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OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Santa Fee River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

PROVIDENCE CHURCH, BRADFORD CO., FLA.,

OCTOBER, 1870.

OFFICERS:

WM. JOHNSON, - - MODERATOR, - - MORRISON'S MILLS, FLA.
J. H. TOMKIES, - - - SECRETARY, - - - WALDO, FLA.
ROBT. TURNER, - - TREASURER, - - PROVIDENCE, FLA.

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PROCEEDINGS.

OCTOBER 8th, 1870.

The Santa Fee River Baptist Association met at 11 o'clock, with Providence Church, Bradford County, Fla. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. M. N. Strickland, from Titus 11—14. After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the old house. The Association was called to order by brother Wm. Johnson, the former Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Tomkie. The letters from the churches were read, and the names of delegates enrolled. Bro. Bishop made some statements in regard to the Palatka Church. Bro. A. J. Huchingson was received as delegate from Falling Creek Church.

Gainesville and Mt. Zion Churches petitioned for membership in the Association, and were received.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Wm. Johnson; Secretary, J. H. Tomkies; Treasurer, Robert Turner. On motion of Bro. F. C. Johnson, the Association then spent one-half hour in devotional exercises.

Proceeded to appoint committees.

On Preaching—Brethren Perry and Massey, with the Pastor and Deacons of Providence Church.

On Sunday Schools—Brethren McCallum, Luther, and J. W. Thomas.

On Letters and Queries—Brethren Jones, Chambers, and Strickland.

On Finance—Brethren James Turner, Thos. C. Ellis, and W. P. C. Hardin.

On Nominations—Brethren R. Turner, Edge and Buchanan.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Brethren Chambers, Cannon, and Becks.

On Systematic Benevolence—Brethren McCallum, F. C. Johnson, and E. B. Timmons.

On Missions—Brethren Bishop, R. R. Moore, and A. J. Huchingson.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 9 1-2 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. E. B. Timmons.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 9.

The **Missionary Sermon** was preached by Bro. P. P. Bishop, after which \$24.25 were collected for Missions. Brother F. C. Johnson preached in the afternoon.

MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10.

The Association met, and after devotional exercises proceeded to business. The Minutes of Saturday were read and approved. The letter from Bethel Church was received and read. The circular letter was received, read, adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. Committee on Letters and Queries made a report which was received and adopted.

The Articles of Faith, etc., under which the Association was constituted, were ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [The Articles of Faith which were printed in the Minutes last year, appeared there by mistake.] The Committee appointed at the last Association to visit Shiloh Church, No. One, reported through Bro. Wm. Johnson: which report was received and the Committee discharged. It was moved by J. H. Tomkies that the Association withdraw fellowship from Shiloh Church, No. One, which was carried with one dissenting voice.

The Committee on Missions reported through Bro. Bishop, which Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made a Report, which was received and adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to nominate a central point in the

NAMES OF MINISTERS, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

BECKS, B. W., Palatka, Fla.
 BRANEN, E., Welborn, Fla.
 BISHOP, P. P., Palatka, Fla.
 CHAMBERS, K., Lake City, Fla.
 CANNON, J. J., Palatka, Fla.
 CROSBY, A., Starke, Fla.
 DEAS, Z., Houstoun, Fla.
 DEAS, N., "
 JOHNSON, W., Morrison's Mills, Fla.
 JOHNSON, F. C., Jacksonville, Fla.
 JONES, C. B., Palatka, Fla.

MALLETTE, G. A., Callahan, Fla.
 McCALLUM, H. B., Lake City, Fla.
 MOORE, R. R., Welborn, Fla.
 McKINNEY, J. A., Starke, Fla.
 STRICKLAND, M. N., Waldo, Fla.
 SCARBOROUGH, M., Welborn, Fla.
 TIMMONS, E. B., Waldo, Fla.
 THOMAS, J. W., Palatka, Fla.
 TOMKIES, J. H., Waldo, Fla.
 WEEKS, S., Waldo, Fla.
 SHEFFIELD, S. Bronson, Fla.

LICENTIATES:

McHAN, A., Waldo, Fla.

LEWIS, J. A., Callahan, Fla.

Association for the location of the S. S. Board contemplated in the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools; also the names of brethren to compose said Board, and that they report to the S. S. Convention to assemble to-night.

