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Order of Business for the South Florida Association.

1. Introductory.
2. Association called to order.
3. Reading Church letters and enrolling names of messengers.
4. Election of officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Inviting visiting members to seats.
8. Appointing committees.
9. Report of committees.
10. Appoint correspondents to other Associations.
11. Elect messengers to State Convention.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment.

PLEGDED TO STATE BOARD.

Bartow	\$10 00
Bethel	25 00
Thonotasassa	15 00
Turkey Creek	10 00
Hopewell	10 00
Peace Creek	5 00
Keysville	5 00
Willow Oak	10 00
Shiloh	15 00
Mount Olive	5 00
Seffner	5.00
New Salem	5 00
Lakeland	10 00
Bethany	5 00
Reuel	12 00
.....	\$147 00

Many of our churches, whose names do not appear in this list, will pay liberally to the State Board during the Associational year. Respectfully,
E. G. WILDER, Clerk,

MINUTES.

OCTOBER 9TH, 11 A. M. Elder A. C. Turner preached the Introductory Sermon from Mark, 16th Chapter, 15th and 16th verses. Adjourned for refreshments.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.—The Association was called to order by Elder T. H. Jaudon, Temporary Moderator. Church letters were then called for when the following were handed in to-wit:—see on following page.

Next election of officers:—Elder T. H. Jaudon was chosen Moderator; W. T. Knight, Treasurer; and E. G. Wilder, Clerk. Call for petitionary letters, when the following were presented: Bethany, Pinegrove, and Friendship, and in the usual way all the above were received into this body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the several messengers. Then correspondents were called for when the following came forward and were received, namely: J. R. Sumner and wife, from Pasco Association; Paul Willis, A. C. Turner, Wekiva Association; W. S. Gross, from Missouri; T. J. Sparkman, Manatee Association; J. C. Porter, State Evangelist; Mrs. L. B. Telford, Corresponding Secretary womans' work in Florida.

CHURCHES.

MESSENGERS.

Antioch.....	J. W. Costine.
Bartow.....	J. M. Hayman.
Bethel.....	E. L. Mallory and W. D. Mallory.
Clearwater.....	V. W. Olds and J. S. Taylor.
Gapway.....	S. N. Runnels and J. S. Box.
Hopewell.....	J. W. Johnson, J. R. & W. M. McDonald
Homeland.....	By letter
Keyville.....	B. F. Carpenter and R. Stewart.
Peace Creek.....	H. J. Goddard.
Providence.....	Henry Hurst and W. F. Pratt.
Lakeland.....	A C Turner, J G McCaskey, C McCrary
Mt. Tabor.....	J. E. and J. L. Harrelson.
Mt. Olive.....	I. O. Harris and W. N. Milton.
Medulla.....	A. Newburn and J. A. Killgore.
Seffner.....	J. P. Little and W. S. Obrien.
Shiloh.....	W. K. Franklin and W. J. Marshal.
Reuel.....	By report from Pastor.
Thonotasassa.....	L. G. Walden and T. H. Jandon.
Tampa.....	J. M. Eddens and J. A. McCay.
Turkey Creek.....	L. J. Simons, S Walden, R N Pylant.
Willow Oak.....	R. W. Trapnel and J. D. Swan.
Winter Haven.....	W. D. Yonally and James Whidden.
New Salem.....	L. Haskell and J. V. Tillis.

NEW CHURCHES RECEIVED AT THIS SESSION.

Bethany.....	H. Hawkins, F. M. Branch, H. Collins.
Friendship.....	P. H. Hamilton and N. Q. Bryan.
Pine Grove.....	William House.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Preaching—A. Newburn, L. G. Walden, J. R. McDonald.
 On Temperance—J. M. Hayman, A. C. Turner, G. W. Robey
 On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. S. Mallory, R. N.
 Pylant, W. M. McDonald.

On Finances—P. S. Crosier, P. H. Hamilton Henry Hurst.
 On Church Letters—J. W. Johnson, Walter McDonald, J. E.
 Harrelson.

On Missions—S. Walden, J. M. Eddens, Frank Branch.
 On Sunday Schools—A. C. Turner, J. G. McCaskey, J. A. Killgore.

On Religious Literature—A. C. Turner, G. W. Robey, J. M. Hayman.

On Ministerial Education—W. M. Simmons, W. D. Yonally, Wm. McDonald.

