa, to labor in conjunction with our beloved Brothers and others: and to communicate to this Association, at its next session, the result of their prayerful enquiries.

33. A Resolution of thanks to this community for their kindness and hospitality during our session, was unanimously voted by that body.

Adjourned to meet with Ocklocknee Church, Thomas county, Ga., on Friday before the 3d Lord's Day in November, 1857.

Prayer by the Moderator.

H. Z. ARDIS, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

DEAR BRETHREN:—In addressing to you this, our annual Circular, we propose a few thoughts suggested by the 3d verse of the general epistle of Jude, as follows: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you, and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the Saints."

Now, in these latter days, when men are departing from this faith, and even denying the Lord that brought them; as is prophesied in 2d Peter, 2d chapter, and substituting therefor the various isms and superstitions of men; it may not be amiss for us to examine for ourselves, into the nature of the true faith the gift of God. For we read in the Holy Writ, that these false teachers shall deceive many, even the elect themselves, if it were possible. It is then of great importance for us to know that we have this faith which is the gift of God. The apostle James mentions two kinds of faith, in chap. ii, 19, 20 v. He says: "Thou believest there is one God, thou doest well. The devils believe and tremble. But wilt thou know a vain man that faith without works is dead; therefore we see this faith will not agree with the faith of God's Saints, for their faith is made manifest by their works, which is according to righteousness and true holiness. For by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the will of God, and by this faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, and we might multiply examples of faith by fruits, how faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of the flames, put to flight the armies of the aliens, &c.

Our Lord commands us to search the scriptures. Search them carefully, prayerfully, and try your faith by this standard of God's everlasting truth; for the faith of the children of God is a living faith, a justifying faith, a saving faith, being productive of good works, the gift of God, our Father, by which we receive Jesus Christ our Lord, as he is revealed unto us in the Scriptures, to be our prophet, priest and King; and to rely on Him, and Him only for salvation. But we are not only required to possess this faith; but to contend earnestly for it against those

false teachers, who seem to be so zealous and active in disseminating their pernicious doctrines, throughout the world. And to those who possess faith in the Lord Jesus, it is given to be workers together with God, in making war against this anti-Christ, this man of sin.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but through God are mighty, to overcome the enemy, then be not discouraged, but call mightily on God for help. He is our strength, He is our helper in time of need.

Then, Brethren, with renewed confidence in our spiritual resources, let us gird on our armour. A nobler enterprise never engaged the energies of created intelligences. The angels of Heaven would kindle with love, were they constituted Ambassadors in a Mission so glorious.

Finally, brethren, let us remember, that not only is our strength in God, but that our union with him is through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

H. Z. ARDIS, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

CO RESPONDING LETTER

To the Associations with whom we Correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are ever grateful to acknowledge the reception of Messengers and ministers from abroad.

We had the pleasure of meeting at our session, with the brethren E. W. Warren, of Bethel; and Mercer, Everett and Davis, of West Florida Association. We most cordially reciprocate the Christian intercourse, and have appointed messengers accordingly, for that purpose. We have nothing of very special importance, to communicate; only that we are still endeavoring, in a feeble way, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Yours, in christian bonds, &c.,

H. Z. ARDIS, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

REPORT A.

The Committee to whom was referred the difficulty existing in the church at Summerhill, Madison county, Fla., have had the subject under careful and serious consideration, and from the evidence before them, have unanimously come to the following conclusions:

1. That the divided state of the Church, and the unkind and unchristian feeling which exists between the members of said Church, to a very considerable extent, make it altogether imprudent to receive any portion of said church as representatives in this body.

2. Your Committee, fully satisfied that your body does not claim the power to adjust difficulties for churches connected with her body, would advise, that the church call on the surrounding churches for help to settle all those unpleasant matters, in the fear of God. This being done, then this Association would, with pleasure, hold union and fellowship with said Church, and gladly receive her representatives into this body. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. FLEMING, Chairman.

REPORT B.

