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Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH
CONCORDIA CHURCH, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLA.,

COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1861.

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The Florida Baptist Association this day convened, in its Nineteenth Session, with the Concordia Baptist Church, Gadsden County, Florida.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder B. S. Fuller, from Eph. ii: 7, 8 and 9.

After intermission, the association was called to order by Elder W. B. Cooper, the former Moderator, and Bro. Blewett was requested to act as secretary, in the absence of the former Clerk.

1. Letters from the Churches were handed in and read.
2. The Association was then organized by the re-election of Bro. Cooper, Moderator, and the election of Bro. Blewett Clerk.
3. Appointed the following committees:
 - On Preaching—Elders McKeown and Reeves, and Brethren Everitt, Bowen, Forest and Walker.
 - On Finance—Brethren Dekle, Forest and Shepherd.
 - On Associational Missions—Elders McKeown and Bostick, and Brethren, Powell and Scurry.
 - On Sabbath Schools—Elds. Manning, Fuller and McKeown, and Bro. Dekle.
 - On Business—Fuller, Hart and Terrell.
4. Called for correspondence from sister Associations.
5. Called for the report of the Executive Committee, which was received—marked "E."
6. So much of this report as relates to the Tallahassee Church was referred to a special committee, consisting of Fuller, Hart and Terrell.
7. Adjourned to half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Hart.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 19, 9½ o'clock.

- Prayer by Bro. Fuller. Read the minutes of yesterday.
8. Called for the report of Business Committee, which was adopted.
 9. Called for the report of the Special Committee, on that part of the report of the Executive Committee which relates to the Tallahassee Church—read and adopted—marked "A."
 10. Agreed to tender the funds, now in the hands of the Executive Committee, designed for the relief of the Tallahassee Church, to the Florida Bap. Convention.
 11. Renewed the call for correspondence, when brethren Davis and Johnson

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appeared from the Bethel, and Terrell and Simmons from the Bowen Association, and took their seats.

12. Elected Executive Committee—Fuller, Cooper, Mays, Marvin and Everitt.
 13. Elected Delegates to the Convention—Cooper, Fuller, Manning, Blewett, Hart, Everitt, S. A. Smith, Marvin, Terrell and Dekle.
 14. Appointed Correspondence to Associations—To the Bowen, Blewett and Powell; to the Bethel, any who may find it convenient to go; to the Concord, Cooper and Manning; to West Florida, McKeown and Bostick.
 15. Bro. Fuller was appointed to write a Letter of Correspondence.
 16. Appointed the next session of this body to meet with New Hope Church, eight miles south of Thomasville, Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1862.
 17. Read and adopted the report on Associational Missions—marked "B."
 18. Elected B. S. Fuller Treasurer.
 19. Read and adopted the report on Finance—marked "C."
 20. Corresponding Letter was read and adopted—marked "G."
 21. Ordered that the funds collected on Sabbath be equally divided between the Foreign and Indian Missions.
 22. Resolved, That, inasmuch as this Association has agreed to make a tender to the Convention, of the subscription and cash raised for the relief of the Tallahassee Church: be it further resolved, that, in case the Convention should decline the proffer, this body hereby instructs the Executive Committee to obtain payment of the subscribers, in cash or notes, as soon as practicable.
- TOOK A RECESS FOR DINNER.
23. Called for the Treasurer's report, which was read and adopted—marked "D."
 24. Ordered that the Treasurer pay Bro. Bostick \$150.00 for missionary labor in 1860.
 25. The report on Sabbath Schools was received and adopted—marked "E."
 26. Ordered that Bro. Fuller be paid \$100.00 for his sacrificing labors during the present year, in preaching in Tallahassee.
 27. Ordered that eight hundred Minutes be printed, and the Clerk be charged with the usual services and allowed the usual pay.
 28. Ordered that all the funds sent up to this session, not otherwise designated, and after paying expenses of printing, &c., be equally divided between the Foreign and Indian Missions.
 29. Ordered that the Executive Committee enquire into the nature of the services of Bro. Bostick, for the present year, and remunerate him as they may think his services demand at our hands.
 30. Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Educational Committee of this Association has been dissolved for several years, and that Bro. Marvin, the former Treasurer of said committee, holds in his hands the assets of the concern, consisting of notes and cash—therefore, for the relief of Bro. Marvin, it is hereby ordered that he turn over the amount of cash and notes in his hands, to Bro. B. S. Fuller, our Treasurer, for Associational purposes.
 31. Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and citizens of this community, for the kindness and attention which we have received during its present session.
 32. Resolved, That the third Sabbath in December next, be observed by the churches in our bounds, as a day of thanksgiving, fasting and prayer.
 33. Adjourned *sine die*. Prayer by Bro. Davis, of the Bethel Association.
- W. B. COOPER, Moderator.
- WILEY BLEWETT, Clerk.

