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J. F. Rogers	Mango.
E. G. Wilder	Kathleen.

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 of Constitution and by-laws.
6. Call for petitionary letters.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Reports of committees.
11. Appointment of correspondents.
12. Election of messengers to State Convention.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Appointment of annual committees.
15. Adjournment.

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.

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 messengers 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.

MINUTES.

The Association was called to order at 10 a. m. November 8, 1899, by the Moderator.

After divine services S. N. Boytt was elected Clerk pro tem. and O. J. Frier and G. B. Wells reading clerks.

Letters were presented and messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Hopewell—J. W. Johnson, J. R. McDonald, J. B. Simmons, W. M. McDonald.

Lakeland—O. J. Frier.

Plant City—R. W. Norwood, Mrs. T. W. Wilder, W. S. Knight, G. B. Wells, T. Alderman.

Valrico—T. H. Jaudon, J. W. Brooker.

Antioch—J. A. Vogts, F. C. Fresbrook.

Mt. Olive—J. H. Harris.

Association adjourned until 1 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Reading of letters and enrollment of messengers' names continued.

Lake Hill—A. J. Whittemore.

Turker Creek—R. Y. Walden, J. L. Brown, W. M. Hooker, Irwin Walden.

Thonotosassa—C. Vickers, W. W. Carlton, L. S. Walden.

Bethany—T. W. Wilder, C. L. Branch, N. A. Hawthorne, H. Hawkins, C. A. Kendrick.

Providence—S. N. Boytt, W. N. Aldridge.

Chicora—J. N. Padgett, F. B. Waters.

Pine Grove—R. N. Pylant, W. Houze.

Tampa First—J. B. Moody, J. H. Tharp.

Six-Mile Creek—J. F. Rogers, J. I. Pearson, J. W. Tanner.

St. Petersburg—By letter.

Peru—J. J. Boytt, W. S. Scott.

Homeland—By letter.

Peace Creek—D. D. Duke, W. H. Murrill.

Mulberry—M. C. Cane, S. C. Clark.

Mt. Tabor—J. B. Rushing.

Kathleen—By letter.

Bethel—E. G. Wilder, A. A. Lewis, J. R. Frier, S. J. Hancock, G. A. Bryant.
 Gapway—By letter.
 Pleasant Hill—By letter.
 Bartow—By letter.

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

Petitionary letters were called for. One from Macedonia received. Moderator gave right hand of fellowship to messengers.

Report on Spiritual Condition of the Churches was read. Discussed by J. W. Johnson, R. Y. Walden, O. J. Frier, W. M. McDonald and J. R. Frier. Adopted.

Association adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

At 7 p. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder O. J. Frier from Exodus 14:15.

Second Day—Morning Session.

The Association convened at 9 a. m. Song. Prayer by N. E. Norwood.

On motion, the Woman's Missionary Union was tendered the house to hold its annual meeting.

Report on Associational Missions was read. Discussed by E. G. Wilder, W. W. Carlton, R. Y. Walden, J. W. Johnson and T. H. Jaudon. Adopted.

Report on Denominational Work was read. Spoken to by O. J. Frier, J. W. Johnson and W. M. McDonald. During the discussion the Association agreed, by a prevailing motion, to pay \$90 to aid Bro. S. C. Sloan at Stetson University. The following pledges were given:

Lakeland	
J. W. Johnson	\$ 5 00
O. J. Frier	5 00
W. M. McDonald	5 00
W. W. Carlton	5 00
J. B. Rushing	1 00
W. S. Knight	1 00
Bethel	2 00
Peru	12 00
Six-Mile Creek	2 50
Peace Creek	2 00
Kathleen	1 00
Providence	2 50
Macedonia	2 00

Plant City	5 00
Thonotosassa	2 50
Turkey Creek	5 00
Chicora	2 00
Bethany	5 00
Hopewell	5 00
Pine Grove	2 00
Willow Grove	2 50
Valrico	2 50
Mt. Tabor	2 00
Mulberry	5 00
Gapway	2 00
R. N. Pylant	3 00
St. Petersburg	5 00

Total \$97 00

The report was then adopted and the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

At 11 a. m. Elder J. B. Moody preached from Revelations 5:12.

