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OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SANTA FEE RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Bethel Baptist Church,

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,

OCTOBER 11, 12 AND 13, 1873.

K. CHAMBERS, MODERATOR, LAKE CITY, FLA.,
J. H. TOMKIES, CLERK, GAINESVILLE, FLA.,
E. P. HICKSON, TREASURER, LAKE CITY, FLA.,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

K. CHAMBERS, M. M. T. HUCHINGSON, K. D. EDGE,
H. B. MCCALLUM, A. A. STEWART.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator.
3. Letters from the Churches called for; read, and names of Delegates enrolled.
4. Petitionary Letters called for.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Inviting visiting Brethren to seats.
7. Letters of Correspondence called for.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Circular letter called for.
10. Reports of Standing and other Committees.
11. Queries called up and considered.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

B. W. BECKS, Palatka, Fla.	W. B. HIGH, Houston, Fla.
P. P. BISHOP, " "	G. A. MALLETT, Callahan, Fla.
K. CHAMBERS, Lake City, Fla.	H. B. McCALLUM, Lake City, Fla.
J. J. CANNON, Palatka, Fla.	R. B. MOORE, Live Oak, Fla.
Z. DEAS, Houston, Fla.	E. B. TIMMONS, Waldo Fla.
C. B. JONES, Palatka, Fla.	J. H. TOMKIES, Gainesville, Fla.
W. E. STANTON, Palatka, Fla.	B. W. WHILDEN, Jacksonville, Fla.
S. FRENCH, Lake City, Fla.	S. SHEFFIELD, Bronson, Fla.
M. A. CLONTS, Welborn, Fla.	M. N. STRICKLAND, Waldo, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

C. A. KOGER, Palatka, Fla.	J. A. LEWIS, Callahan, Fla.
G. A. PENDERVIS, Callahan, Fla.	

MINUTES

OF THE

SANTA FEE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

JACKSONVILLE, October 11th, 1873.

The Santa Fee River Association met with the Bethel Church Jacksonville, Fla., at 11 o'clock, Saturday October 11th, 1873.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Tomkies, from Phil. I-21: "To me to live is Christ."

After which, on motion of Bro. P. P. Bishop, the Association proceeded to organize.

Letters from the churches were presented and read, and names of delegates enrolled.

The Association then adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Letters from several churches were handed in and read.

A petitionary letter was received from Beulah Church, Putnam county, asking for membership in the Association. On motion the Church was received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

The Association was then permanently organized by re-electing Elder K. Chambers, Moderator, Elder J. H. Tomkies, Clerk, and Bro. E. P. Hickson, Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Bro. J. W. Pinholster was received as corresponding messenger from the New River Association.

Bro. A. J. Huchingson was invited to a seat to aid us by his counsel and advice.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church with brethren Getzen, Weeks and J. W. Brown.

On Letters and Queries.—Brethren Whilden, Timmons, Ellis and McCallum.

On Sunday Schools—Brethren B. W. Becks, A. W. Hinson and K. D. Edge.

On Finance—Brethren W. S. Perry, J. M. Sparkman and W. P. C. Harjin.

On Nominations—Brethren J. H. Tomkies, J. M. Brown and H. V. Massey.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Brethren T. W. Getzen, J. W. Thomas and R. R. Moore.

On Missions—Brethren P. P. Bishop, M. A. Clonts and W. E. Stanton.

On Ministerial Education—Brethren W. E. Stanton, J. H. Tomkies and T. W. Getzen.

On Religious Periodicals—Brethren J. H. Tomkies, H. B. McCallum, M. A. Clonts, P. P. Bishop, R. R. Moore and K. Chambers.

The Association then adjourned to meet Monday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, October 12, 1873.

The Missionary Sermon was preached in Bethel Baptist Church by Bro. P. P. Bishop. After which \$23.50 were collected for missions. The pulpit of the Newman Street Presbyterian Church was occupied morning and evening by ministers of the Association, as also the pulpits of the two colored Baptist churches of Jacksonville. The services at the different churches were largely attended and deeply interesting.

MONDAY, October 13, 1873.

The Association was opened with religious exercises.

Bro. J. H. Smith was received as corresponding messenger from the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Bro. H. B. McCallum appeared and took his seat as a delegate from the Lake City Church.

The Antioch, Clay Land, Cypress Lake, Mount Zion, Macedonia and Way-fair churches asked for letters of dismission to unite with other churches in constituting a new Association. On motion their request was granted.

The Committee on Nominations made a report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations recommend the following appointments: To preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. M. A. Clonts; Alternate, Bro. W. E. Stanton. To preach the Missionary Sermon, Bro. B. W. Whilden; Bro. J. H. Tomkies, Alternate.

Bro. Whilden read the report on

LETTERS AND QUERIES.