(A) REPORT OF COM. ON TALLAHASSEE CHURCH.

The Committee, on that portion of the Executive Committee's Report which relates to the Tallahassee Church, beg leave to report the following:
 Your Committee would state that, upon examination of Documents, it is as-

certained that the indebtedness of the Church at present, without including the last year's interest, amounts to \$1264.24, and that we have in cash and subscriptions including the subscription of the Convention, \$619.00, which, you will perceive, leaves a deficit of \$645.24. Deduct from this amount the conditional subscription of Bro. S. A. Smith, it will still leave, to be raised in some way, \$548.24. Your Committee would suggest that the Delegates to the Convention be instructed to present to the Convention the above statement, and request of that body the appointment of a Committee to have an interview or correspondence with the creditors and request of them indulgence until the close of our national difficulties, for it is evident to every business man that it will be almost an impossibility to make cash collections under the existing circumstances. We would also suggest the propriety of soliciting of the subscribers their individual notes, payable when our present war shall close, and that a Committee be made to attend immediately to the matter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. S. FULLER, Chairman.

(B) REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Associational Missions beg leave to report that we have had the same under prayerful consideration, and find that the object contemplated in the last year's report has not been consummated; yet we are as much as ever convinced of the destitution in our bounds, and of our obligations to supply that destitution to the extent of our means. At the same time we are persuaded that, living, as we are, under the calamities of war; the contributions to Associational Missions will be too small to warrant the employment of laborers. We recommend, however, that the Executive Committee be requested to take this matter in charge, and employ any means in their hands for this cause. And we furthermore recommend the ministers and members of this Association to cultivate and exercise a spirit of self-denial in order that the light and comfort of the Gospel may be dispensed to our troubled people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. E. McKEOWN, Chairman.

(C) REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the several Churches composing your body, so far as represented, have sent up the following amounts, to-wit:

Minute Fund.....	\$27 60
Association Fund.....	97 25
Indian Mission Fund.....	86 35
Sabbath Collection.....	11 45
Sabbath Collection from the Blacks for African Mission.....	1 28
Aggregate.....	\$223 93

Of this amount there are \$28.00 of Tallahassee Railroad funds.
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. G. DEKLE, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Florida Baptist Association in Account with S. Alex. Smith, Treasurer.

1860.	Dr.		
Oct. 18	To paid Z. G. Wheeler, Association Missionary.....	\$ 35 00	
	R. R. Parker, Association Missionary.....	99 00	
	W. B. Bennet, Clerk 18th Session.....	25 00	
January	D. G. Daniell, Agent African Mission.....	\$13 75	
	Foreign Mission.....	34 39	
	Bowen Mission.....	5 00	51 14
	Bryan & Renegau, printing 1000 copies Minutes.....	35 00	
	Domestic Mission Board, Marion, Alabama.....	50 09	
	Postage on Minutes.....	2 50	
Oct. 18	Balance.....	686 87	
	Total.....		\$975 51
1860.	Cr.		
Oct. 18	By balance as per account rendered.....	\$122 38	
Oct. 19	amount received from Committee on Finance.....	853 13	
	Total.....		\$975 51

THOMASVILLE, October 18, 1861.