Adjourned to meet Oct. 10th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH.

9 A. M. Moderator in the chair; prayer by Elder Hayman after which the Association proceeded to business.

Report of Committee on Religious Literature was read and discussed by Elders Turner, McCaskey and Crosier, after which the same was adopted.

Ministerial Education. Report read and discussed by Elders Crosier, Porter, Willis, Turner, Charles McCrary; the same was adopted. Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Eleven a. m. preaching by G. W. Robey, from Rom. 8th, and 31st, which was ably delivered and joyfully received. At the close of this service refreshments were had.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

HALF PAST ONE P. M. Moderator in the chair; prayer by Bro. McDonald, after which the body proceeded to business.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read and discussed by Elders McDonald, Turner, Crosier, Porter, Willis and McCaskey; the same was adopted. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to arrange for a Baptist Sunday School Convention at our next Union Meeting—P. S. Crosier, A. C. Turner and J. G. McCaskey, appointed as said committee.

Report on letters and documents read and approved.

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Committee on church letter forms, read and approved by this body—J. M. Hayman and Walter McDonald, committee on forms.

At 11 a. m. Elder Sparkman preached from Rom. 5th, and 21st, to a large and attentive audience, who apparently desired to walk closer with God. At the close of this service refreshments were had. Elder G. W. Robey preached Friday at 11 a. m. very acceptably and to the point. Elder W. S. Gross preached Friday night and Elder Porter at 3:30 p. m.; Elder Simons Saturday, at 2 p. m. All the above services showed earnestness and zeal in the work of our Master.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1st. We need not take up your time by recommending the Sunday School as the nursery of the Church—this is its place by common consent—it has almost taken the whole work of bringing up the children in the admonition of the Lord out of the hands of the parents. In view of this fact we recommend and urge that parents attend Sunday school and help in this work.

2nd. That only decided christians be appointed as teachers in the Sunday school.

3rd. That the Bible never be left out of the classes but constantly used as a means of learning the truth.

4th. That there ought to be more effort made to teach and secure more reverence for the better behavior in God's house in Sunday schools. We also recommend Sunday School Conventions to be held in connection with the Union Meetings of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. TURNER, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the Second Union Meeting of this Associational year it was resolved by the Messengers of said Union that we act with and through the State Board accordingly. We supplemented Missionary Edward's salary with \$50.00 who was employed by the State Board to occupy the Western destitution of this Association—the State Board paying \$150.00. We have also been aided in the Eastern boundary. We would also recommend that our Union be divided into two districts, 1st and 2nd. We further

recommend that all contributions to the State Board and otherwise pass through the hands of our Treasurer, so at the close of the Associational year we can closely approximate what has been done for State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Respectfully,
O. J. FRIER, Chairman, Pro tem.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

We realize the fact that there is much destitution in our own bounds as well as in the State and we would recommend our State Board and our Churches to take into consideration the importance of making a vigorous effort to secure the services of a minister who can speak the Spanish language to locate in Ybor City and preach the gospel to that people; we also recommend the western bounds of our Association with its growing towns and increasing population as an important field for mission work; we also recommend the Eastern boundary with its vast destitution to the State Board and to the Association for their consideration and co-operative work. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. WALDEN, Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature would respectfully suggest to the membership of the churches of this Association careful and prayerful reading of the scriptures. We are of the opinion that the membership of our churches do not search the scriptures as they should, which will make us wise unto salvation; and as helps to the better understanding of the scriptures and means of communicating religious intelligence, as well as an educator in the family, would suggest the FLORIDA BAPTIST WITNESS first, and as many other good religious papers of our denomination as any may be able to secure, and for Sunday school helps recommend the KIND WORDS series, also that of the American Baptist Publication Society.

J. M. HAYMAN, }
A. C. TURNER, } Committee.
G. W. ROBEY, }

FORM FOR CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.....	
	Received by Letter.	
	Restored.....	
	Dismissed.....	
	Expelled.	
	Died.	
	Total.....	
ASSOCIATIONAL CONTRI- BUTIONS.	Home Missions.....	
	State Missions.....	
	Foreign Missions.....	
	Church Building.....	
	Ministerial Education.....	
	Stetson University.....	
SUNDAY SCHOOL STATIS- TICS.		REMARKS.
	Number of Schools.....	
	Officers and Number of Teachers.....	
	Number of Pupils.....	
	Number Enrolled.....	
	Average Attendance.....	
	Number Baptised.....	
	Volumes in Library.....	
	Contributions for Mis'sns.	
	Total Money Raised.....	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LETTERS.