Brothers E. B. Timmons, R. Turner, C. B. Jones, B. W. Becks and H. B. McCallum constituted said Committee.

The Committee of Nominations made a Report, which was received and adopted.

A small collection was made in cash and pledges, for the Home Mission Society of New York to the amount of

In regard to the petitions from several churches of the Association asking for letters of dismission to form a new Association, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That we recognize the right of these Churches to withdraw from us. At the same time we earnestly recommend to them to reconsider their request, and invite them to send delegates to our next anniversary.
Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

After devotional exercises the Association proceeded to business. The Committee on Systematic Benevolence reported. Remarks were made by Brethren McCallum, F. C. Johnson, Moore and Edge, and the report was adopted. The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted. Delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, viz: F. C. Johnson, K. Chambers, A. J. Huchingson, J. W. Thomas, J. J. Higginbotham, A. McHan, C. B. Jones, R. R. Moore, O. P. Luther, W. Johnson, and J. H. Tomkies. The Association then adjourned to meet 9 1-2 o'clock, Tuesday morning. Prayer by Bro. Silas Weeks.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11.

The Association met and engaged in prayer with Bro. E. B. Timmons. The Report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted. The Report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the next annual session of the Association be held with the Lake City Church.

The same Executive Committee was re-elected, with the addition of Bro. H. B. McCallum, and the Committee was instructed to write to the American Bap. Pub. Society, and to the D. M. Board of the Southern Bap. Convention, and endeavor to make arrangements to employ a Missionary and Colporteur within our bounds.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to the Alachua Association, viz: E. B. Timmons, J. H. Tomkies, C. B. Jones, Wm. Johnson, B. W. Becks, M. N. Strickland, S. Sheffield, P. P. Bishop, J. M. Brown, and J. R. Smith.

Bro. Bishop was appointed Corresponding Messenger to the Fla. Association. On motion, the application of Missionary Funds was discussed at some length.

Resolved, That this Association request all the brethren, when they return home, to endeavor to stir up the churches to more zeal and systematic action in raising funds to liquidate the debt now hanging over us, and to aid the Board to continue to send out Missionaries.

The following brethren promised to give ten dollars each for Missions, payable one-half Jan. 1st, 1871: Kinsey, Chambers, A. J. Huchingson, L. S. Moore, F. C. Johnson, S. Sheffield, E. B. Timmons, B. W. Becks, H. B. McCallum, O. P. Luther, E. B. Hickson, R. R. Moore, K. D. Edge, J. D. McKinley and John Roberts. Bro. Jas. Lewis promised five, and brother J. W. Belling, twenty. Brother J. J. Higginbotham paid five.

Bro. H. B. McCallum was appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

Resolved, That the Sunday School Convention hereafter meet on Sunday afternoon during the session of the Association.

The Clerk was instructed to have 700 copies of the Minutes printed, and that he receive \$25 for his services.

Resolved, That Churches neglecting to send money for Minutes hereafter, when represented in the Association will fail to get any.

After a unanimous vote of thanks to the members of Providence Church, the Association adjourned to meet with the Lake City Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1871. The Association gave place one hour for the S. S. Convention. A hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and prayer offered by Bro. K. Chambers.

WM. JOHNSON Moderator.

J. H. TOMKIES, Secretary.

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APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, &c.

ON LETTERS, &c.

The Committee on Letters and Queries beg leave to report that upon examination of the Letters we would first submit to the body the petitions of many churches to withdraw from this Association that they might form another. Inasmuch as these churches are located within the central bounds of this Association, we are of the opinion that the principal reason for withdrawing will not be a remedy for the object sought after.

With regard to certain objections to our Articles of Faith, we would only submit the subject to the body.

We further submit to your consideration the continuation of our Missionaries in their respective fields. C. B. JONES, Chairman.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report as follows: We find that the labors of our Associational Missionaries have been productive of great good. The churches which have been supplied by those brethren express their gratitude in strong terms, and ask that they may continue to receive such aid. Your Committee deem it highly important that this Association should sustain missionary labor within its own bounds. At the same time they feel called upon to advise against the employment of laborers unless it is reasonably certain that the sums promised them will be promptly paid. Christian organizations, as Churches and Associations, should never fail to illustrate the excellence of Christianity in the faithful fulfillment of their engagements. As to the general missionary work within the state we are cheered by the spirit which is manifested by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and we heartily recommend the continued co-operation of the Baptist Convention of the State of Florida with that Society.

