

Campbell ✓
MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Florida Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

Commencing on the 17th day of October, 1874.

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MINUTES.

THE WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Friendship Church October 17th, 1874, and according to previous appointment, the Introductory sermon was preached by R. C. B. Lawrence, from John, 6th Chapter and 44th verse. "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

Refreshments, and one and a half hours intermission, and the delegates convened in the Church house and was called to order by the former Moderator.

The letters were handed in, and after the reading of them by Bros. L. R. Sims and D. Rogers, the body was permanently organized by electing Thos. E. Langley Moderator, and W. J. Daniel Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, and letters from the following Churches were handed in and read: Concord, Paradise Grove, Memphis and Selma. They were found orthodox, and the right hand of fellowship extended their delegates.

Received corresponding Brethren as follows: From the Judson, L. R. Sims, D. Rogers, T. S. Stapleton, D. Coonrod, James Coonrod, J. P. Jordan, Joshua Mercer, F. A. Grimsley.

From the Newton, James M. Poyner.

W. J. Cook, T. A. Paramore and the delegates from Friendship Church were appointed a Committee on Preaching, and appointed J. W. Johnson to preach to-night, T. E. Langley on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, and L. R. Sims at 2 P. M.

Called for volunteers as correspondents, and T. E. Langley, W. J. Boone, W. J. Godwin, W. A. Mann and W. J. Daniel volunteered to go to the Judson Sylvester; Martin Henry Dorcey, T. E. Langley, J. W. Rawles, A. C. McNeil, Emanuel Kirkland and J. W. Johnson to go to the Newton; and T. E. Langley and W. J. Godwin to the General Association, to meet with the Troy Church, Pike County, Alabama.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Finance—E. N. Dekle, W. A. Gainer, James Rawles.

On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Johnson, A. Pumphrey, J. W. Saxon.

On Nominations—N. B. Long, W. J. Boone, H. Daffin.

On Deceased Ministers—W. Gainer, L. M. Sapp, S. W. Mercer.

On Missions—R. C. B. Lawrence, John Stuart, W. J. Cook.

On Documents—W. A. Mann, W. A. Elmore, Z. Johnson.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The congregation assembled at the stand and was addressed by T. E. Langley, from Philippians, 2d chapter and 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th verses. "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God," &c. At the close of the service a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$15 71.

At 2 p. m. L. R. Sims preached from Zachariah, 6th and 12th. Theme, "The Lord building his spiritual temple; illustrated by the building of Solomon's temple; Solomon building by instrumentality; so the Lord uses his people in the building of his temple."

MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Read and adopted Minutes of Saturday and Sabbath.

Called and corrected list of delegates.

Renewed the call for correspondents, also petitionary letters.

Elected former Executive Committee, (R. C. B. Lawrence, Wm. Boone, W. J. Cook, A. Bevis and N. B. Long,) by acclamation.

Read and adopted report on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Nominations nominate John Stuart to preach the Introductory sermon at the meeting of the next Association.

Report on Deceased Ministers read and adopted.

The report on Missions was read and pending its adoption the Moderator took occasion to speak in behalf of *Missions*, showing that the moneys spent for that purpose within the bounds of the West Florida Association during this associational year had done great good.

The report was adopted.

Report on Documents read and adopted.

An opportunity was given for the payment of pledges made at the last Association, and the amount of \$109 was paid; also \$107 was pledged to be paid at the next Association.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Agreed to pay the Clerk \$30 for his services and expend \$33.90 for Minutes, that being the amount sent up by the Churches for that purpose.

Agreed to turn over our funds to the Executive Committee of the West Florida Association for them to dispose of as they think best.

A committee of four, consisting of T. E. Langley, W. J. Godwin, W. J. Cook and W. J. Daniel, were appointed to correct the references of our articles of faith.

Resolved, That our friends at Friendship Church and vicinity have our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our present session.

Adjourned to meet with the Church at Campbellton, Fla., on the 3d Sabbath and Saturday before in October, 1875.

THOS. E. LANGLEY, Moderator.

W. J. DANIEL, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee feel thankful that there is no death to report among our ministering Brethren this year, but would make mention of the death of E. L. Holley, which should have appeared in the Minutes of 1872, but was neglected for want of knowledge of the fact.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. GAINER, Ch'n.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools do lament that no schools are reported at work. We hope the Brethren will all take more interest than has hitherto been manifested in this direction, and avail themselves of this method of preaching to the young. We recommend that every private member, Deacon and Preacher use more energy in getting up and keeping up an interesting Sabbath School at every Church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MANN, Ch'n.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report that, as far as they have learned, the Churches represented in your body have been supplied with preaching the past year—and a goodly number of them appear to be in a prosperous condition, which is cheering news to the hearts of all who feel interested in the prosperity of Zion; and we infer from the reading of the letters that the subject of Missions is being more deeply impressed upon the minds of the brethren than formerly, and we would suggest to your body that the subject be recommended to our ministering brethren, that it be kept before the members of their churches, that they may become willing to adopt the Apostle's rule of laying by as the Lord prospers them in contributing for this glorious cause, and there will be no lack for funds to supply the destitution within the bounds of this Association.

