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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association Called to Order by the Moderator.
3. Reading letters and enrolling names of Delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of Officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to Seats.
7. Letters of Correspondence.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Appointment of Messengers to State Convention and other Associations.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

OFFICERS.

R. N. PYLANT.....	Moderator.....	Bartow, Fla.
E. G. WILDER.....	Clerk.....	Tuckertown, Fla.
C. L. WILDER.....	Treasurer.....	Plant City, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

JOHN C. BLOUNT, Chairman.....	Bartow, Fla.
W. S. KNIGHT.....	Plant City, Fla.
E. G. WILDER.....	Tuckertown, Fla.
J. W. JACKSON.....	Fort Dade, Fla.
J. R. McDONALD.....	Alafia, Fla.

MINUTES.

HOPEWELL CHURCH, October 8, 1884.

The South Florida Association convened this day with the Hopewell Baptist Church, Hillsboro county, Fla., at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Hendry, of the Manatee Association. Text: Ps. xxvii. 1.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers were called together by L. J. Simmons, the former Moderator, and prayer was made by G. W. Hall.

Letters were read from the following churches, and the names of Messengers enrolled:

- *Anclote*—
- Bethel*—E. G. Wilder, J. W. Tucker.
- Bartow*—J. M. Hayman, J. C. Blount.
- *Bethany*—
- Beulah*—R. N. Pylant, W. T. Denham.
- Clear Water*—By letter.
- *County Line*—By letter.
- *Double Branch*—W. R. Smith.
- *Emmaus*—
- *Fellowship*—
- Gapway*—E. Combee, J. L. McClelland.
- Goodhope*—By letter.
- Hopewell*—W. F. Frierson, J. R. McDonald.
- Hebron*—W. M. Page, A. A. Ball.
- *Key West*—By letter.
- Mount Olive*—R. T. Caddin, J. O. Harris.
- *New Salem*—
- *Oak Grove*—J. B. Miller.
- Providence*—B. F. Freer, W. F. Pratt.
- *Pleasant Hill*—By letter.
- Shiloh*—T. W. Wilder, W. S. Knight.
- *Six-Mile Pond*—H. D. Ryals, James Kersey.
- Tenotassassa*—T. H. Jandon, J. M. Duffie.
- Turkey Creek*—L. J. Simmons, S. Walden.
- *Tampa*—J. M. Eddens, J. Fauker.
- *Midway*—J. E. Edwards.
- *Mudulla*—John Hart.

The Association proceeded to the permanent organization by electing R. N. PYLANT Moderator, E. G. WILDER Clerk, and C. L. WILDER Treasurer.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the invitation was accepted by Elders W. F. Norris and J. W. Hendry, and Brethren F. M. Bryant and Nathan Boyett, from the Manatee Association; and Elders W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and G. W. Hall, from Santa Fe River Association, and Elder T. J. Bell, from the Wekiva Association.

Letters of correspondence.

Appointment of committees, as follows:

On Preaching—S. Walden, J. M. Duffie, W. T. Denham, with messengers of Hopewell Church.

On Temperance—J. M. Hayman, J. L. McClelland, J. Hart.

On Finance—J. M. Eddens, J. O. Harris, W. F. Pratt.

On Letters and Documents—R. T. Caddin, J. M. Duffie, E. Combee.

On Publications—L. J. Simmons, W. F. Frierson, A. A. Ball.

On Sunday Schools—T. H. Jandon, J. E. Edwards, S. W. Dickson.

On Missions—S. Walden, J. R. McDonald, J. M. Duffie.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—B. F. Freer, L. J. Simmons, J. M. Hayman.

The Committee on Preaching report that R. T. Caddin preach to-night (his place was filled by J. W. Hendry), R. Y. Walden conduct prayer meeting Sunday 9 A. M., G. W. Hall preach to the children at 10 A. M., W. N. Chaudoin preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 A. M., T. J. Bell at 2 P. M., and W. W. Bostick at 8 P. M., and J. H. Hayman Monday 11 A. M. Adjourned until Monday morning, 9 A. M. Prayer by Bro. L. J. Simmons.

SUNDAY.

The above brethren preached to large and attentive congregations, the services being of an impressive character, and such as, we hope, will redound to the glory of God.

At the close of the Missionary Sermon a collection was taken, amounting to \$50.55.

The children were highly pleased, and the young and old were benefited by Elder Hall's children's meeting.

MONDAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. W. Hendry.

Proceeded to call the roll and correct the list of names.

