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G. T. LEITNER, CLERK,..... " " "

K. D. EDGE, TREASURER,..... " " "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st. Introductory Sermon.
- 2nd. Association called to order by Moderator.
- 3rd. Reading Letters and Enrolling names of Delegates.
- 4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 5th. Election of Officers, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
- 6th. Visiting Brethren invited to seats.
- 7th. Letters of Correspondence.
- 8th. Appointment of Committees.
- 9th. Reading Circular Letters.
- 10th. Report of Committees.
- 11th. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention, and other Associations.
- 12th. Miscellaneous Business.
- 13th. Adjournment.

OFFICERS.

T. W. GETZEN, Moderator. Lake City, Fla.  
 G. T. LEITNER, Clerk, Lake City, Fla.  
 K. D. EDGE, Treasurer, Lake City, Fla.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

C. V. WAUGH, G. W. McCra, H. M. KING.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION, AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

L. French, ..... Lake City, Fla.  
 G. W. Hall, ..... Banana, "  
 H. M. King, ..... Gainesville, "  
 W. C. Lee, ..... Lake City, "  
 H. B. McCallum, ..... Jacksonville, "  
 W. D. Perry, ..... Gainesville, "  
 J. G. Taylor, ..... Mt. Tabor, "  
 C. V. Waugh, ..... Gainesville, "  
 B. R. Meseley, ..... Lake City, "  
 G. T. Leitner, ..... Lake City, "  
 J. B. Mays, ..... Jacksonville, "

LIECENIATES.

A. J. Cone, ..... Lake City, Fla.

FIRST DAY.

Providence Church, Bradford County, Florida. Sunday October, 10, 1880.

In accordance with appointment, the Santa Fe River Baptist Association met with the Providence Church, in its twenty-fourth annual session, Sunday, October 10, 1880. (Prevented from meeting on the 9th, on account of high water) Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Caldwell, of the Suwannee Association, from Luke, 14th chapter and 18th verse.

SECOND DAY.

October 11th, 1880.—The body was called to order by former Moderator. Received and read letters from churches, and recorded names of delegates as follows:

Eliam.—T. W. Thompson.

Elin.—G. T. Leitner, T. W. Getzen, G. B. Ellis, J. P.

Perry.

Lake City.—E. P. Hickson.

Providence.—J. G. Taylor, K. D. Edge, A. C. Odom, L. T.

Gay.

Phillippi.—J. W. Cone, H. K. Williams, John Vinzent, Sr. Pleasant Grove.—W. H. Sanders, R. B. Weeks.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of officers, when Bro. T. W. Getzen was elected Moderator, and G. T. Leitner Clerk.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats.

Elder J. M. Caldwell and S. Wilder were received as corresponding Messengers from the Suwannee Association.

The following Committees appointed:

On Letters and Queries.—E. P. Hickson, K. D. Edge J. W. Cone.

On Finance.—G. K. Ellis, T. W. Thompson, H. R. Williams.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. H. Sanders, K. D. Edge, J. Vinzent.

On Religious Periodicals.—J. G. Taylor, G. T. Leitner, R. B. Weeks.

On Missions.—A. C. Odom, J. P. Perry, J. G. Taylor.

On Nominations.—E. P. Hickson, H. R. Williams, L. T. Gay.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons.—T. W. Thompson, G. B. Ellis, W. H. Sanders.

On Temperance.—J. G. Taylor, H. K. Williams, E. P. Hickson.

On motion Association adjournment for one hour. After partaking of refreshments, the body assembled in the house, and after prayer, the Association proceeded to business.

The Association received through Elder J. G. Taylor, from Bro. A. J. Hutchinson, five dollars and his christain love, for

ON FINANCE.

We the Committee on Finance make the following report.  
Received from the Churches for Associational purposes.

Elim, .....	\$11 25	Elim, .....	\$ 6 00
Phillippi, .....	9 40	Bapt' Tabernacle, .....	3 35
Lake City, .....	5 50	Providence, .....	1 50
A. J. Hutchinson, .....	5 00	B. R. Moseley, .....	25
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$42 25</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
G. B. ELLIS, Chairman.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We the Committee on Sabbath Schools, make the following report; from the small number of churches represented, the report of the Sabbath Schools are very meagre, but, from churches reported we derive the following information.

Number of Teachers and Officers.....	50
" " Scholars .....	333
" " Conversions.....	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>383.</b>

Brethren, in making this report, we urge upon the Association and churches the importance of fostering the Sabbath School cause. From the children of our country, our churches and our denomination are to be maintained: We cannot afford to neglect the young of our country, they are our hope, both in our churches and State. We earnestly recommend to each church, that it organize a Sabbath School and contribute liberally to its support.

W. H. SANDERS, Chairman.

ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Religious Literature, would respectfully report; That we deeply deplore the neglect of the divine injunction, "Search the Scriptures," and would urge a more systematic study of God's Words. We also recommend the "Christain Index," of Alanta, Ga., and "Baptist," of Memphis, Tenn., as sound Baptist papers; and for our Sabbath Schools, "Kind Words," published at Macon, Ga.

J. G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

which, upon motion the body returned a vote of thanks to Bro. Hutchinson.

On motion of Bro J G Taylor;

*Resolved*, That the following churches be dropped, from the present roll of membership, for not having been represented in this body for three years: Corinth, Ephesus, Mt Horeb, New Providence and Spring Grove.

On motion of Brother J G Taylor;

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be intructed to communicate at once, with Bethlehem, Beulah, Gainesville and Micanopy, asking them for their statistics and contributions, so as to get them in the present Minutes.