S. ALEX. SMITH, Treasurer.

By request of the Treasurer, I have audited the above account and find him in possession of the necessary vouchers, &c., for disbursements charged.

WILLY BLEWETT, Clerk.

(E) REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and find that no other churches have established regular Sabbath Schools since our last Association, except New Hope. This church has now a well organized and efficient School, for three Sabbaths in each month. The Thomasville and Monticello churches still continue theirs, and labor therein four Sabbaths in each month—Friendship two—Ebenezer one. Perhaps others carry on Sabbath Schools irregularly. We regret that so little progress has been made since our last Association, and recommend that Pastors and Churches within our bounds, be more vigilant and zealous in organizing and conducting as many as their ability will warrant.

A. M. MANNING, Chairman.

(F) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee beg leave to submit the following as their report: Your Committee at its first meeting, soon after the adjournment of the last Association, authorized Elder N. A. Fuller to correspond with all the churches, (or rather with the pastors of churches,) requesting them to say to your committee what amount of funds they would pledge for the support of Associational Missions. Two only of the Churches responded, viz: Monticello and Oak Grove—their pledge amounting to about \$75.00.

Your committee have entirely failed to have any missionary in the field. After corresponding with ministers within the bounds of the Association, and failing to procure any one, the chairman was authorized to advertise in some religious paper for a missionary. In this effort we also failed. Only one minister from abroad responded, and he only in a letter of enquiry, in regard to the field, labor and compensation. This letter was answered immediately, giving as bright a view of the picture as truth would justify, but we received no answer. We had not sufficient funds in hand to offer a large salary, so as to induce ministers from abroad to quit their home fields to come and labor in our midst.

It is true that Elder Z. G. Wheeler made application for an appropriation to be made in a partially destitute section, and presume that his services could have been had for that region for a portion of the time; but after mature consideration

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your committee come to the conclusion that it would be inexpedient to spend the funds of the Association in that direction.

Pursuant to instructions from this body at its last session, correspondence was had with Elder G. W. Bostick, in regard to his voluntary services as missionary the year previous. Bro. Bostick declined giving the committee any thing like a report of his labors, but sufficient was elicited from him and others to justify the committee, (as they thought,) to draw an order in his favor, on the Treasurer, for \$150.00.

By reference to the minutes of the last Association, it will be seen that an effort was made in behalf of the Baptist Church in Tallahassee, and that a subscription was taken up to relieve her indebtedness. That subscription was passed into the hands of brethren Lawton and Fuller, who were charged in connection with the Executive Committee, with the whole matter. The following are those who have paid in the whole or a part of their subscriptions, viz:

John S. Hart.....	\$45 00—in part.	W. N. Chandoir.....	\$20 00—in part.
W. Blewett.....	25 00	Alvin May.....	25 00
S. Forest.....	5 00	Jesse Averett.....	50 00
O. E. McKeown.....	3 00	J. M. Davis.....	5 00
W. B. Cooper.....	10 00	Mrs. Blewett.....	5 00
J. G. Dekle.....	2 00	R. D. Mallory.....	10 00
W. T. Russell.....	5 00		

Making a total of subscription paid, of \$210.00; of which amount \$150.00 has been paid out, leaving in the hands of your Committee \$60.00. The Church at Tallahassee are ready at any moment to make a legal transfer of the Church property to the Baptist Denomination of Florida so soon as suitable persons shall be authorized to receive them.

Respectfully submitted.