We have examined the letters sent to this body and find that they contain good news. It seems that peace and harmony prevail throughout the entire membership; many of the churches have had revivals and there has been a wonderful ingathering into the churches; we find that churches are alive spiritually and seem more determined to do their duty than ever before; we find that there have been three churches organized this year and that our ministers have been zealous and self-sacrificing in preaching in destitute places. To God be all the glory! We find two petitions for the next Association, to-wit: Gapway and Tampa, and recommend that the next session be held with the Tampa church. We find that some of our churches have been visited by death. We also find that some churches use the word

"Erase" instead of "Expel." We would recommend the word "Expel" instead of "Erase."

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. McDONALD, Chairman.

To the Associations with whom we correspond, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—This session of our Association has been of marked peace and harmony, and with many evidences of prosperity we were pleased to meet the many brethren and sisters of other Associations, to-wit: Brothers Sparkman and Paul Willis, John R. Sumner and wife, Sister Telford, Brother W. S. Grass of Missouri, Brother Porter, &c. We were much encouraged and aided by their presence and counsels. We have appointed messengers to visit many of you, which we hope will be of service to you, and for such friendly greetings let us praise God.

E. G. WILDER, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We find that one young minister, Brother E. B. Blount, and two Deacons, to-wit: Brother H. M. Frier and Brother W. L. Frierson have died since our last session. Brother Blount a member of the Reuel Baptist Church, Brother H. M. Frier a member of Bethel Church, and Brother W. L. Frierson a member of Hopewell Church;

Therefore be it Resolved by this body that a blank page, with suitable inscriptions, in our Minutes be devoted to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. MALLORY, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We are impressed with the fact that ministerial education does not receive the attention in the bounds of this Association which its importance demands; not a church reported any contributions to its funds; no young men in our bounds, to our knowledge, are being educated for the ministry. We do not believe our people are wholly indifferent, nor do we think that they can fail to see that the future interest of Christ's church demands an educated ministry. The man called of God to the work, needs all

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the help he can get, while many are called that cannot have all these advantages, noble self-sacrificing men who must work at a great disadvantage, and deserve all the more honor; yet to those who can we should give the best we have. In view of the importance of this subject, we recommend: 1st. That we ask each church in this Association to take up a collection during the year so we may have something at least to report next year in this line of work. 2d. That young men who seem called of God be encouraged and helped, if need be, to go to DeLand and then to a theological school that shall develop their minds and hearts that they may "rightly divide the word of truth." We recommend the theological course to be taken at Louisville, Kentucky.

Respectfully,

W. M. SIMONS, Chairman.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9 A. M.

Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Brother Wilder. The body proceeded to business.

Temperance Committee's report read and discussed by Elders Simons, Turner, Walden, Willis, Sparkman, McDonald, and Brethren McCrary, McClelland and Harrelson. The same was adopted.

At 10 o'clock a. m. Brother Paul Willis addressed the audience in behalf of the State Board of Missions, which was ably done and its importance clearly shown.

Deceased Ministers and Deacon's report read and discussed by Elders Hayman, Walden, Pylant, Simmons, McDonald, and after the report was amended it was adopted.

1:30 p. m. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Brother E. S. Mallory. The body proceeded to business.

Sunday School Convention report was read and adopted.

Finance report read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Executive Committee's report read and discussed by Elders Hayman, Willis, Simons, McDonald, and Brother Wilder, when the same was adopted.

Moved and carried, that the Moderator appoint a committee to draft a Constitution for this Association, the former one having

been destroyed by fire with the house of Brother E. G. Wilder on the 21st of December, 1889, and to have the new document ready at the next sitting of the South Florida Association.

J. M. HAYMAN,
W. W. BOSTICK, } Committee.
J. R. McDONALD, }

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

We would say that the evils of Intemperance are sufficiently known, so there is now no need to enlarge on that point. Our aim should be to suppress the evil by example and by advocating Temperance and voting for temperance men who make and revise our laws; and we advise the exercise of more earnest zeal in our membership for the cause of Temperance, as God's people are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are of the opinion that the conduct of some of our members in drinking spirituous liquors and signing petitions favoring liquor saloons operates very much against the successful appliances of the means in operation for the prevalence of Temperance. Let every brother and sister help to the utmost of their ability in the cause of Temperance.

