

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BARTOW CHURCH,

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OCTOBER 14, 1885.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the South Florida Association convened this day with the Bartow Church.

11 a. m.—Introductory by Elder L. J. Simmons, from Romans first chapter and 16th verse, then refreshments, after which, the messengers assembled in the house and were called to order by E. G. Wilder. On motion W. W. Bostic was chosen Moderator, pro tem. Letters were then called for, when the following were handed in, to-wit:

Bartow—Messengers: J. M. Hayman, B. F. Jackson.
Bethel—Messengers: W. W. Bostick, Lacy Hancock.
Beulah—Messengers: W. T. Denham, M. W. Fuller.
Clearwater—Messengers: C. S. Reynolds, W. J. Taylor.
Gapway—Messengers: J. E. Haralson, Wm. Collins.
Hopewell—Messengers: J. R. and W. M. McDonald.
Mt. Olive—Messenger: Irvin O. Harris.
Shiloh—Messengers: E. W. Norwood, Jno. Collins.
Tenotasassa—Messengers: T. H. Jaudon, Joseph Casey.
Tampa—Messengers: J. M. Eddens, J. Q. Taylor.
Turkey Creek—Messengers: L. J. Simmons, S. Walden.
New Zion—By letter.

After the enrollment of the above names the Association proceeded to permanent organization by electing W. W. Bostic Moderator, and E. G. Wilder Clerk, and C. L. Wilder Treasurer. The Moderator called for petitionary letters, when the following were handed in and received, to-wit: Lakeland and Mango. Visiting Brethren invited totseats, when the following accepted: A. P. Ashurst, Deland; J. G. McCaskey, Alabama; W. M. Simons, Tampa; G. P. Guild, T. J. Bell, Wekiva; Wm. Powell, Wailes; Nathan Bogett, Manatee; W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, Lagrange; also Sister Telford was present from DeLand, having been a returned Missionary from China.

Correspondence called for, when Brethren N. A. Bailey, Marion Association, and Vice-President of F. M. B.; J. E. King, Wekiva Association; W. F. Wood and Bro. Johnson, of Key West, were received; brethren Wood and Johnson, late of Manatee Association, having withdrawn from S. F. Association at the last session.

Next, appointment of committies.

On Preaching—C. L. Wilder, W. S. Knight, J. M. Hayman.

On Temperance—T. H. Jaudon, Jno. Collins, B. F. Jackson.

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On Sunday Schools—A. F. Randall, B. F. Blount, W. S. Knight.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—T. H. Jaudon, Walter McDonald.

On Letters and Documents—S. Walden, E. W. Norwood, J. Q. Taylor.

On Finance—J. M. Edden, Jno. Collins, W. J. Taylor.

On Missions—A. A. Keith, J. E. Haralson.

Preaching committee report that Elders Chaudoin and Powel, Sisters Telford and Guild give a general talk to-night on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

The night services conducted by the above named brethren and sisters in the Methodist house of worship were very impressive, and we hope will result in much good to the entire audience, especially to the children and youth of our Association.

At the close of this service a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions. Amount received, \$10.37.

It is desirable that the Preaching Committee make a full report at the commencement of each session, so that all the services may be embodied in the minutes. There being no report from said committee of the effectual service of Bro. Guild, the clerk feels it his duty to mention the same.

OCTOBER 15, 1885.

9 a. m.—The Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Bro. T. J. Bell.

Preaching committee report that Bro. N. A. Bailey preach at 11 a. m., on the subject of Missions.

A call for volunteers to the State Convention when Brethren Walden, Jaudon, Simons, Blount, Hayman, and Taylor's names were enrolled.

11 a. m.—Bro. Bailey preached to a large, attentive audience from 72d Psalm and 16th verse. At the close of the service an amount was handed the Treasurer of \$18.72.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended for one hour for the purpose of hearing brethren Bailey and Ashurst speak on the several important questions of the day and to present their several newspaper claims, and we hope the denomination will take heed and govern themselves accordingly.

Adjourned for refreshments.

2 p. m.—The Moderator in the chair.

On motion W. W. Bostick was elected editor of the S. F. A. department in the *Witness*. To aid Bro. B. in this work there was raised in cash and pledged by the churches \$49.50.

Resolutions of W. W. Bostick adopted by the Association: 1st, that we gratefully accept the kind offer of Bro. Ashurst giving us one column in the *Witness* for the benefit of the S.

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F. Association; 2d, that we recognize it as our pet column, and adopt the *Witness* as our denominational organ; 3d, that each minister in the Association be requested to correspond with said editor, and contribute items of interest to said paper; 4th, that each church be requested to appoint an active lay brother to correspond with said editor; 5th, that we engage to the extent of our ability to put the paper in the hands of every family within our bounds, and otherwise extend its circulation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

After examination of all the letters sent to this Association we find no deaths reported, for which preservation we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father.