B. S. FULLER, Chairman.

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LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Associations with whom we Correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with mingled joy and grief that we address you this epistle of love. Our Session has been one of perfect harmony. Brethren seem to have confidence in and love for one another. But little has been done for Foreign or Domestic Missions; but the falling off has been entirely in consequence of the financial condition of the country. Our delegation has been small in consequence of sickness in our bounds, and the distracted condition of our national affairs. Let us unite our prayers for the advancement of our blessed Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, and that an honorable peace, with prosperity, may speedily be restored to our people, and to all other lands throughout the world.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

W. BLEWETT, Clerk.

LIST OF MINISTERS OF FLORIDA BAPT. ASSOCIATION AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

1. N. A. BAILEY.....	Monticello, Fla.	13. H. S. LINTON.....	Monticello, Fla.
2. W. BLEWETT.....	Boston, Ga.	14. O. E. MCKEOWN.....	Quincy, Fla.
3. G. W. BOSTICK.....	Sopchoppy, Fla.	15. B. TIPTON.....	Sopchoppy, Fla.
4. G. C. COSNER.....	Thomasville, Ga.	16. Z. G. WHEELER.....	Waukena, Fla.
5. W. B. COOPER.....	Monticello, Fla.	17. H. WHITEHURST.....	Monticello, Fla.
6. W. T. DUVAL.....	Sopchoppy, Fla.	18. W. W. CHILDERS.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
7. ROBERT FLEMING.....	Thomasville, Ga.	19. JAMES PAGG, (Col'd.)	Tallahassee, Fla.
8. B. S. FULLER.....	Monticello, Fla.	20. A. M. MANNING.....	Station, Ga.
9. J. M. GRAY.....	Thomasville, Ga.	LICENTIATES.	
10. C. S. GAULDIN.....	Okapilco, Ga.	21. W. T. REVELL.....	Sopchoppy, Fla.
11. J. B. LACY.....	Thomasville, Ga.	22. T. W. TERRELL.....	Duncanville, Ga.
12. ROBERT LEVY.....	Tallahassee, Fla.		

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DECORUM.

1. At every meeting of the Association, the Moderator shall call the members to order, and the Clerk shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting, or any part of them, if called for by any member of the Association.

2. The Moderator shall preserve order, and shall speak on points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, when requested by any two members.

3. The Moderator shall put all questions distinctly in this form:—"As many as are in favor of (whatever the question may be) say aye;" and after the affirmative voice is taken—"as many as are of a contrary opinion, say no." If it is doubtful which side is in the majority, it shall be decided by rising and counting.

4. The Moderator shall appoint 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 opinion be equally divided.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, he shall rise and address himself respectfully to the Moderator.

7. If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgress the Rules of Decorum, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order.

8. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall determine who is entitled to the floor, by calling his name.

9. No member shall indulge unkind remark in debate; nor shall any member speak more than twice, without leave of the Association, nor more than once until all have spoken who may choose to do so.

10. While any member is addressing the Association, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to suppress all private discourse among the members and require strict attention of all.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator at any time when called for.

12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member present.

13. After a motion is made and seconded, it shall be considered in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussed or amended.

14. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but, 1st. To lie on the table; 2d. For the previous question; 3d. To postpone to a time future; 4th. To postpone indefinitely; 5th. To commit; 6th. To amend; 7th. To adjourn. These are called privileged questions, the last of which is always in order. The first and second are not debateable. The object of the first is to prevent debate entirely, and the object of the second is to cut short a protracted debate, and bring the meeting to a direct vote, on the main question, to the exclusion of all amendments, &c.; and the object of the fourth is designed to suppress a question with as little disrespect as possible.

15. All questions of order on appeal—all questions as to priority of business—a motion to adjourn—a motion to read a paper—a motion to reconsid-

er, and all motions relating to the order of business should be promptly put by the Moderator, allowing no debate; subject, however, to an appeal to the body.

16. Any member may call for a division of a question, when the substance will admit of it.

17. Any member voting in the majority may move a reconsideration of the subject at any time during the then present session.

18. Every resolution shall receive two statements or readings before its passage—the first for information, and the second before the vote is taken.

19. These Rules may be changed or amended at any regular and full meeting of the Association.

20. The Moderator shall cause the Association, each day, to be opened and closed with prayer.

21. All Queries shall be fairly stated in writing, and approved by two thirds of the members present, before they shall be acted on.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF FLORIDA BAPT. ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one, only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost

2. We believe 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 baptised 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 the right to administer the ordinances, only such as are regularly called, and have come under the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery.