The Committee on Letters and Queries would report as follows: They find requests from churches for the next meeting of the Association, namely: Elim, Eliam, and Palatka. They recommend that our next meeting be held with the Elim Church, Columbia county. They find the following query from the Bethlehem Church: "Should we receive members from Anti Missionary Baptist churches on their Anti-Missionary baptism?" The Committee recommend that our churches exercise discretion in this matter and not receive any who deny that the Gospel is a means of bringing sinners to repentance.

B. W. WHILDEN, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Bro. J. H. Smith represented the Domestic and Indian Mission and Sunday School Board of the S. B. C., and received a cash contribution of \$14.05 which was placed in Bro. Whilden's hands.

Bro. T. W. Getzen read the report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, which was adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons make the following report: Ministers died, one; Deacons died four. Bro. S. J. Riggs, a member of Shilo Church and a Licentiate, departed this life in February last. Bro. Riggs was a young man of deep piety and much promise, and had his life been spared we feel that he would have accomplished much good in the cause of Christ. His death while so young, full of hope and future usefulness, is but another manifestation of the ways of that inscrutable Providence to which we must all bow, and may we, like our beloved brother, be able to say not our will but Thine be done."

Bro. Wiley Roberts, Deacon of Cypress Lake Church, died 11th of February.

Bro. Allen Geiger, Deacon of Sharon Church, died 7th of June.

Bro. T. R. Polk, Deacon of Mt. Horeb Church, died the 10th of March, in the full triumph of a living faith. He was a man of great influence in his community and has left a large family and many friends to mourn his loss.

These dispensations of God's providence in our Association call to us in loudest tones to work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. And may we brethren so labor and work in the cause of our Divine Master, that when time with us shall cease, we may, like our brethren who have passed on before us, die in the full triumphs of a living faith and be forever blessed.

T. W. GETZEN, Chairman.

Bro. B. W. Becks read the report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools would report, that only twelve churches make any mention of Sunday Schools as in operation. Only eight of these give full and reliable reports of their schools. From these reports we gather the following statistics:

NAME.	SUPT.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.	SCHOL-ERS.	PAPERS.	BOOKS.	EXPEN-SES.
Lake City.....	H. B. McCallum,	14	60	40	250	\$81.00
Cypress Lake...	Wm. Holmes,	2	27			2.00
Bethlehem,.....	K. D. Edge,	4	25	48	75	6.00
Elim.....	T. W. Getzen,	3	30			10.00
Jonesville.....	W. P. Miller,	3	22			
Bethel.....	T. J. Mott,	7	57	60	200	
Pleasant Grove..	A. H. Perry,	12	76	30	50	10.00
Pine Grove.....	A. B. Ward,	7	31			

Your Committee can but express regret that no more churches report Sabbath Schools. We are sure that the above table does not exhibit the full Sunday School work within our bounds, and in order to stir up the churches to labor in this cause we recommend the holding of a Sunday School Convention at Lake City, or some other point to be named by the Association, at an early day, and we would urge all the Sunday Schools to send delegates to said Convention.

We also recommend all the schools to take *Kind Words*, published by the Domestic and Indian Mission and Sunday School Board of the S. B. C., at Marion, Alabama.

And we would urge upon the brethren and churches to prosecute with earnestness the Sunday School work, feeling that the proper instructing and indoctrinating of the rising generation is the hope of the churches.

B. W. BECKS, Chairman.

Brethren Robert Thomas and Benj. Linton (colored) were received as messengers from the Nazarene Baptist Association.

The report on Religious Periodicals was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

It is well known to you brethren that our paper, the FLORIDA BAPTIST has been in existence now nearly a year. It has more than met our most sanguine expectations. It has already accomplished a good work, is growing in interest and usefulness, and is well worthy of our full confidence and support. Fully realizing the power of the press and feeling the necessity of our organ to disseminate our doctrines and give support to every good cause, we must not allow it to fail from lack of energy and liberality on our part. We feel that the paper must be sustained, and we should unite our best efforts to put it upon a secure foundation. Therefore

Resolved, 1. That we heartily indorse the FLORIDA BAPTIST, as conducted by Elder H. B. McCallum.

Resolved, 2. That Bro. McCallum, in the editorial conduct and management of the paper has shown himself fully competent to the work and deserves our sincere thanks for his earnest and indefatigable labors.

Resolved, 3. That we, the delegates of this Association do heartily and unitedly give our support to the FLORIDA BAPTIST, pledging ourselves to work in our respective churches to increase its circulation and place it upon a permanent foundation.