The Committee on Education report the graduation of Brother Columbus Smith, and the continuation of Brother J. G. McCall, at the Union University, Tennessee.

There have been no applicants during the year, for the benefit of the fund.

The financial operations of the Committee will appear in the report of the Treasurer, which we offer as a part of our own.

D. G. DANIELL, Chairman.

W. H. GOLDWIRE, Secretary.

F. S. McCall, Treasurer of the Educational fund of the Florida Association, in account therewith:

1856. Dr. To am't on hand from last year's report, \$73.50
To amount received of R. J. Mays, ... 176.50
To am't received of Miss H. McCall, ... 1.00

\$251.00

Cr. By am't paid C. Smith, ... \$50.00

" am't paid C. Smith, ... 55.00

" am't paid J. G. McCall, 75.00

" am't paid J. G. McCall, 50.00—230.00

One twenty dollar bill returned by

Brother Smith, on the Bank of

South Carolina, as counterfeit, ... 20.00—\$250.00

\$1.00

I herewith tender my resignation as Treasurer,

Respectfully,

F. S. McCALL.

REPORT C.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report, that at an early day after their appointment, they held a meeting and organized by appointing Elder W. Blewett Chairman, and Elder D. G. Daniell Secretary and Depository Agent; and for his services as Secretary and Depository Agent, and for supplying a room for the books, they agreed to pay him \$75 for the year. The Secretary was instructed to seek, by correspondence and otherwise, for a suitable man to put into the field as Missionary and Colporteur. A committee also was appointed for the same purpose. But their efforts were unsuccessful until sometime in February, when they were fortunate in securing the services of Elder R. Fleming, "at a salary of \$45 per month, for the time which he could devote to the work."

Your committee were afflicted by not being able to procure a laborer at an earlier day, for the Associational year. But what seemed a misfortune at the time, was good fortune in fact. The winter and spring were such that, had we, at an early day, secured a Colporteur for the year, he could have done but little if any thing during one third of the time, while his salary would have to be paid for the whole time. The rain and high waters kept Brother Fleming from his work for some time after his appointment; and personal business and afflictions have prevented him from prosecuting his work during much of the latter part of the summer and fall. His report (which is herewith submitted) shows that he has labored three and a half months—sold \$197.45 worth of books, and given away \$8.85 worth of books.

In accordance with the instructions of the Committee, the Secretary and Depository Agent repaired to Monticello, invoiced the books belonging to the Association, and removed them to Thomasville.

The amount in Books as per invoice at catalogue

prices, is, ... \$811.14

From this the Committee deduct 20 per cent. ... 162.06

Approximating wholesale prices, ... \$649.09

This shows a discrepancy with the report as per minutes of last year. But this discrepancy is accounted for by noticing that the books were estimated at catalogue prices instead of being kept down at wholesale prices.

The present condition of the depository is seen in the following statement, viz:

Depository of the Florida Association, in account with the Executive Committee:

1856.	Cr.
Feb. 12, Books taken from Monticello as per inventory, \$811.14—one fifth off.....	\$648.28
June 10, Invoice from Smith & Whilden.....	77.58
Old accounts.....	66.68
Profits on sales.....	41.18

\$833.72

Dr. By cash per Smith & Whilden.....	\$100.00
" cash refunded Colpor. for damage.....	9.60
" cash for old accounts collected.....	23.65
" cash from Colporteur's sales.....	86.75
" expenses.....	10.50
" books given away.....	8.85
" cash in the hands of Treasurer.....	90
" cash in the hands of Secretary.....	95
" old accounts on hand.....	40.03
" books at catalogue prices \$690.36— —one fifth off.....	552.29

\$833.72

CASH ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Sales by Colporteur.....	\$197.45
Sales at Depository.....	8.45
Cash on old accounts collected by colporteur.....	23.65
Cash on old accounts collected by Secretary.....	3.00

