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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
**FLORIDA**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

HELD WITH  
THE CONCORD CHURCH,

GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA,

OCTOBER 16TH, 17TH, AND 18TH, 1874.

G. W. HALL, Moderator, Concord, Gadsden county, Fla.  
W. J. CARROLL, Clerk, Williamsburg, Jefferson county, Fla.  
R. P. GREEN, Treasurer, Quincy, Gadsden county, Fla.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

G. DSDEN COUNTY, FLA., October 16 1874.

The Florida Baptist Association this day convened with the Concord Church, Concord, Florida.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. W. Bostick, from the first clause of Acts, 4th chap. 16th verse.

After an intermission of one hour the Association met and was called to order by the former Moderator.

Read the letters and enrolled the names of the delegates.

On motion the letters from Mt. Zion and Mt. Beazor were marked. Elected Elder G. W. Hall, Moderator, and W. J. Carroll, Clerk.

Called for letters. Received letters from Cool Springs and New Macedonia, which were made constituents of this body, and the right hand extended to their delegates by the Moderator.

Correspondents being called for, Eld. K. Chambers, State Evangelist, and Jacob Blount and Joseph Parrot, of the Bowen Association, presented themselves, and were cordially invited to seats with us.

On motion a geneaal invitation to visiting brethren was extended.

On motion, Oak Grove Church that was dropped from the roll last year, was reinstated as a constituent of this body.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and a Committee was appointed consisting of Elders G. W. Bostick and J. B. Langston and Parker Ivey, to inquire into the soundness of the faith of the Mt. Zion Church, which had formerly gone off with the Gibsonites.

On motion, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Eld. W. J. Carroll and brethren James Walker, E. E. Barclay, D. Clark, K. Gatlin, A. Richards and M. McColeman, to decide who was the Mt. Beazor Church, there being two parties each claiming to be Mt. Beazor Church.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

*On Preaching*—Brethren A. Brown, I. Grant and S. Rudd. On motion, Eld. G. W. Hall was added to the preaching committee.

*On Sabbath Schools*—Eld. W. J. Carroll and Brethren W. B. Walker and N. A. Porter.

*On Missions*—Eld. W. W. Bostick, W. C. Barclay and I. H. Slaughter.

*On Finance*—Brethren A. Bowen, James Walker and J. R. Kimbrew.

*On Temperance*—Eld. W. W. Bostick, and Brethren Thomas Hartsfield and W. H. Benton.

*On Deceased Ministers and Deacons*—Eld. J. B. Langston and Brethren J. H. Wentworth and Parker Levy.

Elected the following delegates to the State Convention: Elder G. W. Bostick, G. W. Hall, R. P. Green, W. W. Bostic, W. J. Carroll, J. B. Langston, and Brethren J. R. Kimbrew, J. H. Wentworth, N. T. Scott and E. E. Barclay.

Called for unfinished business—the committee appointed at the last Association to consider the action of some of our churches, whom it was found had departed from faith, not being ready to report, asked for further time.

The Committee on preaching report Elder C. J. Cartledge to preach to night, and Elder J. B. Langston to morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. P. Green.

Met pursuant to adjournment, Saturday, Oct. 17. Prayer by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The call for petitionary letters was renewed. Letters from Shady Grove was handed in and read.

On motion, the Shady Grove Church was received as a constituent of this body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates by the Moderator.

Call for reports of Committees.

#### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Committee on temperance recommend the republishing of last year's report, which is as follows: We your Committee to whom was referred the subject of temperance, believe that the children of God should be temperate in all things, that they should neither manufacture, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any intoxicating liquors, that as one has said, "it is a liquid hell and a distilled damnation" to all who drink it to excess, that any member is in disorder who manufactures, buys, sells or drinks intoxicating liquors, that any church is in disorder who holds such a member in fellowship, that all christians should abstain from the use of ardent spirits and persuade all men to do likewise. "Add to your knowledge temperance."

W. W. BOSTICK, Chairman.

Brother Chambers was called to the chair and Brother Hall addressed the audience on the subject of temperance. The report was adopted.

#### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Committee on missions made the following report: "Go preach the Gospel to every creature" was the Saviour's command to his followers when he sojourned with them. That it is a command, and it is the duty of his followers in this day none will doubt or deny. "If ye love me keep my commandments." "Go preach the Gospel to all nations, &c." With the above facts before us, ought we not to ask ourselves individually, how can I claim myself to be a follower of Christ, when I do not give unto the Lord to advance His kingdom and glorify His name on earth as He prospers me. "He that giveth unto the poor lendeth to the Lord." What is of more importance to the poor than the Gospel of Christ, which is the sword of the Spirit, and the power of God unto salvation. Brethren let us look out upon the world, and behold we see perishing millions of our race without Christ or hope in the world, many are bowing to wood and stone, many are being swept to inevitable ruin under the influence of the soul damning doctrine Romanism, while many are lost in infidelity. Let us also look well and with much interest at our own state, our destitution is great, yea, very great. Many of our churches are without pastors, and more than half of the citizens of our State are without Christ and his preached word. Brethren, with these stupendous

facts before us, let us resolve in our hearts, that henceforth our motto is, never to cease until the word of God is preached to every citizen of our State, this we can do, first, by giving our hearts to God in earnest prayer and supplication, that he would be with his people and sanctify their efforts to the salvation of sinners, and the upbuilding of his kingdom in our midst. Second: By putting about twelve Missionaries in the State, and at the same time support them so that they can give their whole time to the work of the ministry, this we can do if each baptist in the State will only give the small sum of one dollar. We trust there is not a baptist in Florida that is not ashamed to say that he or she cannot and will not give one dollar for the cause of Christ. To withhold from the Lord that which is His and that which His cause needs is sin. And last though not least, the FLORIDA BAPTIST, edited by Elder H. B. McCallum, Lake City, Fla., has done much good and will do much more as a Missionary in the State. Only two dollars brethren and that sweet little messenger of peace, truth and joy, of sound doctrine with many good sermons will visit you fifty-two times in one year. Let us work at home and abroad for the FLORIDA BAPTIST, and in so doing we will greatly advance the cause of our blessed Saviour in our State. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. BOSTICK, Chairman.

Elder W. W. Bostick made a stirring appeal in behalf of Missions and Eld. K. Chambers made a Missionary address showing that the FLORIDA BAPTIST was a great instrumentality in the cause in the State.

On motion the following Executive Committee was appointed:

Elder G. W. Hall, R. P. Green and Brethren N. T. Scott, P. A. McGriff and W. C. Hendry.

Elder G. W. Bostick addressed the Association in behalf of the THE BAPTIST, published by Elder J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.

Addresses by Agents called for.

On motion, adjourned until half past one, P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Trice.

Elder W. W. Bostick addressed the Association on the subject of "Indian Missions, after which a collection was taken up amounting to five dollars.

Elder K. Chambers addressed the Association on State Missions.

On motion this Association requests the State Baptist Convention to appoint an Executive Committee composed of one member from each Association within its bounds to effect a concert of action in maintaining State Mission.

A collection was taken up for Elder K. Chambers, amounting to nine dollars and sixty-five cents.

Elder G. W. Hall presented the importance and value of a book entitled Georgia Baptist Historical and Biographical, by Elder J. H. Campbell.

The Committee appointed to visit the Gibsonite Convention, reported as follows:

#### REPORT.

Your committee who was appointed last year to visit the Gibsonite Convention, and remonstrate against their course, in constituting without any articles of faith, beg leave to make the following report:

We met with the brethren and labored long with them and Brother Rushin read to them the articles of faith of the West Florida Baptist Association, article by article, all of which they admitted to be scriptural, and that they believed it, they however constituted on their proposed plan.

We can say that we were received very kindly and treated brotherly by them. We believe our labors of love among them has resulted in some of them returning to our churches. As you have witnessed even at your present session, and we assure you brethren that we endeavored in the Spirit of Christ to do the very best we could. Those of us who met with them were C. D. Campbell, J. M. Rushin, R. P. Green and K. Chambers, all of which is respectfully submitted.

K. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

On motion J. C. Gibson was permitted to make a brief statement to this body in reference to the course he had taken.