On motion, the names of Keyeville, Spring Hill and Sand Hill were dropped from the roll.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was received, and after many appropriate remarks by Brethren Chaudoin, Hall, Bostick, Pylant, Simmons and others was adopted, as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

We feel assured that Intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors is one, if not the worst, of the gross sins that afflict the citizens of our beloved country; and it is enjoined upon the followers of the blessed Saviour to abstain from all appearance of evil, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Therefore, we consider that Christians should not visit drinking saloons, or other places of dissipation, nor to use intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and we respectfully suggest that if any member of any church of this Association is guilty of indulging in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, that such an one be made the subject of discipline.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HAYMAN, *Chairman.*

MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the work of Missions, would state that there is a vast field of Missionary work in our bounds. We express devout gratitude to God for the good that has been accomplished through our Executive Committee. We also express our thanks to our brethren for their promptness in aiding in the support of our Missionary in his labors. We do earnestly commend the Executive Board and its noble work to the brethren of this Association, and urgently request that your sympathy, co-operation and prayers be given it in the future. We urgently request our Executive Board to use every effort to carry the preached word to all the growing villages on the South Florida Railroad, and in the destitutions of our Association. We also recommend to the consideration of our brethren our Home, State and Foreign Mission work, for we feel that the cause of Missions is the cause of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

S. WALDEN, *Chairman.*

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools find that only three Sabbath Schools are reported to this body. We would recommend the churches to organize Sabbath Schools, and use strictly Baptist literature, and report the progress of their schools to the Association annually. And we earnestly request the churches to take a deeper interest in Sabbath School work. We consider it one of the best means of disseminating our distinctive principles as Baptists.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. JANDON, *Chairman.*

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Letters and Documents ask to report: We have examined the letters sent from the churches to this Association, and find that peace and harmony abounds, and some revival interest awakened, for which we give thanks; that County Line and Six-Mile Pond churches each send a query, and asked that they be answered; that Helbron and Good Hope churches request letters of dismissal from this body; that the prayers of this body are requested by all the churches; that Elder C. S. Reynolds, by letter, asks the prayers of this body for himself and motherless children; that very few of the churches report prayer meetings (we urge the importance of prayer meetings). We ask the churches to be brief in their form of letters to the Association, and give the address of their pastors and clerks. Also, no petition for the next Association.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. CADDIN, *Chairman.*

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that God has spared all the ministers of this Association up to this time, for which we are thankful; also, the lives of all our deacons, except that of Bro. Joseph Casey, of Tenotassassa church. While we regret the loss of so good and exemplary a man and deacon as Bro. Casey was, we meekly submit to the will of God, and deeply sympathize with his bereaved family and the church of which he was a member, and devote one page of our Minutes to his memory.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. FREER, *Chairman.*

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—TO—

THE MEMORY

—OF—

DEACON JOSEPH CASEY

“Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won.
Enter thy Master's joy.”

PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee recommend a more thorough study of the Word of God and the *Baptist Witness* of our State, and for our Sunday Schools to use *Kind Words* and the papers furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted.

L. J. SIMMONS, *Chairman.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee report that during the month of January last we employed Elder W. W. Bostick as Missionary, to serve us and indoctrinate the churches within the bounds of our Association, and while in our service, Bro. Bostick traveled 2,000 miles, and preached 139 sermons; time devoted in actual service, 5 months and 4 days, at the rate of \$35.00 per month, making \$179.76, all of which we have paid. Also, Bro. Bostick has done much good in the way of prayer meetings, children's meetings, and lectures, which service has cost us nothing.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. BLOUNT, *Chairman Ex. Com.*

FINANCE.

Your Committee report as follows:

Minute and Associational Funds.....	\$ 47 10
Associational Mission.....	6 65
State Mission.....	3 55
Foreign Mission.....	23 50
Collected on Sabbath.....	50 55

Total.....\$131 35

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. EDDENS, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Received from South Florida Association, October 20, 1883.....	\$149 79
“ December 16, 1883, from Shiloh Church.....	8 00
“ Finance Committee, 1884.....	33 25
“ January 19, 1884, from Turkey Creek Church.....	3 25
“ August 31, 1884, from Union Meeting at Bethel.....	50 93
“ “ “ Bethel for Missionary purposes..	7 30
“ September, 1884, from Clear Water Church.....	10 00
“ October 20, 1884, from Sunday's collection.....	50 55
“ “ “ Finance Com. for other purposes.	80 00
“ “ “ A. E. Godwin.....	5 00
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	\$398 87

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By amount paid Elder Bostick, February, 1884.....	\$105 00
“ “ “ August 31, 1884.....	40 85
“ To Associational, Home, State and Foreign Missions, October 20, 1884.....	40 55
“ To American B. P. S., October 20, 1884.....	10 00
“ To Elder Bostick, Oct. 20, by order Ex. Com..	33 91
“ To Clerk, for Minutes and services, Oct. 21, '84	46 00
	\$276 31
Total in Treasury.....	\$122 56

NOTE.—These figures show an amount on hand of one hundred and twenty-two (\$122.56) and fifty-six cents, which is not correct; for which mistake the Clerk is not responsible. The actual amount on hand is about \$56.52.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

Your Committee on Preaching report that Elder L. J. Simmons will preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of our Association, and Elder W. W. Bostick, at 11 o'clock Thursday, on the subject of Missions.