\$232.55

Dr. June 10,	
By amount paid Smith & Whilden.....	\$100.00
" amount of expenses as per vouchers.....	10.50
" amount refunded Colporteur for damages.....	9.60
" cash on hand from Colport'r's sales.....	86.95
" cash collected on old accounts by Colporteur.....	23.65
" cash in Treasurer's hands.....	90
" cash in Secretary's hands.....	95

\$232.55

The assets are books at catalogue prices \$690.36

Twenty per cent off.....	138.07	\$552.29
Uncollected old accounts.....		40.03
Cash.....		112.45

\$704.77

Due Smith & Whilden.....	269.24
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Net value.....	\$435.53
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Of the \$122.34 reported last year as uncollected, only \$66.68 in accounts have come into the hands of the present committee; nor do they know where the balance are.

It will be seen by the foregoing part of this report that the indebtedness of the Association is:

For salary of Colporteur.....	\$157.50
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For salary of Secretary and Depository	
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Agent.....	\$75.00
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Credit by amount for room.....	25.00—50.00
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Total.....	\$207.00
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. BLEWETT, Chairman.

D. G. DANIELL, Secretary.

REPORT E.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report, that they have received communications from two Associations—West Florida and Bethel. These bodies have sent to us, regularly, their ministers and messengers. The West Florida, also, regrets having received correspondence from no sister Association at their last session. We recommend that our brethren appointed to visit corresponding Associations, and especially West Florida and Bethel, be earnestly requested to try and attend them.

Respectfully submitted.

B. S. FULLER, Chairman.

REPORT F.

Florida Baptist Association,

In account with SIM. ALEX. SMITH, Treas.

Dr. 1856.

June 5, To amount remitted Smith & Whilden Charleston, per order Ex. committee...	\$100.00
Nov. 18, To amount paid Elder J. O. Scriven, Agent for Domestic and Indian Mission per order—voucher 1.....	54.62
To amount paid R. Fleming—voucher 2...	167.10
To amount paid D. G. Daniell per order— voucher 3.....	50.00
To amount paid Elder T. J. Bowen, per receipt—Collection.....	139.46
Nov. 25, To amount remitted Smith & Whilden, per order.....	112.46
Nov. 20, To amount paid S. C. Craft, for services Fourteenth Session Association as clerk —voucher 5.....	25.00
Balance.....	240.39

\$989.01

Cr. 1856.

June 5, By amount received from Elder R. Fleming, colporteur.....	\$100.90
Nov. 18, By cash received from former Tr.	45.00
By cash received from committee on Finance.....	592.11
By cash collected at Association, Monday, 17th, for account of Elder T. J. Bowen.....	139.45
By amount received from Colpor.	111.55

\$989.01—\$989.01

SIM. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

December 1, 1856.

Statement of account turned over to me by John Cason,
the former Treasurer:

Balance in hand from 1854.....	\$3.95
Received from Finance Committee 1856.....	528.20

\$532.15

Cr. Paid B. S. Fuller.....	\$368.75
Paid Clerk for Minutes.....	65.00
Paid J. O. Scriven.....	24.00
Paid T. J. Bowen.....	20.00
Turned over to present Treasurer....	45.00—\$522.75

Which shows a balance in the hands of J. Cason
former Treasurer..... \$9.40

W. BLEWETT.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE FLORIDA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.
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 doctrine of particular and eternal election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
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.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are 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.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

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.

H. Z. ARDIS, Moderator.

SAM. C. CRAFT, Clerk.