Pending the adoption of the report, several stirring speeches were made, all heartily commending the paper, and \$23.55 was collected and placed in Bro. McCallum's hands to be used at his discretion in the support of the paper.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Santa Fee River Association in account with E. P. Hickson, Treasurer:

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May 31	To cash paid Rev. S. Sheffield, Missionary.....	\$30.00
June 29	" " " Rev. B. W. Becks, ".....	15.00
July 10	" " " " " ".....	3.00
	Postage and P. O. Money Orders.....	38
	Whole amount.....	\$48.38
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May 31	By cash from Eliam Church.....	\$ 5.00
" " "	" " " Providence Church.....	5.35
" " "	" " " Saluda Church.....	5.00
" " "	" " " Columbia Union.....	21.00
June 19	" " " H. V. Massey.....	5.00
" 29	" " " Columbia Union.....	16.15
July 10	" " " Putnam Union.....	3.00
	Total.....	\$60.62
	Balance in Treasury.....	\$12.12

E. P. HICKSON, Treasurer.

The Association then adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after religious exercises, proceeded to business.

The report on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance make the following report:

Amount sent up by the churches.....	\$267.45
Vouchers from J. S. Turner.....	10.00
" " K. Chambers.....	15.00
" " A. D. Wilder.....	5.00
" " S. Sheffield.....	15.00
B. W. Becks on pledges.....	20.00
In hands of Treasurer.....	12.12
Collected on Sunday.....	23.50
Received in cash.....	2.55

Whole amount..... \$370.50

W. S. PERRY, Chairman.

The Executive Committee read their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee make the following report:

We have carried out so far as we could your instructions at your last meeting. You selected three fields to be occupied by missionaries. We succeeded in getting laborers to enter two of these fields. Bro. Sheffield was employed at the last meeting of the Association to labor on the Levy county mission. He has traveled 2348 miles, preached 180 sermons, made 14 addresses, baptized 39, restored 11, organized 2 churches and 2 Sunday Schools. There are 3 church buildings in course of erection on his field. He has received from the field \$311.05. The Executive Committee were to supplement his salary by \$100.00. Of this they have paid \$30.00. Amount still due \$70.00.

Bro. B. W. Becks was employed to labor on the Nassau Mission, but he was not able to enter upon his duties until February. He has traveled 2114 miles, preached 106 sermons, made 30 addresses, religious visits attended with prayer 130, baptized 29. He has collected on his field \$184.45. We were to supplement Bro. Becks' salary by \$100.00, of which we have paid him \$53.00, leaving amount still due \$47.00.

K. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

The following brethren promised to give five dollars each for Association Missions; J. M. Brown, A. J. Huchingson, J. W. Thomas, G. A. Pendarvis, J. W. Brown, J. M. Sparkman, H. V. Massey, W. J. Hamilton, J. J. Higginbotham, K. D. Edge, E. B. Timmons, T. W. Getzen and W. S. Nest. The following brethren promised ten dollars each: B. W. Becks, K. Chambers, W. S. Perry and S. Sheffield. Bro. N. Foreacre promised two dollars, F. M. Weeks thirteen dollars, and J. W. Beiling twenty. The Jacksonville Baptist Church (Bethel) promised \$70.00. Since which the Elim Church has pledged \$15.00.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That every Church connected with this Association, that has a Sunday School, be requested to send to the Sunday School Convention

each year a full report of its school, embracing its work during the year, number of teachers and scholars, names of superintendent and other officers, number of books in library, what paper is taken, if any, and number of copies.

Resolved. 2. That the pastors and delegates to the Association be instructed to see that the Sunday School sends its report each year.

Delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, viz: E. B. Timmons, J. H. Tomkies, F. M. Weeks, S. Sheffield, K. Chambers, G. B. Ellis, E. Earle, B. W. Beeks, B. W. Whilden, F. Polk.

On motion it was resolved to hold a Sunday School Convention with the Lake City Church, the Church to fix the time and make all necessary arrangements.

Appointed the following correspondents:

To the *Alachua Association*—W. S. Perry, B. W. Beeks, J. H. Tomkies, S. Sheffield and H. V. Massey.

To the *Mercer Association*—K. Chambers and H. B. McCallum.

To the *Florida Association*—K. Chambers and H. B. McCallum.

To the *West Florida Association*—H. B. McCallum.

To the *New River Association*—J. H. Tomkies, J. M. Sparkman and H. V. Massey.

On motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the members of the Bethel Baptist Church and citizens of Jacksonville for their hospitality extended to the delegates of this Association during its session; also to the different churches which kindly offered their houses of worship to the use of the Association, and to the Rail Roads and boat lines for passing the members for one fare.

The Clerk was instructed to have 800 copies of the minutes printed, and that he receive \$25 for his services.

The Finance Committee were directed to turn over all funds in their hands to Bro. McCallum.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand given, and after prayer by Bro. E. B. Timmons, the Association adjourned to meet with Elim Church, Columbia county, Fla., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1874.

