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HELD WITH THE
Lakeland Baptist Church

Polk County, Florida

November 9 and 10

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by the Moderator.
3. Read letters and enroll names of messengers.
4. Election of officers.
5. Reading constitution and by-laws.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appoint correspondents.
12. Election of messengers to State Convention.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Appointing annual committees.
15. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This organization shall be known as the South Florida Baptist Association.
2. It shall be composed of Baptist churches of the same faith and gospel order.
3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by the properly authorized messengers sent up by the churches.
4. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, and one additional messenger for every twenty-five over the first fifty.
5. This Association shall meet annually at any time and place agreed upon, by letters and messengers, in which letters should be stated the names of the messengers sent for the respective sessions and the condition of the churches.
6. This Association shall recognize the independence of the churches, and shall not in any case exercise jurisdiction over them, yet shall have power to drop from its connection any church which it may deem corrupt in faith or practice.
7. Churches may be received into this body by petition, setting forth their faith, and willingness to conform to the rules and regulations by which this Association is governed; and upon reception the Moderator shall give to the messenger the hand of fellowship.
8. Any church shall be at liberty to discontinue its connection at any time it may deem proper, by giving notice of such intention, without breach of fellowship. But if any church shall fail to represent itself for three years in succession, it shall be dropped, unless retained for the purpose of visitation by committee or otherwise.
9. This Association may correspond with sister Associations.
10. This Association may alter or amend this Constitution at any regular meeting of its members by two thirds of the votes of the messengers present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The sessions of this body shall be opened and closed with prayer or praise to God, or both.
2. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of this Association, keep order, and explain and put questions, but shall not vote, except in case of a tie.
3. In discussing subjects before this body the speaker shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not speak more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than twice on the same subject without leave of the body; and the speaker shall carefully avoid personal reflections that are offensive.
4. It is the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings of this body while in session, and prepare the manuscript for the press, and have the minutes printed and otherwise put up in good style, and distribute them among the churches at the earliest day practicable, and shall keep a complete file of the minutes for the use of the Association.
5. The Treasurer of this Association shall hold the moneys sent up by the churches and from other sources, keep strict account of the same, and pay out to the order of the Association or its Executive Committee, and shall make report in writing, at each annual meeting, of all moneys received and disbursed.
6. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read at each annual meeting, immediately after permanent organization.
7. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a vote of a majority.

MINUTES.

The South Florida Baptist Association convened with the First Baptist Church at Lakeland, Polk county, Florida, November 8, 1898. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Porter.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and, after divine worship, church letters were presented and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

- Antioch—A. J. Voyls, William Dewitt.
- Bartow—J. C. Blount, B. F. Bolunt, J. M. Hayman.
- Bethel—E. G. Wilder, J. R. Frier, J. W. Lanier, J. M. Hancock, A. A. Lewis.
- Plant City—W. S. Knight, T. Alderman, George Huntsman, Mrs. T. W. Wilder.
- Turkey Creek—J. L. Brown, W. F. Farrington.
- Thonotosassa—T. H. Jaudon, John Casey.
- Tampa, First—J. B. Moody, J. Q. Brantley, J. H. Tharp, Sister Keys.
- Hopewell—J. W. Johnson, W. M. McDonald, William Hollaway, J. B. Weeks.
- Pleasant Hill—F. M. Bryant.
- Providence—S. N. Boyett, W. C. Johnson, Lawrence Hendry.
- Valrico—J. B. Bledsoe, Solon Mansel.
- Lakeland—O. J. Frier, L. M. Ballard, Orvil Sloan, S. L. A. Clonts.
- Lake Eloise—John S. Howard, Sister Bessie Howard.
- Mount Olive—R. Morse, R. T. Caddin.
- Mount Tabor—W. M. Boyed, J. L. Hart, W. Bennett.
- Gapway—Lawrence Grimes, Dave Combee, S. M. McClelland.
- Green Pond—O. D. Bryant, J. L. Knowles.
- Pine Grove—R. N. Pylant, John McCauly.
- Kathleen—J. E. Harlson, H. Overstreet.
- St. Petersburg—M. A. Clonts, P. H. Walters.
- Six Mile Pond—B. H. Guy, J. F. Rogers.
- Chicora—T. A. Prine.
- Peace Creek—D. C. Dukes, H. J. Goddard.