MINISTERS OF THE FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARDIS, H. Z.	Madison, Florida.
BOSTIC, G. W.	Tallahassee, Florida.
BLEWETT, W.	Thomasville, Georgia.
BROOME, JOHN	Madison, Florida.
COOPER, W. B.	Monticello, Florida.
CRAFT, S. C.	Clifton, Florida.
DANIELL, D. G.	Thomasville, Georgia.
FULLER, B. S.	Monticello, Florida.
FRIER, RYAN	Clyattville, Georgia.
GOLDWIRE, W. H.	Troupville, Georgia.
HOUSTON, I. T.	Mosely Hall, Florida.
Howell, C.	Thomasville, Georgia.
LEVI, ROBERT	Tallahassee, Florida.
LACY, J. B.	Thomasville, Georgia.
LINTON, H. S.	Monticello, Florida.
MAYS, R. J.	Clifton, Florida.
McCall, J. G.	Union University, Tennessee.
McKEOWN, O. E.	Quincy, Florida.
MOORE, G. R.	Thomasville, Georgia.
SIMMONS, L. J.	Thomasville, Georgia.
SHACKLEFORD, R. H.	Monticello, Florida.
Smith, Columbus	Monticello, Florida.
TATE, W. A.	Thomasville, Georgia.
WALKER, E. C.	Benhaden, Florida.
WHEELER, Z. G.	Beazely, Florida.
WYNN, B.	Thomasville, Georgia.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY AND STATE.	P. OFFICE.	PASTOR.	DELEGATES.	Baptised	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'm'd by Letter	Excommunicated	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Domestic Mission	Foreign Mission	African Mission (Bowen)	Indian Mission	Wakulla, Lower Jefferson, and Madison Mission	Sabbaths Meeting
1 Enon	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee	Walker	By Letter							20	80	100	1 00							3
2 Bethel	Hamilton, Fla.	Belville	Goldwire	J. J. Polhill, A. M. Lamb	1	0	0	2	1	0	36	13	49	1 50	6 00						2, 3
3 Bethesda	Wakulla, Fla.	Shellpoint		Not Represented																	
4 Bethpage	Jefferson, Fla.	Waukeenah		Not Represented																	
5 Big Creek	Thomas, Ga.		Simmons	George T. Hurst	11	4	0	2	3	0	45	00	45	1 50							
6 Concord	Madison, Fla.	Clifton	Craft	W. T. Johnston, S. C. Craft	2	6	1	2	2	0	43	44	87	3 00	24 50	1 00		1 00	1 00		3, 4
7 Elizabeth	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Linton	H. S. Linton, D. B. Stone	0	2	3	5	2		52	21	73	2 00						30 00	2
8 Ebenezer	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Cooper	W. B. Cooper	3	1	0	2	0	0	14	53	67	1 25							1
9 Friendship	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Blewett	S. Forest, N. Turner	41	3	1	4	1	1	67	17	84	2 50	15 65						2
10 Harmony	Madison, Fla.	Ft. Hamilton	Cooper	N. Campbell, D. Walker	0	1	0	1	2	1	42	1	43	1 00							3
11 Hopewell	Madison, Fla.	Mosely Hall	Craft	O. E. Sullivan	2	5	0	0	0	1	9	39	48	75	2 62	2 62					1, 2
12 Indian Spring	Leon, Fla.	Micosukie	Blewett	J. S. Hart, S. Sills	2	6	0	0	0	1	30	60	90	2 00	46 50	3 50					3
13 Liberty	Thomas, Ga.	Grooverville	Blewett	Denmark, C. E. Groover	0	0	0	3	1	1	20	1	21	2 00	18 75						1
14 Lake Jackson	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee	Levy	S. B. Timmons	2	8	0	1	0	0	29	18	47	2 00	10 00						1
15 Long Branch	Thomas, Ga.		Wynn	B. Wynn	4	6	0	3	0	1	35	00	35	1 00							3
16 Madison	Madison, Fla.	Madison	Ardis	H. Z. Ardis, E. G. Mays	2	5	0	5	1	1	35	25	60	1 50	6 65						2, 4
17 Monticello	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello	Smith	C. Smith, B. S. Fuller	10	8	0	2	2	1	54	63	117	3 00	23 00	19 00	23 00		6 00	26 18	1, 2
18 Mill Creek	Berrien, Ga.	Alapaha		T. J. Carroll, J. W. Dickson	2	0	0	0	0	1	55	17	72	1 50	85			1 00			4
19 Mount Gilead	Jefferson, Fla.	Beazely	Wheeler	Z. G. Wheeler	1	2	0	0	1	1	17	1	18	1 00						4 90	1
20 Mount Beazor	Wakulla, Fla.	Scotchoppy	Bostic	S. C. Revell, J. Lowell	0	1	0	0	2	1	41	4	45	1 50	6 25						2