The cause of Foreign Missions is one which should be dear to every christian heart, and although it is not possible for the Baptists of Florida at present, to contribute largely for that object, it is our duty to maintain a lively interest in it; to remember it in our daily prayers, and as God shall prosper us in the future, to give it our pecuniary support. P. P. BISHOP, Chairman.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools present the following report: The cause of Sunday Schools is now enlisting the warmest sympathies and best energies of our wisest and most earnest christian workers. The motto inscribed upon the banners of most of our state organizations is, "A Sunday School in every Baptist Church," and to the accomplishment of this purpose they are moving steadily forward.

Let us not, brethren, be behind in this great work. Let this same purpose inspire all our hearts, and let us rest not till we see a flourishing Sunday School in every church within the bounds of our Association. To accomplish this, systematic and earnest effort is required.

Your Committee are glad to state that from the reports sent up there seems to be a cheering increase in the number of our Sunday Schools. No. of schools reported last year, 10. No. of scholars and teachers, 363. No. of schools this year, 15. No. of scholars and teachers, 462, being an increase of five schools and ninety-nine scholars and teachers. Your Committee would earnestly recommend all schools not now taking, to subscribe for *Kind Words*, published at Memphis,

Tenn., by the S. S. Board of the S. Bap. Convention, and we would also recommend all teachers to take the *Baptist Teacher*, published at Philadelphia.

Your Committee would also most earnestly recommend the creation of a S. S. Board at some central point, whose duties shall be to stir up the churches to more earnest efforts in this great work by correspondence or otherwise, to open up a correspondence with the various publishers of S. S. Books, and make arrangements to supply schools on as favorable terms as can be obtained; to secure funds to aid weak schools, and that all our schools order books through this Board.

H. B. McCALLUM, Chairman.

ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations present the following report: To preach the introductory sermon, brother F. C. Johnson; alternate, Brother R. R. Moore. The Missionary sermon, brother J. H. Tomkies, alternate, H. B. McCallum.

R. TURNER, Chairman.

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The subject of Systematic Benevolence is one in which every Christian ought to be interested. But when we consider the small amounts sent up by the churches for the various objects of benevolence our hearts are made to ache, and we are compelled to believe that the churches are not alive to their duty, and the future must be dark unless this apathy that seems to bind the churches is shaken off. We are glad to believe that the small amounts sent up is not caused by inability of the churches to give, nor from a disposition not to give, but from want of consideration on the part of members, and of some systematic plan of collecting on the part of churches. Whatever our plans are, they ought to embrace every member of the church. Small contributions from the many, rather than large ones from the few, always has yielded the greatest results. Besides, your Committee hold giving as a part of worship, and no Christian ought to be satisfied with him or herself unless he has given something to the Lord during the year.

Your Committee would recommend the scriptural plan of weekly contributions as the best. It is set forth by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. xvi. Chap. 1-2 verses. Where this is impracticable your Committee would recommend that those engaged in planting, set apart at the beginning of the year a certain portion of land, and plant and cultivate it with a view of giving the proceeds of it to the church.

H. B. McCALLUM, Chairman.

ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance make the following report:

Amount sent up from the Churches—

For Minutes.....	\$ 37 00
" Missions.....	87 15
Collected on Sunday.....	24 25

Making a total of..... \$148 40

JAMES A. TURNER, Chairman.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS, &c.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons have had the same under consideration. We learn that Elder Samuel Guthery, and Deacon George Pindarvis, have died during the present year. Brother Guthery has been in the Ministry a goodly number of years, and has been a zealous and devoted servant of His Master, and while we mourn his loss, we rejoice that our loss is his eternal gain.

Brother Pindarvis has served Sharon Church as a faithful Deacon for many

years, and will long be remembered with feelings of love, and his labors and kindness will live in the memory of his brethren.

Resolved, That as a body, we deeply sympathize with the bereaved churches and families of these deceased brethren.

K. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee make the following report: It is known to the Association that brethren E. B. Timmons, and B. W. Becks have been laboring as Missionaries within our bounds during the present year, for which we engaged to pay them \$300 each. Bro. Timmons' field was enlarged after entering it, in consequence of which his salary was increased by the amount of \$75. In March we engaged the services of Bro. R. R. Moore, a portion of his time, to labor in the western part of the Association.

We feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that his blessing has attended the labors of these brethren. We give a condensed report of their labors: Bro. E. B. Timmons travelled 1950 miles; preached 115 sermons; delivered 9 lectures; baptized 36; received by experience, 3; supplied 15 stations; aided in the constitution of one church, and the ordination of five Deacons.

Bro. B. W. Becks travelled 1366 miles; preached 90 sermons; prayer meetings, lectures, &c., 36, and baptized 4.

Brother R. R. Moore travelled over 600 miles; preached 100 sermons; delivered 7 Sunday School addresses; baptized 9, and assisted in the ordination of one minister.

Bro. Timmons has collected and received from the Board \$229. Bro. Becks, \$86 75, and Bro. Moore, \$46 80. The fields occupied by these brethren desire their continuance.

A. J. HUTCHINGSON,
K. CHAMBERS,
K. D. EDGE.

Executive Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11, 1870.

The Association gave place one hour for the S. S. Convention, which was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. B. Timmons. The following schools were reported as in operation during the year:

SCHOOLS.	DELEGATES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POPULS.	TEACHERS.	TOTAL.
Providence.....	R. Turner.....	R. Turner.....	30	5	35
Penial.....	B. W. Becks.....	J. W. Thomas.....	30	4	34
Eliam.....	J. H. Tomkies.....	W. R. White.....	42	5	47
Gadava.....	E. B. Timmons.....	B. E. Strickland.....	25	4	29
Bethel.....	A. Prevatt.....	F. C. Johnson.....	38	7	45
Bethesda.....	E. Wilkinson.....	E. Smith.....	23	2	25
Shiloh.....		E. W. Geiger.....	15	3	18
Cobb House.....	F. M. Weeks.....	John Vinzant.....	57	2	65
Lake City.....	H. B. McCallum.....	H. B. McCallum.....	17	8	19
Pine Grove.....		E. A. Moore.....	30	2	32
Bethlehem.....	K. D. Edge.....	K. D. Edge.....	25	4	29
Sharon.....	J. J. Higginbotham.....	A. Pindarvis.....	17	3	20
No name.....	K. Chambers.....	T. W. Getzen.....	33	2	35
M. Creek } S. Branch }	Monthly... J. A. Lewis.....	J. A. Lewis.....	27	2	29

Several short speeches were made by different brethren. The Committee appointed by the Association was received, and reported through Bro. McCallum, which report was received and adopted:

Having been appointed a Committee by the Association now in session, to recommend to your body the creation of a S. S. Board at some convenient point, also to nominate suitable persons for that Board, whose duty it shall be to stir up the churches to greater zeal in the Sunday School cause by correspondence, or otherwise; to correspond with the various publishers of S. S. books, and make arrangements for supplying the schools with books on the most reasonable terms, &c., would beg leave to report to your body that they have considered these various points, and would suggest Lake City as a suitable place, and brethren H. B. McCallum, K. Chambers, R. R. Moore, K. D. Edge, L. S. Moore, and O. P. Luther, as a suitable Board.

E. B. TIMMONS,
C. B. JONES,
R. TURNER,
B. W. BECKS,
H. B. McCALLUM, Committee.

It was moved that the different Sunday Schools be requested to send delegates and written statistics of their school to the next Convention.

Then adjourned to meet in Lake City during the meeting of the Association in October, 1871.

J. H. TOMKIES, Secretary.

E. B. TIMMONS, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SANTA FEE RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This Body shall be denominated the Santa Fee River Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. It shall be composed of such Churches as hold to the doctrine of Human Depravity; the Atonement of Christ; the election to Eternal Life; Regeneration and Perseverance of the Saints; Baptism by immersion of the person in water, administered to none but professed believers, and the Lord's Supper intended for those only who have been regularly admitted into the visible Church.

ARTICLE III. We take the only living and true God, in three Persons—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—to be one God.