WILEY BLEWETT, Clerk.

W. B. COOPER, Moderator.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	COUNTY AND STATE	POST-OFFICE	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Kept by Let.	Restored.	Dis by Letter.	Kept uncut.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Minute Fund.	Ass'n Fund.	Sabb's Offering.
1 Leon.	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee,	R. Levey,	Elder I. Levey	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	00	17	17	2	
2 Anella.	Jefferson, Fla.	Wankemah,	B. S. Fuller,	J. Walker and M. Bishop	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	53	56			
3 Bethpage.	Jefferson, Fla.	Wankemah,		Not represented,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
4 Concordia.	Gadsden, Fla.	Concord,	McKeown,	Elder J. Reeves and Bowen,	4	1	0	1	1	0	40	2	42	1 25		
5 Ebenezer.	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello,	W. R. Cooper,	Eld. W. B. Cooper and S. Seabry,	11	4	1	0	0	0	37	78	115	1 00		
6 Elizabeth.	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello,			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
7 Friendship.	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville,	W. Blewett,	S. Fort,	1	3	0	8	3	2	52	18	70	2 00	19 25	
8 Harmony.	Madison, Fla.	Monticello,	Ardis,		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
9 Indian Springs.	Leon, Fla.	Monticello,	Cooper,		0	1	0	1	1	2	37	52	59			
10 Liberty.	Leon, Fla.	Micosnke,	Blewett,	Jesse Ferfit and J. S. Hart,	3	0	1	0	1	2	36	24	60	2 00	16 00	
11 Lake Jackson.	Brooks, Ga.	Grooverville,	Cooper,	Elder J. Blewett,	3	0	1	0	1	1	34	34	58	1 00	4 50	
12 Monticello.	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee,	McKeown,	L. Jones and C. Johnson,	6	0	0	3	1	1	34	34	58	1 00	4 50	
13 Mount Bezor.	Jefferson, Fla.	Monticello,	N. A. Bailey,	Elder J. S. Fuller,	1	2	0	0	0	3	49	121	170	3 00	15 00	20 & 4
14 Mount Elon.	Wakulla, Fla.	Sopchoppy,	G. W. Bostick,	S. Levey,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
15 Mount Gilbead.	Jefferson, Fla.	Sopchoppy,	G. W. Bostick,	Elder Bostick and M. J. Revell,	1	1	0	0	0	0	53	2	55	1 00		
16 New Hope.	Thomas, Ga.	Beasley,			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
17 Oak Grove.	Leon, Fla.	Thomasville,	Blewett,	C. N. Powell and J. G. Dekle,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
18 Ochofence.	Thomas, Ga.	Dumcayville,	Manning,	John Jones and P. H. Dickson,	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	15	35			
19 Providence.	Brooks, Fla.	Quincy,	Cooper,	T. W. Jones and P. McGriff,	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
20 Quitman.	Gadsden, Fla.	Quincy,	McKeown,	O. E. LeKeown and J. N. Stegner,	3	0	0	0	0	0	75	7	82	5 50		
21 Sallah.	Brooks, Ga.	Quincy,	C. S. Gaudin,	Not represented,												
22 Olive.	Madison, Fla.	Sandy Ford,		Not represented,												
23 Thomasville.	Thomas, Ga.	Glasgow,		A. M. Manning,							13	19	32	1 00		
24 Bethsaida.	Thomas, Ga.	Thomasville,	G. C. Connor,	Not represented,							53	109	162			
25 Bethlehem.	Wakulla, Fla.	Shell Point,	Bostick,	Not represented,							20	12	32			
26 New Port.	Wakulla, Fla.	Bearden,		Not represented,							12	12	24			
27 Tallahassee.	Leon, Fla.	Tallahassee,									0	0	0			
					2721	2082	29	1048	854	1632	16	6	34	75		

Note.—In addition to the funds sent up as above specified, the Ebenezer Church gave sixteen dollars for Indian Missions, and the Providence Church nine dollars for Domestic Missions.

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