T. H. JAUDON,
W. M. McDONALD,
Committee.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In the survey of the field we find much to encourage us, yet as a Sunday School or Bible School is a necessity, we urge the churches which have none to organize a school at once, and enlist all the members in the work. 2d, we should use literature obtained from the A. B. P. Society, and use said literature freely. We would kindly ask that the literature above mentioned be obtained through Bro. Ashurst, and that we use Kind Words and Young Reaper.

A. F. RANDALL, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Recent statistics show that the annual bill for bread, meat, cotton, and woollen goods of this great American people foots to a total of about \$1,250,000,000, but its annual bill for whisky, beer, and taxes thereon is \$1,400,000,000, \$150,000,000 more than they eat and wear. With these startling figures before us, coupled with the vast amount of crime committed almost hourly in our broad land, traceable to the use of intoxicants, besides the demoralizing influences witnessed in many places, we feel that every Christian should feel the importance of putting down this monster evil. It is our belief that this great national evil can and must be suppressed by a united effort of the Christian world. Brethren, in the name of God and for the sake of our fellows let us use every means in our power to lead sinners to the only safe refuge, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. JAUDON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

After lengthly discussions by Brethren Wood, Bailey and others, and at the evening services, which were opened by W. F. Wood, the Cuban Mission was discussed fully and fairly, and at the close of this service Bro. Wood asked a contribution for Cuba, which resulted in \$100.00 in cash and pledges. May God in His goodness prosper this work! The report was then adopted, to-wit: We believe it would be good mission work on the part of the Association to look forward to the building of a denominational school in our bounds; therefore we earnestly ask that you instruct your Missionary to canvass this subject as fully as his other duties will allow, and report his success at our union meetings, and as far as practicable make a full report at the next meeting of this body. In the short time given us for reflection we recommend that the Association accept the request made on us by Foreign Mission Board through their Vice-President, and the Executive Committee apportion it pro rata among our churches. We further recommend the appointment of a Missionary whose duty it shall be to

spend his time on our mission districts in our bounds, allowing three days per week for rest and study, and that a fund of \$50.00 be raised by Executive Board for the purpose of buying Baptist literature from the A. B. P. Society at Philadelphia, the profits to accrue to the Missionary, and to be reported to the Executive Board by said Missionary, the original fund to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

Respectfully,

A. A. KEITH, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee after careful examination of all the letters sent by the churches to this body find that peace reigns in our midst, for which we give thanks. We find that Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill and Key West churches have petitioned this body for letters of dismission, to join other Associations more convenient to them, and recommend that said letters be granted. We find also two petitionary letters to this body for membership, to-wit: Mango and Lakeland churches, and we recommend their reception. We find also four petitions for the Association next year. We further ask that it be made the duty of the Clerk of this Association to forward annually one or more copies of our minutes to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, which at this time is Brother Lansing Burrows, so the statistics of the Southern Baptist can be correctly kept. We would urge the churches to use the forms of letters sent to our Clerks by Bro. Chaudoin, so our own statistics can be properly made out. We find that the Sunday school report is somewhat in advance of last year. We urge that a prayer meeting be kept up in each church as well as Sabbath schools.

Respectfully submitted.

S. WALDEN, Chairman.

OCTOBER 16, 1885.

Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Keith.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We employed Elder A. F. Randall on April 1st, 1885, to serve as Missionary in the bounds of S. F. Association, and as our special attention was called to the growing towns and villages on the S. F. R. R. by Mission report of 1884. Bro. Randall served most of his time on this route. We have collected on the field \$280.21; received from State Board \$65.00; total \$345.21; we have paid to Bro. Randall \$250.50. His report to June 30th is as follows: Sermons delivered 40, lectures 8, prayer services 15, pastoral visits 270, additions to churches 15, baptisms 2, pages of tracts distributed 3,000, subscriptions to the *Witness* 6; the verbal report of Bro. Randall from June 30th up to date was received, and we have allowed him for services up to date \$253.50, making \$39.61 per month from April 1st to Oct. 12th. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. C. BLOUNT, Chairman.

By a vote of this Association the former Executive Board was elected to serve the ensuing year, and one of our number, Bro. J. W. Jackson, having gone to the Fort Dade Association, there will be only four to serve S. F. Association. Brethren, aid us by your prayers and co-operation, so that we as an Executive Board may come up to the expectation of our brethren in duty, and that we may be able to send the Gospel all over our bounds.

Yours in the work of the Lord.

CLERK.

By resolution the following churches have been dropped from our roll, they having reported to this body the forming of new Associations, to-wit: Key West to join the Manate Association, Anclote, Bethamy, Emman, Hebron, Midway Double Branch, New Hope, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, to form a new Association styled the Fort Date Association.

Resolution of Bro. B. F. Jackson.