Afternoon Session.

Association convened at 2 p. m.

Report on Church Work read. Spoken to by J. B. Moody. Adopted.

Report on Letters and Documents read and adopted.

Report read on Prominent Evils Confronting Us. Discussed by R. T. Caddin, J. R. Frier, O. J. Frier, F. M. Bryant, E. G. Wilder and Bro. Hancock. Adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted. Treasurer's report read and adopted. Report on Finances read and adopted.

Adjourned until after preaching.

Rev. R. Y. Walden preached at 7 p. m.

Night Session.

Association convened at 8:30 p. m.

The members of the Association were authorized to act as correspondents to any sister body with which they should meet.

R. T. Caddin, O. J. Frier, R. Y. Walden, W. M. McDonald and N. E. Norwood were chosen as messengers to State Convention. J. B. Moody was chosen messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, we have an Executive Board and a Treasurer of the Association; and

Whereas, we work with the State Board of Missions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend the churches of this Association to send all their mission money direct to the Treasurer of the Association; and that the church so sending designate for what branch of the work the money is sent; and that the Treasurer be paid for his extra trouble and expense.

On motion, the Executive Committee was re-elected

RESOLUTION.

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

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have seven hundred and fifty copies of the minutes of the Association printed, and to be paid twenty dollars for his services.

Association adjourned to meet with Thonotosassa Baptist Church on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1900. Thus ended a very pleasant and profitable session of the South Florida Baptist Association.

A. A. LEWIS,
Secretary.

W. M. McDONALD,
Moderator.

Committees appointed to report at this session:

Preaching—E. G. Wilder, T. W. Wilder, Henry Hurst and deacons of this church.

Finances—J. W. Johnson, T. H. Jaudon, C. L. Branch.

Letters and Documents—R. Y. Walden, S. J. Hancock, N. A. Hawthorne.

Session—O. J. Frier, G. A. Bryant, J. B. Simmons.

Standing committees appointed to report at next session:

Church Work—O. J. Frier, N. E. Norwood, G. B. Wells.

Spiritual Condition of the Churches—E. L. Todd, C. L. Branch, N. A. Hawthorne, C. Vickers.

Denominational Work—J. B. Moody, J. H. Tharp, T. H. Jaudon, B. H. Guy.

Prominent Evils Confronting Us—J. W. Johnson, E. G. Wilder, J. R. McDonald, J. B. Simmons.

Obituaries—M. A. Clonts, J. M. Hayman, R. N. Pylant, W. W. Carlton.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

The power of the churches has always been in its spirituality. The more spirituality the more power, and the greater influence over the world. When the church diminishes in spirituality it decreases in power over the world.

Christ said, "Ye are in the world, but not of the world." Paul said, "Ye are dead to the world, but alive to righteousness," and "ye are the light of the world." Of course that light consists in spirituality. After consulting the Bible, and observing the worldliness in the churches, we are forced to say that they are spiritually in a very low state. When church members attend the card table, race track, ball room and indulge in the less offensive amusements of plays and debating clubs (when they come in the way of our going to church), it shows a want of capacity for spiritual enjoyment, for "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." We are commanded to come out from the world and to be separate. "The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy and peace in the Holy Ghost." We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." The life of Christ is to be our pattern. "We are to walk even as He walked," and if this rule was strictly followed, we fear that at least half of the church members would have to go back to the world.

We fear that in our great zeal to gain new members or get them before some of the other sects, we have not been strict enough in receiving additions to membership. We are persuaded that not more than half of the present members of our churches could have gotten into the church fifty years ago with their experience. In fact, we do not at present require an experience of grace. The preacher will ask leading questions and of course the applicant gives answers to suit the questions.

Another reason is the modern holiness, which has had a very bad effect on our churches. If a preacher preaches on the need of a spiritual life or of more godliness in the church, he is at once denounced as a holiness advocate. We know one church that objected to its pastor because he was "too religious." When he told what a Christian should be, and the joys connected with godliness, their experience did not correspond.

Then, again, water never rises above its level; neither the pupil above his teacher. The preacher should be a pattern for his flock and where there is so much worldliness among the preachers, we are not surprised that there is a lack of spirituality in the laity. Brother ministers, it is a burning shame that we, as leaders, are not more spiritually minded.