After the messengers' names were enrolled, the same officers were re-elected.

Petitionary letters being called for, one from Lake Hill and one from Mulberry were received, also New Zion by letter from Pasco Association.

The Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

The following visiting brethren were invited to seats with us: Brethren E. H. Rennolds, Historical Secretary, and J. C. Porter, representing Stetson University and the Baptist Witness; both from Alachua Association; W. J. Williams, from Wekiva Association.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

On Preaching—T. W. Wilder, H. J. Goddard, and J. W. Lanier, with the messengers of this church.

On Finance—T. H. Jaudon, J. O. Brantley.

On Letters and Documents—T. H. Jaudon, M. A. Clonts, J. L. Brown.

Session—J. H. Tharp, T. C. Kimble, Solon Mansel.

Standing committees to report at next session:

Associational Missions—Executive Board.

Church Work—J. B. Moody, J. H. Tharp, J. O. Brantley.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—J. W. Johnson, E. G. Wilder, W. S. Knight.

Denominational Work—O. J. Frier, B. H. Guy, W. W. Carlton.

Prominent Evils Confronting Us—M. A. Clonts, J. R. Frier, G. A. Bryant.

Obituary—T. H. Jaudon, Solon Mansel, J. L. Brown.

Messengers to State Convention—O. J. Frier, W. M. McDonald, T. W. Wilder, Mrs. T. W. Wilder.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Moody.

Correspondents to other Associations—On motion it was ordered that any member of this Association be recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay in their midst."

The following motions prevailed:

That a committee on Church Work, the Spiritual Condition of the Churches, Denominational Work, Prominent Evils Confronting Us, and Obituary, take the place of a committee on Temperance, Missions, Woman's Work,

Sunday Schools, Religious Literature, Ministerial Education, and Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

That Bro. E. H. Rennolds be allowed time in which to address the Association on his work [which he did satisfactorily to all.—SECRETARY.]

That the Association adjourn in order that the Woman's Missionary Union may hold its annual meeting.

That the Clerk have 700 copies of the minutes printed and be allowed \$20 for his services.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Hopewell Baptist Church, Hillsborough county, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1899.

PREACHING SERVICES THIS SESSION.

Introductory—By Elder J. C. Porter.

First Day—7:30 p.m., Elder W. M. McDonald, from 2 Chron. 28:23.

Second Day—11 a.m., Elder J. B. Moody, from 1 Cor. 11:22; 7:30 p.m., Elder W. J. Williams.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The channels through which a church may work are many. Chief among them is the Woman's Work. The time has been when a Woman's Missionary Society was looked upon as useless, or tolerated for the sake of harmony; but such sentiment is of the past, and the Woman's Missionary Society is now looked upon as an indispensable help in the church. When societies exist the pastor feels that he has a working force hitherto unknown—a rare genuine help. During the past year much has been accomplished by the societies of this Association. Contributions of boxes and money have been sent to the missionaries. Their hearts have been cheered by the kindly words and interest of the women, and their labor has been blessed through the sisters' prayers. Pastors have been encouraged and churches strengthened by their influence. We thank God for their organization and recommend the pastors and brethren to assist and encourage them as much as possible.

M. ALBERT CLONTS, Chairman.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons have to report the death of Elder I. F. Holcomb, of Peace Creek Church, who departed this life in February, 1898, and his wife died in April following.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. HAYMAN, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

To make an elaborate report on the work of missions within the bounds of our Association would call forth a renewed statement of facts which have been reported upon by committees, and which are already well known by all who will read and study one of our minutes. The field is, and has been for some time, "already white unto harvest." But we feel thankful that there

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OF

Elder I. F. HOLCOMB and Wife.