Resolved, That this Association recognize Bro. W. W. Bostick as the exclusive agent of the S. F. Association for the *Baptist Witness*, and that the messengers from the various churches in this Association are requested to solicit and accept subscriptions and forward same, together with any other business in connection with the *Baptist Witness* to Bro. W. W. Bostick.

Resolution of W. S. Knight.

Resolved, That in consequence of 18 days' service rendered by W. W. Bostick, in editing our column in the *Witness*, and as compensation for said service he has only received \$2.50. That each church at its next regular meeting take up a collection and forward to Bro. Bostick for said services. The following amounts were subscribed to sustain the editor of S. F. Association department in *Baptist Witness*, to-wit: Bartow, \$10.00; Bethel \$10.00; Shiloh \$10.00; Beulah \$5.00; Lakeland \$2.50; Tenotasassa \$5.00; Hopewell \$5.00; Mt. Olive \$2.00.

Moved and carried that five dollars (\$5.00) of Thursday's collection be forwarded to the A. B. P. Society as a token of our appreciation for their kindness to us.

CORRESPONDENCE TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

To Manatee Association—W. W. Bostick, T. W. Wilder.

Moved and carried that any brother visiting any of the sister Associations bearing a minute with their names enrolled in said minute shall be a correspondent.

Moved and carried that the book fund belonging to this Association, now in the hands of Bro. S. Walden, be turned over to the Treasurer.

Moved and carried that the Executive Board raise \$50.00 for the purpose of buying books from the A. B. P. Society to be sold and distributed in the bounds of our Association.

Moved and carried that the next Association be held with Tampa church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1886.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 350 minutes printed, and that he draw on the Treasurer for twenty-five dollars for printing the same, and that he draw fifteen dollars for his services, also that he notify the Treasurer of the several amounts that have been sent for different purposes so they may be sent to their destiny.

At the close of the meeting a collection was called for to aid a brother in sickness, amount raised \$4.10; also a claim presented to aid in building a colored Baptist church, amount raised \$3.25.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Baptist and Methodist friends of Bartow for their kind hospitality to us during our Association. Also we feel grateful to the Methodists for the use of their house of worship so kindly tendered us.

Adjourned to meet with Tampa church, Hillsboro Co., on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1886, and after singing an appropriate hymn we took the parting hand with our eyes full of tears, and we trust our hearts full of love.

W. W. BOSTICK, Moderator.

E. G. WILDER, Clerk.

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FINANCE REPORT.

Your committee report the following:

For minutes and Associational purposes	\$ 28 73
For Associational Missions	15 65
For State Missions	2 00
For Home Missions	15 49
For Foreign Missions	6 49
For Bible work	4 00
Total	\$ 72 36

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Money on hand after paying all indebtedness of last year	\$ 10 24
Received from Shiloh Church	3 60
“ “ Union meeting at Gapway	16 25
“ “ Union meeting at Shiloh	26 25
“ “ Sunday's collection	15 74
“ “ Turkey Creek Union	13 63
“ “ Bethel Union	16 20
“ “ Association at Bartow, October 14, 1885	10 37
“ “ “ “ “ “ 15, “	18 72
“ “ Finance Committees from different churches	63 50
“ “ Children's Mite-Boxes at Bartow	8 98
Total	\$203 48

Credit by amount paid to A. A. Keith, to assist in Mission work at Lakeland	\$ 10 00
To E. G. Wilder, for dispatch to W. N. Chaudoin	50
To A. F. Randall, Missionary	50 00
To W. N. Chaudoin, for Foreign Missions	10 37
Total amount paid out	\$ 70 87
Amount to balance	132 61

Ministers of South Florida Association and their post offices:

W. W. Bostick, Lakeland, Fla.
 C. S. Reynolds, Clear Water, Fla.
 T. H. Jaudon, Sidney, Fla.
 R. T. Cadden, Tuckertown, Fla.
 A. A. Keith, Lakeland, Fla.
 A. F. Randal, Tampa, Fla.
 J. M. Hayman, Bartow, Fla.
 L. J. Simmons, Plant City, Fla.
 S. Walden, Plant City, Fla.
 W. F. Neigles, Dunedin, Fla.
 W. Fisher, Tampa, Fla.
 W. M. Simons, Tampa, Fla.
 J. G. McCaskey, Lakeland, Fla.