The remedy is to preach more on spirituality. Lead the people in the light of their true condition and live before them Christ-like lives. Show yourselves a model for them, as those that will have to give an account to God. May God bless His Church.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL WORK.

1. The greatest work common to all the churches is the mission work. And when we say mission work, we do not simply mean Associational or State missions, but world-wide evangelism. Nothing short of this fulfills the Master's great command. We regret to note that several of our churches only report funds raised for State and Associational missions. We would recommend earnestly that the pastors of such churches endeavor to bring their people up to the true scriptural standard of missions.

To be interested, people must be informed about our work. The Florida Baptist Witness gives us information about our State work; the Home Field, of our home mission work, and the Foreign Mission Journal, about our foreign missions. These should be read in all our homes.

2. The next work that should command our earnest attention is ministerial education. We are now living in an educational age and our young ministers, in order to be leaders of educated people, must be educated themselves. Hence it behooves us to encourage and help them all we can to make the most of themselves for God. We now have a noble young man, Bro. S. C. Sloan, at Stetson University, our State school, striving to get an education and we recommend that the Association try to raise at least as much for him this year as last.

3. We would call attention to the dissemination of our doctrines and sound Bible truths by our Sunday School Board, at Nashville, Tenn., as an important enterprise and worthy of our aid and patronage. The American Baptist Publication Society is also a great disseminator of Baptist truth and is worthy of our consideration and support.

O. J. FRIER, Chairman.

CHURCH WORK.

Your Committee on Church Work, with a very vague idea of what is intended to be included in this designation, would venture to suggest that our churches enlarge their ideas and plans from those entertained by our immediate predecessors. Our churches are growing in this regard, but still there is room for further development. It is the duty of church members not only to teach the Word of God to their children, but also to their neighbors' children. The conception of this obligation gave rise to Sunday schools, which are becoming more and more appreciated as their fruits are made manifest. If the largest per cent. of conversions are from Sunday schools, and the best development of church members also is from Sunday schools, it is the fruit of the seed (the Word of God) that has been thus sown, which proves also the divine approval of the Sunday school, not so much as a modern institution, but the obeying of an old commandment to "teach the Word of God to our children when we rise up and lie down, when we go out and come in." The modern Sunday school is only a wise way of carrying out this command.

Modern improved and approved efforts in missionary enterprises are also commended to our churches. We mean by this, not only special instruction and appeals for missions, but also special organized effort to gather the fruits of such instruction and appeals. This, we think, can be wisely done by such organizations as are now being used through our women and young people, provided this work be kept under the control of the churches. As other denominations are making special efforts to develop their young people for service, we, as Baptists, are compelled to make similar efforts in the same direction. As the obligation to train those young members in work, word and doctrine, is recognized by all of us, and as the Scriptures leave the "how" it is to be done in our hands, as they have left the "how" of preaching, singing, praying, giving, etc., and as the present forms of organized effort are of modern devising, they may be changed and improved as we may learn better and better how to do it. Church organization is of divine institution and must not be changed, but other and auxiliary methods of carrying out the commission are left to the sanctified common sense of the saints. Therefore, we see no reason why we should not adopt these well tested and approved aids and agencies in helping on the great work.

We think, however, that all personal and associated effort in church work should be done by those who consider themselves servants of the church, and not only so, but who also serve the church of which they are members. We also recommend that our churches recognize temperance as a part of the Gospel, and urge that in view of the great dangers now confronting us, we lay corresponding stress on this great doctrine. Especially should our young people be made strong against this standing evil. A greater responsibility rests upon our churches now than in other days, because evil now confronts us with a power not hitherto possessed. So let our churches awake to the increased responsibilities growing out of our peculiar surroundings.

J. B. MOODY, Chairman.

PROMINENT EVILS CONFRONTING US.

Unbelief, in our opinion, is the first sin of all sins. It has damned its thousands and millions, and is still going on in its dreadful work. It was through unbelief that our forefathers fell. It was through unbelief that the children of Israel failed to enter the promised land. It is through unbelief that the Gospel spreads no faster than it does.