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels."

are many laborers standing ready to enter into the labor, who are worthy and able, by the grace of God, to reap much grain for his harvest.

But all feel thankful, when we review the work of the last two years, at the progress that has been made, and believe that the time is not far off when we shall have but little work to do at home, but when our friends shall find more needy fields away from home.

The Executive Board undertook at the beginning of the year to extend help to eight different fields within our territory, and promised in the aggregate \$300 for that work. The Treasurer reports to-day \$226.70 paid on said amount, with the funds sent up to this meeting still in his hands. We should all thank God for the past and take courage for the future.

B. F. BLOUNT, Chairman.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee is well aware that there are books and papers all over the country, almost without end, and that a part of them are known to be dangerous to the cause we represent. We have plenty of books and papers that we can heartily recommend, viz., our own paper, the Florida Baptist Witness, the Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field, and in the Sunday school the Convention Series, Teachers' Quarterlies, Helps, Kind Words, Gems, etc. We would recommend the abundant publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, they are so good.

L. M. BALLARD,

R. F. PYLANT,

J. C. BLOUNT,

Committee.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.

Opening song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by Bro. J. H. Jaudon. Reading of Scripture, Phil. 4, by the President.

Talk by Mrs. T. W. Wilder.

Welcome address by Mrs. M. A. Lewis.

Answer by Mrs. Keys, Tampa.

Song—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Reading—"Character of Prayer Needed." By Mrs. B. L. Wills.

A few minutes in silent prayer.

Letter from Mrs. Heck, read by Mrs. Keys. From J. V. Coxa, read by Mrs. R. F. Henley.

Address by Bro. Hamon.

Reading of reports—Plant City, St. Petersburg, Bethel.

Election of Vice-Presidents—Mrs. T. H. Wilder, Mrs. M. A. Lewis.

Contributed for Florida State Board of Missions, \$1.25.

Talk by Bro. Calejo, Cuban missionary from Tampa.

Closing prayer by Bro. Hamon.

Money from reports; \$93.47.

MRS. T. H. WILDER, President.

MISS VIRGIE DARBY, Secretary.

To the Women of the South Florida Baptist Association, Greeting:

Dear Sisters in Christ—The urgent appeal is made to you again, in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in behalf of his cause, that each one of you learn from your own Bible what he would have you to do. For it is a personal matter between you and your Lord; and how dare you disobey his command when he says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To do so intelligently, you should, in connection with the Holy Bible, read the Florida Baptist Witness, the Foreign Mission Journal,

Our Home Field, and see what is being done in all parts of the world, and how anxiously those peoples in the dark portions of the world are calling to us to send them the gospel, without which they will be lost. And as you expect the Master to say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant," when he will reward you according to your works, so be faithful and loyal to him in all things, or he will not say it. It is so sweet to do his will when his love glows in our hearts, and duty is made plain to us. And ignorance will be no excuse when information is so cheap and so abundant. Then organize yourselves for work in every church and have your meetings, invoke the divine guidance in discussing ways and means, and in pursuing this course you will be helpful to each other, and will accomplish a great deal more for the cause of Christ, and you will become enthusiastic, and greatly enjoy the service.

See what has already been done by the women and children in Florida, as reported at our last State Convention: 134 Missionary Societies and 32 Mission Bands, who in 1897 contributed to missions as follows, to wit:

To Foreign Missions	\$ 462 35
To Home Missions	705 13
To State Missions	1,297 11
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	\$2,374 59

Dear sisters, these are not intended to be idle words, but to be strong, burning words, to move you to action in the Lord's cause. The divine benediction will rest on all who will render loving service in the Lord's cause.

By organized effort you can not only contribute money, but put up boxes of clothing for the families of our destitute frontier missionaries, which has proven such acceptable service in the past. MRS. SALLIE F. WILDER.