Respectfully,

J. M. HAYMAN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT—OCTOBER 12, 1889.

To cash on hand	\$ 78 10
To cash received Oct. 20, \$5 00; Dec. 30, \$19 96	24 96
March 25, 1890, to cash received, E. G. Wilder, \$7 85, June 28, \$35 24.	43 09
Aug. 31, 1890, to cash received, Bethel Union Meeting	34 54
.....	\$180 69

DISBURSEMENTS.	CR.
Nov. 1, 1889, to Clerk for services, &c.	\$ 15 00
Nov. 20, 1889, to printing Minutes	30 00
Nov. 20, 1889, to H. Edwards	19 50
Apr. 15, 1889, to J. G. McCasky	20 00
Apr. 20, 1889, to W. N. Chaudoin	17 56
Apr. 29, 1889, to G. A. Bryant	15 00
Apr. 29, 1889, H. Edwards	10 00
Sept. 13, 1889, W. W. Bostick	34 00

Total	\$161 06	DR.	\$180 69
Amount to balance, \$19 63.			

C. L. WILDER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

Read and discussed by Elders Walden, Willis, McDonald, Hayman, Crosier, Turner, and Brothers Irwin Harris and W. N. Milton; and Brother Harris making known to this body a certain destitution, to-wit: the *Mount Avista* region; when Elder Sparkman, from Manatee Association, started a collection for said field. Amount raised for same, \$17 55. The report was then adopted.

Moved and carried, that the Secretary have five hundred copies of these Minutes printed for the use of the several churches of this Association, and that he draw a sufficient amount from the Treasurer to pay for the same, and that he have \$15.00 for his services.

CORRESPONDENTS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND STATE CONVENTION.

Manatee Association—S. Walden, W. M. McDonald, R. W. Trapnell, J. R. McDonald, J. W. Johnson.

Wekiva Association—Elder A. C. Turner.

Pasco Association—W. W. Bostick, S. Walden, E. G. Wilder.

State Convention—W. M. Simmons, A. C. Turner, W. M. McDonald.

Adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church in Tampa, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1891.

T. H. JAUDON, Moderator.

E. G. WILDER, Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be; and are hereby tendered, to this community for their kind and liberal hospitality to us during our stay in their midst.

Sunday 11 a. m. Preaching by Paul Willis from Matthew 28, 19 and 20th verses to a large and appreciative audience, and at the close a collection was taken for the State Board. Amount received, \$17.27. At the same hour Elder McDonald preached in the old Baptist church to a crowded house, and at the close of this service a collection was taken for the State Board. Amount received \$ 5.00

Total.....	\$22 27
Amount appropriated to Mount Avista, in cash,.....	\$17 55
On preceding day, brought forward,.....	\$39 82

Sunday, 2 o'clock p. m. Preaching by Elder Sparkman. Text: "It shall be with the righteous well, but with the wicked evil." The punishment of the wicked was clearly set forth, and the joys of the righteous so wonderfully felt that many rejoiced in the hope of the glory of God. At the close of this service, and while an appropriate song was being sung, the "Parting hand" was extended to each other with a spirit of great love and rejoicing, and thus closed a most prosperous, harmonious and spiritual session of this Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD AND LIST OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

CHURCHES.	Schools.	Office's, &c	Pupils.	Value of Church Property	Paid for S. work, &c	Pastor's Salary.
Antioch	1	2	14			\$15 00
Bartow	1	9	65	\$3,000	\$45 00	430 45
Bethel	1	8	42	1,200	10 00	200 00
Clearwater	1	2	12	400	3 80	101 00
Bethany						
Friendship	1	3	15			
Gapway						
Homeland				1,000		69 07
Hopewell	1	5	35	400	4 00	70 00
Keysville						
Lakeland	1	6	40	1,000	24 79	200 00
Mount Olive	1	8	50	400	5 61	110 00
Mount Tabor	1	5	25	500	3 00	35 00
Medulla	1	8	50		40	50 00
Seffner						
Pence Creek					1 65	9 20
Providence						
Pine Grove						
Reuel						43 25
New Salem	1	3	27	250		48 65
Shiloh	1	6	50		21 16	388 59
Thonotassa	1	4	28	1,000		
Turkey Creek						
Tampa	3	21	123	1,000	57 49	988 46
Willow Oak						
Winter Haven	2	10	55	800	11 00	30 00
Total	18	100	611	\$10,950	\$227 50	\$2,786 67

IN MEMORIAM.