R. C. B. LAWRENCE, Ch'n.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to make the following report: That the Church at Campbellton requests that your body meet with them at its next session, and we recommend that you do so.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. MANN, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Sent up from	Minutes.	Miss'ns.	Asso'n.
Bethlehem, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	\$1 50	\$1 00	\$1 00
" " Bethesda, Geneva Co., Ala.,.....	1 00		
" " Cedar Pond, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	2 50		1 00
" " Campbellton, " ".....	2 50	6 45	2 50
" " Concord, " ".....	1 15		
" " Demascus, " ".....	1 50		
" " Ebenezer, Dale Co., Ala.,.....	1 00	50	
" " Ecoufina, Washington Co., Fla.,.....	1 00		2 00
" " Ebenezer, " ".....	1 00		1 00
" " Friendship, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	2 50	3 65	1 20
" " Greenwood, " ".....	2 50	4 55	2 50
" " Hickory Level, " ".....	50		1 10
" " Magnolia, Calhoun Co., Fla.,.....	1 00	2 00	25
" " Mt. Olive, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	2 00	30	30
" " Memphis, Henry Co., Ala.,.....	75		
" " Mt. Pleasant, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	1 50	1 25	
" " Orange Hill, Washington Co., Fla.,.....	2 00	3 00	2 00
" " Poplar Spring, Jackson Co., Fla.,.....	1 00		2 30
" " Providence, " ".....	3 00		3 30
" " Paradise Grove, " ".....	1 00		1 00
" " Rocky Grove, " ".....	1 50		1 50
" " Selma, Geneva Co., Ala.,.....	1 50		

\$33 90 \$22 70 \$23 55

E. N. DEKLE, Ch'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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By amount for Minutes,.....	\$	33 90
" " Missions,.....		22 70
" " Associational purposes,.....		23 55
" Received on Sabbath,.....		15 71
" of Pledges paid at this Association,.....		109 00
To amount paid Clerk for his services,.....		\$30 00
" " Printing Minutes,.....		33 90
" Turned over to General Association,.....		140 96
	\$	204 86
	\$	204 86

N. B. LONG, Treasurer.

DECORUM

Art. 1. Those members who are regularly chosen by the Churches in our union shall compose the Association.

Art. 2. The members so chosen shall produce letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association. Also, a statement of the amount of funds sent up by the delegates, and for what purpose, and any other contribution made during the year.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Art. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 5. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor by which she can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the Churches.

Art. 6. If newly constituted Churches, or others, desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and such reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Each Church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates until her number of members exceed fifty. For every twenty-five above that number she shall be allowed one additional delegate.

Art. 8. Every query sent to the Association by any of the Churches in this union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be discussed, and if there be a majority for discussion, it shall be taken up and considered; if not, it shall be withdrawn; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the Church.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it. The last motion shall be the first in order.

Art. 10. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, except he depart from the subject.

Art. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without permission from the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor shall any reflection be cast upon the speaker.

Art. 13. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the body, and the Association is not considered closed until after the farewell sermon is preached.

Art. 14. If any member shall break the rules of this Constitution he shall be immediately reprovved by the Moderator.

Art. 15. It is the business of the Association, 1st, to provide for the general union of the Churches; 2d, to keep up a correspondence with Associations of the same faith and order, that the chain of communication may be preserved among the Churches; 3d, to give the Churches the best advice in matters of difficulty, and if the communion between any of the sister Churches be broken, to inquire into the cause of the breach and use the best means to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be made up, to withdraw from any Church whom they shall look upon as unsound in principle or disorderly in practice, until she be reclaimed; 4th, to admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they shall deem it to be necessary; 5th, to appoint a Clerk to keep the records of every meeting of the Association, and to see that he is properly remunerated for his services; 6th, to have the Minutes read and corrected, if need be, before the Association rises, and have them printed if they think proper; 7th, to amend this plan of government at any time when a majority of the Association shall deem it necessary; 8th, to adjourn to any time and place considered most proper.

LIST OF PLEDGES DUE NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Miss Mollie Barnes,.....	\$10 00	Sister Hays	\$5 00
T. A. Paramore,.....	10 00	Mrs. Ammie Hinson,.....	5 00
W. J. Belser,.....	10 00	Mrs. S. C. Daniel,	5 00
J. H. Stephens,.....	10 00	L. Dekle,	5 00
Dr. Abernathy,.....	10 00	H. Sewell,.....	5 00
T. E. Langley,.....	10 00	M. Stephens,.....	5 00
W. J. Daniel,.....	10 00	A. Bevis,.....	5 00
E. N. Dekle,	10 00	Asa McNeil,.....	2 50
W. H. Taylor,.....	5 00	W. A. Mann,	2 50
W. J. Boone,.....	5 00	Sylvester Martin,	2 50
Wm. Boone,.....	5 00	J. T. Mann,.....	2 00
W. J. Cook,.....	5 00	Walter Gainer,.....	2 00
H. A. Dorey,.....	5 00	Miss Lou Godwin paid	2 00
Bro. Lynn,.....	2 50	H. G. McCallister,.....	2 00
J. M. Boone,.....	2 00	William Taylor,	1 00
J. W. Saxon,.....	1 00		

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES & COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS & POST-OFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized,.....	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored,....	Dismissed, ...	Excommunic'd,	Dead,.....	Total
Bethesda, Geneva Co., Ala.,	M. Osborn,.....	J. M. Davis, Big Creek,.....	H. McCallister,.....	3	2		2	2		26
Bethlehem, Jackson Co., Fla.,	J. Stuart,.....	J. J. Fenery, Marianna,.....	John Stuart, James Rawls,.....	1	2		2	2		13
Concord, Jackson Co., Fla.,	J. W. Johnson,.....	W. J. Belser, Neal's Landing	J. W. Johnson,.....	1	12		9	2		46
Cedar Pond, Jackson Co., Fla.,	L. R. Sims,.....	W. J. Daniel, Campbellton,...	W. J. Boone, T. A. Paramore,	8	1		1	1		43
Campbellton, Jackson Co., Fla.,	T. E. Langley,.....	J. White, Campbellton,.....	E. N. Dekle, W. J. Daniel,	1	2		1	1		54
Demascus, Jackson Co., Fla.,	M. Osborn,.....	G. W. Saxon, Beaver Creek,...	W. H. Taylor,.....	7	3		1	1		33
Ebenezer, Washington, Fla.,	P. Kizer,.....	W. A. Gainer, Ecoufina,.....	L. M. Sapp,.....	1						36
Ecoufina, Washington, Fla.,	D. Rogers,.....	L. Dekle, Greenwood,.....	J. W. Saxon, Walter Gainer,	2	2		2	2		17
Friendship, Jackson Co., Fla.,	T. E. Langley,.....	N. B. Long, Greenwood,.....	H. Sewell, J. H. Stephens,	1	1		6	2		41
Greenwood, Jackson Co., Fla.,	John Stuart,.....	L. Pomphrey, Marianna,.....	J. W. Godwin, W. J. Cook, N. B. Guy,	3	1		1	1		53
Hickory Level, Jackson Co., Fla.,	J. W. Johnson,.....	W. A. Mann, Campbellton,...	A. Pomphrey, Jesse Sewell,	1	1		2	2		18
Mt. Olive, Jackson Co., Fla.,	W. S. Musgrove,.....	Marianna,.....	W. A. Mann, Asa McNeil,	14	2		6	5		31
Magnolia, Calhoun Co., Fla.,	J. F. Taylor,.....	Jesse Bailey, Abes Spring,...	John Henderson,.....	13	3		3	1		51
Memphis, Henry Co., Ala.,	Thomas Dew,.....	H. A. Dorey, Big Creek,.....	Jesse Bailey,.....	5						18
Orange Hill, Washington, Co.,		R. M. Peel, Orange Hill,....	H. A. Dorey,.....	11						13
Providence, Jackson Co.,	J. T. Mann,.....	Z. Johnson, Circle Hill,....	T. E. Langley,.....	1						3
Poplar Spring, Jackson Co.,	J. T. Mann,.....	J. R. Dykes, Marianna,.....	J. J. Carpenter, Z. Johnson,	6				3		30
Paradise Grove, Jackson Co.,	J. T. Mann,.....	George Missen, Greenwood,...	H. Daffin, S. W. Messer,	2	6		4			35
Rocky Grove, Jackson Co.,	J. C. Skipper,.....	C. Dykes, Marianna,.....	J. T. Mann, S. W. Messer,	2	6		4			17
Selma, Geneva Co., Ala.,		S. Martin,.....	S. W. Mercer,.....	14	1		9	1		51
			Y. Folsom, S. Martin,.....	9	7		2	1		29
				99	67		15	49	15	8 698