MISSIONS.

It is often said, "I can't believe that God will allow the heathen to be lost without a chance; he is too good." Yes, he so loved "the world" that he gave his Son, that "whosoever believeth" on him should not perish. And he was given as a propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the "sins of the world." God in his goodness and love has provided a salvation in Christ, enough and intended for the whole world. God has not slighted the heathen. This remedy for sin can not be made effective without it is applied by a living faith. But how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? (See Rom. 10:14-15.) Who is to do the sending? Read Acts 13:1-3, noting especially verse 3, where it is stated plainly that the church at Antioch "sent" the first regular missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, on their first missionary tour. "He hath committed this treasure to earthen vessels." God is too good to leave any out of his love and the atoning sacrifice of his Son, but the lack of goodness is with us who fail to erry them the remedy; hence the responsibility is ours.

Are we doing what we can to relieve this responsibility and to rescue the perishing? According to our last minute we gave, in the South Florida Association, an average of less than 12 cents per member for missions in the whole year, one cent per month. Would our Lord say, they have done what they could? The poorest child in the Association ought to have done more, for there are none but what have wasted foolishly much more. What's the matter, are all of us so negligent? No, thank God, we have a few that are doing their duty nobly, but probably more than half our 2,000 members do not give anything at all. How shall we remedy this evil, is the question that should stir us. Your committee would recommend more preaching on missions, the circulation of our mission papers, the dissemination of information; and endeavoring to get our people to give regularly and stately. If we all gave one

cent per week we would do four times as much as year before last. We would also recommend Dr. Willingham's plan of being a missionary one day.

We would call your attention to the harvest fields opened by our war with Spain. Cuba, Porto Rico and probably the Philippine islands have been laid open to the Gospel. Let us go up and possess these lands for our Christ, for we are able to overcome it through him who has all power in heaven and on earth. Or will we follow the example of the ten spies of Israel? God forbid. Therefore when our boards appeal to us along these lines let us remember they are our committee for these things and we exhort you in language of 2 Cor. 8:23-24. "Whether any do inquire of our brethren they are the messengers of the churches and of the glory of Christ, wherefore show ye to them and before the churches the proof of your love." Respectfully submitted,

O. J. FRIER,
J. W. JOHNSON

TEMPERANCE.

Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 9:25, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." It is a universally acknowledged fact, that to attain the greatest perfection in physical attainments, the athlete must abstain from dissipation and intoxicants before engaging in a contest that will tax his endurance and strength. So we know that intoxicants instead of being a builder is a destroyer. And while it is an instrument of destruction in the physical world, so it is in the spiritual. It develops the animal part of man and dries up the spiritual. It prevents the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the life of any Christian that habitually drinks for a beverage. Paul recognized this fact when he said, Eph. 5:18, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." He was aware that a person could not be filled with both. Not only does a drinking church member retard the work of the Holy Spirit in his own life, but he retards its work in his entire church. Gordon remarks in his great book "If Christ came to Church": "What the air cells are to the lungs, the different members are to the church. If some of the cells of the lungs are diseased the air can not have free circulation—and if some of the air cells of the church are diseased the Holy Spirit can not have a free entrance." How decided then should a church member be in his attitude towards this great evil when his demeanor towards it affects the prosperity of his church and his denomination. Let's be resolved that the territory embraced in the South Florida Association shall be the banner temperance district of the state. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SHARP, Chairman.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We are pained to see a large decrease in baptisms during the past year. There has been a falling off of 95 or 100 against 218 last reported. We also regret to see that the churches have not paid their pastors as much this year as they did last. There has been a falling off of over \$1,000 on church expenses, including pastor's salary, yet there has been a gain of about \$300 for mission work. T. H. JAUDON, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education of Ministers report that it is a command of God that the minister study, to show himself approved unto God a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, and that the minister must be apt to teach, and unless he makes this preparation by study he can never do the work of preaching the Gospel. The Lord will not bless his work unless it is done in his way. We recommend Stetson University for