Sacred to the memory of Deacon H. M. FRIER, born January 1, 1823. Died January 24, 1890. He used the office well; purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

Sacred to the memory of Brother E. B. BLOUNT, born December 17, 1857. Departed this life October 8, 1890.

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

Sacred to the memory of Deacon W. L. FRERSON, who departed this life, 1890.

"Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors."

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	For Minutes.
Antioch	T. E. Tiller	J. W. Costline	Raymond	81 00
Barlow	H. Edwards	F. P. Day	Barlow	2 15
Clearwater	H. T. Cadden	J. S. Taylor	Largo	1 00
Gapway	W. W. Bostick	J. L. McClelland	Lakeland	1 00
Bethel	A. A. Keith	A. A. Lewis	Kathleen	2 50
Mount Olive	T. H. Jaudon	John Harris	Raymond	2 00
Mount Tabor		J. H. Rushing	Kathleen	
Medulla	W. M. McDonald	C. F. Holton	Lakeland	1 00
Hopewell	J. G. McOskey	J. W. Johnson	Alaha	1 80
Homeland	W. M. McDonald	W. T. Denham	Homeland	
Keyville	J. C. Turner	J. R. Stewart	Keyville	1 00
Lakeland	T. H. Jaudon	J. T. Park	Lakeland	1 00
Providence	J. M. Hayman	J. R. Bennett	Barlow	1 50
Peace Creek	J. G. McOskey	H. J. Goddard	Barlow	3 50
Reuel	R. H. Whitehead	D. D. Blount	Barlow	1 50
Seftner	P. S. Croster	J. P. Little	Seftner	2 30
Winter Haven	J. M. Hayman	M. B. Pierpont	Winter Haven	1 50
New Salem	W. M. Simmons	L. Haskill	Fort Meade	2 00
Tampa	T. H. Jaudon	B. C. West	Tampa	2 50
Thonofossa		Irwine Walden	Seftner	3 00
Turkey Creek	W. M. McDonald	James Hicks	Plant City	2 20
Willow Oak	J. M. Hayman	F. M. Branch	Lakeland	1 00
Pine Grove	W. M. McDonald	W. S. Knight	Plant City	
Bethany	R. H. Whitehead	P. H. Hamilton	Plant City	1 00
Shiloh	W. M. McDonald		Plant City	1 00
Friendship				

NOTE.—Mount Tabor, Homeland, Willow Oak and Bethany, have no amount mentioned in their letters for printing Minutes; therefore the Clerk leaves them blank.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Received by Letter and Baptism.	Restored.	Dead.	Dismiss'd & Exp'd	Total.
Antioch	T. E. Tiller	Raymond	19	3	12	35	
Bartow	W. W. Bostick	Bartow	13	2	2	78	
Bethel	H. Edwards	Kathleen	1	2	3	26	
Clearwater	R. T. Cadden	Largo	9	5	39		
Gapway	A. A. Keith	Richland	25	1	60		
Mount Olive	T. H. Jaudon	Lakeland	18	1	43		
Mount Tabor		Seffner	6	1	14		
Medulla	W. M. McDonald	Lakeland	8	1	78		
Hopewell	J. G. McCaskey	Plant City	9	1	43		
Homeland	J. G. McCaskey	Lakeland	14	1	9		
Key West	W. M. McDonald	Plant City	4	7	32		
Lakeland	A. C. Turner	Lakeland	4	4	24		
Peace Creek	T. H. Jaudon	Bartow	9	1	28		
Retell	J. M. Hayman	Lakeland	25	2	32		
Winter Haven	J. G. McCaskey	Plant City	11	1	56		
New Salem	R. H. Whitehead	Winter Haven	11	5	109		
Tampa	P. S. Crosier	Bartow	42	7	78		
Thonotosassa	J. M. Hayman	Tampa	21	25	77		
Turkey Creek	W. M. Simmons	Seffner	7	1	80		
Willow Oak	T. H. Jaudon	"	41	1	7		
Pine Grove	W. M. McDonald	Plant City	13	1	88		
Bethany	J. M. Hayman	Bartow	1	32	17		
Shiloh	R. H. Whitehead	Plant City	1	1	17		
Friendship	W. M. McDonald	"	1	1	17		

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