Elder W. W. Bostick introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas one J. C. Gibson formerly a member of this Association has introduced heresies in some of the churches composing a part of this Association, and has ceased to be an orthodox minister of this denomination. And whereas the said Gibson has organized some churches, and whereas some of said churches still hold to said heresies. Therefore be it,

Resolved by this Association, That we condemn the action of the said J. C. Gibson and discountenance his organizations as orthodox churches, and as such withhold our fellowship from them. Which was adopted.

We the committee appointed to investigate the standing of the Mt. Zion Church report as follows:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the duty of investigating the standing of the Mt. Zion Church, report that we have performed the service and are fully satisfied that that body is now occupying a true scriptural position and recommend that they be received into this body.

G. W. BOSTICK, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on finance reported the following:

The Committee on finance respectfully report the following amounts received from the different churches.

Paid into the Treasury with instructions to credit the same to the different named funds:

Associational Missions,.....	\$ 9,00
Minute fund,.....	24,15
Associational fund,.....	29,25
State Missions,.....	27,65
Superannuated Ministers,.....	4,50

Total,..... \$94,55

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. ROWEN, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee beg leave to submit the following report.— Finding some funds on hand and learning the great destitution in the Southern portion of our Associational bounds, we engaged Elder R. P. Green as Missionary to go to that destitute field, whose report we subjoin below.

We also found the Association indebted to Elder W. J. Carroll for Missionary labor done in 1872, which we have liquidated. Again we have allowed Elder S. J. Richards the sum of \$20,00 for labor as Missionary in connection with Elder R. P. Green.

Dear Brethren we learn from the report of your Committee on Missions the sad state of many of our churches, and the lamentable destitution in our own bounds. We urge you to come to the rescue brethren. There are men saying, here am I send me. And shall we not send them? Let the sequel proclaim a loud yes. We submit the report of our Missionary. Miles traveled 1968; sermons preached, 169; families visited, 170; prayed in families 186 times; delivered eight Sunday School lectures; baptized 34; received by letters 8; restored 7; constituted one church; assisted in ordaining five deacons. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. HALL, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

#### TREASURERS REPORT.

R. P. Green Treasurer, in account with the Florida Baptist Association, 1874.

DR.

To amount received of Finance Committee,.....	\$120,85
Collected on Sunday,.....	20,10
To amount received of A. M. Manning former Treasurer,.....	212,50
“ “ “ “ Asa May,.....	50,00
“ “ “ “ Providence Church for State Missions,....	11,60
“ “ “ “ A. Richards,.....	1,00
“ “ “ “ W. N. Richards,.....	60
“ “ “ “ J. N. Shepard,.....	25
“ “ “ “ D. A. McDougald,.....	50
“ “ “ “ F. M. Shepard,.....	50
“ “ “ “ W. B. Cooper,.....	1,00
“ “ “ “ A. J. Stokes,.....	15
“ “ “ “ J. G. Plant,.....	1,50
“ “ “ “ D. F. McDougald,.....	1,00
“ “ “ “ Mrs. E. S. Richards,.....	50
“ “ “ “ David Clark,.....	50
Total,.....	\$423,55

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Paid Delegates to Convention at Spring Hill,.....	\$ 50,00
“ Clerk,.....	30,00
“ Printing minutes,.....	38,15
“ K. Chambers, (S. E.),.....	4,50
“ W. J. Carroll,.....	50,00
“ K. Chambers, (S. E.),.....	11,60
“ R. P. Green,.....	232,85
“ J. S. Baker \$2,75, H. A. Tupper \$3,20,.....	5,95
Total,.....	\$423,05
Still due R. P. Green,.....	\$17,15

" " W. I. Carroll,.....	7,30
" " S. J. Richards,.....	20,00

Total..... \$44,45  
 All of which is respectfully submitted. R. P. GREFFN, Treasurer.

#### Adopted

On motion, a Committee on nominations was appointed, consisting of Brethren Levy, Kimbrew and Posten.

Appointed correspondents to the Bowen Association, W. W. Bostic, G. W. Hall and C. J. Cartledge.

To the Mercer Association, Elders R. P. Green, W. W. Bostic and Brethren J. R. Kimbrew, E. E. Barclay and J. H. Wentworth.

#### COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to submit the following report: It is with feelings of pain and sorrow, that we have to report that Elder Willis Head has been taken to that rest that remaineth for the people of God. Bro. Head was a pioneer of Baptist doctrine in Taylor county, Florida, and as a member of Finhalloway Church was always a consistent Christian, laboring for the cause of Christ, and when called to the Ministry, he labored incessantly for the great cause, and in his loss we have lost one whom we delighted to honor, but we hope it is his eternal gain.— Bro. Head was sixty-seven years of age, and departed this life in March of the present year, and may we all be enabled to live the life of the righteous, and may our last days be like his. All of which is respectfully submitted.  
 J. B. LANGSTON, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

On motion, appointed the next session of this Association with Providence Church, Gadsden county, Florida, eleven miles Southwest of Quincy, to convene on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in October, 1875.

The following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Brethren and friends of this community for the hospitable and christian entertainment extended unto it.

The Committee on nominations report, that Elder W. W. Bostic preach the next introductory sermon, Elder R. P. Green, Alternate. Elder G. W. Hall to preach the next missionary sermon, Elder G. W. Bostic Alternate.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the cash collection taken on to-morrow be equally divided between Associational and State Missions; Also, that the Clerk receive twenty-five dollars for his services.

On motion, the funds sent up for superannuated ministers be devoted to Associational Missions.

On motion, adjourned until seven o'clock this evening.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. E. E. Barclay.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MT. BEAZOR CHURCH.

We the Committee to whom was referred the difficulty in the Mt Beazor Church, would beg leave to report that we have attended to that duty, and from all the evidence elicited, and carefully compared and considered, offer

this as our decision. That the minority party is the proper Mt. Beazor Church—

W. J. CARROLL, Chairman.

On motion, received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, owing to the meagre reports from the Churches within our bounds, and the lack of interest manifested by the Churches, would suggest that a Committee consisting of eight, including the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, be appointed to labor with the Churches in their respective communities, and urge the necessity of having a school in every Church or neighborhood. We also suggest that the Committee have meetings for the purpose of discussing and devising the best means of keeping alive an interest in the schools.

W. J. CARROLL, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

On motion, a Committee consisting of E. E. Barclay, G. W. Bostick, Jonathan Langston was appointed to nominate the Committee on Sabbath Schools suggested in the above report on Sabbath School. The above Committee beg leave to report the names of Elder G. W. Hall, W. J. Carroll, G. W. Bostic, J. B. Langston, S. J. Richards, W. W. Bostick and Brethren E. E. Barclay and J. R. Kimbrew.

On motion the above Committee was appointed.

The following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That four dollars and twenty-five cents of the Associational fund be added to the Minute fund, which amounts to \$28,40.

On motion adjourned, after extending the parting hand, prayer was offered by G. W. Bostick.

W. J. CARROLL, Clerk.

G. W. HALL, Moderator.

SUNDAY, Oct. 18, 1874.—There was a Missionary and Sabbath School mass meeting convened on Sabbath morning, when several earnest addresses were made by the brethren, on the subject of Missions and Sabbath Schools.

At 11 o'clock there was preaching in the Church house by Elder W. W. Bostick, and in the Academy by Elder K. Chambers. All of which we trust being such as will redound to the glory of God and to the advancement of his cause in our midst.

#### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To the Associations with whom we correspond:

Dear Brethren—This session of our Association has been cheered by the presence of Brethren K. Chambers, Jacob Blount and J. Parrot. The former State Evangelist, and the two latter correspondents of the Bowen Association. These visits bring us under obligations which we know how to feel but not how to redeem, but we regret that other sister Associations have not cheered us with the presence of any correspondents. Our session has been one of pleasure and great blessing, and although our members have been greatly diminished by withdrawals, yet we hope the great head of the Church has a bright future in store for us. Pray for us brethren.

W. J. CARROLL, Clerk.

G. W. HALL, Moderator.



Mr Williamsburg Fla

Jan 1

Dear Brother  
I have just received  
the kind letter of  
the 25th and am  
glad to hear from  
you and hope you  
are well and happy  
as usual. I am  
well and hope  
these few lines  
will find you  
the same. I  
am your  
affectionate  
brother  
John  
Williams