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the better training of our young ministers that would prepare themselves for the work of preaching the Gospel, and that our churches assist young brethren who are at Stetson and others who might go for the purpose of preparing for the ministry

T. H. JAUDON,
B. H. GUY

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1897			
Oct. 6	Balance in treasury	\$ 1 91	
8	Received at association	47 62	
8	Ministerial education	10 36	
8	Cuban school in Tampa	15 50	
8	Ministers book fund	2 93	
30	Union at Valrico	36 75	
30	Woman's Missionary Union	5 27	
Nov. 25	Lakeland, on Ministers' Book Fund	2 10	
1898			
Jan. 10	Plant City Church, for missions	5 00	
29	Union at Medulla	45 34	
29	Cuban work	1 00	
29	J. F. Rogers, for Ministers' Book Fund	1 00	
29	J. W. Johnson, for Ministers' Book Fund	1 00	
29	woman's Missionary Union, church building	3 14	
Feb. 12	Hopewell, for Ministers' Book Fund	3 18	
24	Bethel	2 61	
24	Bethany	1 47	
May 28	Union at Providence	52 61	
28	G. A. Bryant on Book Fund	8 75	
28	B. H. Guy	1 00	
28	W. N. Chaudoin, for missions	5 30	
June 29	Bartow Church, for Ministers' Book Fund	5 50	
July 31	Union at Bethany Church	62 06	
31	For Cuban work	5 85	
31	W. M. U. for aged ministers	8 84	
Oct. 30	Union at Hopewell Church	46 98	
30	Six Mile Creek Church, Book Fund	4 00	
		\$377 75	
1897	DISBURSEMENTS		
Oct. 6	J. C. Porter for ministerial education	\$ 9 36	
6	Mrs. T. W. Wilder, for Cuban school	15 51	
6	A. A. Lewis, Clerk's fee	20 00	
30	Miss M. A. Taylor, Cuban school	5 27	
Dec. 22	J. C. Porter, printing minutes	35 00	
1898			
Jan. 10	W. N. Chaudoin, missions	5 00	
Aug. 2	" Cuban work	8 85	
2	" missions	8 23	
2	" aged ministers	8 84	
Oct. 6, 1897, to Oct. 30, 1898,	for missions in the bounds of the Association:		
	For mission work:		
	C. Vickers	36 20	
	B. H. Guy	31 00	
	J. W. Johnson	61 00	
	G. A. Bryant	21 50	
	W. W. Carlton	17 00	
	J. C. Rogers	15 50	
	J. W. H. Powell	11 50	
	M. A. Clonts	8 00	
	J. W. Tucker	25 00	
	Total	\$342 70	
	Balance in treasury	\$34 96	

W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We find the moneys sent up from the churches for all purposes amounts to \$50.06.

T. H. JAUDON, Chairman.

After reading the report on Ministerial Education, Brother O. J. Frier stated to the association that Brother S. C. Sloan was at the Stetson University preparing for the ministry and needed help. The following brethren and sisters responded with pledges:

O. J. Frier	\$ 5 00
J. R. McDonald	5 00
W. W. Carlton	1 00
L. M. Ballard	5 00
W. S. Knight	5 00
H. J. Goddard	1 00
Orvil Sloan	10 00
B. F. Blount	5 00
Sarah Sloan	5 00
E. R. Goddard	5 00
D. H. Sloan	2 00
J. C. Blount	2 00
T. W. Wilder	2 00
W. M. McDonald	10 00
George Overstreet	2 00
Ernest Voyles	2 00
John Howard	2 00
H. C. Overstreet	1 00
Mrs. Fannie E. Hill	2 00
Bethel Church	13 09
Total	90 00

SESSION.

