

# MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## South Florida Baptist Association

HELD WITH

NEW HOPE CHURCH, MANATEE CO., FLA.,

NOV. 11TH AND 13TH, 1871.

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## MINUTES.

SATURDAY, November 11th.

The Introductory was preached by Elder S. WALDRON, at 11 o'clock, from 1st John, 3d chapter, 1st verse: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

A recess of one hour was given, after which the delegates assembled in the house, which was called to order by the former Moderator, by singing and prayer.

Letters from the Churches were then called for, and read.

Items 4th and 5th of the Order of Business were waived, so as to enable the body to elect regular officers previous to the call for Petitionary Letters.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association also act as Treasurer.

On balloting for regular officers, Elder L. J. SIMMONS was re-elected Moderator, and N. T. JONES was re-elected Clerk.

Appointed the following committees:

*On Preaching*—W. C. Hayman, J. W. Riggs, with delegates from this Church.

*On Finance*—W. C. Hayman, S. Waldron and J. M. Hayman.

*On Letters*—J. W. Hendry, W. C. Hayman, D. J. W. Boney.

*On Queries*—J. Hatcher, H. Messer, W. C. Hayman.

*On Publications*—Elders J. M. Hayman, S. Waldron and J. W. Hendry.

*Resolved*, That the 4th and 5th items of the Order of Business be so altered as not to permit the call for Petitionary Letters till the Association is organized.

In the meantime, Elder J. W. Hendry preached at the stand, from the subject of the Lord's Prayer: Matthew, 6th chapter, 9th to 13th verse. At night, Elder J. M. Hayman, from Romans, 1st chapter, 16th verse: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."



## LORD'S DAY PREACHING.

At 11 o'clock, Elder L. J. Simmons preached the Annual Sermon on Literature, from Deut., 6th chap., 7th verse: "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up."

At 3 o'clock, Elder S. Waldron preached from John, 3d chap., 14th and 15th verses: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

At night, Elder McKeown, from Psalms, 34th chapter, 8th verse: "O, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

## MONDAY, November 13th.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer, the roll was called. The minutes of Saturday were called for, and read, and the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Elder J. M. Hayman to write Corresponding Letter to Alachua and Santafee Associations.

Appointed Elders J. W. Hendry, S. Waldron, J. M. Hayman, L. J. Simmons, and H. Messer and W. C. Hayman, messengers to said Associations.

*Resolved*, That Elder S. Waldron be appointed to write Circular Letter, to be read and adopted at next Association.

Received reports of Standing Committees, which are appended.

*Resolved*, That we appoint a Ministers' and Deacons' meeting, to be held with Alafia Church, on fifth Sunday in December next, commencing on Friday before.

The following were appointed a Committee on Deceased Ministers: N. T. Jones, Elders J. M. Hayman, and J. W. Hendry.

*Resolved*, That union meetings be dispensed with in future.

*Resolved*, That the Churches of this Association be requested to appoint a vigilant committee in each, whose duty it shall be to aid the pastor in enforcing discipline, and to look after the general welfare of the Church,

*Resolved*, That this Association most earnestly urge the ministering brethren to supply to the utmost of their power, the call from the destitute portions of this Association, as it has no means with which to sustain a missionary.

*Resolved*, That at the next session of this body all churches who have not been represented for the past two years will be dropped from the roll.

The following queries were received: "1st. What does it take to constitute an ordained minister of the Gospel of Christ, of the Baptist denomination?"

*Resolved*, That we answer: 1st, Regeneration; 2d, Being baptized by a legal Baptist minister; 3d, call direct to that work; 4th, coming under the hands of a legal Presbytery of the Baptist church, in good order, by examination upon faith and doctrine; 5th, and that individual continuing in that calling, and thereby showing his faith by his works.

Query 2d. "Should a church allow testimony outside of Baptist churches to be given against members of the Church, which may attempt to discipline its disorderly members?"

*Resolved*, That in answer to the above, we say: "Only when there is no other way of proving the guilt or innocence of the party, and the church judge of the credibility of the testimony taken outside of it."

Application being made for a committee to visit New Hope Church, for the purpose of adjusting existing difficulties, the following were appointed: Elder J. M. Hayman W. C. Hayman and J. W. Hendry.