Procrastination, we believe, is twin sister to unbelief. God says repent today. The devil says, wait. God says, take up your cross and follow Me. The flesh says, a little more pleasure; I will turn then and follow Christ. God says today is the day of salvation, but men and women, through unbelief and procrastination, go on into eternity unprepared.

King Rum, we think, comes next. Reflect what a murderer he is, and what a vast amount of wealth he has destroyed, or taken from the honest toiler and given to the swindler. And yet Christian men will vote for men to make laws that will protect this murderer and thief! To show the magnitude of this evil, let us look at the large amount of money that is spent for it annually. One billion dollars!

Tobacco, some will say, you had just as well let alone, for that is not an evil. God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." He has said that we should have no idol. Brethren, there are men and women all over this part of God's footstool who have made tobacco an idol; yes, professors of religion. I have known professors of religion to go to their table and sit down to dry bread and

water, but the tobacco had to come for father and snuff for mother. Snuff is tobacco in its filthiest form. Ladies, quit it! Often men spend their last cent for tobacco, when their children have neither books nor clothing and are deprived of education. It is an idol, it is an evil, and will rob your children of their golden moments in school. Brother minister, don't use it. You are to teach by example as well as precept. The ditch that you see and step over, your brother will fall into. Six hundred million dollars are spent annually for tobacco.

J. R. FRIER, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1898.		RECEIPTS.	
Nov. 10.	Balance in treasury	\$	37 30
	Received at Association at Lakeland....		50 44
	From Woman's Missionary Union		4 25
	For E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Historical Secretary		3 40
1899.			
Jan. 29.	From Union at Bethel	\$	53 56
	For ministerial book fund		66
Mar. 13.	From Keysville Church		1 05
Apr. 30.	From Union at Turkey Creek		82 46
	From Mrs. C. L. Wilder, for Cuban work		1 00
May 6.	From Dr. Chaudoin, for missions		10 00
July 30.	From Union at Plant City		66 94
	From Woman's Missionary Union for Bro. Cova		3 46
Oct. 29.	From Union at Thonotosassa		35 60
	Total received	\$	350 12

1898.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Nov. 10.	To E. H. Rennolds, Sr., Historical Secretary	\$	3 40
	To A. A. Lewis, Clerk's fee		20 00
Dec. 16.	To O. J. Frier, ministerial book fund		27 61
1899.			
Feb. 21.	To J. C. Porter, printing minutes		25 00
May 1.	To Dr. Chaudoin, for missions		18 70
Aug. 1.	To Dr. Chaudoin, for Cuban work		1 00
	To Dr. Chaudoin, for missions		3 00
	During the year for mission work :		
	To G. A. Bryant		21 00
	To E. L. Todd		14 00

To W. W. Carlton.....	19 00
To B. H. Guy.....	24 05
To J. W. H. Powell.....	10 50
To A. J. Whittemore.....	20 00
To J. C. Rogers.....	5 45
To C. Vickers.....	35 00

Total disbursed.....	\$287 67
Nov. 8. Balance in treasury.....	62 45

W. S. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

FINANCES.

We find the total amount sent up from all the churches for all purposes to be \$40.78.

J. W. JOHNSON, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board submits the following report: We have helped seven ministers in preaching the Gospel in our bounds. The Treasurer's report will show the several amounts paid to them. The destitution which was once in our bounds has been largely supplied and we now feel called on to extend our work and give greater support to our foreign missionaries than we formerly have done. We would recommend that the churches of our Association co-operate with us and so instruct their messengers who attend our Union and Associational meetings; and we would further recommend that each pastor or preacher in our Association earnestly impress his congregation with the words of the Lord Jesus when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and also that God hath ordained that those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel. Signed,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your committee has gathered the following information from the various church letters:

Received by baptism, 74; received by letter, 142
Total gain, 216. Dismissed by letter, 68; exclusion and death, 64; erasure, 24. Loss, 156.

We cannot count those dismissed by letter a complete loss, as they are only recommended by letter from one church to another. But we note a total loss by exclusion, erasure and death of 88. The total number received is very small, only 216. The loss, 88, deducted from this gain of 216, leaves the small gain of 128 members.

We are glad to report an increase in contributions for pastor's support, but are sorry some of our churches yet allow their pastors to go very poorly paid, and would recommend them to do better in the coming year.