We find that only the church at Hopewell has asked for the next Association, and it affords us great pleasure to recommend that as our next year's meeting place, and Elder O. J. Frier to preach the Introductory Sermon.

J. H. THARP,
T. C. KIMBLE,
SOLON MANSEL.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

T. Alderman	Plant City	G. A. Bryant	Kathleen
R. T. Caddin	Tampa	Henry Edwards	Largo
O. J. Frier	Lakeland	J. M. Hayman	Bartow
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	J. M. Murrill		Bartow

STATISTICS OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES	When Organized.	Number Last Year.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Number of Churches.	Value of Meeting Houses.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages and Other Property.
Antioch	1874	13						12	J. W. Costin, Raymond.	J. W. Costin, Raymond.	1	\$ 150	1	\$ 150
Barlow	1875	206	47	8		1	1	218	A. J. Whiamore	C. F. Fernald, Barlow	1	1000	1	8000
Bethel	1893	117		3		6	1	118	C. H. Nash	A. A. Lewis, Kathleen	1	150	1	1000
Willow Oak	1896							69	W. M. McDonald	E. O. Sutton, Faskell	1	350	1	150
Medulla	1888	43				4	2	45	E. L. Todd	D. K. Turner, Lakeland	1	400	1	250
Peace Creek	1888					4	2	27	J. W. Johnson	H. J. Goddard, Barlow	1	1000	1	425
Winter Haven	1885	12				2	1	20	M. H. Murrell	F. Louis D. Burr, Winter Haven	1	50	1	1000
Lake Eloise	1892	74				3	1	9	O. J. Frier	L. N. Howard, Eloise	1	1300	1	50
Lakeland	1882	81	7	17		6	3	106	T. Alderman	J. L. Bryant, Lakeland	1	300	1	1300
Mount Olive	1882	74	7	16		6	1	70	R. Y. Walden	J. L. Bryant, Mount Olive	1	150	1	300
Mount Tabor	1889	54	7	2		3	2	65	C. A. Bryant	J. W. McCallister, Lakeland	1	100	1	450
Gapway	1875					4	3	98	C. A. Bryant	F. L. Knowles, Green Pond	1	100	1	190
Green Pond	1894	27				4	4	24	J. W. Johnson	W. L. Hancock, Kathleen	1	75	1	75
Pine Grove	1893	29				1	1	27			1	500	1	500
Kathleen	1896	25				2		26			1			

Enterprise	1896	14				1	1	16	J. W. H. Powell	W. F. Sherrets, Homeland	1	350	1	50
Homeland	1893	58	6	4		1	1	78	W. M. McDonald	J. L. Durance, Chicona	1	500	1	50
Chicona	1896	127	3	7		10	1	127	E. L. Todd	C. L. Branch, Plant City	1	1250	1	1850
Bethany	1890	132	19	6		3	3	152	O. J. Frier	G. B. Wells, Plant City	1	1500	1	1800
Plant City	1888	116	1	2		5	3	110	T. H. Jaudon	J. E. Hook, Turkey Creek	1	500	1	700
Turkey Creek	1884	92	3	1		2	1	93	J. W. Johnson	B. E. West, Antioch	1	2000	1	2000
Thorolossas	1896	257	3	36		16	4	276	J. B. Moody	C. H. Piman, Tampa	1	300	1	800
Tampa, First	1874					6	4	128	H. D. Ryles	M. K. Wallace, Tampa	1	300	1	800
Tampa, Second	1874					6	3	28	W. M. McDonald	Robert McDonald, Plant City	1	300	1	800
Hopewell Hill	1891	22				1	3	21	E. L. Todd	F. M. Bryant, Pelote	1	300	1	800
Seaford	1888	31				1	1	28	J. C. Rogers	B. F. Carpenter, Keysville	1	300	1	800
Keysville	1893	53	1	7		4	2	62	M. A. Clonts	J. H. Cashwell, St. Petersburg	1	900	1	1200
St. Petersburg	1893	44	2	2		3	1	41	T. H. Jaudon	Solon Mansel, Sydney	1	400	1	500
Valrico	1893										1			
Peet	1877	112	1			33	5	73	C. Vickers	S. N. Boyett, Silverview	1	510	1	510
Peet (Idence)	1897	9				1	1	7	B. H. Guy	G. W. Heath, Peet	1		1	
Maple Creek	1897					1	1	39	J. W. Johnson	D. K. Gillett, Orient	1		1	
Six Mile Creek	1896	44						16	W. M. McDonald	H. A. Camrrell, Kingsford	1		1	
Star Water	1877							15	A. J. Whiamore	J. Moody	1	350	1	350
Mulberry	1877							33	J. H. Smith	B. F. Strorus, Magdalena	1		1	
Lake Hill	1866										1			
New Zion	1866										1			
Total		1820	101	129	19	122	36	2186			27	\$31175	2	\$37410