ARTICLE IV. We take the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, to be the only rule of Faith and Practice, both in the concerns of religion, and the general affairs of life, and particularly for transacting the affairs of our Churches.

ARTICLE V. We take the Church of Christ to be a congregation of faithful persons, who live in fellowship, and have given themselves to the Lord and to one another, in cordial agreement to observe holy discipline, in conformity with the requirements of the Scriptures.

ARTICLE VI. We take Jesus Christ to be the Great Head of the Church, and the only one given; that the government under Him is with the body, and is the privilege of each individual member; that spiritual discipline with an eye single to the glory of God, must greatly conduce to the final prosperity and union of the Churches.

ARTICLE VII. In view of the increase of fraternal love, knowledge, usefulness, and efficiency which must accrue from an association of Churches, in cordial union upon the principles of the Gospel, we have sought to be thus united, that by individual and collective action, we may best subserve the great objects of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and the concurrence of two-thirds will dissolve the connection.

ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have power to withdraw its connection from any Church which shall act contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE IX. New Churches wishing to be admitted into this body, shall petition by letters and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly shall be admitted, by receiving the right hand of fellowship of the Moderator.

ARTICLE X. No Church shall have a right to more than two delegates unless she shall exceed one hundred in membership, and then shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty, after the first hundred.

ARTICLE XI. Every query sent to the Association by any Church in its union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority in favor it shall be taken up and debated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn; Provided, always, that those be first considered which effect the union of the Churches.

ARTICLE XII. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover.

ARTICLE XIII. Every member who speaks shall rise from his seat, and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted unless he depart from the subject.

ARTICLE XIV. No person shall speak more than three times upon one subject without permission of the body. The constitution of this body may be altered or amended by the concurrence of two-thirds of its members.

ARTICLE XV. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

ARTICLE XVI. It shall be the first business of this Association to provide for the general union of Churches; second, to provide for the destitution of the Churches and Districts, by missionary aid; third, to keep up a correspondence with other Associations of like faith and order, that a chain of communication may be preserved among the Churches; fourthly, to give the Churches the best advice they can in matters of difficulty.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

Prayer has been well defined, the offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to His will, in the name or through the intercession of Jesus Christ, by the help of the Holy Spirit, with a confession of our sins, and a thankful acknowledgment of his mercies. Every relation we sustain to Jehovah, whether as Creator, Preserver, Benefactor or Redeemer, has an excellency and loveliness, that the sincere and fervent prayer of faith can only unveil so as to make apparent, the several and collected glories of the whole. Without prayer we can form no proper estimate of the value of human existence, as it is comprehended in the economy of grace, connected also as it is, with the vision of God and eternal life. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." The Divine atonement made by sufferings and blood for the remission of sins, and to effect reconciliation and complete redemption by the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is a treasury of infinite love, which stands closed up, until opened by a spirit of humble, contrite prayer and faith. In the exercise of such a spirit, its inexhaustible stores are brought out and appropriated to the suppliant, who bows before the mercy seat. Nothing can supersede the necessity of prayer. Preaching, reading, hearing, singing, meditation, liberality, almsgivings, with all other duties and privileges, however valuable and essential, should they be unattended and unsanctified by prayer, are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. It is an inconceivable honor conferred upon the redeemed that they should be advanced to fellowship with the Father and the Son Jesus Christ. Prayer is the only direct medium through and by which, we commune and have converse "with Him in whom we live, and move, and have our being." How frequently are we commanded, warned and admonished in the inspired Word to pray, "to be instant in prayer." To "pray without ceasing." The testimony of Christ to Paul was conclusive of his discipleship: "Behold he prayeth." Praying and procuring spiritual blessings, are inseparable, standing in the relations of cause and effect. "Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." We now proceed to the consideration of personal, intercessory and public prayers. By personal prayers, we understand such as we engage in exclusively in our own behalf. We daily and hourly feel our need of looking to God for help and strength, and are encouraged to do so, by the promise: "And as thy days, so shall thy strength be." Have we already attained; are we already perfect? do we consider ourselves wholly sanctified in spirit, soul and body? do we believe that in our case, Divine Grace and the Holy Spirit are no longer needed to mete us for the inheritance of the saints in light? If such be our strong delusions, we wonder not that we have restrained prayer. Be not deceived; we need at this moment, the humble, fervent urgent prayer for grace, mercy and peace, through the blood of Jesus, in as high a degree as we did in the day of our espousals. Cease praying and you cease fighting; cease praying and God withdraws his Holy Spirit; cease praying and the Lord Jesus Christ has no work that you can perform to the advancement of his cause and his glory. Your church, your family, and your neighbors, must look elsewhere for an exemplar and spiritual assistance. Private personal prayer is as indispensable and essential to our sanctification and efficiency, as inhaling the atmosphere is to our physical vitality, growth and sustenance. Next we consider intercessory prayer as occupying higher grounds, giving evidence of greater spiritual love and enlargement. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." He who has so little regard for his own soul, and its prosperity as to neglect his private devotions, will never feel sufficient interest in the glory of God and the salvation of his family and his neighbors, to become an intercessor. Let us proceed, lastly, to the duty and privilege of supplication in public, or in the assemblies of the saints. The shortest prayer recorded with the testimony of Divine approval, was in the Jewish Temple: "God be merciful to me, a sinner." Surely there is no dweller in the house of the Lord, but can give