R. Y. WALDEN, Chairman.

SESSION.

We, your Committee on Session, beg leave to recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Thonotosassa Church Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1900, and that Rev. W. M. McDonald preach the Introductory Sermon.

O. J. FRIER, Chairman.

MINUTES

Woman's Missionary Union.

The fifth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Florida Baptist Association convened with Hopewell Church November 9, 1899.

The meeting was opened with the song, "Christian Reapers" Prayer by the Vice President. Scripture reading, Thessalonians 3:1-5 Prayer by Mrs. E. G. Wilder. Song, "Go and Labor."

Mrs. E. G. Wilder explained the object of our Associational meeting and Mrs. T. W. Wilder read a letter from Miss Spalding; also report of Executive Committee.

The Foreign Mission Journal, Our Home Field and Kind Words were shown, and their worth explained, as necessary to maintain missionary work.

Bro. N. E. Norwood read an article by Rev. A. J. Barton entitled, "The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention."

Mrs. C. L. Wilder read an article, "Opportunities," written by a missionary's daughter.

Reports of societies and bands. St. Petersburg has organized. Bethel Society and Band contributed for missions, \$33.50; Lakeland, box \$25, cash, \$18.50; Plant City, box \$25.29, money \$16.36, and Children's Band \$6.90. Collections for ministerial education, \$1.91.

Mrs. T. W. Wilder and Mrs. E. G. Wilder were elected Vice Presidents for the ensuing year. Adjournment.

MISS LENA WEEKS.

Secretary Pro Tem.

MRS. T. W. WILDER,

President.

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

T. Alderman	Plant City.
R. T. Caddin	Tampa.
O. J. Frier	Lakeland.
J. W. Johnson	Alafia.
A. A. Keith	Lakeland.
F. H. McGill	Plant City.
R. N. Pylant	Homeland.
G. W. Robey	Tampa.
J. C. Rogers	Plant City.
E. L. Todd	Plant City.
R. Y. Walden	Plant City.
J. H. Pinkston	Bartow.
J. W. Brooker	Brandon.
M. A. Clonts	St. Petersburg.
O. D. Bryant	Green Pond.
G. A. Bryant	Kathleen.
Henry Edwards	Largo.
J. M. Hayman	Bartow.
T. H. Jaudon	Sydney.
W. M. McDonald	Plant City.
W. H. Osborne	Tampa.
A. F. Randall	Tampa.
C. S. Reynolds	Clearwater.
J. W. Tucker	Kathleen.
C. Vickers	Plant City.
P. H. Walters	St. Petersburg.
B. H. Guy	Fort Brook.
W. W. Carlton	Antioch.
J. B. Moody	Tampa.
M. C. Cain	Mulberry.
D. Blount	Tampa.
C. D. Valdez	Tampa.
M. H. Murrill	Medulla.
A. J. Whittemore	Plant City.

Sacred

TO THE

Memory of

Sister G. Bryant and Bro. T. J. Carlton, Bethel.

Sister Lereano Jaudon, Valrico.

Sister Leila Hinson and Bro. Harry Long, Lakeland.

Sister Edna E. Boytt, Providence.

Bro. Marvin Blunt and Bro. Gamaliel Chase, Bartow.

Bro. S. Sparks, Lake Hill.

Bro. W. E. Hawes, Sister C. B. Nolan and Sister Ida

M. Sherman, Tampa First.

Sister Martha Combee and Bro. John Acre, Gapway.

"O Thou that hearest prayer.

Unto Thee shall all flesh come."

Contributions and Sunday Schools.

CHURCHES	Church Expenses.	Sunday School Expenses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Associational Funds.	Miscellaneous.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES.	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils Enrolled.	Volumes in Library.	Contributed by Sunday Schools for Missions.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$						
Antioch.	10 35							97 00	Eugene Jackson, Bartow	1	11	42		
Bartow.	65 00	12 00		10 72		13 00	32 00	94 13	E. F. Maffory, Kathleen	1	5	40		40 00
Bethel.	95 00													
Willow Oak														
Medulla		2 50	1 00				1 00		Andrew Sloan, Bartow.	1	25			
Peace Creek														
Winter Haven														
Lake Eloise	450 31	9 95	34 50	18 51			2 00	210 00	D. H. Sloan, Lakeland	1	9	72	50	5 98
Lakeland	75 00						1 00							
Mt. Tabor.	16 46		2 87											
Gapway														
Green Pond.	48 25						5 00							
Pine Grove.	70 90	3 00	18 18				4 40		A. S. Keith, Kathleen	1	4	20		
Kathleen.														