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OCTOBER, 1897, TO NOVEMBER, 1898, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Funds.	Miscellaneous.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Volumes in Library.	Contributed for Missions.
Antioch	\$ 18 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3 00		B. B. Tatam, Bartow.	1	11	71		
Bartow	940 28	42 20		10 00	28 00	70 72	2 50		C. F. Mallory, Kathleen.	4	14	60		
Bethel	121 20	12 00	1 50				5 00							
Willow Oak			1 00		6 56			6 00						
Medulla Creek	60 00	3 00	1 00						D. C. Dukes, Bartow.	1	5	20		3 00
Winter Haven	30 90	5 00	3 80	3 80			1 50		Louis D. Burt, Winter Haven.	1	4	18		1 00
Lakeland	425 00	6 00	7 50	7 50	1 45		55 92	52 10	John S. Howard, Eloise.	1	6	20	15	
Mount Olive	20 70	2 76					8 55		A. E. Sloan, Lakeland.	1	1	65	50	10 93
Mount Tabor		2 57	5 00				6 97		G. W. Fussell, Auburndale.	1	5	36		
Gayway					5 25		75		W. L. Rushing, Kathleen.	1	5	35		50
Green Pond	87 00		2 50	4 50	5 25									
Pine Grove	50 00	80	6 07	3 10	2 65		60		W. L. Hancock, Kathleen.	1	4	24		
Kathleen														

Enterprise	58 11				5 00		25		Not represented	1	4	36		
Homeland	58 00	5 84	8 58				2 00		Samuel Gullert, Chitcola.	1	7	40		
Chitcola	115 00			25					J. N. Collins, Plant City.	1	1	70		
Bethany	294 80		7 00	17 31	41 01		104 85		B. W. Norwood, Plant City.	1	9	40		
Plant City	52 32	8 00	6 37	3 00	3 00		2 12		J. L. Brown, Plant City.	1	6	40		
Turkey Creek	56 23			10 92	8 71		1 05							
Thonotosassa	1157 23	50 98	167 06	10 00			5 00	3180 22	Frank Bentley, Tampa.	1	15	117		
Tampa, First							1 25							
Tampa, Second	120 00	9 00		20 00	8 71		25 41	13 68	J. B. McDonald, Plant City.	1	7	60		
Hopewell Hill				2 80			75	85	Not represented					
Pleasant Hill														
Seffner	30 00						2 00	415 00	F. M. Childs	1	8	60		
Keyville	465 00	50 00		25 00	6 35		1 70	2 50	Not represented					
St. Petersburg	30 00													
Valrico														
Peru	88 42						1 70							
Providence	9 34						1 25	6 00						
Maple Creek	46 10				6 80		1 50							
Six Mile Creek														
Clear Water														
Mulberry							37							
Lake Hill														
New Zion														
Total	\$3925 81	\$ 153 10	\$ 114 98	\$ 115 18	\$ 184 11		\$ 126 46	\$3819 38		19	115	663	65	431 43

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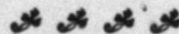
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