The following brethren volunteered to attend the State Convention, to be held at Orlando, Fla., in December next: Rev. J. M. Hayman, Rev. L. J. Simmons, Rev. S. Walden, Rev. W. W. Bostick, Rev. R. T. Caddin, C. L. Wilder, E. G. Wilder, W. T. Denham, J. C. Blount, J. M. Eddens, I. O. Harris, O. J. Frier.

The following query was sent by County Line Church: “Has a minister any scriptural authority to receive and baptize a person without the authority of the church?”

After some remarks by S. Walden, R. N. Pylant, and W. W. Bostick denying, and L. J. Simmons, W. N. Chaudoin, and J. W. Hendry affirming, the question was tabled.

Query No. 2, from Six-Mile Pond: “Is it right to receive divorced married persons into the church if they have not a scriptural cause for separation?” Answer: No.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Some of our sister churches in Hernando county think it best to organize a new Association, and desire letters from this body to do so; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we grant said churches the privilege to withdraw from us to form said Association, requesting them to report the same to us at our next session.

Resolved 2nd, That this body engage in prayer for Bro. C. S. Reynolds and his motherless children; also, to pray for our churches.

Whereupon the Association engaged in prayer, Bro. G. W. Hall leading.

Resolved 3rd, That \$10.00 of Sunday's collection be appropriated to the Bible work of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the remainder be equally divided between Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Resolved 4th, That we have six hundred copies of the minutes of this session of our Association printed, and the Clerk draw on the Treasurer to defray the expenses of printing and distributing the same; and that he send to each church according to the amount contributed by each for that purpose; and that he receive \$15.00 for his services.

Resolved, That the Moderator tender the thanks of this body to the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for their kind entertainment to this body.

On motion, and after extending the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the Bartow Church, at Bartow, in Polk county, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in October, 1885.

R. N. PYLANT, *Moderator*.E. G. WILDER, *Clerk*.MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR
POST-OFFICES.

W. W. Bostick.....	Lakeland, Fla.
G. W. Bearden.....	Tuckertown, Fla.
C. S. Reynolds.....	Clearwater, Fla.
R. T. Caddin.....	Tuckertown, Fla.
D. T. McLeod.....	Leonard, Fla.
T. H. Jandon.....	Sidney, Fla.
A. A. Keith.....	Lakeland, Fla.
W. F. Wood.....	Key West, Fla.
R. N. Pylant.....	Bartow, Fla.
A. F. Randall.....	Tampa, Fla.
J. M. Hayman.....	Bartow, Fla.
L. J. Simmons.....	Plant City, Fla.
S. Walden.....	Plant City, Fla.
B. L. Ray.....	Fort Dade, Fla.
W. F. Neigles.....	Dunedin, Fla.
W. Fisher.....	Tampa, Fla.
J. T. Pittman.....	Fort Dade, Fla.

FINANCE

CHURCHES.	CASH SENT TO			
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associat'nal Missions.	State Missions.
Anclote.....				
Bethel.....	4 00		8 00	
Bartow.....	2 00			
Bethany.....				
Beulah.....	1 55		10 61	
Clear Water.....	1 50		1 75	
County Line.....				
Double Branch.....	1 00			
Emmaus.....				
Fellowship.....				
Gapway.....	1 50			
Good Hope.....				
Hopewell.....		4 30		
Hebron.....		2 25		
Key West.....		5 00		
Medulla.....	1 50			3 55
Mount Enon.....			1 50	
Mount Olive.....	1 00		50	
Midway.....	1 00			
New Zion.....				
New Salem.....				
Oak Grove.....			10 00	
Providence.....	1 15			
Pleasant Hill.....		1 50	2 50	
Shiloh.....		5 00		
Six Mile Pond.....	2 10			
Sand Hill.....				
Tenotassassa.....		4 25		
Tampa.....	3 50		4 65	
Turkey Creek.....		3 00		
Sunday's Collection.....			\$39 51	\$ 3 55
			10 15	10 10
	\$21 80	\$25 30	\$49 66	\$13 65
Sunday Collection for A. B. P. S....				

REPORT.

ASSOCIATION.

CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.

Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	TOTAL.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	TOTAL.
\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 2 05	\$.....	\$ 2 05
.....	5 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	13 15	15 15	2 50	7 50	.....	.....	5 00	15 00
.....	.....	12 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....
.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 35	5 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	5 00	78 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 51
.....	.....	5 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	7 00	3 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	6 00
.....	.....	2 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2 00	8 15	45 00	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	75 00
.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	\$23 50	\$113 66	\$129 01	\$7 50	\$25 00	\$9 05	\$6 00	\$176 56
\$10 10	10 10	40 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	164 21
.....
.....	\$33 60	\$154 21	\$340 77
.....	24 00
.....	10 00
.....	\$164 21	\$364 77
.....	179 76
.....	\$544 53

Bartow Church to A. B. P. Society.....