Enterprise.	5 35													
Homeland		15 60					1 50	19 35	R. W. Norwood, Plant City	1	9	75		
Chicoza.	67 92	23 10	7 64	10 48	9 85	2 00	1 58	87 50	R. W. Norwood, Plant City	1	7	50		
Bethany.	362 56	8 00			9 13		1 57	13 83	J. L. Brown, Plant City	1	7	50		
Plant City	78 25						1 25	2 00	W. F. Lucas, Tampa	1	13	80		12 00
Turkey Creek	60 00	13 40			113 97		5 00	265 27	W. F. Lucas, Tampa	1	13	80		12 00
Thonotosassa	1 718 35	71 14												
Tampa, Fls.														
Tampa, Second	169 35	10 20		21 00	27 78	10 00		70 00	J. R. McDonald, Plant City	1	7	75		
Hopewell	10 00	4 30					40							
Pleasant Hill														
Keysville	252 80	37 45						66 73	F. M. Chiles, St. Petersburg	1	9	70		
St. Petersburg.														
Pera	33 08				3 00			3 05						
Valrico	62 37						1 00							
Providence														
Maple Creek	48 25	6 83					9 75		D. K. Gillette, Gary	1	5	54		2 00
Chick-Miller Creek									L. S. Pipkin, Kingsford.	1	4	75		
Mulberry	75 00	15 00					50							
Lake Hill														
New Zion	36 00						2 10		I. O. Harris, Anburndale	1	5	19		
Macedonia	29 15	1 67			3 15									
Mt. Olive.														
Totals	\$ 4 227 61	\$ 200 84	\$97 50	\$96 71	\$ 172 88	\$25 00	\$96 30	\$ 818 96		131	103	674	50	\$59 98

HISTORICAL PAGE.

A convention of churches convened at Shiloh, June, 1867, adjourned to meet in associate capacity December, 1867, Samuel C. Craft, Moderator.

- Bethel, Dec. 6, 1867, S. B. Todd, Moderator. S. C. Craft, Clerk.
 Peace Creek, Oct. 2, 1868, J. M. Hayman, Moderator. S. C. Craft, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct. 29, 1869, S. Walden, Moderator. E. J. Hull, Clerk.
 Pine Pleasant, Nov. 14, 1870, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 New Hope, Nov. 11, 1871, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 8, 1872, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 11, 1873, S. Walden, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct. 16, 1874, J. W. Hendry, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Oak Grove, Oct. 16, 1875, S. Walden, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Thonotosassa, Oct. 14, 1876, S. Walden, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct., 1877, R. N. Pylant, Moderator. N. T. Jones, Clerk.
 Clearwater, Oct. 19, 1878, S. Walden, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 18, 1879, S. Walden, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 16, 1880, S. Walden, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Oak Grove, Oct. 15, 1881, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Thonotosassa, Oct. 14, 1882, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Shiloh, Oct. 14, 1883, L. J. Simmons, Moderator. J. M. Hayman, Clerk.
 Hopewell, Oct. 19, 1884, R. N. Pylant, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bartow, Oct. 11, 1885, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Tampa, Oct. 16, 1886, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Plant City, Oct. 8, 1887, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 12, 1888, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bartow, Oct. 10, 1889, W. W. Bostick, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 9, 1890, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Tampa, Oct. 8, 1891, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Lakeland, Oct. 6, 1892, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator. E. G. Wilder, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 4, 1893, T. H. Jaudon, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Seffner, Oct. 10, 1894, C. H. Nash, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Plant City, Oct. 9, 1895, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Turkey Creek, Oct. 7, 1896, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Bethel, Oct. 6, 1897, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Lakeland, Nov. 9, 1898, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.
 Hopewell, Nov. 8, 1899, W. M. McDonald, Moderator. A. A. Lewis, Clerk.