The following Brethren were appointed as an Executive Committee: C V Waugh, G McCrea, H M King.

The following brethren were appointed as Messengers to sister Associations:

*To the Suwannee Association* —J G Taylor, G T Leitner, T W Getzen.

*To the New River Association* —Elder G T Leitner, J G Taylor.

*To the Alachua Association* —W H Sanders.

*To the Harmony Association* L T Vinzant, B C Gay.

*To the State Convention.*—Elder B. R. Moseley, J. G. Taylor, G. T. Leitner, Brethren T. W. Getzen, E. P. Hickson.

On motion of Brother E. P. Hickson;

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Providence church, and citizens of vicinity, for their uniform courtesy and kindness to us, during the sesion of this body.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk of this Association be instructed to have five hundred copies of Minutes printed, and that he make the best contract possible, for the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for his services.

Report of Committees were received and adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned, to meet with the Elaim church, Putnam County, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November, 1881. Closed with prayer by Elder J. M. Caldwell.

G. T. LEITNER, Clerk.

T. W. GETZEN, Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Letters and Queries report; that they have carefully examined the letters, and find but little to report, as there has been no queries sent up.

Respectfully submitted,

K. D. EDGE, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

K. D. EDGE, Treasurer;

In account with the Santa Fe River Association.  
1879.

Amount received from Executive Committee.....	Dr.	\$97 02
" " " Bro. Carlton.....		2 55
" " " T. B. Ellis.....		7 12
" " " Gainsville Church.....		12 75
" Returned by T. W. Getzen, Clerk.....		4 00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$123 44</b>

By amount paid T. W. Getzen for printing and distributing minutes and charges as clerk.....	Cr.	\$ 50 00
" " " J. R. Sheffield, Missionary.....		32 00
" " " W. N. Chaudoin.....		16 70
" " " Mrs. Tompkins.....		6 00

1880 Total \$103 70  
October 11th To balance in treasury this date \$19 74  
Respectfully tendered with vouchers,  
K. D. EDGE, Treasurer.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report that they have examined the field, and find large destitutions more or less, in all portions of our Association, and other denominations are coming in and possessing the land, while we seem to be lying on our oars. We are of the opinion, that it will remain so until each church becomes a Missionary Society. We are also constrained to fear that much of this blame lies at the door of the Ministers, by their neglecting to bring the matter urgently before their people.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. C. ODOM, Chairman.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, beg leave to report, that they have not heard of the death of any of our Ministers, for which we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father. Yet with sadness of heart are we called on to chronicle the death of two of our most pious and efficient deacons, to wit: J. W. Brown, of Providence, and Ezekiel Denard, of Elim. Both of the brethren were elderly, but zealous, faithful, good deacons, and of great help to their churches and neighborhoods. Both have left families and many friends to mourn their loss.

T. W. THOMPSON, Chairman.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully report, that it is with great pain that we observe the almost universal use of intoxicating liquors in our land; the evil, creeping even within our churches. As the many means resorted to as a remedy, have so far, failed to restrain the evil, we would respectfully request our State Legislature to enact a local option liquor law, at their next session, for the benefit of each neighborhood. We also recommend that a copy of this report be furnished to each Senator and Representative, within the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully,  
J. G. TAYLOR, Chairman.

ON NOMINATIONS.

We the Committee on Nominations submit the following report:  
First, That the next session of this body be held with the Eliam Church, Putnam County, Florida, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in November, 1881.

Second, That Elder H. M. King preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder G. W. Hall, alternate

Third, That Elder C. T. Leitner preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder C. W. Waugh, Alternate,

E. P. HICKSON, Chairman

The Executive Committee reported verbally through their chairman, nothing done.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Total	Contributions
Eliam	1	SB Forlay, Banana.....	4 18	22	9
	2	T W Thompson, Banana.....	7 24	31	
Elim		G B Ellis, Mikesville.....	12 96	118	15
Gainsville		W A Bacon, Gainesville.....	15 75	90	3
Lake City.		T S Chalker, Lake City.....	10 81	91	
Phillippi		T C Carroll, Mikeville.....	5 20	35	4
Tabernacle	1	Jacksonville.....	10 50	60	
	2	Jacksonville.....	8 60	68	
Total			71 424	505	27

## Statistical Table.

CHURCHES,	Post Office,	Pastor,	Clerk,	Delegates,	Days of Preaching	Total	Dead	Excluded	Dis. by letter	Restored	Rec'd by letter	Baptised
Bethlehem *	Lake City	W C Lee	S R OQuin		75	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beulah *	Starke	W L Kickliter	Jesse Thomas		42	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eliam	Banana	H M King	O H Parker	T W Thompson [J P Terry	117 4th	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elim	Lake City	G T Leitner	A J Cone	G T Leitner, T W Getzen, G B Ellis,	126 2K3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gainesville	Gainesville	C V Waugh	T B Ellis	E P Hickson	72 e s'y	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake City *	Lake City	B M Moseley	T S Chalke		44 e s'y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Micanopy *	Micanopy	H M King	J D Johnston		18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previdance	Mt. Tabor	G T Leitner	R C Martin	J G Taylor, K D Edge, A C Odum	90 2nd	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phillipi	Mt. Tabor	H M King	T R Watts	J W Cone, H R Williams, J Vinzant	49 4th	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pleasant Grove *	Morrisons Mill	J B Mays	T J Mott	W H Sanders, R B Weeks	85	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tabernacle, Bap.	Jacksonville			By Letter	67 e s'y	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
					49 49	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
					332	12	7	7	7	7	7	7
					789							

Those marked \* are taken from old Minutes.