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Total.	Dead.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized.	Contributions.
Antioch.	Live Oak.	R. R. Moore,	C. Britson,	By Letter.	288							
• Macedonia.	Live Oak.	Z. Deas.	A. Mills.	Not represented.	78							19 00
• Mount Pleasant.	Weldon.	K. Chambers.	H. W. Morgan.	K. Chambers, R. R. Moore.	70							7 25
• Lake City.	Lake City.	H. B. McCallum.	A. A. Stewart.	O. P. Lather, H. B. McCallum.	24							27 50
• Falling Creek.	Lake City.			A. J. Hutchingson.	27							14 85
• Bethlehem.	Lake City.			W. P. Hardin, K. D. Edge.	27							27 23
• Elgin.	Lake City.	K. Chambers.	K. D. Edge.	E. Osteen, J. Truluck.	23							3 30
• Providence.	Lehatchney.	J. H. Tomkies.	F. M. Weeks.	R. Turner, J. W. Beiling, S. W. Cortley.	19							
• Mount Horsh.	Providence.	S. Sheffield.	Jas. Osteen.	J. Osteen, L. Kinsey.	19							
• Santa Fee Pond.	Newmanville.	S. Weeks.	A. Thomas.	A. Thomas.	9							
• N. P. Grove.	Newmanville.	J. McKinney.	N. J. Barry.	Not represented.	9							
• New River.	Lake Butler.	S. Weeks.	R. E. Lewis.	J. McKinney, A. Crosby.	3							1 00
• Mount Emom.	Lake Butler.	J. A. McKinney.	R. P. Hamilton.	T. L. Biech, F. Craft.	3							2 00
• Jonesville.	Archer.	S. Sheffield.	R. S. Tucker.	J. M. Brown.	2							22 22
• Pleasant Grove.	Morrison's Mills.	J. H. Tomkies.	H. Saunders.	H. V. Massey, W. S. Perry, Wm. Johnson.	17							133 17 00
• Elham.	Waldo.	W. Johnson.	M. C. Suggs.	E. B. Timmons, J. H. Tomkies.	17							76 8 50
• Paron.	Waldo.	C. B. Jones.	J. T. Cauthen.	M. N. Strickland, E. H. Padgett.	10							39 6 50
• Pental.	Palatka.	E. B. Timmons.	G. W. Gathensbee.	J. W. Thomas, J. J. Cannon.	3							55 2 50
• Gadara.	Starke.	E. B. Timmons.	A. Geiger.	By Letter.	3							11 3 75
• Beulah.	Starke.		W. R. Harris.	Not represented.	1							37 8 1 00
• Shaaron.	Green Cove.	B. W. Becks.	J. Snapp.	S. J. Riggs.	8							30 2 25
• Deep Creek.	Callahan.	E. B. Timmons.	J. J. Higginbotham.	J. J. Higginbotham, J. Braddock.	8							31 6 00
• Ephesus.	Baldwin.	G. A. Mallette.	J. A. Lewis.	W. Dyess, J. A. Lewis.	5							20 2 00
• Bethel.	King's Ferry.	F. C. Johnson.	J. Haddock.	Not represented.	5							31 31
• Ferrandina.	Jacksonville.		H. E. Cook.	F. C. Johnson, A. Prewatt.	4							34 12 00
• Midway.	Ferrandina.	Z. Deas.	L. Doyler.	Not represented.	4							18 1 75
• Bethesda.	Honston.	B. W. Becks.	E. B. Teakman.	E. Wilkinson.	4							8 1 00
• Ebenezer 1.	Palatka.	S. Sheffield.	J. L. Myers.	S. Sheffield, J. Smith.	4							85 4 00
• Ebenezer 2.	Bronson.	S. Weeks.	J. F. Prewatt.	S. Weeks, M. Roberts.	3							14 50
• Weyfair.	Starke.	Z. Deas.	M. McKinnis.	Not represented.	3							60 60
• Palatka.	New Troy.	C. B. Jones.	R. G. Mays.	P. P. Bishop, C. B. Jones.	6							2 00
• Santa Fee.	Palatka.	A. Crosby.	W. Adams.	W. H. Denmark.	3							14 2 00
• Mount Zion.	Waldo.		W. V. Buchanan.	W. N. Buchanan.	3							21 3 00
• Gainesville.	Lake City.	J. H. Tomkies.	L. Finley.	Thomas C. Ellis.	4							3 00
	Gainesville.				14							
Total.					107							124 15