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CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Expelled.	Dismissed.	Dead.	Loss.	Total.	Clear Gain.	Contribution.	Sabbath Schools
Bethel	W. W. Bostick, Lacy Hancock.	6	2	1	1	1	2	74	1	\$ 1 12	1	
Bartow	J. M. Hayman, B. F. Jackson.	18	1	1	1	1	25	242	92			
Beulah	W. T. Denham, M. W. Fuller.	3	1	1	1	2	3	21	1	89	15	
Clear Water	W. J. Taylor.	1	2	1	1	1	3	27	2	9	33	
Gapway	Wm. Collins, J. E. Harralson.	1	4	1	1	1	6	49	5	1	70	
Hopewell	J. R. and W. M. McDonald.	1	1	3	3	6	2	6		84	50	
Mt. Olive	Irvin Harris.										1 00	
New Zion	By Letter.	3	4					7	15		1 40	
Shiloh	E. W. Norwood, John Collins.	11	3	2	4	1	7	14	80	7	756	65
6-Mile Pond	Not represented.											
Turkey Crk	L. J. Simmons, S. Walden.	4		3	1	1	4	4	60		7 55	
Tampa	J. M. Eddens, J. Q. Taylor.	8	16	3	1	1	1	4	27	43	23	1364 60 1
Lakeland	A. A. Keith.	2	8	1	1	1	1	4	11	23	7	17 00 1
Mango	By Letter.		5						20	5		3 00
County Line	Not represented.											7 75
Ten'tasassa	T. H. Jaudon, Joseph Casey.											
Providence	Not represented.											

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CKERKS' P.O.
Bethel	W. W. Bostick.	A. A. Lewis.	Lakeland.
Bartow	W. W. Bostick.	B. F. Blount.	Bartow.
Beulah		W. T. Denham.	Ft. Meade.
Clear Water	C. S. Reynolds.	W. J. Taylor.	Clear Water.
Gapway	A. A. Keith.	J. L. McClelland	Lakeland.
Hopewell	J. G. McCaskie.	J. R. McDonald.	Alafia.
Mt. Olive		John O. Harris.	Blanche.
New Zion	R. T. Cadden.	Jas. J. O. Jackson	Tampa.
Shiloh	W. W. Bostick.	W. S. Knight.	Plant City.
6-Mile Pond			Tuckertown.
TurkeyCreek	T. H. Jaudon.	P. P. Simmons.	Cork.
Tampa	W. M. Simons.	D. Isaac Craft.	Tampa.
Lakeland	J. G. McCaskie.	O. J. Frier.	Lakeland.
Mango	L. J. Simmons.	J. F. Rogers.	Mango.
County Line			Disston.
Tenotasassa	S. Walden.	J. C. Rodgers.	Tenotasassa
Providence			Peru.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

—FOR THE—

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory.
 2. Association called to order.
 3. Reading letters, and enrolling names of Messengers.
 4. Election of officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
 5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
 6. Inviting Visiting Brethren to seats.
 7. Letters of Correspondence.
 8. Appointment of Committees.
 9. Report of Committees.
 10. A call for Messengers to State Convention, and other Associations.
 11. Miscellaneous Business.
 12. Adjournment.
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OFFICERS :

W. W. BOSTICK, Moderator, Lakeland.
E. G. WILDER, Clerk, Lakeland.
C. L. WILDER, Treasurer, Plant City.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

JOHN G. BLOUNT, Bartow.
W. S. KNIGHT, Plant City.
E. G. WILDER, Lakeland.
J. R. McDONALD, Alafia.

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	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.						CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.					
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Church Edifice Fund.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Total.	
Anclote	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 15			\$ 3 39	\$ 3 99				\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00	
Bethel	1 50				1 00	1 25				5 00	5 00	
Barlow	1 25										1 70	
Beniah	2 33									2 35	2 35	
Clear Water											1 70	
County Lane											2 35	
Cummins											1 70	
Gapway	1 70				1 50	1 50				10 00	10 00	
Hopewell	2 00									89 70	195 95	
Key West											5 50	
Lakeland	1 00										3 65	
Mango	1 00										5 50	
Mt. Olive	1 00										3 65	
New Zion											5 50	
Providence											3 65	
Shiloh	2 50										5 50	
Tenotassasa	3 00	3 75									3 65	
Tampa	2 55										5 50	
Turkey Creek											3 65	
Miscellaneous:											5 50	
A. F. Randall											3 65	
J. H. Browning											5 50	
J. M. Hayman, on											3 65	
Falley's prop.											5 50	
Collected at Ass'n.											3 65	
Wednesday night.											5 50	
Total	\$31 88	\$ 6 30	\$15 65	\$ 2 00	\$ 9 49	\$16 86	\$61 71	\$144 35	\$62 00	\$46 15	\$15 25	\$ 258 02
Total						10 37	10 37				10 25	\$ 558 48
Total												253 50
Total												\$843 98
Total												4 00

CHURCHES.

Minutes.

General Purposes.

Associational Missions.

State Missions.

Home Missions.

Foreign Missions.

Total.

State Missions.

Church Edifice Fund.

Foreign Missions.

Ministerial Education.

Total.

Paid to Missionary by Executive Committee

Total

For Bible work, from Tenotassasa

\$4 00