K. CHAMBERS, Moderator,

J. H. TOMKIES, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1873.

Churches.	Post Offices.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Delegates.	Total.....	Dead.....	Restored.....	Excluded.....	Dis'd by Letter.....	Rec'd by Letter.....	Baptized.....
Arlwood	Live Oak	R R Moore	C Brinson	R F Moore, Wm State	48	1	1	1	9	2	81
Bethlehem	Lake City	R W Beeks	R D Edge	W T C Harsh, K D Edge	56	1	1	1	2	3	83
Beulah	Panola	H W Moore	H E Myers	U A Koger	40	1	1	1	2	7	51
Brith	Starks	W W Knicker	T S Miller	No Delegates.	36	1	1	1	4	7	51
Bethesda	Jacksonville	R W Moore	J L Myers	E H Palgait, J L Myers	38	1	1	1	5	8	55
City Land	Fairbank	M A Clonts	H Roberts	No Delegates	16	2	2	2	1	1	22
Spring Lake	Lake City	R W Beeks	A D Wilder	A D Wilder, D F Jenkins	53	3	3	3	1	3	63
Elim	Tiger	J H Tomkies	Wm Dyess	Edi Thomas, N Force	27	2	2	2	10	1	39
Epibus	Lake City	E B Timmons	J E Simmons	T W Ge zen, G B Ellis	74	1	1	1	2	1	80
Elm zer	Waldo	E B Timmons	J E Simmons	E B Timmons	30	2	2	2	5	1	48
Gainesville	King's Ferry	E B Timmons	Jos Haddock	J Haddock, G W Haddock	48	2	2	2	1	1	54
Ga lava	Gainesville	E B Timmons	J F Pevatt	No Delegates	16	1	1	1	5	2	24
Hobson	Starks	B W Beeks	Aaron Geiger	J H Tomkies	17	1	1	1	5	1	25
Jonesville	King's Ferry	H B Moore	J Mills	Aaron Geiger	22	1	1	1	4	2	32
Lake City	Archer	H B Moore	W P Miller	J M Brown, W J Hamilton	43	1	1	1	4	8	55
Meedola	Lake City	R R Moore	F J Hall	J M Brown, H B McCallum	47	1	1	1	4	8	59
Mount Pleasant	Wetborn	S Sh. Clonts	B L Morgan	No Delegates	22	1	1	1	2	1	28
Mount Horeb	Wetborn	W B High	W N Buchanan	K Okand, K Z Bell	24	1	1	1	2	1	29
Midway	Hou- ton	J H Tomkies	W B High	No Delegates	22	1	1	1	2	1	29
Pleasant Grove	Morrison's Mills	M N Strickland	J L. Cauffman	Wm Ogen, K Z Bell	24	1	1	1	2	1	29
Pennal	Waldo	W E Stanton	G Weatherstone	No Delegates	38	1	1	1	2	1	43
Palaha	Palaha	S S. Stuchfield	K G Skys	J W Timmons, J L Becka	29	1	1	1	3	3	38
Prime Grove	Branson	H B Tomkies	Jas R. Steinfeld	P P Bishop, W E Stanton	29	1	1	1	3	3	38
Providence	Lake City	E B Timmons	K W Geiger	S Shephid, F Bokk	124	1	1	1	3	3	134
Salem	Green Cove Springs	B W Beeks	D H Higginbotham	J W Brown, Wm Swilley, J W Belling	16	1	1	1	2	2	22
Saluda	Walden	A. Crosby	W Adams	W M Ridgs, A Strickland	16	1	1	1	2	2	22
Wayfar	New Troy		M McKinnis	G A Pendarvis, J J Higginbotham	20	1	1	1	2	2	29
Total				J M Sparkman, H V Massey	60	2	2	2	10	1	80
				No Delegates	123	63	63	63	37	5	9 1409

FINANCIAL REPORT.

H. B. McCALLUM, Secretary and Treasurer of Executive Committee, to Santa Fee River Association,

DR.

1872.	To amount on hand after paying all indebtedness at last Association.....	\$ 26.50
	To cash from Mount Zion Church.....	2.80
	“ “ “ Union at Cypress Lake Church.....	7.85
	“ “ “ Clay Land Church.....	1.50
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		\$ 38.65

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	By cash paid Bro. Tomkies for Minutes additional to amount paid at Association.....	\$33.50
	By uncurrent money.....	50— 34.00
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	Balance on hand.....	\$ 4.65

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1873.	To balance from last year.....	\$ 4.65
	“ Amount from Finance Committee at Jacksonville, cash and vouchers.....	370.62
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		\$375.27

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	By amount paid to Bro. W. Becks in cash and vouchers.....	\$82.00
	“ “ paid S. Sheffield in cash and vouchers... ..	70.00
	“ “ paid J. H. Tomkies, Clerk.....	25.00
	“ “ paid for printing Minutes.....	50.00— 227.00
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	Balance on hand, cash and vouchers.....	\$148.20

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