21 Mount Elon	Wakulla, Fla.	Scotchoppy	Bostic	J. Grant, A. Anderson	1	0	1	1	1	1	33	1	34	1 00	6 50						4
22 New Hope	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Moore	G. R. Moore, C. Howell	9	24	1	8	2	0	31	23	54	2 00	2 00	6 50		6 50			1
23 New Port	Wakulla, Fla.	Newport	Linon	Not Represented									41								2
24 Ocklocknee	Thomas, Ga.	Duncanville	Cooper	T. W. Terrell, T. B. Winn	4	0	0	2	0	0	23	36	59	2 00	8 00						4
25 Oak Grove	Leon, Fla.	Micosukie	Tate	J. F. Beard, G. B. Coalman	10	0	0	5	2	0	58	20	78	5 00	20 00						4
26 Olive	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Blewett	W. Blewett, J. B. Lacy	0	0	0	3	0	0	16	14	30	1 00	10 00						4
27 Providence	Gadsden, Fla.	Quincy	McKeown	O. E. McKeown	0	1	0	8	1	0	55	4	59	1 75	1 00			14 10			4
28 Piney Grove	Madison, Fla.	Madison	Frier	H. M. Frier							11		11	1 00							4
29 Redland	Lowndes, Ga.	Clyattville	Frier	E. Dennard	0	0	0	7	2	0	20	1	21	75				11 50			4
30 Summerhill	Madison, Fla.	Sandyford		Delegates Rejected																	4
31 Summerhill	Thomas, Ga.	Boston	Tate	W. A. Tate, J. P. Turner	13	2	0	8	3	2	40	7	47	1 50		5 00		5 00			3
32 San Pedro	Madison, Fla.	Madison		E. Jordan, I. D. Hale	4	0	1	5	2	0	17	74	91	1 00							1, 3
33 Troupville	Lowndes, Ga.	Troupville	Goldwire	W. H. & J. O. Goldwire	3	4	0	1	0	1	21	8	29	1 25							1, 2, 3, 4
34 Thomasville	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville	Daniell	D. G. Daniell, R. Fleming	6	20	1	9	3	2	42	69	111	2 00	60 50	27 75*		7 40			
35 Tallahassee Colored Church	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee	Childers	W. W. Childers	3	4	0	0	0	0	14		14	1 50	12 50			7 00			
At Bell Air	Leon, Fla.		James Page	This church is under the sup'd'ce Tallahassee ch.	21	3	0	0	6	3		317	317					7 00			
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*Paid to Agent at Thomasville.

NOTICE.

To the Brethren of the Churches composing the Florida Association:

By reference to our statistics, you will discover that we, the present generation, are yearly passing away, and soon, very soon, our successors will be called to fill our places. Our children are growing up, and now and then, the Lord is giving us one, as "alive from the dead."

Now, by and by, the enquiry will frequently arise in their minds, "*What* did our fathers do?" and "*How* did they do?"

The means are extant, now, to answer the enquiries; but in a few years, more, they will have been forever lost. Now, I propose, as far as practicable, to collect these means together, by the next session of the Association, in order that some writer, in future time, may be able to give to our children, a history of the rise and progress of the Missionary Baptists, in Florida and Southern Georgia.

Upon the importance, then, of this subject, I would predicate an earnest appeal to my brethren, who may have a copy of our minutes, for the years 1843-4-5-6-7-8 to send them to me. If desired I will return them at the next Association. Also, I would be glad to ascertain when your church was constituted, the presbytery, and the successive pastors, thence down to the present; and any other information connected with the progress and interests of your church, would be thankfully received.

Will not some competent brother, in each church, volunteer to contribute to the service of posterity, by giving the desired information.

Address me at "Clifton, Madison County, Florida."

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Clerk Florida Baptist Association.