*Resolved*, That an executive committee be appointed to prosecute the project of establishing a Book Depository within the bounds of this Association. Elder S. Waldron, J. W. Riggs, Elder J. M. Hayman, N. T. Jones and Elder J. W. Hendry, were appointed.

*Resolved*, That the following ministers' names be struck from the roll for non-performance of duty: E. J. Hull, (L.) S. C. Craft, R. N. Pylant, (L.) D. Stanford, J. T. Humphries, S. L. Hancock, (L.) J. M. Hendry, (L.) T. K. Cole.

*Resolved*, That at the next session of this body, we will take into consideration the propriety of expunging the Articles of Faith of this Association.

*Resolved*, That this Body heartily endorse the sermon on

Literature, and the general diffusion of knowledge, by Elder L. J. Simmons, and request the churches composing this Association to look into the interests of schools in their midst, both Sabbath and literary.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and friends in this vicinity for their kind hospitality to us during our stay amongst them.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, (300 copies) and distribute them, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant Church, Manatee county, near Pine Level C. H., on Friday, before the second Sabbath in November, 1872.

N. T. JONES, *Clerk*.

L. J. SIMMONS, *Moderator*.

## APPENDIX.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

#### ON PREACHING.

The Committee on Preaching beg leave to report as follows: Elder J. M. Hayman, will preach at this camp-ground on Saturday night, at candle light—L. J. Simmons, alternate. On Sunday at 11 o'clock, Elder L. J. Simmons will deliver the annual sermon upon Literature, according to previous arrangement; at 3 o'clock, Elder S. Waldron—J. M. Hayman, alternate; at candle light, Elder W. P. McKeown, M. E. Church; on Monday at 11 o'clock, Elder S. Waldron—L. W. Simmons, alternate; at 3 o'clock, J. M. Hayman—J. W. Hendry, alternate; at the next Annual Session of this Body, Elder L. J. Simmons will preach the Introductory—J. M. Hayman, alternate, and Elder S. Waldron will preach the Annual sermon on Literature, at 11 o'clock Sunday—Elder J. W. Hendry, alternate. We recommend the next session of this Body be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Manatee county, on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, 1872.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HAYMAN, *Chairman*.

#### ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have received from the Churches for minutes, thirty-three dollars and twenty cents, (\$33 20.)

Respectfully submitted, W. C. HAYMAN, *Chairman*.

#### ON LETTERS.

The Committee on Letters beg leave to report, as follows: That several Churches make no mention of the time of their monthly meetings; that Maple Branch makes no mention of the total number of her members; that Mt. Olive (dissolved) be struck from the roll at its own request. We recommend that Churches state the address of their pastors. We recommend Bro. L. W. Simmons (licensed by Shiloh Church) to be placed on the minister's list. We earnestly recommend the Churches to make out their statistics, as laid down in the minutes. We recommend to the Churches not to address this Association as an honorable body.

Respectfully submitted. J. W. HENDRY, *Chairman*.

#### ON QUERIES.

Your Committee on Queries beg leave to report nothing coming in the letters to call our attention.

Respectfully,

J. HATCHER, *Chairman*.

#### ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Publications respectfully recommend a more thorough reading of the Bible. Also recommend to be procured, circulated and read, the *Christian Index*, published by J. J. Toon, Atlanta, Ga.; and the *Baptist*, edited by J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn. For children, *Kind Words*, published by Bro. Boykin, Macon, Ga. Also, the following books: *Three Reasons why I am a Baptist*; *Theodosia Ernest*; *Infidel's Daughter*; *Fleetwood's Life of Christ and the Apostles*; *Baptist Church Directory*; *The Baptist Church*; *The Christian Name*; *The Church's Duty to its Pastor*.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HAYMAN, *Chairman*.



## ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers beg leave to report: WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved brother, JOHN FUCH, in the midst of his labors in the great vineyard of the Lord, we bow in humble submission to the dispensations of His holy will—consoling our grief with the firm belief that our loss on earth is his eternal gain in heaven, and we, as a body, offer our condolence to his bereaved family. We recommend that a copy of this be forwarded to them.

Respectfully submitted. N. T. JONES, *Chairman.*

## REPORT OF FUNDS COLLECTED FOR BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Elder J. W. Hendry, cash in hand.....	\$36 00	
"    "    on subscription.....	41 00	\$77 00
Elder L. J. Simmons, cash in hand.....	5 50	
"    "    on subscription.....	64 50	70 00
Elder S. Waldron, on subscription.....	87 50	87 50
Elder J. M. Hayman, cash in hand.....	8 00	
"    "    on subscription.....	8 25	16 25
Peace Creek Church, cash in hand.....	10 00	10 00
		<u>\$260 75</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*J. R. McDonald, Treasurer, in account with the  
South Florida Baptist Association.*

To cash received from Financial Committee.....	\$46 75
To cash received from J. M. Hayman, (Mission funds,)...	10 00
Total amount.....	<u>\$56 75</u>

## CONTRA.

By cash paid Clerk for Minutes.....	\$31 00
By cash paid Clerk for services.....	15 00
By cash paid F. K. Spencer, balance due for printing.....	9 00
	<u>\$55 00</u>
Cash on hand.....	1 75
	<u>\$56 75</u>

J. R. McDONALD, *Treasurer.*

## LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

*The South Florida Baptist Association, to the Santafee and Alachua Associations, sends Christian salutation.*

We respectfully petition to each of the above named sister Associations to correspond with us, and do so by our messengers, whose names appear in another portion of our minutes.

## MINISTERS

## OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR P. O. ADDRESS.

(Those in *italics* are Licentiates.)

L. J. SIMMONS, Moderator.....	Cork, Florida.
S. WALDRON.....	Cork, Florida.
S. L. CROSS.....	Alafia, Florida.
J. W. HENDRY.....	Alafia, Florida.
G. B. HARREL.....	Manatee, Florida.
W. B. MILLER.....	Alafia, Florida.
A. WILSON.....	Ft. Dade, Florida.
G. C. POWELL.....	Orlando, Florida.
J. M. HAYMAN.....	Bartow, Florida.
J. H. HAYMAN.....	Ft. Mason, Florida.
<i>E. Chauncy</i> .....	Alafia, Florida.
<i>J. J. Robinson</i> .....	Manatee, Florida.
<i>L. W. Simmons</i> .....	Cork, Florida.

NAMES OF THE OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION,  
WITH POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

L. J. SIMMONS, Moderator.....	Cork, Florida.
N. T. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer.....	Tampa, Florida.
S. WALDRON, Chairman Executive Com.....	Cork, Florida.

*Received of N. T. Jones, Clerk of South Florida Baptist Association, \$24 00, for printing Minutes.*

[Signed.]

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# CHURCHES AND STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Expelled.	Dead.	Total.	Am't for Minutes.	Sabbath Meetings.
Alafia.....	Hillsboro	J. W. Hendry.....	J. W. Biggs.....	5	6					18	\$1 00	1
Beulah.....	Polk.....	S. Waldron.....	J. Hatcher.....	1	2		4	3		32	5 00	
Benevolence.....	Manatee	G. B. Harrel.....								26		
Bethel.....	Polk.....	S. Waldron.....	S. S. Rodgers.....	1	4		11	3	1	44	5 00	4
Fellowship.....	Hernando	A. Wilson.....								47		
Mill Branch.....	Orange	J. H. Hayman.....								37		
Midway.....	Hernando									15		
Mt. Pleasant.....	Manatee	J. W. Hendry.....	W. C. Hayman.....	3	4					70	3 00	
Midway.....	Hillsboro	J. W. Hendry.....						2		18		
Maple Branch.....	Manatee	J. W. Hendry.....	J. W. Hendry.....	6	1	1				49	3 00	4
New Hope.....	Manatee	G. C. Powell.....	D. J. Boney, J. Sellers.....	6			1	5		36	2 00	3
Orange Grove.....	Orange	J. W. Hendry.....	N. T. Jones.....				1			18		
Pine Pleasant.....	Hillsboro	J. W. Hendry.....	J. M. Hayman.....	1	3		3	2		21	1 00	3
Peace Creek.....	Polk.....	L. J. Simmons.....					1	19	1	48	2 85	4
Salem.....	Polk.....	L. J. Simmons.....	L. J. Simmons, S. Waldron.....	1	7		1	2		31		
Shuloh.....	Hillsboro	L. J. Simmons.....					2			47	5 00	
Tenotassassa.....	Hillsboro	S. Waldron.....								58	5 35	
Tampa.....	Hillsboro									34		
				26	29	2	23	36	3	649	\$33 20	

NOTE.—In Churches not represented, the total number stands as it did last year.

CLERK.