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STATISTICS OF

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POST OFFICE
Anclote.....			
Bethel.....	W. W. Bostick	J. A. Hancock	Lakeland, Fla.
Bartow.....	W. W. Bostick	B. F. Blount	Bartow, "
Beulah.....	W. W. Bostick	W. T. Denham	Fort Meade, "
Bethany.....			
Clear Water.....	C. S. Reynolds	W. J. Taylor	Clear Wat'r, Fla
County Line.....	R. T. Caddin	J. M. Godwin	Disston, "
Double Branch.....	J. T. Pittman		Fort Dade, "
Emmaus.....	J. T. Pittman		Fort Dade, "
Fellowship.....			
Gapway.....	G. M. T. Wilson	J. L. McClelland	Madulla, Fla.
Good Hope.....	D. T. McLeod	J. B. Hudson	Hudson, "
Hopewell.....	T. H. Jandon	J. R. McDonald	Alafia, "
Hebron.....	G. M. Wilson	N. A. Williams	Brooksville, "
Key West.....	W. F. Word	John V. Johnson	Key West, "
Mount Olive.....	G. M. Wilson	John Harris	Blanche, "
New Zion.....			
New Salem.....			
Oak Grove.....	R. E. Bell	Henry Jordan	Fort Dade, Fla.
Providence.....	T. H. Jandon	W. F. Pratt	Peru, "
Pleasant Hill.....	R. E. Bell	Tom Blitch	Leonard, "
Shiloh.....	W. W. Bostick	W. S. Knight	Plant City, "
Six-Mile Pond.....	R. T. Caddin	James P. Smith	Tuckertown, "
Tenotasassa.....	T. H. Jandon	J. M. Duffie	Cork, "
Turkey Creek.....	T. H. Jandon	E. Weeks	Cork, "
Tampa.....	A. F. Randall	John Darling	Tampa, "
Midway.....	B. L. Ray	Wm. Renney	Yellow Bl'ff, "
Madulla.....	A. A. Keith	L. M. Ballard	Lakeland, "
Mount Enon.....			Elerstie, "

This is not a correct report as to the finances of this Association. Many churches have contributed liberally to Home Missions that are not mentioned by Finance Committee, because there was no report of such

THE CHURCHES.

MESSENGRS.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Expelled.	Dismissed.	Dead.	Loss.	Gain.	Total.	Clear Gain.	Contributions.	Sabbath Schools.	Sabbaths of Meetings
Not represented.....													
E. G. Wilder, J. W. Tucker.....	3							3	78	3	17 00		4th
J. C. Blount, J. M. Hayman.....								26			74 15		2nd
R. N. Pylant, W. T. Denham.....	3	4	2	2	3		5	9	20	4	12 16	1	1st
Not represented.....													
By letter.....						1					3 25		2nd
By letter.....	2			1	1		2	2	15				4th
W. R. Smith.....											1 00		4th
.....													
.....													
E. Combee, J. L. McClelland.....	4	1			4		4	5	44	1	1 50		3rd
By letter.....	6	1						7	19	7			3rd
W. F. Frierson, W. M. McDonald.....	3	1	1					5	61	5	5 20	1	1st
M. W. Page, A. A. Ball.....	1	1						2	12	2	2 25		4th
By letter.....	50	3	4	25	1	3	29	61		32	5 00		Each
J. O. Harris, R. T. Caddin.....	2	2						4	13	4	1 50		1st
.....													
.....													
J. B. Miller.....											10 00		2d, 4th
W. F. Pratt, B. F. Freer.....											1 15		3rd
By letter.....	3	2	1	1	1	3	5	52	2		4 00		1st
T. W. Wilder, W. S. Knight.....	16	7		1	5	1	7	23	78	16	7 00		3rd
H. D. Ryals, James Kersey.....	4	2		4	9	1	14	6	25		2 10		2nd
T. H. Jandon, J. M. Duffie.....	2			4		3	7	2	46		6 25		2nd
L. J. Simmons, S. Walden.....	1			1	1		2	1	63		3 00		4th
J. M. Eddens, J. Fauker.....	1	7			2		2	8	26	6	8 15	1	Each
J. E. Edwards, S. W. Dickson.....						1	1		20		1 00		
John Hart, James Hicks.....		4							4	16	4	5 05	2nd
As last reported.....											1 50		
Total.....	94	39	10	39	27	11	76	142	637	86	\$177 71	3	

contribution stated in the letters sent up. Will the churches please keep a correct list of all contributions, and mention the same in their next letters to the Association. Respectfully,
CLERK.



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