utterance to this prayer, and even extend the supplications for mercy to his brethren and friends, with the addition of thanksgivings for all we have received. How many of us might go down to our houses justified, but from causes or considerations, which will never be approved. We utter no prayer before God in his sanctuary. "We know our duty, but we do it not." This timid and sinful non-compliance with a privilege so fraught with spiritual benefit to ourselves and others, we regard, as a duty that may be dispensed with in our own case. Making all allowances for those disadvantages which are usually resorted to as apologies and excuses, no child of God, who has duly reflected upon the subject, can escape the reproaches of his own conscience, with the publican's example before him. Religion, if "pure and undefiled," must be made manifest by action and expression; to be efficient, it will have to be manly and operative. There must be an outgoing of christian love and benevolence in some form. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," "For the love of Christ constraineth us." David said "I have not refrained my lips; O Lord, thou knowest, I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and thy salvation; I have not concealed Thy loving kindness and thy truth from the great congregations." Give me a membership distinguished for a spirit of sincere, constant and fervent prayer, and I will show you a city set upon a hill, and a body of valiant soldiery in full armor, that it would be folly to besiege and madness to fight against. If from the quarries which surround every church, there is found one stronger and more prosperous than all others, by continued additions of "lively stones," you may rest assured, that prayer has handled the spade, and faith has been the vehicle of conveyance. How vain are our expectations from learning, zeal and eloquence, unaccompanied by the united prayers of the Church; how unjust, if not cruel, to charge the want of success to the minister of our choice, who labors faithfully without an Aaron and Hur to stay up his feeble hands. My brethren, you desire evidences, ever increasing evidences of your discipleship; you have seasons of painful anxiety, whether your zeal, faith and service proceed from a real union with Christ. How often does the question agitate your breast: "Do I love the Lord or no,—am I His or am I not." Believe me, there is but one remedy for this painful want of assurance. Your only recourse, is daily, earnest, heartfelt prayer. Ease and quietness of mind proceeding from any other quarter, will most certainly prove fallacious. You desire a household of faith, the salvation of those committed to your care, nurture and admonitions; let prayer and praise, as sweet incense, ascend morning and evening from your family altars. You respect and honor your minister; hear him on your heart before the mercy seat, and forget not that you are closely identified with his good and evil, while he occupies the position of your undershepherd. Consider those with whom you are united in church fellowship, purchased of the same blood, children of the same Almighty Father, with whom you anticipate spending an eternal companionship of love and service. In conclusion, dear brethren, let each esteem himself as wholly identified with the church of Christ upon earth, and consecrated to his service. You have been preserved from all iniquity, to be a peculiar people, zealous in the advancement of His Kingdom. "Peace on earth, and good will to men." Your obligations, privileges, promises, and prospects, imperatively demand your entire consecration to Him "who hath called you, with a holy calling," that you might be the sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty.